

St Stephen's
Catholic College



St Stephen's News

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2021 Arts Exhibition



The annual St Stephen's Catholic College Arts Exhibition was held on Friday night at the Holy Spirit Centre.

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NOTICES

UPCOMING EVENTS:



Wednesday 21 October

Year 7 Immunisations

Thursday 22 October

Awards Ceremony

Friday 23 October

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

Monday 26 October to Tuesday 17 November

Year 12 External Exams

Monday 9 November to Friday 13 November

Year 7 Camp

REMINDER: Please remember that any adults onsite must adhere to social distancing requirements and COVID-19 safe regimes: washing hands, avoid touching our faces, keep a safe distance (1.5 meters), sneeze and cough into the elbow and if unwell, stay home and follow the Queensland Government recommendations to have a COVID-19 test.

TERM DATES 2020

Term 4

Tuesday 5 October
to
Friday 27 November

CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

Please inform the college if your child has achieved success in an extra-curricular activity not directly related to school, so that the college community can celebrate these achievements. Please email the principal (ssm.principal@cns.catholic.edu.au) with any information and photos.

Change of Details

To ensure communication is received, please advise the college if you have changed your email address. Please email the office: ssm.office@cns.catholic.edu.au or telephone: 4086 2500. This also applies to any other contact details.

ABSENTEE EMAIL

If your child is absent, please email:
ssm.absentee@cns.catholic.edu.au

Coronavirus (COVID-19)
UPDATES AND RESOURCES



Keep up-to-date with COVID-19 by
clicking on the link above.

CHESS CLUB

with Mr Harnischfeger (Mr H)
Room: MCR - during Recess 2
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Maths Tutoring Available

Tuesday and Thursday

Recess 2 - MCR

(all students welcome)

Wednesday

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm - Library

Years 10 -12 only



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we introduced our community to the 2021 College Leaders. We look forward with excitement to the new year as they work together to lead our student body. We have asked the 2021 student leaders to exemplify our leadership model.

Leadership Model:

A leader at St Stephen's Catholic College is a person of action, influence and integrity who leads with courage and compassion towards a harmonious community where all students are encouraged, nurtured and seeking excellence. As a leader like St Stephen and Jesus one must Model:

- Service and loyalty to the college community and its mission
- Courage, integrity and adaptability
- Collaborative authentic relationships marked by compassion and hope
- Search for truth, justice and mercy
- Vision with clear consideration of the impact on others and a sense of sacred
- Commitment to action and excellence through service, persistence and respect

This model provides direction for a way of living that allows each member of the community to work together in a culture of service to help others to be the very best they can be. We can look at the 5 most significant ideas in the model by using a word cloud.

These are clearly – community, compassion, integrity, excellence and action.

Leaders of community think about their impact on others and work to ensure this impact is always positive.

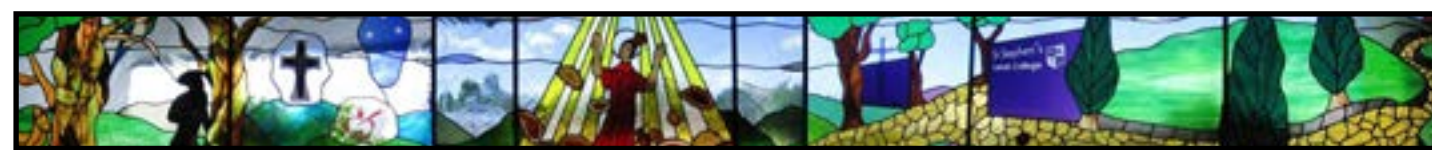
Leaders of compassion put empathy into action. They work to understand what it is like to “walk in another’s shoes” to actively listen and to give others the benefit of the doubt.

Leaders of integrity always do the right thing whether it is noticed or not. They are always looking for ways to be accountable and responsible for their actions and its impact.

Leaders of excellence are actively searching for ways to continually improve. This is not being the best or being perfect, it is having a mindset of always growing and improving. It is working slowly and surely to be better and do better tomorrow than today.

Leaders of action see a problem or issue or concern and take action, they embody the words of our Australian Saint - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop; when she said “Never see a need without doing something about it”. These are leaders who show us the way to a better community.

For every member of our community my leadership advice – act with a mindset of service. It is action that leaders are made. It is through your actions that you demonstrate to others that you have the integrity and compassion to keep all members of the community together and on their search for excellence. Your actions give others permission to follow suit. Your actions create a culture of service. People are not born as leaders. Leadership develops one act of service at a time.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL (CONT)

Congratulations to our 2021 College Leaders who have taken on board our culture of service and we acknowledge and thank our 2020 Leaders who have been humble and successful servant leaders this year.

Our Year 12 leaders have lived out the servant leadership across the year. We can show our gratitude by our actions in the last few weeks, contact a year 12 student and say good luck, give them the reassurance that we are with them in spirit, do what we do best – pray for them. To the siblings of Year 12 students you could pick up some of their chores or assist them by being extra quiet in the house or giving them some space.

Every bit of support helps and when we act together as one we lift everyone to greater rewards. To the Year 12's I wish you all the very best for the external exams. If your schooling journey was a marathon – you are in the last 300 meters and coming up to the final straight. Keep going and finish strong.

I look forward to seeing many families at our reconfigured Awards Ceremonies and Year 12 Graduation Mass. May the love and peace of Christ be with you.

God bless

Ms Kerry Manders

Principal

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2021 - TERM DATES / PUBLIC HOLIDAYS / STUDENT FREE DAYS

Term 1

Wednesday 27 January to Thursday 1 April

Term 2

Monday 19 April to Friday 25 June

Term 3

Monday 12 July to Friday 17 September

Term 4

Tuesday 5 October to Friday 26 November

Public Holidays and Student Free Days

Tuesday 26 January - Australia Day Public Holiday

Friday 2 April - Good Friday

Monday 5 April - Easter Monday

Sunday 25 April - ANZAC Day

Monday 26 April - ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Monday 3 May - Labour Day

Friday 16 July - Cairns Show

Monday 4 October - Queen's Birthday

Friday 3 September - Student Free Day



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2021 COLLEGE LEADERS



2021 College Captains, from left to right: Sophie Schrale, Joseph Montagner, Cassie Bale and Sara Donovan, with Ms Manders.



2021 Pastoral House Leaders, from left to right: Augustine - Kelly Crossland and Maya Freeman, Deacon - Cody Harrigan and Danae Tosoni, McAuley - Ethan Cummings and April Wilson and Muluridji - Gabrielle Pezzelato and Tonia-Marie Rantucci.



2021 Social Justice Committee, from left to right: Sumit Mally (Secretary), Angel Burley (Member), Solai Torres (Vice President) and Lauren Santucci (President).



Student Representative Council: Isaac Williams (Treasurer) and Olivia Soncin (President) - absent is Paige Kolijn (Vice President).



2021 Cultural Leaders, from left to right: Emma Cavanagh, Amyrosa Enderlin and Tajana Goleby.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

It never ceases to amaze me how fast a school year goes. It only feels like a few weeks ago that we had students at home, learning via zoom and making contact with their teachers via a range of digital platforms. Fast forward two terms and we are only seven weeks away before the end of the year and one week before year twelve begin their external exams.



With the new QCE system being implemented last year, the one major difference has been the inception of external exams. These begin on Monday 26 October and run for 17 days. Students in year twelve have been briefed on arrangements for these exams on Monday 19 October. It is critical that students follow the directions provided to them so that these exams can be administered with limited stress for all stakeholders. There are two sessions per day, with the first beginning at 9.00 am and the second beginning at 12:30 pm, with all exams being run in the Holy Spirit Centre.

Students should arrive no later than 15 minutes before their exam. Please keep in mind that students are only required for their exam sessions, however there will be study locations provided onsite for students if they wish to be at school. Once students have completed their external exams, they are considered completed at St Stephen's Catholic College. For further information regarding external exams you can contact myself or go to the QCAA website.

Year eleven are now embarking on their change of units in their subjects. Units three and four are the components that are used to calculate ATAR requirements which was outlined at the recent Zoom Parent Information Evening. Block exams for year eleven students are operating from Monday 19 October to Tuesday 20 October and as per year twelve, students are only required to attend if they have an exam. By now students have experienced similar assessment items in their subjects and should feel confident on embarking their final units of work in their subjects.

For all other year levels, the college assesses up until the last day of school. We strongly encourage parents to maintain attendance for their child until Friday 27 November. Report cards will be distributed soon after school finishes and should be discussed with your student in preparation for 2021.

Finally, I would like to commend the students on their resilience and perseverance across 2020. It has been a difficult and unsettled year for students and teachers and hopefully we are through the worst of it now.

Please stay safe over the upcoming break and enjoy the festive time with loved ones.

Regards

Mr Simon Vaughan

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VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL

This term at St Stephen's we're collecting hamper donations for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Donations can be brought to home form each morning.

WHAT TO DONATE

Hamper foods:

Tinned food

Cereal

Pancake mix

Biscuits

Dried beans, lentils

Instant noodles

Pasta, rice

Vegemite and other spreads

Christmas cake, fruit mince pies

Long life juice/ cordial

Pasta sauce

Jelly

Gravy mix

Chips and snacks

Candy canes

Confectionary

Long life custard/ custard powder

Long life/ powdered milk

Tea, coffee, sugar, Milo

Christmas items:

Bon bons

Tinsel

Christmas cards

Gift tags

Decorations

Small toys/ gifts

ANNUAL REACH YOUTH CAMP



Clear and Present God *Annual Reach Youth Camp*

Reach Youth Ministries is excited to host another Diocesan Youth Camp this year. The theme 'Clear and Present God' will help us recognise God's presence in our everyday lives and make us realise (like the Disciples on the road to Emmaus) how Jesus is always walking with us on our life's journey and during this pandemic. It will be a weekend of faith, friendship and fun.

Target: Students in Year 7 - Year 12

Venue: Quinola Lakes Centre, Malanda

Cost: \$120 per person (includes all meals, accommodation)

Camp: Will include laser tag, canoeing, games, team building and fun activities, music, small group discussion, free time, camp fire, prayer and mass on Sunday.

Registration: Click [here](#) to complete Registration form and email payment details to admin@reachyouth.org.au. Reach will send an information pack closer to the camp.

For all enquiries please contact Priscilla O'Brien on 0429 475 825 or email admin@reachyouth.org.au



JAMIE AND OLIVIA HEWITT-TOMS

Congratulations to Jamie and Olivia Hewitt-Toms who have represented the College at several equestrian events in recent weeks. The girls travelled to Beaudesert to compete at the 2020 PCQ State Showjumping and Equitation competition. They had an amazing four days.

Jamie won:

110cm Overall Champion Devereaux Sea Salt
120cm Reserve Champion Devereaux Sea Salt
100cm Overall Champion Celerity Park Flame
90cm Reserve Champion Celerity Park Flame

Olivia and Gypsie Queen also had a great State winning:

90cm Overall Champion Intermediate
100cm 3rd Overall Intermediate

Olivia and Gypsie Queen placed Champion in the Equitation 13 years and under 15. This also put her on the State Team (top 4 equitation riders). She also placed Champion in the Showjumping 100cm 13 years and under 26 and placed as the Overall State Champion of the Equitation and the Showjumping Competition with the highest points, winning a saddle donated by PCQ.

Jamie also had a great competition, winning 2 rounds of Equitation, placing her 3rd overall on Celerity Park Flame. Jamie and Devereaux Sea Salt also won the last round of the 120cm, placing them Runner up overall.

From Pony Club State, Jamie and Olivia then travelled to the 2020 Pryde's EasiFeed Interschool State Championships in Toowoomba. Congratulations to Jamie on her last interschool State Championships.



ST STEPHEN'S ALUMNI - AISLINN MANYPENNEY - 2013

Aislinn is studying a Master of Commerce (Marketing) and studied an undergrad in Psychology. After starting her first year in the Bachelor of Commerce, she discovered a love for Marketing and decided to pursue a Masters instead. "It was the best decision I ever made. Marketing incorporates so many things I loved about psych (even the statistics) but also has other things I like, like design and creativity. The classes are much, much smaller and you get to know your classmates and Unit Coordinators really well. I couldn't have more good things to say! In semester one, 2020 I was lucky enough to be offered a spot in the High Achievers program. The program was a great opportunity to focus on discovering myself, building my confidence and preparing me for my future careers. Already I've been able to apply things I've learnt to actual job interviews that I wouldn't have otherwise considered before. Some of my biggest takeaways are knowing your 'why' and the importance of building transferable skills, even in current part time jobs that aren't necessarily your future career. Through Uni Hub I was also able to find my current internship, with Ivanna Fontana.



My internship also counts towards a unit so I'm able to gain real experience while still completing my degree. My internship has allowed me to both apply what I've learned from my degree but also given me the opportunity to learn new things, like Mail Chimp, WordPress and affiliate marketing. If I'm not sure how to do something I don't say no but say that I will try my best and see what I can do as I'm always pushing myself to learn something new knowing you always have to start somewhere." What advice would you give to other students? "A little pre-presentation tip I like to do is find an empty classroom, load up the PowerPoint and practise presenting. I think it makes it feel so much more real so you're more prepared for the real thing. Also, to help those presentation nerves I remember how I'm feeling when I watch someone present which is that I don't really think too much about it. Ultimately, there's no point worrying about what the audience thinks when you're presenting because people probably aren't thinking the worst anyway."

DR ANTHONY GRAY - HUMAN RIGHTS ADVISORY PANEL



On Friday 16 October, the year eleven Legal Studies class received a visit from Dr Anthony Gray. Dr Gray is a visiting professor from USQ and currently a member of Human Rights Advisory Panel Queensland Parliament.

The students enjoyed the approach taken whereby he involved them in debating ideals. He certainly also challenged their current approach to justifying a legal argument. Dr Gray had the opportunity to speak directly with the year eleven's, however gave permission to be recorded for the year twelve Legal Studies class and they will have the opportunity to watch (he provided excellent information in a simple form which will be useful for the upcoming external exam).

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INTRODUCTION TO SCHOOL TV

It's never been more challenging for parents to raise happy, healthy and resilient children. Like never before, parents need to be informed with clear, fact-based information on the many challenges faced by today's youth. Topics such as youth anxiety, depression, self-harm, drug and alcohol use, cyberbullying and many others need clear explanation and guidance. SchoolTV is a new ongoing resource that is now available to our parents. Each edition will address a major topic with expert interviews, fact sheets, parent quiz, recommended apps, books and much more. SchoolTV aggregates information from many great resources such as BeyondBlue and ReachOut, amongst others. SchoolTV provides a single stream of independent factual information that saves parents time and confusion of searching online across multiple sites for information.

You can access the SchoolTV archive here: <https://sscc.qld.schooltv.me/category-latest-newsletter>



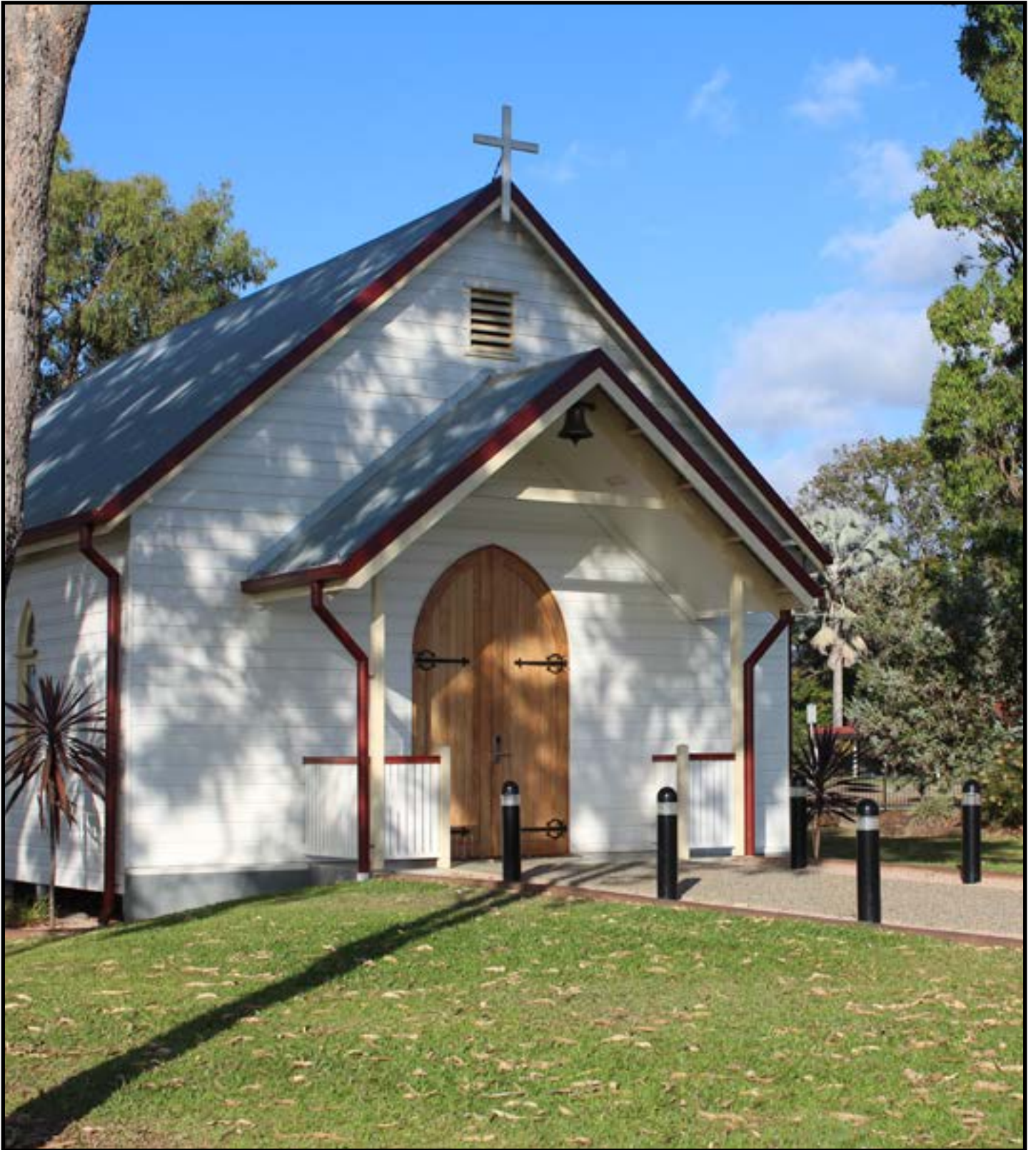
SCHOOL TV: RAISING BOYS

Many parents will attest to the fact that most boys are active, loud, rambunctious and prone to rough play, but this should not affect how a parent acts towards their son. Be careful not to pigeon-hole your son into sex specific behaviours or gender roles. The male brain is distinctly differently in its development. A boy's physical maturity is often at odds with his mental and brain development.

Societal beliefs about how to raise boys can sometimes influence their adult carers. Although we are not determined by our biology, it is a factor. It is important to support boys in their natural tendencies and nurture their strengths and abilities. Teach them the skills they need for their future and to develop a healthy identity. It is important for boys to have a role model they can connect with and acknowledge who they are. One of the most important determinants for a boy's development is how secure they feel growing up. In this edition of SchoolTV, adult carers will gain a better understanding into some of the more complex issues relating to raising boys. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help. Here is the link to this month's edition <https://sscc.qld.schooltv.me/newsletter/raising-boys>





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