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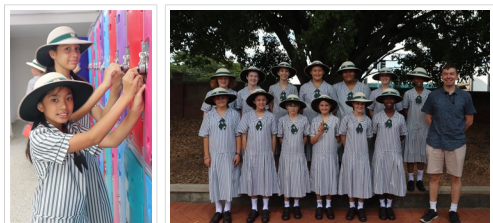
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Our Lady's College Student Leaders 2019



Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2019 school year and a special welcome to all of the new families to the Our Lady's Family. At our first assembly for the 2019 school year, we welcomed students new to our community, especially our Year 7s who were presented with the College badge.

We also welcomed back and congratulated our OP 1-10 recipients from the graduating Class of 2018 on their fine academic achievements. Some of the courses that these students will be engaged in, include:

Oliva Anderson -	Bachelor of International Business/ Bachelor of Government & International Relations
Emily Doan -	Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Laws (Honours)

Alice Hil -	Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science
Jorja Horton -	Bachelor of Education
Jada Kynoch -	Bachelor of Biomedical Science
Ella Linden -	Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Laws (Honours)
Jessica Morgante -	Bachelor of Fine Arts (Technical Production)
Ruby Parker -	Bachelor of Creative Industries/ Bachelor of Human Services
Summer Stiller -	Bachelor of Nursing
Tram Tran-Pham -	Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)
Anna Vu -	Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry

We have a number of new staff to our community:

- **Ms Holly Triggs** and **Mr Ryan Forster** join our Maths and Science Departments;
- **Ms Marjan Dehghani** joins our school officer team working in Student Services and the Learning Enrichment Team.



It is sometimes confusing in a secondary environment to know who to contact when you have a question or concern. If the matter is in relation to health or personal matters, your daughter's pastoral care teacher and Pastoral Leader are the best port of call in the first instance. The Pastoral Leaders for 2019 are:

Year 7 & 8	Ms Anita Macknish
Years 9 & 10	Ms Melinda Erzetich
Years 11 & 12	Mr Phil Parkinson

If you are concerned about your daughter's learning or how she is coping in class, in the first instance, please contact the relevant class teacher. The email addresses of all staff are on the Parent Portal. If you have forgotten your login details, please email Ms Vicki Sharp (vsharp@bne.catholic.edu.au) in the office. For ongoing concerns, you may wish to speak to the Academic Leader associated with the subject of concern. They are:

The Arts (Art, Music, Drama, Instrumental Music)	Ms Bianca Johnston
Business and Vocational Education	Ms Paula Geraghty
Home Economics and Catering	Ms Marion Holland
HPE and Sport	Mr John Boumford
Humanities (English and Social Science)	Ms David Lyon
Learning Enrichment (Gifted, Support & ESL)	Ms Tina Ellis
Mathematics & Science	Ms Cassie Boisen
Studies	Ms Kate Brims

If you are planning a family holiday during the Term and your daughter will be missing time from school, please email me at sannerley@bne.catholic.edu.au

Remember that it is vital in Years 11 and 12 that if a student is away on the due date of an assignment or for an exam that a parent contact the relevant class teacher. In keeping with QCAA policy, a medical certificate is also required. In Years 7 to 10, please provide a letter of explanation. If the medical condition is ongoing, Mr Anthony Stevens (Deputy Principal) and Mrs Dona Archer (Assistant Principal) should also be made aware of your daughter's circumstances.

Each year it has been a tradition at Our Lady's to focus on one of St Mary MacKillop's many famous quotes. This year our focus is:



"Let no obstacle deter you from proceeding with courage."

At our opening assembly, students heard the story of Li Cunxin, whose story is known by many through his autobiography or the movie "Mao's Last Dancer". Li is currently the Queensland Ballet's Artistic Director.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rHq-PAe7tw>

Li was born in China in 1961, the sixth son of seven children to a very poor peasant family. At the age of eleven, he was chosen by Madame Mao's cultural advisors to attend the Beijing Dance Academy, where students had to undergo 16-hour-a-day training. He attended the Academy for seven years. The regime in Beijing Dance was disciplined and exacting, starting each morning at 5:30am. Li performed well in the politics class, but did badly in ballet until he met Teacher Xiao, who had a passion for ballet. Xiao's passion influenced Li, and by the end of the seven years' training he became a very good dancer. It would have been very hard for Li to leave his family and all that was familiar to him. It would have been difficult to persevere with the rigorous training schedule. No doubt, there were times where he felt homesick and lonely. In the clip shown at assembly, Li said that we should have the 'courage to allow our imagination to travel – to learn from all aspect of life. We are all that much richer in our existence, if we understand each other and if we learn from each other.' In speaking of this, Li is also talking of the skills needed for the 21st workforce: resilience, determination, communication and tenacity.



There are many famous people who have said that **courage is not the absence of fear!** Rather, courage is the ability to put fear to one side and act in spite of it. We can fear change, new beginnings, social settings or not achieving standards that we set for ourselves. We can let fear cripple us so that we do not even attempt the action. Very often, fear and worry come from an overactive mind in an underactive body. Being active, involved, focused in the present, and focused on others, helps us to proceed courageously. Each of us is called to be

- **Hope filled** – there for others and always respectful of the dignity of others through our words and actions;
- **Just** - acting in the interests of others and committed to creating a more just world;
- **Compassionate and kind** - while we can never fully walk in the shoes of another, we are called to act with compassion and to extend kindness to all whom we meet.

Let us, then, begin the 2019 school year with courage!

Paula Goodwin
Principal

Teaching and Learning

Welcome back to the majority of students and staff of the Our Lady's College Community and a warm welcome to our many new students and staff in all year levels.

OFFICE ROLES

As the Deputy Principal, my role focuses on the successful completion of courses that our students undertake. Again, it is my primary focus to ensure that our girls are studying the courses that best prepare them for their future. Hard work and diligence are indeed important to success, but being on

the correct path ensures our students a happy and successful future. Our Year 12 students are currently well under way with their preparation for the QCS tests later in the year, as well as preparing to be deeply immersed in their subject work. As well, my role will involve the day to day organisation in the College.

RESULTS

Huge congratulations go out to our past Year 12 students for their performances in their final results. Students in the OP 1-10 range have been invited back to our first assembly. Statistically speaking, we had 17% of our students in the OP 1-5 range. This is the 1 percentage point less than last year. We had 45% of our students in the OP1-10 range and 70% in the OP1-15 range. Many of our students opted to undertake courses that provided bonus rank points for the various universities and this has secured some fabulous entries into their dream courses.

Again last year, NAPLAN scale scores placed our school in the top position for Year 9 Reading and second position in Year 9 Writing tests for all Brisbane Catholic Education high schools. In both tasks, we were rated #1 in BCE schools for improvements in student success.

Understanding the awarding of grades is often problematic for some students and parents as the processes that are used by the QCAA are very complex. It is certainly not a simple case of 5VHAs = OP1 as every level (VHA for example) has 10 levels of grade within that is not reported to students by the QCAA on the Exit Statement. Added to the information are the results from the group in the QCS Test so that, when all of the final calculations are completed, 5VHAs does not always beat (for example) 3VHAs and 2 HAs. The final calculations depend on the strength of the group in the subject and then, in turn, the strength of the result in the group. This very complex mix cannot be explained simply or watered down to simply 'rules of thumb'. Equally, the strongest factor in any result is the performance of the individual student.

Needless to say, we had great results from our senior students, but it doesn't end there. Last year, we continued in attaining very strong results in our NAPLAN scores and our Writing Task analysis placed us at the top of all BCE schools for our Year 10 cohort and third place in Year 8. Overall, last year was a powerful testament to the fantastic work being achieved by teachers and students at Our Lady's College.

TIMETABLES

Changes to the timetable necessitated by the new QCE system have commenced. Students now only have 5 periods in a day instead of 6 (last year). As well, the number of spare lessons created by studying "offline" courses has been reduced. Any student who has study lessons allocated throughout the week due to University studies or TAFE commitments, will receive a customised letter explaining the options regarding these lessons.

SENIOR ASSESSMENTS

It is important to point out, particularly for seniors, that all senior assessments are graded according to strict criteria, which is then moderated through the QCAA. In all subjects, there are NO POINTS FOR EFFORT. If you encounter a grade throughout the year which is less than what you expect (this does happen

from time to time as students learn HOW to answer to specific criteria), always refer back to the written criteria and how well this has been addressed in the assignment – not by how long the assignment took or how much effort went in. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the assessment, initial contact with the class teacher can often explain exactly how the grading occurs. As usual, all email contact addresses are available through the college website.

ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

Assessment schedules will be available soon in an electronic calendar format. This is so that students can easily integrate this into their electronic calendars on their computers and parents can have live access to the latest information. Most of the information regarding assessment times etc is already available through both the Student Portal and the Parent Portal – please contact the College Office if you are unsure how to access the Parent Portal.

Should parents have any questions regarding courses of work, assessment items or timetables, please do not hesitate to contact me via the College Office.

LAPTOPS

Laptops have been distributed in the first days of the year. Like mobile phones, there are times when laptops provide tremendous support to students and times when they can be a distraction. Please embrace good sense when setting boundaries at home for these devices.

Simply:

- Internet access should be supervised all of the time—consider whether the location for the computer allows for easy monitoring by parents. "Researching" behind a closed bedroom door is never advisable. Ensure that YOU can see the screen as you walk past (not that your daughter can see you before you get to the screen).
- Communication Technology has "off time" – if your daughter cannot yet self-limit her use of email, chat or other communication technologies, make sure that the computer "recharges" overnight in your bedroom. This will reduce the temptation to stay up late into the evening.
- It never hurts to ask – ask your daughter how the computers are being used in the classrooms. Ask the teachers. Talk with other parents about good study habits etc.

STUDENT PROTECTION CONTACTS

Please note that contacts for Student Protection for 2019 are the Principal, Assistant Principal – Student Wellbeing and the Guidance Counsellor. Any reporting of suspected sexual abuse, harm or inappropriate behaviour by an employee towards a student should be directed to these contacts who will follow the processes of Student Protection as per Brisbane Catholic Education Policy. A hard copy of the document can be found in the College library and an electronic version can be accessed on the College Portal.

COMMUNICATION

Last year, we implemented the use of “electronic forms” to replace the paper versions for permissions to attend activities and excursions. In the event of a change of details or address, please remember to log these changes in the College office so that you do not miss out on important information. Parents, when these emails come to your phone or other internet device, please read the notice carefully and respond according to the instructions. The first of these notices has already been sent regarding permission to attend the College’s Inter-House sporting events. Failure to respond stops your daughter from being able to participate in these events and other important excursions. If you have difficulty with these online forms, please contact the College immediately for assistance. Unfortunately, we cannot respond for you over the phone in this system.

ABSENCES

In the situation where your daughter is absent from school for any reason we would ask you to let us know. An automated phone line is available, and details are outlined on the front of each newsletter. This helps us to verify where your daughter is, so we can be sure that she has not met with any accident on the way to school. If you do not phone us, we will SMS you to inform you that your daughter is absent and ask you to SMS or call us back to verify her whereabouts. Please carefully check the details that you have given us and ensure that we always have your current phone number—it is essential that we have this number so that when we SMS we are making a contact with you. When your daughter has a planned absence, legislative requirements are that you write a letter to the Principal seeking her permission for the absence. This note should be given by your daughter to the office. It is a legal requirement for students to be at school and only the Principal can excuse her. In general, letters should be submitted two weeks before the planned absence.

MEDICATION FOR STUDENTS

A Student Medication Request Form, if required, is available for your daughter to collect from the College Office. For any medication to be administered at school (including Panadol and Asthma medication) this form must be filled in, authorised by a parent and/or medical practitioner and returned to the College ASAP. Please note that we cannot administer any medication without proper authorisation.

SUPERVISION BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

The College has teacher supervision in the area outside the student lockers every morning from 8.15am until the start of PC. Unless students have a scheduled supervised activity, they should aim to arrive at school at 8.15am. Ad Altiora Place Library is open for students to quietly work, study, print documents etc from 7.30 in the mornings (Mon to Fri) if students need to be dropped off earlier than the recommended time. After school, there is also staff supervision in the Drop-Off zone outside Ad Altiora Place until 3.10pm. Again, the Library is open for students until 4pm (Mon – Thurs) and closes at 3pm on Fridays.

Studies have conclusively shown that parental involvement in a child’s education provides valuable benefits which are effective

in improving results. The value of family support can never be understated in the role of achieving success for our students. It should be understood by all students that personal achievements rely on the depth of commitment to the task at hand.

In all things: do your best, be your best - AD ALTIORA

Enjoy the fortnight ahead

Anthony Stevens

Deputy Principal

Community Matters

Welcome Back

Welcome back or welcome to Our Lady’s College. There has been a lot of excited talk in the school yard over these first few days of term, as old friends have reunited and new friendships have formed. I hope that some of the excited chatter was around the new educational opportunities that students are about to engage in but I’m realistic that much of it was most likely about holiday highlights on social media, streaming networks and in sport. I wish every student all the best this year and remind them that their Pastoral Leader and the Guidance Counsellor are here to support them with their wellbeing, so that they can achieve to their full potential. This year we welcome back Anna Wallace as our College Counsellor, Anita Macknish as Year 7 and 8 Pastoral Leader, Melinda Erzetic as Year 9 and 10 Pastoral Leader and Phil Parkinson as Year 11 and 12 Pastoral Leader.

Big Sisters

One of the first tasks this year for the Pastoral Team was the training of this year’s Big Sisters. The Year 10 students sacrificed two days of their holidays, one to train for the role and the other to support the new Year 7 students on their first day of high school. On their training day the Big Sisters highlighted that their mission for the semester was to help each of the new students feel at home at Our Lady’s College. They were eager to ignite in their Little Sisters a sense of fun and of belonging. They are very much up to the task of assisting them to feel welcomed in the community. I wish this group of students all the best for the semester long program and I’m sure they’ll experience both enjoyment and success in their roles. Thank you to Year 7 Pastoral Leader, Anita Macknish, for her support of these students and the Big Sister Program.

Year 7 Immunisations

A reminder for Year 7 Parents that a Brisbane City Council Immunisation Program consent form has been sent home this week. This is due back to the College on Tuesday 12 February. If they are not returned by this time please be aware of the legislation that allows the Brisbane City Council to contact families who have not returned forms that either consent or due to missing information, prevent their child from being immunised at school. As long as a form is returned to the College clearly stating whether or not your child will be immunised in the program, you will not be contacted.

Year 11 and 12 Parent Afternoon Tea

Year 11 and 12 parents you will shortly receive an invite to a Parent Afternoon Tea hosted by Year 11 and 12 Pastoral Leader Phil Parkinson and College Counsellor Anna Wallace. Please save the date, more information will arrive shortly via email.

I wish you and your daughters all the best for 2019.

Dona Archer
Assistant Principal
Student Wellbeing

In the Tradition

Opening Assembly

The Student Leadership Team unpacked the Mary MacKillop quote for 2019 at the Opening Assembly. The quote "Let no obstacle deter you from proceeding with courage" is a positive guide as we tackle a new year. The students offered six pieces of advice for students to deal with challenges courageously in order to achieve their goals. The advice included:

1. Stop and think before acting
2. Break tasks into small steps
3. Seek help and accept help
4. Be positive
5. Try - it is the first step to success.
6. Persevere

Every year offers challenges and Mary MacKillop overcame great obstacles in her life, while putting her trust in God and refusing to condemn or blame others. May 2019 be a successful year for all in our community.

Opening Mass

Our Opening College Mass will be held on Tuesday 12 February at 11 am in the College Hall. We welcome Bishop Ken Howell who will be celebrating with us for the first time. This Eucharistic celebration will be followed by the Commissioning of the Senior students. This event is an important occasion for our community to ask for God's blessings on our community and the coming year and to remember as a Catholic College that Jesus is our foundation.

In God's love,

Linda Brandenburg
Assistant Principal
Religious Education



Campus Minister

WELCOME

Welcome back to our current staff and students and welcome to Our Lady's College to the new members of our community, especially the Year 7s who began their high school journey with

us this week. May this year of 2019 be a fruitful one filled with grace and growth.

During the year we hope you will involve yourselves in some of the many opportunities to help others who may be struggling a bit. Next week Years 11 and 12 will be offered opportunities to be involved in visiting the nearby TriCare Aged Care Centre or participate in the Rosies Outreach program. *'Let no obstacle deter us from proceeding with courage' and reaching out to those who need our support.*

PRAYERS PLEASE...

Let's pray for ourselves and each other as we begin this new school year, holding Mrs Paula Goodwin in our thoughts as she returns to good health.

Loving God, inspire us with courage and hope as we embark on this New Year.

Through your loving kindness bless the unfolding journey of our lives.

Grant us wisdom to successfully negotiate the way forward.

Give us the ability to respond positively to the opportunities we meet.

Reassure us in times of difficulty, especially when we feel like giving up.

May we reach out to others and encourage them along the way.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessings,

Kay Holmes
Campus Minister

Guidance Counsellor

Welcome back to school for 2019! I hope everyone had a relaxing break over the holidays and are feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

My name is Anna Wallace and I am the Guidance Counsellor at the College. I am a registered Educational and Developmental Psychologist. I am also a registered supervisor for probationary psychologists. We are fortunate to have Sam Rittson working two days a week at Our Lady's College this semester, while she completes the final placement of her Masters of Educational and Developmental Psychology through QUT.

I joined Our Lady's College in November 2014. I really enjoy being able to work with everyone involved in a young person's life: parents, teachers, peers and the wider school community.

Many of you will be familiar with my position at the school, but for those who are new to Our Lady's College, my role is to provide a calm and confidential space where students and/or parents can discuss with me any wellbeing concerns. This includes issues such as feeling worried, stressed or down, having difficulty focussing, problems managing anger, anxiety about tests or exams, or coping with relationship conflicts. I am also here to answer questions about subject choices, pathways after school and careers.

My aim is to help students become more resilient and make the most of their time at school to grow and learn.

An important component of OLC education is the Pastoral Program which promotes health and resilience amongst the student body. I work in collaboration with the Pastoral Middle Leaders and Dona Archer (Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing) to deliver aspects of the program to each year level. Next week I will talk with the Year 7s about managing with the transition to high school.

Students can make an appointment to see me one-on-one to discuss issues affecting them. If students would like to make an appointment they can contact me by email (anna.wallace@bne.catholic.edu.au), come to my office in Student Services, or make an appointment with me at Student Services. Parents are also welcome to contact me by email, phone or make an appointment with me at Student Services.

I wish everyone a positive and productive start to the year!

Anna Wallace
Guidance Counsellor

Sports Report

Welcome back to OLC Sports for 2019! After the wonderful successes of 2018 we are looking forward to this year with a great deal of optimism.

The year begins with the Inter House Swimming Carnival on Monday 11 February at Yeronga Swimming Pool from 8.30am – 1pm. The Carnival is a mix of Novelty and competitive events, to give every student an opportunity to represent their House and earn valued points towards the coveted Inter House Trophy.

Following the Swimming Carnival, we will be preparing for Trimester 1 sport involving: - Volleyball, Indoor Cricket, AFL, Tennis and Junior Touch. Students will have the opportunity to trial for these sports in week 2 and 3 before fixtures begin on the 27 February.

Once again, welcome to the 2019 Sporting year. An exciting year in store!

John Boumford
HPE & Sports Middle Leader

Middle Leaders Report

Mathematics and Numeracy

Welcome to a new and exciting school year. The dedicated mathematics staff at Our Lady's College understand the importance of developing numerate learners and have adopted Brisbane Catholic Education's Four Key Dimensions which are foundational for effective learning in Mathematics.

They are:

- fostering engagement and developing positive Mathematical mindsets
- providing multiple learning opportunities that support problem solving and reasoning
- building procedural fluency through conceptual understanding

- engaging with and apply Mathematics in real world contexts

Through encompassing these ideas, teachers design engaging and challenging learning experiences that support students to become confident, creative and capable users and communicators in Mathematics so that they can make sense of the world around them. They also provide students with tutoring sessions twice a week to further foster engagement and provide a place to work where support is close at hand if needed.

Mathematics Support

When: Tuesday and Wednesday Mornings 7.30am -8.30am Week 2 – Week 8

Who: EVERYBODY IS WELCOME!

What to bring: Bring questions you are struggling with and assignment work.

Where: R 2.1

Cassie Boisen
Mathematics and Numeracy Middle Leader

Ad Altiora Place:

'more than just a library - a learning centre of information, instruction, immersion, inquiry and innovation'.

Welcome to 2019

Welcome back to all our students. We look forward to working with you in 2018.

Our college library is open each day at the following times:

Monday to Thursday: 7:30 - 4 pm

Friday: 7:30 - 3 pm (Closed during M/T)

Students can borrow from the college library from the start of the term, as well as borrow from our online digital library. Students need to have their college id card to borrow. There is a new Overdrive Application from which students can read or listen to books, called Sora. Students from years 7 & 8 will be taken through the download process in the first weeks of school. Students from higher grades can see Mrs Buckley in the library for help, or download the app directly on to their laptop from the link below. They need to search for 'Brisbane Catholic Education' as their school, then log in with their student number.

<https://soraapp.com/welcome>

Laptop support – If you have any issues with your laptop, please bring it to Ad Altiora place as soon as possible. We are here to support and assist you.

Join your local BCC Library - Council libraries provide a wide range of services including book clubs, reading programs, computer training and events and workshops. There are many benefits for our students in also being a member of their local library. As a member students can access a wide range of online resources from home that will add to what is already available from our College library. Free wireless access is also available at BCC libraries.



BCE Connect – Now available BCE Connect is our new mobile app now available free from the app store for your mobile device. The app gives you mobile access to the parent portal including that latest news and announcements. Parents can log into the portal via the app and notify

the college of absences or detail changes while on the go. If you need any assistance in setting up or using the app please contact Trish Buckley by email on pbuckley@bne.catholic.edu.au

Trish Buckley

Teacher-Librarian/eLearning Middle Lead

Spanish Department

Bienvenidos a un nuevo año! Welcome to a New Year!

Listening to Jonas Blue “Rise” brought to mind the importance of not giving up. It also recalls the beauty and importance of communicating with and understanding language. In my case, the language is Spanish, and the people come from 21 different countries with varied cultures and costumes; but ONE unified language. Spanish is the language of Shakira, Ricky Martin, Luis Fonsi and Lionel Messi.

We often hear that learning a second language is an important part of a person’s development, as it enhances cognitive skills and memory development. According to the University Languages Portal Australia, “a second language helps us to become better at problem-solving, being more perceptive, increases our ability to multi-task, make us more empathetic and more creative”.

The importance of learning a second language became evident for all 2018 second language Year 12 students who were given extra bonus points towards their University Entry ranking this month. At Our Lady’s College, Year 7 and 8 students were introduced to Spanish language and culture from Term 2 last year. Students learned the basics of how to greet, introduce themselves and talk about themselves and their families. Students had fun singing songs, such as “ABCs”, in Español with Gina Rodrigues and Basho’s “Numbers and Greetings”.

In 2019, I am delighted to teach Spanish to our Year 9 continuing students. I invite you all to “Rise” to the challenge and welcome this year together with a positive mindset and spirit. Adelante!

Johanna Caldwell
Spanish Teacher

College Newsletter and 2019 Calendar

Access our College Newsletter and 2019 College Calendar via the College website:

<http://www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au>

Important Dates and Deadlines

8 February – Friday	Spirit Day
9 February – Saturday	Rd 1 Tennis
10 February – Monday	Inter-house Swimming Carnival, Yeronga Pool
11 February – Tuesday	College Opening Mass, 11:00am Hall
12 February – Wednesday	Science & Engineering Challenge
15 February – Friday	Red for Rosies Day
16 February – Saturday	Rd 2 Tennis
20 February – Wednesday	Rd 1 AFL/IC/JTF/SVB
28 Feb – 1 March	Choral Camp- Qld Conference & Camping Centre, Brookfield

Absentees

Please Phone: 07 3426 8095 prior to 9.00 am daily
Email Link: www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au
Absentee Email: absenteeOLC@bne.catholic.edu.au
Or via the Parent Portal