

25th February 2022

Parent Portal Invitation

Parent Portals

Mount St Bernard College is notified to invite new and returning Parents and Carers to their 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.

<https://parentportal.mountstbernards.edu.au/parentportal/Parents/default.aspx>

1. Clicked of Cairns

2. Forgotten Password/First Time Login button

3. The Parents link
 choose your own password online

4. Password Self-Service

5. Forgot Password

6. Next

A priest in a blue cassock and black face mask is shown from the side, holding a white candle. He is standing in front of an altar covered with a green and white cloth. On the altar, there is a silver vase with flowers and a small candle in a glass holder. The background shows a wooden panel and a white cloth with a cross.

A memorial altar for Officer Michael W. Smith is displayed on a black cloth. It features a large, vibrant floral arrangement with red, purple, and white flowers and green foliage. Three candles are present: a tall white candle with a blue base and a police badge emblem, and two shorter white candles with blue bases and similar emblems. Several small, blue, rectangular prayer cards are laid out in front of the candles. The altar is set against a backdrop of a light-colored wall.





Images from left clockwise - 2022 College Captains, Mackenzie Smy & Emmy Riber, Mercy Captain, Haeden Tuhoro.

Staff-Michelle Davies-Griffith & Janet Wigan

Year 12 group photo receiving their 2022 Senior shirts.



Over the past month, I have released a high volume of communication surrounding the management of Covid-19. I would like to thank students, parents and staff for their support in ensuring our college remains a safe and productive place. Ongoing adherence to management strategies and legal requirements has enabled a smooth transition into the new year, despite the uncertainty of the current climate. I will continue to keep the community informed of changes in process or management of Covid, as well as any active cases which may arise, without disclosing any personal information.

I ask for your continued support in ensuring absolute compliance of safety measures including mask wearing, hand hygiene, isolation and quarantine and would encourage you to make contact with the college if you have any queries or concerns.

Upcoming events

On Tuesday 1st March the college will host the first Parents & Friends (P & F) and Board meeting for 2022. We welcome any expressions of interest from new or existing families of the college.

Enrolment applications for Term 2 commencement are currently open and will close on 18th March. If you would like to enrol your child, please submit an enrolment application, which can be found on the college website, prior to this date. Applications received after this date, will be considered for Semester 2 commencement.

District sporting trials and club meets will proceed this year, although more heavily regulated at present. We encourage students to nominate for these events, ensuring the required permission is sought and documentation submitted, at least 2 days prior to the event. If you have any queries in relation to District or club Sports please contact Mr Nathan Juhas, Ms Nikki Symons or Ms Joanne Bull.

Sincerely,
Matt Brauer
Principal - Mount St Bernard College

Deputy Principal Curriculum & Administration Report



The delayed start to our school year presented challenges and opportunities for students and staff alike. MSB staff prepared virtual lessons to ensure our senior students were impacted as little as possible prior to their return to campus in Week 3. Packs were also mailed to students who have difficulty accessing the internet.

Our new Year 7 students showed their resilience and leapt into their orientation with enthusiasm. The cohort were quick to show they were keen to get to class and are settling in well.

Progressive Achievement Tests (or PATs as they are commonly referred to) are currently being undertaken in Maths & Reading for all new students in Years 7 to 10, and those who did not undertake PATs in 2021. The PATs are designed to help determine the level of achievement for students in Maths and Reading comprehension and assists our college in providing targeted learning for students.

The College continues to develop the blended learning model and integration of ICT in our classrooms. Our teachers are continually improving their skills in the use of online tools to provide students with engaging content.

As our students settle back into school and reacquaint themselves with the school routines and expectations, a consistent focus has been placed around displaying the MSB Three. Students are encouraged to take ownership over their learning by setting goals, developing strategies to improve their outcomes, asking questions and reflecting on not only their progress but their behaviour.

We look forward to the many exciting challenges Term 1 may bring.

Kieran Ryan - Deputy Principal Curriculum & Administration

**MSB Three**
College Rules

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible




Religion News




Ms Janet Wigan

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\$3,265
can provide medicines to establish a community primary school in the Solomon Islands.




\$5,000
can employ a teacher to train their students to run the Digby Arts Centre in the Northern Territory.




\$1,530
can provide education assistance for secondary school students in Mozambique.




\$2,550
can help three families to build a strong educational house to have a safe place to live in the Democratic Republic of Congo.




\$250
can support four young men to harvest olives in the Northern Territory.




\$600
can provide economic assistance for 30 community members to access government entitlements in India.




\$85
can help a community to form a farmer support group in India.




\$148
can provide a toilet for a family in Mozambique.



\$6
can provide soap and a baby hat to protect communities against COVID-19 in the Democratic Republic of Congo.





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can provide a shirt for a Ward Training School in the Solomon Islands.

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Shrove Tuesday

Traditionally this is a day when people make pancakes to use up all their sweet food before Lent begins.

Year 11 will be making and selling pancakes next Tuesday, 1st March, to raise money for Project Compassion.

They will be \$1 for plain and \$1.50 for choc chip.


The pancakes will contain gluten and dairy.

If you don't want a pancake you may like to donate to Project Compassion.

More details to come in Home form and facebook.

Year 9B religion students learned how to walk the MSB Centenary Labyrinth. Labyrinth walking is an ancient practice used by many different faiths for contemplation and prayer. You walk slowly while quieting your mind and centring yourself. They learned that a labyrinth is not a maze - in a maze you may lose yourself, whereas in a labyrinth you may find yourself!

Let Your Light Shine!

 In the Mercy Tradition

Residential News



Mr Scott Whitters

Dear Families and Friends of MSB

Welcome to start of the 2022 school year. We are extremely pleased to see many of our students return on time. These students have settled back into routines very quickly and have been abiding by boarding house expectations. Some of our boarders have not yet returned to school as a result of Covid-19 concerns or restrictions. We look forward to seeing these students in Term Two. Any students who have not yet returned should be staying in touch with their teachers to ensure continuity of the learning program.

I have attached a copy of the Boarder Agreement & Mobile Phone Policy & Contract for all parents and guardians to read. All students will sign these agreements and make a commitment to abide by the conditions. Please read these documents 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.

I would like to remind our families that Transition House is currently unavailable this term as it is being used as a quarantine facility should the need arise. The College has a comprehensive Covid Safe Plan to care for all boarders if they become unwell whilst at school. If we suspect a student is unwell, families will be contacted to request permission for our College Nurse to conduct a Rapid Antigen Test. Students who are either covid positive or regarded as a Close Contacts will need to isolate or quarantine for a minimum of 7 days. If you have any questions surrounding our Covid-19 Management Plan please do not hesitate to contact me.

We will be limiting weekend activities this term especially if it involves large community gatherings. We are attempting to limit student exposure to members of the general public. Our current guidelines permit students to take part in club sport along with District and Peninsula Trials. 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.

2022 promises to be a challenging year for all, however, we are expecting 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 - Deputy Principal Residential

OPENING OF THE COLLEGE YEAR LITURGY - Residential Representative Council

Photos from left: Melinda Obah, Tamika Neade, Francis Ghee, Quentin Shortjoe, Tayiesha Warria & Stanley Bustard ABSENT: Jacklyn Day & Jonomick Lui



Residential News

A Slow Start to 2022

The start of 2022 has been a little different to other starts of the year due to our recent Covid concerns. Some parents have chosen to keep their students home due to the threat of Covid and others have returned to boarding. We praise all students and parents no matter what decision was made. Those who have chosen to stay home, we want to wish you and your families well, stay safe and hopefully Covid free. For those who have come back to boarding, welcome back.

We have started the year with all students, no matter what their year level, in Morrissey 1 for girls and top and middle floors in Bernard's for the boys. This is so we have allocated areas for isolations. We are also prepared with quarantine areas in the case that we have Covid positive students in boarding. All measures are in place to keep every staff member and student

safe from any close contacts or positive cases.

We have clear policies and guidelines from Catholic Education Services, Cairns, and we are adhering to all Queensland Health regulations. Our cleaning regime has intensified and we are conducting routine health checks daily.

Due to the threat of Covid, this term there will be no weekend leave for students plus shopping will only be to essential shopping areas to eliminate exposure to students and staff.

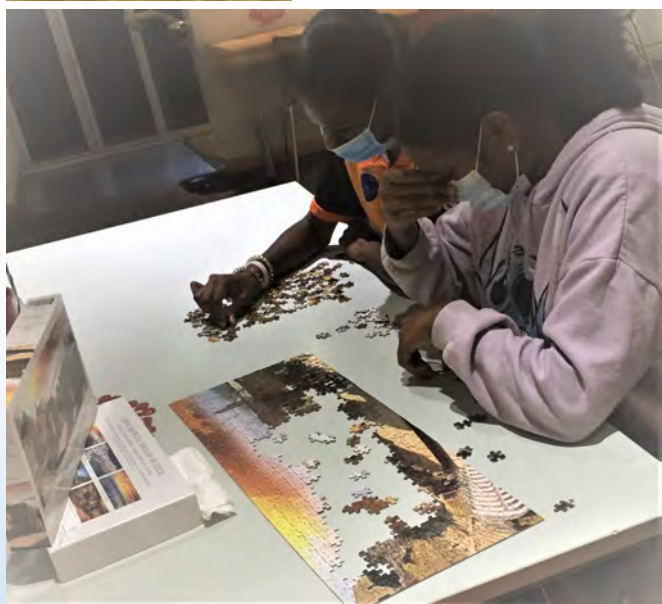
We are planning some fun events and activities for students to participate in on the premises, these could include cooking, crafts, football, mountain bike riding, local walks in the bush and more.

Due to the short term, 8 weeks for students, travel day for end of term 1 will be 1st April 2022. Return date for start of term 2 for all boarders including those who are currently home is Tuesday 19th April 2022.

Sonya Frost - Residential Administration Officer



Mrs Sonya Frost



Residential News

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 _____

Make and model _____

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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: _____



Let Your Light Shine!

 *In the Mercy Tradition*

Health Centre News



Year 7 and Year 10 School Immunisations

Year 7 School Immunisation for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis as well as Human Papilloma Virus and Year 10 School Immunisation for Meningococcal ACWY have been booked by the College. An information package as well consent was sent out at the end of Term 4 2021. If you did not receive this information and wish your child to be immunised at school please see the attached information form and consent. Please return completed consent forms to College asap. This service is provided by Qld Health and they are requiring the consent by **28th February 2022**.



Ms Toni Stefanaras

Water Bottles

Some Day Students and Boarders have been attending the Health Centre as they are dehydrated and do not have a water bottle at school. Please ensure students bring their water bottle to school. Students can fill these up outside the Dining Room and Boys' Residential House - Bernard's.

New residential students are given a new water bottle on arrival. Any student who requires a replacement may purchase from Student Reception.

Thank you so much.

Nurse Toni



VET & Careers News

A big warm welcome to our students this year. I would like to introduce myself to the school community. My name is Adrian Baranyi and I am the new Middle Leader of Careers and VET. I have recently returned to education and was working at TAFE Cairns as a Teacher and Trainer. I am really looking forward to guiding and assisting students into a variety of Career pathways, Traineeships, work experiences and Certifications. I have been really impressed by the numerous students who have spoken to me already, seeking advice and directions on how to get into specific courses and apprenticeships. My office is located opposite the Library, and I welcome any students and parents to drop in and have a chat. I am also contactable via email at abaranyi@cns.catholic.edu.au



Mr Adrian Baranyi

Careers

For new staff, parents and students, I'd like to introduce Mrs Melissa Tresidder, Melissa works one day a week at the college as **Career Transition Support Officer** and has been at MSB for the past 5 years.

Melissa (or more commonly "Mel") provides valuable, additional pathways support to identified students, and their families, as they look to move towards pathways beyond secondary education. Mel works closely with the Diverse Learners Team, Case Managers and Mr Adrian Baranyi (Middle Leader Careers and VET) to provide opportunities for students with diverse needs, not to mention the support and advice she is able to offer all our students. Mel will work from the offices below the Dining Hall each Tuesday where part of her role is to meet with students and discuss career, life goals and offer social and emotional support.

Adrian Baranyi - Middle Leader VET & Careers



MSB Digital

Students study digital technologies through a range of courses at MSB. In year 7, students have started their Introduction to Programming unit;

They learn about Computer Control and the logical decision making needed when programming. This week year 7 began with some Computer Science Unplugged activities then moved on to play programming challenge games.

We have so many talented students at MSB, and I am proud to be a part of their learning journey.

Mrs Belkessa-Wood.



Patrick and Anton use roleplay to design an algorithm that sends a robot on a given path.



Shyamah and Amber design their own 3D robot using paper.



Shorty and Mataias play programming game challenges that tests logical problem solving skills.



Kaylan works out the instructions for his robot to make it down the rocky track to the oval.



Atayah shows Mum Charlene how to complete levels in the programming challenges on the Ipad.



Mrs Emily Caferra
Learning Support Teacher

Year 7:

This term, students are developing their creative writing skills. Here are two snippets of short stories that were written during a starter activity, where students are asked to drop everything and write!

The Missing Stone

One day in a giant castle in the middle of the forest there was a green stone. It was at the very top of the castle and you had to climb one-hundred stairs to get to the top. When you reach the top there are two guards on each side of the door, made of stone, they are living and waiting for you. But if you want to enter you must use the secret code, made five billion years ago.

By Shyamah-Rae Wildermuth

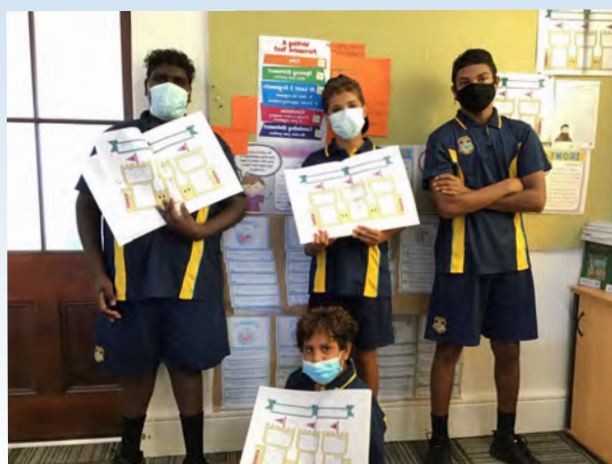
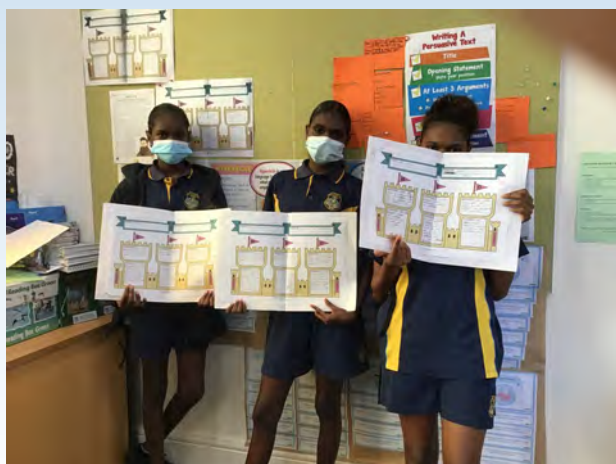
The Masters Castle

As me and my friends walk towards the old, tall castle...BOOM BANG! The lights went out, we searched for the lights but we could not find them. Then I heard a loud scream, HELP! HELP! I knew that voice, it was my best friend.

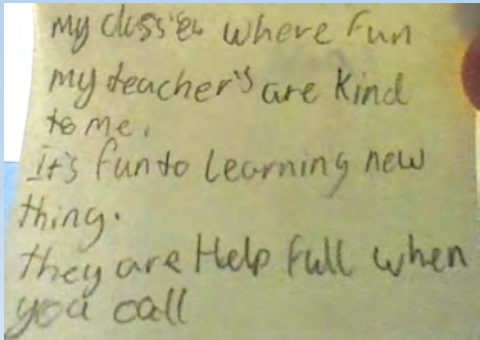
By Naomi Tomsana-Sam

Year 8:

Students in year 8B and C are learning about the power of persuasion. Over the last couple of weeks, students have been working hard to de-construct persuasive texts and analyse the persuasive devices authors have used to convince their readers to agree with them! As an entire class, we have brainstormed ideas on what the students would like to write their assessment tasks on. Collectively, all students have agreed to write a letter to Mr Brauer persuading him to authorise the construction of a swimming pool here at MSB. Students will be spending some-time researching the benefits of a pool for our wider Herberton community as well as the health benefits of swimming.



Year 7 & 8 News



Hello everyone,

Our Year 7 students had a great start to the year with an orientation program to help them transition to high school. In the orientation program students learnt 'How to be at MSB', had inductions into the workshop, kitchen and even got their Bunsen burner licence to use in science classes.



Mrs Kieran Waugh

I have really enjoyed getting to know the students in Year 7 and Year 8 and look forward to working alongside them through their education journey at MSB.

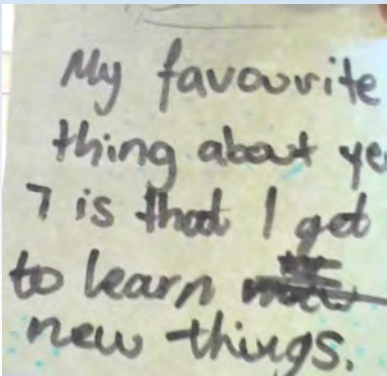
I wanted to share with you some positive comments that were written by students at the end of last week. It was lovely to end the week with this feedback!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and/or concerns regarding your child.

Email: kwaugh@cns.catholic.edu.au

Kind Regards,

Kieren Waugh - Middle Leader Year 7 & 8 Coordinator



Maths News

Year 7 Maths

This year Ms Chambers and Mrs Waugh have the pleasure of working with the Year 7 students in Maths.

We have been using a program called Math Pathways in our lessons. We have completed many challenges together as a class in the first few weeks. We are now starting individual lessons which aim to improve each student's maths skills.



Mr Malcolm Fahey

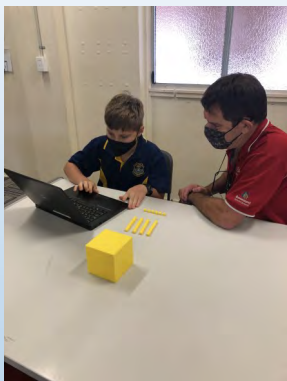
In one of our mini lessons, the boys realised they use numbers lines when they measure the fish they catch and weigh the crabs they catch.

We are incredibly impressed at how well the students have settled into high school. All students in our class are enthusiastic learners who are always trying their hardest!

Malcolm Fahey - Middle Leader Mathematics



Tara and Mia playing a place value game in a mini lesson.



Mr Warren and Jake working on a module of work.



Photo above : Shorty and Patrick learning how to set out their maths

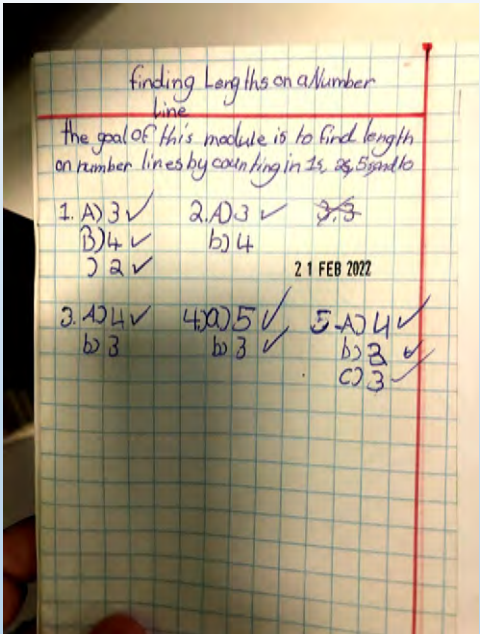


Photo right: Beautiful book work from a Year 7 student



Art News - Year 8 Self-Portrait Unit

In Year 8 Art, students will develop on the concept of 'identity' in relation to self-portraiture by drawing themselves with patterns or a landscape in the background. They are reflecting on the book 'Creatures of the Rainforest' by Warren Brim and Anna Eglitis, as well as, Torres Strait and Aboriginal print-making patterns. On completion of the drawing, students will transfer the image onto linoleum. They will print a number of times on different ground and use watercolour pencil to enhance one print.



Ms Traylea Sexton

Traylea Sexton - Middle Leader Arts & Technologies



District Sports News

The 2022 District Sports trials have begun with Netball, Touch football and Rugby league being held over the last few weeks. A group of MSB students trialled for these sports. A huge congratulations to all students who participated in these events. Please congratulate the following students who made the District teams and will go on to participate at the Peninsula trials in the near future.

13 - 15 Girls Touch Football

Megan Trezise, Kasmin Logan & Olivia Groves

16-18yrs Rugby League

Jayden Gibuma, Francis Ghee & Cleon Doughboy

16-18 yrs Rugby League Girls

Tae Dempsey, Melinda Obah & Tayiesha Warria



Ms Nikki Symons
Middle Leader
Senior Years



From the Library

Grace and Ruby prepare for our MSB Year 7/8 Chess Club



Counsellor News

The last two weeks have been a rollercoaster of excitement and trepidation for me. After many years of working for Qld Health, coming across to a new position and a new organisation was quite anxiety provoking. Being new to the school could have been an overwhelming time but the staff and students have been so warm and supportive that I feel like I have been here much longer. There have been several times that I have been lost and both students and staff have come to my rescue, and we have laughed about my ability to lose myself so regularly. As for the future, I am looking forward to my new adventure as the school counsellor for MSB and can't wait to fully immerse myself in school life and I hope that all of our students, families, staff and stakeholders find my role supportive and useful in 2022.

Heather Alison - College Counsellor

Ph: 40 961 515

Em: halison@cns.catholic.edu.au



Ms Heather Alison

How do I get involved in my child's school?

The **MSB Parents & Friends Association** represents all the parents/carers in the school and acts in their interests. It supports the school community by using the funding to purchase assets and equipment for the use of the whole school community.

The P&F Association meets on the college grounds once per term on a Tuesday night. Since 2020 they have approved funding for the following:



College Driveway Gates



Gazebos for Sports Day in House Colours



Sponsorship of students attending the Year 12 Formal



Main Hall Indoor Basketball Rings

Do you have a good idea for what the college could buy to benefit our students in 2022?

Please email your ideas:

hobrien1@cns.catholic.edu.au



SAVE THE DATE 2022 **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

Thurs 10 March—Full Formal Uniform

Individual Student Envelope Order forms have been distributed to Boarding students in Residential and Day students in Home form.

Students may collect a Sibling Order Form from Student Reception or Residential office.

A NOTE FROM OUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phoning 4921 3355 or to schoolphotos.cq@msp.com.au

Thank you for working with us through these unusual times and we look forward to a great photo day.

Keep smiling!!!

NEED HELP?

Please direct your questions and comments directly to
MSP Photography



07 4921 3355



schoolphotos.cq@msp.com.au



COVID 19

Due to the Chief Health Officer's current social distancing health directive, school photographers are obligated to social distance from all students, school staff and parents whilst visiting your school. As a result of this requirement, we have had to amend our procedures for traditional group photos, so these may look subtly different this year.

Our photographers are all trained in Covid 19 hygiene to keep you and your family safe while we are in your school.



The College Parents & Friends Association is looking for Parents or Carers to join in 2022. We would welcome your ideas and involvement in the college community. To register your interest please email:

hobrien1@cns.catholic.edu.au or phone Hillary O'Brien on Ph: 4096 1485

Upcoming Events 2022

Term 1

Tues 1 March - Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day

Wed 2 March - Ash Wednesday

PROJECT COMPASSION LAUNCH

Thurs 3 March - MSB Cross Country from 1pm - 3pm

Thurs 10 March - School Photo Day—Formal Uniform to be worn

Mon 21 - Wed 23 March - Year 7 Camp **TO BE CONFIRMED**

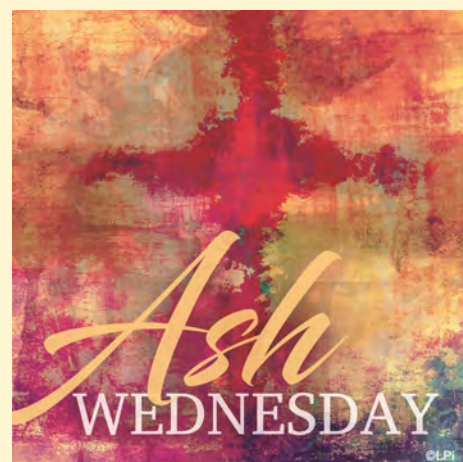
Tues 29 March - Year 7 & 10 Immunisations

Thurs 31 March - MSB Athletics Carnival

End of Term 1 @ 3pm

Fri 1 April - Boarders Travel Day

MSB Office closes for Easter School Holidays



ATHERTON TABLELAND HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

SEASON STARTS SATURDAY 19/3/22

U9 MINKIES	10 AM
UNDER 12	11:30 AM
UNDER 16	1:00PM
SENIORS	2:30 PM

HOCKEY TRAINING

WITH

CAIRNS DEVELOPMENT COACHES

TUESDAY 8 MARCH

TUESDAY 15 MARCH

4:00 —5:30 PM

ATHA Grounds Atherton

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

Malanda Health Centre Weds 2nd & 30th March
Ph: 4096 5339

Atherton Health Centre Tuesday 29th March
Ph: 4091 0263