



Mr Ian Margetts
Principal

7th August 2020

Principal's Report

Dear Parents/Carers and the greater community.

Last week, Week 3 of Term 3, is traditionally Catholic Education Week throughout Queensland. This is an opportunity for all who work in Catholic Education to promote and celebrate our distinctive mission and ethos. Mount St Bernard College along with other Catholic schools have a very important role in challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.



Whilst official functions and celebrations have been kerbed due to Covid-19, the Docemus and Catholic Education Week awards have gone ahead in recognition of staff who are acknowledged by their peers as dedicated in the above mission.

Mount St Bernard College is pleased to have three staff nominees for Catholic Education Week awards.

Matt Brauer – Deputy Principal Curriculum & Administration

- Matt has received a nomination for a Docemus award.
- Those that know and work with Matt know that his Curriculum and pedagogy knowledge is outstanding. We also know that Matt's leadership and work ethics are highly commendable. Matt's work developing the learning framework and associated documents this year will help move the College's learning agenda forward in a clear, consistent and contemporary way.

Jason Cislowski – IT Support Mount St Bernard College and Tablelands

- Jason has received a Spirit of Catholic Education award nomination.
- Jason works hard to in the area of information technology support. Jason spends a significant amount of time ensuring staff and student devices are working as well, as working on infrastructure and processes to ensure efficient IT processes.

Michael Lindsay – Assistant Principal Mission

- Michael has received a Spirit of Catholic Education award nomination.
- Michael has worked exceptional hard on many projects this year, non- more so than his work towards the centenary project. Even more influential though is Michael's ability to bring both scripture and prayer to the 'here and now' and make it practical and meaningful. Michael's nomination has been forwarded on to QCEC for state consideration

Recipients of the awards will be announced in the next couple of weeks. We wish Matt, Jason and Michael all the best.

This week we welcomed new staff member Louise Kimber. Louise has returned to Far North Queensland from Western Australia having originally hailed from Townsville. Louise has studied Bachelor of Education (Secondary) with Major: English / Minor: HASS and has significant experience and post graduate qualifications in supporting school and adult English as an additional language or dialect learners. Referees suggest that Louise is a very diligent worker and an excellent teacher and mentor. We look forward to Louise's contribution to the Mount St Bernard College Community.

Our subject expo was held this week with a great turn out of community training and employment bodies including the Defence Forces, Qld Police, TAFE, RATEP, Connect and Grow to name just a few. Year 8 through to Year 12 visited Mercy Hall throughout the day to explore and reflect on their pathways to and through post-secondary education and employment. Thank you to Mr Brauer, Ms Tresidder and Ms Threadingham as well as the Curriculum Middle Leaders for making the day an informative and inspiring day for students.



2020 MSB SUBJECT EXPO



In Term 4 our Year 12 students will be a graduating class like no other after a year of unforeseen disruption. They will still graduate and the whole community (parents, carers, extended family, friends and staff of the College) will certainly be very proud of this wonderful achievement!

Our end of year celebrations must adapt to ensure safe and responsible celebrations. We must also consider the new QCE system that includes external exams for many Year 12 students.

A letter has been sent to Year 12 parents this week. In short we are planning the following acknowledgements:

- Wednesday 21st October - Presentation Night
- Thursday 22nd October - Year 12 Graduation Liturgy
- Thursday 22nd October - 2020 Formal, International Club, Atherton

Unfortunately we must be realistic that if the current COVID-19 situation changes then we will have to adapt. We do however look forward to enjoying celebrations with our graduating class of 2020.

This week I visited St Teresa's Primary School at Ravenshoe. Here I spoke to students and parents about the many possibilities when coming to Mount St Bernard College.

Applications for Year 7, 2021 are open now online via our school website and families are also welcome to peruse the scholarship information.

Ian Margetts

Principal

SAME MERCY VALUES...

...IN CONTEMPORARY LEARNING FACILITIES

- Quality Catholic Education for local day students and boarding facilities for those further afield.
- Scholarships available as well as bursary for financial hardship.
- Do not let cost be a barrier. Catholic schools balance the need to charge fees with their historic role of providing access to quality schooling for all.
- For those who cannot afford to pay school fees, discounts and concessions are available so that no child is denied a Catholic education based on their family's financial situation.

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

ENROL NOW FOR 2021!

Considering enrolling at Mount St Bernard College?

Myth busting FAQs...

Is a Catholic school right for your child and your family?

- Faith and values based learning environment
- A holistic education - academic, spiritual, social, emotional and physical development
- Welcoming, inclusive and family-oriented environment
- High standards of behaviour and respect for self and others
- Safe and caring environment
- Sense of belonging and community
- Nurturing and development of individuals and their abilities
- Quality learning and teaching
- Strong academic reputation
- Broad curriculum and co-curricular options
- Academic, vocational and employment pathways
- Well-resourced and equipped classrooms with full ICT integration
- Development of life-long skills and a love of learning
- Strong links with parents and community
- Commitment to social justice
- Preparation for a life of worth, not merely a life of work

Does my child have to be Catholic?

Your child does not need to be Catholic to enrol at a Catholic school and there has never been a defined percentage of Catholic and non-Catholic students that a school must enrol. In fact, Catholic schools in the Cairns Diocese have large numbers of students from non-Catholic backgrounds and are welcoming to all who seek and support their values.

When should I apply?

Apply now for 2021 – to apply visit <http://www.msb.qld.edu.au/documents/enrolment.html>

School tours available any time by appointment – contact Hillary O'Brien at the College by phone – 07 4096 1444 or email msb.enrolments@cns.catholic.edu.au

Are Catholic schools expensive?

Catholic schools remain an affordable option for most families, and Catholic schools in the Cairns Diocese are surprisingly more affordable than some may realise.

Catholic school fees are comparable with, if not less than, kindy fees and compare very favourably with other non-government / private schools in Far North Queensland (and also Catholic schools in some other parts of Australia).

Fee discounts for siblings and country areas apply and there are generous. There is also automatic fee concessions for those in genuine financial difficulty.

What if I can't afford it?

Don't let this be a barrier. Catholic schools balance the need to charge fees with their historic role of providing access to quality schooling for all. For those who can't afford to pay school fees, discounts and concessions are available so that no child is denied a Catholic education based on their family's financial situation.



Providing diverse pathways to meet the wide ranging needs of the students we serve

Mercy Traditions
Spirited Learning
Building Futures
Let your light shine!

Key Year 12 End of Year Dates

Key Year 12 2020 Dates

(updated – 2-8-2020)

Term 3

Week 9 Mon - Fri	7 th - 11 th Sept	Trial Exam Block (combined with normal classes)
Week 10 Mon - Wed	14 th -16 th Sept	Normal timetable
Week 10 Thursday	17 th Sept	Period 1-5 'Driving Home the Message' Driver awareness program Period 6 - End of Term 3 – Whole School Liturgy – Mercy Day
Week 10 Friday	18 th Sept	Boarder travel day – Student Free Day

Term 3 Holidays

Term 4

Week 1 Monday	5 th October	Public Holiday
Week 1 Tuesday	6 th October	Boarder Travel Day – Student Free Day
Week 1 Wednesday	7 th October	Term 4 Classes Commence (Years 7-12)
Week 1 ending Friday	9 th October	Normal timetable
Week 2 Wednesday	14 th October	Essential Maths Common Internal Assessment - 1pm-3pm
Week 2 Friday	16 th October	Essential English Common Internal Assessment – 9am-11am
Week 2 ending Friday	16 th October	Normal timetable around Essential English and Essential Mathematics exams
Week 3 Monday	19 th October	Normal timetable
Week 3 Tuesday	20 th October	8.35am – 12.00pm Study Block – All Year 12 12.00pm – 3.00pm Year 12 Community Activity – Lake Eacham
Week 3 Wednesday	21 st October	8.35am – 1.20pm Study Block – All Year 12 1.20pm – 3.00pm Presentation Night rehearsal 6.00pm – 7.30pm Presentation Night 7.30pm – 8.30pm Supper
Week 3 Thursday	22 nd October	10.00am- 10.40am Year 12 Graduation Liturgy 10.40am – 11.30am Morning Tea 11.30am – 3.00pm Study Block/Formal Preparations 5.30pm – 9.00pm Formal – Atherton International Club 5.30pm arrivals, 6.15pm seated

Exams and Travel

Week 3 Friday	23 rd October	Travel Day for students without exams **Boarding Students with Exams remain in school and boarding until complete – travel arranged for as soon as exams complete - Study rooms will be arranged onsite - Boarding students must attend - Day students do not need to attend when they do not have exams but are welcome and encouraged to study sessions
Week 4 Monday	26 th October	Exam: English & English as an Additional Language (9am)
Week 4 Monday	26 th October	Exam: Business (12.30pm)
Week 4 Wednesday	28 th October	Exam: Design (9am)
Week 4 Thursday	29 th October	Exam: General Mathematics (12.30pm)
Week 4 Friday	30 th October	Exam: General Mathematics (P2) (9am)
Week 5 Monday	2 nd November	Exam: Biology (P1) (9am) Exam: Biology (P2) (12.30pm)
Week 6 Wednesday	11 th November	Exam: Digital Solutions (9am)

Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing Report



Mr Dan Niemerg

FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING

CONNECT

TALK & LISTEN,
BE THERE,
FEEL CONNECTED

Give

Your time,
your words,
your presence

TAKE NOTICE

REMEMBER
THE SIMPLE
THINGS THAT
GIVE YOU JOY

KEEP LEARNING

EMBRACE NEW
EXPERIENCES,
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,
SURPRISE YOURSELF

BE ACTIVE

DO WHAT YOU CAN,
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,
MOVE YOUR MOOD

INTRODUCE THESE FIVE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS.

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Now that we are almost halfway through Term 3 the full weight of school will be firmly upon all the students. Many have it under control and others need extra time to process what is happening for them. It’s important that everyone is there for each other. Take a moment to connect with others, check in with friends and see if you can lend a hand. Look out for people around you that may be struggling to stay on top of things. Give support and show that you care. Be active to keep your mind fresh and make sure you are eating healthy foods. We are getting closer to the end and things are going to get more complicated. Be prepared.

The Wellbeing team would like to welcome Mr. Richard Savage. He brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the Wellbeing Worker role. If you haven’t met Mr. Savage yet, pop into wellbeing and say hello. He has worked in a similar capacity in other schools and comes with some great skills to support the needs of our students. Welcome aboard Mr. Savage!

Dan Niemerg - Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing



Residential News



Mr Scott Whitters

Dear Parents and Friends of MSB,

I write to you today to introduce the two Assistant Heads of Boarding. My role as AP Residential primarily involves the administrative side of boarding, even though I devote a great deal of time to pastoral care and wellbeing. It is Judy Anning and Peter Kane who provide most of the leadership in boarding with the support of our other lead supervisors who I will profile over the coming weeks.

For new families, I encourage you to contact Judy and Peter with any concerns you have about residential care at MSB. It is worth calling these two leaders for updates on your student and to provide us with valuable information that may assist us to provide the best care possible. Kind regards, Scott Whitters



Judy Anning

My name is Judy Anning and I am from the Yidinji tribe of the Atherton Tablelands. My position at MSB Boarding is the Assistant Head of Boarding (Girls).

I have been at Mount St Bernard College previously for 10 years as the Indigenous Liaison Officer. I then took a break and returned 3 years later to take up a position as Boarding Supervisor. I have now been in Boarding for 10 years.

I enjoy working with the students, parents, guardians and care givers. I believe that these students are our future leaders and we need to set them on the right path when they leave school. We may not be teachers, though we feel sometimes that we are. We teach them respect, responsibility, trust and being safe. I thank you for entrusting the students to our care.

Peter Kane

Hi all my name is Peter Kane and I am the Assistant Head of Boarding (Boys) here at MSB.

I was born and raised in Herberton. I moved away when I was 23 and returned 15 years later and started work at MSB.

This is the seventh year that I have been working in boarding at MSB. I enjoy all aspects of my role but I especially enjoy seeing the students that graduate each year. It is very rewarding.

Outside of work I enjoy going out fishing, hunting, metal detecting and four-wheel driving.

I also like being at home with my wife and my dog Ted.

I greatly enjoy mentoring the students in our care and aim to guide them on a path to future opportunity.



HELP STOP THE SPREAD

Take care not to share



- Wash your hands often, with soap and water including before and after eating and after going to the toilet.
- Use hand sanitiser.



- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your arm or a tissue (not your hands).



- Put tissues straight into the bin and then wash your hands.
- Don't touch your mouth or face.



- Reduce face-to-face contact and handholding, or handshakes.
- Stay connected online.



- Try to keep more space than normal between yourself and others.
- Avoid queuing.



- Look after yourself and your mates.
- Try to keep a routine, particularly if self-isolating.
- Avoid fake news about the virus and refer to reliable information.
- Reach out to others if you are feeling anxious, or if you think they are.

Doing this will help keep you, your family, friends and the community safe.

HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY



Australian Government

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit australia.gov.au

MATHS AND SCIENCE NEWS

This term we welcome Ms Nicola Chambers to the Maths and Science Faculty. Ms Chambers has fitted in very well to our school and has been warmly received by the students. Below are some photos of Ms Chambers' year 10 Science Class.

In the senior area, our year 12 students will soon begin revising for their end of year exams. These exams review all topics covered over the past year. Parents are asked to encourage all year 12 students to study regularly. The external exams are worth fifty per cent of the year's mark. This is the first year where external exams have been taken throughout Queensland so nobody is entirely sure as to the extent of work covered so students must prepare for all eventualities.

Parent teacher interview will be conducted next Tuesday afternoon. Parents are encouraged to contact the school to check on the progress of their children.



Mr Malcolm Fahey

Malcolm Fahey - Middle Leader - Maths and Science



“SO MANY GREAT LEARNING ACTIVITIES”

Year 11 Physics

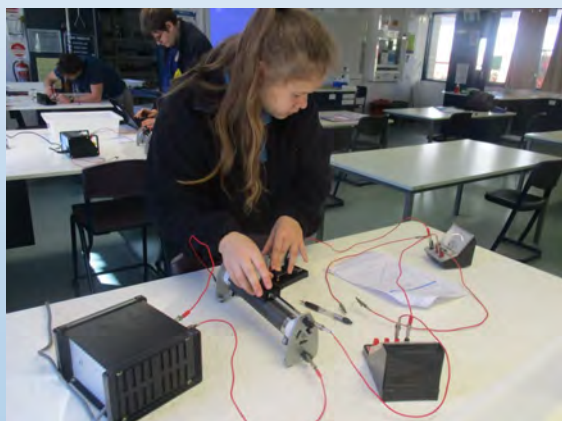
Our Year 11 Physics class is in the process of completing a practical experiment on Ohm's Law in the topic of Electricity.

The first and perhaps most important relationship between current, voltage, and resistance, is called Ohm's Law. It was discovered by Georg Simon Ohm in 1827.

Ohm's law states that the current through a conductor between two points is directly proportional to the voltage across the two points.

By graphing current against voltage they will determine if a resistor supplies obeys the Law. If the graph is a straight line they can conclude that the resistor is Ohmic in nature.

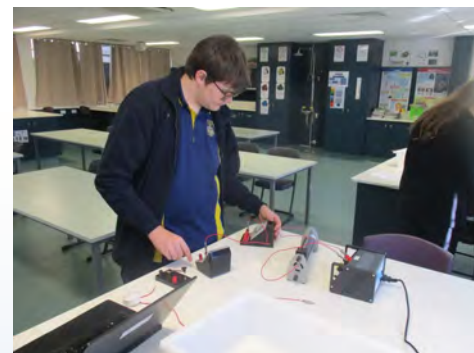
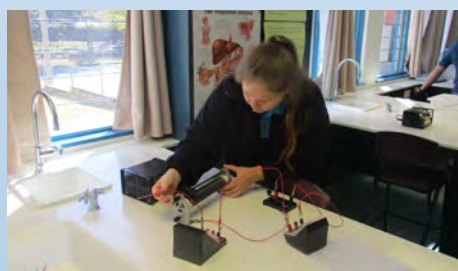
Mr Andrew Jamieson—Physics Teacher



Ohm's Law

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

Electric current = Voltage / Resistance



ART NEWS

Health Centre Mural Project

Senior Art students are collaborating with the Health Centre to develop a mural as part of their assessment this term. Nurse Stef expressed the need to illustrate health issues experienced in community, be it from the Northern Territory, Torres Strait Islands, Cape York, Gulf or the local community. Students are busy designing scenes, symbols and stories that convey messages about chronic diseases, healthy lifestyles, traditional food, hunting and gathering, social emotional issues and mental health

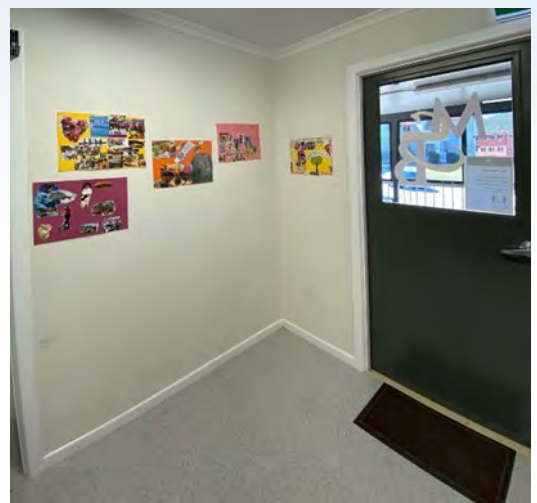


Ms Traylea Sexton

All these topics are issues that our students at Mount St Bernard either deal with personally or know others who are, and this is a good way to let them be the teachers and story tellers to future students who may present to the health centre.

Nurse Stef said ***“Let’s help make these issues something easy to talk about and I believe art is a great way to do that.”***

Please see the before photos of the space in the Health Centre and the brainstorming of issues. –Nurse Stef and Miss Tray



Year 9 Art

Year 9 ventured to the outdoors for Art this week.



Traylea Sexton - Middle Leader—The Arts





YEAR 7 CAMP

*Have you ever seen
A penguin go to sea?
Have you ever seen
A penguin look like me?*



Ms Julie Oswell

By the end of our amazing Year 7 Camp at Holloways Beach Environmental Education Centre (HBEEC), 30 students and five staff knew how to do the penguin. Besides learning fun campfire songs, we spent three days doing team building activities, covering ourselves in mangrove mud, catching a beautiful sunset and sunrise on the beach and tackling the high ropes course. We met Snappy Tom the crocodile, fed some barramundi and had the most perfect weather for a day of boating and learning about mangrove ecosystems. Many thanks to the staff at HBEEC for creating the perfect experience for us and to the MSB staff who attended and pushed themselves out of their comfort zone to support our students. It really was, in the words of one of our Year 7s, "the best camp ever!" If you have a Year 7 student in your life, ask them to show you the penguin!

Julie Oswell - Year 7 Co-Ordinator and Classroom Teacher



Careers and Vocational Pathways News

Apprenticeship intakes 2021

The following are some apprenticeship intake opportunities for 2021.

Ergon Energy Apprenticeships

2021 intake will be open for applications on

21 August 2020

Distribution Powerline Electrotechnology Electrician

<https://www.ergon.com.au/network/help-and-support/careers/apprenticeships>



HITACHI

Hitachi Apprenticeships

a Heavy Vehicle Mobile Equipment (HVME) Mechanic and Automotive Electrician recruitment process starts in August 2020

<https://hitachicm.com.au/careers-with-hitachi#Apprenticeship%20&%20Training>

Women for 2021 Apprenticeships Energy

Ergon Energy Queensland currently has open Expressions of Interest for Women for their 2021 Apprenticeship intake.



Expressions of Interest close 20th August, with applications opening on the 21st August for both genders .

Williams Adams (CAT) apprenticeships

Apprenticeships in Mobile Equipment (Earthmoving), Heavy Road Transport (Trucks), Metal Fabrication (Boilermaker and Auto Electrical) across our branch network. **Applications close on the 31st of August 2020.**

William Adams



Also see the Employment padlet on the School Portal

<https://padlet.com/pthreading/xs4ww69sfg5g>



VET student Activities

Students undertaking Certificate II in Rural Operations have built steps and landscaped the area leading to the Agriculture building. They went to a local nursery and selected the plants to complement the native environment.



Careers and Vocational Pathways News

Subject Expo 2020

Mount St Bernard College held the annual Subject Expo on 4th August for Year 8 to Year 12 students. The purpose of the day was to provide knowledge and ideas to students who will be choosing their Secondary Education and Training (SET) Plan in the next couple of weeks but also to help people assess the learning pathway they have chosen.

The day also planted ideas for Year 8 and Year 9 students so that they too may choose the electives that will help them gain knowledge to help them when they do plan their future studies.

A variety of external organisations and subject area were well represented. Teachers who attended were happy to share information about their learning areas with students. Universities, Apprenticeship and traineeship employers, council, police department, Defence Force, TAFE and other private providers interacted and shared their knowledge with the attendees.

QTAC Applications

QTAC registrations opened on 4th August. You must create a QTAC account to apply

Have the following personal details ready before you get started:

- **Full name**
- **Date of birth**
- **LUI number**
- **Personal email address (do not use your school email)**

You can apply without knowing your ATAR or selection rank

There will be Home form sessions with more information in the coming weeks.

<https://www.qtac.edu.au/applications/>

ATAR

ATAR is the primary mechanism used nationally for tertiary admissions and indicates a student's position relative to other students. It is the standard measure of a student's overall academic achievement in relation to other students where these students have studied different subject combination

ATAR will be issued on 19th December 2020



SAVE THE DATES - IMPORTANT DATES IN 2020

Term 3 2020

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



Tues 18 - Fri 21 Aug (Week 6) - Year 9 Expedition Davies & Emerald Creek National Parks

Thurs 27 Aug (Week 7) - BLA Youth & Careers Expo Years 10 –12 Cairns Showgrounds

Fri 4 Sept (Week 8) - Student Free Day for QCAA Confirmation Process Day

Fri 4 - Sun 6 Sept (Week 8) - Boarders Leave Weekend

Mon Aug 31 - Fri 4 Sept (Week 8) - Rural Operations Training Block

Thurs 17 Sept (Week 10) - Term 3 ends at 3pm

Fri 18 Sept (Week 10) - Boarders Travel day home—MSB Office closes for School holidays



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 25th August
Ph: 4091 0263

Malanda Health Centre Wednesday 26th August
Ph: 4096 5339

COMMUNITY DONATION | At the end of Term 2, Mr Cameron Szery ventured out into the forest to Mrs Julia Cazita-Mazeaud's property where a huge tree had come down. Making sure that the timber did not go to waste and being quite dedicated to the values of MSB, these two teachers kindly donated their time to the school, thereby supplying over \$5000 in slabbed soft wood to Mount St Bernard College for our Industrial Technology students. Our college community of over 100 years and now continues to be gifted items by the kindness of our community. It is fitting that a 100 year old tree join our family. Many thanks to both Julia and Cameron.

