



Above | St Patrick's College Rugby 7s Team in Canberra, 29 March 2019

ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE

NEWS UPDATE TERM 1 | WEEK 10 | 2019

Message from the Principal



As we approach the end of Term 1, many of our teachers and students will be looking forward to a well-earned rest. It has been an extraordinary time that began in a tumultuous way for many of us, as we came to terms with the consequences of a natural disaster. Added to this, the implementation of the new Senior curriculum for our Year 11 students across the State has also been a big change in the way curriculum is delivered; like anything new there have been many learnings along the way and there will continue to be until we see our first group graduate at the end of 2020. Our teachers have approached the delivery of this program in a professional manner; they have attended many learning workshops and have collaborated with their colleagues in schools across Townsville and the State to ensure that our girls are being well prepared. Our Year 11 girls will begin Term 2 with a series of workshops aimed at building strategies to further develop their confidence and skills in approaching external examinations.

This term we also introduced The Learning Hub to our students. This online learning management system provides a single platform to connect, communicate and collaborate with parents, teachers, students and the broader community. Using the latest pedagogy, it allows us to track student progress and powers innovative teaching and learning. It is designed to enable girls to access lesson resources and activities, as well as assessment tasks at any time. We have seen a significant uptake of the Hub with students turning to this important resource to further engage in learning.

Tickets are now on sale for our Combined Schools Musical, *The Addams Family* and the response has already been fantastic! We have had to be very adaptable this year as damage from the flood has meant that we are unable to use the Civic Theatre for this performance, which sees us instead using the Port of Townsville, Quayside Terminal to host the production. Rehearsals are progressing well and this weekend will see the first full run of Act 1.

Congratulations to our Rugby 7s girls who competed in the Canberra Grammar Rugby 7s Tournament on the weekend, our first ever sporting tour! The girls placed third overall progressing to the semi-finals after defeating Canberra Grammar School, St Scholasticas and Nowra Anglican College.

A big congratulations also to Clarise Foster in Year 12 who has been nominated by Connect 'N' Grow for School-based Trainee of the Year.

Open Evening drew a substantial crowd this year with almost 600 visitors to the College. At this stage, we have a waiting list for Year 7 Day students for 2020 and enrolments for Boarding are also filling fast. Students wishing to enrol in 2021 are invited to submit applications to Mrs Joanna Pacey our Enrolments Registrar.

Thanks to the many women in our community who chose to join us for our Career Women's Breakfast this year. We are very appreciative of their time, wisdom and the support they show our Senior girls as career mentors. Mrs Simone Walters, Director of Waltlec Industries and past pupil, presented an inspirational address for our girls on this occasion. A second breakfast will be held in November.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter. May you have the gladness of Easter, which is Hope, the promise of Easter, which is Peace and the spirit of Easter which is Love.

Blessings,
Paulina

Upcoming Events

School Holidays
8 April – 23 April

Student Free Day
Tuesday 23 April

Term 2 Commences
Wednesday 24 April

ANZAC Day Liturgy
Wednesday 24 April

ANZAC Day March
Thursday 25 April

Academic Conferences
Thursday 2 May

Interhouse Cross
Country
Friday 3 May

Diligence Assembly
Wednesday 8 May



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Amber Hauff

Assessment has been completed for Term 1 and students have been able to receive constructive and meaningful feedback from their teachers via the Student Café portal. Now that students have this information, the focus turns to them using this feedback to improve. The end of a term is the optimum time to reflect and refocus, set new goals for Term 2 and work on study skills that may require development.

Some areas for development may include:

ORGANISATION SKILLS

- Students may wish to improve their organisation skills and seek help from their Pastoral Care Teacher/Head of Year or Head of House to use their diary more effectively. The College Diary is a wonderful tool for students to use to plan their week, term or semester and contains pages for plotting assessment and keeping a record of work requiring completion across subjects.
- Organisation with equipment is also an area that may require improvement. Bringing a fully charged laptop each day to school provides the basic learning tool to access our Learning Hub and e-Texts. We understand that at times we can have issues with devices and for those occasions students know they can borrow a College laptop for a lesson if required.

STUDY APPROACHES

- Using effective study techniques is an area that can always be refined. The College provides sessions to students at various times through their Head of Year/Head of House & the Studies Office. There are also a range of resources available to students online. Good quality resources are typically found on university websites and are still relevant for school students. Some examples of these resources are:
 - [UQ Studying Effectively Tips](#)
 - [JCU – The Learning Centre](#)
 - [University of Melbourne – Improving Motivation and Avoiding Procrastination](#)
 - [University of Melbourne – Work Smarter not Harder](#)

GOAL SETTING

- At the last assembly, I spoke with the students about defining the two different types of goals that students can set: “be” goals and “do” goals. In other words, who do they want to be and what do they want to achieve? I also went on to explain that it is important to revisit goals regularly and get intentional about actioning behaviours in order to achieve them. Goals should also be visible in their study space. A simple way to structure goals is using the SMART Goal approach:
 - SMART goals are: S = Specific, M = Measurable, A = Attainable, R = Relevant, Rigorous, Realistic, and Results Focused, T = Timely and Trackable. [Developing SMART Goals Guidelines.](#)

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students and families a restful and safe Easter holiday break and look forward to seeing students return on Wednesday, 24 April 2019.



ACADEMIC NEWS

Amy Byrnes
Director of Studies

Term 1 has posed some challenges like no other, and I hope that throughout this holiday period, students use the time to reflect on the term and refresh for Term 2. It is important that students utilise this down time to recharge their batteries and set new goals for the term ahead.

TERM 1 REPORTING

Term 1 Reports will be emailed this week. The first academic report card for the year is a progress report indicating how your daughter is progressing behaviourally and in her work ethic across her subjects. If you do not receive your Term 1 Report Card, please check your junk mail or alternatively contact the College office so that it can be re-sent to you.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Academic Conferencing will be held on two dates in 2019. These dates are:

- Thursday, 2 May 2019 (3.30pm to 7pm). Bookings for these sessions will close on Wednesday, 1 May 2019 (3.30pm)
- Thursday, 9 May 2019 (3.30pm to 5pm). Bookings for these sessions will close on Wednesday, 8 May 2019 (3.30pm)

All Academic Conference bookings can be made by accessing: <https://sobs.com.au/pt3/parent.php?schoolid=29>. An email will be sent to all parents/caregivers when online bookings open.

These conferences are a time for parents/carers and students to discuss academic goals and progress in academic subjects. All parents and carers are welcome to attend these conferences and students must attend with their parent/carer in their College academic uniform. To prepare for academic conferencing, all students have been given an Academic Conferencing Student Reflection Booklet. This booklet is also available on the College website at: <https://www.stpatscollege.qld.edu.au/parents-v88by7/academic-conferences/>

Further details relating to booking Academic Conferences will be forwarded via email with the Term 1 Report, however, bookings can also be made through the College office by contacting Melissa Cowan (mcowan@stpatscollege.qld.edu.au).

DILIGENCE ASSEMBLY

Following on from Term 1 Reporting, the College will hold its Diligence Assembly on Wednesday, 8 May 2019 (Week 3, Term 2). Students who meet the criteria for a Diligence Award will be sent an invitation for this event during the Term 1 holidays. These awards recognise the continuing efforts and diligence of students towards their studies.

YEAR 11 ATAR PREPARATION AND SUPPORT

All Year 11 students will be involved in the abovementioned program on Wednesday, 24 April 2019. The day will be presented by Elevate Education and aims to prepare students for assessment changes as part of the new Senior Assessment and Tertiary Entrance (SATE) system introduced in Queensland in 2019. The schedule for this day has been emailed to all Year 11 parents/carers and students.

ACADEMIC NEWS CONTINUED

TERM 2 UPCOMING DATES - SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING

The College is holding a Subject Selection Information Evening on Monday 10 June 2019. Please ensure you save this date as this is a compulsory event for all current Year 8 students progressing into year 9 in 2020 and all current year 10 students progressing into Year 11 in 2020. Further details on this evening will be published in upcoming newsletters.



DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS

Cameran Triffett

It has been a busy and productive start to 2019. The students have approached the recent assessment period with maturity and commitment, and we are looking forward to acknowledging and celebrating their persistence and hard work at the Diligence Assembly on Wednesday, 8 May. More information about these reports, Academic Conferences and the Diligence Assembly will be provided by the Director of Studies in this Newsletter and in a letter coming home with your daughter's reports.

I hope all students and their families enjoy a restful Easter break.

TERM 2 REMINDERS

Easter Monday is April 22. There is a Student Free day Tuesday, 23 April. Students return and classes resume on Wednesday, 24 April 2019.

ANZAC DAY PARADE & DAWN SERVICE THURSDAY, 25 APRIL 2019

ANZAC Day is nationally recognised as a day to pay respect to and acknowledge those Australian and New Zealand service men and women who lost their lives in War over the past 100 years. St Patrick's College Townsville has a long and proud association with the parade and this year we will again support the ANZAC Day service commemorations.

Information and a permission note went home inviting our students to be involved in representing the College at the Anzac Day March on The Strand. (Details shown below).

- DATE:** Thursday, 25 April 2019
VENUE: Strand Park
ARRIVAL TIME: Students are asked to arrive at Strand Park by 8:00 am. Boarding students will depart the College at 7:45am with Boarding Staff and walk to Strand Park.
DISMISSAL TIME: Parade to conclude at approximately 9.30 am. Please meet your daughter at ANZAC Park. Students who are not collected will be brought back to the Boarding House to await collection.
UNIFORM: Full Academic uniform, including black polished shoes and Panama hat.

DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS (CONTINUED)

CROSS COUNTRY

The 2019 House Cross Country Competition will take place on Friday 3 May during Lessons 5 & 6. The students will run a course which begins on the Strand out front of the College. They will run up to the Rockpool and back. Parents are welcome to come and watch their daughters compete.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Term 2 usually sees a slight change in the weather in the tropics. Parents/carers and students are reminded that the College Sports Jacket is **not** to be worn with the College Academic Uniform. College jumpers can be purchased from the Wearitto Uniform Shop, which is located at 263 Charters Towers Road, Mysterton.

- Monday: 8.00am - 11.00am
- Tuesday: 12.30pm - 4.30pm
- Wednesday: 12.30pm - 4.30pm
- Thursday: 8.00am - 11.00am
- Friday: 8.00am - 11.00am



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Chris Pacey
Head of Faculty

TURTLE RELEASE

On Friday, 29 March St Patrick's College students braved the wet weather to support Reef HQ's turtle release on Townsville's Strand.

Two turtles – Arvo and Nat – were returned to the ocean following their successful rehabilitation at Reef HQ's Turtle Hospital.

St Patrick's College students led the cheer as the turtles were carried down the beach – proudly supporting the event as part of the St Patrick's College Reef Guardian Club.

Students at St Patrick's College are actively encouraged to engage in STEM subjects and the College has a number of innovative extracurricular programs available to promote this field of study, including Marine Science, on offer for our year 11 & 12 girls. To learn more, please see: <https://www.stpatscollege.qld.edu.au/curriculum-79u2k7/academic/stem-yc7p5s/>



Above | Members of St Patrick's College Reef Guardian Club attending the Reef HQ Turtle Release on the Strand on Friday 29 March



HPE & SPORT #ACTIVELikeAPatsGirl

Tenille Hambly
Head of Faculty

On Friday 29 March, 10 St Patrick's College students along with Mrs Christie and Mrs Wood, departed to Canberra for their Rugby 7s tour. The girls had been training for eight weeks leading into the competition.

Students were accommodated at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) 'Athletes Village' which is home to many professional Australian athletes that use the AIS as their training base.

Despite the chilly 8 degree weather, the team played three outstanding pool games against Canberra Grammar School, Nowra Anglican College and St Scholastica's Sydney during their Tournament on 30 March. Across all three pool games, they only had five points scored against them and an outstanding 128 points scored by them! This saw the girls progress through to the semi-finals as top of their pool.

The team knew that the semi-final was going to be a challenge as they were to take on the West Coast Falcons (a club team from Sydney), and whilst they put on incredible brave faces and worked hard in both attack and defence (in the chilling Canberra winds and rain), the Falcons came out on top with a final score of 22-10. The team is to be commended for placing 3rd overall in what was a very competitive tournament hosted by Canberra Grammar.

With the tournament complete, the team had an opportunity to explore Canberra including: AIS, Telstra Tower, Canberra Centre, Questacon, Lake Burleigh Griffin, Embassy Drive, The Lodge (the Prime Minister's House) and the Australian War Memorial. The girls were even lucky enough to sneak in a visit to Parliament House on Monday morning where St Patrick's alumnus, MP Cathy O'Toole came to greet them.

Over all, the 10 girls represented St Patrick's College beautifully, and should be incredibly proud of their efforts and their overall sporting ability! Congratulations to the entire team:

Lynette Bosuen
Jowinah Mipari
Flora Nona
Jermia Ahmat-Nona
Tabie Sagigi
Shaniqua Ahmat
Patricia Mabo
Ebithia Reimann
Ruby Audas-Ryan
Katrice Foster



Above | The St Patrick's College Rugby 7s Team enjoyed some sightseeing during their Tournament weekend and were excited to meet MP Cathy O'Toole at Parliament House.



MATHEMATICS & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

Adam Juang
Head of Faculty Mathematics & Digital Technologies

During this term, half of the Year 7 cohort has been enrolled in an innovative STEM Coding course that integrates Coding, Technology and Mathematics. Students have been busy designing and creating their own masterpieces of digital art using JavaScript, one of the most commonly used programming languages in the world. The below collage of images represents just a small collection of our students' unlimited creativity in Digital Technologies.



Year 9 and 10 students in the Design and Technology course on the other hand, have been developing interactive and animated effects in their digital artefacts.

Please check out Year 9 Kirsten Jorgensen's fantastic creation by following the link: https://editor.p5js.org/l7kjorgensen/present/WAwO_PMXD and moving your mouse around to

see if you can discover all the ingenious hidden surprises. Well done to all of the students involved in these activities throughout the term.



LIBRARY NEWS

Alice Manning
Teacher-Librarian

What an eventful start to the new school year in the Library. We began the term with a wonderful display of the College's history – complete with model dolls showcasing the school uniforms over the years. The first of our library activities kicked off with our "Shelf-ie" competition. Students turned creative, photographing themselves with book covers replacing their faces or bodies. Congratulations to the following students awarded prizes in this competition: Jamie Mohr & Indigo Weddell Year 9 (1st Place), Grace Fisher Year 7 (2nd Place), Madaya McMillan, Danika McMillan & Savannah Burney Year 8 (3rd Place).

We then asked students to take a chance on their next book with a "Lucky Dip". Students were also invited to submit a review of their blindly selected books to go in the draw for a mystery prize. The lucky winner will be announced in Term 2.

We've also supported International Women's Day with a selection of great stories about inspirational women on display for students and staff to borrow. We have re-vamped our games collection and there are new books arriving every month. The term has finished with a hand-picked collection of great holiday reads and a timely reminder that we have access to 2500 online books through Wheeler's: <https://stpatcollegetownsville.wheelers.co/> Access is with your school email and the password: library!



CREATIVE ARTS & DRAMA

Alyssa Kelly
Head of Faculty, Arts

The drama department has been bustling with activity during Term I as they prepare to host the Combined Schools Musical, *The Addams Family*. The musical is held in conjunction with St Margaret Mary's College and Ignatius Park College. This week tickets were released for the 6—8 June performances, to be held at the Quayside Terminal, with the generous support of the Port of Townsville.

Due to the weather event earlier in the year, students have had to work extra hard to make up for lost time. This has meant longer rehearsals and, with the absence of technical luxuries available at the Civic Theatre, more stage time for puppeteers to bring on vital pieces for the actors to interact with. All round, this show is shaping up to be a magnificent performance suitable for all audiences. Tickets are selling fast, with 280 already sold. Tickets can be purchased online at: <https://www.trybooking.com/BBXKK>

Planning is also underway for a matinee performance on the morning of 6 June to be open to Yr 7 students at participating schools and a select group of Yr 6 students from local primary schools. Please "Like" and monitor the College's [Facebook](#) account for updates.



Above | Will Wednesday and Lucas be able to overcome the differences between their families?



HOSPITALITY PRACTICES

Camille Flores
Teacher - Business & Food Technology

Real-world experience is an important element of the Hospitality Practices course on offer to our Year 11 & 12 students. As part of the Food Trends Unit, Yr 12 students planned and produced an exciting catering menu filled with international flavours and street-style food. The Yr 11 students kick-started their journey into the hospitality industry this Term with the delivery of an operational coffee cart filled with a selection of coffees and baked treats, including gluten-free options. Both Units culminated into the delectable "Eat Street" display showcased at the College's Open Evening event, held on Friday, 15 March.

The Yr 12 students wowed our visitors with a menu that included classic Indian butter chicken, grilled Hawaiian-style chicken skewers and traditional Island Sop Sop. In addition, the Yr 12 students served platters of Italian inspired canapés, including meatballs w/ Napoli sauce and antipasto skewers.

The Yr 11 students offered a range of hot beverages at their coffee cart and proved themselves to be skilled baristas serving up cappuccinos and the like. Their assortments of baked goodies included rocky road, classic fudge brownies, chocolate chip cookies, as well as gluten-free chocolate fudge muffins and salted peanut butter cookies. Yum!



Above | Yr 12 students served up a feast at the 2019 Open Night.

EXTRACURRICULAR NEWS

STRAND RUNNING CLUB

CHRIS PACEY

Nearly 90 students signed up for St Patrick's College 'Strand Running Club' earlier this term and have now been running The Strand for the past four weeks. This Club has a number of goals focussed around improving health and mind, and provides a great opportunity at the same time to socialise and take in the wonderful views. This is a great chance for students to help prepare for the upcoming Interhouse and Interschool cross country and they will get the chance to learn about the importance of stretching, strategizing and motivation. Throughout the year, the Running Club will also provide information about upcoming fitness events around town such as Townsville's Running Festival, Trail runs and charity runs.



Above | Strand Running Club members completing a lap of The Strand.

Miss Stewart, Miss Qualischesfki, Mr Goulter, Mr Pacey and Ms Skerman are all members of the Running Club and they would love to see even more girls come and join the fun. For interested students, the Club currently operates Wednesday afternoons and Friday mornings and students need to collect both a permission form from the office and email Mr Pacey to join the email list.

CAPTURE@STPATS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

JANE PERKINS

The implementation of the Learning Hub this year has enabled members of Capture@StPats to more easily submit to photographic challenges, provide comments and feedback to each other via an integrated blog, and view galleries of photographic collections submitted by students. We have had a fantastic start to the year with over 90 students registering their interest. Submissions have closed for self-portraits, black & white photos, and holiday snaps. We have been hugely impressed with the quality of work being submitted by our photographers!

Please enjoy a selection of this terms submissions. Congratulations ladies on your creativity and hard work, and as always, Happy Snapping!



Lest We Forget

St Patrick's College Townsville

invites you to join us for our

ANZAC DAY LITURGY

WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL

8.45am - 9.40am



NOW ACCEPTING ENROLMENTS FOR
YEAR 7—2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Principal's Open Hour

Thursday 9 May 9.00AM

Please RSVP to rsvp@stpatscollege.qld.edu.au

or by calling 4753 0300 by Thursday 2 May.

