

OUR NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 6



FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Celebrating Life and Learning through Christ-centred education

I trust this message finds you well, and you are experiencing the grace of God in your lives. It's a joy to share with you the incredible happenings within our school community mid-way through this term (Week 6).



We are going MAD - Celebration of the Arts

Last week, our College was filled with creativity and talent during the "MAD" event - a celebration of the Arts. I extend heartfelt congratulations to all students who participated and thanks to everyone who attended. A special thank you to our dedicated teachers and staff who, despite a long day at school, continued to enrich the artistic endeavours of our students. One of the highlights for me was to see authentic assessment practices. Students performed and were assessed by their teachers. Performing to a real audience is daunting but it can also enhance student results. Thanks to all our teachers of the Arts and for showing us what they are learning.

Interschool Chess Success

Kudos to Mr. Welsby and the enthusiastic chess team for a remarkable effort at the Interschool Chess competition in Pioneer Hall on Wednesday. Our students showcased their strategic thinking and determination instilled through the game of chess. I encourage any student to have a go and participate in this wonderful game.

Dr. Justin Coulson's Presentation on Teenage Mental Health

A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Justin Coulson for his outstanding presentation (online) about teenager anxiety and mental health this week. I encourage all parents to reflect on the issues he shared and to utilise some of his strategies for your own family. About 100 parents from our College attended, emphasizing the importance of understanding and addressing mental health concerns in our youth.

New Staff Positions

As our College has reached nearly 700 students, we need more Christian staff to fill new positions. Let us continue to pray for individuals with the required skills. If you know anyone with suitable qualifications, please encourage them to apply, as we seek to build a team that aligns with our Christian values.

We are also looking innovatively to address some bigger strategic matters. In 2025, we are opening up 10 new places in year 7. This gives us some exciting opportunities of providing smaller classes for many subjects as well as working toward a full cohort of students in Year 11 and 12.

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NAPLAN Testing

NAPLAN testing approaches, and I appreciate the dedication of our staff in preparing our students. Last year's success motivates us to continue excelling in teaching and learning. While important, we don't spend lots of time on this test nor do we "teach to the test". For our school, it captures quality Christian teaching and learning for all students. This year we will be able to measure the progress of our students as we can compare the 2022 test results to the 2024 test results. This usual measure was disrupted by the pandemic. The progress made over 2 years by our students is something that I would like to celebrate more and to recognise the hard work of our staff, students and parents in supporting their students learn to their very best ability.

Capital Works

New capital works are underway, including preparations for the second stage of our basketball court. Over \$150,000 is budgeted to our sound system upgrade in Pioneer Hall in time for the musical 'The Sound of Music' and end of year events. I thank the Board for their support with these upgrades and strategic planning in these matters.

Community Engagement: Join the P&F and TCEA

I encourage families to join the P&F, be part of key events, and support the Olympic-themed Trivia Night.

For those who regularly attend church, please consider nominating for the Townsville Christian Education Association (TCEA). Members meet once a term, hear about important developments in the life of the College and pray for a wide range of matters within the College. It's also a great way to develop relationships with other parents in our community. At the last meeting I also shared the highlights from the parent feedback in the Parents School Opinion Survey and key areas we hope to respond to as a result of your valuable feedback. Nomination forms for the TCEA are available at Reception. Christian schooling in Australia relies heavily on the active involvement of Christian parents and their support of their child's schooling. We would be so blessed to have you join in person or online for these meetings.

Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and active involvement in our wonderful College community. May God's blessings abound in your lives.

In His service,

Andrew Jones

College Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PRIMARY



It has been a great week at school with Parent-Teacher Interviews, a dance incursion and a Rugby Union Gala Day. It is events such as these that build our school community and enrich our students' learning.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Parent-Teacher Interviews to discuss your child's progress at school. It is great to see our College Mission at work in events such as these. If you were unable to attend the Parent-Teacher Interview, but would still like to hear about your child's progress, please contact your child's class teacher to organise a time.

On Monday Mrs Karly Pitt organised an incursion at school through the School Performance Tours. Peter was a very entertaining performer who used costume, props, music and more to engage our Primary Students from Year 1 to 6 in the Dance Curriculum.

Today some of our students represented our College at a Rugby Union Gala Day. They have been training for the last few weeks and had a great time competing with other schools.

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Next Tuesday some of our Primary students will compete in the Interschool Swimming Carnival. Mr Vale has organised some training sessions over the last few weeks to prepare these students and I would love to thank Mr Vale and his team of volunteers, Mrs Elaine Bell (College Family and Staff member) and Ashely Burnett (past student) for giving up their time to help our students.

School Shoes

There have been a number of student who have been wearing the incorrect shoes to school. Though there is a general understanding during the wet school days that some shoes may be too wet to wear on a particular day, I just wanted to remind our community of the types of shoes that align with our College Uniform.

On Formal Days, students must wear a plain, full-cover, all black leather-like shoe. On sport days (scheduled PE lessons, Fridays and Carnival days) students should wear joggers with non-marking soles. More details can be found on the College website: <https://www.acc.qld.edu.au/enrolment/uniforms/>

God bless,

Aidan Frewen-Lord

Deputy Principal – Primary

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SECONDARY



Last Thursday we enjoyed a captivating and informative presentation from Dr Ron Neller, Geomorphologist and Creation Ministries International speaker, who presented compelling evidence that a global flood was responsible for the formation of fossils. He certainly captivated our students who went away challenged and excited about what they had learnt. I had one Year 10 boy who came up to me afterwards saying; "That was so good! I normally find it hard to pay attention to guest speakers, but I listened to everything he had to say." At ACC, whilst we present evolutionary theory as part of the National Curriculum, we always ensure that our students are presented with evidence and teaching that points to a worldview that we were designed and created by God and to hear the good news that the biblical account of origins is not only historically accurate, but makes better sense of the evidence.

Elevate Education Study Skills Workshops



Last week we had Elevate Education come to run study skills workshops for our Years 7, 10, 11 & 12 students. Whilst Elevate has been partnering with us for a number of years, this was the first time that we have delivered a formal workshop with our Year 7's. And all indications are that it was well-received, with 98% of students indicating on their feedback form that they would recommend it to their peers and that it was time well spent.

Compassion Child Sponsorship Free Dress Day Wednesday 6th March

Wednesday 6th March is a uniform free day to raise funds for our Compassion Child Sponsorship. Students who dress out of uniform are to bring a gold coin donation. Participation is optional but the usual full College uniform is to be worn if not participating. Clothing must be clean, modest (ie. no short skirts/shorts or any figure-hugging attire such as leggings unless covered by a long shirt, skirt or shorts) and not advertise inappropriate slogans, words or illustrations.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SECONDARY

For safety reasons, several of the regular clothing guidelines cannot be relaxed on Uniform Free Days. In particular:

- Shoulders and midriffs must be covered (i.e. no tank tops, singlet tops or similar);
- No additional piercings (ears, brows, nose) can be worn;
- Closed-in shoes are still to be worn and leather footwear is still required for practical classes (Building & Construction Studies, Home Economics, Hospitality, Industrial Technology & Design, Manual Arts, Visual Art, Visual Art Studies).

Students who breach these standards will be required to go home to change.

Mal Schneider

Deputy Principal Secondary



NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
Literacy and Numeracy

Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

All schools will be completing 2024 NAPLAN Online from **13-22 March**.

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program. Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs. Please contact Bridget Price bprice@acc.qld.edu.au to discuss adjustments.

For more information about NAPLAN read the [NAPLAN Online information brochure for parents and carers](#)



Kids Easter club



9th and 10th April 2024
8:30am-3:00pm
School yrs 2-6

Bookings essential
rrachurch.com/news

**Cathedral School,
 Sports Precinct**
· FREE ·

**Donations welcome
 to Ross River
 Anglican Church**



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Head of Student Wellbeing

ACC is a non-denominational College that provides quality, Christ-Centered Education from Kindergarten through to Year 12.

We are currently seeking applications from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for the role of Head of Department - Student Wellbeing to join our team on a full time basis commencing in Term 2, 2024.

In addition to agreed teaching duties, the Head of Student Wellbeing reports directly to the Principal and is responsible to enhance the capacity of all student wellbeing across the College, with a specific focus on supporting and developing a positive and engaging student culture and supporting students who are at risk of disengagement and not achieving their educational potential.

The Head of Student Wellbeing will be responsible to:

- Oversee the College's student welfare and pastoral care teams and guide best practise to enhance student health and wellbeing, engagement, retention, academic achievement and the acquisition of life skills.
- Provide whole College leadership in student mental health and wellbeing, behaviour management and pastoral care including promotion, education, training, initiatives, resources, policies, and procedures.
- Support the management of Child Protection matters within the College and directly advises the Principal of relevant issues as required by legislation.

The ideal applicant will have previous experience in a similar role and the following key skills:

- Be a committed Christian, active in your local church (pastoral reference required) and in full agreement with the College's evangelical Statement of Faith.
- Ability to lead excellence in student wellbeing, student behaviour management and pastoral care.
- Demonstrated leadership skills, mentoring of staff and collaboration with colleagues.
- Thorough knowledge of appropriate avenues and resources for seeking information to support students, parents and staff.
- A broad knowledge, understanding and commitment to the principles of restorative practice.
- Perseverance, sensitivity, compassion and patience in the face of complex and difficult situations.
- A commitment to ongoing professional learning and personal growth for self and team.

The following qualifications are essential:

- Relevant qualifications in education and management (current QCoT registration)
- Relevant qualifications in student educational wellbeing/ counselling/ psychology/ behaviour management (or demonstrated equivalent experience in some/ all fields).

Benefits:

- Opportunities for growth and professional development within a dynamic team.
- Pastoral support in a community which values staff wellbeing.
- Generous college fee discount for children who attend the College.

To **apply for this vacancy** please complete an application form (Teaching) and email along with a cover letter, resume and supporting documentation to hr@acc.qld.edu.au

Application forms can be found on our College website <https://www.acc.qld.edu.au/college/employment-opportunities/>

For further information please contact HR via email or phone (07) 4725 2082.

Applications close Sunday, 25th March or prior if filled.

Volunteer Needed!

The P&F are seeking a dedicated person to take on the role of interim Treasurer for the next 6 months. The role requires the person to attend team meetings where possible.

If this sounds interesting to you please send a letter of interest including a Pastoral referee to pandf@acc.qld.edu.au

Employment Opportunities

The below employment opportunities currently exist within our College. For further information please visit our College website at <https://www.acc.qld.edu.au/college/employment-opportunities/> or contact HR via email hr@acc.qld.edu.au or (07) 4725 2082. Please feel free to **share** these opportunities within your networks.

PERMANENT POSITIONS

EALD Teacher

Part time, 4 days per week, Term 2 start
Job Listing: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/73751454>

Head of Curriculum - Primary

Part time or full time (negotiable), Term 2 start
Job Listing: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/73749803>

Kindergarten Teacher

Part time, 2 days per week, immediate start
Job Listing: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/73861351>

CONTRACT POSITIONS

Secondary Learning Support Specialist

Part time, 2-3 days per week, Term 2 contract
Job Listing: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/73752374>

Secondary Administration Assistant

Part time, 3-4 days per week, Term 2 contract
Job Listing: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/73753242>

CASUAL POSITIONS

Learning Support Teacher Aide

Casual, as needed basis
Job Listing: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/73874361>



We have 590 members signed up to our ACC Community Facebook page.

Join in on the conversations, questions and comments which are helping to build our community.

Request today to join the ACC Community.



Congratulations on the work undertaken by our staff and students to care for God's wonderful Earth and in particular, The Great Barrier Reef. Students from Kindergarten to Year 12 including those who attend the OSHC have all contributed in their small way to the bigger picture of looking after the reef. Thanks to all who have been recycling –

microplastics are a big problem for our marine life with some fish living with plastic in their stomach all of their life.

We celebrate the life of the Great Barrier Reef and to those who continue to care for it here at the College.



The Reading Room

Do you want homework assistance for English or Humanities?
Help is available!

Where: in P1
(upstairs in Pioneer Hall)

When: First break every Monday
Bring along your lunch!



FREE DRESS DAY

WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH

GOLD COIN DONATION - Money raised will go towards Compassion.

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STUDENTS WHO BREACH THESE STANDARDS WILL BE REQUIRED TO GO HOME TO CHANGE.

HOURS OF DUTY

TEACHERS ARE ON DUTY DURING THE FOLLOWING HOURS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY -
8.15AM TO 8.35AM & 3.00PM TO 3.20PM

Coffee Cart

NOW ON FRIDAYS!

7.45AM – 8.45am

In front of OSHC
(undercover area if raining)

Coffee is \$3.50 (\$1 off if you BYO cup)

Alternative milks available

If you have time, stop for a chat
at our tables under the trees.



All
Welcome

**SCHOOL
LOADING ZONE**



**Kiss
AND GO
Zone**



Kiss 'n Go Key Points

- Please do not hold up traffic while waiting in the Kiss 'n Go Zone.
- Please do not wait in no standing zones unless preparing to enter Kiss 'n Go Zone.
- Please do not allow children to exit the vehicle while in the no standing zones.
- If your student is not ready and waiting, please exit the zone.

Thank you!



KEY DATES 2024

Date	Event
Tuesday, 5 March	Primary 'B' Schools Swimming Carnival
Wednesday, 6 March	Free Dress Day (Compassion)
Friday, 8 March	Secondary Interschool Swimming Carnival
Saturday, 9 March	Bronze Dukes Training Day
Monday, 11 March	PnF Meeting
Friday, 15 March	L1 Assembly
13—25 March	NAPLAN
18—22 March	Senior Mini Exam Block
Thursday, 21 March	Harmony Day
Friday, 22 March	D1 Assembly
Saturday, 23 March	PnF & SRC Trivia Night
24—27 March	Gold Dukes Hinchinbrook Island Trip
Thursday, 28 March	Easter Assembly
Thursday, 28 March	Last Day of Term 1
29 March—12 April	Easter Holidays
Monday, 15 April	First Day of Term 2