



**Mr Ian Margetts**  
Principal

**24th July 2020**

## **Principal's Report**

Welcome to Term 3.

With the focus now on 'face-to-face' learning, it is great to continue to support our day students as well as now having our Boarding students returning for Term 3.

There have been some recent staff changes. Over the break, I received resignations from Mr Glen Hussey (Wellbeing Worker) and Ms Teresa Wareing (Acting Year 7 Coordinator). Mrs Wendy Rains (Year 7 / 8 teacher) is also on Long Service Leave this term. We are pleased to welcome the following staff into these positions:

Mr Richard Savage – Wellbeing Worker: Richard is supporting in our Wellbeing Space while we are advertising for an ongoing replacement. Richard has held a variety of positions in schools and in the community, predominantly supporting First Nations people in the areas of education and health.

Mr Peter Howard-Bain – Contract replacement teacher: Peter will predominantly replace Mrs Rain's classes. Peter has a Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) as well as a BA (Hons) History & International Development Studies. Peter has taught for approximately 3 years and his referees state that he is passionate about his subject and endeavours to have a student-centred classroom.

Ms Louise Kimber – Permanent replacement for Teresa Wareing: Louise will join us in Week 3. Louise has experience working with both school and adult ESL learners and has studied Bachelor of Education (Secondary) with Major: English / Minor: HASS. Louise has also nearly completed her Master of Education (TESOL). Referees suggest that Louise is a very diligent worker and an excellent teacher and mentor.

We welcome them to our community. We also congratulate Ms Julie Oswell on her appointment to Acting Year 7 Coordinator for the remainder of the year. Ms Oswell is already a key member of the Year 7 team who already knows the students well and will be a great support to the students and parents.

Mount St Bernard College is excited to announce that it will be resurrecting its instrumental music program. The College continually strives to support all students to 'shine' in ways that suit their interests and broaden their learning horizons. Learning an instrument is another way to provide the opportunity for a holistic education.

Learning an instrument can:

- Improve coordination
- Develop concentration
- Develop self-discipline
- Provide an opportunity to make new friends
- Develop in you an exciting new hobby
- Be heaps of fun!

The College has many staff who are also accomplished musicians who wish to share their talents with the school community. This program will provide structured lessons in small groups (maximum 3) of students who can be at a variety of levels of ability, from beginner to more advanced.

The College is currently able to offer tuition in the areas of;

- Piano (beginner, intermediate & advanced)
- Recorder (beginner, intermediate & advanced)
- Viola (beginner & intermediate)
- Violin (beginner)
- Guitar (beginner & intermediate)
- Bass (beginner & intermediate)
- Drums (beginner)
- Brass (beginner & intermediate)



Student achievement in instrumental music is celebrated with public performances.

We hope to see many students taking the opportunity and making a commitment to learning an instrument and developing and enhancing their musical talent. We will have a free trial in the second half of this term. More details will be sent out shortly.

Best wishes for the term ahead.

***Ian Margetts - College Principal***



## Deputy Principal - Curriculum & Administration Report

A warm welcome back to all members of the MSB Community.

With this new term comes an array of exciting college events and initiatives. Over the coming weeks we welcome a number of new students into our college community. Students range from Year 7 through to Year 11 and draw from a number of different communities. We look forward to supporting these students in their endeavours and hope their time at MSB is fruitful.

In addition, we also host a number of events designed to strengthen student and community engagement and enhance learning across the college.



Mr Matt Brauer

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August MSB will host the Subject Expo, which facilitates an opportunity for students from Year 8 – 12 to investigate industry pathway's and curriculum offerings in 2021. Exhibitors from various industries from across the region will be actively involved in this event, providing advice and information to students whilst faculty leaders will support students in understanding the demands of specific subject offerings, as to inform student subject selection over the coming year.

To maintain strong engagement and communication with the community we will host Parent Teacher Interviews in week 5, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August. This year the meetings will be held via Zoom (Video conference), providing greater flexibility and convenience to both staff and parents. Included with this edition of the newsletter you will find detailed instructions around using Zoom software and making bookings through Parent Teacher Online (PTO) . Parents / carers are encouraged to contact the college if they have any queries or require support in doing so. (Please note the opportunity for a teleconference will also be offered)

To provide families with feedback on student growth, achievement and application at school, a Cumulative Report card will be sent home at the end of term. This will provide a summary of each student's subject results, behaviours (effort & application) and progress to date. We encourage families to review and reflect upon this report with their student/child and use this information to help form personal learning goals leading into term 4. We also ask that if you have any queries surrounding reports that you contact the college to discuss further.

Sincerely,

**Matt Brauer - Deputy Principal - Curriculum & Administration**



## Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing Report

Now that we are back at school for Term 3 everyone needs to get their study groove on.

In order to be the best student you can be, it is helpful to **BE PREPARED**. You can do this by making a list of things you need to stay on top of. Record when tasks are do. Set reminders for yourself to study, complete homework or work on that paper. Be the cool person that always seems to be on top of things.



Mr Dan Niemerg

Make sure that you stay active and **EXERCISE**. Get out there with your friends and move around. It spikes your energy and clears your mind so you are ready to tackle the important things at school. Try to get in the habit of being active every day. It's a good habit to be in for life!

It's also really important to **GET SOME SLEEP**. Don't stay up late playing on your phone or watching Netflix. When it is wind down time, grab a book. Read a little and get to sleep early. All staying up late and then getting up early will do for you is cause trouble. When your body operates on less sleep you make more mistakes, eat more, are less active and generally will have a foggier head. So, grab 8 hours sleep and be prepared to meet the day head on!

So, follow Mr. Dan's tips to meet Semester 2 head on and just be awesome!

**Dan Niemerg - Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing**





**Assistant Principal - Mission**

**A great treasure...**

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we hear Jesus sharing one his sayings about the kingdom of heaven: “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.” (Matthew 13:44-46)

This Gospel story has a lot to teach us about life and faith and I’ll get to that shortly; however, it reminds me of a somewhat funny story in the history of MSB...

Up at what we now call the “Top Oval” —where Cross Country and other events are held these days—back some time ago, word got back to the Mother Superior at MSB that miners in the pubs of Herberton were talking about a supposed tin stream running through the college property up where we now call the “Top Oval” (and the new mountain bike tracks). There was a very real threat that miners would be on the property soon staking out their claims! This would mean that MSB would lose that land to the miners. No sooner had Mother Superior heard this than she ordered the Nuns to go up to the top there and stake out claims as widely as they could across the college land. I have heard this story now from a couple of people, including one of the Sisters of Mercy; and I must say that it gave me a bit of a chuckle imaging the Nuns, all dressed in their habits, rushing up the back of the MSB property (in those days it would have been scrub) and staking out mining claims all over the place just to keep it out of the hands of the miners in town.



**Deacon  
Michael Lindsay**



But this funny story does connect with the Gospel for this Sunday in many ways. When we truly value something, we’d do everything we can to keep it, get it, or pass it onto our children. For those Nuns back then, it wasn’t just about keeping the land; it was also about their Mercy mission. They saw MSB and its Mercy spirituality as like the treasure found by the person in that Gospel story: they valued it so much that they moved heaven and earth to secure it so they could pass on that treasure to later generations of students and staff like us today. We can be grateful to them for this treasure of MSB.

Friends, as we move into Catholic Education Week (3rd week of Term 3 each year) we won’t be able to carry-out the celebrations we normally would. But thinking about what makes MSB a valuable treasure, we will invite students from next week to come up with creative ways of promoting *Random Acts of Kindness*. Homeroom teachers will report on what students are doing to share random acts of kindness around the college and from these, the most creative ideas will be recognised with points for their pupil rewards scheme. Ideally, though, we would encourage random acts of kindness every week of the year—something for which MSB is known.

**Random Acts of Kindness**

encourage someone    thank the custodian  
start a kindness campaign    hold a foodbank drive  
take time to really listen to a friend    be more positive  
post inspiring quotes around the school    hold the door open    speak kindly  
write a sticky note    write a gratitude email  
write a positive note on a sticky and post it    be grateful    give a genuine compliment  
surprise another class with a treat    volunteer    do something kind for the environment  
bake cookies for someone    write a letter    do a chore without being asked    thank a parent  
befriend someone new    smile at someone new    pick up litter  
call a grandparent    forgive someone  
start a kindness club  
hold a fundraiser

**Deacon Michael Lindsay - Assistant Principal - Mission**



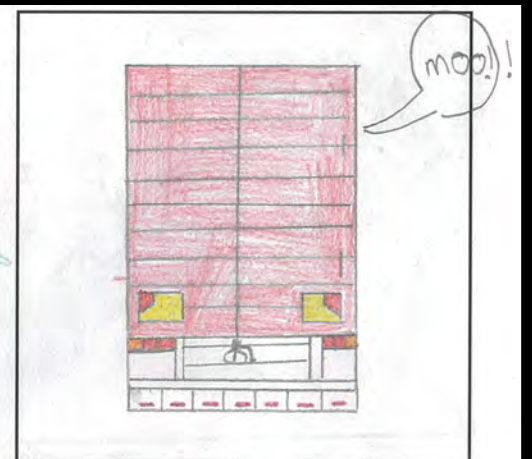
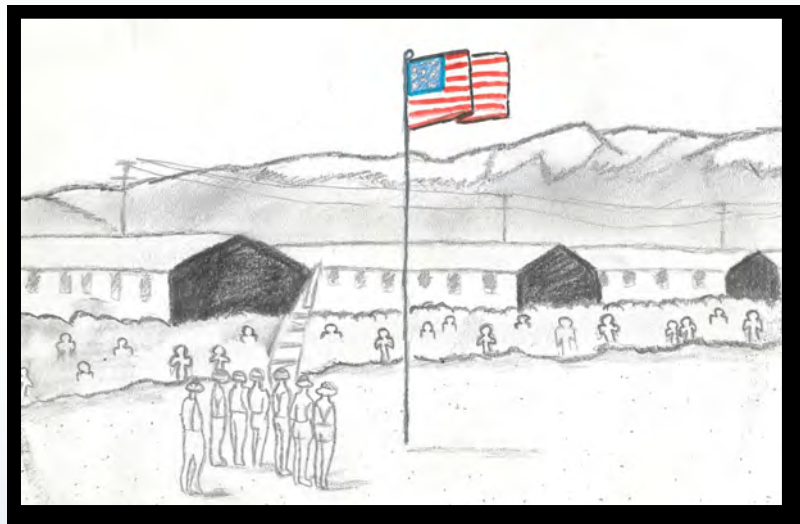
# 10A English Graphic Novels

10A English had to think outside the box (or maybe outside the panel) last term to produce creative visual stories. Each student wrote and illustrated a graphic novel and analysed their use of visual elements. Inspired by myths, their stories were funny, scary, and even inspiring. Year 10 students are moving on to Science Fiction this term, while the Year 7s get the chance to read and enjoy graphic novels instead. Thanks to Ms Julie Oswell for her great work with these students.

A head-and-shoulders portrait of Dr. Jennifer L. Smith, a woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a black sleeveless top. The background is a light, textured grey.

**Mrs Sarah Riber**

**Sarah Riber - Middle Leader— English & Humanities**





# The Goblet of Enlightenment

Qu: List 4 examples of foreshadowing in this text ?

Qu: Why does Charlie Bucktin steal peaches from Mad Jack Lionel's tree ?

Qu: Should there be a sequel ?

At the end of Term 2 some of our teachers and students competed in a reading extravaganza - The Goblet of Enlightenment. With the Readers' Cup on hold due to 'you-know-what', the Library decided to run its very own Student v Staff reading competition. The outcome: creative toasts, comic artwork, prizes galore and unexpected results.

The Shabby Cats (Ayla Edwards, Jack Jones, Dakota Dunford & Meena Riber ) took on The Pedagogues (Ms Wareing, Ms Oswell, Mr Pearson and Ms Cuda) to emerge winners by 5 points. Not so 'shabby', Shabby Cats.

Jess & The Blonde Moments (Jessica Clauss, Emmy Riber, Stacey Edwards and Sophie Jonsson) challenged Ms O'Brien, Ms Lunny, Mr Akers and Deacon Michael. Despite no quarter given and a last minute surge by the Deacon, **The Blonde Moments** smashed the stereotype to emerge victorious by 9 points.

Well done, all readers. In our busy lives, preparing for an intense reading quiz when one's pride is on the line may feel like sheer folly, but the rewards are immense: improved vocabulary and memory, problem solving, appreciation of writing, other points of view, times and places and *most important of all*, the fun of outwitting one's rivals.

**Special thanks** to the Kitchen for two delicious afternoon teas, scorers Emmy and Ms Majer, question writers, Mrs Riber and Ms Weedon and our dedicated Staff who kindly agreed to read and study into the night to share a deep love of reading with our students. C Weedon



Images: Mr Pearson puts in some last minute revision

Ms Cuda fuelling up for a tough contest

Jack chooses a prize

Sophie and Ms Hillary compete for points

The best afternoon tea

Mrs Riber pitches some seriously difficult questions to teams

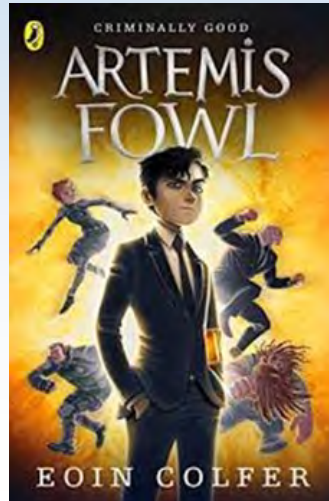




# FROM THE LIBRARY



A 'seriously' good collection



On TV, film and increasingly in Young Adult novels, from *Spider Man* to *The 100*, it's all about the series. **Our Library has diverse collection of novels that grow into series.**

They're for all Staff and students to *continue and continue and continue* to enjoy.

**Here's a brief list. How many have you tasted?**

Hunger Games, Arc of a Scythe, Killables, The Testing, Marsden's Tomorrows, Reeve's *Mortal Engines*, *Mortal Instruments*, *Divergent*, *Illuminae Files*, *Lunar Chronicles*, *Uglies*, *Twilight*, *Harry Potter*, *Artemis Fowl*, *Diary of Wimpy Kid*, *nth Storey Treehouse*, *Skeleton Creek*, *Dragon Keeper*, *Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants*, *Vampire Academy*, *Gleitzman's Once, Then, After, Soon*, *Deltora Quest*, *Pullman's His Dark Materials* ...



\*Thanks to Emmy Riber for lending her Philip Reeve's *Mortal Engines*' characters for this article's photo shoot. C Weedon



# MSB COLLEGE BOARD NEWS

The MSB College Board is pleased to announce an increase to its membership with three new members, Ms Natalie Van Der Zant, Ms Margaret Freeman and Mrs Flo Cornish.



Natalie Van Der Zant is a Sexual Health Coordinator for Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council and a previous college staff member in the VET Coordinator role. Her connection with communities that our own students come from is a meaningful link to her new role with the Board.

Flo Cornish is Coordinator of Support Team Leader with FNQ ITEC Health. As a former college staff member in the role of Transition Coordinator and as a parent of a student, she fulfilled an important role in transitioning students into their new learning environment. One of her previous roles as Community Transition Officer in Kowanyama and her current role, give her insight into the important issue of student retention to enable our students to achieve to their best potential.



Margaret Freeman is an ex officio member. She is a long-term staff member in girls residential, a local Indigenous community member and Traditional Owner. Her knowledge, attributes and experience with a range of Indigenous education providers, community consultation, local and national advisory positions, will be of great benefit to the Board.



The Board meets once per term to support the mission of Catholic education in our school by providing advice and feedback on college policies and decisions and sharing their wisdom. The group supports our Principal Ian Margetts and the Leadership Team in its work to support our diverse college student community to achieve optimal learning outcomes and wellbeing. If you are interested in joining our College Board or P & F Association, please call Hillary O'Brien on 07 4096 1485 for details.



# ART NEWS

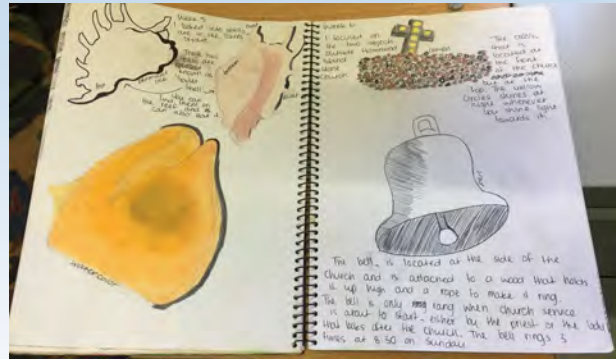
## Tiarnie Dorante

Visual Art students have been exploring the concept of 'Art as Lens' through **contemporary and personal contexts**. Two of our students have been working from home during COVID-19 lockdown on Hammond Island in the Torres Strait. I was exceptionally proud of Tiarnie's experimental folio, she has demonstrated how artists apply different lenses or viewpoints to create new ways of thinking, meaning and representation. As an artist, she has used different lenses to change the meaning of objects to communicate personal viewpoints. Please see attached documentation of her visual arts diary and final body of work. Well done, Tiarnie!

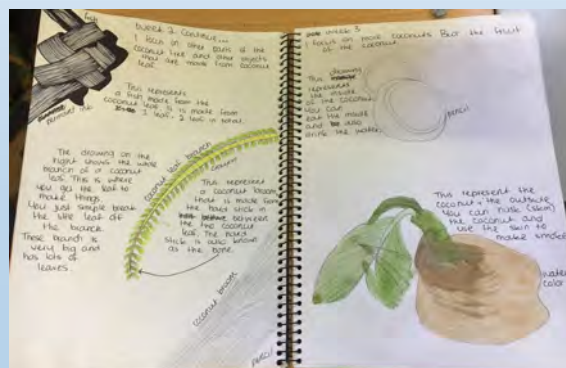
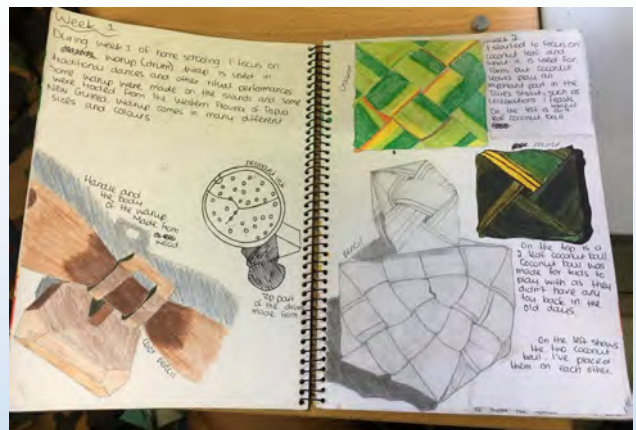
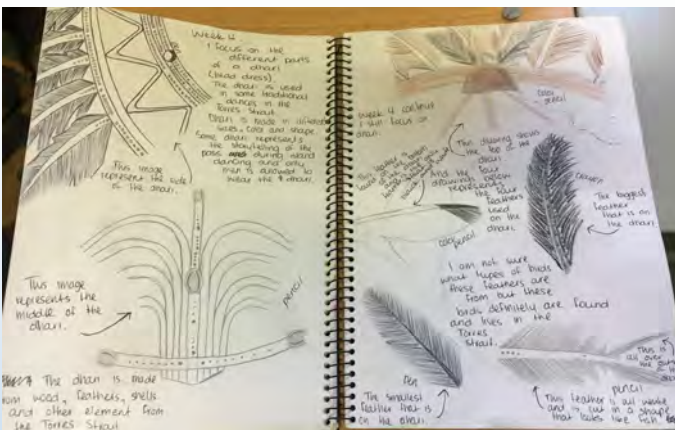


Ms Traylea Sexton

## Traylea Sexton - Middle Leader—The Arts



Final Triptych (three canvases) entitled 'Connected to the Ancestors'





## 2020 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition Results

Dear artists, families and college community,

I am pleased to announce that QATSIF have finalised the results for the 2020 QATSIF Creative Arts Competition. Mike Naylor (Director of QATSIF) stated that "It was tough going for our 10 Creative Arts Judges due to the very high standard of artwork across all of our entries. Our judging panel included: professional Indigenous artists, university and TAFE representatives as well as QATSIF Board staff". Well done to all the students that participated, your prizes are on the way!

### Winner of the Senior Wearable Art Award

Tahnee Stewart

### Highly Commended Awards:

#### Year 8 Visual Art Awards

River Nelson

Zahdein Pearson-Bowie

Lataia Petersen

Jack Sharkey

#### Year 11 & 12 Visual Art Awards

Zoe David-Sabatino

Stacey Edwards

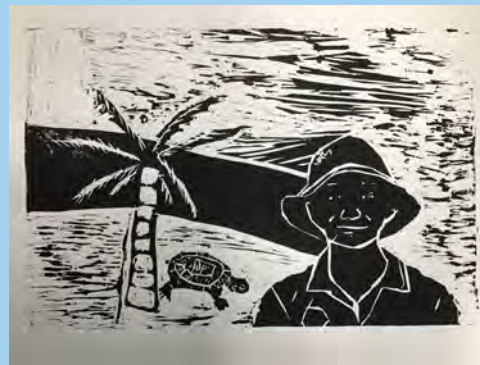
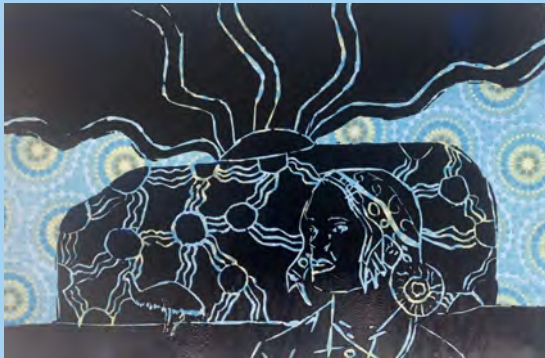
Annatania Escott

Anita Richard

Sheniele Roughsey

Tanisha Vincent

Tahnee Stewart





# HPE NEWS

Welcome to Term 3.

We are excited to be back to school and teaching HPE again with all the students returning. Due to Covid and safety measure we have decided to cancel our MSB Athletics carnival for 2020 as there is no district carnival to participate into this year to focus on school work. We still are planning on running the Swimming carnival in Term 4 at this stage.



**Mr Ryan Mawdsley**



## Fantastic News!

We have a great news thanks to the “Parents and Friends” Committee approving the purchase two indoor basketball rings for the main hall. The students are excited to play basketball indoors away from the weather and can’t wait for the rings to be installed. We plan to purchase and get approval from the engineering on the fixing points this term. Once is it all approved the rings will be installed. Hopefully in use for Term 4 sports. Thank you again Parents and Friends committee for funding this great project for the whole school community to use for many years to come.

***Ryan Mawdsley - Middle Leader—Health & Physical Education***



# BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGIES NEWS

This term is an exciting one with our new Year 8 and 10 students exploring the technologies behind the movies. They will be learning how to create 3D models using 3D software Sculptris and Blender to create horrible monsters of their own creation. Year 10 will be printing their models using the school’s 3D printer to create tokens for board games. The Year 11 & 12 ICT students are covering video creation, learning how to create their own films using digital cameras and editing software.

In Senior Design, we shift from create products for humans to creating products to help the environment. Sustainability is a crucial part of product design for the future. Our students will investigate ways to improve existing products and environments for a sustainable future.

Finally, in Business Studies, the Event Management and Social Media course begins after hibernating during the lockdown. Hopefully a fundraising event can be held in early Term 4, organised by the students, to raise funds for school activities.

It is going to be an interesting term.

***Brendan Akers - Middle Leader—Business & Technologies***



**Mr Brendan Akers**





# Careers and Vocational Pathways

## Careers

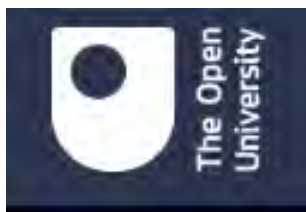
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- **Education and Development**
- **History and the Arts**
- **Languages**
- **Money and Business**
- **Nature and environment**
- **Science, Maths & Technology**
- **Society, Politics and Law**



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## Scholarship Information

### TAFE Qld 2021 Scholarships

Merit scholarships are awarded to students who have

achieved outstanding academic merit or demonstrate strong work performance along with the demonstrable desire to secure ongoing employment in the industry in which they have applied for the scholarship.

Access and equity scholarships provide equitable access to study at TAFE Queensland. They are awarded to students who can demonstrate a genuine interest in and commitment to their chosen career and identify themselves with one or more of the following categories:

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- significant caring responsibilities
- a disability or long-term medical condition or illness
- long-term unemployed (longer than 6 months)
- sole parent
- suffering significant financial difficulties or social barriers to study
- another specified disadvantage.

, [Click here for](#) more information and find out how to apply.



## VET News

### Apprenticeship intakes 2021

The following are some apprenticeship intake opportunities for 2021.

**Blenners Transport** Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanics - 2021 Intake



<https://www.seek.com.au/job/50153143?type=standout#searchRequestToken=15d7d278-b8e3-4c64-b82a-1b77fb96aebb>

**Wilmar Sugar** Apprentices 2021 - Wilmar Sugar - Cane Products

<https://careers.wilmarsugar-anz.com/jobdetails/ajid/WIIR7/Apprentices-2021-Wilmar-Sugar-Cane-Products,31503>



**Mackay Sugar** 2021 Mackay Sugar Apprentice Intake

<https://www.mkysugar.com.au/careers/Pages/Job-Opportunities.aspx>



**Komatsu** 2021 Apprentice Program

<https://www.komatsu.com.au/company/careers-with-komatsu/apprentice-program>



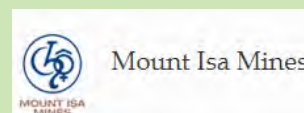
**Schindler's** 2021 Electrical Apprenticeship 2021 Program

<https://www.schindler.com/au/internet/en/careers/why-schindler/apprenticeship-program.html>



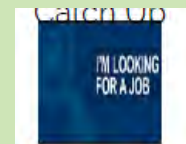
**Glencore** Mt Isa Mines Apprenticeship Intake 2021

[https://www.seek.com.au/job/50169589?utm\\_source=joraau&utm\\_campaign=joraau&utm\\_medium=organic&tracking=ILC-S%2AAU%2A-JOR-Referrer-4324](https://www.seek.com.au/job/50169589?utm_source=joraau&utm_campaign=joraau&utm_medium=organic&tracking=ILC-S%2AAU%2A-JOR-Referrer-4324)



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## **SAVE THE DATES - IMPORTANT DATES IN 2020**

### **Term 3 2020**

**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**

**Wed 5 Aug (Week 4) - Year 9 & 10 Readers Cup Competition - Cairns SHS**

**Tues 11 Aug (Week 5) - Parent Teacher Interviews via ZOOM 3.30pm - 6pm**

