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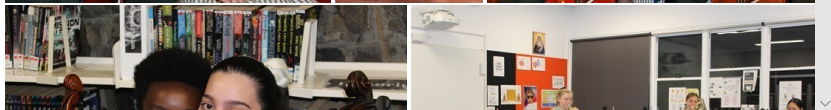
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As the term comes to a close, our year 12 students celebrated their Senior Formal last night at Hillstone St Lucia. This is a significant event for the girls in their final year of high school and a wonderful night...

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Some of our Year 9 & 10 students took part in the Choose Maths Event at QUT today. This is an initiative of the Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute and is designed to give students an insight into the real...

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9 -13 September	Year 11/12 Exam Block
10 September Tuesday	Year 7/2020 Parent Information Evening 7:00pm Year 10 SETPLAN Meetings from 2:00pm
11 September - Wednesday	Rd 2 BB/STF/JNB
13 September - Friday	Year 11 Social at the Summit, Mt Coot-tha
18 September - Wednesday	Rd 3 BB/STF/JNB
18 - 20 September	Year 11/12 Retreat - Mt Tamborine
20 September - Friday	Term 3 Finishes
7 October - Monday	Queen's Birthday Holiday
8 October - Tuesday	Term 4 Begins
9 October - Wednesday	Rd 3 BB/STF/JNB
10 October - Thursday	Sports and Cultural Photo Day

In the past fortnight, we celebrated our Feast Day, known as JJAMM Day, honouring St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. This year, our staff and students travelled to St Stephen's Cathedral to celebrate Mass conducted by Archbishop Mark Coleridge. It was great to catch up with some of the Josephite Sister son this important occasion and to experience this wonderful setting as a College community. Our College choir were in top form for this event and our thanks go to Mrs Johnston and the choir members for leading us in musical excellence. Our Mass readers and students in the congregation also attracted much admiration from the other Mass attendees.

Mary MacKillop lived in a time where education was not readily available to all. Recognising that education transforms society, the courageous and bold Mary MacKillop set about ensuring that an excellent education was available to all - especially the most vulnerable. Perhaps Mary's most well-known quote is "Never see a need without doing something about it". In Mary's time, the need was quality education. Practical, egalitarian and pragmatic, Mary wants us to find the needs of our society today and to put our passion behind it as principled people. Perhaps the single greatest quality underpinning Mary's actions is that of kindness.

Mrs Archer is enjoying family time with her newly adopted boy ahead of their return to Australia. As Mrs Ellis is acting in the role of Assistant Principal, we thank Mr Lyon for taking on the Pastoral Leader (9 & 10) position. Mr Lyon remains Humanities Leader as well until Mrs Moore's return in Term 4, this year. I would like to thank all involved for their continued flexibility and commitment to ensure quality in your daughters' education and care.

Recently, our students performed in the QCMF Competition in the choir and ensemble sections. Congratulations to those students in the performance groups on their great achievements - 2 Silver Awards and a Bronze.

In the world of sport, there are also some outstanding achievements. Congratulations to all of our interschool sports teams for volleyball, soccer and netball. We had first place positions in Junior Volleyball and Junior Soccer. Thank you to our dedicated staff who coached teams in this round: Mrs Macknish, Mr Forster, Ms Triggs, Alice Hill, Jada Kynoch and Jorja Horton and Mr Boumford with Mrs Holmes assisting. This was an outstanding effort all round. On August 23, we participate in the Interschool Athletics Carnival at QSAC, Nathan. The girls are dedicated to their training and we wish them well for the day. Students have been preparing by attending extra training sessions run by Mrs Macknish, Mr Forster and Mr Boumford at the QSAC stadium in the weeks leading up to this event. Our thanks to the College's P&F Association for sponsoring this training. More details about the CaSSSA sporting success in Mr Boumford's article.

This week, we also celebrated National Science Week with some amazing activities and displays presented both in and out of classes. Thanks to Ms Boisen and the Science staff in leading our student groups for this exciting week of rockets, experiments and space.

We also keep in mind our Year 12 students as they prepare for the QCS Test in just over a week's time. Students have been tracking very well in their preparation for this last ever QCS Test under the watchful care of Mrs Brims and Year 12 teachers.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Anthony Stevens
Acting Principal

Teaching and Learning

There are several significant curriculum events occurring as we quickly work towards the end of this term.

Year 7 and Year 9 2019 NAPLAN - Student Reports

2019 NAPLAN online Student reports are expected to arrive at the College and be ready to distribute to parent sometime during September. As further details come to hand, these will be communicated to parents and carers through the email.

Year 12 QCS Test Days

Across Queensland, the QCS tests will take place on Tuesday 3 September and Wednesday 4 September 2019. All students sitting the QCS test are expected to be at the College **no later than 7:45am each day**. The College will provide them with breakfast and lunch on both days: breakfast will be served in Anna Lees (FL1.3) between 7:30 - 8am.

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To ensure the integrity of the test, the QCAA give clear direction around processes such as lateness, absence, calculator usage and misconduct. The students received a summary of these today and are encouraged to read through this carefully so that they are fully aware of their responsibilities. They are encouraged to adhere to good sleeping practices in the days leading up to the QCS tests.

Year 10 SET plan interviews

Year 10 SET plan interviews are scheduled for 10 September. Due to the importance of this event, it is the expectation that all Year 10 student and a parent/carer attend an interview. Further details regarding booking times and procedures will be sent via email the week in week 7.

Years 7-10 assessments

As we work towards the end of this term, many classes will be completing in-class test or finalising assignments. One way to support your daughters is to co-plan a study schedule. During this time please also make yourself familiar with the College policies regarding absences and requires for extensions which are outlined in the student diary.

Year 11 and 12 Exam Block

Year 11: Monday 9 September – Thursday 12 September

Year 12: Tuesday 10 September – Friday 13 September

Please note,

- Monday 9 September is a normal timetabled day for Year 12 students and therefore all students are required to be at school.
- Friday 13 is the day of the Year 11 social. Year 11 students are not required to be at school on this day

STUDENT EXAM PROCEDURES

1. Students must arrive 15 minutes before exam starting time
2. Prior to an examination, all students are to wait quietly near their assigned exam rooms.
3. All instructions given by the examination supervisors are to be obeyed without exception.
4. Written examinations are only completed on the examination paper supplied.
5. No unauthorised material (this includes mobile phones and smart watches) is to be brought into the examination room. All bags are to be left in lockers.
6. All equipment being brought into the exam i.e. pens calculators etc, must be contained in a clear plastic sleeve.
7. Borrowing of equipment during examinations is not permitted.
8. The only communication permitted during an examination is that between a student and the supervisor. It is always essential that silence be maintained in the examination room.
9. Students may not leave the examination room prior to that examination's finishing time. No extra time will be allowed to students who arrive late for examinations.
10. Any communication with other students either verbal or otherwise is a breach of examination conditions.
11. Any student who seriously breaches examination conditions
 - a. Will have their examination paper taken and will be sent to Administration
 - b. Will have their teachers and parents notified
 - c. May be subject to further action in accordance with QCAA regulations.
12. Students who breach examination conditions (minor infractions)
 - a. May have their test paper removed and replaced with a clean copy
 - b. Will have the incident noted
 - c. May be allowed to complete the examination
 - d. Will have parents and teachers notified.

These rules are for the protection of all students and any breach will be treated as a serious matter.

ABSENCES

If you are unable to sit for the exam, please inform the College as early as possible. As per QCAA regulations regarding assessment, a medical certificate is required. Notes from parents/guardians are **not sufficient and cannot be used for QCAA documentation**. Students with valid excuses are expected to sit the missed exam/s. Please negotiate a suitable time with your subject coordinator and advise Mrs Brims of your arrangements via email.

PROCEDURE DURING EXAM BLOCK

- During exam time, students need only come for exams.
- **Dress school uniform** is to be worn and students are expected to come directly to and from home for the exams. Any student who comes to the school during this time is expected to be in full school uniform.
- In between exam sessions, students are to remain at school and are not permitted to leave the property without permission.
- The library deck area will be available for quiet study when AAP is closed.
- Note the beginning time for exam sessions as these are not necessarily the same as normal timetabled lesson times.

Please contact me via email with any concerns or issues prior any of the above events.

Sincerely,

Kate Brims
Acting Assistant Principal Teaching & Learning

Community Matters

Uniform Requirements

It is timely to remind parents and students of the standard of uniform expected from students at Our Lady's College.

Students are expected to be attired and groomed in a manner befitting a student at a Catholic Girls' College. A wristlet watch, one chain with a small Christian religious symbol, and one pair of plain gold or silver studs or sleepers, worn in the lower lobe of each ear, are acceptable. No other body piercing is acceptable. Outlandish hair styles and the wearing of makeup are not acceptable. All hair touching the collar must be tied back. Hair colour must be natural in colour and unnatural colours and streaks that are significantly different from the base colour are not permitted. Any hair extensions must be natural in colour and beads are not permitted. We would appreciate your support in maintaining these standards.

Supporting your child through hardship

It is a very normal part of adolescence for children to have conflict with their peers. Whilst it is never easy to see your child upset, confused or hurt it is important to remember that sometimes an initial, overly emotional response from a parent can cause more pain. An emotional response often results in an attack of the perceived perpetrators or bystanders. When parents are emotional and deal directly with other parents or the perceived "bully" of their child, this can demonstrate to the child that bullying others is the only way to fix problems. Thus, encouraging them to move out of the role of victim and into the role perpetrator. This kind of response neglects to teach our children the skills they require to navigate conflict and resolve it, in a responsible and compassionate manner.

When addressing issues either with individuals or with organisations such as a school we, as the adults, need to be role models to the young people around us by being calm, respectful and open-minded when working with others. Being demanding, blaming others and refusing to see that all humans are imperfect and therefore capable of mistakes is doing a disservice to our young people. Teaching them that resolving issues takes time and in the allowance of time the best responses are usually employed, helps to prepare them for life beyond school. Demanding a strong and quick response is rarely the most effective in providing a solution and in preparing children for adult life.

Parents should not approach other students to rectify situations or talk to students about their behaviour. Whilst we appreciate your support of our College ethos and values, please remember, it is always the Teacher or Pastoral Middle Leader's duty, in the first instance, to speak with students about their behaviour and choices in our school.

Please keep this in mind in your interactions as members of our community; staff, students, parents and carers. It is important that we treat every member of our community with respect.

Tina Ellis
Acting Assistant Principal
Student Wellbeing

In the Tradition

Mary MacKillop Mass

The Mary MacKillop Mass at the Cathedral was a wonderful celebration for our whole College community. The choir were commended for the beautiful singing that truly enhanced the Liturgy. Our students were beautifully turned out and well behaved. We were also most appreciative of the special morning tea provided by the Cathedral staff and their care and concern for our community.



JJAMM Day

Our usual JJAMM Day celebrations were curtailed this year due to the Cathedral Mass but we did hold our Annual House Singing Competition. As usual competition was fierce. The College was entertained with visits by the "Spice Girls" and "Lion King". There was energetic singing as well as stunning dance moves. Congratulations to Kelly House for an amazing performance.



In God's love,

Linda Brandenburg
Assistant Principal
Acting Deputy Principal
Faith and Mission



Campus Minister

MIGRANT and REFUGEE WEEK

This week the Australian Catholic Church acknowledges Migrant and Refugee Week, which will culminate in World Day of Migrants and Refugees this Sunday, 25 August.

Year 10 MacKillop led the assembly prayer around this theme and we were privileged to hear the refugee stories of some of those in our community. Thank you, Fides, Mi Mi and Oanh for sharing your families' stories with us.

MARY MACKILLOP AWARDS

Congratulations to the six girls who were honoured with Mary MacKillop Awards at this week's assembly. *Marie Inonillo, Isabella West, Charmi Cortez, Sophie Foots, Isabel Flack and Kaitie Stuart* were recognised for their generous service to the college, particularly at recent sports carnivals, music and Catholic Education Week events, or for displaying humble and compassionate natures.



SPECIAL SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY

A group of ten OLC Year 10 students joined St Laurence's boys and Stuartholme girls to assist with the running of the Special Schools interschool sports day at the St Laurence's playing fields at Runcorn. They enjoyed organising groups and helping over 100 students from a number of special schools to participate fully and wholeheartedly enjoy the day. The girls agreed it was an exhausting but rewarding experience!

Here's what Mi Mi had to say... *"Two highlights would be greeting a student and receiving the biggest smile as if he was not expecting anyone to talk to him. During the parachute activity I remember a girl who was lying down and laughing every time we pulled down the parachute, along with another in a wheelchair beautifully smiling the whole time."*



PRAYERS PLEASE...

This Sunday is Migrant and Refugee Sunday. Please remember in prayer those who seek safety in our land, and ourselves who choose the welcome we offer them.

Blessings,

Kay Holmes
Campus Minister

Guidance Counsellor

The Power of Sleep

"The most chronically sleep deprived group on the planet are teenagers" Dr Chris Seton (Paediatric and Adolescent Sleep Physician) told ACCSSQ Conference attendees this month. In his presentation, Dr Seton emphasised the importance of sleep to learning and good health. Some of the key information he presented is as follows.

The three pillars of good mental health are sleep, regular exercise and good nutrition. Disturbingly, 70% of adolescents are not getting enough sleep (at least 8 hours/night). This percentage has doubled in the last 15 years.

Sleep and learning. When the brain is well rested from a good night's sleep it is ready to focus and take in new information. Homework and study take less time for a well-rested brain. The transfer of new information to long term memory occurs during deep sleep. Once the information is in long term memory it can be retrieved the next day and the next month.

Why are adolescents sleep deprived? There are many factors that contribute to the lack of sleep. These include the [pressure to stay 'connected'](#), delayed body clocks during adolescents, homework and extra-curricular activities, and the high expectations, pressure, and stress teenagers experience. Adolescents can be encouraged to change screen usage to improve sleep.

Screens sabotage sleep and 92% of adolescents do not turn off their phones at night. There are three problems. Firstly, the blue light that small screens produce interferes directly with sleep. The smaller the screen, the more blue light emitted. Secondly, screens delay bedtime. Screens are designed to be fun, stimulating and addictive. When using screens people typically experience surges in dopamine and adrenaline. These hormones delay sleep onset. Finally, due to the portability of screens, they are often used in bed. When beds are used only for sleep, the body becomes conditioned to relax and sleep when in bed. However, when the bed is used for study, for watching movies and for connecting socially with friends this conditioning doesn't occur.

Sleep is not a high priority for most adolescents. It is helpful for parents to step in and implement strategies with their child to improve sleep. Ideally adolescents need 9 hours, however, 8 hours is usually a more realistic goal. Some strategies to employ at home could include the following:

- Use bed for sleep only.
- Agree on a reasonable bedtime for school nights.
- Clear electronics from the room at least 30 minutes before bedtime (one hour is ideal). Phones and other electronics are too much of a temptation if left in the bedroom.
- Create a pre-bedtime routine. This might include a hot shower or bath, reading, and listening to relaxing music. This should all be done out of the bed.

Dr Seton highlighted two "red flags" for sleep deprivation: a child that has significant weekend sleep-ins to 'catch up' on sleep loss during the week and if the child is "very difficult or impossible to get out of bed in the morning".

If parents are concerned about their child's sleep, it is recommended that they first see their GP. Dr Chris Seton runs an online program, [Sleep Shack](#), where you can also access information about sleep in adolescents. Further information can be found under the wellbeing links.

Wellbeing Information

Sleep Connection

For information and resources related to sleep and adolescents look at the [Sleep Connection](#) website.

Careers Information

Upcoming Australian Defence Force (ADF) Information Sessions

The following Australian Defence Force information sessions will be held in August and September. You will be able to find out about opportunities in the ADF. For details about these events and for information on Army Reserve Information Sessions, visit the [Defence Jobs Australia Facebook site](#) and click on the link.

- 13/08/2019 [North Lakes Army Reserve Information Session](#)
- 13/08/2019 [Townsville Australian Defence Force Academy Information Session](#)
- 15/08/2019 [STEM Careers Science Centre Excursion South Brisbane](#)
- 15/08/2019 [Brisbane Health Careers Information Session](#)
- 15/08/2019 [Gold Coast Defence Leadership & Management Careers Miami](#)
- 17/08/2019 [Brisbane Aviation Expo](#)
- 20/08/2019 [Brisbane Pilot Careers Information Session](#)
- 22/08/2019 [Brisbane Women in Army Information Session](#)

The High Five of career development revisited

The High Five principles of career development are five concepts that are very important for managing our careers in today's rapidly changing world of work. You can access videos that explain the High Five concepts by using the following links. It's a good place to start your exploration.

- [Change is constant](#)
- [Learning is ongoing](#)
- [Focus on the journey](#)
- [Know yourself and follow your heart](#)
- [Access your allies](#)
- [Casual job hunting?](#)
- A [news.com.au article](#) shows that the July-August period is the time to get your applications in order for end-of-year casual roles. [SEEK data](#) shows that July traditionally is the first month of a four-month spike in the number of job advertisements placed in the hospitality, tourism and retail sectors, as employers look to shore up their Christmas and Summer casual workforces. September is the month when most job ads are placed in these industries. Now is the time to have your resume ready to submit, a cover letter prepared, and even start looking for job ads.

Applying for university scholarships

Even if you think you may not get one, go ahead and apply for a scholarship. What do you have to lose? Scholarships tend to fall into one of the following categories:

- Academic
- Equity
- Indigenous
- Sports
- Field of study (e.g. engineering, IT)
- International
- External (e.g. sponsored by an organisation outside of the university)

Every university website has a scholarship web page with details about the scholarships available, the value of the scholarship, the selection criteria and the application process. The initial application for many university scholarships is online, followed by a submission of supporting documents.

QUT Corporate partners in excellence scholarship

Get a flying start to your career with networking, internship and business experience opportunities with the Corporate Partners in Excellence (CPIE) Scholarship. Part of what you'll receive is a scholarship valued at \$36,000 over three years and two, fifteen-week internships with one or more of QUT's corporate partners. Find out if you are eligible to apply and more [here](#).

Scholarships offered by organisations and Australian Government departments

USQ have put together a list of scholarships offered by other organisations and Australian Government departments that you may be eligible and interested in applying for. [Click here](#) to find a list of these scholarships and if you have any questions contact the organisation offering the scholarship directly.

USQ Early Round Scholarships

The USQ Year 12 [Early Round Scholarships](#) are now open. You can apply for the [Future Community Leader Scholarship](#), awarded for community leadership or involvement, and the [Vice Chancellor's Scholarship](#), awarded for academic excellence. There are 50 scholarships available and applications close 1 September 2019. Visit their [website](#) for more information.

Careers with STEM: Maths and Careers with STEM: Engineering 2019 magazine

You can read the 2019 Careers with STEM: Maths and the 2019 Careers with STEM: Engineering on the Careers with STEM [online reader](#). Read other magazines by Careers with STEM on their [website](#). This magazine is packed with new ideas, careers and study options in engineering and beyond.

Selected Queensland tertiary institution open days

August

24 – **University of Southern Queensland Ipswich** open day at the Ipswich campus from 10 pm – 1 pm on Saturday 24 August 2019. Add the event to your calendar and register your attendance at the [USQ open day website](#) to go in the draw to win a \$1000 gift card.

25 – **James Cook University Cairns** open day hosted at the Cairns campus from 10 am – 2 pm on Sunday 25 August 2019. Register your attendance on the [JCU open day website](#) and to download the program.

ACU: Talk with Exercise Scientists and Physiotherapists

On Thursday, 22 August ACU is providing an opportunity to speak to exercise scientists and physiotherapists. You will get the chance to speak to ACU graduates on their experiences and get tips and advice. To register, click [here](#).

Career decision making a challenge - a little assistance can help

Are you unsure about how to put together your QTAC application; not going to Uni but not sure what to do after school. Career counselling may be the answer. Speaking with someone 'neutral' can help you talk through your thoughts (even if you have no idea!) and find out many more options that are open to you that you may not have even thought about. [Options Career Information](#) provide a one on one career advice and counselling service after school and on the weekends.

QUT: Get ready for your audition or interview

Are you passionate about creating a future in Acting, Dance, Dance Performance, Visual Arts, Music or Fashion? QUT are hosting a FREE **Acting, Dance, Dance Performance, Fashion, Music and Visual Arts 2020 course** information session for students, parents and teachers.

On Sunday 8 September 2019, from 2 - 4pm, QUT will host a two-hour QA session titled **Get Ready for your Audition or Interview** with each discipline area staff and student ambassadors. They will include information such as:

- Where to go in Z9 Creative Industries and parking on the day/transport options
- How to apply including portfolio preparation
- What to expect in your audition/interview
- Double degree application processes
- QUT Scholarships
- Pathway options

Click here to find out more

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/qut-additional-entry-information-session-acting->

QUT: START QUT Applications – change to application opening date

START QUT gives your students the opportunity to study up to two university units, in the same classes as current QUT students, while completing Year 11 and 12. Applications to study in the START QUT program in Semester 1 2020 open Monday 12 August. Full details of eligibility

requirements, available units to study and the application form can be found online via the link below. Applications close on Thursday 31 October.

Click here to view more information
<https://www.qut.edu.au/study/study-options/start-qut>

Anna Wallace
Guidance Counsellor

Sports Report

Trimester Two Sport finished up last Wednesday and I am pleased to announce that we once again won TWO Premierships.

The Soccer girls were competitive in their divisions with both the Open "B" team and the Junior "C" team coming THIRD. The Junior "B" team WON their second Premiership in a row, with a narrow 1-0 win leaving them undefeated for the season.

The Intermediate "B" Netball girls also had a good trimester, although struggled with injuries throughout the season. Although their final game for THIRD position was postponed due to rain, they ended up a creditable FOURTH position.

Our Junior Volleyball girls entered the competition for the first time and were rewarded with a junior "G" Division Premiership. An amazing effort from all the girls' involved.

THANK you to all the staff who helped throughout the season and to all the parents who supported.

ATHLETICS

The Inter School Athletics team take part in the CaSSSA Carnival on Friday 23 August. The team has been training at QSAC over the last month on a Thursday afternoon to prepare. Numbers at training have been excellent and I would like to thank the Parents and Friends for supporting the girls by donating funds for the bus and entry to the venue each week. The enthusiasm of the girls is wonderful to see, and this extra training no doubt spurred them on to some wonderful performances and personal bests on the day.

John Boumford
Sports and HPE Middle Leader

Middle Leaders Report

The Importance of Science Education





This week at Our Lady's College, we promote science by celebrating National Science Week. Please encourage your daughters to read the notices and partake in fantastic events we have organised. Along with the continuing STEM clubs we offer at lunch time and after school.

Cassie Boisen
Science and Mathematics Middle Leader

Ad Altiora Place:



Over the past three weeks, ten Year 8 OLC students have been traveling to St Pius X at Salisbury to facilitate technology lessons. They make use of the code.org site to teach basic computing logic and reasoning through engaging Year 5/6 students with games and applications. Each pair of Year 8s have designed activities around a specific game, asking the younger students to challenge themselves to program and play. We have one week left of this project.

Both groups of students benefit from the interaction and are learning from each other. The project will culminate with the students from St Pius X coming over to Our Lady's College for an extended period of time to be shown other technology projects the girls here have been working on.

It's a mutual collaborative project aimed to create stronger partnerships between Catholic Education schools.

Next week is Book Week! Happy Reading!

Patricia Buckley
Teacher Librarian eLearning Middle Leader

Fees and Levies

[Click here to download the Fees and Levies information](#)
 111 KB - PDF

College Newsletter and 2019 Calendar

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

[Click here to visit the Our Lady's College website](http://www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au/)
<http://www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au/>

26 August - Monday	CoMPASS Finale at U.Q.53.0 - 7.30pm
30 August - Friday	Grandparents Day
1 September - Sunday	Fathers' Day
3-4 September	QCS Testing
4 September - Wednesday	Rd 1 BB/STF/JNB
6 September - Friday	Year 8 Geography Excursion

9 – 13 September	Year 11/12 Exam Block
10 September – Tuesday	Year7/2020 Parent Information Night 7:00pm
11 September – Wednesday	Rd 2 BB/STF/JNB
13 September – Friday	Year 11 Social Mt Coot-tha

Absentees

Please Phone: 07 3426 8095 prior to 9.00 am daily

Email Link: www.ourladycollege.qld.edu.au

Absentee Email: absenteeOLC@bne.catholic.edu.au

Or via the Parent Portal
