Welcome to 2017

Welcome to the new school year, we especially welcome all new students and their families to our school. Term one is well underway and students can look forward to many opportunities in 2017 and a happy, safe and engaging year of learning at our College. Many new students have enrolled from K-12 and the College has grown to over 700 students. The Residential College hosts 34 St Mary’s students from remote communities and we wish them a warm welcome to our secondary campus. The beginning days have been particularly busy for staff and students and already there have been a number of highlights including the first day of formal education for our new Kindergarten students and our SRC election speeches and elections for students from Year 6 to Year 11. The SRC nominations were of the highest calibre and I thank and congratulate every student who prepared and delivered their speeches to their fellow students and staff. Well done to you all. Our Year 12’s attended their two day retreat at the Broome Camp last Thursday and Friday and thanks are extended to Rebecca Famlonga, Diana Jans, Melita Waters and Joseph Eastgate who organised the retreat, plus all staff who attended throughout the two very valuable days of formation and team building for our Class of 2017.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Michael Pepper

ST MARY’S COLLEGE SRC 2017

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Lord God,
At the beginning of this new term teach us to be your hands and feet where we are,
At the beginning of this new term teach us to love as you love us,
At the beginning of this new term teach us to pray for those in need,
So that You are honoured and glorified
Amen
New Staff
At the beginning of the year St Mary’s College welcomed a number of new staff. Last Saturday evening our staff attended the Commissioning Mass at the Our Lady Queen of Peace Cathedral. Commissioning Masses are held in the first weeks of each academic year for all staff in Catholic schools throughout Western Australia. New teaching staff are Eva Bertram teaching Year 2 (Semester 1), Brigid Dowden teaching Year 6, Joseph Eastgate (Religious Education Learning Area Coordinator), Stephen Snelson teaching Pathways, Marion Cahill teaching Year 7-10 Science, Lauren Montgomery teaching Pre Primary and Zoe Skewes teaching Year 1. Teaching staff undertaking new roles on the primary campus are Val Birch and Beth Duplex teaching Special Needs and Gwen McDermott teaching Literacy Support, with Reannan Corpus assisting the Literacy Support Teacher. Staff undertaking new roles at the secondary campus are Dave Wilkinson who is now the Follow the Dream Coordinator, Diana Jans (Pathways Coordinator, Literacy Support and Liturgy Coordinator), Danielle Sanders (Rice House Coordinator) and James McDowell (O’Brien House Coordinator).
Returning staff following 12 months leave are Mr Aidan Mitchell teaching Careers and VET and Mr Samuel Malak teaching Digital Imaging and HASS. We welcome back Sarah McPherson from maternity leave who will be teaching Pre-primary. We would also like to welcome new staff and staff taking on new roles at the College, Marie Little as my PA during Anthea Demin’s 12 months of leave, Robyn Hamaguchi as Student Services Receptionist, Theresa Sibosado as Assistant to Business Manager and Sherina Kitaura and Kristy Francis as Canteen Assistants. Graduate and Head Boy of 2015 Dominic Hill has undertaken the role of Art Technician in the senior Art Room and James Lake, also a former student and Head Boy from 2012 is working in Maintenance and Grounds Team.

Congratulations
We extend our congratulations to each of our 2016 Year 12 students for their achievements throughout 2016 and thank their teachers and support staff for their work in teaching and supporting each of our graduands. Students who sat the WACE ATAR examinations achieved some pleasing results. The median (average) ATAR for the Year 12 cohort of St Mary’s College ATAR students was 91.95. Our Dux of 2016 was Harman Sharma who achieved an ATAR of 94.35. Our Proxime Accessit (2nd highest) was Luisa Hungerford-Morgan who achieved an ATAR of 91.95. Harman has accepted an offer at James Cook University in Townsville to study Medicine and Luisa is having a gap year with the intention of studying to become a dentist in future years. Our highest achieving VET student, April Ford is undertaking a traineeship in Hospitality with the Mangrove Hotel. We are very proud of our Graduating Class of 2016 and we look forward to more information in the coming weeks from all our students in regards to the diverse tertiary opportunities, training and employment options that are being undertaken by each of our former students.
Congratulations to SRC students elected to leadership roles in the College. Secondary SRC roles in 2017 are awarded to:

**Head Boy**—Alexander Beuke

**Head Girl**—Abier Hamaguchi

**Barbier House Captain**—Scartisha Ningella

**Ward House Captain**—Helena Hungerford-Morgan

**Sports Captain**—Jofram Hunter

**Cultural Captain**—Minmae Pineda

**Ministry Captain**—Sarah Hill

**Year 12**—Jack Wilcox

**Year 11**—Leanne Dolby & Ainsley Richardson

**Year 10**—Oseyahn Monck-O’Meara & Fynn Stokes

**Ministry Team**—Marcus Scholtes & Dakota Leak

**O’Brien House Captain**—James Abriol

**Rice House Captain**—Franics McNally

**Year 9**—Aaliyah Richardson & Daniel Ralph

**Year 8**—Jasmyr Baird & Nicholas Ignacio

**Year 7**—To be elected on Year 7 Camp

Primary SRC roles in 2017 are awarded to:

**Head Boy**—Daithi Wade

**Head Girl**—Breanne Bin Kali

**Barbier House Captains**—Marcell Wynne & Taezha-Rose Councillor

**O’Brien House Captains**—Dominic Bartlett & Olivia Ward

**Deputy Head Boy**—Leo Stanley

**Rice House Captains**—Imogen Famlonga & Rio Cahill

**Deputy Head Girl**—Miriam Hill

**Ward House Captains**—Elly Sara & Leon Francis
School Hats and Caps
This year a range of caps have been introduced for students in Years 7-12. During Term 1, students in Years 7-12 will be encouraged to wear either a College cap or hat. From the commencement of Term 2, all students will be required to wear either a College cap or a hat whenever they are in the sun. The policy for Year K-6 will remain with students being required to wear either a bucket or wide brimmed style hat when they are in the sun. These can be purchased from the uniform shop.

Parents of Year 7-12 students are asked to please ensure that your son/daughter purchases a cap or hat in the coming weeks. Please also mark all uniform items with the students name and year with a laundry marker.

Capital Works
Planning is well underway for commencement of the first stage of our exciting Capital Development Plan (CDP). The CDP consists of 6 stages for new and improved teaching and learning facilities for students from K-12. We are expecting to have commenced the first stage in early Term 2 with the construction of a new double stream Kindergarten, a refurbished administration building, a new staffroom, new basketball courts and additional parking and pick up/ drop off facilities on the primary campus. A copy of the Capital Development Master Plan will be made available on our College website.

Strategic Plan
The College will be embarking on the formation of the next Strategic Plan during Term 1. We have engaged the services of Jeff Thorne from Thorne Consulting to lead this process. Jeff will be travelling to Broome on March 7 & 8 to run series of workshops with the College Board, staff, students and parents/ caregivers. A letter of invitation with the day and time of the workshop will be mailed to all parents by the end of next week.

Condolences
Our College offers condolences to a number of staff, students and parents who have experienced loss of loved ones in recent weeks. We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to you all at this very sad time.
Year 11 Parent Information Evening Tuesday 14 February 2017
Next Tuesday St Mary’s College will be holding a parent information evening for parents/guardians of Year 11 students. This evening is designed to give parents guidance with regard to the Western Australian Schools Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) requirements for graduation in 2018. It is important to note that WACE graduation has requirements for Years 11 and 12 subjects. We encourage parents/guardians to also bring their Year 11 students with them to this evening. The evening begins at 6pm and will be held in the Secondary library.

OLNA Testing Years 10, 11 and 12
I would like to remind parents that in order to attain a WACE graduation all students are required to achieve a minimum level of literacy and numeracy as prescribed by SCSA. This can be done by attaining level 8 in Year 9 NAPLAN. If students do not meet this standard, they are then required to pass the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA). These assessments are held in March and October each year for Year 10, 11 and 12 students who have not attained the required level. The first round of OLNA testing will be held from March 7 until March 24. Parents will be notified next week if your child is required to sit the upcoming OLNA test. We will be providing support for students who need to sit these tests. These support structures will also be forwarded to parents next week.

FROM HEAD OF SECONDARY  Leanne Wilson
We have had a very busy and productive start to 2017 on the Primary Campus! The students have all started the year displaying our core behaviours of being kind, being responsible and being respectful. This positive start is a credit to the whole school community.

FROM HEAD OF PRIMARY

Coby Rhatigan
Year 12 Retreat 2017

The purpose of the Year 12 Retreat is to provide an opportunity for each student to reflect, share and learn about themselves, their relationship with others (especially their family), and their relationship with God.

This process took place through a number of planned activities and a Retreat Liturgy. The Retreat proved to be a very rewarding and worthwhile experience.

“On Thursday the 2nd of February the Year 12’s participated in the annual overnight Retreat at the Broome Camp School” This year’s theme was “Going Beyond”. The Year 12’s started the Retreat with a silent pilgrimage from school to the Sisters of St John of God Heritage Centre, reflecting on their journey through life so far as they went. Then off to the camp school to settle in and undergo various team building activities and bonding sessions. The retreat concluded with a Liturgy that we prepared and participated in. We left the camp school Friday afternoon on a bus full of mosquitoes and memories. Thank you to all of the staff who made this happen.” Minmae Pineda, Alex Beuke and Abier Hamaguchi.
I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and the reading of a good book was a highlight. I enjoyed reading a number of books during the holidays including Girl on a train by Paula Hawkins; Truly, Madly, Guilty by Liane Moriarty, as well as Salt to the sea by Ruta Sepetys. All great books which I couldn’t put down.

Parent support is requested regarding school owned copies of Book Hire text books. A number of students have them at home and I ask your help by checking book shelves. If any text are found from 2016 please have your son or daughter return the book ASAP to the secondary library. Thank you for your help in keeping costs down for the College. Any books which are lost by a student in 2017 will be added to school fees. Please encourage your child to be responsible and to look after these expensive text books they have on loan for the school year.

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2017 Secondary Assistance Scheme

The State Government, through the Department of Education, provides financial support to eligible parents through the Secondary Assistance Scheme (SAS). The aim of the scheme is to assist low income families with secondary schooling costs.

Eligible parents/guardians with students enrolled in Years 7 to 12 studying full-time secondary course at a WA private school will be able to apply for the SAS in 2017.

The SAS consists of two allowances:
- $235 Education Program Allowance (payment made to the school); and
- $115 Clothing Allowance (payment made to the parent/guardian).

Parents/guardians in receipt of the ABSTUDY School Fees Allowance from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) are not eligible for the SAS, but may apply for the ABSTUDY Supplement Allowance.

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Do you hold a means tested Health Care Card or Pension Card?

Holders of eligible Health Care Cards and Pension Cards are eligible for a discounts on Tuition fees.

The discounted fee covers tuition fees only. It does not cover additional charges such as camps, book hire, building levy, insurance, subject levies. The school’s normal sibling discounts will continue to apply to the already discounted amount.

**What do I need to do to access this Scheme?**

To access the discount, parents/guardians will need to show a valid card to Amy Hyett, Business Manager.

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**ASDAN**

**Welcome**

Hold both hands open in front of shoulders. Simultaneously bend fingers at third knuckles, quickly, twice.

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**SCHOOL SHOES**

Having trouble buying school shoes locally?

Betts online offers a large range of school shoes, which can be express posted to Broome (if purchase is greater than $99), and Betts offer free returns!
Prevent mosquito bites
Many mosquitoes bite around dusk and dawn, but some can bite day and night. The only way to prevent mosquito-borne disease is to avoid being bitten. Know how to prevent mosquito bites – cover up, repel, clean up.

**Cover up**
Wear long, loose-fitting, light coloured clothing, covering as much of the body as you can. Mosquitoes can bite through tight clothes like jeans. Make sure children are also appropriately covered up.

**Repel**
Use insect repellent containing DEET (diethyltoluamide) or picaridin and always follow instructions on the label.

**Clean up**
Stop mosquitoes breeding in water pooling around your home or holiday accommodation by emptying water from containers. It may also be important to use soothing creams or bandages to cover up bites, avoid scratching and possible infection. In the Kimberley infected mosquito bites can easily turn into School sores

**School sores**
Impetigo is an infection of the skin caused by bacteria. It will usually start with a blister or a group of blisters. The blisters will often pop, weep and form a crust. Small spots may spread outwards from the first spot. The spots are usually itchy.
If your child has impetigo they should be checked by a doctor. The doctor may prescribe antibiotics. You should cover the sores with watertight dressing and cut the child’s nails to prevent them from scratching. Impetigo is spread very easily, so keep the child home until 24 hours after treatment has begun. Wash hands regularly to prevent spread to others.
PERTH CAREERS CAMP
In the final week of Term 4, 2016, four of our upper school students travelled to Perth for the Follow The Dream Careers Camp. Students visited a host of educational institutions including The University of Western Australia, Edith Cowan University and Notre Dame University. At each venue students were given a taste of university life: touring the grounds with staff and participating in a range of activities associated with current courses and future entry pathways. Students also visited the Woodside Plaza for an interactive science and engineering workshop, and found time for leisure activities including shopping and ten pin bowling. All four students were great ambassadors for Follow The Dream and St. Mary’s and they are to be congratulated on their exemplary conduct.
As we farewell our 2016 graduates who move into the workplace and further education, we look forward to building on the program in 2017. For those of you new to the College community, the Follow The Dream / Partnerships For Success program provides academic support to motivated and aspiring indigenous students from Years 7 - 12. In addition to in-school and out-of-school tutoring, students in the program receive career advice and mentoring to assist them in developing and achieving their own educational and personal goals.
There are currently 32 students enrolled in the program at St. Mary’s College and we are now accepting new enrolments for 2017. If you are interested in being part of the Follow The Dream / Partnerships For Success program, please contact the secondary campus for an application pack.

Mr. Dave Wilkinson
Follow The Dream / Partnerships For Success Coordinator

Calculators for Secondary students
All secondary students in mainstream Mathematics classes, as well as all Year 11 and 12 Mathematics classes, are required to have a scientific calculator. During the first week of term, each student was given a letter which included an opt-out slip. Those students who have not returned the opt-out slip will be issued with Casio FX-82AU calculators during the coming week and a $25 charge will be applied to Term 1 fee schedule. Students who are studying Year 12 Applications, Year 11 Methods or who are in Ms Sally’s Year 10 Mathematics class are also required to have a CAS calculator. These can be hired through the College at a rate of $10 per term. Students in these classes received an additional letter with a CAS Calculator Agreement attached. This agreement needs to be filled out and signed by the parents/guardians of these students. Both the opt-out slips and the CAS Calculator Agreements were to be completed and returned to the College by Friday, February 10. If you have not received the letter/s, or have not as yet returned the relevant forms, please contact me via my College email sharp.sally@cathednet.wa.edu.au.

Ms Sally Sharp
Learning Area Leader - Mathematics
PARENTS AND FRIENDS

St Mary’s Parents & Friends Association

For more info please call
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