



Mr Ian Margetts
Principal

26th June 2020

Loving God,

We pray that you give us courage and wisdom as we work through the difficulties and realities that currently face the world.

Give to us a profound sense of creative community as we support each other through these times.

Hold us in your arms as we journey into the future, O Lord, believing that you are with us.

Lift our hearts, O Holy Spirit, as we face each moment.

Amen



Principal's Report

Dear Parents & Carers,

I believe this prayer captures the term that has been so significantly disrupted by the Coronavirus. We have worked through the 'difficulties and realities' that we have encountered. Day by day we have adapted to the evolving situation. Parents and students have also adapted and we sincerely thank them for their efforts in supporting the learning journey through out Term 2.

Teachers have adapted their roles to cater for face to face learning as well as remote learning as appropriate and non-teaching staff have taken on other tasks to make a meaningful contribution during the term. Our boarding supervisors as well as teacher aide staff have worked on a variety of alternate tasks when not required to supervise students or support classroom learning including:

- Restoration of College Front Fence – sand, paint, repair, replace spikes
- Establishment of new College Mountain Bike Park – plan, prepare, build
- Restoration of Lourdes Grotto – repair, re-vegetate, irrigate, pond
- Revamp of College Orchard – weed, prepare soil, irrigate, plant new fruit trees
- Revamp College Eco-Garden – weed, prepare beds, new plants, mulch, irrigation
- Clean and tidy Eco-Shed – tidy, pressure clean, re-organise
- Revamp Chapel gardens – edging, soil prep, new gardens, mulch, new grass, irrigation
- Painting a variety of indoor and outdoor surfaces - pressure clean, undercoat, top coat.
- Netball and Basketball Courts cleaned with gurney –
- Pin boards in Morrissey to be repaired and refreshed – new cloth, decorations
- Administartion support in school with filing and printing –
- Revamp of Lourdes garden and BBQ area – clean, re-veg, lawn.
- Mulching of the garden bed at the cemetery
- Researching, sorting and arranging historical items in the museum rooms
- Liaising and working on arrangements for the centenary celebrations next year




We have also been 'creative' in our efforts to be in '*community*'. 'Zoom' has become a medium that has helped us connect both within the school as well as outside to the communities. We have held 'Zoom' virtual gatherings for activities including:

- Assemblies
- Liturgies
- Staff meetings
- Parent information
- Enrolment interviews
- Board meetings
- Centenary community meetings

And through out the term we have been buoyed by our God who ‘journeys’ with us. St. Ignatius tells us: God’s spirit “[stirs up courage and strength, consolations, inspirations and tranquility](#)”. This has helped us through the difficult time, given us the composure to adapt, and move forward, continuing to grow the Mount St Bernard College community.

Next term we hope to welcome back all our Boarding students. Please be sure that we will continue to take every step possible to minimise the opportunity of transmission of COVID-19. We believe this is possible because:

- There are limited cases in Queensland
 - As at 23rd June, there are currently no new cases in Queensland in the last 6 days
 - As at 23rd June, there are only two active cases in Queensland, these are all located in the South East Corner (Gold Coast and surrounds)
 - There is limited opportunity for the virus to be introduced
 - Our boarding students come from areas (most remote) with no 'active' cases into Cairns and Herberton that also has no known 'active' cases
 - No students come from an area where there are known 'active' cases
 - The College COVID-19 plan that has satisfied Queensland Tropical North Public Health Unit includes:
 - Designated bathrooms
 - Updated processes to maintain Social distancing (e.g.: varied meal times)
 - Restricted public outings
 - Health checking returning students and any visitors to the College
 - Increased cleaning
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Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the College Nurse (Nurse Stef) at the College.

Enrolments for 2021 have been coming in and interview processes have commenced. All enquiries can be directed to Hillary O'Brien at the College.

Wishing you and your families and communities a safe and enjoyable school break.





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Celebrating
100 YEARS
 1921 ~ 2021

...IN CONTEMPORARY LEARNING FACILITIES

- Quality Catholic Education
- Scholarships available
- Discounts/concessions available
- Do not let cost be a barrier

• No child is denied a Catholic education based on their family's financial situation.

<http://msb.qld.edu.au/documents/enrolment.html>
 Email msb.enrolments@cns.catholic.edu.au
 Phone 4096 1444

ENROL NOW FOR 2021!

Residential News

Essential items to return with

Term three is going to look a little different to other terms at MSB due to Covid19.

We will not be going on shopping trips each week like we have done in the past. This is to eliminate any risk of contracting the virus.

Therefore, you will be required to bring personal items from home. Again, there will not be any shopping trips once you arrive at MSB.

Herberton can get very cold in winter and you need to be prepared with warm clothing and PJ's.

Please ensure you have plenty of the following items to last you the entire term, ten weeks. You will need to purchase these items within your community BEFORE returning to MSB.

- Roll on deodorant
- Soap
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Female sanitary items
- Warm clothing
- Warm Pyjamas
- Spare footwear
- Towel



Mr Scott Whitters

Scott Whitters - Assistant Principal - Residential

Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing Report

It is hard to believe that Term 2 has finally ended. As this has been a very unusual term for all of us, I hope they everyone is able to relax during this break, recharge their batteries and come back next term bright eyed and ready to learn.

I want to thank all the parents out there that took on the role of supporting their students through online learning and congratulate all the students who managed to keep moving forward in this extraordinary time.

I would like the students to remember that while they are home they still have access to wellbeing support through the various organisations out there. Youth Beyond Blue, the Kids Helpline and Headspace are all available to connect with for extra support.

I want everyone to enjoy their break and we will see you all next term!

Dan Niemerg - Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing



Mr Dan Niemerg

Help is available



Youthbeyondblue
1300 22 4636



Kids Helpline
1800 55 1800





Well Women's Clinics

(These clinics are available to Medicare eligible clients)

Service includes Cervical Screening Tests (Pap Smears), Sexual Health Screening, Breast Awareness, also info on Contraception, Continence, Menopause, Lifestyle Issues, Bowel Health, Domestic Violence, etc.

All services are provided by a specially trained Women's Health Nurse.

Atherton Health Centre Tuesday 30th June Ph: 4091 0263

Malanda Health Centre Wednesday 1st July Ph: 4096 5339

Important flu facts from Queensland Health:

1. Flu is a serious illness for everyone, but particularly for children.
2. Flu strains change each year, so you and your children need to be vaccinated every year.
3. Flu spreads easily between people, particularly children.
 - If you (or your child) are unwell, stay home and seek medical advice.
 - Wash your hands frequently with soap and running water.
 - Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, throw the tissue in the bin and wash your hands.

Having an annual flu vaccination this year can:

- * Reduce the severity and spread of flu
- * Prevent you getting flu on top of other respiratory infections that may be circulating
- * Relieve pressure on our health system

Free vaccine is available for those individuals at greatest risk of severe flu. They are:

- all children aged 6 months to less than 5 years of age
- pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy
- persons 65 years of age or older
- all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 6 months and older
- individuals aged 6 months and older with medical conditions which increase their risk of severe influenza and its complications.

All other Queenslanders can purchase the vaccine from their doctor or immunisation provider.

Visit your doctor or other childhood immunisation provider to arrange vaccinations.



**Queensland
Government**

Angus

My favourite occupation is a grader driver

Who can build great roads in the toughest of areas

Who will earn 450.000 a year

Who knows how to read a GPS

Who values getting the job done

Bewick



10A CDW

Ethan

A bartender

Who can serve alcohol

Who Earns \$21 an hr

Who knows how to call security if you get violent

Who values happy people

Burnett



Teline

A makeup artist

Who can help you look your best.

Who earns \$63 an hour in Sydney.

Who knows how to match shades.

Who values a customer's patience.

Harris



Mackenzie

I want to be a delivery driver

Who can deliver food and livestock

Who earns about 38 dollars an hour

I will know how to read a GPS

Who values the safety of his load that he is carrying

Smy



An education sets us up to be able to make the most of the opportunities that life offers. During Year 10 students explore their own personal passions, skills, hopes and dreams in the context of Career Education. This year we have:

- Done quizzes to identify our work styles and preferences
- Researched where to find jobs that are available
- Looked at what qualifications and skills are needed
- Practised job applications
- Seen how to "nail or fail" an interview
- Started writing resumes
- All great life skills!

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A CHILDCARE WORKER

WHO DEALS WITH CHILDREN

WHO EARNS \$800 PER WEEK

WHO KNOWS HOW TO CALM CHILDREN AND MAKE THEM HAPPY

WHO VALUES A GOOD TEAM

WARD



HAEDEN

A TEACHER

WHO CAN TEACH STUDENTS WELL

WHO EARNS \$76 PER HOUR

WHO KNOWS (COMPUTER, PSYCHOLOGY AND KNOWS HOW TO FOLLOW A SYLLABUS)

WHO VALUES A HAPPY AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

TUHOHO

Liam

Game Designer

Level Design

\$40 an hour

Knows code and level design

Who Values A co-operative workplace

Sharkey

Careers and Vocational Pathways

Careers

Tertiary Prerequisites 2023 book for Year 10 students

QTAC have produced an e-Book of the 2023 Tertiary Prerequisites book for Year 10 students and it is now available on their website. [Click here](#) and scroll down to find the 2023 book. Each university and college also have listed the prerequisites required for entry to tertiary courses in the year the students commence their tertiary studies. You must check this book before you choose your senior subjects to make sure you meet any prerequisite subjects for the course/s you are interested in at the end of Year 12.

Have you heard about:

Aged and Disabled Carers?

[Aged and Disabled Carers](#) provide general household assistance, emotional support, care and companionship for aged and disabled people in their own homes and are also known as a Personal Care Worker, or Personal Carer. You can work as an Aged or Disabled Carer without formal qualifications, however, they may be useful. Aged and Disabled Carers often complete a Certificate III or IV.

School Holiday Programs—Virtual

QUT Virtual Holiday Program – 30 June & 2 July

During the June/July holidays, QUT is teaming up with Street Science to bring you an exciting online [virtual holiday program](#)! From the comfort of your home, Science Steve and QUT researchers will bring science to life and guide you through their high energy and engaging experiments, sure to captivate budding scientists.

Scholarship Information

Rural and Regional Enterprise scholarships

RRES is an Australian Government national initiative to encourage regional and remote students into tertiary study. With many scholarships on offer, [Click here](#) for more information and find out how to apply.

VET News

Why study at TAFE Queensland

TAFE Queensland is the largest, most experienced training provider in the state. With more than 500 nationally-recognised qualifications to choose from, across 50 Queensland locations. There are a variety of study modes available to suite your career dreams. TAFE Queensland offers entry-level Certificates to Bachelor Degree courses with options to suit all students. [Click here](#) to check out your options.

Australian Defence Force

Attend a virtual Australian Defence Force information session and find out:

- if the Defence Force is a good fit for you
- if they have a job that you are interested in doing & how to enlist

Below are upcoming information sessions. For details about these events and information visit the [Defence Jobs Australia Facebook site](#). (it can take time to download page)

22/06/2020 [Queensland: Trade Careers Dial In Information Session](#)

10/07/2020 [Careers for Indigenous Australians Virtual Information Session](#)

24/07/2020 [Indigenous ADF Careers Virtual Information Session](#)

Job Spotlight

Carpentry & Joinery

Carpenters and Joiners construct, erect, install, renovate and repair structures and fixtures made of wood, plywood, wallboard and other materials, and cut, shape and fit timber parts to form structures and fittings.

Weekly pay approx. \$1358 for 44 hour week

133,100 workers—87% full time employment

Medium skill level rating

1% of this workforce are female

ART NEWS

Year 8 Art

We have been completing our work booklets and explored the elements and principles of design through art making. Enjoy the photos.

Traylea Sexton - Middle Leader—The Arts



Sarona Mamarika



Ella Christie



Mahalia Jones



Mischa Price



Will Dyson

MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE NEWS



Mr Malcolm Fahey

Term 2 Maths and Science

We have finally reached the end of a very trying time during term 2 with some students completing all of their work and others being limited by their access to the internet and the mail in remote communities of this great country.

Fortunately, through the use of technology, most students especially senior students have been able to complete the majority of their assessment so their overall mark will not be affected. The efforts of our students combined with some relaxations by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority should keep our students in good stead for the end of the year.

In year 7 and 8 we have seen our numeracy classes restart and go ahead in leaps and bounds with students receiving targeted specific instruction to address areas of learning needs. This approach sees each student develop their skills at a greater pace.

Have a great holiday.

Malcolm Fahey - Middle Leader—Mathematics & Science



SAVE THE DATES - IMPORTANT DATES IN 2020

Fri 26 June 2020 (Week 10 Term 2) - Boarders Travel Home Day

MSB Office Closes for Winter School Holidays

Winter School Holidays - 2 weeks from Fri 26 June - Mon 13 July 2020

Term 3 2020

Mon 13 July (Week 1) - Boarders Travel to School Day - MSB Office Re-Opens

Tues 14 July 2020 (Week 1) - All Classes commence Term 3

Tues 22 - Fri 24 July (Week 2) - Year 8 Camp at Echo Creek Adventure Centre

Mon 27 - Fri 31 July (Week 3) - Rural Operations Training Block @ MSB

Wed 29 - Fri 31 July (Week 3) - Year 7 Camp at Holloways Beach Environment Centre

Tues 4 Aug (Week 4) - Subject Expo @ MSB