



# OUR LADY'S COLLEGE

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newsletter

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## Principal's Message



As **ANZAC Day** approaches, we are reminded of the people of character who defended our nation.

Patrick Lindsay, in *The Spirit of the Digger*, reflects on what sets the Australian soldiers apart:

*Soldiers everywhere reflect, and are only as good as, the community from which they are drawn. It follows that Australians have the essence of the Digger within them. The spirit emerges when the individual calls on it in times of need. The image of the Digger is derived from an intricate amalgam of qualities: each has been proven in the heat of battle and has been personified at various times by remarkable members of the tribe. Chief among these qualities are mateship, courage, compassion, endurance, selflessness, loyalty, resourcefulness, devotion, independence, ingenuity, audacity, coolness, larrikinism and humour.*

## Year 7 Camp



At our Year 7 Camp, our girls investigated some of these values and our school values of compassion, justice, service and integrity. Like those named by Lindsay, the focus is on others – of selflessness rather than selfishness or self-centeredness. Our student leaders led the afternoon session of the first day exploring with the Year 7s how these values are shown in our everyday life at Our Lady's College: Thank you to Ngan, Mi Mi, Ellie, Charmi, Mae and Charlotte. The Year 7s were accompanied by their Pastoral Care Teachers, **Mr Sauvage, Mrs Ferguson, and Mrs Cavanagh;** and, **Ms Chandler** (AP: Student Wellbeing) who are also providing valuable input to the Camp sessions. We are grateful to them for so generously supporting the Camp with their time. **A huge thank you for the vision and organisation of the Camp goes to Ms Leanne Morton, our Year 7 & 8 Pastoral Leader.** Thank you to everyone who made this opportunity such a positive one for our Year 7s and their continued development as women of strong character.

## Cross Country

There is nothing quite like a Cross Country event to show qualities of endurance, tenacity and fortitude! The weather was kind as our students made their way around the 3km circuit of Yeronga Park on Wednesday afternoon. I am sure that Mr John Boumford was thinking of the students as he began the new chapter of his journey as a retiree after 40 years of service as an educator. **We thank Mr Boumford for his past 6 years at Our Lady's College as Leader of HPE and Sport.** Leading the Cross Country organisation and implementation for this year, was Mrs Celeste Amos. **We are most grateful to Mrs Amos for her generosity and resolve** to ensure that we have a quality team selected for the interschool Cross Country to be held on May 27.

## Uniform Update



During 2020, the College began exploring uniform options that allowed for warmth and some flexibility of choice. The incorporation of trousers and blouse as an option to our uniform offerings is being unveiled in this newsletter. **The trousers are charcoal grey and the blouse matches the material of the College dress.** At this time, we are **seeking parent feedback** on the design following consultation with the Student Representative Council in 2020. **The sample will be on display at the upcoming Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews on Tuesday 27 April with a form for feedback available. Thank you to Grace Klein who has modelled the sample for us in these photographs.** Once we have processed the feedback and passed that through to the manufacturers, the products will be created and then available (late 2021) from

The School Locker

The Zone Center (near Bunnings)

2118 Ipswich Road

Oxley

Please remember that all uniform items are now purchased from this location. The store is open Monday to Saturday. The website has been updated this week so that Our Lady's College uniform items are available through online ordering also.

We look forward to seeing families at our upcoming events on Tuesday 27:

- Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews from 2pm
- Year 11 Information Evening from 7pm

Shalom,

**Paula Goodwin**  
**Principal**

## Teaching and Learning

### Welcome back to Term Two

In most learning areas, the beginning of Term 2 brings with it the return of assessment results. For some, the receiving of results can bring mixed emotion. We encourage students and parents to use assessment feedback as a means of better understanding their learning successes as well as the focus of future learning goals. Term 2 assessment dates are now available on the student and parent portal. Parents and students are encouraged to be familiar with the College and QCAA policies regarding assessment submission and completion, including requirements regarding medical certificates and notification of absence from school. These details are included in the Student Diaries.

### Parent Teacher Student Interviews

On Tuesday 27 April, students will be dismissed from the College after Period 4 (approx. 1.10pm) as previously advised. This will allow us to begin Parent / Teacher / Student Interviews in the afternoon, allowing for more flexibility of availability for our families. If you require your daughter to be supervised after dismissal on this day, supervision will be provided in Ad Altiora Place until 2.50pm.

Interviews are 10 minutes in length and we look forward to having rich conversations about your daughter's progress at Our Lady's.

### Year 11

Also on Tuesday 27 April, (after Parent/Teacher/Student interviews), Our Lady's College will be providing an information session for all current Year 11 students and their parents. A formal parent invitation has been sent by Parent Slips for parents to RSVP.

Attendance at this evening is important as it will provide both students and their parents the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the results and implications the courses of study available.

### Year 10

Year 10 students will continue to build knowledge around career development in preparation for the SETPlan process in Term 3. In mathematics, students will begin the process of determining the level of mathematics they hope to pursue in senior years this term. Further details regarding this will be sent to students and parents via Parent Slips and email in the coming weeks.

## Year 9 and 7

### NAPLAN ONLINE

In the past couple of weeks, our students have been preparing for the conduct of the NAPLAN tests through participation in formal trials. These have been using the online writing format and an “omnibus” exam, which gives an indication of the exam conditions for all tests. Our thanks go to Mrs Kate Brims and the dedicated team preparing the students.

Students in Year 7 and Year 9 will be participating in the NAPLAN Tests at the College in May. It is important that students have the correct equipment for these tests. All students and parents have been previously advised of required equipment, but we still have some students who present to these tests without the compulsory headphones. Headphones can be purchased from shops, such as regular grocery stores, and these, while they are quite inexpensive, are most suitable for this purpose; ie the tests do not require the purchase of expensive headphones.

The use of “ear buds” or other Bluetooth connectable devices is not permitted in any class or any exam

For the purposes of these external exams (whether NAPLAN or senior exams) smart watches are never permitted.

Students will require:

- their college laptop (fully charged). To aid with efficiency, please have your student SHUT down their computer and complete any updates the night before each test.
- personal earphones/headphones that are compatible with their laptop
- pencil/pen

No calculator is required as this is provided in the online platform.

Further details can be found at the link below:

<https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p-10/naplan-online/general-information>

### On Campus Safety

Parents are reminded of the traffic conditions around the College at various times. Road signs prohibit a “right-turn” entrance into the drop-off zone from Chester Road. If travelling down the road on Chester Road, drivers must use the roundabout to come back up to the school to enter the drop-off zone; using a left turn.

The College cannot accept responsibility for any vehicular or damage of property of visitors to the College at any time.

Have a wonderful fortnight ahead.

**Anthony Stevens**  
**Deputy Principal**

## Community Matters

Pastoral Care brings together all aspects of school life – academic, social, physical and spiritual to maximise students potential in all domains of their development: cognitive, social, psychological, spiritual, physical and emotional.



All stages of schooling can present challenges. Pastoral Care can offer support and encouragement during the difficult times, as well as celebrate the good times of life. As our students grow and develop, we hope to assist them to come to know themselves more, so they are ready to face the challenges that lie ahead. Pastoral Care helps us to achieve this goal. At the College, our Pastoral Care programs are designed to meet the needs of relevant year levels. These program addresses aspects of personal and social development, vocational learning, mental health and wellbeing, financial literacy, and personal organisation and management.

At the centre of Pastoral Care are quality relationships. All college staff strive to know the learner and the person so our students can be given the best care and support. We also acknowledge the importance of strong relationships and communication between home and school. Positive, respectful and effective relationships promote student wellbeing and achievement.



The Parent Portal provides information for parents including announcements, upcoming events, the College calendar, newsletters, your student information, absence notification and school documents. Please use this platform as a tool to strengthen the relationship between home and school. The Pastoral Care link has some recent additions in the domain of Health and Wellbeing for your reference.

## Parent Portal set up reminder



### Setting up your account

A guide to getting started with your BCE Connect and Parent Portal account.

#### 1. Download BCE Connect



#### 2. Favourite your school



Favouriting your school in BCE Connect enables you to receive Push Notifications from the school and makes it easier to navigate back to the school by adding a shortcut on the home screen of the app.

#### 3. Create an account



Select the first-time logging in option and enter the e-mail address you have supplied the school. A security code will be sent to your email. Return to the page and follow the prompts to create your password.

#### 4. Log in



Log in to the BCE Connect App using your email address as your username and enter your newly created password.

Logging in will unlock all the features of BCE Connect. You can also access the Parent Portal from the Parent Portal link on the BCE Connect App.

#### 5. Visit the Parent Portal



The Parent Portal offers a more feature rich experience for Parents.

## SchoolTV

The SchoolTV series will continue to be made available via the Our Lady's School TV portal this year. SchoolTV focuses on mental health and wellbeing. Topics support both schools and parents in addressing the modern-day issues affecting adolescents. Topics currently available include:



- Cyber Safety
- Mental Health

- School Survival
- Healthy Bodies
- Topical Special Reports

Visit the Our Lady's site platform for more information. The link is also available via the parent portal.

<https://ourladyscollege.qld.schooltv.me/category-latest-newsletter>

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

## In the Tradition

### Photo Day

A reminder that orders should have been placed for photos (individual and/or Pastoral Care Class). Online orders are through [www.purplemoonphotography.com](http://www.purplemoonphotography.com). All students have an email copy of the schedule for the day and have been reminded of the need for perfect uniform and best smiles on the day.

## Holy Week



Unfortunately, due to lockdown, we didn't have the opportunity to finish the term with our Holy Week Liturgy. Thank you to the music and drama students who had prepared for this occasion and to Mrs Johnston and Mrs Ferguson for their time and effort. Luckily staff were able to have an outdoor liturgy which was very meaningful.

In God's love,

**Linda Brandenburg**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Faith & Mission**

## Campus Minister

### Project Compassion

Many thanks for the generous support of the Caritas Project Compassion campaign this year. The OLC community showed great compassion in raising **over \$1000**. Your contributions have been sent to Caritas to support their life-changing work.

### Prayers Please



With this weekend's commemoration of ANZAC Day in the middle of our Easter season, let us remember that the two share many common themes including personal sacrifice, victory in defeat, giving life for others – all in the pursuit of peace. Let us pray for a culture of peace to permeate our hearts, and thus our world.

May the blessings of Easter be yours throughout the season,

**Kay Holmes**  
**Campus Minister**

## College Newsletter and 2021 Calendar

Access our College Newsletter and 2021 College Calendar via the College website

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

## Important Dates

<b>26 April – Monday</b>	Anzac Day Holiday
<b>27 April – Tuesday</b>	College Assembly Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews Year 11 Parent Night
<b>28 April – Wednesday</b>	Photo Day
<b>30 April – Friday</b>	College Tour
<b>03 May – Monday</b>	Labour Day Holiday

## 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**