



OUR LADY'S COLLEGE

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Principal's Message



August 8 is the **Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**, Australia's first saint. Mary co-founded the Josephite Sisters who in turn founded Our Lady's College. It is, therefore, a special day in our College calendar. Weather did not dampen our spirits as we gathered either side of the day to pay tribute through a variety of activities that included the esteemed House Choral Competition. On Saturday, Blessy Mathews joined Linda Brandenburg and me in representing the College at the official mass at St Stephen's Cathedral. The mass was livestreamed, the video is available via this link.

Thank you to Mrs Brandenburg, Mrs Holmes, our Year 12 Leaders and the JAMM committee for the organisation of this important day for our community.

Mary MacKillop was a woman of humble beginnings, committed to educating poor Catholic children, particularly in rural parts of Australia. A home-grown saint, Mary's story resonates with all Australians who acknowledge the tenacity of the 'Aussie Battler' who works for the betterment of society. Mary stands at the heart of the Catholic tradition. She was unusual in her faith and prayer, her ability to inspire others to join her, her ability to forgive and her loyalty to her fellow sisters and church hierarchy. By the time of her death in 1909, she had established 109 houses, staffed by 650 religious teaching 12,400 pupils in 117 schools across Australia and New Zealand. What a rich heritage Our Lady's College draws from!

This week marked the last 30 days of classes for our **Year 12 students**. Year 12 has always been a year where girls have been required to find a balance between the many

opportunities at school, their growing independence and social life, and the need to dedicate time to their studies. The new QCE requires a focused preparation for the external exams that commence on October 26. Science and Mathematics subject results weigh 50% on the final exam, whilst English, Business and Humanities subjects have a weighting of 25%. In preparation for these important tests, a **Trial Exam Block** has been included in the College calendar. It commences on **Tuesday 8 September and concludes on Friday 18 September**. The Trial Exam Block mirrors the actual in terms of exam style, times and scheduling. It is important that girls maximise their time and remain focused on their preparation. **HEART Club is open Monday to Wednesday each week to support all students.**

Next **Wednesday 19 August**, is the College **P & F meeting**. Mr Paul Gilbert, P & F President, extends a warm invitation to the next meeting in **Ad Altiora Place commencing at 7pm**.

Friday, **August 21**, is **CaSSSA Cross Country**. Thank you to Mr Boumford and the Cross Country Team for your preparation work. We wish the team well as they gather for this first interschool sports competition since March. Good luck Team!

It is heart-warming to see a return to community activities. We remain vigilant in our approaches, ensuring that we adhere to good hygiene practices, social distancing measures, and the advice of Queensland Health.

Shalom,

Paula Goodwin
Principal

Teaching and Learning

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

QCAA External Exam Invigilators Needed

If you, or someone you know, are looking for some short-term work for a little extra Christmas cash, the following may be of interest. The QCAA appoints community members as

invigilators to observe and report on the administration of external assessment sessions at secondary schools and approved assessment venues throughout Queensland. Invigilators are not required to supervise students during external assessment sessions.

The 2020 external assessment period will run from October to November. More information can be found at:

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/memos/20/032-20.pdf>

No NAPLAN Reports – But Literacy and Numeracy Still Key

At this time of the year, we would be expecting our NAPLAN results for current Year 7 and Year 9 students. Despite the fact that the NAPLAN tests were cancelled for this year, our focus has remained steadily on consolidating our Literacy and Numeracy skills in the junior years as these have strong positive indications for greater success in senior years' examinations. Activities in writing for success, writing analysis and targeted numeracy skills have supported our teaching and learning throughout the year.

Year 11 and 12 Exam Block

Year 11: Monday 7th September – Friday 11th September

Year 12: Tuesday 7th September – Friday 18th September

In the last two weeks of term, Year 11 and Year 12 students will engage in testing blocks. Both blocks will start on Monday 7th September with Year 12 engaging with their TRIAL exams in preparation for the QCAA External Exams which will occur in Term Four. These exams are scheduled to mirror the timing of the QCAA External examinations to give students a good indication of the Term Four exams.

Year 11 students will complete their final assessments which will mark the conclusion of Unit Two and the end of their Year 11 studies. In Term Four, Year 11 students commence their Unit Three studies and some of these courses will complete their IA1 (Internal Assessment) for final Year 12 results before the end of the year.

To ensure the integrity of the test, the QCAA give clear directions 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 these assessments.

Year 10 SET plan interview

Year 10 SET plan interviews are scheduled for 8th September. All Year 10 students and one parent/carer attend an interview at this time. Due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to accommodate more than one parent/carer at any event. Further details regarding booking times and procedures will be sent via email directly to parents and students of Year 10.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Anthony Stevens
Deputy Principal
Teaching and Learning

Community Matters

Pick-up and Drop-off Zone Etiquette

A friendly reminder to parents and carers picking up and dropping off students in the College pick-up zone. This zone is considered a safe area for parents and carers to set down and collect students each day. It is important that the area is used responsibly, like a taxi rank, so that students can be collected or set down efficiently. When approaching the pick-up in the afternoons and upon noticing that your daughter is not ready to be collected, it would be appropriate to move through the pick-up zone and try to cue back around behind the line of traffic. This will assist in keeping the traffic moving. Thank you for your support in maintaining safety in our pick-up zone.

Year 10 Immunisations

Year 10 students are scheduled to receive their immunisations on Tuesday 18 August, 2020. If immunisation forms have not been returned, please be aware that your daughter will not receive her immunisation.

Appropriate use of ICT

When wearing the College uniform, it is expected that students will represent the College in a responsible manner. Students must obtain permission from a staff member to take photos or film within College grounds (this includes before, during and after school). It is expected that there will be no filming or images uploaded to social media of OLC students wearing the College uniform (Eg: Instagram, Snapchat, Tik Tok, etc).

SRC Representatives for Semester 2

Congratulations to the following students in being elected as the Semester 2, Student Representative Council members.

SRC Representatives Semester 2	
Year 7	
Kelly	Emilia Heath
Lambert	Fana Mehary
MacKillop	Gwen Crawford
Woods	Awein Acot
Year 8	

SRC Representatives Semester 2	
Kelly	Maisie Fullerton
Lambert	Gloria Lokadir
MacKillop	Jasmine Ghebreyesus
Woods	Vanessa Do
Year 9	
Kelly	Isabella Murphy
Lambert	Phuong Anh Le
MacKillop	Merry Matthew
Woods	Isabella De Carlo
Year 10	
Kelly	Jessica Hinchcliffe
Lambert	Tina Parsons
MacKillop	Katelyn Crane
Woods	Sophie Foots
Year 11	
Kelly	Tina Nguyen
Lambert	Grace Lokadir
MacKillop	Justine Reyes
Woods	Ardhra Joshy
Year 12	
Kelly	Erin Horan
Lambert	Saarsha Lucas
MacKillop	Elaina Mullins
Woods	Madelyn Prigge

Tina Ellis
Assistant Principal
Student Wellbeing

In the Tradition

Photo Day – 1st September

A reminder that orders for photos via bank transfer or credit card can be made via the link below. Alternatively order forms and the exact money can be returned to the College office in an envelope.

<http://www.purplemoonphotography.com.au/olc>

JJAMM Day

Thank you to all those who assisted with our celebrations of Mary MacKillop's feast day. There were a few special activities for the day. Year 10 students decorated their own crosses and Big Sisters worked with the Year 7 students. Year 7 and 8 students learnt about Gate Ministry and the blue bags for prisoners. Benenson students led activities on refugees with Year 9 students. As well, the Sweet Stall for Vinnies 'Assist a Student' program and the Benenson sausage sizzle raised funds for worthy causes. Year 11/12 students heard about Rosies from our guest speaker and donated the goods collected earlier this year. Further information about Rosies can be found on their website:



<http://rosies.org.au/>



While celebrations this year were a little different, we still managed to celebrate our traditions and the legacy of the Josephites.

Year 10 Religious Education Taster

Year 10 students have currently been offered an alternative assignment to have a 'taste' of Study of Religion and assist them with subject choices next year. The taster allows students an opportunity to gauge their skills against Year 11 standards and learn more about the criteria in this subject. The added length of the topic also gives them the experience of exploring a topic in more depth while proving an hypothesis.

Linda Brandenburg
Assistant Principal
Faith and Mission

Campus Minister

JJAMM Day

Even though rain changed our plans a little, our community enjoyed celebrating Mary MacKillop's feast day by gathering for prayer and to hear about the Josephite sisters in 2020 from Beth Allen and her sock puppet (Elaina Mullins), participating in social justice activities and showing our spirit in the House Singing Competition. Blessy Matthew and members of the college leadership team attended mass at the cathedral.

Mary MacKillop Awards

Congratulations to **Jordan Moss, Ngan Nguyen, Hayley Ballard, Amani Sapolu, Parker Schatz** and **Elyse Brown** who were honoured with Mary MacKillop Awards this week for demonstrating initiative and service in a calm, humble manner, showing a mature and committed attitude towards their studies and/or being compassionate to others in our community.



Saturday 15 August marks the solemnity of Mary's assumption to unity with God, let us pray we are blessed with her conviction in following God's plan for our lives, and ask her to accompany and support us on our journey.

Blessings,
Kay Holmes
Campus Minister

Benenson Society celebrates JJAMM Day

As part of the Josephite tradition, on Friday 7th of August our College celebrated JJAMM Day. On this special day, we reflect upon the lives of Father Julian Tenison Woods and Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop and her charism, through various activities.

Just as in previous years, the Benenson Society held a sausage sizzle at lunch. As an act of service, many helpers were at the barbeque, cooking onions and sausages whilst others were out front handling money and drinks. In the blustery wind, our girls served the community with raised tongs and a wide grin. In no time at all, the delicious snags were sold out!



Additionally, we had the opportunity to explore the value of Social Justice with the Year 9 cohort with a Refugee Simulation Game. With the help of several Year 11 students under the guidance of Ms Gates, we organised an engaging simulation which challenged the Year 9 students to make tough decisions and collaborate through teamwork. The main focus of the

activity was to survive the difficult journey as a refugee family by making challenging decisions. Several highlights of the simulation included passing through a dense 'forest' made of green streamers and bandaging each other's legs with toilet paper!

Students then reflected on their experiences and discussed how they felt. Taking on this activity allowed the Year 9 cohort to experience, in a small way, the hardships and sacrifices refugees encounter, merely to be able to live a safe life. Each girl was then given a post-it-note and wrote an empowering word which described how they could help a refugee in their community. Some examples of what students wrote were 'welcome', 'accept' and 'open arms'.

The Benenson Society had an enjoyable and successful day filled with service and thoughtfulness, honouring Mary MacKillop.

Ad Altiora Place

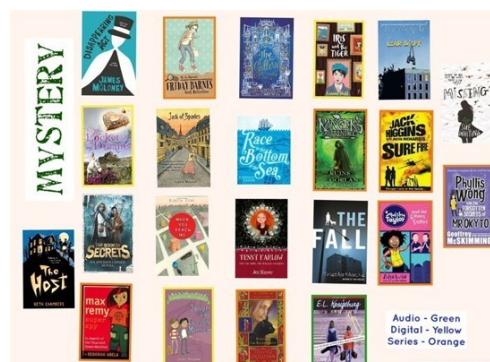
Explora Search Engine

EbscoHost have created a federated search link that allows students to search many references all from one direct point. It is now uploaded to the Oliver homepage, and students from Years 7 and 8 will be introduced to it through their technology classes this week. It is hoped that this space will provide the younger year levels with useful content for their subjects, and act as a gateway to more complex databases which can be difficult to use. Students can access this link through the school portal from home as well as from school.



ROLCA 2020

This year's Principal's Reading Challenge is being completed under reduced timelines and reading goals. Year 7 began their journey in week one of this term. They will attempt to read five books in five different genres over Term 3, and from the excitement that I observed, this looks like something the students are keen to engage in. They visit the library with their English class and are given recommendations in at least 15 different categories, including mystery, speculative fiction and graphic novels. These cater for all different reading abilities and format choices, for example the students could choose to read on their laptop, via the Sora App, or they could download an audio book of a title. It has been inspiring to connect with students about their reading.



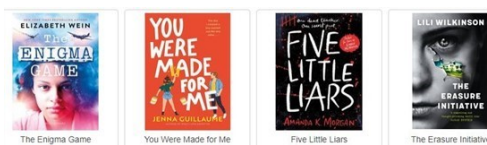
Riverbend Books Standing Orders

Every month, from March to October, eight new fiction titles arrive at OLC as part of our Riverbend Books Standing Order subscription. We expect to receive the August titles this week.

The Middle fiction books are:



The Secondary fiction books are:



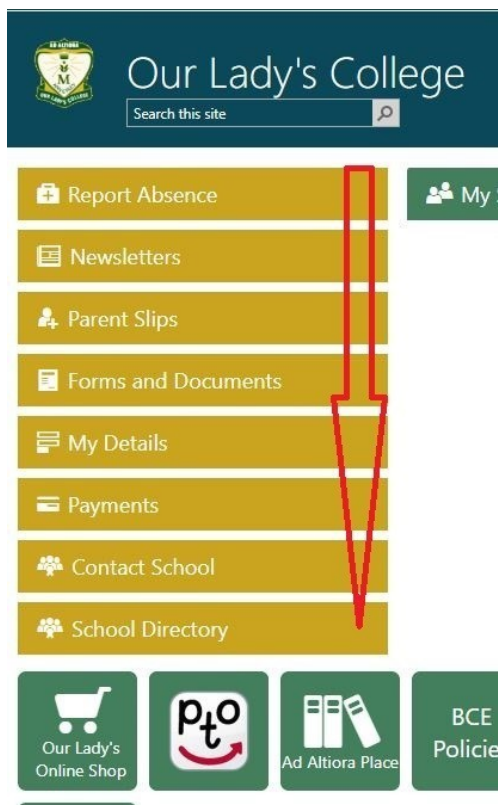
We are nearly halfway through the term. Happy reading!

Ad Altiora Place

Mrs Buckley, Mrs Hayward and Mr Le

Parent Portal Facts

Did you know that you can look up a College Staff Member by simply clicking on the Yellow 'School Directory' tile on the left-hand side of the Parent Portal landing page? By clicking on a Staff Member's name, you can see their contact email. You can then email them directly.



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.

Yeronga State School looking for past students

Are you a past student of Yeronga State School? We want you to join with us in celebrating our 150th anniversary next year. Keep up to date with all the celebrations by registering your details here...

<https://yerongass.schoolzineplus.com/form/485>

Other information can be found on our website...

<http://www.yerongass150.com/>

Or like and share our Facebook page...

<https://www.facebook.com/YSS150>

For any more information, please contact Jennifer Bennett, Community Relations Officer, jbenn293@eq.edu.au

School Leavers Survey

The Queensland Government is seeking the support of the school community for the annual survey of Year 10, 11 and 12 students who left school in 2019, before completing Year 12. This short, confidential survey collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school. The results of the survey help provide valuable information to improve services available to school leavers in the future.

Between August and September, these school leavers can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of *Next Step* post-school destination surveys in 2020.

For more information, visit the link or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

<http://www.qld.gov.au/nextstep/>

College Newsletter and 2020 Calendar

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

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

Important Dates and Deadlines

19 August – Wednesday	P& F Meetings
21 August – Friday	CaSSSA Cross Country
23 – 28 August	Science Week
4 September	Student Free Day
6 September	Fathers' Day
8 – 18 September	Year 12 Trial Exam Block

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