



Mr Matt Brauer
Acting Principal

30th November 2021

Greetings MSB Community,

Although we said farewell to our students last Thursday, many employees of the college remain focussed on the task at hand. For some, this includes crafting school reports and data entry, whilst others are busily addressing end of year maintenance and administrative tasks.

As we reflect upon the year that was, we start to visualise the year that will be. This includes the induction of new staff, students and families into the college community. It also includes new and improved strategies to better meet the shifting demands of our student population.

Many of these decisions have been informed by careful analysis of our 2021 data profile.

According to our school wellbeing and satisfaction surveys, staff and students of the college have felt safe, supported and welcomed, which illustrates the significance 'community' plays in college-life.

In 2022 we aspire to build upon this great work through placing greater emphasis on the wellbeing of our staff and students through the implementation of our new Wellbeing Framework.

To support our literacy agenda, in 2022, the college will have a primary focus on the Literacy Cycle (Speaking, Reading and Writing) and its application. We endeavour to implement targeted and systematic intervention to all students of need, whilst adopting in-class learning tools which will support responsive teaching and learning practices. Through careful implementation, I am confident that we will see measurable learning gains across Years 7-12.

Another important contributor to school performance is human resourcing. Next year we have appointed a number of new staff, some of which will backfill existing positions, whilst others have been created out of identified need.

It gives me great pleasure to announce our 2022 recruits;

- Mr Peter Graham - Student Engagement Specialist
- Ms Heather Alison - School Counsellor
- Emily Caffera & Diane Drew - Learning Support Teachers
- Ms Saffron Belkessa-Wood - Middle Leader Business & Digital Technologies
- Ms Kieren Waugh - Middle Leader Junior Years
- Ms Nikki Symons - Middle Leaders Senior Years
- Mr Malcolm Fahey - Middle Leader Senior Studies
- Mr Adrian Baranyi - Middle Leader VET & Careers
- Mr Paul Clarke - Teacher Maths & Technologies
- Mr Marcello Cecchi - Teacher English & Humanities

I thoroughly look forward to welcoming our recruits in the new year and remain confident that they will value-add to the great work which is done at the college.

In summary, I would like to thank all members of our college community for their tireless support throughout the course of the year and I look forward to continuing the great work in 2022.

Sincerely,

Matt Brauer

Principal - Mount St Bernard College

QUINOLA LAKES COMMUNITY DAY



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Deputy Principal Curriculum & Administration Report

Dear MSB community,

I am writing to inform you of the change in our school bell times. Currently our bell times differ throughout the week, therefore in order to create a more consistent approach we have amended the bell times to those below. We hope that this will make it clearer for all students and staff.

Assembly will occur every Monday, students will be expected to be sitting in the chapel by 08:35am. From Tuesday to Friday, student will attend Homeroom where rolls will be marked, and students will spend time learning about positive behaviour for learning (PBL).



Kieran Ryan - Deputy Principal Curriculum & Administration



BELL TIMES 2022

	Start	Finish	Total
HOMEFORM/ASSEMBLY	8.35AM	8.55AM	20
PERIOD 1	8.55AM	9.45AM	50
PERIOD 2	9.45AM	10.35AM	50
MORNING TEA	10.35AM	11.00AM	25
PERIOD 3	11.00AM	11.50AM	50
PERIOD 4	11.50AM	12.40PM	50
LUNCH	12.40PM	1.20PM	40
PERIOD 5	1.20PM	2.10PM	50
PERIOD 6	2.10PM	3.00PM	50

Assistant Principal Mission Report

Mareeba Indigenous Mass.

Our students attended the 27th Mareeba Indigenous Mass at St Thomas of Villanova Church, Mareeba. Father Robert Greenup OSA and Deacon Ralph Madigan presided. The girls represented MSB at the Mass. They were invited to dress the altar. After the Mass, congregational members congratulated the girls on their ministry reverence. The girls made us proud and were invited back to next year's Mass.



Miss Doris Cuda



"I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness." [John 12:46](#)

Advent is the season of the liturgical year where we wait in anticipation and preparation for the coming of our Saviour. Over the years, the Sisters of Mercy, and in the not-too-distant past, Sister Pam Murray would set the façade of the Mercy Building ablaze by draping huge bright yellow star lights over the balconies to mark the coming of Jesus' birth. These lights unashamedly sparkled with the joy of the Christmas message. A great joy they wanted to share with everyone. The tradition disappeared over time as the sisters got older and resettled outside of the College.

However, these Mercy filled women understood the wisdom in taking time to prepare oneself for things, especially if the thing they were preparing for is the coming of someone great, like God Himself. The Church gives us Advent as a time to slow down and grow in patience as we wait for the coming of Our Saviour. The people of Israel had to wait over a thousand years for the birth of Jesus, the promised Messiah. In this our Centenary year, we want to reclaim some of our lost Mercy traditions. So along with our student-led advent prayers, assemblies, Liturgy and Christmas mini-musical we have invited our school community to get into the spirit of the Christmas season by re-establishing Sister Pam's annual Christmas light display.

Utilising the BROADWAY side of our school grounds as a canvas, we are in the process of sharing our unique cultural and spiritual relationship to Country CREATING artefacts which best tell the world what Christmas means to us. As a proud First Nations' School we are working together to re-establish Sister Pam's tradition of LETTING OUR LIGHT SHINE. We invite everyone to come along and see what the season of Advent means to us here at MSB this Christmas season.

Doris Cuda - Assistant Principal Mission



Residential News



Mr Scott Whitters

Dear Families and Friends of MSB,

It has been an extremely good year in boarding at MSB with some outstanding achievements from our boarders. I am extremely proud of all boarders who have shown great resiliency and determination all the way to the end of the year. I wish to thank all our supportive families who have encouraged their child to make strong, positive and responsible decisions throughout the year. It is imperative that the education of the young is a partnership between school and family.

MSB prides itself on being a home away from home for all our boarders and I am so pleased to see so many of our students flourish in this environment. Boarding is not always easy and produces many challenges for our students, however, so many are rising above the challenges and becoming successful learners and boarders. I am very pleased with how the year has unfolded and the efforts of all residential staff to provide the best level of care possible for our students.

As we approach the school holiday period, I'd like to remind all families of the importance of routine and structure whilst your child is back at home. During the term, we have strict guidelines regarding bedtimes and phones. We often find that students struggle to get back into routine after the school holidays due to different boundaries at home. It greatly benefits your child if their home routine is like the school routine.

All our boarding students had a safe travel plan for their end of term travel. I'd like to remind all families that each student has a safe travel plan. This is attached to their itinerary and available for them to reference should their travel not go to plan. Each student receives a business card with my details on it so they can contact me if they have travel related issues. Please ensure you have read their travel itinerary to know when your child home is due to return in 2022.

I hope all families and carers get a chance to re-connect and spend quality time with their children over the Christmas break. I wish you all joy, peace and togetherness during the upcoming festive season. We look forward to seeing all students return to MSB in 2022.

Warm regards,

Scott Whitters - Deputy Principal Residential

Another year done

Wow, another year has gone just like that. Can you believe it. I don't know where the year has gone. I think the older we get the quicker they go by. It's a cliché but so true.



Mrs Sonya Frost

Jewellery Making

We have had some talented students make some amazing pieces of jewellery with Ms Linda recently. Necklaces, anklets, bracelets and headbands were all the go. Some with shells, some with beads. Overall they all looked amazing. Bling Bling.

Cooking

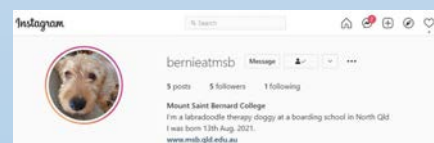
Students have been busy cooking up a storm recently. We love it when students use their initiative and want to cook something special.

They have made many different things including chocolate cupcakes, caramel tarts, pizza scrolls and jelly slice.



Bernie is now Instagram famous

Have you seen him on IG yet? Check him out @bernieatmsb. This is his very own IG account, the day in the life of Bernie every day.



Residential News



Mrs Sonya Frost

Mystery Tour

Often our staff will take students on a mystery tour of the Tablelands. A mystery tour usually means the driver makes it up as they go from location to location. The students love to get out and about, away from school on weekends and a mystery tour is a great way to do so.

The mystery trips will go to places such as Lake Eacham, Curtain Fig Tree, Gallo's Dairy where students get to pat and even feed the animals and many other locations on the Tablelands.

Boarders Christmas Fun Fair

Due to bad weather approaching the Fun Fair was postponed from its original date but happened a week later. Mechanical Bull, Sling Shot and Gladiators were very popular along with fairy floss and pop corn. You can see from the photos here the students had lots of smiles the entire time. By the end of the evening the students were exhausted and slept very well that night. Even some of the staff got involved with the activities. An amazing day had by all. More photos on our FB page.

Mrs Sonya Frost - Administration Residential



Residential News



Mrs Sonya Frost



Drama Performances

In Week 6, the Drama Club and the Year 10 Drama class performed at the Silo Theatre, Atherton. Year 10 transported us to a distant planet with their energetic production of *Touched by an Alien*, by D.M. Larsen, while the Drama Club performed *Azukitogi: The Beangrinder*, one play in the anthology *In a Grove: Four Japanese Ghost Stories*, by Eric Coble. With a balance of suspense and laugh-out-loud humour in both plays, the students kept the audience enthralled. Several of our students also participated in other plays in the show, as part of Atherton Performing Arts, and some stepped into technical roles for the first time to operate the complex lighting design. The audience loved the production and left the theatre impressed with the talent and dedication we have at MSB.

Sarah Riber—Drama teacher



Year 11 Laser Tag 2021

On Wednesday 24th November, students from Year 11 participated in a session of Laser Tag in Herberton. It continued a legacy from three years ago for team bonding and fitness for the senior cohort. A special thanks to Odyssey Laser Tag for holding the event and the leadership team for accommodating this awesome activity. The students who went on the excursion were: Angus Bewick, Stanley Gela, Vanessa Dhurrkay, Zane Lauder Sheldon Escott, Francis Ghee, Teline Harris, Kevin Maite, Deklyn Mills, Tineal Motlap, Alfred Passi, Emmy Riber, Quentin Shortjoe, Mackenzie Smy, Daniel Toohey, Haedon Tuhoro and Troy Walker. Mr Akers, Mr Szery, Mrs Riber and Miss Chambers accompanied the group.

Both teams did an excellent job competing for kills and objectives throughout the day. We played through several game modes including team deathmatch, bomb battle, diffuse the bomb and free for all.

Everyone had an amazing time with universally positive feedback. They were already planning the excursion for next year once we had finished the game. It was a great time and a pleasure to organise it for such a great class.

Mr Brendan Akers—Middle Leader Technologies



Mr Brendan Akers



7A

Students in 7A have enjoyed celebrating the end of the year. After completing all their assessments for English, Religion and Humanities, students enjoyed a scavenger hunt, making Christmas decorations and an end of year class party. Have a safe and happy holiday everyone. See you next year!

Ms Julie Oswell—7A Home Form Teacher



Ms Julie Oswell



7B



In Humanities, Year 7B students have been learning about the social structure of Ancient Rome. They know that people were classed as either citizens, non-citizens or slaves. The class people were in determined their lifestyle - what they did, where they lived, even where they sat at the colosseum. Students researched what daily life

was like for different classes of people in the Roman Empire and then chose someone to portray. They enjoyed dressing up and interacting appropriately with each other’s characters at a Roman banquet. The historian, Josephus was also present to ask questions and document the event. There were patrician women, legionaries, gladiators, slaves and even the Emperor Claudius!

Ms Janet Wigan - Year 7 & 8 Coordinator



Food Technology & Design Report

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank all the many students who spent time in the Hospitality kitchen this year. 2021 was a very successful and engaging year for all the Food Studies and Hospitality classes. Students learnt the basic life skills that each young person should acquire over time, which is to prepare and produce a nutritious, economical recipe, within the specified time frame and to clean up as they go, focussing on kitchen safety and kitchen hygiene at all times. I would like to thank the Year 7 Food Studies teacher, Nikki Symons, for all her hard work and enthusiasm for teaching the subject. A big shout out to the outstanding teacher aides, Andrea Gower and Taylor Bitossi, for facilitating the education process in the classroom.



Mr Marcello Cecchi

2022 will be a very 'hands on' year for the hospitality students, where we are looking to run a student café once a week, staffed and managed by the students themselves. We are also looking into adding more 'stand alone courses' into the curriculum, like the Barista and Responsible Service of Alcohol course, thereby adding more industry based practical skills for the students to attain.

Mr Marcello Cecchi - Food Technology & Design Teacher



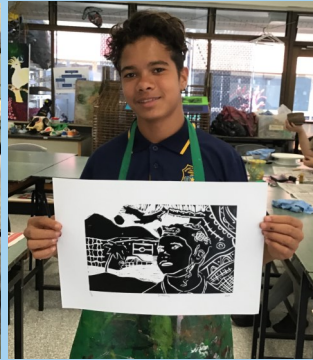
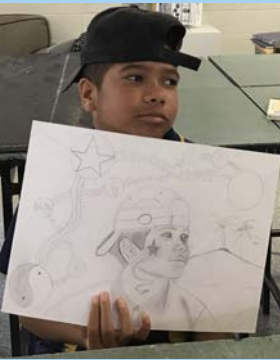
Year 7B Dragon Dreams



Ms Traylea Sexton



Year 8B Lino Printing Term 4



Jack and John Miller (above)



Zowel Gibuma (above)



Denzel Leo (above and below)



Nathaniel Ghee (above)

Louish Mari (below)



Caitlyn Price (above)



A New Teachers reflection and experience of MSB, Semester 2, 2021.



Mr Paul Clarke

16th Century Alchemist Paracelsus, quoted as saying, "Time is a brisk wind, for each hour it brings something new." However, in a school, it would be more appropriate to say, "each minute".

I had planned for the first week or two to try and get to know the students; it turned out the students would spend the rest of the semester trying to get to know me. And I will say now, it has been a wondrous delight.

It isn't easy to settle in a school in the second semester. Students are into their year and more mature than at the start of a year. Habits and behaviours are established, and you are interrupting the natural flow. However, the curiosity and warm nature of the kids meant something entirely different happened. Due to my beard and long hair – I was affectionately referred to as "Jesus" and later nicknamed "Clarkey". Walking through the playground, I could hear students yelling out a "Sup Clarkey" or "Hey Mr Clarke". One fond day I remember being a bit tired and, on the way to class, most students I passed asked if I was okay. Daily, students at Mount St Bernard College blow me away with their respectful language and manners, asking to be excused, using pleases and thank yous. Of course, they are still young and are growing and needing reminders. Still, overall the attitude of respect is evident as a new community member.

Term 3 was a cool and dry time, though there was constant sunshine. Keeping warm meant students waiting in the sun before class or teasing each other to keep them warm and revivify their zombie-like movement.

As the temperature increased into Term 4, so did the volume of the wild laughter and showing of love. My memories of Term 4 will be the student leaders of the community encouraging their brothers, sisters, aunties, and uncles to get to their next class.

While the Senior Class of 2021 fought tooth and nail in their final assessments, the examination stress was felt across the staff and student body. However, I noticed that when the pressures of assessment become too much, MSB students still take the time to care for one another.

Overall, the strength of the community here is evident. The smiles the children bring with them each day meet the hearts of the teachers willing to go the extra mile for each and every student. The want for the students to be engaged is nothing short of vibrant. The need for emotional and physical support is constantly on the school's mind and in our hearts.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday and looking forward to those returning in 2022.

Mr Paul Clarke - Teacher

Have your say...
take part in the
Next Step
survey!



- Who?** You! All students completing Year 12 in 2021 will be contacted to take part in the survey.
- What?** The Next Step survey will ask you what you are doing after you leave school – this could be studying, working or pursuing other interests.
- How?** Expect to be contacted by phone, mail or email. To enable us to reach you, ensure your contact details are correct in your learning account by logging into the student portal at <https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au/> March to June 2022
- When?** March to June 2022
- Why?** Your participation in the Next Step survey will help Queensland schools and further education providers improve their services for future students. More info at www.qld.gov.au/nextstep



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Team Momentum



GYM DAY OUT

Thursday 16th December
8.30am - 5.30pm
\$65.00 per child
LIMITED POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Trampoline & Tumbling

Wednesday 5th January
1.30pm - 2.30pm
\$17.50 per child

Gymnastics Boys & Girls

Wednesday 5th January
1.30pm - 2.30pm
\$17.50 per child
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Call or Email 4091 2114
info@momentumgymnastics.com.au

Parents' Night Out

Friday 21st January
5.30pm - 10.30pm
6 years of age +
\$40.00 per child
Pizza & Ice Cream Provided
If your child has special dietary requirements that does not allow pizza & ice cream, food needs to be supplied.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Atherton Showgrounds
Cnr Robert & Louise Streets
CALL OR EMAIL TO BOOK IN
P: 4091 2114
info@momentumgymnastics.com.au

You're Invited to our ADVENTURE PLAY DAY

All Momentum Munchkins & Mini's
Thursday 13th January @ 9.00-10.00
\$7.00 per child BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL





Mount St Bernard College

2022 Term Dates

TERM 1	[Staff 11 weeks] [Students 10 weeks]
MSB Office Opens	Monday 17 January
Returning Boarders Travel Day & commencement of New Boarder Travel	Monday 24 January
School Commences Years 7 – 12 Commencement of new student orientation	Tuesday 25 January
Australia Day Public Holiday	Wednesday 26 January
3.00pm Students end of term	Thursday 31 March
Boarders Travel day	Friday 1 April
School Holidays (2 Weeks)	Monday 4 April – Monday 18 April
TERM 2	[10 weeks]
MSB Office Opens Boarders Travel day	Tuesday 19 April
All classes commence	Wednesday 20 April
Anzac Day Public Holiday	Monday 25 April
Labour Day Public Holiday	Monday 2 May
3.00pm Students end of term	Thursday 23 June
Boarders Travel Day	Friday 24 June
School Holidays (3 Weeks)	Monday 27 June – Friday 15 July
TERM 3	[Staff 10 weeks] [Students 9 weeks]
Boarders' travel day	Monday 18 July
All classes commence	Tuesday 19 July
QCAA Verification Day (Student-Free)	Friday 2 September
3.00pm Students end of term	Thursday 15 September
Boarders' Travel Day	Friday 16 September
School Holidays (2 Weeks)	Monday 19 September – Monday 3 October
TERM 4	[Staff 9 weeks] [Students 8 weeks]
MSB Office Opens Boarders' travel day	Tuesday 4 October
All classes commence	Wednesday 5 October
Last day for Year 12 classes Presentation Evening	Thursday 27 October
Year 12 Graduation Liturgy	Friday 28 October
Year 12 Formal	Saturday 29 October
Year 12 External Exams commence Start date for Year 12 Boarder Travel	Monday 31 October
3.00pm Students end of term Year 7 - 11	Thursday 24 November
Boarders' travel day	Friday 25 November
MSB office closes	Friday 2 December

UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2022

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Polo Shirt	\$35.00
Shorts	\$30.00
Sports House Shirt	\$25.00
Navy MSB Sock 1 pair	\$10.00
Socks Navy 3 Pack	\$12.00
Joggers (black leather) – sizes 5 - 14	\$75.00

GIRLS FORMAL UNIFORM

Skirt	\$50.00
Slacks	\$38.00
Blouse	\$45.00
Tie	\$ 15.00

BOYS FORMAL UNIFORM

Shirt	\$45.00
Trousers	\$40.00
Belt	\$18.00
Boys Tie	\$12.00

OTHER UNIFORM ITEMS

Winter Sport Jacket	\$40.00
School Backpack (laptop)	\$60.00
Wash Bag	\$30.00
Cap	\$10.00
Tracksuit Pants	\$25.00
Hat 1 st one free	\$15.00

RESIDENTIAL ITEMS

Linen pack (Boarders Only – includes all items below except toiletries bag) \$115.00

Beach Towel	\$18.00
Bath Towel x 2	\$30.00
Face Washer	\$5.00
Doona	\$50.00
Pillow	\$12.00
Toiletries Bag	\$50.00



**2022 UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING TIMES**

Mon 17 Jan
1pm - 4pm

Tues 18 - Fri 21 Jan
8am - 4pm

PLEASE CALL
4096 1445
TO BOOK AN
APPOINTMENT

2022
OPENING
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**UNIFORM
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ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR 2022

The College office will be closed from 6 December 2021 and will reopen on 17 January 2022, our Enrolment Officer will be monitoring enrolment applications and responding to enquiries during this period.

If you wish to submit supporting paperwork or know someone who intends to apply to send their child to the College, please encourage them to use our online Enrolment Application on our website, email msb.enrolments@cns.catholic.edu.au or phone 0467 172 952.

For new families whose child is starting school in 2022, you will receive information in the mail. Boarding parents will be contacted by email to provide you with itineraries for travel which is expected to commence on 23rd January 2022.

