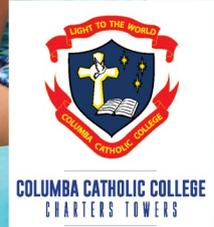


Shine at Columba

Residential News

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

As mentioned in the last edition of the residential newsletter, our boarders are certainly now in the grind of meeting their academic and extra-curricular commitments. It stands to reason then that time management skills are of the utmost importance.

The College recognises that boarding can be challenging at times but it does build resilience. Living away from home can bring a range of complexities for boarding students including following routines, dealing with homesickness and that certain level of invasiveness that is unavoidable in a boarding environment. I can honestly say that the College's boarders do embrace these challenges with a sense of true grit and positive attitude.

Recently there have been a number of students who have been impacted by the flu. This is a timely reminder for all students and staff to take good care of themselves physically and mentally. Eating well, obtaining the required amount of sleep and engaging in a moderate level of exercise are the key ingredients for remaining healthy.

Last weekend I had the good fortune of witnessing a number of our boarders playing club rugby for their beloved Bulls team. Jasper Guy was outstanding at scrum half and Preston Ah-Wing was at his damaging best with some mighty powerful runs up the middle of the pitch. Martyn Stevenson and Byron Tinknell were solid in defence and Jake Richards showed his blistering speed. The boys had a solid win over their arch-rivals – Teachers West.

Over the weekend of 13 & 14 March, the Columba Boarding team will be convening the Catholic Schools' Carnival. Netball and Rugby League will be played at the Opens age group levels and debating will be convened at a Junior and Senior level. We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the catering side of the carnival. If you have any time to spare, it would be greatly appreciated as the monies raised go back into the boarding community. It is a great weekend and I hope to catch up with as many boarding parents at the carnival as possible.



Dan Kyle
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - PASTORAL/RESIDENTIAL

RESIDENTIAL LEADER REPORT - BOYS

How quick this term is flying by and we are now half way through Week 6. Football is starting in earnest and the new students are finding their niche in residential life.

At this stag, assessments are being handed out, therefore, there will be more of a focus on the academic aspect of boarding. Please support your child from home with encouragement to seek help and hand these assessments in on time.

We had the excitement of the swimming carnival and it was very close between CCC and ASSG. Another last for our Year 12 students. Last Saturday we organised and ran the fundraising BBQ at the Parish Mass. Zachiah Condren and Zimarne Oui were a great help to Mr. Dempster, helping to cook the BBQ.

Please remember also that students are allowed three leaves per term with someone other than family. Parents have no restrictions and may collect their children each weekend if they choose. The student must fill in a leave form at all times, and we need to hear from the parent and host before 3.00 pm on Thursday.

This Thursday, Heath Treacy will conduct his first Student Representative Meeting for the term, whereby ideas will be brought to the table by different year levels. These ideas and solutions will enable boarding to move forward with positive input from the students to help grow their residences.

If you have any concerns, please email me on lfuller7@columba.catholic.edu.au or phone or message on 0438 489 917.

Llana Fuller

RESIDENTIAL LEADER - BOYS' BOARDING

RESIDENTIAL LEADER REPORT - GIRLS

The past six weeks in boarding has run relatively smoothly with the residential students getting into the swing of boarding operations which include everything from routines to study and extra co-curricular commitments. At this stage of the term, assessments will be handed out, therefore, there will be more of a focus on the academic aspect of boarding.

A reminder to parents and students that there is a quota of three weekend leaves with friends throughout any one term. Naturally, there are no restrictions on students going out on leave with parents on weekends. We do ask that if you collect your child for a couple of hours on a weekday that you consider study times especially, during assessment times. Leave forms must be completed by students going on weekend leave by Wednesday afternoon and parental permission must be received by Thursday afternoon in order for the leave request to be processed and approved. These time frames are necessary for weekend catering for meals and activities.

The girls enjoyed a retail therapy day in Townsville recently and have been reminded that any new purchases should be clearly named as with all their personal items. The girls are also enjoying the arts and craft activities that are offered on weekends and with the continuing hot weather, the pool is always a favourite.

Isabelle Ahern, girls boarding captain, conducted her first meeting with the Boarder Council Representatives and will be meeting with them again this week to discuss the collaboration of ideas from each of their cohorts. These ideas will assist the framework for future activities and programs within the Good Samaritan Residence.

Have a great fortnight.

Kind Regards

Michelle Burns

RESIDENTIAL LEADER - GIRLS' BOARDING

