

Shine at Columba

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Dear Columba Families,

The past fortnight has held many successes and activities for students and staff.

Cattle Club representatives attended Beef Week 2021 in Rockhampton and gained valuable skills in cattle handling, ag-tech innovations, networking and career exposure across the industry. We were the only North Queensland school above Rockhampton who attended and they have much to share about what this experience brings to the agriculture curriculum and its associated careers for our students. The College website holds the calendar of events offered to our students in Cattle Club. You can access it here: https://os-data.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/columba-catholic-edu-au/bundle53/2021_cattle_club_show_calendar.pdf

Interschool cross country carnivals were held for both Primary and Secondary campuses and Columba hosted the Primary carnival at Mt Carmel Campus. The spirit of both carnivals was excellent and our students did their best and achieved many personal bests across the morning.

Office Staff Professionals' Day was acknowledged for our wonderful office and finance staff who really go above and beyond to serve our students and families. We appreciate them and value them immensely.

NAPLAN tests have been administered and students engaged very well. The data from these tests will assist us in our improvement processes in literacy and numeracy for 2022.

Playgroup at St Mary's Campus on Wednesday is a real success, with children engaged in sensory learning and structured play. It's such a wonderful way for parents and carers to meet and for their children to grow, play, learn and socialise with one another. It is an excellent introduction into the 'Columba spirit' and a great step into Columba Kindy. The smiles, giggles and concentration when learning and playing is a joy to see.

Year 8 students are on camp at our beautiful camping property 'Marybank' just outside Charters Towers for their annual camp. We are so grateful for the foresight taken in purchasing this property for the College.

Enrolments are steady for 2022, and I urge parents and carers to enrol for 2022 and beyond as early as possible, with 2022 St Columcille Bursaries now open.

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CULTURE
PAST STUDENT

APPLY NOW

2022 ST COLUMCILLE BURSARIES
Applicants can apply for more than one bursary.
Applications close on Friday 13 August 2021.
Email application and documents to office@columba.catholic.edu.au

No Testing Required, Supply to the College:
- Last 2 Academic Reports
- Supporting Documents
- Application

Best wishes for the fortnight ahead.



Candi Dempster
PRINCIPAL

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MEET OUR STAFF



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Subjects Taught: Agricultural Science, Hospitality Studies, FSK, Food & Fibre
Favourite Foods: A good steak
Hobbies: I enjoy being a Rodeo Mum and love a weekend at home doing nothing!

SM CAMPUS AWARDS

WEEK 3 - ENTHUSIASTICALLY TAKING ON NEW CHALLENGES

Prep Charlotte Moody
Year 1 Emmi-belle Emerson
Year 2 Lucy O'Connor
Year 3 Charlie Webb
Year 4 Chelsea Archer
Year 5 Saylor Whitby
Year 6 Rachel Williams

WEEK 4 - ASKING QUESTIONS AND SEEKING HELP FROM OTHERS

Prep Levi Porter
Year Archie Hodgetts
Year 2 Cade Porter
Year 3 Chloe Smith
Year 4 Chayne Hawkins
Year 5 Erika Truong
Year 6 Ruby Thomas

MC CAMPUS NOTABLE MENTIONS

RESPECT FOR SELF : DEMONSTRATES DETERMINATION AND RESILIENCE WHEN CHALLENGED IN CLASS

Year 7 Kai Lindsay
Year 8 Jack Meehan
Year 9 Madison Jesberg
Year 10 Ashelly Grant
Year 11 Grace Boref
Year 12 Naveah Ambrym

COLUMBA FIRST NETBALL QISSN 2021 FUNDRAISER RAFFLE

\$2 per ticket

First prize: Choice of either a framed signed Cowboys Jersey or a framed signed Diamonds Dress
Second prize: Framed jersey or dress not selected for first prize
Third prize: Choice of signed Firebirds netball or signed North Queensland Cowboys football
Fourth Prize: Football or netball not selected for Third Prize
Please see Morgan Day in Year 12 for Tickets.

DEBUTANTE BALL 2021 HELPERS NEEDED

Friday May 21 and Saturday May 22

The CCC Debutante Ball is a CSPA fundraiser – and a great community event – and we desperately need your help.

Set Up – from 8:00 am -12 Friday morning
General Help during the Ball – from 6.30 – midnight (shift times can be varied and as long as you want)
Clean Up – 9:00 am – 11:00am Saturday morning.

If you can help in any way please either:

- Phone the College and leave a message
- Email tburgoine@columba.catholic.edu.au



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 2 is well underway and the students on the Mt Carmel campus are busy engaging in the many opportunities on offer this term such as engaging in lessons and completing assessment; participating in the many sporting and cultural opportunities available as well as camps. This week, Year 7 and 9 students are completing NAPLAN testing and Year 12 students completed their Essential English and Mathematics Common Internal Assessment Instruments.

ATTENDANCE: EVERY DAY COUNTS

Regular attendance at school is one of the essential building blocks of receiving a good education and achieving both academically and socially. If students miss school regularly this will impact on their results, ATAR, QCE and relationships with other students. Students will fall behind in their class work and assessments, and this may lead to fewer subject choices, impact on achievement in Years 11 and 12 and post school pathways. Students who miss school for one day a fortnight is equivalent missing 1.5 years over 13 years of schooling. That is a substantial loss of important learning time.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Completing a formal work experience placement is considered a valuable experience when making decisions related to both subject and career pathways. Year 10 students will complete work experience between 21 – 25 June (Week 10, Term 2). Mrs Edmondson is in the process of organising work experience for students. Year 11 and 12 students are able to complete work experience during the school holidays. Year 11 and 12 students interested in completing Work Experience during the holidays should contact Mrs Edmondson.

2021 CHARTERS TOWERS REGIONAL CAREERS EXPO AT THE DALRYMPLE TRADE TRAINING CENTRE (DDTC)

As part of National Vocations Week, Year 10, 11 and 12 students will attend the 2021 Charters Towers Regional Careers Expo held at the Dalrymple Trade Training Centre. Year 10 students will attend the Careers Expo on Thursday 20th May (11.20am – 12.50pm) and Year 11 and 12 students on Friday 21st May (9.00-10.30am). The Charters Towers Regional Careers Expo will be exhibiting a comprehensive range of careers, employment and further training opportunities in and around Charters Towers including –

- Universities from around Australia
- Local & National Employers
- Government agencies
- Private Training Colleges
- TAFE
- Employment Agencies
- Defence Force Recruiting
- Apprenticeships & Traineeships Providers

This event presents a great opportunity for students to explore future career paths.

WEEK 5 YEAR 11 AND 12 ASSESSMENT WEEK

During Week 5 (17-21 May), Year 11 and 12 will complete many assessment items, as indicated on the Assessment Calendar in Compass. Students are expected to attend school during this week to complete examinations and submit assessment items, **on or before the due date**. During this time students will be attending normal lessons unless they are required for an examination.

It is crucial that students dedicate adequate amounts of time to study and prepare for their assessments. At peak assessment times, it is expected that students will need to dedicate additional time to study.

Year 11 students complete Unit 1 and Year 12 students Unit 3 on Friday 21 May. Year 11 students commence Unit 2 and Year 12 students Unit 4 on Monday 24 May.

ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS AND REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS (AARA), including illness and misadventure. (Years 7-12)

Columba Catholic College recognises that some students have disability, impairment and/or medical conditions, or experience other circumstances that may be a barrier to their performance in assessment. Access arrangements and reasonable adjustments (AARA) are designed to assist these students.

Students who need to apply for AARA must complete the 'Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustment' Form, available from the College Office. For students in Years 10-12 relevant detailed documentation must be attached to the application. This involves attaching a detailed medical certificate or for non-medical claims, written evidence from a relevant independent professional or other third party. Students in Year 7-9, must attach a medical certificate or a detailed note from parents.

YEAR 11 SUBJECT CHANGES

If Year 11 students wish to investigate the possibility of changing a subject, they need to email Mrs Peck and make an appointment to investigate the possibility. Subject changes during Year 11 and 12 are not recommended as they may disadvantage students as they may not have the foundation skills needed to achieve on Year 12 assessment. Subject changes may also impact on a student's ability to achieve a QCE. Year 11 subject changes must be finalised by Friday 28 May.

Year 12 students are unable to change subjects at this stage as Units 3 and 4 must be studied as a pair.

COMPASS

Columba Catholic College uses the Compass Parent Portal to communicate with families. This portal is our main form of communication with parents. Each parent is issued with an individual login and password for the Compass Parent Portal. The Parent Portal allows you to:

- view your child's timetable and the school calendar
- view up-to-date attendance information for your child
- access your child's semester reports
- make bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews
- view the news feed of school announcements, alerts and updates
- communicate by email with your child's teachers
- update your contact details (email and mobile phone number).



Maria Peck
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - ADMINISTRATION

CCC YOUTH GROUP



The CCC Youth Group is meeting in the Parish Meeting Room at St. Columba's Parish at 5.00pm on Saturday 15th May. We will then attend Mass at 6.00pm.

All students are warmly invited to come along and join the CCC Youth Group.

SM CAMPUS NEWS YEAR ONE NEWS

Year 1 started the term how we finished last term, with enthusiasm and a readiness to learn. Last term we said goodbye to our good friend Jayden and hello to our new friend Jayde.

Starting a new term has highlighted some of the growth we have made in our learning. It's lovely to see the children know and follow our routines, and embrace the introduction of a few new ones. Year 1 news has been popular with the children, as we share our learning with others and take it in turns of speaking and listening to each other. Public speaking is a skill that is new to us and it's one that we will use well into the future. Thank you for helping us to prepare for this each week. Becoming good little listeners remains a goal for us, as does following instructions. You can support this at home by giving your child simple jobs or instructions and making sure they complete the said task to an acceptable standard.

During Maths we have been learning to recognise and order money. It has been interesting to watch the students become more aware of the value of coins and notes. When we first started almost all of the children believed that 50c was the largest value coin. We are now learning how to tell o'clock and half past times, a concept that many will find difficult. You can support us with this learning by telling your child about key times at home when they happen (e.g. bedtime is 7:30pm) and showing them on an analogue clock. We have also commenced some daily maths mental to get our brains thinking across a broad range of mathematical concepts.

Science and Technology are integrated this term as we learn more about minibeasts. Our focus is the external features of insects, what they eat, their habitat and how they protect themselves. Later in the term we will design and create a diorama of an insect's habitat. This hands-on learning allows them to apply the knowledge they have acquired during Science.

During Religion we are exploring how to live in accordance with God's plan for all creation to live safely and happily in community. Students are learning about their responsibility to care for all creation and using God's gift of freedom to make positive choices. During HASS we are learning how some aspects of daily life have changed over recent time while others have remained the same.

Have a wonderful rest of the term.

Marisa O'Connor
YEAR ONE TEACHER



MEET OUR BOARD



Name: Father Emmanuel Anorue

Occupation/Position in the Community: St Columba's Parish Administrator

Connection with the College: Priest/Spiritual director

What is your motivation to be a Board Member? My position as the priest representing the church.

YEAR 5 NEWS

After a great holiday break, Year Five have really enjoyed working together in more collaborative learning, especially during literacy lessons. One of our favourite new activities is using our Soundwaves text and hands-on resources to learn our spelling rules and sounds. A crowd favourite is using toy race cars to segment and blend tricky words!

We've also been working hard on our writing skills. So far, our favourite writing lesson was constructing a persuasive text convincing Miss Allison to let us eat popcorn. She brought in some popcorn and we had to describe the delicious, buttery and warm smell. We've been improving our use of simile and alliteration. The best part was we were even allowed to eat the popcorn at the end of the lesson!

We also loved preparing our performance for the Country Music Festival with the Grade Six students, where we performed "God's Country" and "Let There be Cowgirls". It was lots of fun and a great experience, especially parading through our town. We missed out last year and we certainly made up for it in 2021.

Term 2 has been great fun so far and we can't wait to see what the rest of the term will bring.

Jessica Allison
YEAR FIVE TEACHER



MOTHER'S DAY ON SM CAMPUS

Last week the students on St. Mary's Campus celebrated the wonderful work of our mothers and those who act in the role of mothers with a whole campus liturgy, class visits and morning tea. Year 6 students led the liturgy and hosted the morning tea for our mothers. A Bingo game started our entertainment and was followed by the musical performances of Charli Hedges and Jayden Thomas. A yummy morning tea was definitely the highlight of the gathering.

Joanne Andrews
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - SM CAMPUS



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CROSS COUNTRY

SECONDARY INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The Interschool Cross Country made a triumphant return to the interschool domain this year. After being cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions last year our athletes made their way out to the Charters Towers Airport Reserve for some fierce competition. Due to some unforeseen circumstances the Columba team had a few last-minute changes to a number of our age groups.

The loud crack of the starters gun rung through the crisp Autumn air at 9am sharp to get the Open boys underway. Throughout the morning the navy and red singlets of Columba continued to cross the line. We had a number of students run incredibly well and earn themselves selection in the Charters Towers team (full list below). By the conclusion of the carnival Columba finished third in both the boys' and girls' aggregate and third overall.

Jackson Walsh, Tyla Osborne, Sally Sproat, Anastacia Johnson, Ella MacPherson, Lockie Zadow, Kelly Muke, Erin Day, Bella Duddy, Holly Battle, Casey Butler, Beau Lavery, Reagan Butler, Holly McHugh, Bailey Bliss and Charlie Kruger were all selected to represent Charters Towers at the upcoming NQ trials due to their top six finishes.

Jackson Walsh (12 years boys) and Reagan Butler (16 years girls) earned the title of age champion for their division and deserve a massive congratulations for their efforts. A notable mention should also go to Sally Sproat (12 years girls) who received runner up for her age division.

Girls' Aggregate

ASSG – 615
BTC – 459
CCC – 424
CTSBS - 192

Boys' Aggregate

ASSG – 655
BTC – 491
CCC – 407
CTSBS - 148

Combined Aggregate

ASSG – 1270
BTC – 950
CCC – 831
CTSBS - 340

Jordan Marty
SPORTS PROGRAM LEADER



PRIMARY INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Following a very successful Inter-House Cross Country carnival at the end of Term 1, students aged 9-12 years donned their Columba singlets to represent their college at the Primary Inter-School carnival, hosted at the Mt Carmel Campus.

Students turning 9 and 10 this year ran 2km, while students turning 11 or 12 ran 3km. Every race of the day was incredibly tight, with the home straight of 50m the deciding factor in just about all of them.

Columba students offered each other great support throughout the day and finished the day in second place behind Richmond Hill State School. A big congratulations to the following students who gained selection in the Charters Towers team to compete in the NQ trials in Townsville by claiming a top 5 placing: Bridie Jenkins, Clayton Walsh, Will Scholes, Mary Sproat, Kaitlyn Venning, Grace O'Connor, James Uren and Connor King. Molly Sproat, Alex Thomas and Bruno Bennetto also finished top 5, but will have to wait until next year to back up this great performance for a trip to Townsville.

Ryan O'Connor
PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY COACH



CHARTERS TOWERS LANGUAGES SPEAKING COMPETITION



“Learning languages to build
community”

DATE: FRIDAY, 14 MAY 2021

TIME: 1-3PM

**VENUE: DINING HALL,
MT. CARMEL CAMPUS
COLUMBA CATHOLIC COLLEGE**

AGE GROUP: YEARS 4 - 10

**REGISTER THROUGH YOUR
LANGUAGES TEACHER BY 12 MAY 2021**

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HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

As the Year 7 and 8 students moved on from the History unit of Ancient Egypt, our focus this term is the Civics and Citizenship component of the course. This week, we commenced the unit ‘Our political and legal system’ and ‘Democracy and law in action’ respectively.

The Civics and Citizenship curriculum builds students’ knowledge and understanding of ways in which citizens can actively take part in our nation’s diverse and inclusive society. It looks at how we, as citizens of Australia, can work together to shape our nation into one that is fair and just for all. By building an understanding of these rights and responsibilities, students can begin to develop their own sense of what it truly means to be Australian citizens.

On the elective side of things, our Year 9 and 10 Economics and Business elective classes commenced their new unit “Australia and the Global Economy” and “Economic performance and living standards” respectively.

In the past, the study of economics has traditionally concentrated on how individual economies operate. While countries often traded with each other, economic theories have conventionally assumed that economies operate away from each other, and the performance of economies is principally the result of local developments and influences.

However, this is not the case anymore as today we live in a global economy - where the economies of individual nations are connected to each other and changes in a single economy can have ripple effects on other countries.

Economic literacy will provide students the ability to evaluate economic matters and produce informed opinions. It is paramount that in this fast pace technological advancements, the world has become smaller, and more competitive. Students have to realise that the world is much broader than our backyard!

Michael Ku
CURRICULUM LEADER - HASS



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

On Mt. Carmel campus, the Religious Education department includes the subjects of Religious Education (all Year 7-9 students), Religion and Ethics (Year 10-12 students) and Study of Religion (Year 11 and 12 students). The subject matter and assessment types differ in each year level based on the syllabi and/or work program requirements, Townsville Catholic Education mandated materials, and the age and stage of students. Below is a brief overview of what students have been learning about and how they are being assessed in year level this term:

Subject	Unit/Module/Shape	Assessment
7 Religious Education	This term students finished the shape titled 'Encountering Prayer and Journey in Faith' and are currently working on 'Common Beginnings'.	Students have recently completed a prayer reflection booklet and short response questions and will, later this term, have the choice of completing either short response questions or an oral presentation.
8 Religious Education	This term students are finishing the shape 'The Prophet's Message and God's Saving Plan' and will soon begin working on 'Rituals, Believers and Beliefs'.	Students are currently completing a flowchart/concept map and short response questions and will, later this term, have a choice of tasks in which they create promotional materials for initiation rituals.
9 Religious Education	This term students are finishing the shape 'Priest, Prophet, King' and will soon begin working on 'Exploring Faith Traditions'.	They will complete a short response examination and either a Podcast or short paragraph.
10 Religion and Ethics	This term students have been studying the module 'Why should social justice matter to me?'. Later this term they will begin the new module titled 'World Religions'.	They will complete an examination during the exam block in Weeks 8 and 9.
11 & 12 Religion and Ethics ** Please note that Year 11 students are currently completing the same units as students in Year 12.	This term students have been studying Unit 3: Module 5 'Peace and Conflict: How can I make a difference and contribute to world peace?'. Later this term they will begin 'Unit 4: Module 7 'Meaning and Purpose: What is the meaning of life?'	They are currently completing an extended response to stimulus written task.
11 Study of Religion	This term students have been studying Unit 1: Sacred texts and religious writings and their focus has been on Topic 2: Abrahamic traditions. In Week 5 they will begin Unit 2: Religion and ritual and focus on Topic 1: Lifecycle rituals.	Students are currently completing an Investigation – Inquiry Response task. They have learnt how to write a hypothesis, how to complete research using primary and secondary sources and how to conduct Three Worlds of the Text analysis of scripture.
12 Study of Religion	This term students have continued completing Unit 3: Religious ethics. In Week 5 they will begin Unit 4: Religion, rights and the nation-state and focus on Topic 1: Religion and the nation-state. This is the final unit that they will complete in this subject before they begin external examinations.	Students are currently completing their IA2 which is an Investigation – Inquiry Response.

At the end of each term, students will participate in either a class liturgy or Mass of the day, celebrated in our Mt. Carmel Chapel with Father Emmanuel.

Christine O'Sullivan

APRE - CURRICULUM LEADER - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Catholic Education CELEBRATING 200 YEARS

Faith in the future

JOIN THE CELEBRATIONS OF 200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catholic Education is celebrating 200 years in Australia.

Over 200 years, Catholic schools have grown to become the largest provider of schooling in Australia (outside government) with one in five school age students attending a Catholic school. This represents 777,000 students in 1,755 schools across the country and employing over 100,000 teachers and staff. Nearly 40 per cent of Catholic schools are located outside of metropolitan cities in regional, rural and remote communities.

The **national theme**, “**Faith in the future**” has been developed for the 200 years celebrations. The theme reflects the core purpose of Catholic education to form students in their faith, and to provide an education that enables our graduates to make a meaningful contribution to the world. The theme reflects our commitment to build on the great work of those who have come before us, and to provide a Catholic education for future generations of students in a world that is rapidly changing and poses new challenges for Catholic school communities.

Mass is being celebrated in states and dioceses across Australia on the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians on 24 May 2021. In the Townsville Diocese, the Mass will be celebrated at two locations: the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Townsville on 24 May 2021 at 10am and St Mary’s Church in Bowen on 26 May 2021 at 12:15pm.

Liturgies are being celebrated in schools across the Townsville Diocese from the 25th to 28th May 2021. Follow school and parish newsletters for invitations to celebrate this significant event.

If you are **unable to attend** a Cathedral or school Mass or liturgy to celebrate the Bicentenary of Catholic education in Australia, **join us online for the live stream** Monday 24 May 2021 from 10am AEST on the Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians – Patroness of Australia at the Townsville Catholic Education Office website or facebook for the live stream at <https://www.tsv.catholic.edu.au> or <https://www.facebook.com/TownsvilleCathEd>

Additional events and activities will be added to the school calendar throughout the year.

The [200 years website](#) provides information and resources to support the celebrations throughout 2021 including:

Townsville Catholic Education live stream on Monday 24th May 2021 at <https://www.tsv.catholic.edu.au> or facebook link at <https://www.facebook.com/TownsvilleCathEd>

The [National Prayer](#)

Access to the [National Song](#) composed by Fr Rob Galea, [Promotional video](#) for use

Quiz for students [200 Years of Catholic Education Quiz](#)

[Faith in the Future Acoustic Video](#)

HURRY!

**RSVP'S CLOSE
4:30PM | FRI
14 MAY**



LIVE EXPORT FORUM

**5.30pm | Wed
19 May 2021**

**World Theatre
82-90 Mosman St
Charters Towers**

**Register for this FREE EVENT before
Friday, 14 May 2021 at:**

www.visitchartertowers.com.au/live-export-forum

**Do you have a question for the Q & A Panel Members regarding the
Cost Recovery Implementation Statement: Live Animal Exports?**

Email it to: jbrown@chartertowers.qld.gov.au



Hear from various live export industry experts, including:



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*Minister for Agriculture, Drought and
Emergency Management*



Susan McDonald
LNP Senator for Queensland



Mark Harvey-Sutton
*Chief Executive Officer
Australian Livestock
Export Council*



Matt Bennetto
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