



OUR LADY'S COLLEGE

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newsletter

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Principal's Message



Happy World Teachers Day!

Today, on behalf of the Our Lady's College families, the College P & F Association arranged morning tea to thank all staff for their dedication to the education of our girls. We are grateful for the acknowledgement and support of the P & F. We are also grateful to the students who created a video thanking Our Lady's teachers for all that they do. The video can be viewed on the Parent Portal.

The Importance of Reading to Enhance Learning Outcomes

Developing a love of reading is essential to quality learning, and so is a priority for us. During last term, our Year 7s engaged in ROLCA (Reading: Our Lady's College, Annerley). There is much research about the importance of reading. A student who reads 20 minutes each day (or 3600 minutes in a school year), covers approximately 1,800,000 words and sits in the 90th percentile for successful learning. This compares with a student who reads for just 5 minutes each day (or 900 minutes in a school year) covering 282,000 words and sits in the 50th percentile for successful learning.

Reading is something that is best to be tapped into from infancy, with parents first of all reading aloud to their children and then encouraging reading as their children grow in independence. It's vital we let them read what they choose themselves. By developing a love of literature in all its forms, young people will:

- Improve their reading and comprehension, which assists them in all their subjects
- Build a stronger vocabulary
- Develop confidence with all forms of language style and structure

These technical skills are incredibly important, but it's the intangible benefits that are also important:

- Develop empathy and compassion for unfamiliar people and situations
- On average, readers have better physical health, mental health and empathy
- Reading for as little as 6 minutes can reduce stress by 60%, slow heartbeat, ease muscle tension and alter your state of mind.

Mrs Buckley (our very own reading promoter in Ad Altiora Place) explains that libraries perform obvious roles such as providing access to many forms of texts, but they do more as well. Our ROLCA (ReadOLCA) program requires students to read across a range of genres and reach a target number of 10 books. I enjoyed the opportunity to present the students with certificates and prizes for first, second and third at the Year 7 Assembly this week.



As you can see from the graph above showing reading results on NAPLAN in 2019 (red dot is Our Lady's College), programs such as this, together with excellent teaching, is benefitting our girls. We are in the quadrant of growth achieving above

the Australian average and above the Australian effect size for learning. A great result!

Community Celebrations

Celebrating the end of Year 11 units and commencing Year 12 study, our Year 11s enjoyed the Year 11 Luncheon last week. Thank you to Mrs Johnson, Mrs Holmes and our Year 11 Pastoral Teachers for their organisation of this occasion.

Last week, the girls also enjoyed the Lunchbox Concert in Penola. Song and dance created a community atmosphere. We appreciated the opportunity to gather and to celebrate the talent of our students.

Assessment Time

We have heard in the media of some challenges around the External Exams. Our Year 12s have been focused in their approach as we conclude the first week of this intensive period. Keep up the positive approach girls.

As we enter into the final 6 weeks of term, please remember that HEART Club with our past students continues to support students with homework and assignments in Ad Altiora Place from 3 to 4pm Monday to Wednesday as we enter into the final phase of assessment for the school year.

Upcoming Events

Next **Wednesday, 4 November is the P & F AGM**. The meeting is in Ad Altiora Place commencing at 7.30pm. To assist us to meet our COVID requirements for distancing and recording of details, please register your attendance ahead of Wednesday via email to sannerley@bne.catholic.edu.au

Sadly, the COVID requirements for distancing prevent us from gathering as a whole community for the Awards Evening as planned in our calendar. The College will hold the **Awards Ceremony** during the school day on **Thursday 19 November for Years 7-11 and video the proceedings**. Excerpts will be available via the Parent Portal so that parents are able to celebrate the many achievements in a year that is calling each of us to be resilient, flexible and creative.

Year 12 Awards will be presented on **Friday 20 November** at the **Graduation Ceremony**.

Shalom,

Paula Goodwin
Principal

Teaching and Learning

This week has been filled with exciting change as the Year 12 students commenced their QCAA External Exams. These exams represent the culmination of 12 (some 13) years of schooling. Like the last few seconds of any marathon, we may celebrate the conclusion of a big event, but we should also celebrate the preparation, training and hard work that has gone into making those “last seconds” so important. Congratulations to the coaches, the trainers, dietitians and counsellors, financial backers, uniform consultants and transport and logistics support that have assisted our marathonists in making it this far:

so close to the finish line, yet well-equipped for the mid-season break and the next races.

Recently, we celebrated our Diligence Awards. Congratulations to the following students for their hard work and dedication to their studies throughout the year.

Year 7:

Susan Bowness, Elyse Brown, Elyssa Carreon, Gwendoline Crawford, Tamara Magwaro, Aila Stanley, Annabelle Toth and Mia Woinarowski



Year 8:

Ebony Blakeney, Hayley Buenvenida, Niamh Clark, Vanessa Do, Matilda Fawcett, Tara Foy, Nova Ranjith, Bethany Schaefer, Parker Schatz, Kevani Taufu, Chelsey Villarosa and Isla Williamson



Year 9:

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



Year 10:

Hayley Ballard, Hannah Blain, Jessie Bowness, Katelyn Crane, Kiandra Dsouza, Sophie Foots, Imogen Howe, Rebecca Matapula, Hannah Miles, Hannah Moss, Laugena Oshana, Grace Pursey, Ishaya Salgado, Mary Wilikai and Alyssa Wooster.



This week we also celebrated with two significant cultural events; a display from the Cultural dance groups at the beginning and the conclusion of the Diligence Awards. It is good that, in these times, we were able to provide an opportunity for these groups to perform and thank them for sharing their talents with the community.

Year 11

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



Year 9 (into Year 10 for 2021) have already completed their elective subject selection process and the Year 7 and Year 8 students and parents have been working through the selection process for 2021 throughout this week. The completion of this process ensures that classes and resources are well in place for an effective and efficient start to the year.

We wish our Year 12 students every blessing as they continue their exams over the next two weeks.

Have a great fortnight ahead.

Anthony Stevens
Deputy Principal
Teaching and Learning

Community Matters

Year 9 ACE Program

The Year 9 students participated in a two-day career education program delivered by School Community Industry Partnership Service (SCIPS). The focus of the program was to create a positive, interactive and reflective experience to improve on student employability skills as identified by employers and research conducted by the Foundation of Young Australians (FYA). Our students found the experience educational and relevant in preparation for employment opportunities in the near future and beyond school.

Year 12

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



We also celebrated four students for receiving a Diligence Award in each year at Our Lady's College:

Beth Allen, Ella Gilbert, Blessy Mathew and Anna Tran.

Year 11 Social Luncheon

The Year 11 students were invited to attend a Social Luncheon to celebrate their first year in senior school. This was a fantastic opportunity for the Year 11 cohort to come together in a relaxed environment and enjoy each other's company over lunch. Students involved thoroughly enjoyed the experience,



Year 12 Graduation

We are preparing to farewell our Year 12 students at their upcoming graduation on Friday, 20 November between 10.30 and 1 pm, in the College Hall. Thank you to Bianca Johnston for the planning and organisation of the event, Mrs Holmes for her assistance, and the Year 12 Pastoral Care Teachers for their care and support in making sure the event is a memorable one for our Year 12 students.

Deck Café

The Deck Café will be unavailable on 20/11/20 due to the Graduation Ceremony being conducted.

Tina Ellis
Assistant Principal
Student Wellbeing

In the Tradition

Year 7 and 10 Reflection Day

On Tuesday 3rd November, Year 7 students will have their Reflection Day which was rescheduled from earlier in the year. They will spend the day exploring aspects of personal spirituality, sharing ideas and developing unity among the cohort. Project Hatch will facilitate the day with activities and fun sessions and the feedback from students about this day is always very positive. Students are welcome to wear their sports uniform on this day to facilitate some of the activities.

The Year 10 Reflection Day has been rescheduled for Wednesday 4th November. This day will replace regular lessons. Again, Project Hatch will run the day and present a series of activities focusing on leadership and stepping up. The day is empowering and of value to the students' personal growth.

Please note school-books will not be required on these days and it is an expectation that students attend.

Outreach

The OLC community has participated in several opportunities of outreach since restrictions around activities eased this term. The Year 7s and 8s have conducted fundraising events for

the Josephite Gate Ministry as well as collected toiletries and stationery. Sr Chris Symonds will attend our next college assembly to receive the proceeds.

Year 9 and 10 students charged us to wear crazy socks on Tuesday to raise money for Catholic Mission. They also conducted a fun soccer shoot out competition with home-made soccer balls, reflective of the entertainment enjoyed by Cambodian youth.



The St Vincent de Paul group has launched their Christmas appeal to be conducted over the next three weeks. They are seeking support with Christmas hamper items to support the local Vinnies conference to brighten the Christmases of those in our local community who are struggling at this time. Hopefully you can help them with bon bons, puddings, long life cream/custard, drinks, fruit cakes, shortbread, sweets, nuts - any Christmas goodies with a decent shelf life.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day

These feast days, on 1 and 2 November, are an opportunity to remember those who have gone before us. We pray for and remember especially those close to us who have left this earth, and honour those 'saintly' models who have taught us to live the gospel truth with integrity.

Prayers Please...

Today on World Teachers' Day let's hold in our hearts those inspirational, encouraging and caring teachers we have been blessed to encounter on our educational journeys. We give thanks for their presence and positive influence in our lives and ask that God's richest blessing be given them.


Blessings,

Kay Holmes
Campus Minister

Linda Brandenburg
Assistant Principal
Faith and Mission

Survey for Year 12 students

Have your say...
take part in the
Next Step survey!




Who? You! All students completing Year 12 in 2020 will be contacted to take part in the survey.

What? The *Next Step* survey will ask you what you are doing after you leave school – this could be studying, working or pursuing other interests.

How? Expect to be contacted by phone or mail. To enable us to reach you, please ensure your contact details are correct in your learning account by logging into the student portal <https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au>

When? March to June 2021

Why? Your participation in the Next Step survey will help Queensland schools and further education providers improve their services for future students. More info at www.qld.gov.au/nextstep



Important Dates and Deadlines

3 November – Tuesday	Year 7 Reflection Day
4 November – Wednesday	Year 10 Reflection Day
19 November – Thursday	Awards Ceremony
20 November – Friday	Year 12 Graduation
22 – 25 November	Year 10 Exam Block
22 November – Friday	Year 10 and 11 Finish
2 December – Wednesday	Year 9 Reflection Day
4 December – Friday	Term 4 Concludes

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

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How to order your book & stationery supplies for 2021!

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Videos can now be viewed via the Parent Portal. Currently 7 videos are available. Six dance videos including Asian, Bollywood, Hip Hop, African, Polynesian and Contemporary. We also have one music video.

To view, click on the Video Link on the Portal landing page.

College Newsletter and 2020 Calendar

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