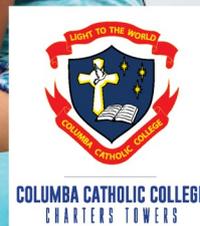


Shine at Columba

Residential News

12 September 2019



Dear Parents, Caregivers, Staff and Students,

In approximately 2 weeks' time the College's residential students will be going home for the September holidays. Whilst I do acknowledge that many of the boarders will be working within their family businesses, I trust that they will have the opportunity to spend some of that much needed quality time with each other.

This leads me to my next point - end of term travel. There will be a number of buses travelling to Georgetown, Richmond and Townsville at the end of term, pending sufficient student numbers. Please contact the relevant Residential Leader (Mrs Burns or Mrs Fuller) to let them know if you intend taking up this option with payment to the College Office, if you have not already done so. If your child is travelling via public transport, please ensure that they have a fully charged mobile phone with a list of emergency contact numbers and sufficient money on their person.

As mentioned in the previous edition of the Residential Newsletter, information in regards to the REACH program will be sent out to parents by the end of term. Please take the time to read this information to familiarise yourself with the leave application procedure so as to avoid any last minute confusion.

On another note, the College is working on a new Student Support Framework for boarders. This framework will articulate the behavioural expectations of the residential students, highlighting their rights and responsibilities. The 'Big Five Values' of Respect for Self, Others, Learning, Traditions and Environment will underpin the positive behavioural expectations.

Regards,



Dan Kyle
Deputy Principal (Pastoral & Residential)



RESIDENTIAL LEADER REPORT - BOYS

Two weeks left and your sons will be home for a well earned break; just assessments and exams to finalise and the end is in sight. A reminder from home when talking to your sons about assessment drafts and final papers that need to be submitted in the coming weeks and encouraging them to put in their best effort. This helps with the encouragement we provide here in boarding.

This week sees the Bulls' Rugby Union Presentations held over two nights. With Under 10's and Under 11's on Friday 13th September starting at 5.30 pm and Under 12's - Under 17's on Saturday 14th September starting at 5.00 pm. Dress code is mandatory especially a tie and handkerchief (otherwise boys, look out, you will be doing the 'Chicken Dance').

The Miners' Junior Rugby League have their presentations on Sunday 15th September at the Charters Towers Golf Club 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm and their dress code is Club shirt, dress shorts/pants and closed in shoes.

With the end of term, we have transport and staff rosters to finalise and it would be appreciated if parents could advise before Monday 16th September what arrangements that have or will

make for pick up. Thank you to those parents who are organised and have made contact already. Please bear in mind that assessment continues into the last week.

On Sunday the Comerford Boys' spent the day in Townsville, shopping first and then going to the Strand for a swim and lunch before returning home. Friday night also saw the PCYC host a free movie night showing 'Aquaman', which was a nice outing for Comerford students.

If you have any concerns, please email me on fuller7@columba.catholic.edu.au or phone or message on 0438 489 917.

Llana Fuller
RESIDENTIAL LEADER BOYS' BOARDING

RESIDENTIAL LEADER REPORT - GIRLS

If you haven't already checked out the Columba Catholic College Virtual Tour on our website, I encourage you to do so as it gives you an amazing overall look at what Columba has to offer.

This past fortnight has been a hive of activity with the girls offering their services to the Columba and Parish communities. The Columba Co-op Market Day was deemed a success and of course the smell of sausages and onions cooking was a sure winner to entice people to buy. The girls did not disappoint parishioners at the monthly morning tea with their deliciously decorated patty cakes. They are always encouraged to be a part of the community and help out where and whenever they are able to.

Dominique Wiggins, Erin Imeson, Neeve Gallagher, Shakiah Douglas, Summah Beale, Isabelle Ahern, Jashieka Baira and Charlize Griffiths played in the recent Interschool Rugby Tenz competition and certainly showed plenty of skill as they went on to win the finals in the Open Girls' division. Congratulations to Dominique who was awarded player of the open girls.

Also a big congratulations to Maria Wilson who participated in the North Queensland Athletics' trials and was selected for her High Jumping achievement.

As we are heading into the final week of the term, please advise me as soon as possible of your child's end of term travel details if you haven't already done so. In particular, if you choose to utilise one of the buses that we are running to Richmond, Georgetown or Townsville, this must be done by this coming Monday. As per the letter sent to all boarding parents earlier this term, we require payment before Monday 16 September, either by cash/credit card to the Mt Carmel front office, or via payment into the College Bank Account.

Please note that all students are encouraged to stay to the end of the term as assessment and learning continue up until the last day. Enjoy your holidays and this precious time with your children.

Kind Regards,
Michelle Burns
RESIDENTIAL LEADER GIRLS' BOARDING

