



St Patrick's College Mackay NEWSLETTER

Janelle Agius – Principal

Welcome to the St Patrick's College community of 2019. The year has begun very positively which is a great tribute to a number of our hardworking staff. We offer a special welcome to all the new families and of course all Year 11 students who will be the first cohort of students in the new QCE system. As well, we also welcome a number of new Year 12 students. I hope everyone has returned from the holiday break refreshed and ready for a great year. The newsletter is published fortnightly and will be available on the College website every second Wednesday afternoon. We will also email parents and students the link for the current newsletter.



Involvement

There are a number of ways that you can become involved in the life of the College:

- The Opening Mass will be held on **Thursday 14 February** commencing at 9:00am. We are very honoured to have Bishop Michael McCarthy presiding. The investiture of our College Leaders will take place at this mass. Upon conclusion of the mass we will be presenting the McGarry Bursaries for 2018.
- We have a Meet the Teachers and Success in Senior Schooling evening on **Tuesday 19 February**. The evening begins with a **barbecue at 5:15 pm** where parents have a chance to meet all the staff followed by an **information talk at 6:00 pm** informing ways to help our students achieve in their senior studies. The venue for the barbecue is St Patrick's Square and around the Tuckshop and the seminar is in Room J1. Letters of invitation should have been received on the first day of school. Please return the bottom section of this letter to assist with catering numbers.
- All interested parents are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Friends Association tonight, **Wednesday 6 February at 6:00 pm** in the St Patrick's College Board Room, in the Administration Building on the corner of Gregory and River Streets. The P & F meets monthly and is an opportunity for parents to have input into College life and assist the College with disbursement of the funds collected through the P & F Levy.

6 February 2019

Dates to remember

FEBRUARY 2019	
6	P & F Meeting, 6:00 pm, Boardroom Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, Boardroom
12	Interhouse Swimming Carnival
14	Investiture Mass, 9:00 am, St Patrick's Church
15	Bishop's Inservice Day – pupil free day
17	Music Ministry, 5:00 pm, St Patrick's Church
19	Meet and Greet Barbeque, from 5:15pm
25	QCAA Monitoring Meeting – NOT a pupil free day
MARCH 2019	
6	Ash Wednesday
8	Mocktail (Year 12)
15	St Patrick's Feast Day
17	Music Ministry, 5:00 pm, St Patrick's Church
21	St Patrick's Awards evening (for Year 12 students)
APRIL 2019	
1-5	Year 12 exams

NUMBER FOR SMS

The number to send
SMS Messages
regarding
student absence is

0416 906 288

- All interested parents are also invited to the In-service of the College Board tonight, **Wednesday 6 February at 7:30 pm** in the St Patrick's College Board Room, again in the Administration Building. The College Board serves an important function, writing policies and having input into the finance and future planning of the College as well as acting as a sounding board for the principal.

At Assembly today, I highlighted to our students that as the 2019 year commences, they have become the new growth of St Patrick's College. Many people have walked these grounds before them. St Patrick's College, commencing from humble beginnings in 1929, has enabled Catholic education to reach out to many in our community. Our motto "Seek Christ" is at the core of our traditions. I highlighted to students the importance of having the ability to be resilient and strong in difficult situations. I asked them to reflect on their daily lives and to look for the many blessings they have. It is when they have the ability to acknowledge their blessings during challenging situations that they will grow.

St Patrick's Community

I look forward to serving the St Patrick's Community again in 2019. It is a privilege to work with such a professional leadership team consisting of Sean Geoghegan (Deputy Principal), Stephen Mortimer (Assistant Principal – Religious Education) and Tracey McLeod (Assistant Principal – Administration/Welfare). I also wish to welcome Ms Samantha Nutt and Mrs Janelle Flanagan as new members of our teaching team. Ms Emily Lees, Mr Doug Bettington, and Ms Guylaine Leduc will be teaching across the St Patrick's and Mercy College campuses. Mr David Gravino will also work across campuses. We all share a strong commitment to continue with the proud tradition of St Patrick's College enhancing relationships between students, staff, parents and the wider community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or suggestions. We appreciate feedback to assist in future planning and improvement.

I also wish to acknowledge Fr Don White who is our College Chaplain and welcome back to Fr Sathish Peddakotla and Fr Alex Varghese of the St Patrick's Parish community. We also welcome Ashwin Acharya who is based in the southern cluster undertaking his Pastoral Internship this year under the guidance of Fr Don. We look forward to working closely with Fr Don to continue to develop a faith commitment within our student body.

Senior Results of 2018

The Seniors of 2018 have continued to maintain the high academic standard of the college. Thirty-four students achieved in the OP 1 to 5 range.

- **Two** students received an OP 1
- **Eleven** students received an OP 2
- **Three** students received an OP 3
- **Seven** students received an OP 4
- **Eleven** students received an OP 5

Students receiving an OP in the 1 to 5 range will be eligible for McGarry Bursaries if beginning tertiary education this semester. The McGarry Trust has indicated that students will share \$22,000 in bursaries this year.

For those who don't know the history: A bequest by the late Miss Joan McGarry has established perpetual bursaries to be presented each year to St Patrick's College students. The trust is established in honour of Miss McGarry's parents, the late Fred and Rose McGarry and her brother, the late Jim McGarry. Fred McGarry was a prominent hotelier and bookmaker, the licensee of the Queen's Hotel which stood on the corner of Wood and Victoria Streets on a site now occupied by Westpac Bank. Jim McGarry was tragically killed in a motorbike accident in 1949 aged 19. Joan McGarry herself was a nurse which is recognised by the College in a bursary to the student with the highest OP who is studying nursing each year. We are extremely grateful for the bequest that Joan McGarry has made and the continuing support it provides to our students as they embark on their senior studies.

We are currently compiling a destination survey of our seniors. Academic results tell only half the story – we have a very large number of our students who successfully obtained apprenticeships, traineeships and full-time employment on completion of Year 12 last year.

Bishop's Inservice Day

A reminder that Friday 15 February is a Study Day as all St Pat's staff will be joining with staff from other Catholic schools in the district and will be attending the Bishop's Inservice Day.

Fees and Concessions

School Fees will be issued next week. If parents have either an eligible Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, please bring them into the Finance office to be sighted and copied to receive the concession card discount. If you would like to apply for a Principal's Concession, please contact the Finance office.

Student Lockers

There are still a few lockers available to all students for the purpose of securing texts and books at a cost of \$15. If you would like one, please pay at the Finance Office and then see Mrs Christensen who will issue you with a locker number and code. We remind all students that lockers need to be locked and secure at all times.

Mackay Catholic Debutante Ball – 24 May 2019

Information / Application forms have been distributed to intending debutantes and partners. Further application forms are available from the College office.

Fr Don White - Parish News

Diocesan Safeguarding Training

This training is an essential element of our Diocese's commitment to the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. The Safeguarding Training will be led by Judy Pidcock Diocesan Professional Standards & Safeguarding Manager. **It is mandatory training for the following Church personnel:**

- Clergy and religious active in parish ministry,
- Anyone in an employed role within the Diocese
- Volunteers engaged in a child related activity
- Ministry leaders, Parish leadership
- Parish Safeguarding Representatives



This Face to Face Training Session will cover:

- " A refresher in the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy & Practices
- " The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and 2019 audit by Catholic Professional Standards Limited (CPSL)

This session is open to any parishioner who wishes to attend. **Please attend the session that is best for you.**

RSVP by Mon 11th Feb - necessary for the provision of information packs and catering purposes

Mackay

Date: Monday 18th February 2019 Time: 5.30pm —7.30pm
Venue: Jubilee Room, St Patrick's College
RSVP : p. 4957 4807; email: cluster@smky.catholics.org.au

North Mackay

Date: Tuesday 19th February 2019
Time: 12 noon - 2.00pm or 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Venue: Parish Centre St Joseph's North Mackay
RSVP: p. 4957 4855 email: stjomky@bigpond.com

Walkerston

Date: Wednesday 20th February 2019 Time: 7.00pm—9.00pm
Venue: Parish Centre, St John's Walkerston
RSVP: p 4959 2241 Email: saintjohnswalkerston@mcs.net.au

Stephen Mortimer – Assistant to the Principal: Religious Education



Investiture Mass

Next Thursday 14 February, St Patrick's College will celebrate the 2019 College Investiture Mass, at St Patrick's Church, River Street. This is the first opportunity for 2019 for the College community to come together as one and celebrate the arrival of the New Year. This occasion will be the first formal gathering of the St Patrick's College Community for 2019, as we acknowledge the 2019 student leaders and the achievements of the 2018 seniors, through the McGarry Awards.

As is the tradition, Mass will commence at 9.00 am at St Patrick's Church with morning tea for invited guests, parents, student leaders and staff in St Patrick's Hall at the conclusion of Mass. I hope as many parents and friends as possible will come along to be with the students and staff as we ask God to bless our endeavours for 2019.

St Patrick's College will induct the Student Representative Council (SRC) for 2019, during this mass. The SRC work together to provide opportunities for the students to be involved in the College life beyond their academic commitments. We wish them well for 2019. The mass will be followed by morning tea in St Patrick's hall for parents and invited guests.

A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience your presence in the many blessings you put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

Weekend Masses

Southside Cluster	Northside Cluster
Saturday Vigil Mass	Saturday Vigil Mass
6:00 pm St Mary's	6:00 pm St Joseph's
6:00 pm St Francis Xavier	6:00 pm St Brigid's
Sunday	Sunday
7:00 am St Patrick's	7:30 am St Brendan's
St Therese, Alligator Creek	9:00 am St Joseph's
9:00 am St Francis Xavier	
St Michael's Sarina	
6:00 pm St Patrick's	

Tracey McLeod – Assistant to the Principal: Student Welfare and Administration

Smartphones in Schools - Special Report

In June 2018, the NSW Minister for Education, commissioned an independent review into the non-educational use of mobile devices in NSW schools. The review was led by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, and supported by other independent experts as well as many students, parents and guardians, teachers and principals who were consulted in the process.



Currently, school policies around the use of electronic devices during school hours vary widely. Technology does have a role to play in the classroom, but this needs to be facilitated. Personal smartphones, on the other hand, are proving to be a distraction for students in terms of their access to social media sites, as well as potentially being a source of bullying activities.



In this Special Report, parents and guardians will learn about the importance of helping their kids find a balance to get the good parts out of technology. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered here and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about your child, please contact the school counsellor for further information. Here is the link to your special report https://stpats.qld.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-smartphones-schools

Chad Buckby – Sports Coordinator

Aquatics Carnival

The College Aquatics Carnival is next week on Tuesday 12 February, Week 3 at Pioneer Swim Centre. The SRC has yet to decide the theme for the carnival. However, students are encouraged to get into the spirit of the carnival and dress according to the theme. Nominations for the Triathlon and Swimming events will take place later this week. Students are able to compete in the Triathlon individually or in teams of three. Students should start to organise their teams as soon as possible.

More information will be given out at assembly on Wednesday. If you have any questions at all about the Aquatics Carnival, please don't hesitate to contact me.



Division 1 Rugby league training has commenced this week. Training days are Monday morning 6.30 am at the St Pats Gym, Monday afternoons 3.45 pm – 5 pm field to be confirmed. Wednesday morning 6.30 am at the St Pats Gym and Wednesday afternoons 3.45 pm – 5pm field to be confirmed.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the Mackay cricket team: Thomas Vandenberg, Austin Edge and Lachlan Gergits-Tett

Glen Smith – Mathematics Coordinator

Graphics Calculators:

Reminder to all students completing Mathematical Methods (Year 11) or Mathematics B (Year 12) - it is essential that you have a Graphics Calculator. Students need to have a Casio fx-CG 50 AU (or one of the older models, either a Casio fx-CG 20 AU or a Casio fx-9860G AU Plus). The Casio fx-CG 50 AU is available for purchase from the College. Please note that if students choose to use any other models of graphics calculator, they cannot be guaranteed that their Mathematics teacher will be able to instruct them in the use of this calculator.



Homework:

With the beginning of a new school year comes an opportunity for establishing new routines and work habits. If your son or daughter has not achieved their potential in Mathematics, now might be a good time to sit down and reflect on what methods of study are being used. All students doing a Mathematics subject should be getting homework every day they have a Mathematics class and one way to begin to improve Mathematics results is to ensure that all homework set is completed.

Mathematics Tutoring:

Beginning next week there will be after school Mathematics Tutoring offered. Students have the opportunity to seek clarification of the work covered in class or to simply complete their homework with some guidance from a teacher.

Please encourage your son/daughter to attend and take advantage of this excellent resource.

When: Monday from 3.05 pm to 4.00 pm

Where: Room D16 at the College



Erika Brauer – Pastoral Care Coordinator

Valedictory Night preparation 2019

Valedictory is a memorable and rewarding evening, culminating in a night which celebrate the success of their final year of school. On this evening students are presented with certificates and are acknowledged on stage. To assist in maximising their success, we like to make students aware of the types of awards they may be rewarded with. By making students aware at the start of the year ensures that they can try their very best.



Date claimer - Monday 11th November 2019

Time - 6pm

Location - MECC

Who - Year 12 students and their family

What - Presentation of certificates, key rings, awards, acknowledgement of achievements and a celebration of the students' schooling.

The following awards will be presented at Valedictory:

Marist Sisters' Award for Academic Effort – Awardees must show a majority of the criteria below in five subjects as judged by the teacher of that subject:

- Completing set tasks (class time/homework)
- Shown perseverance
- Shown interest and attention
- Ability to work with peers/teacher
- Ability to work without close supervision
- Actively cooperative

Christian Brothers' Award for Academic Excellence – Awardees will be determined by results at time of verification in regards to their five best subjects (only 5 subjects can be counted)

- VHA, HA, SA : 5, 4, 3 points; over best five subjects.
- Excellence : > 23 points.

Christian Brothers' Award for Academic Merit – Awardees will be determined by results at time of verification in regards to their five best subjects (only 5 subjects can be counted)

- VHA, HA, SA : 5, 4, 3 points; over best five subjects.
- Merit : 20, 21, 22 points.

Mercy Sisters' Subject Awards –

- Awarded to the highest achieving student in each subject at time of verification

Amarlie Carroll Memorial Award –

- Awarded at the Sports dinner but acknowledged on the night

Peter Scott Award for Cultural Student of the Year –

- Awarded at the Cultural evening but acknowledged on the night

Julie Delaney Memorial Award: Awarded to a student studying a Vocational Education & Training Course, on the basis of:

- Exit statement results
- Application to set tasks
- Ability to work with peers
- Ability to use own initiative
- Ability to work without close supervision
- Conduct, manner and bearing of a standard that reflects the good name of the College
- Completion of a majority of relevant learning outcomes.

Anthony McNeill Memorial Award – Christian Leadership Award – student and staff award

Criteria to be judged by:

- Commitment to Christian belief and practice
- Promoting partnership between students, staff and parents as expressed in the College mission statement
- A shortlist will be compiled by the Administration

The Francis Xavier Fulton Memorial Award

- For excellence in academic, cultural and sporting endeavours in the spirit of the mission statement of the College
- Students will be nominated by staff for this award, successful nominees will then be approached by Mrs Brauer to submit a resume for staff consideration.

St Patrick's Medal – Bishop Bernard Wallace Award (Dux)

- Based on exit statement results and position at Verification
- Demonstrated outstanding academic results (best five subjects)
- Demonstrated leadership through consistent application to their studies



Bucas Award – student and staff award

Criteria to be judged by

- Honourable representation of the College
- Consistently good application in academic endeavour
- Committed service to and concern for others
- Commendable sense and use of initiative
- Excellence in conduct and dress
- A shortlist will be compiled by the Administration team



Community Notices

MACKAY YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES

Who's in Charge?

Does your child threaten, hurt or intimidate you?
Do you feel you are losing control?
Want to better handle conflict?



Reclaim respect and calm in your family!

The *Who's in Charge?* group is an 8 week program for parents or carers of young people (10 to 18) who are abusive, violent or defiant.

The group aims to

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's behaviour
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being
- Help parents feel more in control and less stressed

Starts : 2019 Term 1 : Tuesday 5th Feb 9.30am -11.30am
Thursday 7th Feb 10.30am -12.30pm
Thursday 7th Feb 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Place: Mackay Youth Support Services
CASA office, Cnr Gregory & Alfred Sts, Mky.
Contact: Karen 4951 4299 or 0417 223 747
Email u-nite@myss.org.au

A poster for the 122 Army Cadet Unit Mackay. It features a group of cadets in green uniforms and berets. The text includes: '122ACU 122 ARMY CADET UNIT MACKAY', 'Thinking about joining Army Cadets?', 'Eligible candidates are (min) turning 13 years of age prior to 01 July 2019 & (max) not yet 17 years of age.', 'An information Session needs to be attended by the candidate and parents/carers prior to joining.', 'Persons aged 16+ are to have photo ID in their possession for Barracks access.', 'This intake of new members will close 12 Feb 2019.', 'For more information, please phone: 040 767 9432', 'SESSIONS COMMENCE 6 P M', and 'PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS Monday 07, 14 & 21 Jan, 04 & 11 Feb 2019 Army Barracks, 400 Shakespeare St, West Mackay QLD 4740'. There is also a small 'Communal Project' logo.

BROTHERS NETBALL CLUB IS LOOKING FOR PLAYERS EXPERIENCE NOT REQUIRED

Sign on will be held at the Mackay Netball Hall 2nd February at 10.00am. Registrations can be done on the day & payment made via eftpos or direct deposit. There is also a payment plan option (similar to afterpay) available. Or you can register and pay online (again payment plan option available). Follow this link <https://bit.ly/2FGPmLY>. Uniforms & merchandise will be available for sale.

If you are looking for a fun, family friendly club then Brothers has everything you need! This is for ages 7-Adult Juniors (7-16) play on a Saturday and Seniors play on Wednesday nights. Trainings are usually on a Monday afternoon.

For more details contact Mel on 0408737696 or Bette on 0438251153



Girl's Rugby League come and try day

Are you interested in joining the growing number of girls who are taking up the great game of Rugby League?

Brothers Bulldogs JRLFC will be having an open come and try day at our grounds at Theo Hanson Park at Beaconsfield on the 16th of February starting at 9am.



If you or any of your friends are interested, simply come down and say Hello and have a try and see if you like it.

We are currently recruiting girls for our:
Under 12 (Born 2007 & 2008)
Under 14 (born 2005 & 2006)
& Under 17 (Born 2002, 2003, 2004) age groups.

If you would like any more information, please contact either our Girl's Coordinator Naomi Whitfield on 0409 898 434 or our President Andrew Battala on 0423 161662. To register now, simply log on to www.playnrl.com and register using Brothers Bulldogs JRLFC as your club.

SOUTHS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

FUN DAY & SIGN-ON

When: 9 February, 2019

Where: Abbott Park, South Mackay

Under 6's — Under 17's

AND

Under 12,14 &17 Girls

Under 7 Girls League Tag

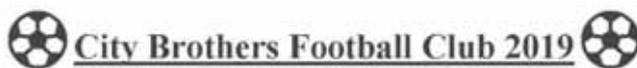
ALL WELCOME!!!

Skills and Drills with Souths Seniors
from 10am –1pm

(Sausage Sizzle and Drink will be provided)

Followed by Sign-on

BYO: Footy boots/joggers, hat & sunscreen



Come and join us to play football in 2019.

Age Groups Available in 2019

Squirts 3-5yo

U5-U11 Miniroos

U12-U17 Junior Competitive

Senior Men and Women

Register today - <http://playfootball.com.au>

All enquires to - info@citybrothersfc.com.au

Steve - 0410 680 959

Craig - 0418 308 362

**Mater Hospital Mackay opens New Emergency Care Centre
(Phone Number 49655444)**

The new Mater Mackay Emergency Care Centre will be open 365 days of the year between the hours of 8am and 10pm. No appointment, referral or Private Health Insurance is required to attend the Mater Mackay Emergency Care Centre.

Consultation fees start at \$120 depending on complexity.

Everyone is welcome and most importantly, people attending can be assured that wait times will be minimal.

Patients will experience the very best of compassionate clinical care delivered by experienced and highly trained emergency specialists and nursing staff.

Attendance at the Emergency Care Centre will provide a direct pathway to the Mater Mackay and to Mackay's leading Specialists.

As a Catholic Healthcare Ministry, the Mater Mackay hopes its new Emergency Care Centre will be of benefit to the Catholic Education communities of Mackay and surrounds.