



Above | Our students with Fr Mick Peters at the Diocesan launch of the 2015 Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE

Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Sportswomen's Awards
Tuesday 27 October
St Patrick's College

Year 12 Speech Night
Monday 16 November
Townsville Civic Theatre

Year 12 Graduation Formal
Thursday 19 November
Rydges Southbank

Year 12 Graduation Mass & final day of school
Friday 20 November

Year 7 Transition Day
Tuesday 24 November

Years 7-11 Final Day
Friday 27 November

Term I 2016 Commences
Monday 25 January
(Years 7 & 12)
Wednesday 27 January
(All years)



I am looking forward to Speech Night which will be held on Monday 16 November, 2015 at the Civic Theatre. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of scholarship and leadership and is a major event in the school calendar. It is an expectation that all girls will attend this event regardless of whether or not they receive an award. All girls must wear school uniform for the occasion. The reading of award recipients will take place at school assembly on October 30, 2015.

Over the course of the next week, girls who have submitted applications will be interviewed by me as part of the process of appointing a College Captain for 2016. The girls will then be shortlisted and will address the College at Assembly. Following their speeches, girls in Year 10 and 11 will have the opportunity to show their support for their preferred candidate before announcements are made. The 2016 College Prefects will be announced at Speech Night.

To prepare for leadership next year, the Year 11 girls have been engaged in a series of leadership lectures and workshops which began at their Leadership Camp on Magnetic Island last term. In particular they have been exploring the characteristics of effective leaders, how to set a direction as well as giving consideration to the legacy they will leave. The work we do in preparing our young women for leadership is crucial as research tells us that women bring inclusion, empathy, communication, fresh ideas and fresh solutions to organisations; to sum up, women are good for business. At St Patrick's College we work to set the foundation for effective leadership and in particular, we explain to girls that they must support other women, develop confidence and take risks by putting themselves forward. We expect our girls to take up future roles where they use their influence to make a positive difference in the world.

I am very aware that when leadership roles are announced very capable girls may miss out on an official mandate to lead, however, these decisions are made at a point in time through nominations from coordinators of activities and expressions of support from teaching staff and from the students in the Year 10 and 11 cohorts. At times, such systems may seem imperfect and it is unfortunate that some girls will not get what they hoped for and this hurts. We have no way of protecting our girls from this as it is part of life and many of us know that we don't always get what we want. That doesn't mean that we don't look for the next opportunity to strive for what we desire; this is the resilience that we talk about – it is more than bouncing back, it is moving forward with even greater vigour and success than before. Whether a girl is a captain or not in Year 12 does not limit the opportunities for her to lead in Year 12 nor the rest of her life. Many of our current Year 12 girls do not wear a leadership badge though they still impress me as role models who promote a spirit of service, contribute great ideas and encourage others in a positive way. We wouldn't expect any less from all of our senior girls at St Patrick's College.

God bless, *Paulina*

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



YEAR 12 RESULTS

The QCAA has advised that individual QCS Test grades will be available on the Student Connect website, QCAA secure site and School Portal from **9 am on Wednesday 18 November**. Year 12 results, OPs and FPs on the Student Connect will be available on the website from **9 am on Saturday 19 December**.

It is important that if students are upset, feeling overwhelmed or just need a chat, that they make contact with myself or Ms Rentoule, to assist them where possible.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS

Australian universities are currently accepting applications from international students for study in 2016.

International students may apply via QTAC similar to domestic students, however for a faster response it is often better to apply direct to the university. This may reduce the turn-around time for processing of VISA applications, for students from certain countries. Those students who have already commenced their applications need to ensure these are completed prior to the end of November. International students who are wanting to attend an Australian university next year, but have not commenced these applications need to see myself or Ms Gray as soon as possible.

Allison Elcoate
Acting Deputy Principal

FAITH AND IDENTITY



LAUNCH OF SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement for 2015/16 was launched in the Townsville Diocese on Saturday 10 October at St Joseph's Church, North Ward. The parish of St Joseph's with the assistance of our St Patrick's College students hosted the event.

The title of this year's Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement is 'For Those Who've Come Across the Seas'. It challenges Australians to think again about our national response to asylum seekers, especially those who come to Australia by sea. It invites us to recognise the desperation that has driven these people to seek refuge far from their homes.

The statement's title, taken from the words of our National Anthem, is intended to remind all Australians of how this nation has aspired to be a place of welcome and inclusion.

The statement takes its inspiration from the actions and words of Pope Francis on his 2013 visit to the Italian island of Lampedusa, where he met the survivors of a refugee tragedy and mourned for those who had died. Pope Francis said: 'Has anyone of us wept for these persons who were on the boat? For the young mothers carrying their babies, for these men who were looking for a means of supporting their families? We are a society which has forgotten how to weep, how to experience compassion, how to suffer with others.'

We are encouraged to find out the facts and then look for a way to raise awareness in our own community. Find a way to support these people. At the very least pray for them regularly.

Anne-Marie Hammond
Assistant Principal - Faith & Identity

MUSIC NEWS

We wish to extend our thanks to 4th Sunday Folk Music, for their generous gift of sponsorship in the Australian Traditional Dance Ensemble Section in next year's Townsville Eisteddfod.

Past student Jill Fulton and her husband John have donated a copy of the music publication *Australian Traditional Dance Tunes* along with a CD of recordings to the College. Thank you to David South from 4th Sunday Folk Music, and to the Fultons for their most kind and thoughtful donation. We hope that our girls will relish the opportunity to play and learn in a folk music group, as well as establish a revival of the old colonial folk music and dance tunes among our young musicians at the College. If you would like more information regarding forming a folk music ensemble at the College, please see Miss Katherine in the Music Centre.



Above | Back row (L – R): Strings student Bethany Holloway, Dave South, John Fulton, past student Jill Fulton. Front (L-R): Lexi Gorton and Katherine Murphy

JAPANESE NEWS

In Term 3, Year 8 students have learnt how to order/serve food in a restaurant in Japanese. In order to put what they've learnt into practice, they visited a the local Japanese restaurant at the end of the term. It was a great way to complete the unit.

Year 9 students have learnt about Japanese celebration and festivals and how they celebrate special days and festivals. In Japan, fireworks, festival food stalls, gold fish scoops and yoyo fishing are some of the things people enjoy at the festivals. They also wear a traditional Japanese summer Kimono called Yukata. It wasn't as easy as it looked, but all students had a go at wearing a Yukata.



Above | Year 8 students putting into practice what they have learned - ordering food in Japanese at the local Japanese restaurant.

FILM PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

During National Science Week 2015, St Patrick's College students participated in a film photography workshop. The girls took the following pictures with a sprocket rocket camera and a Nikon F100, which was the last of the professional film camera made by Nikon before the switch to digital. The film was developed, then scanned to make it a digital file.



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN SCHOOLS (VETIS)

The VET programme allows students to undertake vocational education and training courses while they are still at school. Level III Certificates can also be used to determine a selection rank required for university entry.

Vocational education and training is learning which is directly related to work. Courses are developed by industry to give people the knowledge and skills they need to work in a particular job. You can undertake vocational education and training at school:

- as part of your school studies;
- by enrolling in a course at a registered training organisation; or
- as a school-based apprentice or trainee.

The Government funding model has changed considerably and this means that some Certificate II Level Qualifications are cost free to students and other qualifications attract a fee.

St Patrick's College works in partnership with external RTOs to deliver qualification courses. Mrs Maria Franettovich works with Binnacle Training, a reputable and experienced RTO based in Brisbane to offer the Certificate III Business to Year 11/12 students in 2016. Mr Ian Jones works with TAFE North and offers the Certificate II and III in Hospitality. Mr McCluskey works with Binnacle Training to deliver Certificate III in Sport in Recreation.

There is a cost involved and it is up to parents to make the decision of whether their daughter will participate in these courses. Students can only study ONE fee free Level II qualification whilst they are at school.

TAFE North continues to offer the WEDNESDAY VETIS Programme where students can study a Certificate level II qualification that is completed in one year at the Pimlico or Bohle Campus.

<http://training.qld.gov.au/training-organisations/funded-programs/vetis.html>

SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships allow high school students - typically Years 11 and 12 - to work with an employer as paid employees, while studying for their senior certificate. At the same time, students undertake a training qualification with a supervising registered training organization, chosen by both the employer and the student.

A school-based apprentice's or trainee's employment and/or training arrangements must impact on their school timetable for the program to be considered school based. The benefits of undertaking a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship include:

- receiving both an education and a job
- being a step ahead of the competition for jobs
- learning the latest knowledge and skills
- getting paid while they learn
- working towards achieving a nationally recognised qualification
- gaining hands-on experience in a real job
- gaining the skills and experience to help them go on to tertiary study
- experiencing a great way to move from school to work
- gaining a sense of achievement.

Doing a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship is a great start to their career.

Read more about [school-based apprenticeships and traineeships on the Apprenticeships Info website](#)

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Ms Catherine Rentoule via email

crentoule@stpatscollege.qld.edu.au

COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

GRADUATION

A reminder to all families attending the Year 12 Graduation Formal, ALL tickets that have been booked must be paid for by October 30. Any places booked and not paid for by that date will be cancelled. We have had a number of requests for extra tickets and will be able to assess this once all payments have been made. It may be possible if a table is not full, for example, to allow the families on that table to purchase another one or two tickets to fill that table.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM REQUEST

If anyone has a second hand uniform they would like to sell (size 14/16) please contact the office.

LAURA GEITZ NETBALL CLINICS

TUESDAY 17 November, 2015
Townsville City Netball Association
For enquiries please call 4778 4794 or book online at <http://www.qldcountryhealth.com.au/laura-geitz-netball-clinics>

STUDENT BUS TRAVEL REBATES - SEMESTER 2, 2015

Bus Fare Assistance:

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council boundary?**
- Does your family spend more than **\$33/week*** on fares to and from school (* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** not owned or associated with the school?

Students with Disabilities:

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Has your school's learning support teacher assessed your child's **travel capability rating** as 'semi-independent' or more dependent?

Visit our website to see if you qualify for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport and apply at www.schooltransport.com.au by 31 October 2015. Late applications cannot be accepted.



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The Principal of St Patrick's College Townsville
Ms Paulina Skerman

Requests your company at the

St Patrick's College Speech Night

Monday 16 November 2015
6.30pm for 7.00pm
Townsville Civic Theatre

Guest Speaker:
Graduating student of 2001
Ms Belinda Pola
Senior Advisor to the Minister for Finance

RSVP: For reserved seats,
please email rsvp@stpatcollege.qld.edu.au
Friday 6 November, 2015

WHERE AMBITION MEETS COMPASSION