



# St Patrick's College Mackay

A coeducational Catholic college  
in the Diocese of Rockhampton

## Janelle Agius – Principal

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope all students have returned refreshed for a final burst of effort for the year. Our staff have been working meticulously throughout the last few weeks marking and preparing the submissions for our seniors, and preparing feedback for parents through the LMS system.



Year 12 students have a relatively short term, before sitting the first external assessments through the new ATAR system. It is really important that our students understand they need to finish well. This is in every regard. The Year 12's in particular need to maximise their results, but also enjoy their last days at the College in a way in which they will be respected and remembered fondly for being the fine young people that they are. At assembly yesterday I reminded students that they should respond with good old fashioned hard work till the end.

If Year 12 students have not registered for QTAC and are considering tertiary study next year, they should do so as soon as possible. I would also encourage any student who has not seen Ms Hurley about careers and tertiary courses already, to please see her as soon as possible this term.

### Champion Schools Basketball Competition

At the end of Term 3, St Patrick's College entered both a boys' and girls' team in the Champion Schools Basketball Competition in Brisbane. The boys played in the second division and performed very well placing fourth in the state. The girls played in the first division and also performed well ending thirteenth in the state. What a fantastic performance from the teams. Thank you to coach Mr Jamiey Doevendans, manager/trainer Mr Martin Hollis, Mrs Susan de Haas, Miss Samantha Nutt and Mrs Tania Anderson and other helpers who assisted these teams.

### Industry Placement and Work Experience

Over the last two weeks of Term 3 and during the holiday period, many student's accessed industry placement or work experience. The reports from students, parents and employers have been overwhelmingly positive. I would like to thank Mr Korneliussen and Mrs Preston, who organised the students from the College end and all staff involved in workplace visits. I am sure that many students will make better career choices based on this experience.

### New Staff Welcome

At the beginning of Term 4, we welcomed Mrs Nika Langham to the St Patrick's staff community. Nika will teach Aquatic Practices, General Mathematics, Essential Mathematics and Chemistry. Welcome to St Pat's!



## 15 October 2020

### Dates to remember

OCTOBER 2020	
6-16	Year 12 Industry Placement
12-16	Year 11 Industry Placement
15	St Patrick's College Cultural Awards Evening
17-18	Mackay Orchestra & Bands Festival
20	Valedictory Evening
26-30	Year 12 External Exams
27	Year 11 Awards Night
NOVEMBER 2020	
2-17	Year 12 External Exams
19-26	Year 11 Exam Block
20	Year 12 Graduation Mass
26	Year 11 2021 Orientation Day
27	Year 11's Last Day
27	Year 11 Semi Formal
DECEMBER 2020	
9	College Office Closes for 2020
JANUARY 2021	
18	College Office Opens for 2021
27	Year 11's Start
28	Year 12's Start
FEBRUARY 2021	
12	Bishop's Inservice Day – <b>Student Free Day</b>
16	Meet and Greet Barbeque
23	Shrove Tuesday
24	Ash Wednesday

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SMS Messages  
regarding  
student absence is

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## New College Name Announced

The new Catholic College planned for the site of the former Sugar Research Institute in South Mackay has been named Catherine McAuley College. Our Bishop, Most Reverend Michael McCarthy DD made this announcement on Tuesday. Catherine McAuley was the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy and the name reflects the significant contribution the Sisters have made to the establishment and development of Catholic schools in the Mackay region since 1880.

## Year 11 Retreat

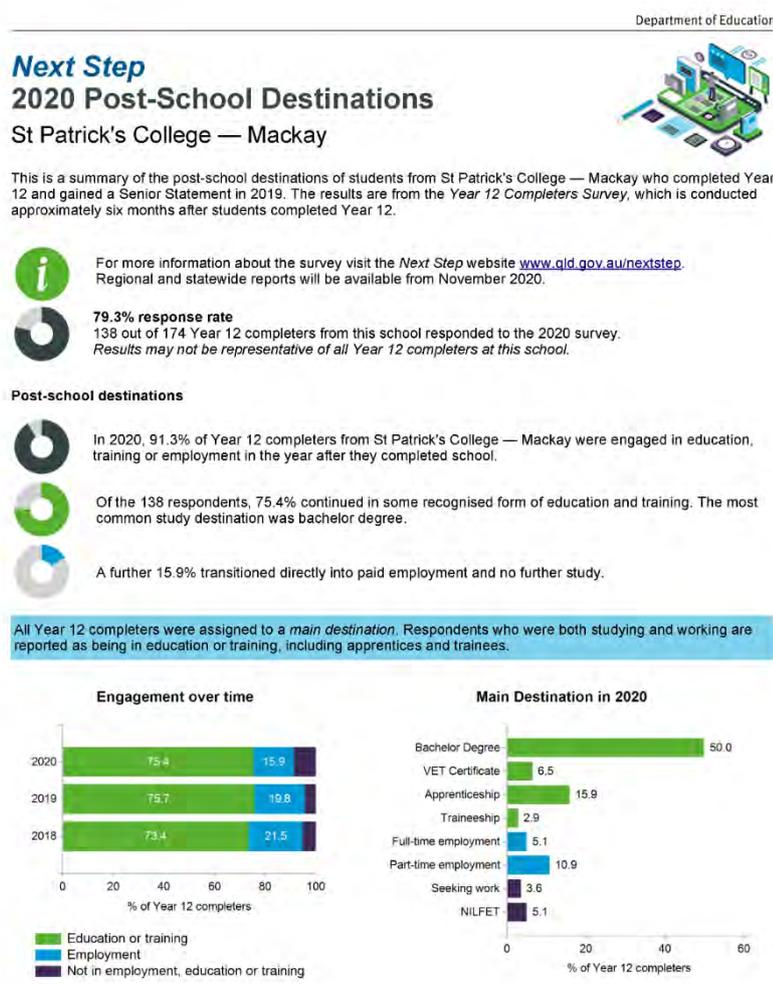
Year 11 students engaged well in their one-day retreat with Mr Az Hamilton. This retreat helped lead the students towards our leadership program at the end of term, where we will be electing and appointing leaders for 2021.

## The Mackay and District Catholic Debutante Ball

The Mackay and District Catholic Debutante Ball will be on **Friday 21 May 2021**. The Debutante Ball Committee wishes to invite all Year 11 and 12 students to participate in the 2021 Mackay Debutante Ball. Practices occur on Monday nights from February through to May. More details will follow in our next newsletter.

## Next Step 2019

The Next Step survey, undertaken by the Queensland Government, targets all students who completed Year 12 and gained a Senior Statement in 2019. Of the 174 students who completed Year 12 in 2019, the government statistician received responses from 138 of them (79.3%).





## Subject Changes

Year 11 students are reminded that subject changes may occur at the completion of Unit Two which coincides with the end of Term 3. Once students have commenced Unit Three (the beginning of Term 4), they are not permitted to change subjects because of QCAA guidelines. This means that Year 11 students have until October 16 to submit subject change applications.

If students wish to change subjects at the end Unit Two, they should take note of the following procedures:

- All students must complete a pink Application to Change Subjects form. These are available from College Reception.
- Application forms must be signed by parents and by the Subject Co-ordinators of both the discontinued and new subjects.
- Students should not pick subjects based on lines. Instead they should refer to the subject guides and select a subject they wish to study. Line changes regularly occur when subject change forms are submitted due to current class sizes.
- You will not be contacted if the subject change was approved. You will only be contacted if the change cannot be approved. Once forms are submitted students should check Student Café regularly as approved changes will appear on your timetable.
- Students who need additional career guidance are encouraged to make an appointment with the College Counsellor Ms Danika Hurley.

Students and parents are encouraged to contact the College reception if they have any questions regarding the change of subject process.

## Year 12 External Exams

Please find below the timetable for the Year 12 External Exams. Remember that a missed examination invalidates the contribution, for that subject, to the ATAR calculation.

Please find attached link for the below timetable:

[https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/downloads/senior/snr\\_ext\\_assess\\_timetable\\_2020.pdf](https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/downloads/senior/snr_ext_assess_timetable_2020.pdf)

**Please be aware the Year 12 Essential English common internal assessment is on Monday 26 October, 2020 at 9am and the Year 12 Essential Mathematics is on Tuesday 27 October, 2020 at 9am.**

## QCAA external assessment timetable for General and General (Extension) subjects 2020

Session	Monday 26 October	Tuesday 27 October	Wednesday 28 October	Thursday 29 October	Friday 30 October
Week 1	AM	English 2 hrs + 15 mins	Mathematical Methods (Paper 1) 90 mins + 5 mins	Design 2 hrs + 15 mins	Ancient History 2 hrs + 15 mins
	PM	English as an Additional Language 2 hrs + 15 mins	Mathematical Methods (Paper 2) 90 mins + 5 mins	Visual Art 2 hrs + 10 mins	General Mathematics (Paper 2) 90 mins + 5 mins Specialist Mathematics (Paper 2) 90 mins + 5 mins
		Business 2 hrs + 15 mins		General Mathematics (Paper 1) 90 mins + 5 mins Specialist Mathematics (Paper 1) 90 mins + 5 mins	English and Literature Extension 2 hrs + 30 mins

Session	Monday 2 November	Tuesday 3 November	Wednesday 4 November	Thursday 5 November	Friday 6 November
Week 2	AM	Biology (Paper 1) 90 mins + 10 mins	Legal Studies 2 hrs + 15 mins	Chemistry (Paper 1) 90 mins + 10 mins	Economics 2 hrs + 15 mins Health 2 hrs + 15 mins
	PM	Biology (Paper 2) 90 mins + 10 mins	Physical Education 2 hrs + 15 mins	Chemistry (Paper 2) 90 mins + 10 mins	Accounting 2 hrs + 15 mins Music 2 hrs + 20 mins
					Modern History 2 hrs + 15 mins Geography 2 hrs + 15 mins

## QCAA external assessment timetable for General and General (Extension) subjects 2020

Session	Monday 9 November	Tuesday 10 November	Wednesday 11 November	Thursday 12 November	Friday 13 November	
Week 3	AM	Physics (Paper 1) 90 mins + 10 mins	Psychology (Paper 1) 90 mins + 10 mins	Digital Solutions 2 hrs + 15 mins  Food and Nutrition 2 hrs + 10 mins	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies 2 hrs + 15 mins  Study of Religion 2 hrs + 15 mins  Chinese Extension French Extension German Extension 2 hrs + 20 mins	Film, Television and New Media 2 hrs + 20 mins  German 2 hrs + 5 mins
	PM	Physics (Paper 2) 90 mins + 10 mins	Psychology (Paper 2) 90 mins + 10 mins	Literature 2 hrs + 15 mins	Aerospace Systems 2 hrs + 10 mins  Drama 2 hrs + 20 mins	Dance 2 hrs + 20 mins  Engineering 2 hrs + 10 mins

Session	Monday 16 November	Tuesday 17 November	Wednesday 18 November	Thursday 19 November	Friday 20 November	
Week 4	AM	Earth & Environmental Science (Paper 1) 90 mins + 10 mins  Marine Science (Paper 1) 90 mins + 10 mins	Earth & Environmental Science (Paper 2) 90 mins + 10 mins  Marine Science (Paper 2) 90 mins + 10 mins  French 2 hrs + 5 mins			
	PM	Agricultural Science (Paper 1) 90 mins + 10 mins  Music Extension 2 hrs + 20 mins  Philosophy & Reason 2 hrs + 15 mins	Agricultural Science (Paper 2) 90 mins + 10 mins  Chinese 2 hrs + 5 mins  Italian Japanese Spanish			

### Stephen Mortimer – Assistant to the Principal: Religious Education

#### Readings at Mass, Sunday 18 October 2020 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading, Isaiah 45:1, 4-6** .... I am the Lord, there is no other.

**Psalms 95**, Give the Lord glory and honour.

**Second Reading, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5** .... Paul greets the Thessalonians.

**Gospel, Matthew 22:15-21** ... Render to Caesar what is Caesar's.



#### Readings at Mass, Sunday 25 October 2020 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading, Exodus 22:20-26** .... Treat all people with generosity.

**Psalms 17**, I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Second Reading, 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10** .... The Thessalonians have become a model for others.

**Gospel, Matthew 22:34-40** .... Jesus is asked to name the greatest commandment of the Law.

#### Year 11 Retreat

Buy the Chicken!

Sometimes in our lives, we have that nagging feeling that we should do something out of the ordinary. Most times we do not act upon this impulse, because we can't see the long term effects of such actions. Last Friday, our Year 11 students were encouraged to take a risk and act. To buy the Chicken.

The Year 11 retreat facilitator, Az Hamilton (Just Motivation), led the students through his extraordinary story, which started with buying KFC for his neighbour. What unfolded was a connection to people from a range of different backgrounds, travel around the world and marrying the most beautiful woman in the world. All of this, because he was prepared to take that risk and follow his passion.

Everybody has a unique story which develops as we go through life. It is a truly wonderful experience to be given the opportunity to hear another person's story, as it gives us the opportunity to get to know that person. Each and every one of us has a story and it is a wonderful tale. During the retreat, the students were encouraged to make their story as full as possible by taking a risk and following their passion. Buy the Chicken!

## Parish Mass Update – Church is Open

Catholic masses have begun again in Mackay, following COVID safe practices. Each parish has a COVID Team, who have undertaken the responsibility to create a safe environment in each Church. Within the Southern Cluster of Mackay, the organisation for each Church may differ due to the physical size of space available, for example, numbers for each service may be restricted to less than 100 for smaller Churches, such as St Mary's. St Patrick's Church, on River Street is able to accommodate over 100 people.

Parishioners are encourage to book a ticket for masses to assist with the organisation of seating and cleaning. However, there are seats available for people who sign in at the door of the Church for most masses. It would be great to see more of the community returning to the masses, as will begin to return to normal.

If you would like to book ahead (which does help the parish team): <https://www.trybooking.com/BKACF>  
or you can book through the Southern Cluster of Mackay Website: <https://www.mackaycatholics.net/>

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## Tracey McLeod – Assistant Principal Welfare Administration

### This Month on SchoolTV - Raising Boys

Many parents will attest to the fact that most boys are active, loud, rambunctious and prone to rough play, but this should not affect how a parent acts towards their son. Be careful not to pigeon-hole your son into sex specific behaviours or gender roles. The male brain is distinctly differently in its development. A boy's physical maturity is often at odds with his mental and brain development.



Societal beliefs about how to raise boys can sometimes influence their adult carers. Although we are not determined by our biology, it is a factor. It is important to support boys in their natural tendencies and nurture their strengths and abilities. Teach them the skills they need for their future and to develop a healthy identity. It is important for boys to have a role model they can connect with and acknowledge who they are. One of the most important determinants for a boy's development is how secure they feel growing up.

In this edition of SchoolTV, adult carers will gain a better understanding into some of the more complex issues relating to raising boys. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this month's edition, and we always welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the College for further information or seek medical or professional help.



Here is the link to this month's edition <https://stpats.qld.schooltv.me/newsletter/raising-boys>

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## Danika Hurley – College Counsellor

### ATAR Key Messages

ATARs will be released to students at 9:00am on Saturday 19 December via QTAC's purpose built ATAR Portal.

The ATAR is an online release only, therefore the only way a student can access their ATAR is by signing up [HERE](#).



Before signing up, students will need to have the below information ready:

- Name (as shown on their QCAA Learning Account)
- Date of Birth
- LUI
- Email address (personal, not school)



The name registered as your **First Name** in the ATAR Portal should be the same as shown under your **QCAA Given Names**. If more than one Given Names are displayed, include all of them as your ATAR Portal name.

QTAC will use this data to match against students QCAA Learning Accounts.

Students who are applying interstate, also need to sign up to the QTAC ATAR Portal. This provides us with consent to share their ATAR with interstate TACs.

A "how to" video is also available on their [website](#) or via this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZt7Zot0gZc&t=30s>

### Students Privacy

As the ATAR is owned by the student, they have control over whether they share their ATAR with the College they attended. This is covered in the Terms of Service on the ATAR Portal.

### Frequently Asked Questions

For access to QTAC's ATAR resources, including factsheets and a FAQ section, please visit our website. <https://www.qtac.edu.au/atar/>

### ATAR Hotline

QTAC has set up a dedicated ATAR hotline for students and parents to call if they have any ATAR specific questions phone 1300 193 173.

### QTAC Application

Those students [applying to tertiary study in 2021](#) will need to sign up to the [ATAR Portal](#) **AND** complete a [QTAC Application](#).

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## Mark Casey – Pastoral Care Coordinator

### Valedictory Evening – Tuesday 20 October 2020

Valedictory Evening is being held on Tuesday October 20, at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre (MECC). Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 regulations, in particular social distancing, parents will not be able to be seated in the MECC auditorium with students as per previous years. Parents are able to sit in the MECC Hall near the auditorium, in order to view a live stream. Bookings to sit in the MECC Hall can be made on the link below. Please note that bookings are limited to two tickets per family and seats are also limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment. **Bookings will close at 12.00pm this Friday 16 October.**



In order for appropriate seating to be arranged, please book as soon as possible. All parents must be seated in the MECC Hall by 6.50pm, for the evening to commence at 7.00pm. Parents will only be able to enter through Door H of the MECC Hall and attendees must have their ticket available for viewing or they will not be able to enter.

There will also be a livestream available for online viewing if parents wish to view the events from another location. The livestream link will be made available soon on the College app.

Attending Year 12 students need to report to their supervising teacher in the MECC Foyer at 6.30pm for a roll call. The graduates will process into the theatre at 7.00pm sharp to begin the Valedictory event. Students will also need to attend a rehearsal at the MECC beginning at 8.45am the morning of Valedictory night, October 20. They will then need to make their own way back to the College after rehearsal for their Period 3 classes. Students should wear the uniform they require for the remainder of their classes that day, to the Valedictory rehearsal.

The evening will involve a presentation of our graduating seniors, entertainment, awards and speeches. All students will be presented to the student body, staff, guests and the live-stream audience. They will receive a graduating certificate and a College memento. Presentation of academic awards will also take place. Details about all awards can be found below. Students must be immaculately groomed and dressed in full academic uniform to be presented on stage. This includes wearing their best uniform with grey trousers for boys and stockings for girls, polished black shoes, and being cleanly shaven for boys and tidy hair for both. This is an opportunity for students to look their very best as representatives of the College.

We thank you for your patience with this event and please know that St Patrick's College is doing its utmost to keep parents involved in events such as Valedictory Evening, however, the College must still follow directives given by Queensland Health. Please note that if you or your child are feeling unwell, please do not attend the Valedictory Evening and all attending persons must maintain social distancing and good hygiene practices throughout the evening.

Bookings to attend the MECC Hall to view the live streaming can be made on the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMBNF>

If you have any questions about the night, please direct them to the College reception or contact myself via [mark\\_casey@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mark_casey@rok.catholic.edu.au).

All Year 12 students will receive graduation certificates.

The following details list the criteria for the various awards that your child may be eligible for:

**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 MERIT**- Awardees will be determined by results from Internal Assessment only in regards to their five best subjects (only five subjects can be counted):

- A, B, C: 5, 4, 3 points respectively; over best five subjects.
- Merit : 20, 21, 22 points.

**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** - Awardees will be determined by results from Internal Assessment only in regards to their five best subjects (only five subjects can be counted):

- A, B, C: 5, 4, 3 points respectively; over best five subjects.
- Excellence: > 23 points.

**MERCY SISTERS' SUBJECT AWARDS**

- Awarded to the highest achieving student in each subject

**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.

#### **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. Once a student is nominated, staff then vote for the applicants.

#### **ANTHONY McNEILL MEMORIAL AWARD – CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP 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
- students and staff vote for this award

#### **BUCAS 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
- students and staff vote for this award

#### **ST PATRICK'S MEDAL – BISHOP BERNARD WALLACE AWARD (DUX)**

This award will not be awarded at Valedictory Evening 2020. It will be presented at the Opening Mass of 2021. It will be awarded to the student with the highest ATAR and who has demonstrated leadership through consistent application to their studies.

Again, thank you for your patience in dealing with the difficult regulations that we all must adhere to in relation to COVID safe protocols.

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### **Daniel Skipper – Pastoral Care Coordinator**

#### **Year 12 Formal**

What a great night!

After speaking with many of our Year 12 students, it seems that the verdict is unanimous, everyone enjoyed their time thoroughly at the Year 12 Formal. We used *Events by Ramona* to decorate the room for a glamorous nature inspired room. Our professional photographers, Keeara and Reece, were busy throughout the day and into the evening. The photo booth by *Photo Booth Magic* was so popular, that they had to change their printing roll several times.



The Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre (MECC) staff were also very accommodating. The meals were fantastic and one long term staff member who has been to many Formals, commented that it was the best he'd ever had at a St Pat's formal. To finish off the evening we had the talented Will Blume perform and he did not disappoint.

Overall, we had a very successful night and I would like to thank all those who contributed to its success, from students and parents, to staff and support staff, thank you all for helping to create memories to last a lifetime.

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## Simon Korneliussen – Vocational and Educational Training Coordinator

### Whitsunday Stem Challenge

On Saturday 10 October, St Patrick’s College entered the Whitsunday STEM Challenge’s Human Powered Vehicle Hop Laps race. This is our second year of participation, with COVID-19 pushing the start date out from June. Our Engineering students have been building our second car all year, so we could participate in the School Built Category. I would like to pay special attention to the following students who have been very committed in completing the vehicle, this happening the day before the race! Francis Alamodin, Qynn Andersen, Jake Bella, Jye Bella, Zane Quattromani and Ethan Sweet.



Mr William Gilbert and Mr Simon Korneliussen were the team managers for SPC1 (Mixed Senior Team) and SPC2 (School Built Vehicle). Both were very impressed with the attitude and determination of the students in both teams. They pedalled throughout the day in hot conditions, battling cramps, roll overs and breakages. However, through teamwork, ingenuity and pain barriers, they managed to finish the day in top position in both their categories. Well done!

Congratulation to Ethan Cocco, Delta-Jade Deguara, Elliott McLeod, Zac Schwarzrock, Mason Simpson and Matthew Worsley for an outstanding day of racing. A special thanks to Mrs Patty Deguara for cleaning of vehicles between hotlaps to adhere to the COVID-19 safe plan and for our Principal, Mrs Janelle Agius in supporting the dietary requirements of the competitors!

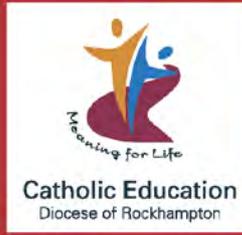


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## David Gravino – Art Teacher

Recently, Year 11 Visual Art students engaged in a two day workshop with artist, Jacque Scotcher, as the ‘Artist in Residence’. The workshop provided students with insights into the creative process, looking at the connection to land and to the Pioneer River in preparation for their Year 12 studies.





## Recurrent Funding for Catholic schools

Recurrent funding means Catholic schools can continue to support Queensland families by providing quality education and learning opportunities to more than 150,000 students across the State, including in regional and remote areas. This allows parents to choose a school they believe is best for their child and consistent with their personal values or faith.



Through the Education Bilateral Agreement with the Federal Government, the State Government has committed to transition funding for non-government schools to 20 per cent of the Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) by 2024. In real terms this results in a reduction in State funding to Catholic schools.

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed unprecedented economic pressures on Queensland families and Catholic school communities. Catholic schools are calling on the next State Government to maintain recurrent funding at the current level of 22.45 per cent of the SRS for the next four years, in recognition of these unprecedented challenges.

Schools that are not resourced properly cannot operate effectively which will put more financial pressure on Queensland families and disadvantage one in five students in Queensland. By maintaining the level of recurrent funding at the levels proposed, the next State Government will be supporting Queensland families who choose a Catholic school.



196 Catholic schools with state recurrent funding at <20% SRS

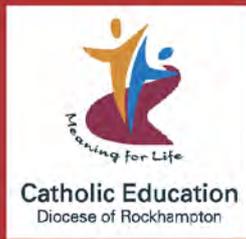


State recurrent funding growth <1% p.a. to 2024

### Catholic schools

Call on the next State Government to maintain recurrent funding at 22.45% of SRS over the next four years to support all schools through unprecedented challenges.

Ensuring recurrent funding is maintained at 22.45 per cent of the SRS for the next four years for Queensland Catholic schools will ensure they can offer a quality education to students without the need to increase pressure on Queensland families by increasing school fees. This will provide greater equity across all schools.



## Building for the Future

Without increased investment in infrastructure, Queensland Catholic schools will be unable to support Queensland families by meeting demand for new schools in high growth areas.



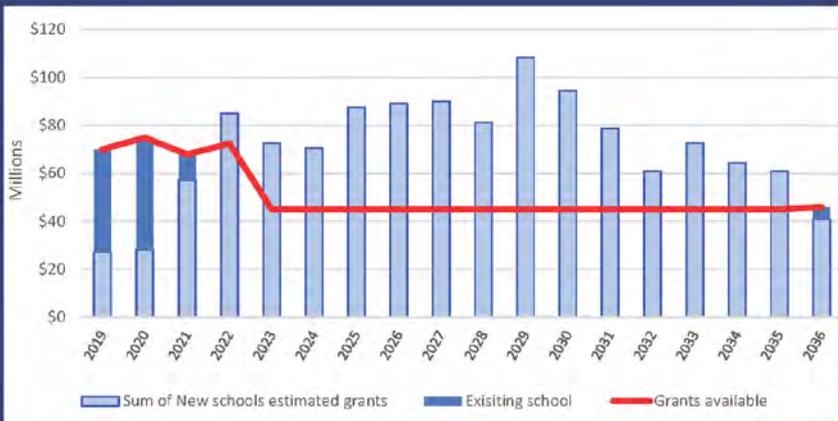
**By 2036**  
Enrolment = Current enrolment + **32,420**



**36 new schools**  
**833 extra classrooms**  
for existing schools



Capital investment of  
**\$1.7 billion**  
by 2036



Capital investment is required to continue to give families the choice to educate their children in Catholic schools.

Current funding levels under the Capital Assistance Scheme and the External Infrastructure Subsidy scheme will not be sufficient to meet the increased demand for infrastructure. (See graph)

Demand for additional teaching spaces can only be met through the continuation and expansion of the Capital Assistance Supplementary Scheme (CASS).

A total funding commitment through the expansion of **CASS** to non-government schools of **\$60M million each year for the next four years** (in addition to maintaining funding under the Capital Assistance Scheme and External Infrastructure Subsidy) will allow Catholic education to meet demand for new schools in key high growth areas throughout Queensland.

### Catholic schools

Seek a commitment to the expansion of the Capital Assistance Supplementary Scheme to \$60 million per year for the non-government sector for the next four years.