

Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

For young people growing up, it is vital that they have a picture in their head of the person they want to become. The picture we form in our minds of who we want to be comes from many sources: parents, coaches, teachers and friends. Any aspiring sports person will have pictures of their idols around their rooms. Ultimately though, each individual must make their own image.

I hope every student holds a picture of themselves that is noble and honourable, in keeping with the view their parents and teachers have of them. It is God's way that every parent regards their child as special and precious. The more important thing is that the child also comes to regard him/herself as special and precious. Self-esteem is a social vaccine.

In reading about people who have achieved success I see four common factors:

1. They believe in their capacity to improve. They believe in their ability to make progress in any endeavour they undertake. They firmly believe that their destiny is in their hands. They never give up personal accountability for their own actions.
2. They work hard. They come to love the work as much as they love the rewards that the work brings. Any old timer will tell us that hard work is its own reward. There is a deep and long lasting satisfaction from knowing that you have worked hard, that you have expended energy on a noble cause. On the contrary, there is pain and regret when we do not try our best.
3. Successful people live in the moment, not constrained by the chains of their limiting past, nor anxious about the future. They make the most of every day. They simply turn up and give their best in every minute.
4. They are motivated not by external rewards, but by the intrinsic joy that comes from mastering a skill. "Intrinsic motivation is the natural curiosity and desire to learn that we are all born with. We experience intrinsic motivation when we find ourselves seeking answers to a question that intrigues us or pushing ourselves to work hard to master a skill. Extrinsic motivation is when we work for an external reward or to avoid an external punishment provided by someone else." (Gianni 2010).

Daniel Pink writes in 'Drive' about what truly motivates us. It is:

- **autonomy** - being in charge of our own work;
- **purpose** - seeing the reason and meaning in our work; and
- **mastery** - the opportunity to improve, get better and master our work.

I encourage all students to set noble goals for what sort of people they want to become, to work out what really motivates them and to develop a picture of themselves that is worthy. I hope their picture includes "Serve Him in others", compassion, respect, endeavour and dignity.

Nicholas Lynch, Principal

SAFE DRIVE TRAINING

Each year we organise participation in a Driver Safety Program through Safe Drive Training at their training venue at Willowbank. The course aims to improve driving skills and teaches how not to become part of someone else's accident. It will run on Sunday 8th October at a cost of \$195.00, which includes bus transport to/from Willowbank, departing St Joseph's at around 7.00am and returning approximately 5.00pm.

To participate, students need to hold either a Learners Permit or Provisional Licence by that date. Enrolment forms are available from the Front Office.

To avoid disappointment in not being part of this great opportunity, forms and payment must be received by **Wednesday 13th September**. No forms will be accepted after that date. We are also looking for at least two parents to volunteer their time to accompany the students. This could be a lifesaving opportunity.





AP Mission

Communities flourish when all members work together to achieve goals and dreams. Along with this, praise and recognition of this contribution are powerful tools in the building of self-esteem. Children, parents/guardians, school staff all flourish when our contributions are acknowledged. Over the past few weeks, there have been a number of key events which have shown the ability of this community to draw together to achieve desired outcomes. As well, in the next few weeks there will be meetings and events which will further allow for parent engagement and staff and student contribution.



All: Lord Jesus, we thank you for our children; they are your gift and a constant reminder of your love.

We thank you for our school staff - who, along with parents, 'touch eternity'. We thank you for the school administration, aides and maintenance staff whose very presence makes school more like a home.

And we thank you for each other and for the work each has done in building our community. Bless this meeting of ours where we celebrate our many strengths and plan our continuing work in your service. Amen.

**I have called you by your name,
You are mine.**

**Behold, I have carved you
In the palm of my hand.
(Isaiah 43:1; 49:16)**



Grandparents Day

Over 100 grandparents and families joined us for our Annual Grandparents Day Mass, Morning Tea and Concert. It was a great celebration which included the return of the original silver tea pot which had been raffled to raise funds to begin the College. Mr Peter Kenny told the story of how the teapot was found to the College community and proudly presented us with the teapot. (The full story will follow in the next few weeks).



Bishop's Inservice Day

Over 700 staff members from Catholic Schools surrounding Toowoomba gathered for the annual Bishop's Inservice Day. Congratulations to the Catering Staff (Mrs Nina Marshall, Mrs Deb Ditchman, Mrs Ann Willett, Mrs Jaye Singleton and Mrs Julianne Krueger) for providing morning tea and lunch. They were supported by a number of students who were outstanding, both, in their behaviour and their service.

During the day, the host school provides a musical performance. Congratulations to Ms Minns and Miss Scott and the music tutors, Kaitlyn Orange and Jon Maskell, for preparing the three pieces – concert band and two choir performances. The students were excellent and delighted the audience with their rendition of Mama Mia. Thank you

to these students who came in and performed; some even staying to help with catering.

Brainstorm Productions

On Monday afternoon, Brainstorm Productions presented an interactive performance to Year 7 and 8 on the topic of cyber bullying. Thank you to Mr Chris Bradley and the pastoral leaders for their organisation of this event

Eisteddfod News

Congratulations to Ms Madeleine Minns and the Concert Band on a wonderful result at Monday night's Eisteddfod - 2nd (out of 9 bands) in the Concert Band B-Grade section. A wonderful performance by a small band comprising many young students, as well as the many other bands and students who have been performing at the Eisteddfod.

Athletics Carnival

Today is the annual Athletics Carnival. Again, thanks to Miss Debbie Newton and the staff who have been working tirelessly on completing field events.

(Julianne Rasmussen, AP – Mission)



Curriculum Matters

Subject Selection Evenings

On Monday 7th August, all Year 10s and parents are encouraged to attend the Year 11 Subject Selection evening. This evening will commence at 6.00pm in the Mackillop Centre. Middle leaders Curriculum, Ms Masters (VET Coordinator) and Mrs Coulston (Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office – School Based Apprenticeship Program) will all be available to answer questions about different subjects and pathways for students continuing in 2018.



On Monday 14th August, all current Year 8 and 9 students are invited to attend the 2018 Year 9/10 Subject Selection evening. Again, this evening will commence at 6.00pm in the Mackillop Centre and relevant Middle Leaders and teachers will be available to answer questions about the different elective subjects on offer next year. Core subjects will also be on display to answer any questions.

I hope you find these evenings valuable to assist you and your child in selecting the subjects they would like to continue next year. Information will be provided about not only the course offerings but also how to select the subjects online.

(Kerrie-Anne Fellenberg, AP – Curriculum)

The Diary

Day	Date	Event
Saturday	5 th August	South West Queensland
Sunday	6 th August	All Schools Touch
Monday	7 th August	Year 12 Biology QIMR/ IPLC
Monday	7 th August	Year 10 Subject Selection 6.00pm
Monday	7 th August	IEP Meetings
Tuesday	8 th August	Year 12 Drama La Boite Theatre 11.00am
Tuesday	8 th August	Red Lion Soccer
Tuesday	8 th August	IEP Meetings
Wednesday	9 th August	IEP Meetings
Wednesday	9 th August	Instrumental Eisteddfod concludes
Thursday	10 th August	IEP Meetings
Friday	11 th August	Year 11 Geography CBD Field Trip
Friday	11 th August	IEP Meetings
Sunday	13 th August	Science Week

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We farewelled a group of 19 students from our sister-school, Shijonawate Gakuen, last Friday. The group had spent two weeks in Toowoomba and enjoyed a variety of activities including art, cooking, manual arts and language studies while here. A massive thank you to all our wonderful host families who went above and beyond to showcase our culture and way of life to the students. I'm sure every one of the Japanese students will take home some wonderful memories and this is due largely to the host families and their generosity.

The group's return only highlights just how quickly our own trip to Japan is approaching. We have only six weeks to departure. All monies should now be finalised – including tour shirt payments, please. Our lunch time meetings with the students now become vital so please prioritise these and come prepared with diaries. There will be a final meeting to touch base with parents, answer last-minute questions and the like, on Monday 21st August, at 5:30pm in the Japanese Room.

A reminder that tutoring is on offer every Day 2 and 8 during lunch. Sometimes it's just that little bit of extra small group help that can make all the difference. Students, please take advantage of this if you know something hasn't clicked before the panic of exams sets in. Please also refer to the huge range of extra information available on the Student Resources drive.

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Student Exchange Opportunities

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that offers exchange programs to over 25 countries. Students and their families are invited to a FREE live online session where they can learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available in 2017. Students can listen to former exchange students share their experience and ask questions. The session will run on Thursday 10th August at 5.30pm. You can register by going to www.studentexchange.org.nz or call 0800 440 079 for more information.

(Maree Nunn, Head of Languages)

OZCARE CATCH-UP CLINIC

For students who missed the recent vaccinations held here at the College, an Ozcare catch-up Clinic will be held on Thursday 17th August from 3.00pm – 4.15pm.

For an appointment, call 4639 7888.

MOOTING NEWS

"Even judges are human. Not many people know that."
(Rumpole of the Bailey – 1992)

Our mooting teams have performed outstandingly again this year, representing themselves and the College superbly in the University of Southern Queensland High School Mooting Competition. This year the fictitious appeal case was about the break and enter of a property, the stealing of fuel from a service station and the fraudulent use of a client list. Throughout the competition the teams represented both the Appellant and the Respondent and gained invaluable experience in preparing and delivering legal arguments and answering challenging questions posed by the judges.

In the semi-final Lachlan Brown and Courtney Briese stood on their hind legs in Rumpolesque fashion and argued ardently with the judge for their client. Unfortunately, His Honour favoured the submissions of their opponents on the night and the team's mooting campaign was over for the season. However, Lachlan and Courtney did very well to be placed in the top four out of the 31 teams in the competition.

Our other team of Joshua Phillips, Maddison Wecker and Mitchell Watson were very unlucky early in the competition, missing out by a single point from progressing to the final series. The team members were philosophical after receiving the news and appreciated the experience they gained.

For those interested in watching what should be an interesting moot the grand-final will be held at the USQ Open Day on 13th August 2017.

Congratulations to all mooting participants for their hard work and dedication.

(Andrew Keighran, Legal Studies Teacher)

Tuckshop Roster August

Monday	7 th August	→ Maureen McIntosh
Tuesday	8 th August	→ Kay Holzworth
Wednesday	9 th August	→ Deanna D'Arcy
Thursday	10 th August	→ Caterina Mikhailitchenko
Friday	11 th August	→ Tanya Kuhn



Uniform Shop 4631 8514

UNIFORM SHOP TRADING TIMES:

- » Tuesday - 7.30am – 10.30am
- » Wednesday - 1.00pm – 4.00pm
- » Thursday - 7.30am – 10.30am

Aerosols are BANNED

Using aerosols at school can have serious health consequences for severe asthmatics.



Music Notes

For Sale

Ashton Drum Kit
Black
Fair condition. \$100
Contact the Music Office:
mminns@sjc.qld.edu.au



Free Ballet Tickets

Queensland Ballet
La Fille mal garde'e
Friday 15th September 2017 at the Empire Theatre
(7:30pm)

Please see more at <https://www.empiretheatre.com.au/event/364/queensland-ballet-la-fille-mal-gard-e>.

Learning a Musical Instrument

The Music Program is looking to fill some gaps in the instrumental area. Are you a hardworking, and disciplined student interested in learning a musical instrument? Check out the links to the following instruments and if keen, put your expression of interest in to the music department. Some financial assistance is available for initial lessons. Practice is essential – if you cannot see yourself doing four practices a week, then please do not apply.

1. Mallets - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYtrnr4chfU>
2. Baritone - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nJN3Kkic4Y>
3. Trombone - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTDEVUICCIk>
4. Double Bass – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csmKFV50e7U>
5. Brass - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZO5KTJWhE>
6. Strings - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvcJMlIFW9A>
7. Viola - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BabD_ea38U
8. Clarinet - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuEMqMc1Fh4>

Eisteddfod Results

The Toowoomba Instrumental Music Eisteddfod has concluded this week and St Joseph's College was well represented in many sections - solo, small groups and large. It takes an enormous amount of rehearsal time to present pieces of a suitable standard for competitions and students require a high level of commitment. Individual practice, as well as hours of rehearsal, is essential to bring about the best team performance. Congratulations to all those students who challenged themselves and also entered solos and duet sections.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Elizabeth Lawrence and the String Ensemble, Malcolm Gaydon and the Brass Ensembles, Josh Meppem and the Guitar Ensembles and Joe Goodman and the Saxophone Groups. Thank you to the students in Jazz Ensemble and Concert Band for your dedication and commitment. I am very proud of the 2nd place Concert Band received and would like to especially commend the younger players in Year 7 and 8 whose efforts were particularly above average.

(Madeleine Minns, Performance Leader)

FORMS TO BE RETURNED:

- Years 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12 Activities Week permission forms.
- Year 9 Retreat forms.
- Year 10 Work Experience agreements.



School-based Apprenticeships/ Traineeships

Please see Ms Masters in the Voc. Ed. room if you wish to apply for any of these positions. Work experience may be required before a successful applicant is selected. Please ensure that an opening letter is attached to your resume when applying for these positions.



- **Certificate III in Horticulture.** MIGAS has a vacancy for a Year 10 or 11 school-based trainee to work one day per week at a busy turf farm in Helidon. Applicants must be reliable, hardworking, enjoy working outdoors, have reliable transport to and from work, be punctual and ready for challenging and physical tasks. The successful applicant will learn to maintain plants and planted areas, construct horticultural features and apply treatments to enhance plant growth and control pests. Applications close 18th August.
- **Certificate II in Business.** AFL Sports Ready is seeking a Year 10 Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student to undertake a placement at the Commonwealth Bank. Applicants should be interested in banking and financial services, have a positive attitude, and be reliable, punctual and a quick learner. The successful applicant will be required to work 1 – 2 weeks full time prior to commencing school in 2018. Applications close 6th September.
- **Certificate III in Business.** MIGAS has a vacancy for a Year 10 school-based trainee to work one day per week at a fast-paced service station and grocery outlet. Applicants should be interested in a business career path, have the ability to prioritise and be reliable and willing to learn. Applications close 1st September.

Re-opened vacancies

- Certificate II in Tyre fitting with Ryanie for Tyres
- Certificate III in Business or Retail with Baskin Robbins
- Certificate III in Hairdressing with Trussardii Hair
- Certificate III in Companion Animal Services with Pets Galore
- Certificate III in Business at a local carvery
- Certificate III in Hospitality with a Charlton Business
- Certificate II in Warehousing operations with the Reece Group
- Certificate II in Hairdressing with Joel's Salon for Men.

Jobs at Kmart

Kmart is looking for people to join their team. Please see Ms Masters for an application form or go online to www.kmart.com.au/jobs.

(Angela Masters, Voc. Ed. Coordinator)

FROM THE CAREERS COUNSELLOR

Scholarship Workshop

USQ have been invited to run a Scholarship Workshop for interested Year 12 students during their Study Line on Tuesday 15th August (Day 9), Period 5 in Seminar Room 2. There will also be time for general Q&A. Those who come prepared with questions will gain the most from the session. Parents are always welcome.



QTAC Update

Information for Parents:

The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) operates a centralised tertiary application service for:

- publicly-funded Queensland universities
- Bond University Medicine
- TAFE Queensland

- Australian Maritime College
- some courses at publicly-funded universities in Northern New South Wales
- some private tertiary education providers

The QTAC website has information for parents and caregivers: <http://www.qtac.edu.au/for-parents>.

QTAC Applications are now open for students wanting to apply for tertiary courses commencing in 2018. Students have until 29th September to be an 'on-time' applicant.

How parents can help:

- ✓ Encourage your child to **become familiar with the QTAC website**. All the information they need is on the site including: Applications and application resources, Key dates, Course search, Institution information including cut offs and open days, and more. Go to <http://www.qtac.edu.au/>.
- ✓ Encourage your child to **see me if they need advice, assistance or direction**.

Educational Access Scheme (EAS)

EAS can help you if you have experienced circumstances that negatively affected your most recent studies. If you are eligible for EAS, you **may** get bonus OPs or ranks that improve your chances of getting an offer.

If you are eligible for the *Financial Hardship* category, you may also get financial assistance from institutions, such as scholarships or bursaries.

Who can apply? - You can apply for EAS if you are applying for tertiary study through QTAC. Most EAS categories relate to circumstances that affected your most recent studies. The Financial Hardship category relates to your current and recent financial circumstances.

EAS may not be able to compensate you for things such as:

- not completing secondary school
- changing school subjects by choice, resulting in you not meeting entry requirements
- missed time from school for activities that are a personal choice (for example, sport, musical or cultural activities).

How to apply - You can apply for EAS when you lodge your QTAC application:

<http://www.qtac.edu.au/applications/apply-here>.

EAS Categories - *Financial Hardship, Home Environment and Responsibilities, English Language Difficulty, Personal Illness or Disability, Educational Disruption.*

Aspire to Health

This program is designed for Year 9 or 10 students interested in a Health Career, the Aspire to Health Toowoomba Day will have students participate in an 'emergency' simulation with paramedics, nurses and doctors as well as experience hands-on procedural workshops. **If interested please let me know so that I can put in an expression of interest.**

Considering Medicine Program

The Considering Medicine Program is an opportunity for current high-school students and their parents to understand the pathway to becoming a medical doctor. It is suitable for students from **Grade 8 onwards**. If interested, you are required to register following the link below. Sessions run throughout the year usually from 3:30 to 5:00pm. Go to <http://www.qrme.org.au/high-school-students/considering-medicine-program.html>.

Careers Event	When	Who
USQ Indigenous Connections – Toowoomba Campus	Tuesday 10 th October	TBC

(Fabiana Wilson, Careers Counsellor)