

Shine at Columba

Residential News

10 June 2021



Dear Parents/caregivers, students, staff and friends of Columba,

We are now in Week 8 and our students are very busy working towards completing their assessment. Time management and personal organisation are the key tenets for realising successful academic outcomes. There is an age-old saying, "you can not plough a field by simply doing it in your mind". This means that success is 'effort' related, and when viewing academic reports there are often strong correlations between effort put in, behaviour and academic outcomes.

As the term rapidly comes to an end, I feel compelled to remind parents and caregivers that taking an early mark for the holidays is not ideal for your child's education. Again, realising optimum academic outcomes is strongly linked to school attendance. Taking the early start to the school holidays not only impacts their own learning, but it also disrupts the delivery of the entire curriculum for others. Today, courses are taught in units which often overlap terms. When one academic unit is completed, the next one commences. New units of work have only just started in the last couple of weeks.

In regard to end of term travel, the College is intending on running the bus services to Mt Surprise, Townsville and Richmond, numbers pending. Parents and caregivers who intend on utilising this bus service must make contact with the appropriate Residential Leader (Mrs Burns or Mrs Fuller) by Monday 21, June.

Within the sphere of constant improvement, last week, the Boarding executive team met to discuss the refurbishment of the Comerford Residence. We are looking at modernising the residence with a new fit-out. As more information comes to light it will be shared with the College community. Columba Boarding is certainly an exciting place to be at the moment.

Last weekend, a number of boarding students including Manaia Hill, Billie-Jean Mara, Clarice Young and Temperance Holden, attended the Northern Beef Producers Expo to assist Mrs Burns with the Columba marketing stall. These young ladies did a sterling job with promoting our school. Thank you ladies and Mrs Burns for your efforts. It is truly appreciated.

This week, I will be travelling to Richmond for the North Queensland Field Days. I hope to catch up with as many current and prospective families as possible. Please feel free to drop in for a chat at the Columba marketing stall throughout the event.

Regards,



Dan Kyle
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - PASTORAL & RESIDENTIAL

MEET OUR RESIDENTIAL STAFF



Introducing Mrs Dawn McGill

What Residence are you working in this term?
Good Samaritan Residence

Last occupation

Residential Houseparent - All Souls St Gabriels School

Favourite meal:

Thai green chicken curry and yellow coconut rice

Favourite Movie: Corella

Favourite Music/artist: Phil Collins

Favourite song: In the Air Tonight

Favourite destination:

Butcher's Creek (Atherton Tablelands)

Best piece of advice you have received:

"Don't sweat the small stuff and live everyday like it's your last".

What do you do when you are not at work?

I like to hang with my dogs at home, taking them for walks. Another favourite hobby is distressing furniture. I also like to go to the gym to do a solid workout.

What are you looking forward to in 2021?

Looking forward to going to the Atherton Tablelands to see my family.