

# St James College



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# NEWSLETTER

## Dates for Your Diary

### August

- 3 St James College Open Day
- 6 & 9 South District Athletics
- 13-14 QCS Trial
- 15 Brisbane Show Holiday
- 16 Student Free Day
- 17 Walk for Justice
- 17 Year 11 Semi Formal
- 21 Principal-Parent Forum 5pm
- 21-24 Year 12 Outdoor Education Camp
- 25 BBQ Fundraiser Bunnings Albion
- 30 Coomera Cup Futsal

### September

- 4-5 QCS Test

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and All in the St James College Community

A few weeks ago, we witnessed the riveting rescue story of the young Thai football team and their coach from the deep confines of a cave in Thailand. No-one who watched that story unfold to its inspirational conclusion could not but be deeply affected by the sense of wonder and the resilience of the human spirit that revealed itself at that time. A place that was enveloped in darkness, loneliness, fear and despair had its 'stone rolled back', as it were, in a journey towards light.

The depth of feeling among family and community, the extraordinary outpouring of universal support, and indeed the rich power of prayer, were for once not lost on a world that is often over-obsessed by media-driven accounts of the sensational. As the story ended, there was a sense of relief, founded not as an end of a struggle, but in the sense of triumph of what is the essence of humanity – a humanity true to itself, of what it can achieve for the good of others, of how it can reflect the dignity vested in it by the Creator. The former Chief Justice of Australia, Sir Francis Gerard Brennan, put it this way in a letter he wrote to *The Australian* on 12 July: 'Perhaps the universal concern for those in peril, and the brave and selfless devotion of their rescuers, have shown us how to make our world a better place.'

As you know, we constantly reflect on what we do here at St James – the encounters we have with our students, our educational endeavours, the quality of our relationships, the myriad of activities that animate school life here and the richness of the Touchstones of our Charter that underpin all of these.

Schools, like St James, have an obligation to draw young people into a world of possibility. We meet students where they are – they touch that Crest each morning as they enter the gates, openly putting their trust in this place and everything it stands for. We meet students where they are and together we begin a journey that, while it has a finite point at the end of Year 12, is a pathway towards the new life that will ultimately reveal itself.

I am not sure whether the young people in that cave were fully aware of the inherent hopelessness of their situation and the high possibility that they would never escape. What I do know is that the world did not ever give up hope and this hope was epitomized and realised through those remarkable few who were involved in the rescue.

Likewise, the young people who are in our care, who have decided that this is the place for them, deserve everything we can offer: they deserve our unreserved dedication to their learning; they deserve our professional commitment in our teaching; they deserve our pastoral support, our compassion, our welcome and our understanding.

There can be no compromise in what we do for our kids, both as parents and teachers, to help them release the potential that is within each of them.

Like that remarkable cave experience, education is a journey towards hope, a liberation that reveals opportunities that are both life-giving and life-fulfilling.

Faithful Forever

Gerry Crooks  
Principal

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly to get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** [www.bullying.gov.au](http://www.bullying.gov.au) to find out some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check-in** regularly with your

**BULLYING. NO WAY!**

Having trouble getting the College Newsletter at home? Would you like to receive it via email?  
If so, please send an email to [school@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au](mailto:school@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au) and we will add you your mailing list.

**ABSENTEE LINE**  
**3230 8655**

Please clearly state student's name, Year level and home room.

## YEAR 11 SEMI FORMAL

### Venue

Tattersall's Club Brisbane - Williams Room

### Date

Friday, 17 August 2018

### Time

6.30pm to 10.00pm

### Ticket Purchase

Tickets are on sale from Student Services at a cost of \$70.00 per ticket. Tickets must be purchased by Friday 10 August.



## Deputy Principal

The Year 10 Subject Selection Information sessions were held this week and parents gained the opportunity to learn about the important considerations that need to be taken into account when determining subjects to be studied in Years 11 and 12. Students and parents were advised to begin this process by considering what could be the future pathways for the young people. This is what we have traditionally called a career.

The definition of a career has changed. According to the *Australian Blueprint for Career Development*, career no longer refers to particular pathways through work or to occupational title. Career is the sequence and variety of work roles (paid and unpaid), which one undertakes throughout a lifetime. More broadly, 'career' includes life roles, leisure activities, learning and work.

Career development therefore should be seen as the process of managing life, learning and work over the lifespan. All of us, regardless of age are still developing careers. Researchers suggest that "career development involves one's whole life, not just occupation. It concerns the individual in the ever-changing contexts of his or her life, self and circumstances – evolving, changing, unfolding in mutual interaction" (Wolf & Kolb, cited in McMahon, Patton & Tatham, 2003, p.4).

Year 10 students should be actively engaged in the process of selecting subjects for Years 11 and 12. Subject selection forms are due on August 24, in just two weeks' time. Please seek assistance early if you encounter any difficulties.

**Mr Tony McCulkin**

## Inspiration Breakfast



## AP Pastoral

It is certainly a busy term and the weeks seem to be getting busier. There were quite a number of occasions where we celebrated our students' achievements and efforts.

### Inspiration Breakfast

Moving into its 6<sup>th</sup> year, the House Deans identified 116 students who, through their endeavour, behaviour and attitude, have proven themselves to be an Inspiration to our community. These young people and their families were invited to a breakfast in the Hall on Wednesday this week. The pride in the room was justifiably palpable. I particularly congratulate College Captains **EJ Epitacio (Yr 12 MR)** and **Soumi Gopalakrishnan (Yr 12 HO)**, who along with **Skye Quach (Yr 12 LO)** and **Verona Pia (Yr 12 HO)** have been invited every year since their arrival.

### Open Day

My thanks to the Year 9 and 11 students who took our prospective families on a tour of the school. Our students are our most valuable assets and they did a tremendous job in showing these people around our lovely little place.

**Carey:** Ahmed Gamar, Lionel Nihibitanga, Azaria Taulia, Jamieson Albrecht, Holly Hills, Jonathon Lee, Mackenzie Robson, Noah Morris.

**Hogan:** Ethan Avery, Chantal Kalunga, Cheyenne Pickering, Josh Yukuac, Parker Craig-Hunt, Ndonde Fikiri, Adeline Kalunga, Ethan Sullivan.

**Long:** Zoe Gardner-Savage, Vicky Wilberforce, Ronan Carter, Tim Kotzur, Marshall Le, Nour Idress, Khadija Haideri, Dominika Wilberforce.

**Mary Rice:** Briana Mercer, Bayley Gillogly, CJ Barney, Samantha Dix, Mariam Ajang, Efon Victorio, Kynan O'Malley-Jones, Thomas Markwell, Rose Passaris.

### Uniform

A reminder to all families regarding the correct wearing of the uniform throughout the term. Whilst the weather is cool there are plenty of St James options to keep warm. Foreign hoodies and beanies are not permitted and students can expect a Community Detention if they are found to be wearing them. Seniors are reminded that Senior Jerseys can only be worn on Fridays.

## AP Identity

### Catholic Education Week

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools to celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos. Catholic education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society. Catholic education:

- Is a faith-based education which places the values of Jesus at its centre
- Is a high quality, holistic education for 1 in 5 young Queenslanders, educating them to be well-informed, highly skilled and constructive members of the community
- Values diversity and treats each student with dignity enabling them in turn to promote and respect the dignity of all
- Nurtures in students a commitment to social justice and a critical social consciousness
- Prepares students for global responsibilities through stewardship of the earth's resources
- Is an integral part of the local and universal Church
- Occurs in welcoming, inclusive, and connected communities.

We have celebrated 2018 Catholic Education Week at St James College in a variety of ways. 'Discovering New Horizons' is the central theme for Catholic Education Week. The theme has been aligned with the official Year of Youth theme for 2018 which is derived from a speech given

**Mrs Tricia Parry**



by Pope Francis at World Youth Day 2016. Pope Francis at World Youth Day Vigil Mass Krakow 2016. Pope Francis called young people and the Church to 'open new horizons for spreading joy'. Pope Francis encourages us with these words: *"My friends, Jesus is the Lord of risk, he is the Lord of the eternal "more". Jesus is not the Lord of comfort, security and ease. Following Jesus demands a good dose of courage, a readiness to trade in the sofa for a pair of walking shoes and to set out on new and uncharted paths. To blaze trails that open up new horizons capable of spreading joy, born of God's love and wells up in your hearts with every act of mercy. To take the path of the "craziness" of our God, who teaches us to encounter him in the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the friend in trouble, the prisoner, the refugee and the migrant, and in our neighbours who feel abandoned."*

This sits perfectly within the EREA Touchstones which we all try to live on a daily basis.

Let Us Pray,

We come to You God, to blaze trails that open new horizons,  
Knowing that You are with us.  
May our hearts embrace the people of our world who are suffering.  
Open the hearts of all people to respond with Mercy and Compassion to all those in need.  
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord – Amen

Live Jesus in Our Hearts - Forever.



## Middle School Coordinator

**Mrs Karen Lindsey**

### Assessment Schedules

All students should now have a copy of their Assessment Schedule for this term. This one-page document outlines the assessment due dates for each subject. If you have not seen this document, please ask your student as they are likely to be stored in the Diary. Electronic copies can be accessed via the College website under the "Teaching and Learning" tab.

### World Scholar's Cup Raffle

In two weeks' time our four World Scholar's Cup student delegates will travel with me to Melbourne for five days to compete with thousands of other school students from all over the world. Our team has been studying topics such as diplomacy, the dynamics of human relationships, memory and black markets among many other concepts in preparation for the competition. We very graciously thank the following sponsors for their kind and generous donations that have made it possible for our team to attend: **Fraser Power Lawyers, St Vincent de Paul Society of Queensland, a number of former St James students from Our Lady of Graces Carina, Senator James McGrath, Congregation Sisters of Charity** and a number of other contributors who wished to remain anonymous. The outpouring of support has been incredibly overwhelming and our team is very grateful. Thank you!

Our final fundraiser is a **box of gorgeous Nutrimetics products** that has been generously donated to us to **raffle**. Items include a make-up purse, moisturisers, facial roller, make-up and more. Tickets can be purchased at Reception for \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn on Monday 13 August. Good luck!

## Library

**Ms Nikki Carpenter**

### Library News

It's worth reminding students that **the Library is open until 4pm every day** (except the last day of term), for homework and quiet study. It is a quiet space after school where you can work on assessment tasks or study for an exam. Homework Club is also hosted here, so if you make plans to meet with a Teacher for an extra tutorial, please be prompt.

If you have any queries about what we can do to help you here in the Library, please talk to us.

## Careers Counselling

**Mrs Brooke Walters**

### SAE Open Day

If you're considering studying creative media, including graphic design, music production or game development, then you might like to attend SAE Qantm's Brisbane Open Day on Saturday 4 August, 10am – 2pm. For more details or to register your attendance, please go to the following webpage: <https://sae.edu.au/campuses/brisbane/>.

### Work Experience – Years 10, 11 and 12

Work experience is a valuable learning tool that sees students partnered with employers on a short-term basis. It helps students develop work ready skills, offers insight into different industries and allows students a glimpse into a real-world work environment. If you believe that you are keen and capable of undertaking work experience, and if there is a particular industry that interests you or that relates to your current VET studies, please come and talk to Ms Margy Beddows or Mrs Brooke Walters.

### TAFE at School Program 2019

If you're a Year 10 or Year 11 student you can complete a TAFE Queensland qualification while you're still at school. Applications for 2019 are now open. You can choose from a variety of certificate I to certificate III courses from a range of study areas ranging from hospitality to horticulture, early childhood education to engineering, and everything in between. Please see Mrs Walters if you would like any further information.





## Guidance Counselling

Mrs Tania Munro

### TAFE Scholarships for School Leavers

The 2018 TAFE Queensland Scholarships Program is now open for applications and will close on August 31. This is for Year 12 students intending to attend TAFE in 2019.

In total in this round of the TAFE Queensland Scholarship Program 81 scholarships up to the value of \$5000 each are available to successful applicants to help with the costs of study.

The different scholarships available in this round area as follows:

- TAFE Queensland merit and TAFE Queensland access and equity scholarships.
- Access and equity scholarships offered in partnership with the Department of Innovation, Tourism Industry Development and the Commonwealth Games (DITID) for students studying STEM Courses (Advance Queensland Pathway Scholarships).
- 1 x merit scholarship offered in partnership with Professor Jimmy Choo for students studying eligible TAFE Queensland fashion courses.

Scholarships are available across a wide range of eligible courses from certificate III to degree level. The list of eligible courses can be found at <https://scholarships.tafeqld.edu.au/>

If you would like more information or assistance applying, see Mrs Munro

## Sport

Mr Scott Prickett

### Women in Sport

St James has a proud cohort of young women who excel in the sporting arena. Little do we know that the female identity in sport is getting larger every year at St James. In this week's newsletter I would like to make tribute to four of our female athletes and their achievements throughout 2018.

**Jay-Lee Hippolite** (front row centre) is a senior at St James and is one of our dominant female athletes in the St James community. Jay-Lee shows strong performance in the inter-school carnivals, she is also a member of our St James girls' basketball team, girls' AFL team, girls' Futsal team and our QISSN Netball team. She has been selected this year in the U19 Girls' Met East Basketball team and was named captain and also selected in the U19 Girls Queensland Futsal team. Jay-Lee has also just competed in Las Vegas with the Queensland Renegades where she and the team will be returning as Champions of the Las Vegas Classic. Jay-Lee is a true advocate for women in sport.



**Willow Hersant** is one of the junior athletes who excels in the sport of Equestrian. Willow is a part of the Special Olympics program and has competed in many state and national competitions. Willow this year has been selected in the Australian Special Olympic Equestrian team to compete in Dubai in March 2019 and we look forward to seeing more and more of Willow's success in her chosen sport.

**Chynelle Marama** is another young, bright talent who excels in the sporting world. Chynelle is always very successful in the inter-school carnivals and is a valued member of our Girls' AFL team and QISSN Netball. She excels in the sport of basketball and is a part of girls' team here at St James as well as being a member of the Queensland Basketball team. She has a huge future ahead of her and we look forward to seeing more from her.



**Jana Taufua** (pictured right) is another young, bright talent who excels in the sporting world. She is always very successful in the interschool carnivals and is a valued member of our Girls' AFL team and QISSN Netball. She excels in the sport of basketball and is a part of the girls' team here at St James as well as being a member of the Queensland Renegade U15 Basketball team which competed in Las Vegas and will be returning with a silver medal, which is still an amazing achievement. She has a huge future ahead of her and we look forward to seeing more from her.