



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we move into the holiday season, I acknowledge the resilience, energy, patience, goodwill and rigour that has seen the Columba community succeed through adversity during this very eventful term.

Our one minded focus is always on offering the best educational and experiential offerings for students and families of the College. This encompassed the move to remote learning utilising online google classrooms for academic work; cross country trainings; Teen vinnies; Youth group; SRC meetings; instrumental music; residential dorm competitions and catch ups to name a few. I am very proud of the one on one contact staff have made with parents and families, as well as the swift response by staff to enable learning work to be collected from campuses and devices lent out to students to work from home. The willingness of parents and staff to really work as partners was an outcome not to be underestimated.

The quality of relationships and candour in exchanges is something that has been most evident throughout the term and the excellent uptake of parent-teacher interviews being conducted in an online environment was good to see.

Mt Carmel Campus held a very successful inter house athletics carnival last week, with student participation and spirit being a stand out feature throughout the carnival. Although we could not have spectators, students and staff were vocal in their reflection on how good the days were - in weather and in student spirit and involvement. Thank you. I acknowledge how difficult a decision this was, to not have spectators, however the student feedback on the success of the carnival and their expression to me that they were grateful it was held this term, is acknowledged. Congratulations to Polding House on breaking a 9 year winning drought! I look forward to the St Mary's Campus Athletics carnival next term! There have been some excellent inter house activities occurring across the College - volleyball, soccer, basketball shootouts, sack races, flash fiction and even a relay where competitors had to balance a book on their head! House spirit continues to grow at the College and is a key feature of belonging at Columba.

Year 11 and 12 Academic and Residential Reports will be distributed tomorrow, with Prep to Year 10 Reports being distributed in Week 3, Term 3. Parent/Teacher/Student interviews for Year 11 and 12 only will be held on Monday 20 July. Further details in this newsletter for bookings. As COVID-19 restrictions lift and change for schools, I look forward to seeing many parents in Term 3 as we maintain social distancing but can once again be on site together. The Year 11 and 12 Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be the first occasion for all of us, in a long time!

Enrolments for 2021 are steadily growing and I encourage you to submit your enrolments or encourage others to do so over the term break. Interviews for places will be conducted throughout Term 3. The St Columcille Bursaries have been expanded for 2021, with there now being four categories - Academic, Sport, Culture and Past Students' bursaries. They are open now and can be found on the College website. Bursaries do not require an examination as we look at students' full portfolio of achievements and potential.

I wish you and your families a wonderful break, at the end of a challenging, yet very successful term. One positive to note is that together as a community, we have demonstrated our College core values of **courage, commitment and compassion** as we have navigated and lived through the changing COVID-19 conditions and its impacts on our College community and your families.

Best wishes for the holiday break.



Candi Dempster
PRINCIPAL

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MEET OUR STAFF



Name: Samuel De Waele
Hometown: Townsville, though I've lived all over North Queensland, including Charters Towers and Hughenden
Subjects taught: Grade 7 HPE, Grade 7 & 8 Digital Technologies, Grade 7 Maths, and Grade 4-6 PE at SM Campus.
Favourite Foods: Fresh Seafood is my favourite food ever, particularly Calamari and Sushi dishes.
Hobbies: I'm a cricket tragic, and try to catch every single game played throughout the year, Test, ODI or T20. I also love swimming, reading, and listening to weird, experimental music. I also try to keep up with different languages, and though I'm not conversational in German yet, I hope to get there soon!

SM CAMPUS AWARDS

TERM 2 WEEK 9

Respect for traditions - Actively and respectfully participating in the prayer life of the school

Prep	Grace Shaw
Year 1	Nash Bryant
Year 2	Emily Wright
Year 3	Bella King
Year 4	Erika Truong
Year 5	Ruby Thomas
Year 6A	Dale Beatty
Year 6B	Andrew Scharf

TERM 2 WEEK 10

Respect for Others - Being a kind, caring and helpful 'Buddy'

Prep	Elsie Bennetto
Year 1	Ella Mitchell
Year 2	Charli Gundersen
Year 3	Hudson Wosomo
Year 4	Kendall Wassmuth
Year 5	David Cassy
Year 6A	Cooper Hoare
Year 6B	Kyron Lillyst

MC CAMPUS AWARDS

TERM 2 WEEK 9

Respect for Others:

Encouraging and supportive of others - lending a helping hand to someone.

Year 7	Mischa Williamson
Year 8	Clayton Davis
Year 9	Isaac Neilson
Year 10	Grace Boref
Year 11	Olivia Stevenson
Year 12	Bree-Anna Meehan

TERM 2 WEEK 10

Respect for Environment: Shown initiative and assisted in maintaining clean and tidy classrooms, residences, grounds and school property on the Mt Carmel Campus.

Year 7	Brock Williams
Year 8	Bridget Wosomo
Year 9	Beau Lavery
Year 10	Riley Taylor
Year 11	Davauntay Peters
Year 12	Llayton Cluff

REPORTS

Prep – Year 10 reports will be emailed in Week 3 of Term 3.

Year 11 and 12 student reports will be emailed to parents / caregivers / students on Friday 26 June 2020.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Prep – Year 10 interviews will be held on Monday 10 August from 3.30-6.30pm.

Year 11 & 12 interviews will be held on Monday 20 July 3.30 - 5.00pm

Shine at Columba

FROM THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, MT. CARMEL CAMPUS

Due to various challenges posed by COVID-19, Term 2 has been like no other! We've risen to the challenge, however, and have adapted by holding meetings online and being largely 'virtual' in terms of the Religious Life of the School. During this time and since students have returned to school, there have been many happenings, including:

Postponement of Founders' Day and launch of the Colour Fun Run: Founders' Day has been postponed to Thursday 3rd September. During this term, we also launched the Colour Fun Run which will also be held on Founders' Day. All students and staff have been invited to set up profiles at <https://schoolfundraising.com.au/> and begin fundraising. All money raised will be donated to the Vinnies' Winter Appeal and the College's CSPA. We thank you for your generosity and support!

Teen Vinnies: Members of our Teen Vinnies' group have met regularly during the term and have created placemats, magnets and books that will be donated to the elderly residents of Dalrymple Villa next term. They are also been putting together packs of items for the Children's Ward at the Charters Towers Hospital.

Teen Vinnies is looking for donations of items for our project for the Children's Ward at the Charters Towers Hospital. We will be creating small hampers and would love for you to kindly donate items such as: **Playdough, art and craft items, notebooks, colouring in books, reading books, stickers, little prayer cards, etc.** Second-hand items that are in good condition, such as **teddy bears and toys**, would also be a fantastic idea. Please collect items over the holidays and leave at the office at the start of Term 3.

Catholic Identity Team: The Catholic Identity Team meets once a term. Both APRES, in conjunction with this team and using feedback from staff and students, are creating an icon for MC campus and a prayer garden for SM campus. Concrete plans will be presented at the meeting at the beginning of Term 3.

CCC Youth Group: We had a 'virtual' meeting on 9th May. The theme was 'Social Justice' and students presented the 2020 Immersion Trip video, created by Bree-Anna Meehan, as a model of our social justice initiatives. On 13th June, we were able to meet face-to-face in the Parish Hall with some social distancing measures in place. The theme was 'Growing Your Relationship with God' and Jasmine Thompson presented a video with special message for our students from Father Rob Galea. Once again, I thank our students who are leading each session and creating the materials. We also warmly invite new members to join us.

Immersion Trip 2021: After the success of our 2020 Immersion Trip and through the development of a good working relationship with Sister Liz at Santa Teresa, we have been very fortunate to secure a booking for the 2021 Immersion Trip. In Week 1 of Term 3, students and parents will be invited to attend Information Sessions for the next trip. Fundraising, to offset the cost of the trip, has begun in earnest! Our first initiative is the Immersion Trip 2021 Money Board. First prize is \$500, second prize is \$250 and third prize is \$150. We invite all parents and caregivers to purchase a ticket (\$20 each) for the Immersion Money Board – go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BJWRS>

Student Representative Council: Our SRC were fortunate to meet face-to-face this term. Within this group, there are the four committees comprising Mission and Liturgy, Spirit and Engagement, Social Justice and Academics and Learning. Some of their many initiatives include the CCC Recycling Program, running the food and drinks van at the Athletics Carnival, World Environment Clean Up Day and video to raise awareness of recycling, Trivia Night (Friday 24th July), House competitions, Mindfulness Mondays, CCC Breakfast Club, Flash Fiction competition and tutoring with younger students.

Prayer, Retreats, Masses and Reflection Days:

- Our Reflection Days for Years 7, 8 and 9 students at the end of Term 2 were cancelled due to COVID-19, but will be re-booked for 2021.
- We haven't been able to celebrate Mass in the Parish until Saturday 13th June when some restrictions lifted. At this stage, however, only 20 people can be in the Church at one time. This will change again in July and further details will be provided then.
- In the first five weeks of this term, a weekly set of prayers were emailed to all students so that they could pray at home. All students were also encouraged to create their own prayer table at home.
- I conducted an in-service with our boarding staff on how to prepare prayers and liturgies. They are now using resources posted on a Google Classroom. Each week during this term, I have also shared a prayer with staff to use with boarding students at their weekly meetings. This prayer focused on the weekend Gospel and was a special focus in the place of Mass.
- On Friday mornings at 8am, all staff and students are invited to attend Staff and Student Prayer in the MC Chapel.
- Plans are well underway for the Year 11 Leadership Retreat and students and parents/caregivers will be provided for more information about this early in Term 3.

Religious Education Department: In line with new curriculum or 'shapes' developed by the Townsville Catholic Education Office, our teachers of Religious Education in Years 7-9 have been planning and developing new units and assessment tasks. This is also occurring in Religion and Ethics and Study of Religion and reflects changes to syllabi documents. I sincerely thank all these teachers for their hard work and determination to provide the best learning opportunities for our students.

Christine O'Sullivan (APRE)
**ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL -
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

SECONDARY INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The mid-week rain threatened to derail this year's carnival but a stroke of good luck and a bit of flexibility allowed us to go ahead. After removing hurdles from the program due to a slippery surface, the carnival was off to a flyer with records broken on the first day in both shotput and high jump. Over the day and a half carnival, many individuals broke records and set personal bests.

It was a genuine battle for the top of leader board, with each team taking the lead at some stage over the two days. They each had something to prove: Rice were determined to win back-to-back titles, McAuley trying to regain the title that was once theirs, Polding wanting to improve from their second place finish, and Benjamin trying to get their first Athletics trophy in a number of years.

Despite the close contest there had to be a winner and in the end the mighty Polding house managed to break their Athletics drought which dated back to 2011! A massive congratulations should be extended to all of the Polding members who contributed to the victory.

The return of the King and Queen of the track once again pitted the fastest runners from each age group against one another in a handicap race. For the girls, Jessica Braes-Polke (13 years) claimed the title of Queen with a photo finish. Jake Richards was determined to be the first student to win back to back titles but he was nudged out by another Polding house member Bailey Bliss (16 years). Congratulations to all of our runners.

Final results were:

Polding 699

Rice 687

McAuley 653

Benjamin 619



AWARD	BOYS	GIRLS
12 Years Runner Up	Chase Tansey Polding	Shannyn Osborne McAuley
12 YEARS AGE CHAMPION	Harry Pickering Benjamin	Jada Cafe Benjamin
13 Years Runner Up	Cooper Thomas McAuley	Kristya Murphy Rice Bella Duddy Polding
13 YEARS AGE CHAMPION	Kelly Muke Benjamin	Jessica Braes-Polke Polding
14 Years Runner Up	Casey Butler McAuley	Demi Kelly Polding
14 YEARS AGE CHAMPION	Jerremy Singleton Polding	Bridget Wosomo McAuley
14 YEARS Multi Class AGE CHAMPION		Tayla Cullen Polding
15 Years Runner Up	Assariah Lenoy McAuley	Breanna Murphy Rice
15 YEARS AGE CHAMPION	Reagan Butler McAuley	Raymond Wosomo McAuley
15 YEARS Multi Class AGE CHAMPION	Blake Jackson Benjamin	Scarlett Pickering Benjamin
16 Years Runner Up	Ben O'Neill Polding	Morgan Day Polding
16 YEARS AGE CHAMPION	Bailey Bliss Polding	Maria Wilson Rice
16 YEARS Multi Class AGE CHAMPION	Conner Smith Rice	
Open Runner Up	Jaidyn Osborne McAuley	Bree-Anna Meehan Benjamin
OPEN AGE CHAMPION	Blake Heitmann McAuley	Boesha Moore-Reid Rice
OPEN AGE CHAMPION AWD		Jemima Neilson Polding

Records			
Age	Event	Athlete	Distance/Time
12 Boys	Shotput	Chase Tansey	9.47m
12 Boys	Javelin	Harry Pickering	25.63m
12 Girls	Javelin	Shannyn Osborne	18.52m
U15 Boys Multiclass	100m	Blake Jackson	23.36s
U15 Boys Multiclass	Shotput	Blake Jackson	3.57m
U15 Girls Multiclass	Discus	Scarlett Pickering	6.06m
U15 Girls Multiclass	Javelin	Scarlett Pickering	8.9m
U16 Boys Multiclass	100m	Conner Smith	23.83s
U16 Boys Multiclass	200m	Conner Smith	1.06.13
U16 Girls	High Jump	Maria Wilson	1.60m
Open Girls Multiclass	100m	Jemima Neilson	1.27.03
Open Girls Multiclass	Shotput	Jemima Neilson	2.03m

SECONDARY INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



FLASH FICTION COMPETITION

The Academics & Learning Committee organized a fun Flash Fiction Competition for Years 7-12. Students were challenged to write a one-sentence long punchline for the stimulus image. Below are the winning entries.



Years 7-9 stimulus



Years 10-12 stimulus

Clint Folker: Year 7 (Polding)

I hear a creee coming from down the hallway that could make you sick.

Ananya Pujar: Year 8 (Rice)

Her face earning the warmth from the candle in her hand, she stared up into the dark abyss, hoping to get a glimpse of her long-lost twin sister.

Larrissa Tindale: Year 9 (Rice)

As I slowly crept up the hallway with the wind whipping through my hair, I heard it...

Cassandra McIntosh: Year 10 (Rice)

Just like that, Peter Pan threw me away for Wendy.

Bree-Anna Meehan: Year 12 (Benjamin)

Let me out: I have a message for the world.

Tyler Thompson (Rice) in Year 10 was also highly commended for his entry: "Once upon a time, there was a little girl trapped inside a bottle full of dark wisdom." The judge, Dr Clifton, was most impressed with the responses overall. Congratulations to the winners.

This was also an Interhouse competition. The winner of the Interhouse competition was based on the number of students who participated in the competition from each house. The results are as follows:

- 1st Polding
- 2nd Benjamin
- 3rd Rice
- 4th McAuley



All students are encouraged to create a profile and begin fundraising for the Colour Fun Run.

All money goes towards the Vinnies' Winter Appeal and the College's CSPA.

QCAA NEW FEATURES LAUNCHED IN THE STUDENT PORTAL

The QCAA has launched the latest release of Student Portal (accessed via the [myQCE website](#)). This allows students to see the following information in their learning account:

- General and Applied subject results for Unit 1 and Unit 2
- Confirmed General subject results for the first summative internal assessment (released from Monday 22 June)
- VET results for completed competencies and qualifications
- Projected QCE eligibility based on current enrolments.

TRANSITIONING TO SENIOR SECONDARY - YEAR 10 DATE CLAIMER

Year 10 students are commencing the process of completing their Senior Education and Training Plan (SET) and selecting the subjects they will study to assist them in achieving their desired future pathway.

All Year 10 parents / care givers and students are invited to attend the Subject Selection Evening for students in Year 11 in 2021, at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 28 July 2020**, in the Mt Carmel Campus Dining Room. Student subject selections will be due on **Tuesday 4th August 2020**.

For parents / care givers unable to attend the information evening, the presentation will be recorded and the link will be shared with you following the presentation.

NEW QCE PLANNING RESOURCE FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS

The QCAA has released a new interactive **resource on the myQCE website for Year 10 students to assist in starting to think about** their QCE Pathway. It covers QCE eligibility and helps them to explore future study and career goals. Use the following link to access the myQCE website: <https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/guide-to-planning-qce-pathway.html>

YEAR 11 AND 12 DATE CLAIMERS AND REMINDERS

During Week 10 of Term 2 all Year 12 students received their copy of the 2021 Course Guide.

On **Tuesday 21 July 2020**, Year 12 students will attend a Zoom presentation by QTAC.

Both QTAC applications and ATAR account applications open on the **4th August 2020**.

YEAR 11 AND 12 PARENT INTERVIEWS

Years 11-12 Parent/Teacher/student Interviews will be conducted in the Mt Carmel Dining Room and Kelly Block on Monday 20 July between 3.30-5.00pm. Interviews can be booked using the link emailed on Friday 26th June. Bookings can be made until Sunday 19th July. If you would prefer to book a phone interview rather than a face to face interview, please book the interview time online using the link provided, then email office@columba.catholic.edu.au indicating the time, the teacher you have booked an interview with and the phone number you would like the teacher to call you on.

Students are requested to attend Parent/Teacher/Student interviews with you in day uniform. Taking responsibility and setting goals can be done best in partnership, when students are present.

Maria Peck
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

PREP NEWS

What a term! The start of this term saw some Prep children engage in online learning whilst others continued face-to-face learning. It will definitely be a time the children will remember in their first year of schooling yet one that was handled so well. I would like to thank the parents for their support to ensure the children stayed connected through our google hangouts and learning experiences.

In conjunction with missing their classmates, the Prep children really missed their Year 5 buddies. After counting down for their return to school, we were so blessed with a visit that consisted of them reading to us. The Prep children loved listening to their buddies read different stories whilst also being able to share some of the books we had been reading in class. Pig the Pug was definitely a favourite that the Preps loved sharing with their buddies. We are so lucky to have such patient and caring buddies.

In the classroom we have been busy learning building our number sense, understanding positional language and exploring characteristics of shapes during Mathematics. Meanwhile, in English we have been busy building our phonemic awareness which has supported our reading and writing. We have also enjoyed retelling events after engaging in a big book experience.

During Science, students explored different types of weather and how it affects them. As part of Show and Share, the children brought in a piece of clothing and shared what weather they would wear it in and how it protects them.

Amongst our busy term, Prep celebrated Country Music (COVID style), National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week. We can't wait to see what Term 3 holds.

Lara Burns
PREP TEACHER



YEAR 6 CANBERRA TRIP FUNDRAISER



Original Glazed Dozen

One pack contains:
12 x Original Glazed doughnuts
Legendary in taste & simplicity.

\$23



Fundraiser Assorted Dozen

One pack contains:
6 x Original Glazed
2 x Chocolate Iced
2 x Chocolate Iced with Sprinkles
2 x Strawberry Iced

\$27

Something the whole family can enjoy.

Orders with payment due by Tuesday 28th July:
St Mary's Campus - KATE SCHARF, 0419772567 | Mt Carmel Campus - KATE BLACKLEY, OFFICE 4787 1744
Available for collection from St. Mary's Dining Room on Wednesday 12 August 3.00pm

YEAR 5 NEWS

Year 5 has had a productive term, despite COVID19. Like the rest of our country, the term began with online learning. The students embraced this new way of learning and produced some excellent work. We commend the enthusiasm and integrity in which the children conducted themselves during this unsure time.

There are some budding artists in Year 5, and during afternoon sessions in online learning, the students created some brilliant drawings. They produced life-like pictures using different tones and shading. For ANZAC Day, students were encouraged to send in pictures of family members that have served our country in wars. We have developed a moving tribute in our classroom that adorns the back wall.

Earlier in the term, the students wrote narratives and different forms of persuasive writing in English. In particular, they learned about using adjectives and strong vocabulary to persuade the reader of their arguments. Towards the end of the term, the children chose a novel and have written book reviews. Reading has really been embraced this term and there has been a fantastic effort given to nightly reading.

During Religion, the children have conducted interviews about 'Mary Our Mother of the Church'. The school iPads were used to film and some thorough work was given to this important topic. In HASS, we covered our government in Australia. The students have become aware of the meaning of democracy and our electoral process in Australia. We even conducted our own class ballot to reiterate the concept.

In Mathematics, the students have learned about concepts such as adding and subtracting fractions, multiplication of large numbers, decimal place value and data. An investigation was conducted that analysed and graphed different nutritional values of popular cereals. At the end of this investigation, the children had to come to a conclusion of the healthiest cereal, by graphing the carbohydrates, fat, sugar and protein, then made a comparison.

Children have looked at the healthy eating guidelines and their relation to sleep and exercise during Health. They examined the balance needed to live a healthy lifestyle which also tied in with our Mathematics investigation. Science has seen us learn about our Solar System and its relation to the sun. The students learned about stars, constellations, planets, galaxies and how they are formed in the universe.

As you can see, learning has not slowed down in Year 5 this term! The students have worked tirelessly to complete some pleasing results. We congratulate them on their commitment and passion towards learning at Columba.

Alex Fagg & Rebecca Sorrensen
YEAR 5 TEACHERS



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The College is open for our on-site

TASTE OF COLUMBA @

Mt. Carmel Residence - 6-8 Hackett Terrace

St Mary's Residence - 59-69 Mary Street

TASTE OF BOARDING

4.00pm - Overnight
Thursday 20 August 2020



- Stay in our residence and experience what Columba Boarding is all about.
- Meet Residential Captains, House Parents and Residential Leaders.
- Bring along your overnight bag with linen, pyjamas, spare clothing and toiletries.

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REGISTER TODAY!

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Mt. Carmel Campus

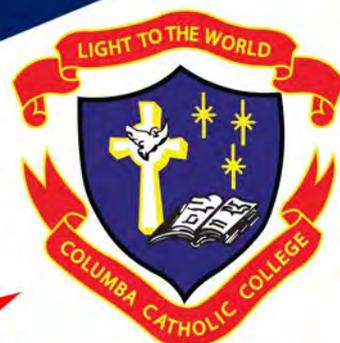
TASTE OF SECONDARY

For students interested in enrolling in Year 7 in 2021 and beyond.

8.30am - 3.00pm

Friday 21 August 2020

Parents can join College Principal, Candi Dempster and tour the College from 8.30am - 10.00am



- Connect with Year 7/8 Pastoral Leader.
- Students will experience many varied extra curricula activities and will meet College staff and students.
- Students will tour the College grounds and facilities.

Shine at Columba

REGISTER TODAY!

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