

# OUR NEWSLETTER

*Term 4 Week 9*



*Congratulations!*

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From Our  
Principal  
*Mr Marcelle  
Calitz*

# From Our Principal

*Mr Marcelle Calitz*

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We made a very difficult decision to close our OSHC at the end of this year. Compliance requirements for OSHC services have increased substantially in recent years. Despite our continued dedication and best efforts, it has become clear that the investments required to continue to confidently meet these standards is not sustainable.

We congratulate all our students on their NAPLAN results. Our secondary students achieved the top results, and our primary students gained the third highest scores for the North Queensland region. We want to acknowledge the wonderful role that our parents and staff play in our students' academic results. We are especially impressed with the improvements that cohorts have made since their previous NAPLAN tests. The introduction of MacLit and MiniLit literacy interventions for primary students is already resulting in accelerating progress in Reading and Writing.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, the Australian Government's world-first social media restrictions for young people under 16 will come into effect. We support this initiative to reduce screen time and create a safer online milieu for students.

Below is a link with more information:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions-hub>

I want to congratulate all our students on the progress that they have made this year. It has been such a privilege to get to know students and support them.

May Christmas be a special time for everyone in our community as we celebrate God's love for each of us.

*Mr Marcelle Calitz  
College Principal*



From the  
Deputy  
Principal  
Primary  
Mr Aidan  
Frewen-  
Lord

# From Our Deputy Principal Primary

*Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord*

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This year has been filled with growth, learning, and countless opportunities to see God's hand at work in the lives of our students and staff. In Philippians 4:4, we are reminded to "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us rejoice in the hope and peace that His coming brings. Christmas is more than a season - it is a reminder of God's love and His promise fulfilled through Christ.

We have had lots of opportunities to celebrate this term, and it was great to come together as a Primary school yesterday at our Christmas Assembly to sing carols together. We are so blessed by the talents of our Primary String ensemble and Primary Worship Band who led the assembly. Thank you to Mr Stephen Frewen-Lord, Mrs Sally Frewen-Lord and Mrs Monica Ward for all the work you do with our students to help develop their musical gifts.

Thank you for your partnership, prayers, and support throughout this year. May this Christmas be a time of joy, rest, and renewal for you and your family. On behalf of our staff, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

*Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord  
Deputy Principal - Primary*



From the  
Deputy  
Principal  
Secondary

Mr Mal  
Schneider

# From Our Deputy Principal Secondary

*Mr Mal Schneider*

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the families who were part of our College community this year and also to welcome those families who will be joining us next year receiving this newsletter already. Secondary student reports for Semester 2 should be emailed from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. If you wish to receive a hard copy of the report, please email the Secondary Office at: [secondary\\_admin@acc.qld.edu.au](mailto:secondary_admin@acc.qld.edu.au)

## **Staffing News**

Since last week's newsletter, I have some excellent news about the recruitment of staff to replace the departing Mrs Clarke and Mr Smith. Mr Paul Miller is an exceptional replacement for Mrs Clarke in the Design & Technologies Food & Textiles space. He is an experienced chef and runs a catering business on the side-Milwood BBQ's. You may have seen his big smoker at the annual BBQ battles in Townsville. He also majored in Home Economics in his education degree, and yes, he can sew and do textiles as well! Mrs Karen Girdler will replace Mr Smith in the role of Head of Science and Maths. Karen is currently Head of Science at Rockhampton Grammar School and is moving to Townsville with her family in 2026. She will bring a wealth of experience and a passion for Christian Education to the role. In other staffing news, Mr Joshua Porter, who was already joining our team as Sports Coordinator and HPE/Science teacher, has accepted a position as Head of HPE & Sport. I am so thankful to God for his provision.

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From the  
Deputy  
Principal  
Secondary

Mr Mal  
Schneider

# From Our Deputy Principal Secondary

*Mr Mal Schneider*

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## **2026 Laptop Setup**

Students in Year 9 and new students to the college will need to get their laptops set up with AB Tutor (monitoring program) and access to the College network in the new year. Existing students no longer are required to do this unless they have purchased a new device. The IT Office will be open 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> January from 9.00am- 3.00pm to set student devices before the start of school

Next week I will email more comprehensive information in preparation for 2026.

I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
See you in '26!

*Mr Mal Schneider  
Deputy Principal - Secondary*



# Grade 6 Graduation





# Service Week







# ACC Carols



# Volunteer Appreciation

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with curriculum resource making for P-2 English next year. We greatly appreciate the hours spent laminating and contacting, so that the little ones have beautiful books, sight cards and posters to support them with reading, writing and spelling.

Thank you so much for donating your time!

Thank you!



**Kids @ holiday club**

**FREE!**

**ROCK STAR**

DISCOVER HOW TO HAVE LIFE—AND LIVE TO THE FULL!

DATE: TUESDAY 13TH TO THURSDAY 15TH JAN 2026  
 TIME: 9:00AM - 12:00PM (REGD OPENS 8:30AM)  
 WHAT: BIBLE STORIES, GAMES, CRAFT & DRAMA  
 AGES: PREP - GRADE 6  
 WHERE: WILLOWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 26 CARTHEW ST  
 COST: FREE!  
 REGISTER: [WWW.WILLOWS.ORG.AU/EVENTS](http://WWW.WILLOWS.ORG.AU/EVENTS)  
 CONTACT CHURCH ON 4723 1232 OR [CHURCH@WILLOWS.ORG.AU](mailto:CHURCH@WILLOWS.ORG.AU)



COME + CELEBRATE  
CHRISTMAS AT  
STABLE AT CLUDEN

18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> of December  
5.30pm - 9.00pm





## GOOD TO GREAT

TUTORING PROGRAM

IMPROVING  
CONFIDENCE,  
MOTIVATION  
AND GRADES

*After just one term of tutoring through the School Program, my son has jumped two full grades – from a D to a B!!!*

Pat - Parent at Benowa State High School

## Designed to help year 7-12 students achieve A's and B's in Math & English

A Team Tuition provides exceptional, personalised academic support directly at your child's school. We select the top 2% of tutors, rigorously vetted and extensively trained in the Australian curriculum, ensuring safe and outstanding educational delivery. Our model offers unrivalled convenience, with sessions seamlessly integrating into the school day – no extra travel or evening appointments needed. We guarantee curriculum-aligned support, directly boosting classroom success. This premium tutoring is affordable, delivered in focused small groups (4-6) for personalised attention. Plus, you'll receive weekly progress reports on your child's confidence, motivation, and academic growth, providing complete peace of mind. Experience high-quality, accessible, and results-driven tutoring at Annandale Christian College.

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STUDENTS HAVE  
REACHED THEIR  
GOALS

87%

OF OUR STUDENTS  
ACHIEVE "A" & "B"  
GRADES YEES

15 Years

TRANSFORMING  
STUDENTS GRADES



## 2026 TERM DATES

TERM 1	28 <sup>th</sup> January - 1 <sup>st</sup> April
TERM 2	20 <sup>th</sup> April - 26 <sup>th</sup> June
TERM 3	14 <sup>th</sup> July - 18 <sup>th</sup> September
TERM 4	7 <sup>th</sup> October - 4 <sup>th</sup> December



*Merry Christmas*

Wishing you a safe and happy Christmas.  
Let us keep our eyes on the true reason for the season:  
Jesus is born!

"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21