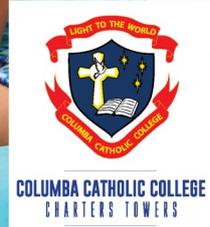


# Shine at Columba

## Residential News

28 November 2019



Dear Parents, Caregivers, Staff and Students,

2019 has certainly been a challenging but very enjoyable year. The new students to Columba have settled in quite well and next year they will be considered by the newcomers as veterans of the boarding world. They have been mentored by staff and older students in successfully transitioning into our residential community.

In 2020, a number of exciting initiatives around Life Skills education will be rolled out. Activities such as learning to service a car, changing a spare tyre, operating a mower, financial literacy, Grease Monkeys, health & nutrition and department classes are all on the agenda. Mrs Pauline Muston will oversee the Residential Life Skills program.

2020 will also see four GAP students working in the residential community. They will assist House Parents with normal boarding duties, as well as being heavily involved in tutoring; afternoon and weekend activities. They will bring energy and add to the cultural richness of our school.

Over the Christmas holiday period, the Good Samaritan Residence will undergo some refurbishment and renovation to include another 12 bedrooms. Renovations will commence immediately after the girl boarders vacate the Good Samaritan Residence. This was necessary to cater for the increase in demand for boarding positions at Columba. It is a fortunate position to be in indeed. The second renovation will take place in the Mount Carmel dining room, which will see a new ceiling installed in the kitchen.

This term the residential students and staff voted on who should be next year's Residential Captains. With the collective wisdom of all involved, Isabelle Ahern and Heath Treacy were elected as the new leaders for 2020. I have no doubt that both of these deserving students will execute their duties with due diligence and will honour the roles bestowed upon them by their peers and staff. In relation to boarding activities, Heath and Isabelle have already presented at whole campus assemblies.

I would like to thank Michelle Burns, Llana Fuller and House Parents who have done a wonderful job this year. They certainly go above

and beyond what is expected of their roles. Finally, I would like to thank the parents and caregivers for entrusting your child/ren's residential care with the College. It is an honour and a privilege to have been associated with them this year. I wish everyone a great holiday blessed with the rain that much of our parched country so desperately needs. Until next year.

Regards



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