



Above | Our students in the French Café during Open Day on Friday 17 March.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE

AN EDUCATION DESIGNED FOR GIRLS

# Newsletter

TERM 1 | WEEK 8 | 2017

## Upcoming Events

Mon 20-Fri 24 March  
Year 9-12  
Exam Block

Friday 31 March  
Last Day of Term 1

Tuesday 18 April  
First Day of Term 2

Wednesday 19 April  
Camp Week  
Years 7-12

Monday 24 April  
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 25 April  
ANZAC Day Dawn  
Service & March

Wednesday 26 April  
ANZAC Day Liturgy

## Uniform Shop

Mondays  
8.00am - 10.45am

Wednesdays  
1.00pm - 4.00pm



Friday March 17 was a big day in the life of the College. We took time to honour St Patrick, one of Ireland's patron saints and to also remember the Irish Sisters of Mercy who were among the first sisters to establish St Patrick's College.

We spent the day celebrating our wonderful school and our close knit community by hosting the year's first Women's Career Network Breakfast. Alumna Tia Cox joined us as our guest speaker. Tia has recently established her own legal practice in the city, Organic Legal and as Director of this enterprise, she spoke to the students about the importance of creating networks in her career. She also shared the kinds of skills and characteristics young women need to develop to successfully enter the workforce.

Following this event the College came together to celebrate mass. It was a moving liturgy and we took the opportunity to honour and farewell Fr Michael Gerard Peters otherwise fondly known as Fr Mick who has ministered to the staff, students and sisters for more than 23 years. Fr Mick's greatest gift that he leaves us is his message, which is the message of Jesus, that we are loved by the Lord and that we should share our gifts in love of one another. We will miss him terribly and wish him all God's love for a happy retirement.

Once again, we were thrilled at the turn out for our Open Day. We have made a decision to cap our numbers for Year 7 in 2018 so that we are able to continue to offer a nurturing and intimate environment where we are better able to cater to each girl and her particular needs. If you or someone you know is hoping to send their daughter to the College next year, it would be best to secure a place at the school at your earliest opportunity by lodging an enrolment application to Ms Julie Plath our Director of Communications and Enrolments.

As we put our minds to planning for the school over the course of the next 10 years, the Leadership Team and the Board of Governance are considering the shape of things to come to cater for a school of 600 girls with a focus on STEM, the Arts, and all things innovative and international. It is an exciting time as we explore how the campus will develop.

Blessings,  
Paulina



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Amber Hauff

### Camps/Retreats Reminders – Forms due back to the College

Camp/retreat information has been provided to students and is available on our College website for parents to access. It is very important that the Medical & Consent form is returned as a matter of urgency as these were due by Friday 17 March. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss your daughter's camp/retreat experience, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Cameran Triffett, Dean of Students, on [ctriffett@stpatscollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:ctriffett@stpatscollege.qld.edu.au) or through main reception on (07) 4753 0300.

### Anzac Day Parade & Dawn Service Tuesday 25 April, 2017

Anzac Day remains one of our country's most revered days. It marks the anniversary of the first military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the first World War. It is the day on which we all remember Australians who served and died in war and on operational service. The spirit of Anzac, with its qualities of courage, mateship, and sacrifice, continues to have meaning and relevance for our sense of national identity.

Information will be coming home next week inviting our students to be involved in representing our College at the Dawn Service and/or the Anzac Day March on The Strand on Tuesday 25 April 2017. Please note your daughter does not have to have a new College Uniform to participate in this event. For the March we will be asking students to be dropped off at the College by 7.45am to walk together with staff members as a group to our College form up area at Strand Park. Given we have camps/retreats occurring in week 1 of Term 2 and that Monday 24 April has been designated as a Pupil Free Day, we are asking for permission notes to be returned by the end of this term.

### National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

Last Friday was the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. During the week we have been discussing our College approach to bullying during Pastoral Care Group time. It is important to remind everyone that all members of our College community should be able to enjoy a safe and supportive environment, free from fear or harassment. At St Patrick's College we foster and encourage a positive school approach to student wellbeing and pastoral care.

The St Patrick's College's [Respectful Relationships: Anti-Bullying Policy](#) can be found on the College website and underpins our education program and organisational approach to bullying. Through a deliberate focus on building and restoring relationships, targeted student personal development forums and sessions delivered by our College Counsellor and Pastoral Development Team, we equip our young women with the knowledge and skills to identify, prevent and respond to bullying.

Keeping the conversation alive and persistent efforts from all stakeholders in a school environment remains crucial and can never be regarded as complete. We ask that parents continue to have the conversation at home with their daughters, using various resources available.

#### Please find a summary of some conversation starters below:

- Bullying is often mistaken for labelling other sorts of negative behaviour.
- Bullying needs to be treated with particular attention, care and process.
- Staff, parents and students must share a common set of understandings about bullying and use the same language when speaking and writing about it.

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## Bullying Versus Negative (Rude and Mean) behaviour:

- When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful once, that's *rude*.
- When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful once, that's *mean*.
- When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful, and keeps doing it, that's *Bullying*. (Patchin 2014)

## The Four Types of Bullying:

1. Physical bullying - includes hitting, kicking, tripping, pinching and pushing or damaging property.
2. Verbal bullying - includes name calling, insults, teasing, intimidation, homophobic or racist remarks, or verbal abuse.
3. Covert or hidden bullying - is often harder to recognise and can be carried out behind the bullied person's back. It is designed to harm someone's social reputation and/or cause humiliation.

Covert bullying includes:

- Lying and spreading rumours
  - Negative facial or physical gestures, menacing or contemptuous looks
  - Playing nasty jokes to embarrass and humiliate
  - mimicking unkindly
  - Encouraging others to socially exclude someone, or
  - Damaging someone's social reputation or social acceptance
4. Cyberbullying - can be overt or covert bullying behaviours using digital technologies, including hardware such as computers and smartphones and software such as social media, instant messaging, texts, websites and other. Cyberbullying can include:
    - Abusive or hurtful texts emails or posts, images or videos,
    - Deliberately excluding others online,
    - Nasty gossip or rumours, or imitating others online or using their log-in.

## The Common Roles Undertaken in Bullying Situations:

- **Victim**- a person who has been hurt or taken advantage of.
- **Bystanders** - those who watch bullying happen or hear about it. A bystander is someone who sees or knows about bullying or other forms of violence that is happening to someone else; they can either be part of the problem (hurtful bystander) or part of the solution (helpful bystander).
- **Bully** – abuse their power to hurt others, deliberately and repeatedly.

## Need more information?

National Centre against Bullying (An initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation AMF) <http://www.amf.org.au/parents/whatisbullying/>

Australian Government Resources  
<http://www.safeschoolshub.edu.au/>

Education Queensland Resources:  
<http://education.qld.gov.au/student-services/learning/disability/parentguide/other-support/bullying.html>

Justin W. Patchin, Ph.D. Cyberbullying Research Centre: Cyberbullying – Identification, Prevention and Response: <http://cyberbullying.org/Cyberbullying-Identification-Prevention-Response.pdf>



## FAITH & IDENTITY

Anne-Marie Hammond  
Director of Faith & Identity

### St Patrick's Day

From the Prophet Jeremiah:

“The word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying:  
‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
Before you came to birth I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.”

Considering that Patrick himself was an exile on a foreign shore, Mercy International has participated in bell ringing for justice. For Christians, bell-ringing has long been associated with coming together for prayer. On Sunday 19 March churches and cathedrals of all denominations across Ireland rang their bells to drown out anti-immigrant views, replacing the sounds of hate with the call for justice. Catherine McAuley's own bell was rung at Baggot Street in Dublin. ([http://mercyworld.org/news\\_centre/view\\_article.cfm?id=1708](http://mercyworld.org/news_centre/view_article.cfm?id=1708))

St Patrick's Day invites us to be in solidarity with the displaced of our time, whether they be displaced from their country, or their community or their families and their own home. We are reminded that God loves every single one of us and believes that we are all sacred. During this Lent, let us think about those millions of people across our world who may feel lost and alone. Let us pray:

*Lord God, no one is a stranger to you and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness, watch over refuges and victims of war, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left home or who have run away. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be and help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to all in need. AMEN*

### St Patrick's Day Mass

We celebrated our mass in the Sport's Complex and offered up the mass in gratitude of our Fr Michael Peters, our parish priest. This mass was the last liturgical celebration that Fr Mick will preside over for us. The students participated most reverently and they sang beautifully.

### Mercy Girls in Action

With this idea of reaching out, our Mercy Girls in Action spent a lovely Friday afternoon with girls from Town High who are refugees living with their families here in Townsville. The girls had a lovely afternoon together at the Water Park. One of the girls told her St Patrick's College friend that she had been to the Water Park before and felt uncomfortable there and so didn't stay long. But this time she was with her St Pat's friend and it was great fun.

### CHOIR for EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP- ELECT FR TIM HARRIS

- Wednesday 3 May, 10: 30 am.
- Singers wanted from across the diocese. Special practices organised for those outside the city of Townsville. Music provided.
- Please RSVP by 23 March to JACKIE CROCKER (Director of Music). Email: [jcrocker@tsv.catholic.org.au](mailto:jcrocker@tsv.catholic.org.au)  
ph: 47263266, Mob: 0406 601 441

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE - Sacred Heart Cathedral 7.00pm-8.30pm

- Tuesday 18 April
- Thursday 20 April
- Monday 24 April
- Thursday 27 April

### FULL REHEARSALS - 10.00am-1.00pm

- Saturday 29 April at Sacred Heart Cathedral
- Monday 1 May at Emmaus Hall



## ACADEMIC NEWS

Amy Byrnes  
Director of Studies

### Exam Block

A reminder that Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students will be involved in the Term 1 Exam Block throughout Week 9, from Monday 20 March - Friday 24 March. It is compulsory for all students in these year levels to attend these exams. The exam block schedule can be found online at <https://www.stpatscollege.qld.edu.au/curriculum-79u2k7/academic/assessment-exams/>.

If you have any questions or concerns in relation to the exam block please contact the Director of Studies, Amy Byrnes ([abyrnes@stpatscollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:abyrnes@stpatscollege.qld.edu.au)).

### Year 9 and 10 Study Skills

In preparation for the Term 1 Exam Block, I conducted study skills sessions with all Year 9 and 10 students. During these sessions, students looked at the importance of study, studying techniques and allocating time to study. Students then developed an individual study planner to use throughout the exam block based on the exams they have. Year 9 and 10 students were emailed a copy of all resources provided during these study skills sessions.

### Term 1 Reporting

A reminder that Term 1 reports will be emailed in the Easter school holidays. Please ensure your email address is up to date by contacting the College. The first academic report card will be a progress report indicating how your daughter is progressing academically, behaviourally and her work ethic across her subjects.

### Academic Conferencing

Academic Conferencing (Parent-Teacher Interviews) will be held on Thursday 4 May 2017 (Week 3, Term 2) from 3.30pm to 8.00pm. These conferences are a time for parents/carers and students to discuss academic goals and progress subjects. All parents and carers are welcome to attend these conference and students must attend with their parent/carer in their College academic uniform. Details relating to booking these conferences will be forwarded with the Term 1 Report.

### Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test

Year 12 students will be participating in a QCS trial test on Wednesday 29 March 2017 (Week 10, Term 1). The purpose of this trial is to familiarise students with the format and conditions of the QCS test. Year 12 QCS students have been emailed details of the trial including stationery requirements. All Year 12 QCS students are expected to attend this QCS trial test.

Students in Year 12 who are sitting the QCS Test are encouraged to check if they are eligible for Special Provisions. The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) recognises that some students are affected by a medical condition, an impairment, or exceptional circumstances that may act as a barrier to their access to the test or to their demonstration of their achievement in the test. They attempt to minimise such barriers by making special provision available. Information relating to this can be found at <https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/qcs-test/special-provision>. Students in Year 12 who believe they are eligible for QCS Special Provisions must see Ms Byrnes before Friday 12 May.

### Term 2 Upcoming Dates

#### Diligence Assembly - Tuesday 2 May 2017

Following from Term 1 reporting, the College will hold the Diligence Assembly on Tuesday 2 May (Week 3, Term 2). Students who are receiving an award will be sent an invitation for this event with their report card. These awards recognise the continuing efforts and diligence of students towards their studies.

#### Subject Selection Evening - Wednesday 14 June 2017

Please ensure you save this date as this is a compulsory event for all current Year 8 students progressing into Year 9 and all current Year 10 students progressing into Year 11. Further details on this evening will be published in upcoming newsletters.



## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Chris Pacey  
Head of Faculty - Science & Technology

### Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday 10 March a dedicated group of nearly 40 students took to The Strand to take part in Clean Up Australia Day. This is the nation's largest community-based environmental event and with students aware of the Great Barrier Reef on our doorstep, they did their part to look after our turtles and dugongs. St Patrick's College is a Reef Guardian School that is proud of its efforts in increasing awareness of the threats to the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The students did a fantastic job picking up litter that will help local turtle and dugong populations. (See photograph below)

### Australian Youth Aerospace Forum

The Australian Youth Aerospace Forum is being held in Brisbane this year from the Monday 3 – Friday 7 July. This five day residential camp aims to provide Year 11 and 12 students with an interest in aerospace with an insight into the career and training options available after high school. This year's forum will include opportunities in Aerospace Engineering, Aerospace trades and traineeships, and, Pilot and Military Aerospace entry options. Students will experience professional aerospace first hand through exclusive industry site visits and discussions with key industry and academic leaders. Applications have opened and will close on the 31st May. The forum is designed to showcase the various university and industry opportunities available to students upon completion of secondary school. If your daughter is interested in this forum, please encourage them to see Ms Byrnes, Mrs Van Homrigh or Mr Pacey for further details.

### Year 7 Bunsen Burner Licenses

Over the past couple of weeks, Year 7 students have been working towards obtaining their Bunsen Burner licenses as part of their Chemistry Unit. Students have been looking at separation techniques used to separate mixtures into their components, including the use of the bunsen burner to help evaporate water and salt. [Right | Year 7 students with their Bunsen Burner licenses](#)





## SPORT

Yana Hurst-Newton  
Head of Faculty - Sport & HPE

### Interschool Swimming Carnival

Last Tuesday our St Patrick's College swimming team competed in the 2017 Interschool Swimming carnival. The weather really tested our group, however their spirits remained high and their competitiveness was still there. Our swimming team achieved the following results:

- 13 years Age Champions
- 14 years Age Champions
- 16 years Age Champions
- Open years Age Champions

With all this success, St Patrick's College placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Girls B Schools Division. This is our second year at the top! Congratulations on your fantastic efforts ladies. We are all very proud of you.



### Block Sport

Results for round 3 - 5 of Block Sport:

	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Basketball</b>	TSHS = Loss	SMMC = Loss	Heatley = Win
<b>U15 Netball A</b>	SCC = win 11-10	TSHS = 25-13 win	St Pats 2 = draw 11-11
<b>U15 Netball B</b>	Heatley = loss 13-11	St Anthony's = loss 29-12	St Pats 1 = draw 11-11
<b>Open Water Polo</b>	Cathedral = 10-1 Loss	SMMC = win – forfeit	Grammar = forfeit - loss

Our last round of Block Sport games are on this week.



## St Patrick's College Women's Career Network

Our second St Patrick's College Women's Career Network breakfast was held on Friday 17 March. We welcomed guest speaker, past student Tia Cox, Director of Organic Legal. Ms Cox spoke about the importance of creating networks for both professional and personal purposes and the skills that young women will need to develop to prepare themselves for the workforce. It was a packed room with 80 past students (mentors) and current senior students. Our next Career Women's Network will take place in October.



## Performances - Open Day



## COLLEGE HOUSES



### Principality (Princes) House

**Head of House: Ms Athena Costopoulos**

Colour: Purple

House Captains: Alexandra Vicatos and Tayla Finemore

Theme for 2017: Hollywood

House hosted Youth Mass: Term 1, Sunday 25 February

House charity for 2017: Focusing on health and aged care, supporting the Mercy ministries - Mater Hospital, Loreto, Villa McAuley



### Thrones House

**Head of House: Ms Maria Franettovich**

Colour: Blue

House Captains: Erin Moore and Piper Driscoll

Theme for 2017: Royalty

House hosted Youth Mass: Term 2, Sunday 7 May

House charity for 2017: Focus on domestic violence and homelessness, supporting the Althea Project and NQDVRS



### Dominations (Doms) House

**Head of House: Ms Megan Christie**

Colour: Green

House Captains: Tayla Deal and Megan Oberthur

Theme for 2017: Disco Fever

House hosted Youth Mass: date TBC

House charity for 2017: Focusing on multiculturalism/refugees, supporting the Townsville Intercultural Centre



### Powers House

**Head of House: Ms Kirsten Anderson**

Colour: Gold/yellow

House Captains: Nikita Henning and Larni Wallace

Theme for 2017: Ancient Greece

House hosted Youth Mass: date TBC

House charity for 2017: Focusing on relief efforts and humanitarian aid, supporting the Red Cross

## Harmony Day

We gathered as a College community to celebrate Harmony Day, where students performed their traditional dances to celebrate and share their cultures.



## Community News

ANY DREAM WILL DO

# JOSEPH

And the AMAZING Technicolor DREAMCOAT

22 MARCH -1 APRIL 2017  
TOWNSVILLE CIVIC THEATRE

CREATIVE TEAM  
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MEGHAN WALSH | TONY WOODHOUSE | PAUL NIELSEN  
MUSIC BY ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER  
LYRICS BY TIM RICE

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### DATES AND TIMES

Week 1: 7.30pm Wednesday 22nd, 7.30pm Thursday 23rd,  
7.30pm Friday 24th, 2pm and 7.30pm Saturday 25th  
Week 2: 7.30pm Wednesday 29th, 7.30pm Thursday 30th,  
7.30pm Friday 31st, 2pm and 7.30pm Saturday 1st April

### TICKET PRICES

Adults \$45 | Senior Card Holder \$40 | Family \$120  
Concessions and Group (10+) \$40pp | Child (Under 16) \$30  
(Family = 2 Adults & 2 Children Under 16)

The biblical story of Joseph and his coat of many colours, comes alive in this musical retelling. Joseph, the favourite son of Jacob, is blessed with vivid dreams that foretell the future. Sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph endures a series of adventures which challenge him to his core. A truly timeless Old Testament tale, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is set to a multitude of musical genres, spanning from country-western and calypso, to bubble-gum pop and rock and roll.

Joseph is a musical adventure for the whole family.

### STARRING

Sandy Neal as The Narrator  
Brady Cronin as Joseph

Tickets available at **TicketShop**

- www.ticketshop.com.au
- 4727 9797
- Riverway Arts Centre
- Townsville Civic Theatre



# Battle of the Brains

Pyjama Trivia Night

hosted by  Pyjama Foundation

**SAT 25 MAR 2017 • 6PM START**

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**RAFFLES • GAMES • PRIZES • \$20 PER BRAIN**  
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# Army



## 1 RAR Band

Supporting the North Queensland Autism Support Group

Come along and hear Townsville's own Band of the 1st Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment perform a selection of big band and contemporary music.

Venue: Holy Spirit School, Cranbrook  
Date: 2.30pm, 25 March 2017  
Enquiries: 07 4411 7374

