



Mr Ian Margetts
Principal

6th March 2020

Principal's Report

Each year we develop and plan school improvement strategies through annual improvement planning. Mount St Bernard College is committed to enable continuous school improvement so that we can provide students with the very best education and the opportunity for genuine post school pathways.

Data from a number of sources was evaluated including;

1. Reflections on the Diocesan School Effectiveness Framework
2. Australian Indigenous Education & Boarding Australia "Boarding Review"
3. Parent, Staff & Student Satisfaction Surveys
4. NAPLAN data analysis
5. Student engagement data

Our priority areas for 2020 are:

PRIORITY AREA 1: Mercy Charism

Goal: Promote and enhance Mercy charism with staff, students and greater community

1. Clearly reviewed and articulated Vision, Mission and Values statement
2. Professional Learning involving Mercy story
3. Identify, plan for and celebrate significant 'Mercy' dates
4. Promote the story through historical iconography, interpretative signage, etc across the college

PRIORITY AREA 2: Writing

Goal: Increased effect size in NAPLAN writing (Year 7-9) to 0.6

(Well above Australian Average Effect Size of 0.46)

1. Explicit Teaching of 'High Impact Teaching Strategies' for Writing in all learning areas
2. Termly administration, collation and analysis of Unaided writing assessment
3. Teacher professional learning in formative assessment, marking and moderation for writing
4. Introduction of Pat Hipwell's Graphic Organisers for scaffolding writing (All learning areas)
5. Tracking of writing gain in Informative text types

The leadership Team is also working hard to produce a 3 year Strategic Plan that provides direction for improvement over a longer time frame. We have established 3 'Rocks';

1. Clear, consistent, evidence based, intentional practice.
2. Mercy charism underpins culture and practice.
3. A focus on sustainability is at the core of visioning and decision making.

The Leadership Team and Staff will spend the remainder of the Term breaking these three 'rocks' down into several sub sections. I will continue to provide updates on this important work through future newsletters.

Ian Margetts - College Principal



Cairns Diocesan School Effectiveness Framework



PROJECT COMPASSION

GO FURTHER TOGETHER

Valentine's Disco

Our first Project Compassion Fundraiser this Lent season was our very successful Valentine Disco which was held in Mercy Hall. The evening was expertly organised by student, Zoe David-Sabatino, who is also completing a report on the fundraiser as part of our Year 11 Religion and Ethics studies in Social Justice this term.

Zoe David-Sabatino:

"We raised a lot of money for Project Compassion. Everybody had a good time and everything went as planned. I would like to say a big thank you to the Mudu family and Miss Laura and Miss Nicole for helping me put everything together. Thanks to Mr Margetts and Mr Whitters for letting this disco happen, and to Steve and Tim for helping me get through the night."

Many thanks to all those who helped put this disco on, including Zoe David-Sabatino, Steven Jones, Ashley Mudu, Trevor Mudu, Naheema Nelson, Li Dewley-Vokes, Tim Lyall, Daliah Pearson, Rona Enosa Joe, Ms Laura Hardess, and Ms Nicole Dewley-Crane. Thanks to the Leadership Team also for their support, especially Mr Margetts, Mr Whitters and Deacon Michael Lindsay

By Ms Nicola Edwards—Teacher



Shrove Tuesday—Pancake Stall

Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day Fundraiser for Project Compassion.

Our Mercy Traditions were shining brightly. Well done to all students efforts to assist in running this stall to raise funds for people in need and to students and staff who supported by purchasing pancakes.

"Luceat Lux Vestra - Let Your Light Shine"



Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing Report

With the Term now half over students are finding themselves looking down the busy end of things. Assignments are due soon. Sporting activities are underway. Life is getting busier!

How students manage themselves during times of stress is very important and should be linked back to the MSB Way of doing things. Keeping this in the front their minds will help them to always be in the right place at the right time to do the right thing. AND...to do that while being punctual, prepared, productive and polite!

We want our students to try to stay positive when things get difficult or more complicated. It is easier to stay positive if they can manage to stay organised, avoid procrastinating and take everything one step at a time. It is easier to stay positive if they can support each other and try to get quality time with friends over quantity. Finally, it is easier to stay positive by being active, exercising and getting outside in the sun. Most importantly, we want our students to stay connected with family back home. We would like Parents to check in regularly and help keep our students doing the best they can.

Dan Niemerg - Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing



Mr Dan Niemerg



DEADLY CHOICES

Year 7 are busy with the Deadly Choices Youth Tobacco Education program, which educates young people about the harmful effects of tobacco smoking and how they can support those around them on their quit journey. The program started mid February and will conclude at the end of Term 1. Students participate in classroom activities as well as sports-based challenges.

Mrs Teresa Wareing—Year 7 Co-Ordinator



Assistant Principal - Mission Report

Ash Wednesday

In the last newsletter, we mentioned how we were about to observe *Shrove Tuesday* or “Pancake Tuesday” — the day before Lent begins and traditionally when we use up all the yummy stuff in our cupboards before starting our fasting. Well, having devoured lots of pancakes and rich toppings the day before, by Wednesday 26th March MSB was ready to kick-off Lent. We began with the whole College in the Chapel — the spiritual heart of our Mercy community—for a penitential liturgy with distribution of ashes. After beginning the liturgy in our customary way, some surprised looks could be seen on a number of faces as a fire-pit was lit-up in the centre of the Chapel and a short re-enactment of the making of ashes was dramatised. Like the prayer of blessing over the ashes says, “these ashes which we will soon receive ... have been created from the burning of last year’s Palm Sunday palms.”

Led by Deacon Michael, our College Captains and Vice Captains distributed the ashes to the College community, challenging each of us to “Turn back to God and do good for others this Lent.” In taking this leadership role, they also take on the responsibility of leading the College in our various Lenten efforts. May the Holy Spirit transform each of our hearts this Lent—to be closer to our God and responsive to need around us.



Deacon
Michael Lindsay



Project Compassion

A regular part of our Ash Wednesday liturgy each year is the launch of our annual Project Compassion initiative. Project Compassion is the Lenten fundraising and awareness raising campaign of *Caritas*—the Church’s international aid and development agency. While *Caritas* supports a very wide range of deserving causes, this year’s feature stories include among others:

- Red Dust Healing—an Australian ministry helping people escape various destructive addictions.
- Agricultural training and support in various countries where just a little scientific insights and basic technologies have enabled families and villages to escape the cycle of poverty due to crop failure.
- Centre of Hope in PNG—training and support to reduce and eliminate domestic violence.

Project Compassion is our College’s major annual fundraiser for responding to poverty, oppression and disadvantage around the world, including in Australia. Please support our efforts in whatever way you can.

Inspired by Catherine McAuley to respond to human needs around her, a number of our students have already facilitated some creative fundraising ideas to kick-start our efforts. A student-run disco was well-supported and collected around \$600, while other students organised and ran the pancake sales on Shrove Tuesday and still others again have planned frozies sales and a sausage sizzle for the Cross Country. A Grade 11 class is preparing what promises to be an impactful drama for Friday Chapel time in Week 8 as an educational effort for Project Compassion... We encourage more students to come up with creative ways to support our brothers and sisters in need where ever they may be.

May we continue to be inspired by Mercy as we respond to the needs of all in our human family.

Deacon Michael Lindsay - Assistant Principal - Mission



SPORTS NEWS

Rugby League & Netball District Trials:

On Friday 21st of February students travelled to Davies Park, Mareeba to attend District trials for either rugby league or netball. Students have the opportunity to be selected into a District Tablelands team to play in Cairns for Peninsula trials. The students showed off their talent, teamwork skills and knowledge of the game as they played during the day. The netball girls loved the experience. Many were lower in age for their group and weren't selected this year. An excellent effort by Heidi Luke, Teline-Anise Harris, Annatasia Escott, Sophie Jonsson, Blossom Turner, Becky Purt and Teri-Lee Shepherd to trial. As for the rugby trials, congratulations to Nathan Everett, Gideon Larry and Quency Babia in making the Tablelands District team.



Mr Ryan Mawdsley



Nathan Everett's account of the rugby trial day:

"On Friday we travelled to Davies Park in Mareeba for the rugby league District trials with our mission to make the Tablelands team. We ended up playing three fun, challenging and entertaining games of Rugby League. Everyone was playing as hard as they could to get noticed by the selectors. The teams were mixed into two from all schools on the Tablelands and played in the position we liked for most of the day. I remember placing a big tackle during the second game and accidentally lifting him up off the ground. I was lucky I did not get sent off for that tackle. I also remember trying to chase Gideon down as he pushed passed our defensive line. I was trying to chase him down though he was like lightning fast towards the try line, which he scored.

After we finished all the games, the selectors discussed players who will make the Tablelands team to go down to Peninsula trials on the 10th March. The selectors then presented the Tablelands team in which Gideon Larry, Quency Babia and I were selected. It was great to see the boys and I got selected into the Tablelands side and we can't wait to play along side the boys on the 10th of March in the Peninsula trial day at Barlow Park".



Essential Maths News

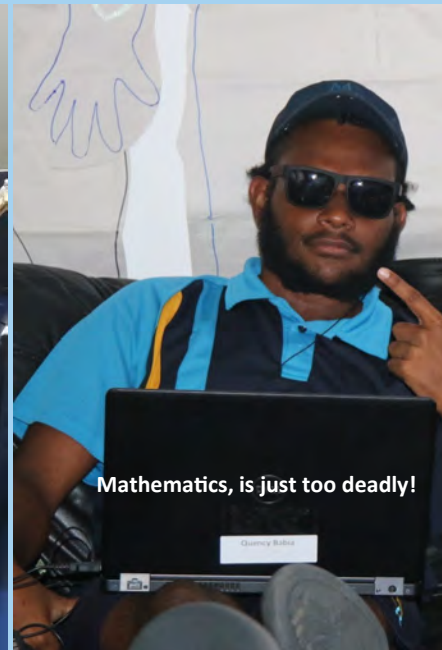
With the new, Essential Mathematics syllabus carrying Term 4, 2019 over into Term 1, 2020, our seniors have had to start the new school year running. Some quick revision, a new concept or two and straight into assignments. Year 11, have been determining the cost of catering and working within a budget. Year 12 are calculating the efficiency of garden designs. Both classes are required to write a report discussing the mathematical concepts used and justifying their findings.

Mr Malcolm Fahey - Middle Leader

Mathematics

Using ratios to adjust a recipe and make two cakes.

Best thing was, We got to test the cakes.



Mathematics, is just too deadly!



We are very thankful for the constant, support of our LSSO Miss. Laura.

PARENT & CARERS CONTACT DETAILS -

ARE YOUR DETAILS UP TO DATE?

Parents please logon to the Parent Portal and check all your details are correct at the following link then select My Details.

<https://extranet16cns.bne.catholic.edu.au/parent/msb/Pages/default.aspx>

Alternatively email msb.office@cns.catholic.edu.au or phone 4096 1444 to advise.

We want to ensure we have the most current contact details .

Residential News

WEEKEND FUN



Mount St Bernard College Awards

Deputy Principal's "Spirited Learner" Merit Award for displaying exemplary learning behaviours in the classroom: Questioning, Thinking, Creating Meaning, Reflecting and Showing Determination and Self-awareness

Millianna Whap - for exercising resilience and persistence to overcome challenges in History and Religion

Meenakshi Riber – for using information and resources to think, investigate and solve problems in Maths

Tahnee Stewart –for showing increasing skills in asking questions and seeking information, using resources to solve problems, reflecting on answers, showing determination to succeed and showing an awareness of her strengths and challenges in learning

Year 11 English (Zachary Christie, Stacey Edwards, Jessica Clauss, Renee Edwards, Denison Hilla, Jacinta Lyall, Nahema Nelson, Bianca Price & Elizabeth Richardson-Eveleigh) – for showing increasing skills in asking questions and seeking information, using resources to solve problems, reflecting on answers, showing determination to succeed and showing an awareness of her strengths and challenges in learning

Assistant Principal's "Mercy" Award for proudly demonstrating the values of Mercy: Faith, Service, Care and Support

Jilaysha Tilmouth & Jamioka Tilmouth - for helping another student settle into class and assisting others

Tamika Neade - for helping another student overcome classroom anxiety by showing kindness

Tayiesha Warria - for helping another student overcome classroom anxiety by being welcoming and showing kindness

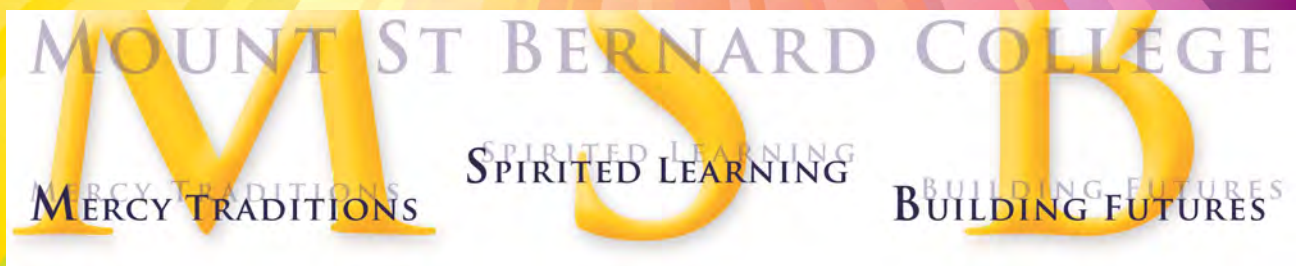
Tanisha Vincent – for showing wisdom beyond her years and demonstrating the Christian value of building bridges by assisting students in need with empathy and patience

Mulga Barker – for showing Mercy and personal excellence in doing his best every day, constantly striving to help others and showing generosity and care to others

Johnny Yuen – for fully participating in the faith life of the College by volunteering to read prayers and fully participating in College liturgies

Zachary Christie - for assisting students in need by welcoming their inclusion in the classroom

Li Dewley-Vokes, Timmothy Lyall, Nahema Nelson, Elizabeth Richardson-Eveleigh, Zoe David-Sabatino & Steven Jones – for showing Mercy and building community spirit by volunteering at the College Disco



Year 7 Geography Excursion—Tinaroo

Year 7 travelled to Tinaroo Dam on 26 February for a Geography excursion supporting their 'Water in the World' studies. Students viewed the dam wall, discussed native and introduced fish and bird life and learned about the positive and negative effects of building dams like Tinaroo Dam. The students behaved beautifully and were a credit to the school. Well done, Year 7!



Careers and Vocational Pathways

Careers

Career Interest Explorer – a quiz to help identify your career interests in vocational areas

Your interests are important in career exploration and decision making, as the information can help you identify your potential career pathways. Career interests are activities you enjoy doing or are interested in. [Australian Apprenticeships Pathways](#) have a [Career Interest Explorer](#) quiz which can help you identify your career interests in vocational fields. The quiz allows you to answer work type related questions and requires you to indicate your interest in activities relating to the following: * **Persuading and Service**, * **Nature and Recreation**, * **Helping and Advising**, * **Creative and Artistic**, * **Analytic and Scientific**, * **Practical and Manual** and * **Organising and Clerical**

Your results will be a list of the work types in order of your interests. The work types you are most interested in will be at the top. From here you can search the related jobs and industries and come up with a list of possible jobs you can explore further through reading about them, talking to people already in the jobs and doing work experience.

QTAC

ATAR

<https://www.qtac.edu.au/student-resources/atar>

Across Australia, the ATAR is a standard measure of a student's overall academic achievement in relation to that of other students. It is intended to assist tertiary institutions to select applicants into their courses.

The ATAR is a percentile rank, not a mark. This rank indicates a student's position relative to other students in their age group in any given year.

It's expressed as a number on a 2000-point scale from 99.95 down to 0.00 in steps of 0.05.

An ATAR of 80.00 does not mean a student got 80%. It indicates that the student placed in the top 20% of students in Queensland in their Year 12 age group.

RURAL OPERATIONS



VET News - 2020 Start.

Vocational Education and Training courses VET are offered to Year 10, 11, and 12 students cohorts and 72 students are enrolled in VET in 2020 representing 38.6% of the all school enrollments. All Year 11 students will be undertaking First Aid training in term two.

Mount St Bernard College are offering the following qualifications:

ICT10115 Certificate I in Information Digital Media and Technologies to Year 10 students.

SIT10216 Certificate I in Hospitality and SIT20416 Certificate II in Kitchen Operation to Year 11 and Year 12 students.

SIS20115 Certificate II in Sport and Recreation

External Providers are delivering the following

MEM20413 Certificate II in Engineering Pathways

AHC21216 Certificate II in Rural Operations (as block training for students to complete the Certificate from 2019)

HLT23215 Certificate II in Health Support Services and CHC22015 Certificate II in Community Services

HLT33115 Certificate III in Health Services Assistance

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Apprenticeships and traineeships provide an important employment pathway, particularly for young Queenslanders. They are a great stepping stone into a career. Youth Central has outlined some of the benefits of becoming an apprentice or trainee. [Click here](#) to find out more about the advantages such as: You get paid to study, It's flexible, you'll get great training, you've got the same rights as all workers, you can enter competitions and win awards.

Some useful links (register for update emails will keep your in touch) to employment as an apprentice or trainee can be

Seek.com.au Indeed.com.au and megt.com.au

BLA Health Breakfast

The Breakfast aims to explore careers within health and medical fields for regional youth. JCU Student Ambassadors from a wide range of health and medical fields will speak to students. This exciting informative breakfast will feature a panel of students & academic staff to unpack careers and courses in: *Medical Research, Pharmacy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Speech Pathology, Dentistry, Physiotherapy, Medicine, Surgery and many more....*

Information

Padlets have been maintained to help students see current vacancies and other useful information to follow different pathways whether work or tertiary studies.

The padlet may be accessed on the portal.

Work experience

Several students are going to work experience this year in areas such as Health, Child Care and Diesel fitting

The Atherton Maize Festival are looking for Young Ambassadors for their 2020 program.

This program is for young men and women aged from 14 to 30 years old to have a voice, raise awareness of local challenges and opportunities and to strengthen ties between community organisations and the next generation leaders. It is a great opportunity to grow in leadership while learning skills along the way.

If this sounds like you or maybe someone you know, ask them to come and see Ms Julie at student reception or Ms Sonya in Boarding for more information.

Young leaders leading the way in the community.

*Do you have a
young Ambassador
at home,
or maybe you feel
YOU
could be a
young Ambassador?*



The Atherton Maize Festival is looking for entrants in their annual Ambassador Program.

This program is designed to enable young women and men to grow leadership skills in the community.

Community Fundraiser @ Atherton International Club

TABLELAND'S GOT TALENT

Calling all: Solo Artists, Bands, Poets,

CIRCUS PERFORMERS, DANCERS & COMEDIANS

SATURDAY

APRIL 4th 2020

Get your ACT together

All proceeds go to

Sponsor



Atherton Lions Club



Host

...and ENTER before March 20

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P & F MEETING - TUES 28th APRIL 5PM COLLEGE BOARDROOM



The College Parents & Friends Association is looking for parents or carers to join in 2020. We would welcome your ideas and involvement in the college community. To register your interest please email: hobrien1@cns.catholic.edu.au

OR IF INTERESTED, PLEASE RING HILLARY O'BRIEN ON PH: 4096 1485

Upcoming Events 2020

Tues 10 March - Years 11 and 12 Biology Excursion - Cairns

Tues 17 March - Years 7 & 10 - Immunisation Day @ MSB

Thurs 19 March - Years 9 Drama & 11 English - Jute Theatre Excursion - Cairns

Tues 24 March - 2021 Centenary Planning Meeting - College Boardroom @ 6.30pm

Please rsvp by email msbcentenary@cns.catholic.edu.au or phone 4096 1444

Thurs 26 March - Years 11 & 12 Biology & Year 11 Geography Excursion Lake Eacham

Fri 27 March - Year 9B Herberton Historic Village Excursion

Thurs 2 April - MSB Athletics Carnival & End of Term 1 @ 3pm

Fri 3 April - Boarders Travel Home & MSB Office Closes for Easter Holidays

VOLUNTEER @ MSB

Come along and Volunteer at Mount St Bernard College.

Join us to share your skills to inspire, help and create positive experiences for our students to discover more about their community and world.

Please email dbooth@cns.catholic.edu.au or phone 4096 1444 to discuss.

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before beginning to improve the world"

- Anne Frank



Celebrating
100 YEARS
1921 ~ 2021

Centenary 2021

PLANNING MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY 24TH MARCH

TIME: 6.30 PM

VENUE: MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE BOARDROOM

ALL WELCOME

PLEASE RSVP BY EMAIL
MSBCENTENARY@CNS.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU OR
PHONE COLLEGE 4096 1444

