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Principal

16th August 2019

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Principal's Report



***“Do all you
can to assist
and love one
another”.***

Mary MacKillop

28.1.1890

Mount St Bernard College is continuing to look to grow and develop as a secondary college. So far this year the College sought a variety of forms of feedback to inform both short and longer term strategic goals for improvement. There have been three key data collections this year:

- 1. Boarding Australia (now Indigenous Education & Boarding Australia) boarding review** – Boarding Australia uses a framework aligned to the National Boarding Standard to review boarding schools and facilities. This included reviewing:
 - Practical design for new building and renovation projects including student accommodation;
 - Recruitment and workforce issues;
 - Mentoring and professional development;
 - Quality improvement and risk assessment;
 - Identification of project partners and community engagement opportunities;
 - Indigenous education;
 - Working with remote and rural students;
 - Responses to State and Federal inquiries.
- 2. Student, Staff and Parent Satisfaction Surveys** – the College engaged the professional services of MYP Corporation to undertake school surveys to ascertain feedback on areas such as Catholic ethos, leadership of the college, teaching and learning, student protection and community engagement.
- 3. QELi (Queensland Educational Leadership Institute) Independent Review** - QELi Reviews provide quality independent feedback on the effectiveness of school practices and process for school improvement. The review process identifies areas that are strengths of the school and areas for improvements.

Thank you to all parents, students and staff for their feedback in one or more of the above reviews. Results are due in the coming weeks and significant time during the remainder of the year will be dedicated to interpreting results and setting goals.

Last Thursday was the feast of St Mary MacKillop. From an early age, Mary MacKillop, who was born and grew up in Victoria, longed to leave all she loved and live for God alone by serving those in the greatest need. Mary was a woman who raised the powers of love in her time and continues to inspire us to do the same in our day. Love was at the heart of all that Mary did. She recognised that the source of her love had its origin in God.

Ian Margetts -Principal



We take inspiration from this legacy as well as quotes like “Do all you can to assist and love one another”. (Mary MacKillop 28.1.1890).

Mary MacKillop Prayer

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop
We ask that you grant our request.
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.

We ask this through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mary MacKillop

<https://www.sosj.org.au/our-foundress-mary-mackillop/inspiration-from-mary/>

*Many Voices.
One Spirit.*



Assistant Principal - Mission



Mr Matt de Jong

NET Visit:

During the week of Monday 5th till Friday the 9th August the National Evangelisation Team were here to give retreat days to our years 7 to 11 students. Each year level had a day with the team in Mercy Hall and were led through an age appropriate theme on an aspect of Catholic Christianity. Thanks to the nine young people who witnessed their faith to our students. NET is a Catholic peer to peer youth ministry that puts into action the Church's mission to evangelise and disciple young people.

Catholic Education Week:

Two weeks ago on Wednesday 31st July, M.S.B. hosted the Western Deanery Mass for Catholic Education Week. Our mass was celebrated by Frs. Michael, Dariusz and Rob with assistance from Deacons Ralph and Alban. Staff and student leaders from St. Stephen's and St. Thomas of Villanova Mareeba, St. Joseph's Atherton, St. Theresa's Ravenshoe and St. Augustine's Mossman attended. Several invited guests from Catholic Education Services Cairns and the College Board also attended. A great celebration was had by all. Thanks goes to those students who participated as each school had at least two students directly involved in the mass. Thanks also goes to Mrs Sarah Riber and Mr Brendan Akers and the MSB choir who led us in the singing. After the mass, guests, MSB staff and year 12's were invited to morning tea and a celebratory cake was cut and consumed. Thanks to Serena and her staff in the kitchen who provided a magnificent morning tea, all of which was gratefully eaten. A special mention to Mrs Kerry Winslet and her senior hospitality students who served hot drinks to our guests on a cold morning.

Musings:

In a busy, busy year... there was a busy, busy semester.
In a busy, busy semester... there was a busy, busy term.
In a busy, busy term... there was a busy, busy week.
In a busy, busy week... there was a busy, busy day.



That the Church, inspired by the example of St. Mary of the Cross may continue to reach out to those in need. May we recognise the dignity of every person, from conception to natural death.

That our faith community of Mount St. Bernard College may be inspired by the example of St. Mary of the Cross to be extraordinary in the ordinary things we do. Let us bring joy and justice to those we encounter.

Just as St. Mary of the Cross suffered many difficulties throughout her life, may we be blessed with patience, humility and the grace to persevere through our own struggles. We pray especially for our rural and remote communities.

For those in our community that are suffering, sick or in need. May the healing power of Christ be with them. Let our Touchstone of Inclusive Community lead us to meet them where they are.

For those who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus. May the world recognise the power of love and the dignity of religious freedom.

Inspired by the life and example of St. Mary of the Cross, may our own needs be met through trust in the Gospel of Jesus, our hope for a liberating education, and our work for justice and solidarity.



Matt de Jong
Assistant Principal - Mission

Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing Report



What is the role of the Student Protection Contacts?

Who are the Student Protection Contacts at MSB?

Recently families, staff and students were asked to take part in the annual "School Satisfaction Survey". Although it is difficult for many of our caregivers to access this, we did receive some great responses. We will be looking at ways to improve caregivers ability to engage with the survey in 2020.



Ms Jenny Rossiter

A great deal of very interesting data and opinions came from the survey results. Student Protection was one of the areas that was highlighted as needing some more information and explanation. **So what is Student Protection?**

Catholic Education Services through MSB has a commitment to providing a safe, supportive, inclusive and positive place for students to be educated.

In order to keep the young people in our care safe and assist them if they experience anything that is troubling for them it is mandatory for staff working in school to:

- **reduce the likelihood of harm to children,**
- **create conditions that increase the likelihood of identifying and reporting harm, and**
- **respond appropriately to disclosures, allegations or suspicions of harm.**

More detailed information around our Student protection policies and procedures can be found here:

<https://www.cns.catholic.edu.au/about/student-protection/>



So then to the next part of the question - Who are our MSB Student Protection Contacts and what do they do?

Ian Margetts

Jenny Rossiter

Scott Whitters

Kerry Hobson

Karen Rolfe

Principal

AP Wellbeing

AP Residential

Counsellor

WS Pastoral Care

These five people are the main MSB staff that students, staff or other community members would go to if they were concerned about the behaviour of a staff member, other student or other person. These people have training in how to help young people get the support they need and report the concerns to the relevant authorities.

The aim of Student Protection is to uphold our commitment to valuing young people and their rights as a foundation for providing a Safe, Respectful and Responsible environment for their learning. If you have any queries about this or any other matter please don't hesitate to contact us.

Jenny Rossiter - Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing

Residential News



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6 August 2019

Dear Staff, Parents and Students of Mount St Bernard College, Herberton

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Scott Whitters to the position of Assistant Principal, Boarding at Mount St Bernard College. Mr Whitters will take up his appointment from the 20th January 2020.

Currently, Mr Whitters is Acting Assistant Principal, Boarding at Mount St Bernard College Herberton, where he has been on staff since 2017 when he was appointed to the position of Assistant Principal, Student Wellbeing.

Mr Whitters brings to this important role a strong commitment to the wellbeing of young adolescents, a deep personal faith, significant leadership experience across a number of remote primary and secondary school settings and a commitment to boarding governance based on best practice.

These professional attributes are complemented by a strong work ethic, an eagerness to learn and grow as well as a high level of initiative and integrity.

Mr Whitters qualifications include a Diploma in Teaching and studies towards the completion of a Masters of Guidance and Counselling.

The interview panel consisted of Fr Dariusz Osinski (Clergy Representative), Ian Margetts (Principal), Dora Luxton (Acting Director School Effectiveness, Secondary) and Tim Jackson (School Board Representative). We thank the panel members for their commitment to this important process.

Please join us in congratulating Mr Whitters on his appointment.

Yours sincerely

IAN DAVIS
Executive Director (Acting)



2019 Subject Expo

Tuesday 6th August saw students, teachers, representatives from universities, TAFE, apprenticeship, Defence Force, Fire, Police and trades assemble in Mercy Hall to help Years 8, 9, and 10 find more information and guidance in their choices of subjects to work towards their post secondary school goals. Year 12 students consolidated their decisions and pathways and revisited their vocations.

Students enjoyed the event and have left with a lot of ideas, and questions about their futures. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event to make it a success.



Careers and Vocational Pathways

VET News

Gateway Schools

Students undertaking SIT20416 Certificate II in Kitchen Operations attended a workshop of learning experience held at St Mary's Catholic College on behalf of the Food Wine and Tourism Gateway Schools.

Presenters included: Chef Demonstration – Chef Nicolas Devic from C'est Bon

Barista Demonstration – Troy Furner, Managing Director of Blackbird Warehouse Cafe

Human Resources Expert – Bernadette from Accor Group

Tourism Industry Representative – Laurie Pritchard, Owner & Managing Director at Small World Journeys and 2017 Cairns Small Business Woman of the Year

Students have been successfully attending different functions at Mount St Bernard College to hone their skills in service of food and beverage.



VET News

Try A Trade for a day.

On Wednesday 31st July, nine Year 10 and 11 students thinking of a career in trades attended the fantastic Mareeba Trade Training Centre to experience basic skills in different trade career options hosted by Construction Skills Queensland. The event included hands on experience at welding, painting, electrical and building trade tasks, mixing with students from other schools, hearing inspiration from tradies who found their own ways into their jobs and getting tips about working in the construction industries. The students enthusiastically participated in all the activities and demonstrated strong initiative throughout the day.

Key messages concerned getting to work on time, having a good work ethic and behaviour. Students have reported that they learned from the hands on experience and have some ideas about their work futures.

Thanks to Blue Langtree and Nicola Edwards for guiding the students through the various activities.



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Students from around the Cairns region were selected and given a single image of artwork to respond to. They didn't receive the name of the artwork, artist, or the artist statement so their response was purely inspired by the image they received.

Tanisha Vincent was the only Mount St Bernard College student to be selected.

Well done, Tanisha. **Ms Traylea Sexton - Middle Leader - The Arts**



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AN EXHIBITION CELEBRATING A PROCESS
OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN YOUNG ARTISTS
CURATED BY HARRY BATE

JOIN US FOR THE EXHIBITION OPENING
FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST 6 - 8PM
CRATE 59 @ 59 SHERIDAN STREET, CAIRNS

CRATE 59 Cairns Regional Council YOUNG CREATIVES

Receive > Respond opening night.

Left: Hayley Evans, Cairns SHS and Tanisha Vincent, Mount St Bernard College meet and discuss their works.



In between - Pencil Drawing

'In-Between' is a continuation from a previous concept called 'The Faces'. I wanted to create an intricate portrait conveying themes of the abstractness of the soul and the time in-between life and death. The concept and focus for the artwork came from mentor artist Henriette Harris. Her distorted portraits influenced me to create an artwork inspired by hers. I chose to use 2B and 4B pencil on textured paper so that smaller details could be featured. My artwork portrays a younger girl centered in the middle of the page with a distorted face. The distortion connects both parts of the face, matching up so that the tone is the same in both. This represents the soul along with the eyes (symbolizing the phrase 'the eyes are the window to the soul'- they don't have much detail so it shows how the soul is leaving). the viewer may not be able to directly infer this meaning from a quick glance at the drawing, however the use of line, lack of colour and tone help to convey the overall sombre mood.



Broken Connection

My artwork is entitled 'Broken Connection' and is my response to an artwork sent to me by Receive/Respond. I wanted to communicate a story about my family history. My Great-Grandmother's younger sister was taken away and was part of the stolen generation. Unfortunately, that side of the family have lost their connection to Kaytete culture.



I communicated this disconnection from family through the hand prints. One hand print is painted in Kaytete style painting and the other is empty. The wavy blue line through the middle is broken by lines and dots.

The white represents pwitarenke or mal-male (sorry business); this is when we get painted up after we lose a family member. The red is significant in our ceremonies especially for apwelhe (men's business). I think it is a tragedy that all my Great-Grandmother's descendants have lost their Kaytete identity. They are disconnected from our beautiful culture.

RECEIVE

Tanisha Vincent
'Nangala'
Oil paint on canvas

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'Nangala' Tanisha Vincent Year 11 My artwork is entitled Nangala, it is my mother's Kaytete skin name and also her middle name. The reason I chose to paint my mother is that she is one of the most strong and inspiring Aboriginal people that I know. I made three semicircles on the sides of the painting inside each one are; bush bananas, bush tomatoes and bush beans which are found in my local area. Beside my mother I painted a digging stick which in my culture symbolises women. For my mother's face and clothes, I used oil paint to give it texture.



RESPOND

Ella Keowski
'Why Do You Care?'
Acrylic Paint

In a modern society where your social status masks the truth of your evolving life story, the number of likes and reaction gained on a post, determines how interesting and important your story is. "Why do you care?" resembles the questions of the younger generations manipulated by social media and shows representation of the mind, clouded by the immaturity of what online audiences want to see, and not what actually makes an individual interesting. The artwork in response to the received work relates in a storytelling way that connects the message of how our life stories are told within older and younger generations, in contrast between the storytelling through social media and stories passed on through generations.



Mount St Bernard College

NAIDOC DAY



Mount St Bernard College invites you to
celebrate with us the history,
culture and achievements of
Aboriginal & Torres Strait
Islander People

From 10am — 3pm

PROGRAM

NAIDOC Liturgy

'Gathering at Bottom Oval'
NAIDOC Cake - Morning Tea
'Stalls Open'

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Dance Performances

Guest Speaker: Bernard Namok (Jnr)

Guest Speaker & Performance by Chris Tamwoy

Blessing of Food & NAIDOC Feast at Dining Hall

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Dance Performances

Combine Dancing by all
(Let your light shine- MSB)

Principals Closing Speech

VOICE
TREATY
TRUTH

Free bus from Cairns

Limited seats

Bookings essential

All enquiries to

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Artwork by student

Tanisha Vincent

MSB Naidoc Day

Is coming Friday 23rd August



Naidoc Day is fast approaching.

Bus Service from Cairns and return

This will coincide with the Boarders free weekend.

Weekend Leave Forms must be submitted
by Wed 21st August

Bus Pick up points

Gordonvale 6.45am

Picconne's Supermarket Edmonton 7am

Stockland Earlville 7.30am

Cairns Central 8am

Smithfield Shopping Centre 8.15am

Mareeba Information Centre 9am

Atherton 9.30am

These will be central pick up points
not residential addresses.

Enrolment discussions
and tours of the
college are available for
prospective
families on request



Upcoming Events Term 3 - 2019

Tues 20 Aug - 9B Tjapukai & Cairns Cathedral Excursion

Wed 21 Aug - Years 9 & 10 Readers Cup Competition - Cairns SHS

Fri 23 Aug - MSB NAIDOC DAY - 10am - 3pm

Sat 24 - Sun 25 Aug - Boarders Leave Weekend

**PLEASE ENSURE WEEKEND LEAVE FORMS
ARE IN ON TIME**

Tues 27 Aug - Tertiary Tour - JCU, CQU, TAFE & Defence Force

Year 11 RYDA Road Safety Excursion - Mareeba

Wed 28 Aug - Write a Book in a Day @ MSB 8am - 8pm

Tues 3 & Wed 4 Sept - QCS Tests - Mercy Hall

Thurs 19 Sept - Term 3 ends @ 3pm

Fri 20 Sept - Boarders Travel Day home



CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS QUEENSLAND
Diocese of Cairns

AN INVITATION TO ATTEND A
GENERAL MEETING

ON SUNDAY 25 AUGUST

AT ST THERESE'S SCHOOL
35-167 ROBERT ROAD
BENTLEY PARK

9.45AM FOR A 10AM START

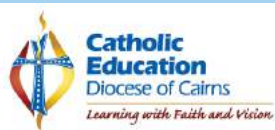
NOON - TOUR OF THE SCHOOL
12.30PM - LUNCH & NETWORKING
OPPORTUNITIES

ALL WELCOME

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

- PACE update
- A discussion about fundraising vs levies and what each school does

Kindly RSVP by Wednesday 21 AUGUST
to Mary-Anne Stokes
maryanne@drillingaround.com



Student Care Insurance

Has your child had an accident or injury at school or in a school related activity such as inter-school sport or a school camp?

If the answer is yes you may be entitled to claim for expenses under Catholic Education's Student Care Insurance.

It covers expenses such as medical costs (where the law allows), emergency transport, travel, home tuition and school fee relief.

For further information click the following link: <https://ccinsurance.org.au/Insurance/Pages/Student-care-Information.aspx>

2019 JCU Winter School for Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

From 30 June - 5 July, Daliah Pearson (Year 10) attended the 2019 JCU Winter School in Townsville.

In a jam-packed week Daliah experienced university life on campus. She attended academic lectures, participated in team-building activities and met with university staff and support networks alongside ninety-two fellow Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The camaraderie of shared meals and organised evening events were a highlight.

The JCU Indigenous Education and Research Centre (IERC) conducted this well-organised Winter School providing flights, on-campus accommodation, catering and networking opportunities.

Congratulations to Daliah for participating fully and making the most of this outstanding opportunity.

"Giving up some holiday time with family and my mobile phone was definitely a worthwhile investment into my future career plans and aspirations. The Winter School encouraged me to study Marine Biology at university." **Daliah**

Big thanks to James Cook University for providing this invaluable experience to our students.

By C Weedon