



# OUR LADY'S COLLEGE

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## Principal's Message



Don't you love a new school year: New books, clean pages, expectation of what can be. It is a time of optimism and hope!

## Welcome



Welcome to the 2021 school year and a special welcome to all of the new families to the Our Lady's College family.

We also welcome a number of new staff to our community:

- Ms Karen Chandler – Assistant Principal – Student Wellbeing
- Ms Leanne Morton – Pastoral Leader
- Ms Claire Manase – Pastoral Leader

- Ms Hashina Tarafdar – Academic Leader
- Ms Mary-Claire Cavanagh – EALD Teacher
- Ms Cristina Jorge-Anguita – Finance Officer
- Mr Rolfe Thiel – Bus Driver

## Contacting Staff

It is sometimes confusing in a secondary environment to know who to contact when you have a question or concern. If the matter is in relation to health or personal matters, your daughter's Pastoral Care teacher and Pastoral Leader are the best port of call in the first instance. The Pastoral Leaders for 2021 are:

Year 7 & 8 - Ms Leanne Morton

Years 9 & 10 - Ms Claire Manase

Years 11 & 12 - Ms Bianca Johnston

If you are concerned about your daughter's learning or how she is coping in class, in the first instance, please contact the relevant class teacher. The email addresses of all staff are on the Parent Portal. If you have forgotten your login details, please email Ms Kathryn Martin in the office. For ongoing concerns, you may wish to speak to the Academic Leader associated with the subject of concern. They are:

The Arts (Art, Music, Drama, Instrumental Music)

Business and Vocational Education

HPE and Sport

Humanities (English and Social Science)

Learning Enrichment (Gifted, Support & ESL)

Mathematics & Studies

Science

Ms Marie Ferguson

Ms Paula Geraghty

Mr John Boumford

Mr David Lyon

Ms Lisa Wuoti

Ms Kate Brims

Ms Hashina Tarafdar

## Extended Leave Notification

Research shows that regular attendance at school is vital for students to attain good learning outcomes. Missing one day a fortnight, for example, equals 4 weeks per year and over 13 years of schooling equals 1.5 years. The beginning of a new school year offers an opportunity to connect with good habits. While we strongly encourage you to avoid extended absences, if you are planning a family holiday during the Term and your daughter will be missing time from school, please email me on [sannerley@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sannerley@bne.catholic.edu.au)

## Due Dates

Remember that it is vital in Years 11 and 12 that if a student is away on the due date of an assignment or for an exam that a parent contact the relevant class teacher. In keeping with QCAA policy, a medical certificate is also required. In Years 7 to 10, please provide a letter of explanation. If the medical condition is ongoing, Mr Anthony Stevens (Deputy Principal) and Ms Karen Chandler (Assistant Principal) should also be made aware of your daughter's circumstances.

## Green and Gold Club Inductees

At our Opening Assembly, we inducted the following Seniors of 2020 into the Green and Gold Club. This club is designated for past students who achieve high academic results. Congratulations to:

Student	Study in 2021 (Course & Uni)
Beth Allen	Bachelor of Music and Science dual degree at the University of Queensland
India Boon-Scown	Bachelor of Commerce and Science dual degree at the University of Queensland
Lucy Dobson	Bachelor of Nursing and Midwifery dual degree at the University of Queensland
Ella Gilbert	Bachelor of Psychology at the University of Queensland
Erin Horan	Bachelor of Mathematics and Science dual degree at the University of Queensland
Blessy Mathew	Bachelor of Advanced Finance and Economics (Honours) at the University of Queensland. Blessy is also the recipient of the Vice Chancellor's Scholarship at the University of Queensland.
Nikki Nguyen	Bachelor of Science at the University of Queensland
Maddie Prigge	Bachelor of Arts and Education dual degree majoring in Music at the University of Queensland
Anna Tran	Bachelor of Biomedicine and Business dual degree at the Queensland University of Technology

## College Dux

We also congratulated **Blessy Mathew on attaining Dux of the College for the 2020 school year**. Blessy attained an ATAR of 99.9 placing her in the top 60 students in the State. Blessy achieved truly outstanding subject scores, for example, she dropped only one mark in English, gaining 99 out of 100. Blessy is an inspiration for all of us – for her dedication and hard work, as well as being a person of great integrity.

We sing in our College song, '*diverse pathways we will tread*'. It is evident from the variety of courses that our Green and Gold Club inductees have pursued, that girls from Our Lady's College proudly take their place and shine in a myriad of sectors. Congratulations Class of 2020!

## Best Wishes for the year ahead

As we begin the school year, I invited the girls into the world of Anne of Green Gables: a story by Lucy Maud Montgomery and now the basis of the Anne with an E Netflix series. Anne was an orphan girl with red hair (that she despised). None of these traits were endearing in the early 1900s when the story was set. Anne was spirited, unconventional, talkative, a bit melodramatic, ever optimistic, and incredibly generous. Like any good story, there were joys and challenges, journeys and achievements. I think, too, that Anne knew something of Ad Altiora (College Motto) when she said,

*"It's delightful to have ambitions. I'm so glad I have such a lot. And there never seems to be any end to them – that's the best of it. Just as soon as you attain one ambition, you see another one glittering higher up still. It does make life so interesting."*

We begin the year with a new chapter of our story – one full of ambition, learning and striving.

I imagine that your daughter's stories will be very interesting indeed, and I look forward to meeting with you during Term 1.

**Shalom (Peace),  
Paula Goodwin  
Principal**

## Teaching and Learning

Welcome back to students and staff of the Our Lady's College community and a warm welcome to our many new students and staff in all year levels.

## Results

Huge congratulations go out to our past Year 12 students for their performances in their final results. Students in the ATAR 90+ range have been invited back to our first assembly and inducted into the Green & Gold Club. Statistically speaking, we had 41% of our students with an ATAR above 90.0

## Timetables

The number of study lessons created by studying external or offline courses means that, on non-TAFE days, students will be required to go to Ad Altiora Place to catch up on any work missed while on their TAFE or University courses

## Laptops

Laptops have been distributed in the first days of the year. Like mobile phones, there are times when laptops provide tremendous support to students and times when they can be a distraction. Please embrace good sense when setting boundaries at home for these devices.

Simply:

- Internet access should be supervised all of the time—consider whether the location for the computer allows for easy monitoring by parents. “Researching” behind a closed bedroom door is never advisable. Ensure that you can see the screen as you walk past (not that your daughter can see you before you get to the screen).
- Communication Technology has “off time” – if your daughter cannot yet self-limit her use of email, chat or other communication technologies, make sure that the computer “recharges” overnight in your bedroom. This will reduce the temptation to stay up late into the evening.
- It never hurts to ask – ask your daughter how the computers are being used in the classrooms. Ask the teachers. Talk with other parents about good study habits etc.

## Safety before and after school

The College precinct traffic management plan is available on the College Parent Portal. It outlines the various traffic zones and rules to ensure the safety of the community. The college is not able to accept responsibility for any loss or damage to vehicles on or around the property.

The College has teacher supervision in the area outside the student lockers every morning from 8.15am until the start of PC. Unless students have a scheduled supervised activity, they should aim to arrive at school at 8.15am. Ad Altiora Place Library is open for students to quietly work, study, print documents etc from 7.30am in the mornings (Mon to Fri) if students need to be dropped off earlier than the recommended time. After school, there is also staff supervision in the Drop-Off zone outside Ad Altiora Place until 3.10pm. Again, the Library is open for students until 4pm (Mon – Thurs) and closes at 3pm on Fridays.

In all things: do your best, be your best - AD ALTIORA

Enjoy the fortnight ahead

**Anthony Stevens**  
**Assistant Principal**

## Community Matters

A warm welcome to the 2021 academic year, particularly to our Year 7 students and families and new students and families who have joined the Our Lady's College community. You are most welcome here.

I acknowledge our Year 12 Student Leaders and our Year 10 Big Sisters for their involvement in orientation activities for

our Year 7 students over the past week, in both modelling expectations and in providing support to the newest members of our community.



Pastoral Care is at the cornerstone of our work in Catholic schools. In my role, I work alongside Pastoral Leaders and the College Guidance Counsellor to link wellbeing with learning in order to maximise the educational and social outcomes for all students. I look forward to working closely with students and families to foster positive relationships and in continuing to provide a supportive environment here at Our Lady's.

This year we welcome Ms Leanne Morton as Pastoral Leader for Year 7 and 8 and Mrs Claire Manase as Pastoral Leader for Year 9 and 10. Mrs Bianca Johnson continues in her role as a Pastoral Leader for Year 11 and 12 students. This week you received a welcome email from your daughter's Pastoral Leader which outlined key dates for Term 1. Please refer to these dates and the College calendar for information related to upcoming community events.

## Attendance Matters

The new year provides opportunity for a fresh start. This week Pastoral Leaders addressed students regarding the importance of attendance. We know patterns of absenteeism are often linked to challenges with learning and a lack of connection to school. Absence has a significant impact on student progress, achievement, wellbeing, and their future success in work and in life. I encourage families to utilise the Parent Portal to notify the College of student absence and to make contact with your child's Pastoral Leader to discuss any emerging issues related to non-attendance.

At this time we remind families that if students are feeling unwell or experiencing flu-like symptoms, stay home. As we rejoin as a community it is important we continue to be mindful of personal health and hygiene practices during this time.

**Karen Chandler**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Student Wellbeing**

## In the Tradition

### Opening Assembly

At this assembly, our Student Leaders introduced the quote for the year – “May the spirit of unity and love reign amongst us”. Using the analogy of geese flying in formation, the students

explained the need to support and encourage each other, sharing the lead and responsibilities. As well, care for those struggling is also important as they work as a team.

It is hoped the quote inspires this teamwork aspect throughout our year.

## PC Gift

Each year the College presents a small gift to each Pastoral Care Class that usually forms part of the class prayer space. This year, the Student Leaders decided to use the funds to support our global family. A small amount in Australia can do an amazing amount of good in other countries. Through Catholic Mission, the students purchased 1 pig, 2 chickens, a sewing kit for a woman to start a business and stationery for a small school. Each of these gifts have the ability to assist those in poverty in a dignified and empowering way. Lastly the funds also allowed for the purchase of vaccines for six communities. To provide healthy futures, particularly for children, is a priceless gift. As Mary MacKillop said, we can "find happiness in making others happy." Thank you to our Leaders for this initiative.

## Opening Mass

The College will celebrate the Opening Mass on Tuesday 9th February at 11.15 am with Monsignor Meneely officiating. This is an opportunity to recognise the many aspects of our community and ask for God's blessings on the coming year. As well the Year 12 students have a special ceremony at the end of Mass with their induction ceremony as leaders and Seniors.

**In God's love,  
Linda Brandenburg  
Acting Deputy Principal  
Faith & Mission**

**Kay Holmes  
Campus Minister**

## Ad Altiora Place

*'More than just a library - a learning centre of information, instruction, immersion, inquiry and innovation'.*

## Welcome to 2021

Welcome back to all our students. We look forward to working with you this year.

Our college library is open each day at the following times:

Monday to Thursday: 7:30 - 4 pm

Friday: 7:30 - 3 pm (Closed during morning tea)

Students can borrow from the college library from the start of the term, as well as borrow from our online digital library. Students need to have their college id card to borrow. Don't forget to download the Sora App to be able to borrow ebooks from the Overdrive collection. Search for 'Brisbane Catholic Education' as the school, then log in with your student number.

**Join your local BCC Library** - Council libraries provide a wide range of services including book clubs, reading programs, computer training and events and workshops. There are many benefits for our students in also being a member of their local library. As a member, students can access a wide range of

online resources from home that will add to what is already available from our College library. Free wireless access is also available at BCC libraries.

## BCE Connect

BCE Connect is our new mobile app now available free from the app store for your mobile device. The app gives you mobile access to the parent portal including that latest news and announcements. Parents can log into the portal via the app and notify the college of absences or detail changes while on the go. If you need any assistance in setting up or using the app please contact Trisha Buckley by email on [pjbuckley@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pjbuckley@bne.catholic.edu.au)

## Year 7 and 8 students who wish to print from a home computer

Please send Mrs Buckley an email requesting an admin log on. Supply a preferred password, then ask your daughter to bring her laptop to leave with us in the library and we will create a new user so that parents may set up a network printer. Students have \$10 credit assigned to them, so it is possible to print from school while this process is completed.

## Laptop support

If you have any issues with your laptop, please bring it to Ad Altiora place as soon as possible. We are here to support and assist you.

We look forward to catching up about holiday reads!

**Trish Buckley - Teacher-Librarian/eLearning Coordinator, Michelle Hayward - Library Assistant; Hai Le - ICLT Technician**

## Our Lady's alumnus Clare Collins named Laureate Professor



Our Lady's College community warmly congratulates former student, Clare Collins, who has been awarded the title of Laureate Professor at The University of Newcastle.

Clare is only the second woman at the university, and the first for the Faculty of Health and Medicine, to receive this honour.

The professor of nutrition and dietetics has been breaking the mould since graduating from OLC in 1977.

She was the first in her family to attend university where she earned her Bachelor of Science and later her PhD.

"I didn't come from a family where people had been to university before - and there were five girls before there were any boys," she told the Newcastle Herald.

"At that time, it was unusual for women to be allowed to go to university or finish school. To be a first-in-family and female, I really do hope it lights the way for others.

"Hopefully, they'll tread that path, and people behind them will tread that path, and after that it will be a smooth highway in years to come."

Clare said her time at Our Lady's – particularly her Biology teacher Mr Cook – sparked her interest in nutrition science.

"Mr Cook was so passionate about Biology that you were drawn into the subject by his enthusiasm," she said.

"He showed me how much you can influence those around you when you share your passion for your area of expertise.

"My love of science and particularly helping people understand nutrition science has continued to grow since then."

Even today, more than 40 years since graduating, Clare can still recall the way in which Our Lady's helped inspire her later achievements.

"I am grateful for the extra freedom and support Our Lady's allowed me to develop both personally and academically," she said.

"I loved the range of opportunities the College provided, allowing me to transition into a more independent learner."

## 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)

**Absentee Email:** [absenteeOLC@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:absenteeOLC@bne.catholic.edu.au)

**Or via the Parent Portal**

## Café open at Mary Mac Community Centre

**Want to top off your school drop-off with a coffee?**

Café Solace is now operating out of the Mary Mac Community Centre near the carpark.

Café Solace is a *profit for purpose* café, powered by SCIPS. Café Solace's mission is to give young people the tools and opportunities to gain hands-on hospitality experience.

All of Solace's furniture was made by the Cert I Construction students at St Laurence's College, the coffee machine donated by Merlo, and the site we operate on provided by Our Lady's College.

Drop in when you drop-off for hot drinks with purpose!

Open: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7.45am



## College Newsletter and 2019 Calendar

Access our College Newsletter and 2019 College Calendar via the College website

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

## Important Dates and Deadlines

<b>9 February – Tuesday</b>	Opening College Mass
<b>10 February – Wednesday</b>	Sport Round 1 Spirit Day
<b>11 February – Thursday</b>	Swimming Carnival
<b>12 February – Friday</b>	SRC Friendship Day
<b>16 February – Tuesday</b>	Shrove Tuesday
<b>27 January – Wednesday</b>	Ash Wednesday P & F Meeting
<b>19 February – Friday</b>	Red for Rosies Day