



Dear Parents and Carers,

End of Year

We are rushing towards the end of the 2020 school year: a year of such contrasts and challenges. Reports and final presentations are just around the corner. I hope that they will provide due reward for effort, but more importantly insight into the progress of your child/young person.

Students assist with many activities at this time of year which bring the year to a logical conclusion. School days may not look exactly the same and the assessments may be complete but there is much benefit in being at school for these other activities and for the connectedness and belonging that it provides.

Formal

The Year 12 Formal was held under the beautiful lights on a lovely cool evening. The graduates looked stunning in their gowns and suits. There was a terrific feel to the evening and I thank the parents and graduates for their contribution to this atmosphere. Staff, Year 11 students and the College P & F all did a fantastic job in organising and running the evening. Special mention to Year 12 Coordinator Mrs Kath Swift for her effort. It was a truly wonderful way to farewell Year 12 2020 and wish them all the best for their future. I hope that Mt St Patrick College always occupies a special place in their heart.

2021

We are currently timetabling for 2021. It is important that we have accurate lists of students. If you are planning for your child/children to be enrolled elsewhere for 2021 it would be appreciated if you could please contact the College to inform us.

Final Thought

We can all think of lots of reasons to be angry about things. Big things happening in the world and small things that just relate to us. We are in Advent, which is a season of hope as we head to Christmas and I thought of Martin Luther King Jr, *"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."* Let's try and think of the positive outcomes that our love can give to others and to ourselves.

Be the Good and God Bless.

Paul Reidy
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

GOOD NEWS UPDATE RE TROUSERS FOR BOYS

It is hard to write about trousers when this week has been so hot and steamy. In 2020 an increasing number of boys wanted to wear the grey long trousers in the cooler months. Our uniform supplier, 'Work 'n' Country', in Main Street Murwillumbah have stocked single pairs of trousers in range of sizes. They are the same colour, material and 'Yakka' brand as the boys' dress uniform shorts.

Boys who wish to have trousers for 2021 are asked to try on the available sizes at Work 'n' Country. They will then order the required number of trousers, in the correct sizes, so that they will be available in our Winter (June – the end of Term 2). This could be a great Christmas present for that 'hard to buy for' young man!

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

We will be staging our usual Presentation Assembly in the Gilbey Hall next Friday 11th December from 1.45pm to acknowledge the achievements of students in Years 7 – 11 during this very unusual year. Unfortunately, we are unable to have parents attend the Presentation in person but we will be live-streaming the event for parents/grandparents/carers to view. Logins will be emailed to parents and carers.

FREE DENTAL HEALTH CARE CHECKS

This service was offered to all College students earlier in the year and we were scheduled to have a visit on Monday 2nd November, 2020. We forwarded all the acceptances by the due date and have not been able to get a response from the organisers since then. I can only surmise that the visit will be re-scheduled in 2021!

YEAR 8 – 10 EQUIPMENT LISTS FOR 2021

YEAR 8 EQUIPMENT LIST

- The number of pages for the books listed is an approximation.
- All students will be issued with a 2021 College Diary on their first day, with the cost included in Fees.
- It is recommended that students purchase a study envelope folder for transporting assignment and assessment outlines, etc.
- **Please DO NOT purchase notebooks divided into 4 or 5 subjects – students need separate books for each subject.**

General Requirements	Blue, red, black pens HB pencils Ruler and Eraser Set of coloured pencils / highlighter / textas
English	1x A4 180 page book – workbook 1x A4 128 page book – journal
Maths	1x 240 page grid book Geometry set Scientific calculator (can be purchased through the College – approx. \$20)
Science	1x A4 240 page book
RE	1x 148 page book
HSIE: History / Geography	2x A4 96 page books
Technology	Hair net (slumber net) if applicable – available at chemist Apron (available from the College) A4 book and folder/text – supplied in Year 7
Art	Most requirements covered in Visual Arts fee 2b pencil 4b pencil Aquarelle coloured pencils Artline 200 fine 0.4 pen Students will use their Year 7 Sketchbook (VADD). A new one will not be supplied
Music	1x 96 page Music book (includes line music pages plus normal pages) A5 size 1 plectrum (guitar pick)
PDHPE	1x A4 148 page book
French	1x 120 page book 1x plastic envelope with gusset

YEAR 9 AND 10 EQUIPMENT LIST

- The number of pages for the books listed is an approximation.
- All students will be issued with a 2021 College Diary on their first day, with the cost included in Fees.
- It is recommended that students purchase a study envelope folder for transporting assignment and assessment outlines, etc.
- **Please DO NOT purchase notebooks divided into 4 or 5 subjects.**

General Requirements	Blue, black, red pens HB & 2B pencils Ruler and Eraser Pencil sharpener
Religion	1x 240 page exercise book
English	2 x A4 180 page books (Workbook, Journal)
Maths	1x 260 page grid book Scientific calculator (can be purchased through the College – approx. \$20)
Science	1x A4 240 page exercise book
PDHPE	1x A4 148 page exercise book
PASS	1x A4 148 page exercise book
Geography	1x A4 148 page exercise book
History	1x A4 148 page exercise book
Art	Sketch book (VAPD) is covered in elective fees, but basic equipment such as 2B, 3B pencils etc are needed + lined A4 notebook + A4 plastic display folder & USB stick Will be used for 2 years
Food Technology	A4 book or ring binder + paper Apron + solid upper leather shoes
Photography	A4 plastic sleeve display book A4 sketch book Lined A4 notebook or exercise book 1x 148 page exercise book
Commerce	1x A4 96 page notebook
Aqua and Marine Technology (100 hrs)	1x A4 96 page exercise book
Drama	1 x A4 Bound Books (plain) 148 pages 1 x A4 Spiral Bound Sketch Book
Industrial Technology - Timber	1 x A4 96 page exercise book
Music	1 x A4 128 page Music book 1 x A4 plastic sleeve display book

ISTEM/Multimedia – to be advised in class.

Year 7 requirements are contained in book packs which can be ordered online.

Year 11 and 12 students usually use folders divided into subjects or individual A4 ruled binder books for each subject which can be organised in folders. Senior students might want to wait until the new year to get their teacher's recommendation for particular subjects.

Mary-Anne McShane
Assistant Principal

FACULTY NEWS

MINISTRY

YEAR 10-12 RETREATS 2021

The 2021 Year 12 Retreat will take place on **Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th February (Week 4, Term 1)** and the Year 10 Retreat in two groups from **Monday 8th March to Friday 12th March (Week 7, Term 1)** at Camp Bornhoffen. The large number of Year 10 students has meant the division into two smaller groups to ensure an effective retreat experience. This is an important opportunity for students to reflect upon their lives in a very busy year, especially their relationships with family, friends and God. A letter regarding details (eg **cost \$210.00**) and more specific information will be given in the first week of next year.

The **early notification** of the retreats is to enable families to **plan and budget** for these important occasions (they are part of School Fees), as the early part of the new College year is always expensive. As the retreats are seen as integral to the philosophy and ethos of the College, the retreat is **compulsory** and all students need to make sure that work or other commitments do not prevent them from attending. It is also an essential part of their holistic development. Parents are asked to ring the College if further clarification is needed.

ST VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This year, due to Covid-19, the Vinnies team could not accept gifts, nor create hampers for the St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal, so monetary donations were necessary. To raise funds, the MSPC Vinnies team recently ran a stall selling "CandyCane-O-Grams" that students could send to their friends and teachers. We sold almost 500 candy canes, at \$1 each! Amazing effort College!!! We are also very grateful to the Year 10 Ministry class for their combined donation of \$200. When we then add the money raised from the Coinline in Term 3, the combined total raised for the St Vincent De Paul Society's Christmas Appeal is just over \$950.

We are overwhelmed by the support and are extremely grateful for all the donations and support by students, families and staff. The money raised will be given to our local MacKillop SVDP Conference in the coming days so they can purchase food and gifts for those in need. In the coming years we hope to continue the "CandyCane-O-Gram" fundraiser for the Christmas Appeal not only to raise money but to spread Christmas cheer within the College and community.

Merry Christmas to you all, from the MSPC Vinnies team!



Above: The MSPC Vinnies Team, working hard to prepare gift tags and candy-canes.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

If you need assistance leading up to Christmas we will provide you with additional IGA vouchers to enable you to purchase food and Christmas treats for you and your family. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, if you need additional help please telephone our Centre on 0409 777674 between the hours of 10am to 12 noon on a Monday or Wednesday and we will arrange for the help required.

As we move towards the celebration of Christmas may we be watchful in faith, hope filled for our world and those we service, offering the cup of love to all in need.

President, Mary MacKillop Conference
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MURWILLUMBAH

MEALS ON WHEELS 2021 : PARENT DRIVERS NEEDED!

Year 9 students received a letter last week about this very worthwhile endeavour..... delivering meals to those in our community who are unable to look after themselves.

Parents, especially Year 9 parents 2020, are invited to become a part of this by volunteering to drive for **1 1/2 hours (11.00am till 12.30pm) one day every 10 weeks** (depending on the number of volunteers). Students would also be involved once every 10 or 15 weeks. This is a simple yet effective way of giving visible witness to the message of Jesus: "Whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me" (Matt 25:40-41).

If you are able to help, please fill in the form and return to the College or ring the College and leave your name, 'phone number and preferred day(s).

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR YEAR 12 HSC STUDENTS

With the HSC Examinations over, on behalf of the Staff and Year 12 students of Mt St Patrick College, may I thank all those people (parents, students, staff, especially parishioners, former Primary schools and their staff and students) who prayed for our Year 12 students during their HSC examinations. We appreciate your generosity in being a Prayer Sponsor for them and be assured that your prayers have made a difference.

Michael O'Donohue
Leader of Evangelisation

DRAMA

As a turbulent and unpredictable school year draws to a close, I would like to commend the Drama students across all grades for maintaining a consistently high set of standards and morale. Throughout all of the developmental and rehearsal stages, the students have produced work with flair and imagination. Emily Ward's Onstage nomination for her performance of 'Every Brilliant Thing' typified the positive application and attitude of Drama students as a whole. From in-class performances, Drama workshops and the Senior Drama classes excursion to Sydney pre-Covid, the students have been a delight to work with. Thank you also to Miss Clarke and the whole Creative Arts Department for their dedication and tireless energy and enthusiasm. We eagerly await what the students have in store in 2021.

Michael Lill

TAS

Mr O'Shea's 7B Engineering class have been busy this semester ensuring they have the fastest and slickest C02 Dragsters! All racers had incredible times, with Jackson Annarino having the fastest time. Great work team!

Mr O'Shea



FROM THE SPORTS DESK IMPORTANT 2021 TERM 1 DATES

At our recent Sports Coordinators meeting held via zoom, the sporting dates for 2021 were set. You can access these dates via the College calendar or by viewing the Lismore Sport webpage

https://sport.lism.catholic.edu.au/?doing_wp_cron=1544140477.403861999511718750000

Below are some important dates for Term 1 2021. Unfortunately, COVID restrictions are still in place which does not allow for parents / adults to attend any sporting events. Traditionally we have a great support from our wider College Community so I would ask for your patience with these rest assured we can't wait for them to ease either.

Term 1 Sports Dates

Friday 5th February College Swimming Carnival - TRAC

Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th February NSW All Schools Triathlons (entry opening in 2020, check <https://csnsw.sport/>) - Penrith

Tuesday 2nd March Diocesan Touch Football Individual Trials – Coffs Harbour

Thursday 4th March Diocesan Swimming Carnival – Lismore

Tuesday 9th March Diocesan Winter Sports Trials (Football & League Lismore) Diocesan Tennis (Arkinstall Park Tweed Heads)

Monday 22nd March NSWCCC Hockey selections – Moorebank

Tuesday 23rd March Diocesan North open Football – Lismore
Thursday 25th March Diocesan Open Basketball – Coffs Harbour
Monday 29th March NSWCCC Swimming – Homebush

Tim Whitney
Sports Coordinator

COLLEGE NEWS

MSPC Intervention Craft Program 2021

What? This is an 8 week program focusing on building skills in jewellery making in a *fun* and *engaging* environment. Students will learn the skills needed to create items, including clay pendant jewellery, and will have opportunities to design and create their own individual pieces.

Topics such as mindfulness, self-esteem, social connection and conscious and healthy self-thought are also explored throughout the program with supportive staff.



Why? Creative art naturally shifts your attention away from life's problems by creating a state of present awareness as your mind and body become centered and focused. Increased mindful thought, self-esteem, social connections and sense of belonging improves student attendance and academic outcomes. Those students who are identified through the program as needing further support may be referred on to School Counsellors.

Who? All students in years 7-11 are welcome to express their interest in the program. There will be one Stage 4 group and one Stage 5/6 group in term 1, 2021.

When? The program will begin Term 1, Week 2 and include one lesson per week.

How? If you feel that you would benefit from this program and would like to know more, please contact Miss Clarke via email with an expression of interest (hannah.clarke@lism.catholic.edu.au).

Parents, if you feel that your child would benefit from participating in the program, please feel free to email an expression of interest to hannah.clarke@lism.catholic.edu.au

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The following students have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2020 and are to be congratulated on their efforts and continued love of reading:

Trisha Sharma (Year 7)
Amelia Keyes (Year 8)
Isobel Gresham (Year 9)

Each student received a certificate for completing the Challenge.

Special congratulations go to Isobel Gresham who will receive a medal and a 'platinum certificate' for completing the Challenge every year since she was in Grade 3. Well done Isobel!

Simon Holder
Literacy Co-ordinator



SACRED HEART PARISH RAFFLE RESULTS – drawn Saturday 28 November

	Prize	and the Winner is ...
1	\$1,000 CASH	Joey Tremlett
2	\$250 CASH	Corey Ziems
3	\$100 CASH	Hendrikse family
4	Food Hamper	Peter Hunting
5	BIG Chocolate Box	Grace Molloy
6	Ham	Rachel Irby
7	Ham	Jan Creasey
8	Pudding & Wine	Brad Patterson
9	Ham	Isabel McLeod
10	Ham	Xavier Williams
11	Christmas Goodies Box + Wine	Laura Thompson
12	SMALL Chocolate Box	Leroy East
13	Small Food Hamper	Jane Adam

Special thanks to parishioners Maree Leslight for the donation of the pudding and wine prize and Di Nardi for the donation of the Christmas Goodies Box and the Small Food Hamper prizes.

Thank you to everyone – parishioners, our parish school families and staff – who bought tickets to support the Parish Raffle. 1,250 books of raffle tickets were distributed. Approximately 610 books of tickets were returned sold. After costs are deducted, the raffle has raised just over \$3,500. Thank you everyone for your continued support of the Sacred Heart Parish.

Hopefully 2021 will see us all back together able to celebrate with our annual Christmas Carnival and Nativity Tableau. Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy Christmas season.

Mary-Ann Thackray
Sacred Heart Parish

CALENDARS & ROSTERS

Term 4

Week 9

Mon	7/12	Day 11	Mon	14/12	Day 16
Tues	8/12	Day 12	Tues	15/12	Day 17
Wed	9/12	Day 13	Wed	16/12	Day 18
Thurs	10/12	Day 14	Thurs	17/12	Day 0
Fri	11/12	Day 15	Fri	18/12	Day 0

Week 10

2020 CALENDAR

Dec	4 th	Yr 10 PASS Excursion
	7 th	Yr 9 PASS Excursion
	10 th	College Assembly / End of Term Liturgy – Christmas theme, Gilbey Centre
	11 th	1.45pm Presentation Assembly, Gilbey Centre Newsletter home

CANTEEN ROSTER

TERM 4

Week 9

7/12	Lisa Blackwell-Barnes
8/12	Lisa Stella
9/12	Jacob Ducat, Chris Reynolds
10/12	Bill Battese
11/12	Gene Molloy

Week 10

14/12	Jenny Gatt
15/12	Anneliese Simke
16/12	Chris Reynolds
17/12	
18/12	

AWARDS

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

NAGLE

CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

Year 7

Jackson Annarino, Louie Banbury, Isiah Doevendans, Haylen Fox-Duong, Lily Hope, Layla Hutchinson, Ty Loughman, Crystal Vernon.

Year 8

Ethan Elsegood, Summer Gibbons, Romy Moloney, Jordan Scanlan.

Year 9

Lily Darby, Mitchell Grossman, Bailey Pedlow.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Year 7

Isiah Doevendans, Layla Hutchinson.

Year 8

Jordan Scanlan

LISIEUX

CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

Year 7

Sid Longhurst

Year 8

Gabriella Bennett

Year 9

Seth Moore

Year 10

Sophie Mason

LORETO

CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

Year 7

Charlotte Kilgariff, Rishabh Lashand, Jed McDonald.

Year 8

Sarah Bowers, Jaxon Johnson, Kai Kingston, Alexis Pelikan, Koby Roberts, Jack McClymont.

Year 9

Noah Ashley

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Year 8

Sarah Bowers

LUCAN

CO-ORDINATOR'S AWARDS

Year 7

Jesse Barrett, Jack French, Billi Hutton, Rhys Johnston, Lily Jones, Bailey Lofts, Sky Morton, Oscar Stevens, Stella Taylor, Annalise Cardillo, Kayla Cotelli, Jade Folkers, Norm Fraser, Zade Spratt, Emilia Thompson, Bryce Wilson.

Year 8

Olivia Adams, Kai Broomfield, Tiamika Davidson (2), Sophie Haywood, Bella Johnson, Harrison Lever, Finlay Purnell, Emmett Stepto, Maya Wheeler, Caitlyn Moore.

Year 9

Piper Adams, Lucia Alexander, Jamie Cotelli, Matilda McTaggart, Lily Robinson, Ruby Van Den Driest, Elsie Biles.

Year 10

Billy Campbell, Kye Haywood, Maximo Morrison, Jordynne Ricciuti.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Year 7

Lily Jones, Bailey Lofts, Stella Taylor.

Year 8

Sophie Haywood, Finlay Purnell, Maya Wheeler, Caitlyn Moore, Bryce Wilson.

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Piper Adams, Lucia Alexander, Jamie Cotelli, Ruby Van Den Driest, Elsie Biles.

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FREE YOUTH HOLIDAY CLUB

MURWILLUMBAH YOUTH CENTRE

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JANUARY
DATES

11TH , 12TH , 13TH

18TH 19TH 20TH