



# OUR LADY'S COLLEGE

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## Principal's Message



This week marked a significant milestone in the lives of our Year 12 students as they engaged in their final week of classes at secondary school. The past two weeks for them have focused on feedback from their trial exams held late last Term and further practice items pertinent to each of their subject areas. Following a final week of preparation through individual study, the girls embark on the culmination of their two-year Senior study journey in the External Exams. They have been well prepared and they are ready. As a College community, we wish our Year 12s calm minds so that they are able to bring their best to this final piece. Following the exams, we look forward to celebrating their Graduation with them.

On Tuesday, we gathered as a community to celebrate learning and leadership at our Diligence Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to each of our award recipients for your consistent and committed approach to your studies during a year that has provided some significant and unique challenging circumstances. The ceremony also celebrated leadership in our community. We thanked our Year 12 leaders: Ella Gilbert, Nikki Nguyen, Erin Horan, Elaina Mullins, Beth Allen, Bella West, Saarsha Lucas, Anna Tran, Blessy Mathew and Madelyn Prigge; for their initiative, perseverance and ingenuity in leading across the 2020 school year. They have looked creatively for ways for us to continue to engage as a community during a time where there have been restrictions around that. We thank them for their commitment to our College community. The ceremony also marked a handover in student leadership as we presented the 2021 Leaders. Congratulations to:

College Captains	Ngan Nguyen and Mimi Le Nguyen
Liturgy and Kelly House Leader	Mae Williamson
Social Justice and Lambert House Leader	Ellie Anderson
Cultural and MacKillop House Leader	Charmi Cortez
Sport and Woods House Leader	Charlotte O'Shea

At the Student Leader Formation Day held last week, the girls began thinking and enthusiastically planning for their leadership in 2021. We look forward to another energetic and exciting year.

Hannah Baily, 2010 College Vice-Captain was our special guest and speaker at the Diligence Awards Ceremony. It has been 10 years since Hannah graduated from Our Lady's College. Hannah's heartfelt presentation talked of a journey that had strong foundations of values firmly grounded in Ad Altiora – striving ever higher. Hannah works as a nurse in the busy emergency section of Logan hospital. She spoke of skills that she was inspired to develop sitting where our girls are now:

- *"When I have to rally the best resus team – I am thankful that I learnt the importance of getting to know my team's strengths;*
- *When I have to talk to a family of a passing away patient – I am thankful that I was taught to be strong and compassionate, and*
- *When I have to have a difficult conversation with another staff member – I am thankful that I learnt about respectful and diplomatic conversations."*

Hannah shared important messages of self-belief, it being ok to make mistakes – and learn from them, and, to always be honest and respectful. I think that Hannah's messages touched a chord in all of us and we are very grateful that she was able to join us for this important celebration.

Our website shares stories of a number of proud Our Lady's College Alumnae. We sing in our College Song, "diverse

pathways we will tread". Our Lady's College women forge paths in many fields and share stories of pride in the strong foundations that supportive staff and clear values provided for them. You may have also noticed the addition of the Virtual Tour on our website. Five current students proudly share with the wider community what they appreciate about Our Lady's. Take a tour with Mary, Charlotte, Isla, Hayley or Emily. We welcomed many new families to our community at the recent Year 7 (2021) Information Evening. Parents spoke of seeing our girls and being impressed by their confidence and respectful interactions. If you have a daughter currently in Year 3, 4 or 5, please contact Ms Angela Zaugg to arrange an interview (3426 8000) as places are filling quickly for enrolment in 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Finally, I ask for your prayers in support of the Twomey family. Shortly following the announcement of her retirement two years ago, Maureen Twomey, our much-loved Teacher Librarian and e-Learning Leader, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. Maureen has been bravely fighting this illness with a variety of treatments since that time with the loving support of her husband, Kevin, and her family. This week, Maureen has moved into palliative care. Maureen's dedication and positive approach to all things is infectious. Please keep Maureen and this dear family in your prayers.

Shalom,

**Paula Goodwin**  
**Principal**

## Teaching and Learning

For me, the start of Term 4 always seems like a surprise; where did Terms 1, 2 and 3 go. This year is no different and as I look at the calendar for the term, I get a feeling that the end will be soon upon us, however, there is still so much happening at each year level and still so much to do.

Next week, the Year 12's will have their Home-Study week in preparation for the first-ever External Examinations for General subjects in the new QCE system. The students will receive their results directly from QCAA along with their QCE documents.

For the Year 11's, this term signifies the finalisation of Unit 1 and 2 results and the beginning of Unit 3. As is the case across Queensland, assessments of Unit 3 and 4 will be used to calculate their QCE and ATAR (where applicable).

Students in Year 10 submitted their SET-plans in preparation for 2020 and prepare to complete their compulsory schooling with a greater focus on what is ahead of them.

Students and an accompanying parent in Year 9 attended a subject selection evening this week and will be completing this process in the coming weeks for 2021.

Year 7 and 8 students will receive a subject selection booklet in the coming week so that they can choose elective subjects for 2021 as well. This is a change to our normal processes in order to ensure that supports for our students are continually honed for maximum benefit.

Throughout the year, the Year 7 and 8 students have had the opportunity to experience a taste of various elective subjects

in the areas of Business, Technology and the Arts and they complete their final elective subject rotation in the coming weeks.

Please refer to the College calendar and keep an eye on your emails for details regarding all events, such as assessment dates etc. Regardless of where your daughter is in her academic journey, we encourage you to continue to communicate, listen and support her pathway.

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

## In the Tradition

### Year 12 Reflection Day

Held last week with Michael Fitzpatrick's facilitation this proved a very meaningful experience for the students as they embraced the opportunity to reflect on deeper issues and give voice to their experiences.

They shared memories of the challenges and joys of their journey at Our Lady's and took the opportunity to acknowledge the support given them by family, friends and staff. The students showed impressive insight as they discussed their understandings of mission and faith. The final ritual brought things beautifully to a close.



### Mary MacKillop Awards

A spirit of generous service, a positive, cheerful attitude and a commitment to studies were recurring reasons for the Mary MacKillop award recipients to be honoured at this week's assembly. Congratulations go to *Saarsha Lucas, Charmi Cortez, Zeena Tualai, Breanna Neale, Kevani Taufa* and *Seana Buji* for demonstrating these 'Mary MacKillop-like' qualities.



This Saturday, 17 October, marks the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the canonisation of St Mary MacKillop. St Mary MacKillop was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome on October 17, 2010. Ten years on, the Sisters of Saint Joseph are inviting Australians to reflect on what the canonisation of Australia's first saint meant to them then and now. The theme chosen for the celebration, "Take Fresh Courage", is taken from a letter written by St Mary MacKillop in 1877 and reflects the many challenges Australians have faced in 2020. The following prayer has been written for the occasion.

*Creator God,*

*We thank you for the life and canonisation of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She taught us that you understand us better than we understand ourselves. May we trust as Mary did, being mindful of your loving presence in all we do. Living today with Mary's words, leaning on you and trusting in your providence. Amen*

**Blessings,  
Kay Holmes  
Campus Minister  
Linda Brandenburg  
Assistant Principal  
Faith and Mission**

- Show Kindness: all week students were able to anonymously purchase a chocolate and affirmation for a peer, to be delivered in PC.

*Taking Time for Mental Health* is also about recognising the importance of mental health in our everyday lives and seeking help when needed.

**Anna Wallace  
Guidance Counsellor**

## Parent Portal Facts

Parent Portals will be updated this week with a contemporary look and focus on the experience for parents/caregivers.

The update includes improvements to the mobile experience, absence reporting, school links and greater consistency with the BCE Connect mobile application.

## College Newsletter and 2020 Calendar

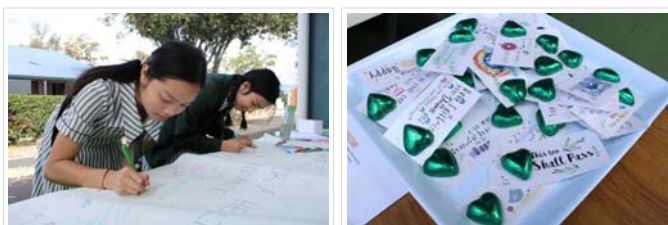
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<http://www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au/>

## Guidance Counsellor

### Celebrating Queensland Mental Health Week

This week marks Queensland Mental Health Week. Mental Health Week shines a spotlight on community and individual wellbeing. The theme for Mental Health Week this year is 'Take Time – for mental health' and is about taking the time to look after your own wellbeing.



The campaign encourages Queenslanders to take care of their mental health through six actions. This week at OLC Year 11 students (Ellie Anderson, Esther Abiya, Mi Mi Le Nguyen, Oanh Tran, Ngan Nguyen and Mae Williamson) worked with Mrs Holmes and I to run the following lunch time activities that relate to the six actions:

1. Get Healthy: students participated in skipping in Penola
2. Keep learning: headspace Inala visited the school and students wrote inspirational quotes and drew pictures with chalk
3. Embrace Nature: students were invited to plant a sunflower seed in an origami pot to take home
4. Connect More: students participated in board games and mindful colouring in
5. Take notice: meditation was held at lunch time followed by iced tea

## Important Dates and Deadlines

19 – 23 October	Year 12 Study Week
21 October – Wednesday	P & F Meeting
26 October – Monday	Year 12 External Exams begin
30 October – Friday	World Teachers' Day
3 November – Tuesday	Year 11 Biology Excursion
3 November – Tuesday	Year 7 Reflection Day
4 November – Wednesday	Year 10 Reflection Day

## Absentees

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