



OUR LADY'S COLLEGE

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Principal's Message



Celebrating Our Spirited Past and Hope Filled Future!

Next week, Our Lady's College celebrates the feast day of St Mary MacKillop, the co-founder of the Josephite order and Australia's first saint. Our Lady's College was founded by the Josephite sisters and this year marks 150 years since Mary MacKillop first came to the Archdiocese of Brisbane with her Sisters. Mary came to Brisbane and started St Joseph's School, Kangaroo Point. Perhaps Mary is best known for saying *"never see a need without doing something about it"*. Mary saw a need and did something about it – she brought her Sisters to Queensland to bring Catholic education to the families of not just the fledgling town of Brisbane, but also to the rural Maryborough. Mary, with her Sisters, was a pioneer for Catholic education in Australia. We are the beneficiaries of their legacy.

Every Day Matters!

Term 3 can be a time where lateness and reduced attendance levels can start to creep in with the cooler weather. At Our Lady's, our Pastoral Team invests much time and effort into monitoring and maintaining strong student attendance because we know that it is foundational to a safe and supportive learning environment. **Missing just 2 days a month from school amounts to 4 weeks of learning lost a year:** equating to a whole year of lost learning from Prep to Year 10. Please assist us by ensuring that your daughter arrives on time each day (8.30am arrival at the latest).



COVID-19 Update

The outbreak of Coronavirus cases in the southern suburbs of Brisbane reminds us again of the importance of good hygiene practices. Queensland Health is urging all communities to continue to be extra vigilant about health and hygiene at this time and to that end, have asked us to remind our community of simple but important hygiene practices that support public health by:

- Vigorous hand washing with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rubs;
- Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing; and
- Avoiding contact with anyone who has flu-like symptoms.
- Staying at home if you are unwell.

Thank you

In 2019, Our Lady's College applied to the Local Schools Community Fund for support of a Sound Equipment program. We are most grateful for the support of \$2877 that supports our students in the subjects of dance and drama, extra-curricular activities, our primary school programs and when we are able to again, entertainment during our TriCare visits. Our girls are the beneficiaries in the education process in that they are able to deliver performances using high quality equipment. Thank you to the P & F who supported this project and significantly to Mr

Graham Perret and the Local School's Community Fund for the provision of this wonderful resource.

**Shalom,
Paula Goodwin
Principal**

Teaching and Learning

Last week, we presented the certificates for Semester One Outstanding Work Practice, High Academic Excellence and Outstanding Academic Excellence. Recipients of these certificates are listed below this article. It was great to, once again, celebrate these achievements.

During this week, we were pleased to be able to hold our Parent Teacher Student Interviews and the response from parents was very positive. As we socially distanced our way through the afternoon and evening, it was great to be able to once again catch up with so many parents and to celebrate and discuss student achievements and goals.

Later that evening, we hosted the Year 11 (2021) Subject Information Evening to commence the subject discernment process for our students in Year 10.

As community events unfold, it is sometimes difficult to keep focus on the longer term (bigger picture) and be able to rely on future events. However, if the last few months have proven anything, it is that, as a community, we are wonderfully supportive, resourceful and eager to secure the very best for our students.



Certificate for Outstanding Work Practices

Year 7 - Susan Bowness, Elyse Brown, Elyssa Carreon, Gwendoline Crawford, Shiva French, Olivia Johnston, Rudo Magwaro, Pamela Sili and Nhi-Tuyet Tran.

Year 8 - Hayley Buenvenida, Catarina Chu, Niamh Clark, Vanessa Do, Matilda Fawcett, Abby Johnson, Bethany Schaefer, Vasinee Srikan, Kevani Taufu, Chelsey Villarosa and Isla Williamson.

Year 9 - Charlotte Dobson, Elissa Habchi, Laura-Lye Kauffman, Anneliese Lagos, Phuong Anh Le, Merry Mathew, Amie Nguyen, Kim Nguyen, Ava O'Shea, Madelyn Polk, Abbi Pugh, Vithusha Ramesh, Julie Salloum, Mila Scott, Harshini Srinivasan, Sang Vu, Meron Wesedom and Nirushikka Yathukulan.

Year 10 - Hayley Ballard, Hannah Blain, Katelyn Crane, Kiandra Dsouza, Sophie Fouts, Ashlyn George, Imogen Howe, Charlotte Marchesini, Rebecca Matapula, Hannah Miles, Hannah Moss, Laugena Oshana, Grace Pursey, Ishaya Salgado, Mary Wilikai and Alyssa Wooster.

Year 11 - Ellie Anderson, Natasha Brahne, Ella Casemore, Charmi Cortez, Cassie Dennis, Grace Hill, Ardhra Joshy, Emmalee King, Mi Mi Le Nguyen, Ngan Nguyen, Tina Nguyen, Charlotte O'Shea, Mi Pham, Jo-Ann Pham Nguyen, Justine Reyes, Mishka Sarswa, Darlene Thai, Chi Vu, Lucia Vu and Mae Williamson.

Year 12 - Beth Allen, India Boon-Scown, Maddison Foley, Ella Gilbert, Erin Horan, Saarsha Lucas, Blessy Mathew, Elaina Mullins, Nikki Nguyen, Madelyn Prigge, Anna Tran and Sarah Vaughan.

Certificate for High Academic Achievement

Year 7 - Susan Bowness, Elyssa Carreon, Gwendoline Crawford, Annabelle Toth, Tiara Tran Nguyen and Mia Woinarowski.

Year 8 - Ebony Blakeney, Vanessa Do, Parker Schatz and Marah Seufale.

Year 9 - Charlotte Dobson, Laura-Lye Kauffman, Anneliese Lagos, Merry Mathew, Kim Nguyen, Ava O'Shea, Madelyn Polk, Harshini Srinivasan and Meron Wesedom.

Year 10 - Hannah Blain, Jessie Bowness, Kiandra Dsouza, Imogen Howe, Georgie Kena, Laugena Oshana, Ishaya Salgado and Mary Wilikai.

Year 11 - Alice Kay, Ngan Nguyen, Jo-Ann Pham Nguyen, Rafaela Rodriguez-Hannouf, Nadia Sapun, Darlene Thai, Lucia Vu, Dante Watene and Hannah Woinarowski.

Year 12 - Beth Allen, India Boon-Scown, Lucy Dobson, Ella Gilbert, Jordan Moss and Madelyn Prigge.

Certificate for Outstanding Academic Achievement

Year 8 - Isla Williamson

Year 12 - Blessy Matthew

**Anthony Stevens
Deputy Principal
Teaching and Learning**

In the Tradition



Catholic Education Week

While we can't celebrate as we would have liked, it is still fitting to acknowledge that this year's Catholic Education Week marks 175 years of catholic schooling in Australia. Celebrated annually in week 3 of Term 3, Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all 307 Catholic schools in Queensland to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos through which they challenge young people to live out Jesus' message and to

reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

On Tuesday, the St Vincent de Paul members, and some generous helpers, transferred the donations from the Winter Appeal to the storage room under the Mary Immaculate church. Frank Ford, the president of the Annerley conference, was delighted with the large donation of over 1000 items as they were down to their last few cans.

Congratulations to Year 12 Kelly MacKillop who were our most generous class, donating an impressive **272** items! Thank you everyone for your kind charitable support.

Mary MacKillop Awards

It was such a joy to be able to gather for a college assembly last week, and also to be able to award Mary MacKillop Awards to two students from each year level. The following students were honoured for their generous and committed involvement in college life, demonstrating consideration and respect in their interactions with members of the college community and beyond, or showing a mature dedicated application to their studies: *Lucy Dobson, Maddison Foley, Charlotte O'Shea, Mae Williamson, Mary Wilikai, Imogen Howe, Annaliese Hooper, Ava O'Shea, Aoife Cherney, Vanessa Do, Susan Bowness and Pamela Sili*. Congratulations, girls!

JJAMM Day

Next week we honour St Mary of the Cross MacKillop's feast day on 8 August with school celebrations on our JJAMM Day on Friday 7 August. While following our gathering restrictions, we will enjoy prayer, the canonisation relay, social justice activities, the Benenson sausage sizzle and Vinnies sweet stall, and the house singing competition. It will be a fun day to honour the woman who founded the Sisters of St Joseph, who founded Our Lady's College.

Blessings,
Kay Holmes
Campus Minister

Linda Brandenburg
Assistant Principal
Faith and Mission

Guidance Counsellor

Preparing for the Future

In the last week Year 10s and Year 12s have been preparing to make decisions for the future. Year 10s are preparing to make senior subject choices and Year 12s will start applying for tertiary study through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre from next week.

Regardless of the pathway our students choose, ultimately the long-term goal is for students to find employment in an area they find meaningful and fulfilling.

COVID-19 has brought uncertainty around future job growth and job security and we don't yet know the short- or long-term impacts the pandemic will bring.

There are some factors that research shows assist young people to transition faster from full-time study to full-time employment (Foundation for Young Australians, 2018). These factors are likely to remain relevant for our young people post-COVID. They are:

- **Build "enterprise skills"** such as communication, problem solving and teamwork.
- **Paid employment that relates to future career goals.** If you find paid employment in the career field of your interest it is likely to speed your transition to full time employment.
- **Paid employment in future-focussed job areas.** Young people who were studying in health, professional and technical services, and information technology areas and gained paid employment in these fields, had an advantage.
- **Be positive.** Young people who were optimistic about their ability to find full-time work in their career area of interest began working 2 months faster than a young person who was not optimistic about their career prospects.

It is important that we support young people to set realistic timeframes for achieving career goals, encourage them to maximise their employability, and provide them with current research to guide them in career related decisions.

The Foundation for Young Australians has published a series of reports titled The New Order Research Series. The reports can be accessed [here](#).

Career Updates

The latest Career Bulletin can be found [here](#) on the Parent Portal.

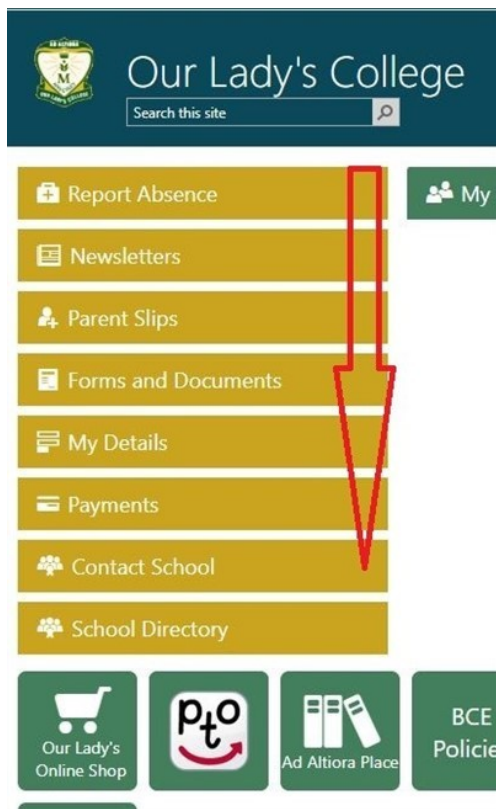
The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre have a recorded video that explains how to apply through QTAC for tertiary study and one that talks through the new QCE system and the ATAR.

Anna Wallace
Guidance Counsellor

Parent Portal Facts

Did you know that you can email the College by simply clicking on the Yellow 'Contact School' tile on the left-hand side of the Parent Portal landing page? This will automatically take you straight to an email pane where you can type your email and then simply press submit at the bottom of the message.

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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

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

Important Dates and Deadlines

There are many significant events scheduled across the Term. We will continue to update you as to how these can proceed in line with any updated health requirements.

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