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**Farewell Year 12!**

Congratulations to all girls who received awards at our recent **Sportswomen's Dinner** where we celebrated the **Graduation of 2016 & Sport Organised a lovely event** and a **graduation from St Patrick's College** that our girls and their families celebrated in style. Guest speakers, Ms Ashley Spina and Mr Scott Prince shared the highs and lows of their sporting journeys, outlining for the girls how they stayed motivated in reaching their sporting goals. Our Year 12 Hospitality students prepared and served a delicious menu which further showcased the talent amongst our girls.

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**Congratulations to our 2017 student leaders**

- Junior Sportswoman of the Year: Kanako Weightman
- Senior Sportswoman of the Year: Telianna Gibuma-Cloudy
- College Captains: Riley Milton & Peri Nawrocki
- Thank you to the women in our community who joined us for our very first **Women's Career Network Breakfast** last Friday. College Alumna, Bridget Woods addressed the forum and talked about the importance of developing a personal brand. She also warned about the dangers of having a less than ideal online presence, something that can influence an employer on whether or not to offer a candidate a role in their organisation. There was a lovely atmosphere at the event in our new Café by the Sea and the excellent catering.
- Boarder Prefect: Johanna Ijima
- Vice Boarder Prefect: Maya Johnson
- Community Service Prefect: Manaima Au
- Learning Engagement Prefect: Kearley Robinson
- Cultural Engagement Prefect: Joanna Stein
- Many Year 11 students have been busy with **College Captain and Prefect applications**, speeches and interviews. This year the roles are highly contested and it is fantastic to see so many girls aspiring to take up the leadership mantle. It is a rigorous process and as with any recruitment drive, one looks for the person who will best fit the role. The student body and teaching staff are also given the opportunity to show their support for the applicants in a voting process. These appointments are not made on the basis of popularity. Decisions of the application process are taken into consideration when making final student leader appointments.
- Princes Captains: Alexandra Viato & Tyla Finamore
- Princess Captains: Nikita Henning & Larni Wallace

2017 Student Leaders will be announced at Assembly on November 4, ahead of Speech Night. I am very aware that when leadership roles are announced, very capable girls may miss out, however, these decisions are made at a point in time. It is unfortunate that some girls may miss out on a role that they hoped for and this may lead to a way of protecting our girls from the negative aspects of their journey. I can see there are a few who walk away from a juicy morsel of gossip. Research into the impact of gossip has suggested that it is not always so bad. It can be a useful tool for building relationships and with others, promote cooperation and even gauge success and social standing. By hearing about the misadventures of others, we may not have to endure it ourselves. However, it rarely seems to be good about gossip - like young women who are being teased that their daughter is receiving this award. We often hear people who perceive it as baggage or gossiping regularly as well as having less social power and being less like the dashed person. Give out the same gossip as the dashed person and you can't be sure that they don't have anything nice to say about someone, that's why for students say the things that matter. They are to wear full academic uniform. Parents are invited to attend.

**Blessings, Paulina**  
Warmest congratulations to Tanya Rogers who received a Mark Mappas award at this year's Diocesan P&F Dinner. Thank you to Tanya and all parents who support our College community. God Bless, Paulina.



## 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 provided and 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

The same message separated by over 2000 years!

Uniform Shop is managed by designers and producers of the new uniform. From the Book of Wisdom: But you are merciful to all, for you can do all things, and you overlook people's sins, so that they may repent. For you love all things that exist, and detest none of the things that you have made, for you would not have made anything if you had hated it.



### YOUTH MASS THIS WEEKEND

We have our Youth Mass this weekend with our Community Choir singing. Please come and join us – the second last one for the year.

### FAREWELL MASS JANUARY

Our 2016 Farewell Mass for Year 12 students and parents/families will take place on Thursday November 17 at 7pm at St Joseph's Church, followed by supper. Year 11 girls are invited to this important farewell ceremony in full academic uniform.

- Mon 14 Jan: 8am - 10.45am
- Tue 15 Jan: 9am - 11am
- Wed 18 Jan: 9am - 1pm
- Thu 19 Jan: 2.30pm - 5pm
- Fri 20 Jan: 2.30pm - 5pm

### AUSTRALASIAN MERCY SECONDARY SCHOOLS CONFERENCE

In the September holidays, Kearley Robinson and I were given the honour to represent St Patrick's College at the Australasian Mercy Secondary Schools Conference (AMSSA) in Sydney. The theme of the conference was 'Bridges of Mercy' with a focus on how we, as school students, can be that bridge and make a difference in our school and outer communities. We had inspiring seminars from several social justice groups including the Riddell Ecology Centre and the House of Welcome, and were given the chance to meet some refugees who made us dishes from their home countries. We had the amazing opportunity to visit Mary Mackillop Place and pray at her tomb on our Pilgrimage Day around North Sydney. We visited prestigious Mercy schools in Sydney, including Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College North Sydney and Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta. We were able to share Mercy initiatives with the other 70 students of various Mercy schools through our Social Justice Market. It was wonderful to see how Mercy is interpreted differently, and many of the students were very impressed with initiatives that our school has done this past year.

Kearley and I would like to give a huge thankyou to Mrs Hammond for giving us this amazing opportunity. We hope to share some programs and ideas that we took away from the conference very soon.

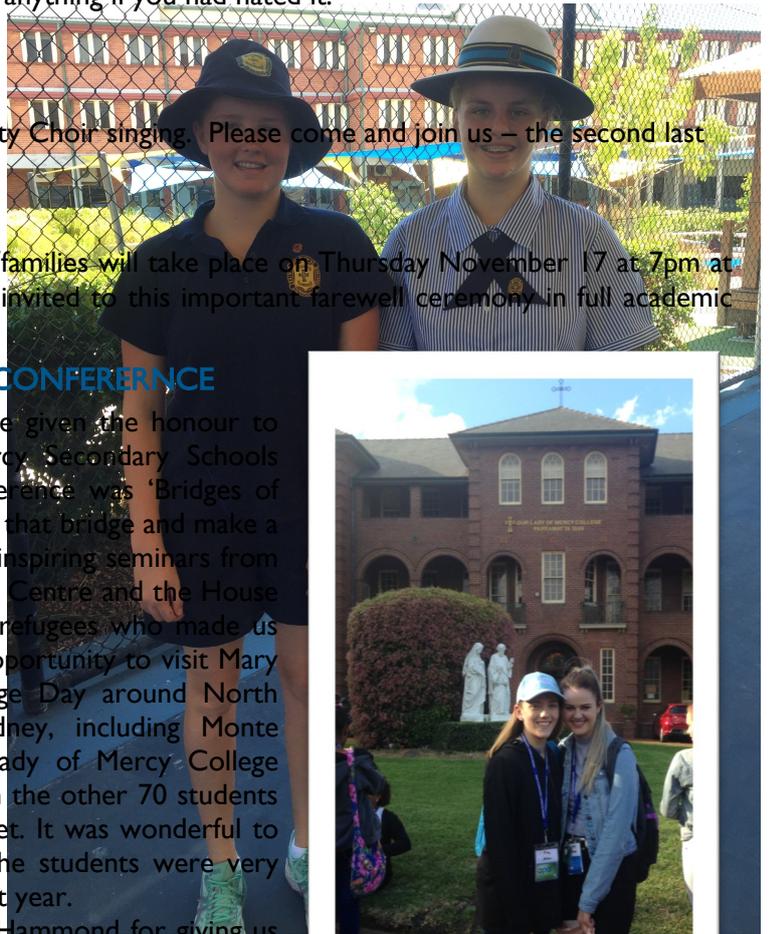
Riley Milton

## MERCY GIRLS IN ACTION

Hip Hip hooray! We have made it to Term 4 after a long but wonderful year. As we are head towards the end of the school year, we also become one step closer to the most wonderful time of the year - Christmas. However, there are many less fortunate and needy members within our community who may not experience a special Christmas the way we do. As such, Mercy Girls in Actions (MGIA) will again be launching our annual Christmas appeal: a St Vincent de Paul initiative, where the school helps to collect donations for families in need so that they can have a brighter Christmas. Each homeroom will be given three gift tags outlining what sort of items their homeroom is requested to donate. The Christmas appeal will be launched on Monday October 31 and will run until the end of the school year. All donations will be collected during homerooms on Mondays and Wednesday.

Please join together with us in the Christmas appeal to help create a wonderful and bright Christmas for our brothers and sisters within the community.

Vanessa Pangheem  
Faith and Identity Prefect



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## ACADEMIC NEWS

### UPCOMING EXAM BLOCKS

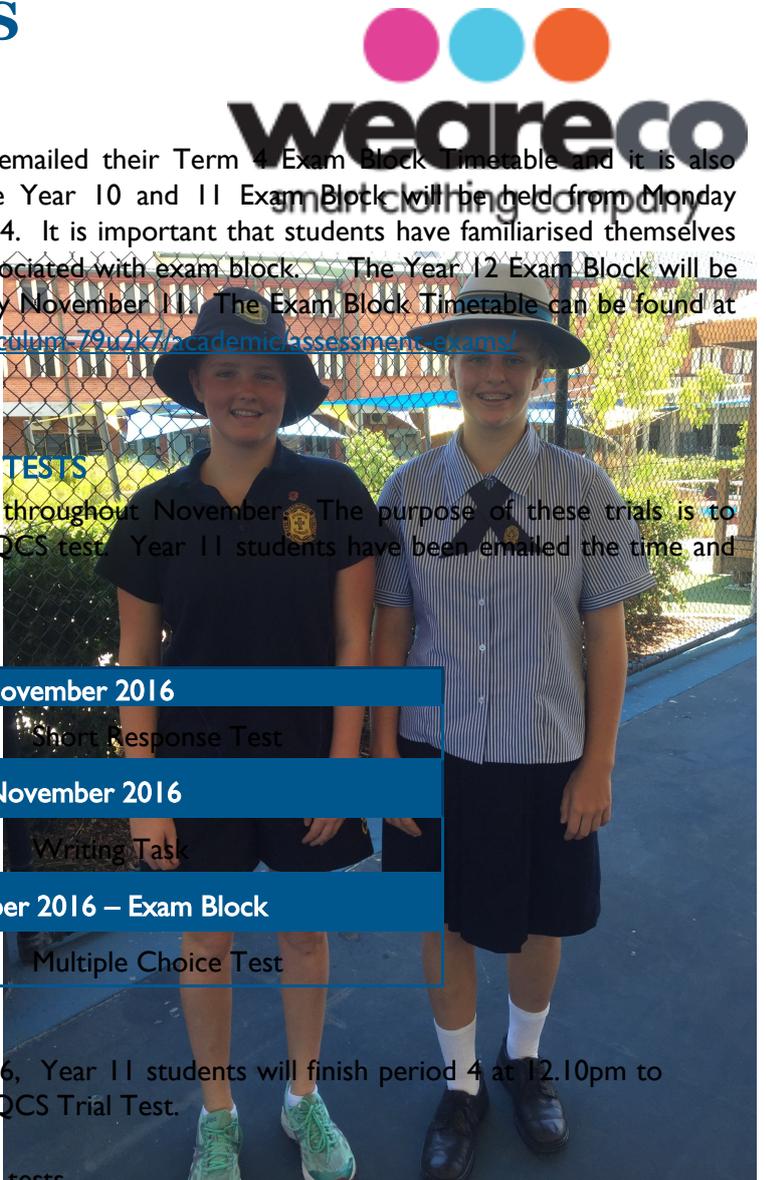
The College Uniform Shop is managed by designers and producers of the new uniform. It is located on site at the College. All students have been emailed their Term 4 Exam Block Timetable and it is also available on the College website. The Year 10 and 11 Exam Block will be held from Monday November 21 to Thursday November 24. It is important that students have familiarised themselves with the schedule and the conditions associated with exam block. The Year 12 Exam Block will be held from Monday November 7 to Friday November 11. The Exam Block Timetable can be found at <http://www.stpatscollege.qld.edu.au/curriculum-79u2k7/academicassessment-exams/>

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

### 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 been emailed the time and dates of the following trials:

- 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-12pm



Wednesday 2 November 2016	
12.45pm – 3.15pm	Short Response Test
Wednesday 16 November 2016	
2.45pm – 5pm	Writing Task
Wednesday 24 November 2016 – Exam Block	
1.15pm – 3.15pm	Multiple Choice Test

For a full listing of uniform requirements for 2017, as well as the uniform price list, please visit the College Uniform Shop website at <http://www.stpatscollege.qld.edu.au/parents/uniforms-stationery/>

On Wednesday November 2 and Wednesday November 16, 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.

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### NEW SENIOR ASSESSMENT AND TERTIARY ENTRANCE SYSTEM - REVISED TIMELINE

The Queensland Government has announced that a new senior assessment and tertiary entrance system will now start with Year 11 students in 2019. Previously, the new system was to start in 2018, however, the one year extension will ensure that teachers have sufficient support to become familiar with the new system as well as analysis of assessment trials that are currently occurring.

Our current Year 8 students will be the first graduates of this system completing Year 12 in 2020.

Amy Byrnes  
Director of Studies



## 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:**

<b>Monitor</b>	11 inch screen (or larger)
<b>Memory</b>	2GB of RAM or bigger
<b>Processor</b>	Dual Core Processor or better
<b>Operating System</b>	Windows 7, 8, 10 OSX 10 or better
<b>Peripherals:</b>	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:**

<b>Monitor</b>	13 inch screen (or larger)
<b>Memory</b>	4GB of RAM or bigger
<b>Processor</b>	Core i3 Processor or better
<b>Dedicated Graphics Card</b>	NVIDIA or ATI (Windows) IRIS Pro (Mac)
<b>Operating System</b>	Windows 7, 8, 10 — 5 —



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## 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



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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,

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