

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

“Let your light shine.”

There is something of an imperative in those words “let your light shine”. There is also an element of confidence in the possibility that “let *your* light shine.” It seems appropriate to take time to reflect on what transpires during a young student’s journey at Mount Saint Bernard College, to make such confidence feasible.

The desired outcome of education at Mount Saint Bernard College is that each member of our family will become for the world, a beacon, letting their talents shine. This radiance of light, captured in the star symbol in our College crest, is one that reflects the light and love of Christ.

What is the secret recipe that we have which can allow us to add some reality to the rhetoric of the call, “let your light shine”? It seems to me that the growth and development of our young emanates through balancing the creative tension between what we learn and how we live out what we learn, within the context of Mount Saint Bernard College.

So can we shine? If so, when will we shine?

Michael Barbagallo, one of our College Captains, recently shared his wisdom when challenged by this question. He said, “It doesn’t matter how tall the tree grows, or how long it takes to grow. The critical issue is whether or not it bears fruit which is of a high quality.”

I would like to thank the students, staff, clergy, College Board, P & F, Sister’s of Mercy and Catholic Education Cairns for a wonderful 2007.



Mr Hadyn Flynn addressing students and staff St Bernard’s Feast Day Liturgy.