

St Stephen's
Catholic College



St Stephen's News

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The Year 12 Formal



The Year 12 Cohort of 2021 celebrated their Grecian Style Formal on Saturday. With the arrivals setting the scene, parents and carers attending the inaugural soiree and students sitting down together for a beautifully prepared meal, the evening was truly delightful (for more photos, please refer to pages 16-21).

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NOTICES



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Monday 12 July**
Term 3 commences
- Wednesday 14 July**
Year 12 Recognition Lunch
Parent Teacher Interviews
- Thursday 15 July**
Year 10 and 11 Recognition Lunch
- Friday 16 July**
Cairns Show Holiday
- Monday 19 July**
Year 8 and 9 Recognition Lunch
- Tuesday 20 July**
Year 7 Recognition Lunch
- Thursday 22 July**
Careers and Subject Selection Evening

TERM DATES 2021

- Term 1: 27-1-2021 to 1-4-2021**
Term 2: 19-4-2021 to 25-6-2021
Term 3: 12-7-2021 to 17-9-2021
Term 4: 5-10-2021 to 26-11-2021

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

Maths Tutoring Available

Tuesday and Thursday

Recess 2 - MCR

(all students welcome)

Wednesday

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm - Library

Years 10 -12 only

CHESS CLUB

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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I reflect on the completion of another semester, I see so many times, events and people for which I am grateful. Being Principal is a rewarding, humbling and joyous experience. It reminded me of a message from Brene Brown, one of the world's leading academics in the area of human behaviour, who says "practicing gratitude invites joy into our lives".



Her practices are simple; every day say aloud one thing you are grateful for. Simple really, or is it? This practice provokes an awareness in us of all that we have. It provokes a sense of abundance and in turn joy. This act is counter cultural. We live in a world constantly sending messages of scarcity – "get in quick before it sells out" or "don't wait you will miss out" or as the students call it FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out). This fear is a product of a scarcity culture.

Scarcity drives sales and the bottom line for sales is money. Scarcity culture is a marketer's dream, always encouraging us to want more. There is well-documented research around the use of a child's "pester power" to drive up sales of a product. It would take incredible will power and stamina to rally against this cultural norm. And we know the scarcity culture does nothing for our peace of mind.

The global pandemic of the last eighteen months has been devastating in so many ways. But it has resulted in the growth of gratitude culture as many people develop a new frame of reference of what is valuable. Br David Steindl-Rast says "It is not joy that make us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful". And all of us want to have joy in our lives, it is the medicine for so many ills in our world and as Br David continues:

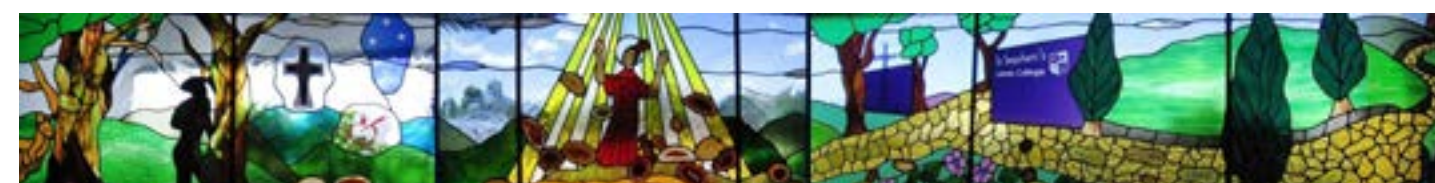
"Anything that produces happier, healthier individuals creates thereby a society in which more people are healthy and happy. This alone is a great improvement. But we can go a step further and show that grateful individuals live in a way that leads to the kind of society human beings long for. In many parts of the world society is sick. Keywords of the diagnosis are: Exploitation, oppression, and violence. Grateful living is a remedy against all three of these symptoms.

Exploitation springs from greed and a sense of scarcity. Grateful living makes us aware that there is enough for all. Thus, it leads to a sense of sufficiency and a joyful willingness to share with others.

But the grateful person is fearless. ... Fearlessly, she welcomes the new and strange, finds itself enriched by differences, and celebrates variety.

Thus, grateful living takes away the main reasons for exploitation, oppression and violence; through sharing, universal respect, and non-violence it provides the basis for a healthy society and a world with a chance to survive."

<https://gratefulness.org/resource/is-gratitude-the-path-to-a-better-world/>



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I invite you as you journey through the holidays to identify each day two things you are grateful for and in turn bring more joy into your life. I will begin with some of my reflections on gratitude this semester, I am grateful for:

- our staff who have supported students in their learning and helped them to their personal best.
- the resources we have to offer quality learning experiences to our students
- our staff and families who have supported our students as navigate their teenage years.
- students who bring smiles to school every day
- staff, students and volunteers who brought NAIDOC week alive.
- the opportunity to raise the flags of the First Nations peoples
- the athletics carnival where all students are able to participate.
- an enjoyable and elegant Formal for our Year 12 students
- the many grandparents who were able to join us for Grandparents Day
- the parents who gave of their time as part of our five year review
- the joy and learning of community days for Year 8, 9, 10 students
- the collaboration from all of the local schools to have their young leaders at our community Leadership afternoon.

Once I started there were so many wonderful and positive experiences that we have had here at school it was like a tsunami of joy. I encourage you to try it!

I wish you all the very best for a time of rest and rejuvenation these holidays and the opportunity to be grateful for the joy that build as we take it into the wider community.

May the grace and joy of the risen Christ be with you always.

God Bless

Ms Kerry Manders | Principal

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SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING



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Thursday 22 July 2021

Holy Spirit Centre

*Tertiary Providers will be available to speak with
any current student of
St Stephen's Catholic College*



Ph: 4086 2500
Mclver Road, Mareeba
www.sscq.edu.au

LEADERSHIP PRESENTATIONS AT THE SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING:

Year 8 to 9: 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm

Year 10 to 11: 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

CURRICULUM NOTICES

Report cards will be issued after 5.00 pm on **Thursday 24 June 2021** via the Parent Portal.

Instructions on how to access the Portal are attached to the email sent with the newsletter link. Please make contact urgently if you are unable to access your account.

Parent / Teacher interviews will be held on **Wednesday 14 July 2021**. The PTO site will open on Friday 25 June 2021 at 9.00 am and will close Monday 12 July 2021 at 4.00 pm. An email will be sent out to parents/carers about the login process during week ten.

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Term two fees were emailed out on 27 April 2021. Included on the invoice was the ability to pay your fees using BPAY. The College hopes that providing a variety of payment options will assist families in meeting their fee obligations.

It is very important that fees are paid on time to ensure the delivery of quality programs and services for every student. If you have any questions or queries about fees please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pina Menniti on 40862500 or email: gmenniti@cns.catholic.edu.au

Over the past six (6) weeks I have been called on to conduct several enrolment interviews. I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to interact with future students and their families. I also gained an insight into how important having great facilities are when choosing a secondary school as many potential students are impressed by our buildings, grounds and play areas.

We are so blessed to have the natural beauty and modern built spaces within our campus.

Mr Hadyn Flynn
Business Manager
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FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER



Following on from the success of our students at the Tablelands Mooting Competition, Mr Peter Apel attended the College recently to present the trophy. From left to right: Shine Jasmine, Puneet Mally, Mr Peter Apel, Jamie Eifels and Michala Harrison.

MIDDLE LEADER - YEAR 7

It has been delightful getting to know the year seven cohort in my new pastoral role and I would like to thank the students and home form teachers for their generous spirit in welcoming me to the year seven team at St Stephen's.

Students have adapted to the routine of life at St Stephen's as we unbelievably find ourselves looking towards the end of term two, and it is no wonder when we reflect on the busyness of the past seven weeks.

Students have had an incredibly busy term. Their conduct over the NAPLAN assessment days was exemplary and acquitted themselves to the online testing exceptionally well. Congratulations to all students. Congratulations to all year seven students who have represented or are about to represent themselves and our school with such pride throughout this term:

ANZAC Day March	District and Peninsula Cross Country
Readers Cup Preparation and Competition	Grandparents Day
Bill Turner Cup	Chess Tournaments
NAIDOC Week Celebrations	Vicki Wilson Cup and Shield Netball
Vinnies Sleepout	

We look forward to the lead up to St Stephen's Sports Carnival on the last day of the term. Congratulations to the students who have nominated to participate in this carnival. Over the past three (3) weeks, students have the opportunity to compete in the pre-carnival events of Discus, Triple Jump, 400m, 800m and 1500m. I hope the students really do enjoy the opportunity to participate in these events and strive to do their personal best.

Students and families are reminded about the expectations of late arrivals to school and absences from school, if notification can be received in a timely manner that would be greatly appreciated. As the holiday period looms can I please request that students and families complete a uniform and stationery equipment check. Seeing to this will ensure the neat presentation to all aspects of uniform and grooming, and a readiness for learning having all necessary equipment.

Thank you for the continued support of your students this term.

Mrs Michelle Brammer
Middle Leader - Year 7
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**Behind every young
child who believes in
himself is a parent who
believed first.**

Matthew Jacobson

EVERYDAYPOWER

MIDDLE LEADER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term in Religion, year seven students have been investigating examples of contemporary moral dilemmas (eg: violence in sport, cyber bullying, peer influence and gossip) and making judgement about how one should act in that situation to avoid evil and do good, according to a properly formed conscience (eg: informed by the Word of God, gifts of Holy Spirit, authoritative teaching of the Church, witness and advice of others). Please see Marley Lloyd's response to Bullying on the next page.



Students in Mrs Gilbert's year eight Religion class have been engaging in a range of SEL lessons to explore the Cardinal Virtues and how they can be demonstrated in a range of situations. Students have reflected upon the benefits of developing and practising such virtues to form good life habits. The students pictured were competing in the Miasma Plasma Challenge where they were able to practise the virtue of temperance and consider the importance of self-control, helpful self-talk and emotional regulation when under pressure.



Year ten Religion students have explored how religions give believers a sense of identity, purpose and understanding of the sacred which informs a way of living, eating, dressing, behaving and relating to others. This term they recorded a podcast episode that investigates a ritual or religious practice from the major world religions. The students have really enjoyed exploring the podcast genre as well as recording and editing their podcasts with their friends. Many students simulated an interview in their podcast and took up roles of religious experts such as a Muslim Imam, Jewish Rabbi or the Dalai Lama himself!



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MIDDLE LEADER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Doing good – Moral Choices

BULLYING

My moral dilemma that I am concerned about is **BULLYING**. Bullying happens worldwide, which is a massive problem. The reason why more people need to hear about this dilemma is that it is affecting children, mostly teenagers. This affecting all these children is leading to more lives being taken daily. Everyone needs to know information about this because this is starting to become reality for our society. These innocent children don't deserve what they are dealing with daily whether it is at school or on the streets walking home. Most of these children are suffering and most likely feel like they can't talk to someone about it. **Bullying** needs to be recognized more.



See This shows that many children are being bullied over the school year throughout the world. This bullying is impacting over 5 million young children.



See I have heard people's stories of being bullied. E.g., Dolly Everette. Dolly was severely bullied for ages online and in-person until the point where she had enough and sadly took her own life. This is how bad bullying can make people's life. Anyone can be affected by bullying. There are many people that are bullying people, and this is what needs to stop. Not everyone is bullying people or likes bullying but there are many that do.



See Nearly 1 in 5 students (21%) report being bullied during the school year, impacting over 5 million youth annually.



Judge – Social Analysis

Bullying is happening because some people are mean or either they might have some kind of disability or something ordinary on them. Many of the reason of someone bullying someone include feel jealous, want others to like them, want to feel better about themselves, want to fit in with their friend, feel angry inside, like to be in control or have power over others, have been bullied themselves, not know what they're doing is wrong. Some things causing bullying can be you are smart or creative, talented, few or no friends, vulnerability, popular or well-liked, race, illness or disability, religious or cultural beliefs, sexual orientation, physical features.

Act To improve how our school acts around bullying we can allow children who are being bullied to feel like they can come and talk to any teacher and not feel like they have to be worried about telling them their troubles. If we did more about this the children who are the bullies would soon learn and stop. Soon putting a stop to bullying in our community.



Bibliography

National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), 2018)
<https://kidshelpline.com.au/teens/issues/bullying>



PRE-EVENTS - ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: 1500 METRES



PRE-EVENTS - ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: 800 METRES



PRE-EVENTS - ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: 400 METRE



PRE-EVENTS - ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: 400 METRE



STUDENT SUCCESS: KOBE SAXON

Kobe Saxon was recently part of the Peninsula team for AFL and represented St Stephen's Catholic College at the State Championships. He was very thankful for being selected into the Peninsula team and had the most amazing experience and he enjoyed every part of it. Thank you to St Stephen's for allowing the kids to have an opportunity to represent their school and region.



STUDENT SUCCESS: PRICE DUNCAN

Price Duncan had a great weekend of competition at the National Judo Championships, representing Queensland. He was able to interact with players from all states except Victoria. He was very pleased to come home with a bronze.



STUDENT SUCCESS: BRAE AGRUMS



Brae Agrums was part of the Under 15 AFL Peninsula Team that attended the recent State Championships at Mackay.

STUDENT SUCCESS: SETH CRAVEN

Congratulations to Seth Craven who has recently passed his grading to become a 1st Dan Black Belt. The award was achieved at International Taekwondo Federation standard which is a globally recognised qualification.



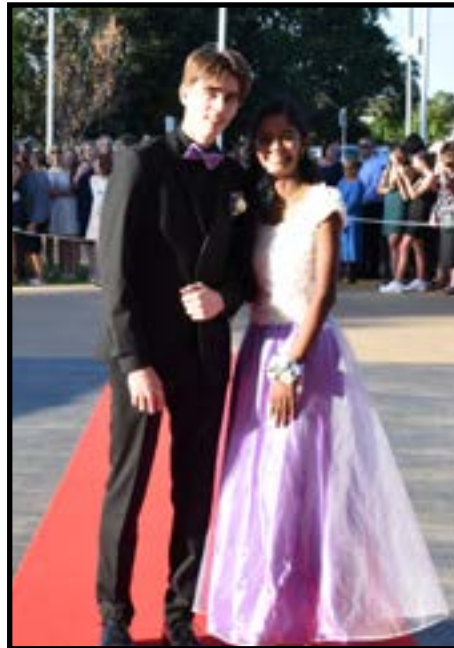
YEAR 12 FORMAL - ORDER OF ARRIVALS

April Wilson, Sophie Schrale and Mackenzie Stankovich
Angus Baker
Ella Rheinberger
Hannah Reedman, Joseph Montagner and Kate Baksaj
Jazlin Green and Tyson Osborne
Amyrosa Enderlin and Cody Harrigan
Isabelle Jennings and Dante Cadorin
Rachael Schuldt, Mackenzie Simms and Maya Freeman
Harry Heath and Tonia-Marie Rantucci
Kade Bickford and Gina Wilson
Dayna Terranova and Jace Turner
Sinead Wolff and Lauren Schincariol
Milan Quintieri and Olivia Soncin
Nicholas Greenwood and Georgina Menniti
Riley Bloore and Diya Gibi Franklin
Danae Tosoni
Roya Saeidnia and Angelo Musso
Isaac Williams and Kialana Manning
Mataio Lea'uanae and Lauren Santucci
Ella McCombie and Cassie Bale
Tyla Lawson and Sara Donovan
Tahlia Spena
Taijana Goleby
Jett Prien and Solai Torres
Ethan Cummings and Kelly Crossland
Elijah Zammataro and Lyndon Dobbs Brown
Jane Close, Hayley Cox and Linda Emmerick
Kiera Dalip
Wade Powderham
Nicholas Carusi, Neil Prince and Wesley Yow-Yeh
Shannon Dwyer and Cassandra Bayne
Elizabeth Stewart
Paige Kolijn
Lochlan Phillips and Jori Collomb
Isaac Strickland
Iago Roche-Maxwell and Emma Cavanagh
Lara De Faveri, Clare Newton and Sumit Mally
Gabrielle Pezzelato and Jackson Firth

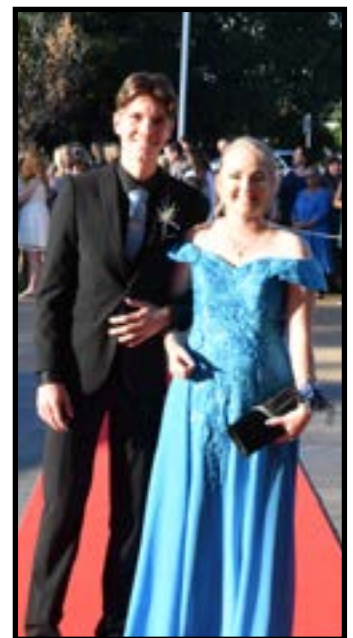
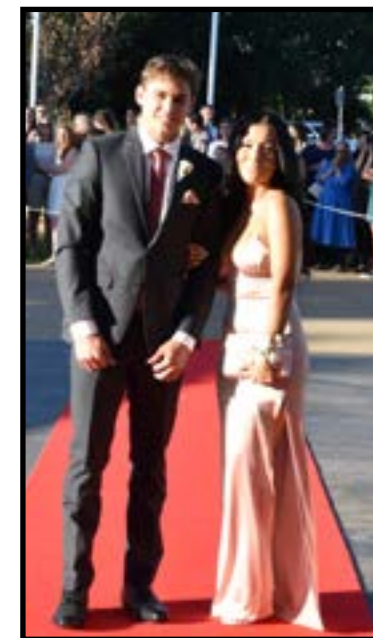
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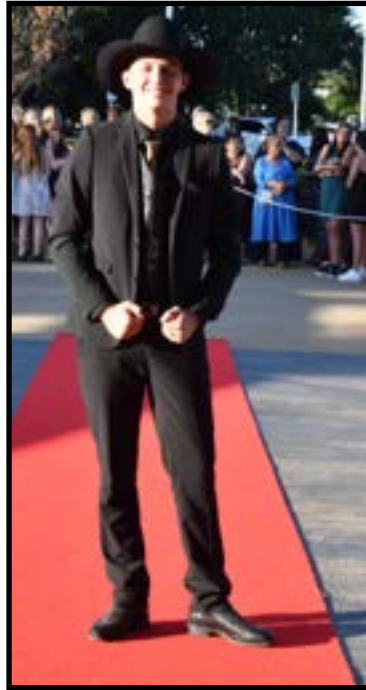
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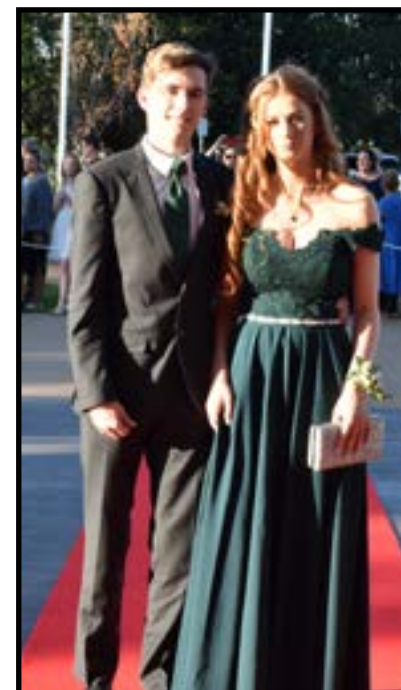
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SCHOOL TV: FRIENDSHIP AND BELONGING

Learning how to make new friends and keep them involves a number of skills every young person needs to understand and develop. For some these skills will come very naturally, allowing them to easily move between different friendship groups, sharing their experiences and opening up to new people. For others, this can be much harder to navigate. Belonging to a group that is like-minded with similar interests is highly beneficial to a young person's wellbeing. It gives them a sense of security helping them feel valued which in turn builds their confidence.

Positive friendships are an important part of the journey to adulthood. Adult carers can support their child or teenager by providing guidance in the many social and emotional skills required for a healthy relationship. This will help them to obtain, retain and maintain friendships. However, not all friendships are regarded as positive. Sometimes young people develop negative or toxic friendships. Therefore it is also important for them to learn how to identify, avoid or deal with such a friendship.

In this edition of SchoolTV, adult carers can learn how to support their young person's friendship so that they experience a sense of belonging. 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/friendship-belonging>



PARENT ENGAGEMENT DAY




CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS QUEENSLAND
DIOCESE OF CAIRNS

SAVE *the* DATE

PARENT ENGAGEMENT DAY

CAIRNS | SAT 4 SEPT | 12.30-6.30PM
Our Lady Help of Christians School, Earlville

FEATURING
Andrew Fuller, Psychologist discussing 3 topics:
Behaviour, Mental health and Motivation
and Chris Borrell, The Fathering Project

All Catholic School Parents, Principals & School Staff welcome.
Free event to support our children's learning and wellbeing.

Topics for all ages Prep to Yr 12

**FURTHER DETAILS AND INVITATION
TO REGISTER WILL FOLLOW**



Be Strong and Courageous

• REACH YOUTH CAMP 2021 •

JUNE
26-29

Join us for a time of faith, fellowship and fun as we unpack God's command to be strong and courageous. *"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9

Target: Students in Year 7 - Year 12

Venue: Quinola Lakes Centre, Malanda

Cost: \$150 per person (includes all meals, accommodation)

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

Registration: Visit reachyouth.org.au or click [here](#) to complete Registration form and email payment details to admin@reachyouth.org.au.



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