



Mr Ian Margetts
Principal

5th February 2021

Principal's Report

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members,

Welcome to the 2021 school year. It is great to see so many returning students and we especially welcome all new students. It promises to be an action-packed year with centenary celebrations as a backdrop throughout the year to teaching, learning, and boarding life.

It is great to report that despite an interrupted 2020, Year 12 graduates achieved impressive results. Of our 14 Year 12 students;

- 100% completed a recognised qualification
- 100% of QTAC applicants received an offer
- 13 students completed one or more VET qualifications
- 19 VET qualifications issued in total

Year 7 – 10 result and data was also very good. Highlights included;

- Consistent & steady growth Year 8-10 Reading
- Consistent & steady growth Year 7-10 Maths
- Sharp & consistent growth Year 7-10 Writing

We look forward to building on these successes in 2021.



Today we held our Commencement Mass and Induction of Student Leaders. This provided the first opportunity to acknowledge the legacy of the Sisters of Mercy and their dedication over the last 100 years to education here at Herberton. Originating in the heart and mind of the Parish Priest of the time, Fr. Patrick Bernard Doyle and enlivened by the Sisters of Mercy from its inception, Mount St Bernard College has evolved to meet the needs of the time.

As the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, Catherine McAuley, did in Dublin nearly 100 years prior (1824), Fr Bernard and the local Sisters built a large 'House of Mercy'. Catherine stated that "no work of charity can be more productive of good to society than the careful instruction of women" and it was with this care and nurturing spirit that the Sisters of Herberton set about providing this 'instruction'.

Many, many Sisters of Mercy have followed the wonderful legacy of the vision and practice of the foundress Catherine McAuley. Catherine McAuley believed education is an essential ingredient in the betterment of both individuals and society. Catherine also inspired people to be living witnesses of God's mercy in the world and it continues today. Education in the spirit of Mercy at Mount St Bernard College is embedded in our values. We encourage our students, and all community members to commit to these values, values of;

- Community - the way of living and giving gracious hospitality in the spirit of family,
- Mercy - acting justly with a compassionate heart,
- Respect - through valuing self, others, environment and the purpose of school,
- Excellence - by striving towards personal best, and
- Wisdom - through gaining life enhancing knowledge and skills.

The ministry of the Sisters of Mercy from those early days at Mount St Bernard College, till when the last sisters ceased residing at the College in 2018, has evolved and adapted to the times. The Sisters of Mercy were always practical and a wonderful source of real expressions of the Gospel.





The lay staff of Mount St Bernard College are now charged with this legacy and must likewise evolve and adapt with the times. We must 'be mercy' in the world and particularly those we educate at the College so that we can continue to "empower young people through our commitment to education to become persons of faith, learning and hope, and so contribute to their communities" (College Mission Statement)

We are certainly very proud of our school's heritage. We warmly extend an invitation to the wider community as we celebrate 100 years of education and care for young people at Mount St Bernard College to join us at various times throughout 2021. Our major centenary celebrations are occurring during the weekend of 24-26 September this year and will include;

- College Guided Tours
- Opening of Mount St Bernard College Heritage Rooms, Heritage Trail and Centenary Labyrinth
- As well as Centenary Thanksgiving Mass and Gala Dinner

During the Commencement Mass we inducted our 2021 student leaders and welcomed new staff to the College. These staff are:

- Marina Winkler – Middle Leader Diversity and Senior English
- Janet Wigan – Acting Year 7 & 8 Coordinator & Year 7 Core Teacher
- Jade Briscoe – ML Year 11 & 12 Coordinator & English & Religion Teacher
- Peter Graham – School Counsellor
- Nikki Symons – Contract replacement in the area of FTD, Science, English & Humanities
- Marcello Cecchi – Contract replacement teacher in Geography, FTD, English, Humanities
- Mary Bartlett – Contract replacement in Year 9 core subjects



I wish everyone a very successful 2021 and look forward to working with you, the students, staff, family and friends of Mount St Bernard College.

Mr Ian Margetts - Principal



Assistant Principal - Mission Report



Deacon Michael
Lindsay

The start of each year at MSB is always packed with major activities from the Mission Department: Commencement Mass with induction of student leaders; Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday; Ash Wednesday; and the Launch of Project Compassion, which carries with it the special fundraising projects different groups of students will lead throughout the rest of Term 1. And in many ways, so it should be—setting the tone for the College from the start as to what a Mercy school is about.

This year, our Commencement Mass has an extra-special depth of celebration to it as we begin our college's centenary celebrations for the year. This year, our college celebrates 100 years of Mercy education and we take this opportunity to give thanks for the dedication of past Sisters of Mercy and Staff who have served Mount St. Bernard over the decades. All that we are today and all that we have has been built upon the solid foundations of those who went before us - and we give thanks for that. At the same time, we take up our part in the ongoing story of MSB and commit ourselves to that same Mercy mission here for the future generations who will come after us. And so we understand our college motto - *Let your light shine* - as not only to let *our own* lights shine but to help *others'* light to shine also. In that light, Commencement Mass 2021 is truly a time to reflect, re-focus, give thanks and celebrate.

A special moment in every Commencement Mass is the induction of new student leaders - the College Captains for the year. This year, they take on a somewhat more heightened responsibility of ensuring that flame of the Mercy legacy at MSB is kept burning brightly this year to be handed on for the decades to come. One of our College Captains for 2021 will also be presented the QATSIF Certificate for Leadership during this Mass. We have every confidence that the student leadership in this our centenary year will be sure and true to the Mercy spirit at MSB.

Project Compassion will kick-off soon, with our official launch during the Ash Wednesday liturgy (Wednesday 17th February, Week 4). Last year saw over \$1,000 raised—the highest amount raised in a single year for some time. Project Compassion is true to the old saying: ***Give a person a fish and he eats for a day; teach him to fish and he eats for the rest of his life.*** Funds raised for Project Compassion are not simple charity (short-term donations). They go directly towards building skills and infrastructure so that people and communities can look after themselves into the future.

Deacon Michael Lindsay - Assistant Principal - Mission



Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing Report

2021 is here! A new school year brings excitement to all of us here at MSB. We have a few new faces to welcome in the Wellbeing space. Our new College Counsellor is Peter Graham. We also welcome Janet Wigan (Year 7/8 Pastoral Coordinator), Ryan Mawdsley (Year 9/10 Pastoral Coordinator) and Jade Briscoe (Year 11/12 Pastoral Coordinator) to the Wellbeing Team.

As the school year begins, I would like to ask all parents to keep in close contact with their students regarding school. For boarders, it is helpful for parents to check in and show their support and for day students it is important for parents to keep an eye on how their child may be coping with being back in the learning environment.



Mr Dan Niemerg

2021 Wellbeing Team

Dan Niemerg - Assistant Principal Student Wellbeing **Janet Wigan** 7/8 Year Level Coordinator

Peter Graham - College Counsellor **Ryan Mawdsely** - 9/10 Year Level Coordinator

Richard Savage - Wellbeing Officer **Jade Briscoe** - 11/12 Year Level Coordinator

Brenda Talty - Transition Support Officer **Michelle Davies-Griffith** - Responsible Thinking Room Coordinator (RTR)

Stef Henebery - College Nurse **Leisha Tibbs** - Health Centre Administration Officer

Dan Niemerg - Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing



Residential News



Dear Families and Friends of MSB

Welcome to start of the 2021 school year. We are extremely pleased to see almost all of our students return on time. The majority of students have settled back into routines very quickly and have been abiding by boarding house expectations.

I have attached a copy of the Boarder Agreement for all parents and guardians to read. All students have signed this agreement and have made a commitment to abide by the conditions. Please read this document and support your child to adhere to the expectations. The expectations are based on our College Positive Behaviour Plan which focuses on being Safe, Respectful and Responsible.

As I mentioned last year, we have also updated our Mobile Phone Policy. Please have a read of this document and support your child to adhere to the expectations. The main purpose of this policy is to ensure students are getting appropriate levels of sleep each night to be productive learners at school.

I would like to remind our families that Transition House is available throughout the year for parents and guardians to visit MSB for the purpose of supporting your child throughout difficult or challenging times. Whether you are a new family or existing family, Transition House provides an opportunity for you to visit the College and assist in engaging your child in learning. Please contact Brenda Talty if you require support visits this year.

We are hopeful that community sport will be back up and running this year. Please watch out for sporting correspondence from Joanne Bull this term. Many sports will require membership or match fees. We will be encouraging as many students as possible to engage in after school sport or recreation activities.

Finally, please assist and support your child to wear the correct uniform throughout the year and ensure they abide by the College Uniform Policy, including the wearing of jewelry.

I believe 2021 will be a year of enormous personal growth and progress for all our boarders. I look forward to walking alongside them as they develop and grow into young adults.

Kind regards,

Scott Whitters - Assistant Principal - Residential



Boarding Agreement

In becoming a member of the Mount St Bernard College Boarding Community,

I acknowledge that Mount St Bernard College has policies and procedures in place for my safety and security, and for the safety and security of others. I will adhere to all policies and procedures outlined in the Residential Handbook, including being transparent and honest in letting Boarding staff always know my whereabouts.

I acknowledge that to be a Boarder at Mount St Bernard College means being part of a special community. I will take pride in being a MSB Boarder and endeavour to present myself and my belongings in a neat and tidy manner.

I acknowledge the routines and expectations which exist in Boarding. I will be on time and dressed appropriately for roll call, study periods, Chapel, and bedtime.

I acknowledge the diversity of cultures, languages, and backgrounds that each Boarder brings to MSB. I will show kindness, respect and tolerance for the values and beliefs of others. I will at all times show respect and courtesy towards all MSB staff.

I acknowledge the privacy and private space of each Boarder. I will respect the privacy and property of others.

I acknowledge that every Boarder has different academic goals and I acknowledge the need to help facilitate an environment that will allow these goals to be achieved. I will make it my goal to help create a quiet atmosphere in which to study, apply myself to my studies and be my academic best.

I acknowledge the importance of involvement in activities, both in the day school and in Boarding. I will positively participate in co-curricular activities and the recreation activities organised by the Boarding House.

I acknowledge that being independent is part of Boarding life. I will endeavour to be self-motivated, cooperative, and helpful in the Boarding House and in class, ensuring that I am organised and prepared.

I acknowledge that MSB accepts no responsibility for the loss, theft, unauthorised use or damage of any of my personal belongings.

I have read and understood the MSB Residential Handbook.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____



Your Light Shine!



In the Mercy Tradition



BOARDING HOUSE MOBILE PHONE POLICY AND CONTRACT



Name: _____

Mobile phones are convenient and provide an easy method of communication between boarders' and their family and friends. Mobile phones do have dangers associated with them and this contract aims to minimise risks and provide security for all users. All students who bring a mobile phone to the Boarding house are asked to sign a contract outlining the conditions associated with having a mobile in the boarding house. Any breaches to these conditions will result in the phone being confiscated.

Conditions of use:

- ☐ Only 1 mobile allowed per person
- ☐ Mobiles must not be used to harass or bully others
- ☐ Mobiles must not be used to take photos/video of others without their consent
- ☐ Mobiles must not be used in the dining room during dinner or during study
- ☐ Mobiles must not be used to search/send inappropriate content
- ☐ Mobiles must be charged by the owner
- ☐ Mobiles will be collected each night at a designated time
- ☐ Mobiles are the responsibility of the owner
- ☐ Any change to the number or phone needs to be told to the Head of Boarding
- ☐ All boarders must have the Head of Boarding's number in their contacts for safe travel purposes
- ☐ Chargers need to be tested for safety – students to supply chargers

Any user that breaches these conditions will have their phone confiscated for a period specified by the Head of Boarding.

I have read and understand the mobile phone policy and agree to abide by these conditions.

Boarder's signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent's signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Phone specifics:

Boarder's Mobile number _____

IME Number _____

Make and model _____

Health Centre report by Nurse Stef

Healthy Bodies + Healthy Minds = Happy Life



Each month the MSB Health Clinic promotes different aspects of health in order to promote optimal care to our students while at school.

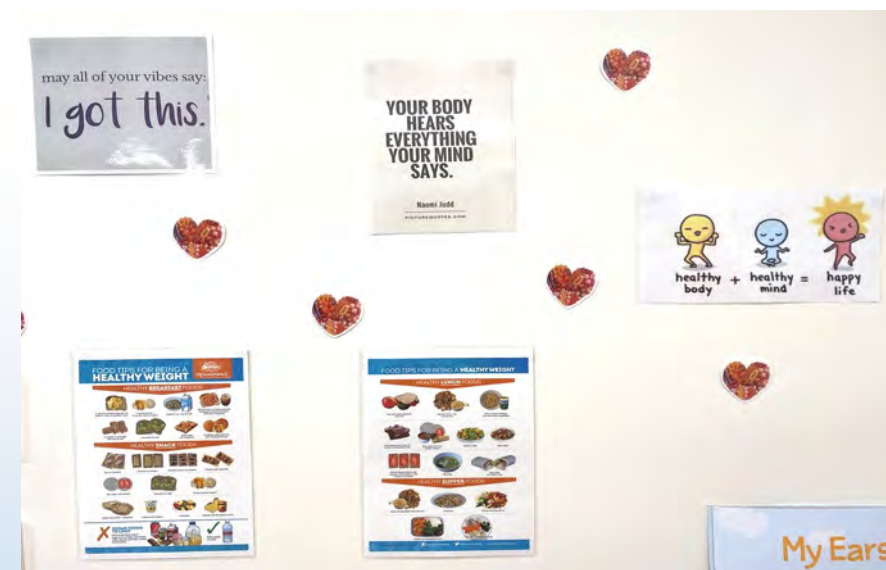
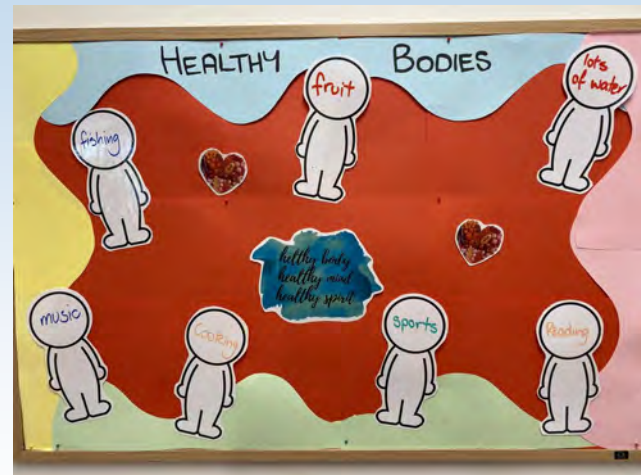
For the month of February we will be focusing on '*Healthy bodies, Healthy minds*'.

Here are a few easy steps to ensure your body and mind is happy:

- ◆ **Eat a healthy breakfast before school**—improves alertness, concentration, mental performance and memory
- ◆ **Exercise regularly**—you can include exercise in your daily routine like walking around the oval with friends chatting, playing a fun game of touch or dancing to your favourite song
- ◆ **Laugh out loud**—laughter is one of the most basic emotional responses but can have the biggest positive impact on our mental health.
- ◆ **Get enough sleep**—ensuring you have a restful sleep of 6 to 8 hours helps refresh the mind and repairs the body.
- ◆ **A positive attitude**—can work wonders on your health . It can increase your life span, fight depression and stress and aid in your well-being.

MSB strives to give their students the best possible chance at succeeding in school, by providing support in ensuring our students have healthy bodies and healthy minds.

Nurse Stef



Every year Mount St Bernard's college in partnership with Mulungu Mareeba Primary Health Care offer hearing screening to every student attending the college. Hearing plays a huge role in a child's learning and we at Mount St Bernard's want your child to have the best learning possible.

Deb is a Health Practitioner who works for Mulungu and travels to different Tableland schools to perform the hearing testing. The hearing screening is a free service and runs out of the health clinic during school time. If you wish for your child not to have their hearing tested, please contact the Mount St Bernard's health clinic on 40961 501. Deb will be at MSB on the following dates for screening:

Yr. 7 & 8 – 16th February Yr. 9 & 10 – 17th February Many thanks, Stef Henebery (College Nurse)



HPE NEWS

Welcome to 2021

We welcome our students back to school and can not wait to teach. The Health and Physical Education Department welcomes a new staff member to the team in Nikki Symons who will teacher a year 9 class this year. We also welcome back Kieran Ryan, Matt Brauer, Mike Tolley and Ryan Mawdsley to teacher the remaining HPE classes.



Mr Ryan Mawdsley

Getting to know two of the students' HPE Teachers



Name: Nikki Symons

Where have I come from? Darwin NT

3 Facts about me?

I have two kids 10 and 14.

I was in the army before I was a teacher.

I have two sausage dogs that I spoil rotten.

What do you teach at MSB? *I teach a range of subjects and year 9 HPE.*

What is my favourite sport to play? *I love to play netball and touch football*

What is my favourite sporting moment? *Winning a grand final by 1 goal in the last few minutes*

Name: Kieran Ryan

Where have I come from? *London, England although have been in Australia for over a year now.*

3 Facts about me?

I am yet to find a sport I do not enjoy.

I have been lucky enough to visit 21 different countries in the world (out of 195!)

I can whistle through my nose

What do you teach at MSB? *Year 10 HPE & 10 Sport & Recreation, Year 9 HPE and Science*

What is my favourite sport to play? *My favourite sport is rugby union.*

What is my favourite sporting moment? *England beating Australia in the 2003 Rugby World Cup Final (2017).*



Name: Mike Tolley

Where have I come from? *Originally Malawi, currently in Yungaburra*

3 Facts about me?

Love the Great Outdoors and taking students on outdoor expeditions.

Travelled the world in the mid to late 80's

Have been involved with horses since the age of 11..

What do you teach at MSB? *Year 7, 8 & 9 HPE and ITD*

What is my favourite sport to play? *My favourite sport is sailing and enjoy watching the America's Cup currently taking place in New Zealand.*

What is my favourite sporting moment? *Representing Australia in the World Championship A class Catamaran Sailing Competition.*

HPE NEWS



Name: Ryan Mawdsley

Where have I come from? Originally, Melbourne though have been in Atherton since 2016

3 Facts about me?

I have a lovely son Micah who is 8 months.

I have climbed Mt Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

I am scared of heights

What do you teach at MSB? *I teach VET Sport & Recreation, Year 10 and 9 HPE*

What is my favourite sport to play? *I love to play AFL*

What is my favourite sporting moment? *Watching the mighty Hawthorn football club win the premiership 3 years in a row.*



Name: Matt Brauer

Where have I come from? *Maryborough QLD*

3 Facts about me?

I enjoy to be active and ride my mountain bike

I have a young family

I love to watch and play all types of sport and exercise

What do you teach at MSB? *Deputy Principal & Year 7B*

What is my favourite sport to play? *My favourite sport is rugby league*

What is my favourite sporting moment? *The 2006 Brisbane Broncos Premiership over Melbourne Storm.*

WELCOME THE YEAR 7's TO MSB

We welcome our new Year 7 students to MSB. The Year 7's enjoyed playing a team game of dodgeball whilst they are getting to know each other. Everyone played fair and showed sportsmanship. Kieran Ryan captured some of the highlights:



REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS NEWS

Representative sporting opportunities for MSB students will start next week with Volleyball to be the first sport on offer. I have given each student a nomination form to complete in week 2 which has all the representative sporting trials they can put their name towards. Before placing their names down students must have a good knowledge of the game, know the rules and show some ability in the game. Once this is determined, then they will receive paperwork to attend trials to be filled out by either head of boarding, parents or care givers.



Mr Ryan Mawdsley

Process to attend District Trial at MSB

1. Each student completes an MSB Nomination form which has been sent to students email accounts to attend Tablelands School Sport District Trials.
2. Students must complete the required paperwork and timelines associated for their chosen sport. This is normally one week before trials commence. Mr Mawdsley or Mrs Joanne Bull will handout paperwork.

The pathway for representative sport (for all Far North Schools) is the following:

Attend Tablelands (District) School Sport Trials.

From these District School Sport Trials Tablelands Teams / and or Tablelands individuals will be selected to represent the Tablelands District at Peninsula (Regional) School Sport Trials/Championships.

Attend Peninsula (Regional) School Sport Trials/Championships.

Members of selected Tablelands Teams / and or Tablelands individuals participate and compete in Peninsula (Regional) School Sport Trials/Championships. From these Regional Trials/Championships a Peninsula Team / and or Peninsula individuals will be selected to represent the Peninsula Region at Queensland (State) School Sport Championships.

Attend Queensland (State) School Sport Championships.

Members of selected Peninsula Teams / and or Peninsula individuals participate and compete in the Queensland (State) School Sport Championships. From these State Championships a Queensland Team / and or Queensland individuals will be selected to represent the State at Australian (National) School Sport Championships.

Attend Australian (National) School Sport Championships.

Members of selected Queensland Teams / and or Queensland individuals participate and compete in the Australian (National) School Sport Championships.



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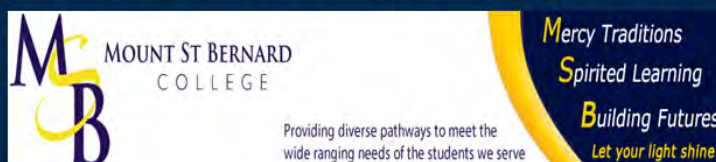
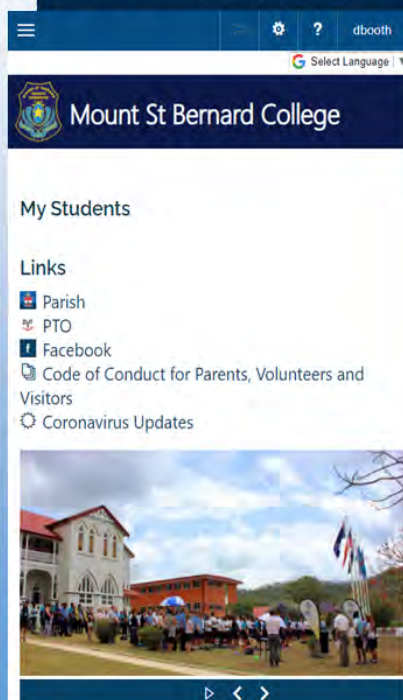
MSB MESSENGER - OUR NEWSLETTER
EMAILED TO FAMILIES THROUGHOUT THE TERM

Keep connected via facebook

Please join our facebook community to receive stories and up to date information at the following link
<https://www.facebook.com/MountStBernardHerberton/>



Keep connected via our Website - Enrolment Information, Newsletters, Links to Parent Portal and Student Emails and so much more! Click on the link <http://www.msb.qld.edu.au/index.html>



Keep connected via our Parent Portal

The Parent Portal can be accessed by all Parents.

Instructions are on the following pages.

Login using your email address registered with the college.

Mobile view is also available .

Check it out, lots of great features eg: Calendar, Report an absence, Dining room menu, Newsletters, Student Report cards, etc

Click on the link

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

Parent Portal Invitation

Parent Portals



Mount St Bernard College is excited to invite new and returning Parents and Carers to our Parent Portal.

Access is restricted to parents of students at our school and a login is required. An account has been created for you with the email address you have provided to the school and the details are outlined below.

The Parent Portal will enable easy access to information about happenings in the school, forms that need to be returned, names and contact details for staff, policy information and much more.

There's also a special section to allow you to check the details we have recorded in our enrolment system about your children, and if necessary, advise us of any changes.

You can also check on information about your child's attendance, teachers, timetable, NAPLAN performance and Academic Report cards.

We will be making increasing use of the Parent Portal to provide a range of information to parents in the future.

The initial login requires you to verify your identity and setup a password. This document will run you through the process.

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

1. Start the process by accessing the Parent Portal on the link above or the Parent Portal link on our School Website. You will be met with a login screen,



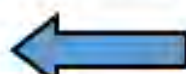
2. Select Diocese of Cairns and select Forgotten Password/First-Time Login button



3. Select the link under the Parents heading titled choose your own password online



4. Enter the personal email address that you have provided to the school and click Next



Parent Portal Invitation

Parent Portals



5. Check your email account for a security code, enter the corresponding security code in the **Verify your Identity** screen that follows and click **Next**



Password Self-Service

Verify Your Identity: Email Verification

Enter your security code below. A security code was sent to the email address registered with **Catholic Education**.

Security Code

Next **Cancel**



Password Self-Service

Password Reset: Choose Your New Password

(passwords must be 8 or more characters)

Enter a new password:

Re-enter the password:

Next **Cancel**

6. On the **Password Reset** form enter your desired password in both boxes before clicking **Next**



7. Now that you have set your password you can now login to the Parent Portal by following the link on our School website, or by following this link <https://extranet16cns.bne.catholic.edu.au/parent/msb/Pages/default.aspx>



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MOUNT ST BERNARD COLLEGE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS



CENTENARY WEEKEND

FRIDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2021

5pm: Mercy Day Liturgy 6pm: Welcome BBQ

SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2021 MSB

COLLEGE TOURS AND MERCY HERITAGE TRAIL

MSB MERCY HERITAGE ROOMS: OPEN FROM 10AM

5.00PM: CENTENARY THANKSGIVING MASS

6.30PM: CENTENARY GALA DINNER

SUNDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2021

CENTENARY LABYRINTH OFFICIAL OPENING

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS AVAILABLE

To Book

Visit: www.msb.qld.edu.au/centenary

Email: msbcentenary@cns.catholic.edu.au

Call: 07 4096 1444



Our Centenary school year has begun and our preparations for the Centenary celebrations are in full swing.

Please visit the Centenary website at www.msb.qld.edu.au/centenary to browse the gallery of photos, order a paver for our labyrinth as a legacy of your families time at the college or to book your tickets for the Gala dinner in September. Over the coming months we will be adding more photos and MSB merchandise so keep an eye on the website for more updates.



**Gymnastics
is back!!**

**BOOK IN FOR A
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18 months to 90 years**

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Programs**

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info@momentumgymnastics.com.au

Atherton Showgrounds





The College Parents & Friends Association is looking for parents or carers to join in 2021. 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 2021

Wed 10 Feb - *NRL Cowboys Resilience Project*

Fri 12 Feb - *MSB Swimming Carnival*

Wed 17 Feb - *Ash Wednesday Liturgy*

Thurs 4 March - *MSB Cross Country Carnival*



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 16th February

Ph: 4091 0263

Malanda Health Centre

Wednesday 3rd March

Ph: 4096 5339



SAVE THE DATE 2021 SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Fri 19 March—Full Formal Uniform

Individual Student Envelope Order forms will be distributed soon



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You will need the code on the envelope to order

