



Dear Parents and Carers,

GOALS

As we start on a new year people often make new year's resolutions. As we get older they often revolve around losing weight and getting fit and they are often forgotten as soon as we say them. But setting a challenging, but attainable, goal provides us with focus that keeps us on track when our motivation wanes. At school, students naturally find some subjects easier than others and therefore they spend more time on the work they like, which in turn means they don't improve at the ones they don't like. Setting a goal and putting it somewhere visible every day for students will help to keep them on track. If we are chasing a goal and we are making positive steps towards achieving it, this will make us feel better about ourselves. Setting goals for the school year could have the dual benefit of improving results and helping student wellbeing.

What do I mean by visible? One of my sons had a number on a post-it sticker on his wall in his bedroom. He saw it every day. It was his ATAR goal. It was his and it motivated him. He had something to chase. Simone Ogg our College Dux had an ATAR goal of 96 and achieved 99. You could put the goal on the fridge, in your school diary, anywhere you will see it every day.

I wouldn't recommend students in Year 7 have an ATAR mark on the wall as a goal. We are all motivated by different things. However, a challenging and attainable goal that we see regularly can help. I challenged the students to think about what they want to achieve from school this year. Looking back at their report from last year, talking to a teacher who knows them or you and your child discussing areas to improve can all assist in finding an area to target. Don't put 96 on the wall if you struggle academically. It may be that you look at your grades from last year and want to go one higher in all your subjects or in a particular subject.

As I move around the school I am asking students if they have made a goal and to share it with me. I am sure we will find that the students achieving accolades for their achievements at the end of the year will be the ones with goals.

COLLEGE EVENTS

We have had the opening College Mass and the Swimming Carnival since I last wrote. Although they are different events they are both great examples of the spirit and culture of Mt St Pat's. To be truly part of the College students need to be here for everything. Everyone and everything adds up to what makes us Mt St Pat's. With a foreboding forecast and skies, there was a terrific turnout and participation from students for the Swimming Carnival. Mr Tim Whitney and his band of helpers are to be heartily congratulated. The opening Mass had the church bursting at the seams and Father Anthony's invitation to all that they are welcome and belong set a lovely tone for the Mass and the year. As the new student leaders made their pledge to the College and I felt very proud to be part of Mt St Patrick College.

WELLBEING LESSONS

There are regular wellbeing lessons at the College. Mrs Shields has added to this program with wellbeing journals for 2020. This will be explained in the Leader of Welfare section in the next Newsletter, but I want to add my support for this terrific initiative to assist our young people to navigate their teenage years.

STUDENT DRIVING

If you have a student who is driving to school, please speak to them about safety, both theirs and others. We have had reports of some students not taking enough care on their travel to and from school. We will speak to those we can identify but would prefer if everyone was taking due care. This includes parking which is at a premium at the College. Students need to be considerate of others when driving and parking.

Welcome to 2020. The holidays quickly become a faded memory as we all move into the school year.

Regards



Paul Reidy
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Thanks to all those parents, grandparents and friends who attended this successful Carnival on an overcast Friday 7th February, 2020. Thanks to parents for your generous donation of food or funds for the P & F Stall which produced outstanding gluten-free and gluten-full treats!

Congratulations to Loreto House on their win and to all those students who were Age Champions or Runner Up. Thanks to all the students who attended and participated, even though they might be not be skilled swimmers. Also a thank you to the TRAC staff for looking after our school so well with their great facilities.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Due to the unexpected closure of the College on Thursday 13th February, 2020 due to flooding, we were unable to complete the scheduled homeroom/sibling photos or the catch-up ID/Portrait Photo for students who were absent on Tuesday 11th February. The next available date for MSP Photography to do these photos is Friday 20th March. All students are to be in dress uniform on this day. MSP will make contact with those families who wanted to have sibling photos to arrange a time.

This delay will impact those students absent on 11th February who have ordered a portrait pack or are in Years 7, 9 or 11 or new to the College in Years 8 or 10 and are waiting on their new ID photo/card.

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Next Tuesday 25th February, Year 12 College students Lauren Cahill and Janardhan Jolivet will take part in the Murwillumbah Lions Club-sponsored round of this national Competition.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Year 7 from 6.30pm on Thursday 27th February in the Gilbey Centre
Years 11 & 12 from 6.30pm on Wednesday 4th March in the Gilbey Centre

ANZAC DAY: MURWILLUMBAH

This year Anzac Day will occur on the Saturday before Term 2 begins for NSW schools. The College Band and Drumline will be leading the Murwillumbah March and will accompany the various hymns and anthems at the service.

As is our tradition, students and staff are encouraged to march as a group following our College banner and senior leaders. Students who wish to march should assemble on the footpath opposite the Murwillumbah Post Office at 10am in full dress uniform, including the College hat (and sunscreen), ready for the 10.30am March to the Cenotaph service which usually finishes by approx. 11.25am.

Mary-Anne McShane
Assistant Principal

FROM THE CURRICULUM CO-ORDINATOR

PARENT MEETINGS

There are two parent information evenings coming up which are important for parents to attend so that they can be informed about their child/ren's learning pathway. It is important that a partnership is forged between parents and teachers with the common goal of educating their child and ensuring they reach their potential.

Year 7 Information night – Thursday 27th February at 6.30pm in the Gilbey Centre.

Year 11 and 12 Information night – Wednesday 4th March at 6.30pm in the Gilbey Centre.

ASSESSMENT CALENDARS

Assessment Calendars are found on the College Website. Next week students will be given a brochure directing them to the Assessment Calendars and detailing the Assessment rules. Please familiarize yourself with this information and take assessment dates into account when booking social activities or holidays.

ASSESSMENT RULES

1. Assessments are designed to give valuable feedback to staff and students which will guide Teaching and Learning. They also enable the College to allocate appropriate grades.
2. The Assessment Calendars are found on the College website. <https://mspclism.com/calendars/> Please check and discuss any issues immediately with your teacher.
3. Absent from a Task:
Text or phone' the College before 9.00am on the day detailing reason.
Report to your subject teacher before 9.00am on the day of return to organise to complete the task. Failure to do so results in a zero score. Year 10-12 students must present a Doctor's Certificate or other documentation to the teacher if absent from a task. Please note a family holiday is not a suitable excuse to miss an assessment task.
4. If you know you will be absent from a task for any reason please fill in a Variation to Assessment Form (available from the Assessment website or at the front office) and present it to your teacher at least 3 days before the task.
5. Late Tasks- deduction of 20% per day late. After 3 days a zero is recorded.
6. Plagiarism can result in a zero being recorded for all participants involved.

Narelle Sherrah
Leader of Curriculum

FROM THE LEADERS OF WELLBEING

LUCAN

LUCAN UPDATE

Thank you all students who swam bravely and gallantly at the Swimming Carnival in the gloomy weather. Unfortunately, we did not have enough swimmers enter events and finished 4th in the participation points and 4th in the overall points. All houses have the same number of students; therefore, we will be able to put up a better effort in the Cross Country in on Tuesday 28th April.

In regards to uniform, Lucan students have started the year well providing notes if in wrong uniform, however, please do not allow canvas shoes to be worn to school with sports uniform. If they do not have the correct joggers, students should wear their dress uniform instead.

Should you have any issues, please contact your child's homeroom teacher or myself.

Josh McCormack
Leader of Wellbeing – Lucan
GO GREEN MACHINE

YEAR 11

Firstly welcome back to 2020 and welcome to senior school for students (and parents) in Year 11. If you aren't already aware I am the Wellbeing Co-ordinator for students in Year 11 in 2020 and will then move with them to complete Year 12 in 2021. This continuity will hopefully support students in senior school more holistically and create a level of security of care for both students and parents through students senior education. With this holistic view in mind I would like to introduce the Year 11 Homeroom Teachers for 2020, in Lucan – Mr Brendan Campbell, Nagle – Miss Hannah Clarke, Lisieux – Ms Vanessa Mobbs, Loreto – Mr Luke O'Grady Monday to Wednesday and Mr Phil

Bindon at weeks end. Please feel free to contact these fantastic teachers if you have any concerns relating to homeroom or daily organisation for your student/s.

I would like to bring to your attention the importance of the upcoming information evening for Year 11 parents and students on Wednesday 4th March as noted in an email from Mrs Narelle Sherrah. The change from junior to senior education in secondary school is sometimes quite dramatic, with many carers and students getting confused in the noise of terms like HSC and ATAR. The information evening is designed to answer many questions regarding welfare, study, curriculum and timelines relating to senior education at the College. I cannot highlight the importance of this evening enough for those both new to Senior school education and those who are unsure of all the procedures and timelines of students in Years 11 and 12.

On a welfare note I would like to congratulate Year 11s on both their excellent attendance and behavior to start the year, they have been a pleasure to work with and have set an excellent tone for 2020 and beyond. As parents and carers of these amazing young adults please feel free to contact me with any issues relating to the welfare of your son or daughter either via phone or email. Early prevention and/or intervention is key in all situations whether it be attendance, wellbeing, assessment or any other matter relating to a student at the College. I would urge you to keep the school updated with any issues you believe to be crucial to success students at the College, not only academically but as young adults in ever-changing world.

Once again thank you for your support in 2020 so far and into the future

Mathew Lynch
 Leader of Wellbeing - Year 11
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FACULTY NEWS

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The rain stayed away, the kids came and the carnival ran. Who would have thought after 16mm the day prior and overnight that we could get through a major carnival, but we did!

Congratulations to Loreto our 2020 Champions, results are below:

Final Points Score

1 st	– Loreto	1647 pts
2 nd	– Lisieux	1602 pts
3 rd	– Nagle	1502 pts
4 th	– Lucan	1405pts

Participation Winners

1 st	– Lisieux	368 competitors
2 nd	– Loreto	361 competitors
3 rd	– Nagle	313 competitors
4 th	– Lucan	308 competitors

AGE CHAMPIONS

AGE	BOYS AGE CHAMPION	BOYS RUNNER UP	GIRLS AGE CHAMPION	GIRLS RUNNR UP
12	Isiah Doevendans	Sean Farrelly	Layla Hutchinson	Ella McCluskey
13	Martin Smith	Matthew Ryan	Alexis Pelikan	Isabella Millar
14	Zayne Chisholm	Jacob Lanyon	Olive Jacobs	Hannah Millar
15	Jacob Beck	Hudson Bosnich	Elizabeth Warne / Kloe Mills	
16	Quinn McCarthy	Darcy Wills	Abbey Bevan	Bree Chisholm
OPEN	Joseph Warne	Jared Carney	Hayley Smith	Sashi Wills
AWD	n/a			

RECORD BREAKER

Quinn McCarthy U16 Male 50m Breaststroke 35.42s. Previous: Russell Chandler, 2015, 35.80s

HIGHEST NSWCCC HONOUR FOR EX STUDENT

Imogen Evans spent four years at Mt St Patrick College where she repeatedly showed her significant sporting talent. Imogen represented the College in multiple sports but it was in Australian Rules Football where she really excelled. Imogen captained the NSWCCC team two years in a row. She was picked in the NSW All Schools team in 2019 and was a co-captain, she attended the week long School Sport Australia competition where she performed exceptionally well and was one of only two New South Wales girls to be picked in the All Australian Team.

Imogen attended the New South Wales Combined Catholic Colleges Sports Association's 23rd Blue Awards which were held at St Mary Star of the Sea College in Wollongong on Monday 3rd February. Here she was presented with her NSW "Blue" award, the highest honour you can achieve as a representative athlete in the NSWCCC sporting system.



Imogen has now moved to Palm Beach Currumbin where she can further her skills in Aussie Rules. We wish her the very best of luck in the future and wait until the day we can watch her debut in the AFLW.

DIOCESAN OPEN SOCCER TRIALS

All senior soccer players are reminded that registrations close very soon for players wanting to be considered for invitation to attend the Open trials. The registration process closes on Wednesday 4th March. Successful applicants will be invited to attend. Filling out this registration form does not necessarily allow you to attend the trials to be held in Lismore on 17th March. <https://sport.lism.catholic.edu.au/registration/>

IMPORTANT DATES TERM 1

It will be a busy sporting term for us all, here are some dates to put in your diaries:

NSW All School Triathlon 26 & 27th Feb – Penrith (need to have registered <https://csnsw.sport/> by 19th February)

Diocesan Touch Football Trials 3rd March – Coffs Harbour (need to have registered by 18th Feb
<https://sport.lism.catholic.edu.au/registration/>)

Q Schools Cup Aussie Rules Junior Boys and Girls 4th March – Byron Bay

Diocesan Swimming 5th March – Lismore

Q Schools Cup Aussie Rules Senior Boys and Girls 6th March – Byron Bay

Tweed Shire Golf Championships 10th March – Murwillumbah Golf Course

Titans 9's Rugby League 12th March – South Tweed

Diocesan Winter Sport Trials (application only – <https://sport.lism.catholic.edu.au/registration/>) 17th March – Lismore

Diocesan Tennis 17th March – Arkinstall Park

Girls League Tag 24th March – Murwillumbah

NSWCCC Swimming 31st March – Sydney

Diocesan Northern Open Soccer Boys and Girls 1st April – Lismore

Diocesan Open Basketball 1st & 2nd April – Coffs Harbour

Tim Whitney
Sports Coordinator

COLLEGE NEWS

SCHOOL COMPUTERS UPDATE

YEAR 7 AND 10 LAPTOP/HYBRID COMPUTER ROLLOUT

Year 10 and 7 students will have just received their new hybrid tablet laptops. For most students their ipad and computer skills will transfer over to the new laptop, however there are some new and important features around digital inking that will require some upskilling by students. We will be running tutorial sessions during classes over the next term to encourage students to effectively utilise the new features of the device.



As the pens that come with the device are very expensive to replace, all students in Year 7 and 10 are required to use the school issued case, as the pen is attached to the case. Each student's pen has been labelled, however if this rubs off over time, you may need a Sharpie or Nikko pen to reapply your child's name. The students are able to use the pen directly from the device so the pen will never need to be removed from its tether. We will have a small amount of pens available at the library to borrow for one day at a time if a pen breaks, however if a pen is lost a new one will need to be purchased from the office at cost price. If students abide by the policy of not removing the pen from the case, hopefully this will be a non-issue.

Notice to all parents:

Loan Agreement Forms, FAQ, Computer Network Policy, Computer Terms Conditions

- Loan Agreement Form
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Computer Laptop Network Policy
- Computer Laptop Terms and Conditions

I would like to remind parents that as per our Terms and Conditions, if a student leaves the College prior to completing the term of their computer agreement or moves to another College, interstate or overseas, the computer MUST be

paid out in full and returned to the IT Help Desk for reimaging before being returned to the student. If you would like to review our policies around this, you can view the agreement @ <https://mspclism.com/curriculum/it/>. Approximately \$250 of the computer price is dedicated to the warranty, which includes 3 claims per calendar year. Screen breakages are the most common breakage, which if not covered by warranty would cost approximately \$700 to replace. For students leaving the College, when you buy your computer out, it comes with this warranty for you to use for the 3 year life of the policy. Please note that each claim comes with a \$55 excess. Should you have any questions regarding this policy, please don't hesitate to contact me on this email. natalie.webster@lism.catholic.edu.au

Natalie Webster
Learning Technologies Co-ordinator

UPCOMING LITERARY AND CULTURAL EVENTS

Film-maker, author and paramedic for over twenty years, Benjamin Gilmour will be talking to Year 12 English classes on Monday 24 February during period 2. Benjamin directed the films 'Jirga' (2019), 'Paramedico' (2012) and 'Son of a Lion' (2008). He is the author of the books 'Warrior Poets' and 'Paramedico – Around the World by Ambulance.' His latest book, 'The Gap', has been described as "sharp, absorbing, humane and honest." Benjamin was recently interviewed on 'Conversations' on ABC radio and we are delighted that he will share his insights and experiences on the creative writing process with our senior students.

On Friday 13th March, the Year 9 cohort and Year 11 and 12 Drama classes will watch a production entitled 'Meltdown' performed by the acclaimed Zeal Theatre Company. With Zeal's dynamic multi-character acting and blend of music, drama and comedy, 'Meltdown' is a powerful and relatable story that explores anxiety, stress and the impact of social media. The production will offer the students effective ways to navigate and respond to these personal and societal issues. Following the performance, the Year 9, 11 and 12 Drama classes will participate in a group-devising workshop in periods 3 and 4.

To complement the Year 8 English study of 'The Boy in The Striped Pyjamas', the 'Courage to Care Team' will be conducting workshops on Wednesday 18th March. Courage to Care is a celebration of people who choose to stand up and confront discrimination and injustice. This positive and proactive program uses examples from the past to plant the seeds of awareness, understanding and empathy for others. This is the second year that the Courage to Care team has visited the College.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LEARNING HUB

The new Learning Hub will have extended opening hours each Wednesday, commencing on February 26 (week 5). By remaining open until 5pm, students will have the opportunity to study, revise, complete homework and to work independently and collaboratively. I will also be available to assist students with essay and creative writing.

The Seed Library is a new initiative in the College. A range of vegetable seeds will be available for members of the College community. Simply come to the Learning Hub and collect up to three packets at a time. The process is designed to build and establish a shared and sustainable program. Simply plant the seeds, harvest and then collect and return some seeds.

We are seeking additional donations of vegetable seeds from our community. We ask that you place the seeds in bags along with any important information such as when and where to plant the seeds, seed depth etc.

Michael Lill
English/Drama/Library Teacher

ENVIRONMENT MATTERS.

MSPC is again conducting a Schools Clean Up Australia Day on Friday February 28. Students can join the action, this year called "Step up to Clean Up", by following the link below. Parents, or students, might like to make a donation at the same address. <https://www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au/fundraisers/chriscore/mt-st-pats-college>

Our Enviro group continues to evolve, with new members welcome. This year we will again focus on tree planting days and recycling initiatives in school. Last year's Year 10 Environment leaders have been invited to a Symposium with all Gold Coast schools at the start of Term 2. They will hopefully return from this with lots of new initiatives. The Enviro Group meets in N40 on Mondays - check the bulletin for details.

Chris Core

AWARDS

CO-ORDINATOR'S, PRINCIPAL'S AND COLLEGE AWARDS

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CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

Year 8

Phonika Gumm, Khloe Mann, Hannah Millar, Ned Rogers, Annaliese Schmechtig, Amelia Keyes, Filippos Mackney, Charles Shepherd.

Year 9

Kaleb Boddie, Joseph Colnan, Blake Cracknell, Nicholas Gordon, Kloe Mills, Milla Pearson, Paige Rochford, Tabitha Stratton, Harry Teeling, Oliver Webb, Cameron McLean, Neo Willis.

Year 10

Jacob Beck, Leo Blackwell-Barnes, Tessa Hendrikse, Jayden Bourke.

Year 11

Morgan Burgess, April Evans, Rose Evans, Jemima Forsyth, Patrick Gray, Darcy Hannah, Joshua Lees, Ella McKnight, Mayah McLean, Lia Newland, Linsey Thomson.

Year 12

Flynn Overall, Zac Ings, Matilda Nimmo (2), Zackery Ryan, Kristen Schmechtig, Emyleigh Shepherd, Saxon Wales, Zachary Wightley.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Year 8

Phonika Gumm, Ned Rogers.

Year 9

Blake Cracknell, Kloe Mills.

Year 10

Tessa Hendrikse

Year 11

Joshua Lees, Mayah McLean, Lia Newland, Linsey Thomson.

Year 12

Matilda Nimmo

COLLEGE AWARDS

Year 10

Tessa Hendrikse

Year 11

Joshua Lees

Year 12

Matilda Nimmo

LORETO

CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

Year 8

Brayden Murcott, William Wallace.

Year 9

Lucas Chapman, Wyatt Gradisnik, Hallie Nash, Talyn Nix, Lilly Steele, Ezra Taylor.

Year 10

Lillyan Charman, Ruby Denner, Lily Higgins, Charles Warren, Sidney Willis, Amy Hanson.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Year 8

Brayden Murcott

Year 9

Talyn Nix

Year 10

Amy Hanson

LUCAN

CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

Year 8

Evan Buch, Tiamika Davidson, Caleb Smith.

Year 9

Piper Adams, Ayla Baartz, Zali Belcher, Liam Ferguson, Kirrily Leach, Harrison Lever, Matilda McTaggart, Cooper Shields, Lily Van Den Driest, Mischa Zabala, Elijah Chandler.

Year 10

Rory Flynn, Monique Friend, Isabelle Logan, Jayde Shultz.

Year 12

Hayley Smith

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Year 8

Evan Buch

Year 9

Ayla Baartz, Zali Belcher, Liam Ferguson, Lily Van Den Driest, Elijah Chandler.

Year 10

Monique Friend

NAGLE

CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

Year 7

Isiah Doevendans (2)

Year 8

Lachlan Darby, Luken Ennis, Jordan Scanlan.

Year 9

Elyce Kuhnell, Georgia Lollback, Leo Molinari.

Year 10

Lilly-Anne Crawford, Christian Lollback.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

Year 8

Lachlan Darby, Jordan Scanlan.

Year 9

Elyce Kuhnell

Year 10

Christian Lollback

COLLEGE AWARDS

Year 9

Elyce Kuhnell

Year 10

Christian Lollback

CALENDARS & ROSTERS

Term 1

Week 5

Mon	24/2	Day 16	Mon	2/3	Day 1
Tues	25/2	Day 17	Tues	3/3	Day 2
Wed	26/2	Day 18	Wed	4/3	Day 3
Thurs	27/2	Day 19	Thurs	5/3	Day 4
Fri	28/2	Day 20	Fri	6/3	Day 5

Week 6

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 1

Week 5

24/2 Billy Battese
 25/2 Anne Daly
 26/2 Chris Reynolds
 27/2 Gundi Newland
 28/2 Gene Molloy

Week 6

2/3 **Staff Development Day**
 3/3 Sharon Horner
 4/3 Chris Reynolds
 5/3 Jenny Curnow
 6/3 Lesley Bridges

2019 CALENDAR

Feb 26th Ash Wednesday Liturgy, Sacred Heart
 26th – 27th NSW All Schools' Triathlon, Penrith
 27th College Assembly
 Coding/Gaming Masterclasses
 6.30pm Yr 7 Parent Information Evening, Gilbey Centre
 27th – 28th CSDA Debating
 28th Yr 7 Currumbin Challenge – Group 1
 March 2nd Staff Development Day, No student attendance
 3rd Dio Touch Football Trials, Coffs
 Yr 12 RSA Group 1
 4th QSchools Cup AFL Jnr Boys/Girls
 6.30pm Yr 11 & 12 Parent Information Evening
 5th Dio Swimming, Lismore
 Newsletter home
 6th Yr 7 Currumbin Challenge – Group 2
 QSchools Cup AFL Snr Boys/Girls

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tweed Coast Raiders JRL are open for registrations for the 2020 season. Registrations are open for boys and girls who are turning 5 in 2020 to aged 12 for girls and 16 for boys.
 A call also for girls 13 to 16 years to compete in the Ladies League Friday nights.

Google Tweed Coast Raiders JRL and click on the registration link. Cost is \$200.00 per player and includes all CRL fees and playing kit. Family discounts may apply. For further information please call Anna 0419901586

BASE

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Nominations NOW OPEN

BASE Youth Leadership is recognising, honouring and celebrating the remarkable achievements of young women and men in Years 11 & 12 in the Tweed & Byron Shires.

All students in Years 11 and 12 are encouraged to enter. Entry is free. Finalists are recognised and winners of each award **receive \$500, a trophy and a shield for their school**. All finalists will be considered to receive one of **two university scholarships** offered by Southern Cross University. Please see website for instructions on how to apply and for closing dates for nominations.

Categories are:

- **Academic and Leadership Award**
- **Creative Arts & Performing Award**
- **Community Service Award**
- **Sports Award**
- **Youth Spirit Award**

For more information and to nominate go to
www.baseleadership.com.au

All updates can be found on Instagram @baseyouthleadership

www.baseleadership.com.au



Fact Sheet

Parking Enforcement Vehicle (PEV)



Information on the PEV

Tweed Shire Council is making significant improvements to the way in which we monitor and enforce the road rules in the Tweed Shire. These improvements aim to ensure a consistent approach is taken to parking enforcement that meets the public's expectations and maintains the safety of other road users and pedestrians as illegal parking can have numerous effects including:

- restricted visibility of other road users
- traffic congestion
- impede pedestrian access
- availability of designated parking spaces

After a competitive tender process, Council entered into a formal agreement with Duncan Solutions Australia in 2019 who are responsible for the supply, installation and ongoing support of a vehicle-mounted mobile parking infringement system for use within the Tweed Shire.

As a result, in early 2020 Council will launch a parking enforcement vehicle equipped with state-

of-the-art camera and software technology that identifies instances of non-compliance where parking restrictions are in place. There are a range of benefits of using this technology including:

- increased safety for pedestrians and drivers;
- optimised parking availability for vehicles;
- safer school zones; and
- less traffic congestion.

The technology

Council have equipped a Toyota Camry hybrid with technology (SenFORCE) provided by Duncan Solutions Australian and SenSen Networks. SenFORCE is the world's most advanced, award winning, fully automated, end-to-end mobile parking enforcement solution that enables operators to simply patrol an area with no manual intervention necessary.

The vehicle is fitted with the SenFORCE system with all zones and parking rules for the Tweed Shire preloaded into the system with automatic synchronisation into a cloud-hosted back-office. The solution includes a weather proof pod mounted on the roof racks of the vehicle where the cameras are located.

The pod is equipped with a centimetre accurate GPS system which tracks the location of both enforcement and violating vehicles. Parking zones are loaded into the system using mapping software including Google Earth and are connected to the cloud-hosted back-office over a 4G network.

There are six cameras located within the pod that provide a 360 degree view that allow the capture

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of licence plate information. As the vehicle patrols an area the SenFORCE system determines the exact location of parked vehicles and whether they comply with respective parking or road rules. The system is capable of detecting offences in real time such as bus zones, school zones, clearways, no parking zones and other parking rules in place and only once an offence has been detected does the system capture the licence plate of an offending vehicle. While the system has the ability to detect and capture images of other objects including people, it automatically masks a person's face to ensure privacy laws are complied with.

Any offences detected by the system are uploaded to the cloud-based back-office in real-time and are reviewed by authorised Council staff who assess each offence detected to ensure the accuracy of the alleged offence prior to a penalty notice being issued to the registered owner of the vehicle detected.

Penalty notices issued from this system are sent in the mail to the recipient, however in some cases a parking officer may decide to issue a penalty notice at the time of the offence being detected.

Frequently asked questions.

What happens to the images of the parked vehicles that are not parked illegally?

Only once an offence has been detected does the system capture the licence plate of an offending vehicle.

Are images of people and children recorded and why?

If a person, regardless of age, is within the immediate vicinity of a vehicle that has been detected committing an offence, the system will capture an image of the vehicle however any person included in images obtained will automatically have their face masked to ensure their identify is protected.

Are penalty notices issued at the time of an offence?

In most cases penalty notices will not be issued at the time of the offence being detected. As the parking enforcement vehicle patrols an area and detects an offence it will automatically capture the licence plate of the vehicle and the respective offence the vehicle has committed. This information will be sent in live-time to Council's cloud-based back-office in order for a Council officer to assess the alleged offence at which point a penalty notice will be issued and sent in the mail. In some cases a parking officer may choose to issue a penalty notice at the time of an offence being detected.

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What can I do if I disagree with the infringement notice?

Council does not accept any requests for review in relation to any penalty notices issued.

If you believe a penalty notice has been issued in error or wish to seek leniency based on certain circumstances you must contact Revenue NSW on 1300 138 118 or visit www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/mypenalty. Alternatively you can have the matter determined by a court.

What happens with the money collected from parking infringements?

Revenue generated from parking enforcement funds a range of projects and initiatives within Council including the ongoing costs associated with the parking enforcement vehicle.

Do you have permission to record parked vehicles?

Council are a delegated authority under legislation relating to parking and road related offences that allows authorised officers to investigate and gather necessary evidence to prove an offence. During the commission of a parking offence, Council Rangers currently capture a number of images of an offending vehicle that are used as evidence in any court proceedings. The implementation of the parking enforcement vehicle allows the automatic capture of licence plate information under relevant laws that will be used as evidence to prove an offence.

What is the benefit of the vehicle?

There are a range of benefits of using this technology including increased safety for pedestrians and drivers, optimised parking availability for vehicles, safer school zones and less traffic congestion.

The vehicle will be able to respond to high risk areas such as specific school zones that have seen an increase in traffic congestion or pedestrian safety related issues with an aim of both detecting and reducing offences occurring.

Council will utilise its internal intelligence to map both high risk and 'hot spot' areas on an ongoing basis and the vehicle will be tasked to monitor these areas to bring about a change in driver behaviour.

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Parking Enforcement Vehicle (PEV)



How does the car recognise if an offence has occurred?

As the vehicle patrols an area the SenFORCE system determines the exact location of parked vehicles and whether they comply with respective parking or road rules at that location. The system is capable of detecting offences in real time such as bus zones, school zones, clearways, no parking zones and other parking rules in place and only once an offence has been detected does the system capture the licence plate of an offending vehicle. Any offence detected by the system is uploaded to the cloud-based back-office in real-time and are reviewed by authorised Council staff who assess each offence detected to ensure the accuracy of the alleged offence prior to a penalty notice being issued to the registered owner of the vehicle detected.

How many of these vehicles does Council have?

Council has one vehicle that is equipped with the technology.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.tweed.nsw.gov.au/Parking>

<https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/fines-and-fees/request-a-review>

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/improving-nsw/projects-and-initiatives/nsw-fines-review/nsw-government-authorities/>

Swimming Carnival

