



# OUR LADY'S COLLEGE

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newsletter

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## Principal's Message



As we enter the last week of what has been an unusual term, it is timely to acknowledge the creativity that sprang from the lock down situation of CoVID-19.

- Our senior student leaders found creative ways to inspire and lead our student community through the use of video and social media;
- Our teachers engaged in the TEAMs environment working with small groups and breaking open concepts in new and interesting ways;
- Our students increased their skill base in independence and self-advocacy.

Congratulations to our Year 11 Business students and Mrs Toumbas on a successful workshop with the Prep and Year 1 students from Mary Immaculate Primary School last Friday.

## Term 3 Calendar Update

With continued vigilance, we look forward to continued easing of restrictions so that we can again enjoy the fullness of College life with larger gatherings in the second half of the year.

At this time however, please be aware of the confirmed calendar changes for Term 3:

- Inter-house athletics has been cancelled
- Interschool athletics replaced with interschool cross country on August 21

- Year 10 work experience has been replaced with an in-house program run by SCIPs focusing on work readiness skills

## Free Catholic Leader Subscription

The Catholic Leader newspaper want to extend an offer of a free digital subscription to families in Catholic schools.

The Catholic Leader is Australia's most widely read Catholic newspaper and regularly includes education features, as well as providing a Catholic perspective on important news across South East Queensland.

You can sign up to receive your weekly digital newspaper here in the link below.

<https://catholicleader.com.au/covid19free>

The journalists at the Catholic Leader also welcome your recommendations for stories about our school community as well as local interests. Please share your news with their team at [editor@catholicleader.com.au](mailto:editor@catholicleader.com.au).

## Safety

Finally, you will have noticed changes to traffic signage on Chester Road. There is a peak time of traffic around 3pm and concern has been raised by parents regarding safety. Please adhere to the traffic conditions patiently and avoid backing up through the roundabout on Chester Road. Brisbane City Council have indicated that they intend to arrange for enforcement of the new traffic management arrangements for the benefit of our students.

We trust that you will enjoy the upcoming break with your daughters.

Shalom,

**Paula Goodwin**  
**Principal**

## Teaching and Learning

### Time for a break!

Within the next week, semester reports will be made available in the Parent Portals. Within this section of the portals, parents have access to previous electronic reports and other information, including details of how to book times for Parent/Teacher/ Student interviews when the site becomes available in July. Whilst no-one can be absolutely sure what Covid restrictions may bring in the future, we are determined to provide an opportunity to have rich discussions around your daughters' learning progress. Further details about the processes involved with Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will be outlined in the letter accompanying your daughter's End of Semester Report.

Year 11 students are now well into their Unit Two courses and their experiences with Unit One have given them a good insight into their academic growth. Particularly, as the results of the final Unit One assessments are discussed, students would now have a clearer understanding of their future study requirements in these new courses. As with all academic discussions, it is not about the amount of time taken to complete an assessment, but rather the quality, skills and depth of the response.

As we hurtle toward the second half of the year in just a few weeks, we need to ensure that all in the family are rested and emotionally ready to leave the chaotic uncertainties of virus restrictions and international politics to calmly settle into a regime where study and wellbeing are once again the highest priorities for our students.

Have a restful break – next term is going to be a busy one!

**Anthony Stevens**  
**Deputy Principal**  
**Teaching and Learning**

## Campus Minister

### Refugee Week

National Refugee Week was acknowledged this week from 14 to 21 June. This year's theme is "Celebrating the Year of Welcome".

The Justice and Cultural Committees organised an awareness raising event where girls wore a flag from their country of origin highlighting the rich cultural diversity we have here at OLC, including a significant number from families with a refugee story.

### St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

This appeal was launched this week via video and with the distribution of collection boxes to each of the PC classrooms.

Our local Vinnies conference is very much in need of our assistance as now there are more people in need and access to the Foodbank has been more difficult in these times. All the help we can offer will be gratefully received...non-perishable packaged and canned foods, clean blankets etc.



### Prayers please

During Refugee Week, we pray that we may open our hearts to welcome each stranger as our sister and brother and to see the face of God in their faces.

That during these holidays we may all be blessed with a refreshed and rejuvenated spirit.

Blessings for the term break,

**Kay Holmes**  
**Campus Minister**

## Community Matters

### Year 10 Immunisation in Term 3

Parents and carers please be aware that our Year 10 Students will be receiving their Meningococcal ACWY Immunisation on Tuesday, 18 August 2020. If your child's form has not been returned, this will result in your child not being immunised on the day.

**Tina Ellis**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Student Wellbeing**

## Guidance Counsellor

### Take Time these Holidays

Let's all take time these holidays to rest, re-establish sleep routines, and reflect on the term.

This term has brought many challenges due to COVID-19. While working from home, students needed to structure their school day and motivate themselves to get work done. Returning to school meant reconnecting with friends and re-establishing school routines.

The coronavirus epidemic has increased the stress levels of everyone, young people included. Having a break from schoolwork will be even more important these holidays. Encourage your daughter to pack away her schoolbooks, spend time with family and friends, and do activities she finds enjoyable and relaxing.

Many students reported that their sleep schedule was disrupted during the learning at home period. Not getting enough sleep is a big contributor to stress. The holiday is a good time to gradually wind back bedtimes so 8 hours of sleep can be achieved when school returns for Term 3. Some ideas to establish good sleep hygiene practices are here.

Students have had time in Pastoral Care to reflect on their experience during the COVID-19 restrictions. They were able to identify what they had learnt through this time and things for which they are grateful for. Reflecting helps us to learn from experiences and set goals for the future. I encourage students to set some realistic goals for what they hope to achieve in Term 3.

## Career Information

Please see the Parent Portal for the latest Career Information Bulletin here.

**Anna Wallace**  
**Guidance Counsellor**

## Middle Leaders Report

The global COVID-19 pandemic has impacted and changed everyone's lives in some way this year. How we process what is happening around the world varies individually, and each of us will take different time frames to find the new "normal". Whilst defining the new "normal" is not simple, there are always positives to take out of every situation. Focusing on these positives can help us heal and move forward.

This term the students at OLC have spent some Pastoral Care lessons working on defining what they could leave behind from their COVID lockdown experience and also what they value as something to keep as a part of their lives into the future. Included in some wonderful ideas was "spending more time with family" and "working on school-work in my own hours and time".

Whilst returning to school after "On-Line Learning" has been wonderful for some of us, others have experienced uncertainty and anxiety around the schoolwork they could/couldn't complete or catching up with friends they had not seen in a long time. In each student's return the experience has been different.

The Learning support department has an amazing group of school officers and teachers - Brodie McIver Gaffney, Ben Angus, Kate Unicomb and Louisa Sutton and our EALD teacher Rennaye Klein who throughout this term have gone above and beyond their normal duties to assist the students to catch-up on classes, assist in tutorial support and make sure the students at OLC are feeling good about returning to school.

Thank you for all you do and Happy School Officer Day for last Friday.

**Michelle Prado**  
**Acting Learning Enrichment Middle Leader**

## Sport

### CaSSSA Sport is coming back!

With the return of AFL and Rugby League to our television screens, gyms reopening, and a number of other professional sports recommencing training, it is wonderful to be able to inform you that CaSSSA sport will be back in Term 3. Plans are currently being made for the return of Wednesday afternoon Trimester 3 Interschool Sport for the following sports

- Basketball
- Netball (Junior)
- Touch Football (Open and Intermediate)
- Soccer (Open and Junior)

Sign-on for these sports will occur early in Term 3. Round 1 commences on Wednesday 2 September.

Students who still have Trimester 1 Sport's playing jerseys or singlets in their keeping at home, i.e. those students who played AFL, Touch Football or Volleyball, please return them to Mrs Martin at Student Services this week. They will be required for our sports teams next term.

### CaSSSA Cross Country Carnival

Next term's Interhouse Athletics Carnival and CaSSSA Athletics Carnival will unfortunately not take place due to COVID-19's continued closure of the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre at Nathan. The CaSSSA Cross Country Carnival will however go ahead this year on Friday 21 August at a location yet to be determined. Training for students interested in trialling for the OLC Cross Country Team will commence soon.

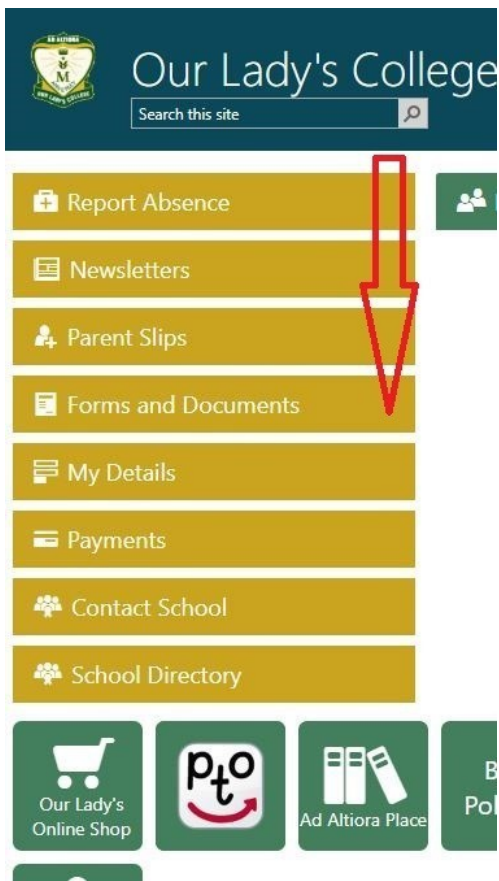
**Cherie Andersen**  
**Acting Sports and HPE Leader**

## Uniform shop

Blazers, jumpers, tights and tracksuit pants are available for purchase at the uniform shop, open Wednesday during term time, 7.45am - 9.00am.

## Parent Portal Facts

Did you know that you can access forms? For example, Medication Form and Request for Extension, as well as other important documents and policies by simply clicking on the yellow 'Forms and Documents' tile on the left-hand side of the Parent Portal landing page?



Have you downloaded the BCE Connect App to your mobile phone yet? By downloading this free App and logging in you will unlock all the features, including access to the Parent Portal.



If you need assistance with either setting up a BCE Connect Account or logging on to the Portal, please contact the College office.

## College Newsletter and 2020 Calendar

Access our College Newsletter and 2020 College Calendar via the College website

[www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au%20](http://www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au%20)

## Important Dates and Deadlines

Our Lady's upcoming events/activities have been postponed due to COVID-19.

## Absentees

**Please Phone:** 07 3426 8095 prior to 9.00 am daily

**Email Link:** [www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au](http://www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au)

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**Or via the Parent Portal**