BULLETIN

Term 1: Key Dates
⇒ 20 February: Commissioning Assembly in the College Gymnasium
⇒ 22 February: MacKillop Catholic College Swimming Carnival @ Hobart Aquatic Centre
⇒ 26 February to 6 March: Year 7 Camps @ The Lea (see p 4)
⇒ 28 February: College Photos Catch-up Day
⇒ 1 March: Guilford Young College VET Information Evening (see p 4)
⇒ 8 March: Parent-Student-Teacher Goal-Setting Evening (9 March Student Free Day)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome

A very warm welcome back to all students, family and staff to the MacKillop Catholic College community. In particular, welcome to our new students for 2018:

YEAR 7:
Tyler Ahern
Mikayla Allen
Ezekiel Anderson
Nathan Arnett
Dakota Bain
Lahni Baldwin
Charlie Balzer
Elliot Bellars
Mason Beresford
Noah Best
Harry Beumer
Tullie Bidgood
Jasmine Bradshaw
Moana Brain
Harper Bryan
Thomas Bryan
Jasmine Burgess
Hugh Byers
Ruby Churchill
Charli Cobbing
Jasper Cobbing
Amber Cohen
Mitch Cooke
Jackson Cooper
Ryan Cowle
Cheyenne Crook
Madison Crouch
Sebastian Dalton
Jakob Davie
Austin Devine
Arki Diamantis
Rogan Dobie
Connor Downham
Lily Duffett
Cameron Dunne
James Eaton
Aidan Evans
Ruby Fleming
Keegan Flood
Samuel Free
Angus Gadd
Kaleb Gard-Spaulding
Lachlan Gillies
Nicholas Green
Harry Gregson
Vaughan Griffin
Ethan Griggs
Riley Hall
Kaleb Harris
Hollie Hill
Phoebe Hill
Alexander Hingston
Molly Hoban
Joshua Hunt
Kalan Hutchins
Thomas Hyland
Fergus Jacobs
Mave Jacobs
Sebastian Jeanneret
Lola Johnson
Alexander Jones
Dylan Kannegießer
Jordan Kelly
Andrew Kirk
Amelia Knox
Abby Kruse
Jonas Kujath
Tobias Lawrence
Dominic Leauma
Grace Leslie
Ruby Logan
Jonas Lokys
Liam Lynch
Georgia Malone
Ethan Marriner
Connor Marriott
Sid Mcguire
Stella McKenzie
Lily Mereszka
Jordan Miller
Harmony Mus
Sophie Newett
Nathaniel Nicholls
Jordan Nichols
Luca Norris
Zoe O'Brien
Emily Oddie
Roye O'Neal
Flynn Parsey
Josiah Petrusma
Lachlan Pickersgill
Joseph Pigden
Cole Pinnington
Michaela Priest
Artan Read
Avril Reeve
Karla Reid
Blake Richards
Anneke Richardson
Jack Richardson
Samuel Rogers
Zoe Rogers
Isaac Rushton
Georgie Ryan
Katie Ryan
Amalia Sampson
Amber Sargent
Jacob Sawford
Mia Seabourne
Holli Shaw
Hailee Shea-Bloomfield
Hallee Sheen
Alexander Skrbić
River Sloane-King
Mackenzie Smith
Joshua Sprigs
Sienna Stephenson
Riley Stocks
Andrew Tate
Magnus Taylor
Callum Tester
Holly Thomas
Tyler Tonks
Christopher Townsend
Charlie Treasure
Bella Upston
Lucinda Veldhuis
Jax Volant
Abbie Walker
Jordyn Ward
Josie Wardrop
Rowan Wheeler
Kiesha Whitbread
Hayden Whitehouse
Isabella Williams
Tyler Woolley
Alice Wright

YEAR 8:
Tyler Barratt
Drew Beatson
Justin Henkel
Ela McElle
Patrick Short

YEAR 9:
Paz Battilana
Ava Charlesworth
Bella Churchill
Richard Delany
Brodie Donohoe

YEAR 10:
Brooke Elkin
Olivia Marney
Ami McElle
Caitlyn Pirere
Poppy Reid-Chelton
2019 and 2020 Enrolments

Enrolments for Year 7 2019 are due 29 March, 2018. From this year onwards, in all Southern Tasmanian Catholic Schools, Year 7 enrolments will be due when the student is in Year 5. Year 7 2020 enrolments are due 14 September, 2018.

The journey at MacKillop Catholic College

A question we regularly ask ourselves is, what do we want a graduate of MacKillop Catholic College to look like? Over the four-year journey at the College, your child will receive a well-rounded education that not only forms each individual as critical and creative thinkers, but also focuses heavily on building character. Our foundation is our Christian values of compassion, kindness, forgiveness and care. The students in our care are already good people when they come to us — we build on the strengths that families and their previous school have already nurtured and cultivated. Graduates of MacKillop are set up for life — our goal is that they have a life-long love and appreciation of learning. We want each individual to flourish and to use his or her gifts and abilities in service to the world, especially those most in need. I often have the pleasure of ‘running into’ former students of the College. It is a great pleasure to see that they are not only making a great contribution to the community, they are also clearly good men and women.

State Election 2018

In the lead-up to the 3 March 2018 State Election, the Tasmanian Catholic Education Commission has requested that the below information be distributed to parents and guardians.

Catholic education is central to the core mission of the Church

The Church’s mission provides the rationale for Catholic Education in Tasmania (CET). The Church and Catholic education cannot be portrayed and treated simply as a stakeholder or a service provider participating in current political debates out of a corporate interest. Accordingly, we support the increased investment in education with a priority to students most in need, resulting in a fairer and more equitable funding system for the education of all Australians.

Catholic schools, respecting the rights and freedoms of families to choose schooling for their children in the Catholic tradition, should also continue to be free to form and instruct students in the Catholic faith and celebrate the faith as an integral and inseparable activity of the Catholic school.

Catholic schools are the responsibility of the Catholic community as well as accountable to Government

Catholic schools in Tasmania predate government schools and were already spread throughout the colonies when government-owned and operated school systems were formed. Consequently, Catholic schools have played a major part in the development of modern Tasmanian society.

In a pluralistic society with different education systems, Catholic authorities will continue to insist, regardless of funding models, on the overall governance, administration and operation of their schools. Government funding arrangements should respect the identity, integrity and autonomy of Catholic school and education systems.

As part of this society, they meet society’s standards with respect to governance and accountability for government funding.

Eamonn Pollard
Principal
ENROL NOW FOR 2019 / 2020

MacKillop Catholic College is enrolling students for Year 7 2019 and 2020. Enrolment applications for 2019 are due Thursday, March 29, 2018. Applications for Year 7 2020 are due Friday, 14 September 2018.

DON’T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR QKR! APP

If you are ordering school items for your son or daughter through payment app Qkr!, please make sure you have updated their new Year level details. This should be done at the start of each school year. If you have not yet discovered the convenience of Qkr!, there is an introduction to the app at: https://vimeo.com/108181039.

MEET THE TUTOR (YEAR 7)
& PARENT-STUDENT-TUTOR GOAL-SETTING (YEARS 8-10)
CONFERENCES

Register online mackillop.tas.edu.au

Thursday 8 March between 4.00p.m. — 7.00p.m.
Friday 9 March between 9.30a.m. — 3.00p.m.
Welcome to the new school year. Throughout 2018, I hope to use my regular Bulletin items to help parents/guardians with the organisational aspects of MacKillop Catholic College, and also provide insights into how, by working together, we can achieve the best outcomes for the young people in our care.

Best start for students

Good sleep patterns are important for learning and memory, but are harder to instil as electronic media increasingly blurs the lines between sleep and entertainment. According to Adolescent Sleep specialist Dr Chris Seton, “One problem is the blue light emitted by TV, laptop and mobile phones. It suppresses the brain's production of melatonin, the hormone we need to feel sleepy.” Interactive media can keep students over-stimulated at night, with texting one of the worst offenders as the young person waits in expectation of a reply. A 2010 study of American teenagers found that they sent an average of 34 texts between 9.00p.m. and 6.00a.m. Parents can counteract this by keeping bedrooms screen-free zones and having a rule that iPads, phones, etc., remain in the kitchen after lights out.

Late or absent students

The College day starts at 8.25a.m. and all students should be on site by this time. Any student arriving after Tutor should report to the Office. If your son or daughter is absent, please contact the College Office on 6245 0099 or via email at absentees@mackillop.tas.edu.au. In the case of an unexplained absence, we will notify the parent/guardian by phone.

Boys’ uniform

A clarification in regard to the MacKillop Catholic College boys’ uniform: If a boy wears the plain white shirt without the College crest, he should be wearing the College tie.

Year 7 Camp organisation

- 7 Blue: 26-27 February
- 7 Green: 27-28 February
- 7 Red: 28 February-1 March
- 7 Gold: 1-2 March
- 7 White: 5-6 March

Vocational Education and Training (VET) Information Evening

All students involved should today receive an invitation for Parents/Guardians from Craig Deayton, Principal of Guilford Young College (GYC), to attend an information evening on Thursday, 1 March, 7.00p.m.-8.30p.m., in the Don Bosco Creative Arts Centre at GYC’s Glenorchy Campus. Attendance is expected from all students enrolled in VET courses, along with parents/guardians. Please refer to Mr Deayton’s letter for details.

Sue Howard
Deputy Principal
When: Thursday, 22 February 2018, 9.15a.m. – 2.00p.m.
Where: Hobart Aquatic Centre

Buses will depart the College by 8.40a.m. and return the students to school by our normal finish time – Year 7 and House Captains to be on the first buses to the venue.

Students are to wear full College HPE uniform to and from the College.

Students will also need appropriate swimming attire, cap, towel and goggles.

Students are encouraged to bring their ‘House Colours’ to wear.

The public canteen is out of bounds. Students will need a cut lunch, snacks and plenty of water.

Parents and family members are more than welcome to attend. There will be seating available for you.

If you are available to assist us at the Swimming Carnival, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact me prior to the carnival or approach me on the day.

Fiona Geappen
Carnival Co-ordinator
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