



Above | Our College Captains, Prefects and Sports Captains for 2017.

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE

Newsletter

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Farewell Year 12!

Next week we will celebrate the graduation of our Year 12 students. Graduating from St Patrick's College is about more than academics, our girls have developed a sense of justice and a sense of compassion. They have come to have a deep understanding of who they are and how they can use their God given gifts to lead a purposeful and fulfilling life.

This year, our Year 12 girls have led the College with pride and dignity. They have been strong role models and they have shown a deep love for their school. They are part of a rich Mercy sisterhood and they will remain united through this common bond. May the Mercy values of compassion, respect, integrity, justice, hope and joy guide them through their lives.

Congratulations to our 2017 student leaders:

- College Captains: Riley Milton & Peri Nawrocki
- Faith & Identity Prefect: Johanna Kipma
- Boarder Prefect: Maya Johnson
- Vice Boarder Prefect: Manaima Au
- Community Service Prefect: Kearley Robinson
- Learning Engagement Prefect: Joanne Stein
- Cultural Engagement Prefect: Yalul Felton-Busch
- Arts Prefects: Caitlyn Goodes & Julia Macario-Slatte
- Sport Prefect: True Oldaker
- Thrones Captains: Erin Moore & Piper Driscoll
- Dominations Captains: Tayla Deal & Megan Oberthur
- Princes Captains: Alexandra Vicatos & Tayla Finemore
- Powers Captains: Nikita Henning & Larni Wallace

I was reflecting on the words of Catherine McAuley recently, 'If everyone would mind their own business, the Convent would be a Heaven upon earth.' But, we are social creatures and it doesn't seem likely that we will ever master the art of minding our own business. From what I can see there are few who walk away from a juicy morsel of gossip. Research into the impact of gossip has suggested that it is not always a bad thing – apparently some consider it as a way to learn about cultural norms, bond with others, promote cooperation and even gauge success and social standing. By hearing about the misadventures of others, we may not have to endure costs to ourselves. However, I rarely see or feel good about gossip – I see young women who are devastated to be the centre of this unwanted attention. Moreover, people who are perceived to engage in gossiping regularly are seen as having less social power and being less liked themselves. Given the hurt gossip can cause, it is timely to remind our girls that if they don't have anything nice to say about someone, that they should say nothing at all.

Blessings, Paulina

Upcoming Events

College Speech Night
Monday 14 November
7pm - Civic Theatre

Year 12 Graduation
Mass & Supper
Thursday 17 November

Year 12 Valedictory
Assembly
Friday 18 November

Year 12 Graduation
Formal
Friday 18 November

Year 7 Experience Day
Tuesday 22 November

Uniform Shop Now Open

Mondays 8am - 10.45am
Wednesdays 2pm -
4.45pm



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

FAREWELL YEAR 12 2016

As we prepare to farewell our Year 12 students next week I thought it timely to highlight the skills of a “self-reliant graduate” and how these skills are fostered and nurtured at St Patricks College.

I am confident that each of our Year 12 students are well and truly ready to embark on their chosen journey with gusto and determination. They have all had the opportunity throughout their schooling here at the College to identify their own skills, values, interests, strengths and differentiating factors. Through subject area experiences and wider school involvement these young women have explored and created opportunities to innovate, investigate, research, identify and support others in need.

The Careers Women’s Network breakfast, various guest speakers and other forums and experiences have allowed for the development and nurturing of a network of people for advice and information. The struggle of assessment demands and other commitments has developed the ability to understand and acknowledge personal priorities and constraints both within and outside of one’s control. Our young women have also been afforded opportunities to make informed decisions and work as part of a team to negotiate and appreciate the power of reaching “win/win” agreements.

Inspirational speeches by Ms Skerman on assembly has shed light on current global issues and allowed for students to begin to understand the complex tensions and power struggles within and between global organisations. This creates a growing awareness of the location of power and influence and the need for young people to adapt goals in the light of changing circumstances and take myriads of tiny risks in order to reach their dreams.

Through a rich and engaging program here at the College we hope that a life-long love of learning has been fostered and that the engaging lessons designed by teachers have provided opportunities for students to reflect on their learning and how it relates to the real world. The overarching building of self-confidence in our young women has promoted the need for a personal sense of self-worth, not dependent on performance.

All in all, your daughters are encouraged on a daily basis to engage with their learning and develop and nurture the skills and dispositions necessary to be a ‘self-reliant graduate’ in the 21st Century.

Farewell Year 12 2016 and on behalf of the College Community we take this opportunity to wish you well and hold you in our prayers, for a life full of good health and happiness.

SPEECH NIGHT – MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2016

A reminder that this coming Monday is our College Speech Night where we acknowledge and celebrate academic endeavour and success. It is compulsory for all students to attend and parent/caregivers are warmly welcome. Students must wear a full and correct academic uniform (no hat) with polished shoes and hair neatly presented. Adherence to the College jewellery policy is also expected. More information about the Uniform requirements can be found on the College Website using the following link: [College Uniform Guidelines](#)

I can also confirm that this is a complimentary, non-ticketed event and student ushers will be able to assist you in finding a seat. There will also be a wonderful display of musical items throughout the evening. We do ask that everyone has arrived and are seated by 6.45pm for the event to begin promptly at 7.00pm. The event is estimated to conclude at 9.15pm.

Amber Hauff
Deputy Principal



FAITH & IDENTITY

Sunday November 6 was set aside by Pope Francis as a Jubilee for Prisoners, marked throughout the world. Pope Francis set aside a special day of recognition for prisoners and their families and their loved ones. This Jubilee occurs within another special period in the Catholic Church – the Holy Year of Mercy – a time of grace, prayer, forgiveness and compassion. The motto for the Year is “Merciful like the Father”, which invites each one of us to follow the merciful example of God - forgiving and loving rather than judging and condemning. No matter what the sin - God’s love is unconditional.

Prayer for Prisoners

God, Our Creator,
We acknowledge the ancestors
and original owners of this land.
Maker and spirit of earth and all creation
let your love possess our land and may we
share in faith and friendship, all your gifts.
We pray for all those in our prisons and those
who through sickness, addictions and other
reasons live in their personal prisons.
We remember and pray
for those who seek to change
difficult life stories.
We remember and pray
for the victims of crime on the outside.
We remember and pray
for the countless victims of
crime on the inside.
We remember and pray
for the whole criminal justice system
and its processes.
Keep all of us ever mindful of your great love
so that we may always remember you as a
God of Mercy and forgiveness.
Amen.

STABLE ON THE STRAND

Stable on the Strand is an annual event held at Strand Park, Townsville over five nights from 18 -22 December and features the Town of Bethlehem, live entertainment, interactive youth and children’s activities.

More than 900 volunteers are needed for Stable on the Strand, and there are many ways and opportunities for you to be involved in this major event.

Whatever your heart, there is a job for you! If you would like to be involved in Stable 2016 throughout the year, please email us at admin@stableonthestrand.com.au.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Today we gathered for a College liturgy in honour of Remembrance Day. Today marks the 98th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War (1914–18).

Anne-Marie Hammond
Director Faith & Identity





ACADEMIC UPDATE

UPCOMING EXAM BLOCKS

A reminder that the Year 10 and 11 Exam Block will be held from Monday 21 November to Thursday 24 November. It is important that students have familiarised themselves with the schedule and the conditions associated with exam block. The Exam Block Timetable can be found at <http://www.stpatscollege.qld.edu.au/curriculum-79u2k7/academic/assessment-exams/>

YEAR 11 QUEENSLAND CORE SKILLS (QCS) TRIAL TESTS

Year 11 students will be participating in trial QCS tests throughout November. The purpose of these trials is to familiarise students with the format and conditions of the QCS test. Year 11 students have already participated in a Short Response Test, however, the following are upcoming trials:

- Wednesday 16 November: 12.45pm-3.15pm Writing Task
- Wednesday 24 November (Exam Block): 1.15pm-3.15pm Multiple Choice Test

On Wednesday 16 November, Year 11 students will finish Period 4 at 12.10pm to allow them to have an early lunch and then proceed to the QCS Trial Test. **All Year 11 students are expected to attend these QCS trial tests.**

NAPLAN ONLINE NOW LIVE

Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that NAPLAN will move online from 2017, over a 2-3 year period. This means moving NAPLAN from the current paper-based tests to computer-based assessments. It is envisaged that NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

Online NAPLAN tests will allow 'tailored testing' which gives students questions that are more suited to their ability – resulting in better assessment and more precise results. Not all states will move online at the same time however. Each state and territory education authority will make decisions about the timing to move to NAPLAN online.

Students, teachers and parents now have the opportunity to take demonstration tests using the national online assessment platform. The demonstration tests are mini-tests that contain example questions to allow everyone to become familiar with the various types of technology-enhanced features NAPLAN Online uses. The main purpose of the demonstration tests is to familiarise students, teachers and parents with NAPLAN Online item types and functionalities. Although each mini-test will consist of questions similar to the NAPLAN Online 2017 tests, they do not reflect the full functionality of the national online assessment platform, as this is being refined and improved in preparation for the move to online assessment from May 2017. The links below take you to mini-tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (grammar, punctuation, spelling) and numeracy for each NAPLAN test year: 3, 5, 7 and 9.

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

YEAR 7 INTO YEAR 8 2017 LANGUAGE SELECTION

All Year 7 students received a note in relation to their language choice for 2017. Students will study this language for the entire year. The options include: (a) French (b) Japanese (c) Language, Literacy and Numeracy Skills LLNS

LLNS is a subject that is made available to students who require more intensive language, literacy and numeracy support to help them succeed across all of their subject areas. Please liaise with the Head of Faculty - Learning Support & Enrichment regarding this subject area. Students need to return these notes promptly. If they have misplaced their note, they can collect a replacement from Student Reception.

RELEASE OF QUEENSLAND CORE SKILLS (QCS) TEST RESULTS

A reminder that the Year 12 students who sat the QCS Test can access their results from Student Connect (<https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au>) from 9am on Wednesday 16 November 2016.



BOARDING

As our girls leave St Patrick's Boarding College at the conclusion of Year 12, they can be proud of their time as a residential student. They leave as independent and capable young women with many life skills. They are well prepared for the next stage of their lives, wherever that journey may take them.

Life in boarding provides so many opportunities for all students. The year of 2016 has seen both School Captains being residential students of St Patrick's College along with House Captains and Prefects. We are incredibly proud of their achievements but even more so, appreciative of the wonderful guidance, support and wisdom they have provided to our younger students.

As the year moves to its conclusion, we continue to maintain high standards with regards to our commitment to study and the mindset that we will endeavour to achieve academic results that reflect our ability and effort. We continue to provide a range of choices around weekend activities that connect with the many and varied interests of students. There also continue to be a choice of weekday sporting and cultural opportunities.

Working in partnership with parents to encourage girls to try new activities, join new teams and engage with new people continues to be an important area of our work. It is in trying new things, developing new relationships and building upon existing skills, we continue to grow and become the best version of ourselves.

Benita Bowles
Director of Boarding



BYOD 2017

In 2017 St Patrick's College will be rolling out compulsory Bring your own device (BYOD). All students enrolled at the College will be expected to bring their own laptop to all classes.

The expected benefits through the implementation of the BYOD are:

- Providing interactive learning experiences designed for each individual student,
- Preparing our students for the technology that they will encounter in the workforce of the future
- Increasing student engagement in the classroom, and
- Reducing the need to cart heavy textbooks to and from school each day.

Students in most cases, will not be expected to purchase new technology as existing devices may meet the minimum requirements of the College.

The minimum technology specifications for devices are as follows:

Monitor	11 inch screen (or larger)
Memory	2GB of RAM or bigger
Processor	Dual Core Processor or better
Operating System	Windows 7, 8, 10 OS X 10 or better
Peripherals:	Laptop bag, mouse and wireless keyboard are recommended but optional

For Year 11 and 12 students undertaking studies in Visual Arts, Graphics or ITS careful consideration needs to be given to additional device specifications. Advice can be sought from Heads of Faculty.

Examples of additional requirements include:

Monitor	13 inch screen (or larger)
Memory	4GB of RAM or bigger
Processor	Core i3 Processor or better
Dedicated Graphics Card	NVIDIA or ATI (Windows) IRIS Pro (Mac)
Operating System	Windows 7, 8, 10 — 6 — OSX 10 or better

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS - SPEECH NIGHT MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER

A number of our music ensembles have been diligently preparing to perform a sample of their repertoire at Speech Night this coming Monday evening. We will be showcasing a selection of performances from our Guitar Ensemble, Taiko Drum Ensemble, College Choir, and Liturgy Choir. Thank you to all of our music students for their ongoing commitment and dedication to their home practice and ensemble participation.

All of our students at St Patrick's College participate in the Whole School Choir, directed by Ms Astrid Jorgensen. We are looking forward to hearing the College Community show their school spirit and pride through participation in singing together on the night.



Top L | Our College Choir
Top R | College Orchestra, the Orchids
Bottom L | Taiko Drummers
Bottom R | Guitar Ensemble

NQ ENTREPRENEURS CONFERENCE

This week, 10 of our students girls were invited to attend the North Queensland Entrepreneurs Conference in Townsville. We spent the day listening to inspirational speakers from around Australia and the world who are leaders in business innovation.

It was amazing to see how inspired the girls were by the women who are forging new paths in the business world. The key message from the conference was that having a strong role model is extremely valuable when becoming an entrepreneur and it was apparent that many of our students may have found new role models in the remarkable speakers at NQECOM.

- Lucy Porter, Teacher



Above | Our girls at the North Queensland Entrepreneurs Conference

NUDGE TOWARDS HEALTHIER CHOICES

Our boarders had the opportunity in Term 4 to participate in a promotion through Spotless/Alliance Catering regarding healthy lifestyles. The exercise bike and banner promoting tips for healthier food choices was in the Café by the Sea for several weeks for the girls to use.

This was part of the NUDGE program between Alliance and the NQ Toyota Cowboys. Cowboys' legend and community ambassador, Matthew Bowen, along with six of the club's under-20s players visited the College to spread the healthy lifestyle messages of the Cowboys TryTime! program. The interactive workshop, involving 130 students, focused on healthy eating and making healthy choices for a balanced lifestyle.



Above | Maya and Saluia with the Healthy Choices exercise bike in the boarders' dining room, the Café by the Sea.

TryTime! encourages positive choices for life by engaging junior secondary school students to address social and personal development issues directly impacting on their learning and long-term life outcomes. Delivery of the program is through a series of high-energy workshops addressing substance abuse, healthy lifestyles, self-esteem and body image, goal setting and personal values. TryTime! has delivered workshops to over 25,000 students in 115 secondary schools over four years. Alliance Catering is pleased to sponsor the TryTime! sessions for St Patrick's College as part of their commitment to educating on health and wellbeing as part of their service delivery model. (Source: www.cowboys.com.au/news/)

FRENCH TRIP TO NEW CALEDONIA - SEPTEMBER 2017

The College is offering a French trip to New Caledonia in the September holidays, 2017. A group of at least ten students is required to make the program viable. New Caledonia is a French territory located in the Pacific, three hours from Brisbane. The trip will be a wonderful opportunity for students to be immersed in a multicultural, French speaking environment.



The trip is open to Year 9 and 10 French students and Year 11 and 12 students who previously studied French. If you are interested, please contact Madame Cerny at lcerny@stpatcollege.qld.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP

The new College Uniform Shop is managed by Weareco, the designers and producers of the new uniform. The Uniform Shop is located on-site at the College. Call into reception for directions.

Opening hours are:

- Mondays 8am - 10.45am
- Wednesdays 2pm - 4.45pm

Extended Hours - JANUARY

- Tue 17 Jan: 9am-1pm
- Wed 18 Jan: 9am-1pm
- Thu 19 Jan: 2.30pm-5pm
- Fri 20 Jan: 2.30pm-5pm
- Sat 21 Jan: 8am-12noon

For a full listing of uniform requirements for 2017, as well as the uniform policy, visit:

<http://www.stpatscollege.qld.edu.au/parents/uniforms-stationery/>



Above | The new academic and sports uniform is now available from our College Uniform Shop



Queensland Government

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10/11/2016

Dear Parent

WHOOPIING COUGH (PERTUSSIS)

There has been a confirmed case of whooping cough at St. Patrick's College. Providing students and staff are adequately vaccinated, they are unlikely to have a severe illness, even if they do become infected.

Whooping cough is a highly infectious illness that can be very troublesome at any age, but particularly in the first year of life. The symptoms are a persistent cough that may occur in bouts (often with a breathless 'whoop' at the end). Someone with whooping cough is highly infectious only for the first 3 weeks, but could pass the illness on to an infant or baby at home.

Whooping cough and milder respiratory infections frequently spread in schools. If your child develops a troublesome and persistent cough, take him/her to your doctor promptly (even if they are fully immunised) and mention he/she may have had contact with someone with whooping cough. Whooping cough can only spread through coughing, and those in the first few weeks of the illness should stay away from school until they have completed at least 5 days of an appropriate antibiotic. This is important to prevent further spread.

Whooping cough vaccine is routinely given with vaccinations from 6 weeks, 4, and 6 months of age with booster doses given at 18 months and 4 years and in high school. A booster dose is also recommended for adults with a new baby in the household (but this is not a free dose). Vaccinations are available through either your family doctor or at a Community Health Clinic.

To protect infants before they can be fully vaccinated, a free booster vaccine is available for pregnant women from 28 weeks. This is to boost the antibody protection the baby will get from its mother.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Steven Donohue
Public Health Medical Officer
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NQ Warriors Cheerleading



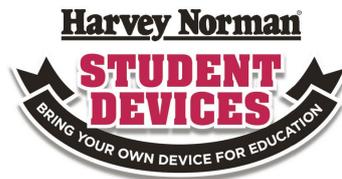
Come to our OPEN DAY on Saturday 3rd December 2016 from 10am - 2pm
2/5-9 Turnbull Street, Garbutt

Interested in joining one of our teams in 2017? We offer both Competitive and Recreational programs. All levels of experience is welcomed, including beginners!

We are a locally owned and operated gym and would love to show you what cheerleading is really all about!

Our first priority is to work as a team and enjoy what we do. Though we are very proud that we have competed at World Championships in USA, multiple national and state championships, and we are even going to NCA in Dallas in 2018!

From only \$12/class - come & learn what it takes to be an All Star Cheerleader!



Student Device Expo 2016 Invitation

Do you need to bring a laptop or tablet to school next year?

Saturday 26th November, 2015 - Harvey Norman Townsville



Harvey Norman is hosting their biggest ever Student Device Expo on Saturday 26th November

Exclusive discounts for parents & guardians of students at Public, Catholic and Independent schools



See presentations by teachers from local schools

Every hour on the hour from 9am



Discuss your technology needs with teachers from local schools

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