

St Joseph's College

NEWSLETTER



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WEEK 2 AT THE COLLEGE

DAY 6 ~ MONDAY 26 JULY

- Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement
- Year 11 Community Service:
'You Have A Friend' (selected students)

DAY 7 ~ TUESDAY 27 JULY

- Year 12 Drama Assessment

DAY 8 ~ WEDNESDAY 28 JULY

- Diocesan Athletics Carnival
(selected students)

DAY 9 ~ THURSDAY 29 JULY

- Motivational Media (Years 7-10)

DAY 10 ~ FRIDAY 30 JULY

- 'Surfing for a Friend'
(selected students)

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of St Joseph's College,

Term 3 is bound to be full of mixed emotions for Year 12 students. Next Monday, they will anxiously commence two weeks of Trial HSC Exams, followed by a period of intensive revision and study. During this time, their thoughts and emotions will undoubtedly drift to the excitement and even apprehension of leaving school on Friday 24 September.

The Trial Exams are independently set and are an important gauge of the students' preparedness for the impending HSC exams. We wish them good luck as we keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

The period following the exams will be a time for self analysis and evaluation of progress to date and areas in need of development. It is important that during the post-exam period, each student focuses on strengthening their results by maintaining good attendance and a regular revision programme. Every Year 12 teacher will be providing quality feedback and support for any individual in need of assistance.

Year 11 embark on their Leadership Camp next Monday 2 August. This valuable experience is aimed at further developing the bonds of camaraderie amongst the year group as they prepare for the commencement of their HSC year and their position as senior role models. Later in the term, the students and staff will undergo an exhaustive selection process for the senior SRC Representatives and College Captains for 2010-2011. The End of Preliminary Course Exams are scheduled for Monday 13 to Friday 24 September.

It is important that the students remain focussed on their studies and ensure that school is their number one priority.

Years 10 and 8 will be selecting their subjects for 2011. Each of the year groups will be advised of the courses and options available and more information will be accessible at the parent/student evenings, which will be held on, respectively, Wednesday 11 August and Wednesday 25 August.

In the last newsletter I wrote about the importance of goal setting and self evaluation of semester reports. As parents, we can help by encouraging our children to establish sound homework and revision routines, as well as promoting a positive attitude to school, learning and the value of sustained effort.

Laptop Roll Out

With the distribution and associated euphoria of the laptops now complete, we continue to develop the how (pedagogy) and the what (curriculum) to enhance student learning. Staff engagement and utilisation of StudyWiz is ongoing and advantageous. It is pleasing to see so many of the teachers exploring new and innovative ways to get the most out of this powerful programme, even in these early months of what will be a three year effort to digitise content.

If you have not yet had a chance to look at StudyWiz, ask your son or daughter to show you. We will continue to develop and explore StudyWiz so that we can communicate, work and operate as an alliance between parents, students and staff. In the next couple of weeks we will be sending home to every family a detailed explanation on the responsible use and care of the laptops. With over 700 laptops in the College, this 'game-changing' device brings with it its own set of parameters in how they can be utilised.

Cyber Safety and Cyber Bullying

This is a topic of concern for parents everywhere. It is a relatively 'new' phenomenon and many parents I speak to are unsure about the internet and what they can do to assist their child to use this great asset wisely. I believe we parents need to reinforce to our children our expectations of respectful conduct on social networking sites, such as Facebook, just as we do in reality. It is important to highlight the parallels between cyber networking and face to face social interactions.

Also we need to educate our children of the dangers and pitfalls of posting personal information and photos on the internet. If you would like more information on this topic, a great place to start is by going to the website <http://www.netsmartz.org/netparents.htm>.

Mr Peter Lyon
Deputy Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEEK 3

Monday 2 August

Year 12 Trial HSC Exams (2-16 August)
Year 11 Leadership Camp (2-4 August)

Tuesday 3 August

St Joseph's College Careers Expo
ICAS English Competition

Wednesday 4 August

Year 9 ACER French Test

Thursday 5 August

Year 10 ACER French Test
Australian Mathematics Competition

WEEK 4

Year 12 Trials continue

Wednesday 11 August

Year 10 in 11 2011 BOS Night

Friday 13 August

Year 9 Marine Mammals Excursion
Deadly Days Excursion
Year 11 Community Service: Meals on Wheels

WEEK 5

Monday 16 August

Year 12 HSC Trials conclude

Tuesday 17 August

Years 11 & 12 HSC Drama Performance
ICAS Mathematics Competition

Wednesday 18 August

Year 6 Transition Visits (18 & 19 Aug)

WEEK 6

Monday 23 August

Year 12 TVET Trial HSC exams

Tuesday 24 August

Year 12 HSC Music Performance

Wednesday 25 August

Year 12 Physics Excursion
Working with Animals Careers Day

WEEK 7

29 Aug to 4 Sept -

National Literacy & Numeracy Week

Tuesday 31 August

Year 5 Transition Visits (31 Aug-2 Sept)

Wednesday 1 September

Year 9 'Night of Notables'

Thursday 2 September

Diocesan Netball

Friday 3 September

Year 12 Semester 2 Reports distributed

WEEK 8

Monday 6 September

Final Vaccination Day

Friday 10 September

CSSDA Debating

Year 11 Community Service: Meals on Wheels

WEEK 9

Monday 13 September

Year 11 End of Prelim Course Exams (13-24 Sept)

WEEK 10

Thursday 23 September

Year 12 Graduation Mass

Friday 24 September

End of Term 3 - This is a normal school day

Year 12 Farewell Assembly

Years 7-10 Term 3 Reports posted



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH TWEED HEADS

Catholic Presbytery
Ph: (07) 5536.7522

EDUCATION TAX REFUND (ETR)

The Australian Taxation Office now allows families to claim an Education Tax Refund (ETR) for the tax year 2009-10.

The Parish Schools Board has been advised that the following amounts relate to may be eligible expenses as part of school fees for the financial year ending 30 June 2010:

- Primary Schools - \$220.00 – Resource fee
- College - Computer Access Fee
Textbook and material fees (as per invoice)

The Parish Schools Board recommends that families seek their own independent advice from a tax agent before claiming any deduction under the ETR.

Families are also reminded that the Building Levy component of the fees **is not** a tax deductible item.

Families can obtain further information relating to the ETR from:

<http://www.ato.gov.au/print.asp?doc=/content/00174278.htm>

John Klein
Schools Finance Manager

Advance Notice . . .

Wednesday 1 September 2010 Night of Notables

NIGHT OF NOTABLES

Wednesday 1 September 2010
in the Doyle Centre, St Joseph's College

Year 9 will be presenting their
"Night of Notables"
from 4:30pm
culminating with a
Parade of Students
at 6:00pm

Parents and carers of Year 9 students
are invited to attend the
Doyle Centre and see their child
take part in the 2010 Programme

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

YEAR 11 NEWS



ABN : 80 271 733 854
 Certificate Incorporation No. INC9889330
 Charitable Fundraising Authority No. CFN/20736



Join 'You Have a Friend' for the **Tweed's second public sleep-out** to raise awareness of homelessness in our area.

Saturday 7 August 2010
 commencing at 4:00pm

St Joseph's College Sporting Fields
 Doyle Drive Banora Point

For further information and to register go to www.youhaveafriend.org.au or phone John on 0402 808 727

'You Have a Friend' is a not-for-profit charity supporting the homeless and marginalised in the Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads and Coolangatta areas.

They currently average over 160 meals a week by providing breakfast, lunch and supper. They also do this relying considerably on food donations from the local community.

NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' WEEK August 2-8, 2010

WILL YOU BE HOMELESS IN 2020?

Homelessness Australia asks this question as 105,000 on any given night are homeless.

Homeless Week provides an opportunity to promote more discussion and action about homelessness in Australia and around the world.

To this end, 'You Have a Friend' is organising a public sleep-out, to be held on the sporting fields here at St Joseph's College. This event will take place on Saturday 7 August (end of Week 3).

Visit the 'You Have a Friend' website www.youhaveafriend.org.au for more information about this event or to get an insight into the goals of this organisation.

YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP CAMP

A reminder that Year 11 students will be attending their Leadership Camp next Monday, 2 August to Wednesday, 4 August:

Venue: Interaction Experiential Learning - Mebbin
Travel: By bus
Depart: 9:00am, Monday 2 August
Return: 3:00pm, Wednesday 4 August
Cost: \$240.00
Due: Friday 23 July (end of Week 1, Term 3)



Payments should have been finalised by now. Students in Year 11 have their checklist of equipment required for the camp. Families are reminded that participation in the camp is compulsory.

Mrs Michelle Heazlewood-Ross
 Year 11 Coordinator

YEAR 12 NEWS

YEAR 12 TRIAL HSC EXAMINATIONS 2-16 AUGUST

Please note that these will be taking place in the Doyle Centre at the College NOT the Salvation Army as advised last term.

END OF YEAR PREPARATIONS

During this term, Year 12 students will receive a letter outlining their end of year preparations. We ask our students to read the letter with their parent/guardians to be fully aware of College expectations.

A 'letter box' notice will be placed in the newsletter when this letter has been distributed to Year 12.



Visit the College website for more information about SJC or for back copies of the Newsletter

'You Have A Friend' Roster for Term 3 onwards:

Date	Attendees (Accompanying Adult in bold)
26 July	Tia McLaren, Lauren Workman, Elise Kachel, Michelle Delaney
2 August	Year 11 Leadership Camp
9 August	Finn Davoren, Samantha Bario, Jacob Hawkins, Shellae Boss
16 August	Patrick Lynch, Tia McLaren, Keeley Serone, Frank Malone
23 August	Narissa O'Doherty, Caitlin McGibbon-Goode, Kahlia Anderson, Scott McDermott
30 August	Samantha Goller, Samara Hayes, Talia Morgan, Chris Morrison
6 September	Georgina Oram, Elise Kachel, Brendan Bartel, Mandy Oram
13 September	Jacqui Baker, Lauren Workman, Taylor Hammett, Jenna-Lee Mepstead
20 September	Geoffrey Harrison, Lina Hayek-Sunderland, Samantha Fien, Fiona Murray
27 Sept (Holidays)	Cassandra Dunn, Christopher Cooke, Samantha Bario, Lyn Pimm
4 Oct (Holidays)	Jacob Hawkins, Tia McLaren, Keeley Serone, Peter Serone
11 October	Kahlia Anderson, Caitlin McGibbon-Goode, Samara Hayes, Carlo Trimboli
18 October	Talia Morgan, Elise Kachel, Lauren Workman, Sandra Salamacha
25 October	Taylor Hammett, Brendan Bartel, Lina Hayek-Sunderland, Charmaine Vella
1 November	Geoffrey Harrison, Samantha Fien, Samantha Bario, Allira Eppich
8 November	Christopher Cooke, Tia McLaren, Keeley Serone, Jesse Carroll



YEAR 12 GRADUATION FORMAL

As advised previously, the Year 12 Graduation Formal will take place on **Wednesday 17 November 2010**. The venue will be the Twin Towns Services Club.

College policy regarding the distribution of formal tickets is that each student is allocated a maximum of three (3) tickets only. These are for parents and the student. This is a size consideration.

Obviously, there may be some family situations that will necessitate extra tickets and any requests for such should be directed to me in writing.

Ticket prices and further details will be in a future newsletter.

Mr Chris Morrison
 Year 12 Coordinator



PRAYERS

Your thoughts and prayers are requested for the Ralph family, following the death of Brian Ralph, father of Kueper in Year 10 and Joseph in Year 8.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ralph family at this sad time.



St Joseph's Parish
Tweed Heads

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH TWEED HEADS Catholic Presbytery Ph: (07) 5536.7522

PARISH YOUTH MASS

Our next Youth Mass will be held
on **Sunday 29 August**
(end of Week 6, Term 3)
in the Holy Family Chapel,
St Joseph's College,
Doyle Drive, Banora Point
commencing at 5:30pm

Youth Mass Dates for the remainder
of 2010 are as follows:

TERM 3:

Week 10: Sunday 26 September

TERM 4:

Week 3: Sunday 31 October
Week 7: Sunday 28 November

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Joseph's Parish	St Anthony's Parish
<u>Saturday Vigil:</u> 6:00pm	<u>Saturday Vigil:</u> 6:00pm (Kingscliff)
<u>Sunday:</u> 7:00am & 9:00am	<u>Sunday:</u> 7:00am (Pottsville)
<u>Sunday:</u> 9:00am (Bilambil)	<u>Sunday:</u> 9:00am (Kingscliff)
Fr Michael Brady Parish Priest	Fr Jim Griffin Parish Priest

Do you know the meaning of this word?

Choice: (n.) the act or an instance of choosing or selecting; the opportunity or power of choosing; a person or thing chosen or that may be chosen; an alternative action or possibility.

How do your choices shape you as a person?

"I believe that we are solely responsible for our choices, and we have to accept the consequences of every deed, word, and thought throughout our lifetime."

"Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations."

You choose how people affect your mood. Your bottom line: "It's your choice how you live life."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

'Mary MacKillop is one step away from being Australia's first saint.' Last term we started on the path of the Canonisation of Australia's own Mary MacKillop. We will continue on with Mary's story; her life and the process of her canonisation, right up until the event in Rome on Sunday 17 October . . . only 83 days to go.

Mr Scott McDermott
RE Coordinator-Ministry

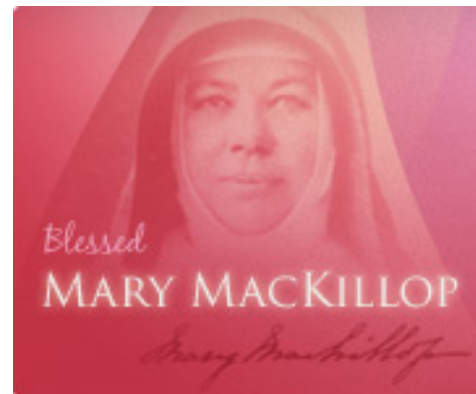
Mary's Excommunication

In 1871, Mary was excommunicated by Adelaide Bishop Lawrence Shiel (also written as Sheil). His ban extended to anyone who was in communication with her. The background to this dispute is complex and involves dissatisfaction between the bishop, other priests, Julian Tenison Woods and Mary and her Sisters. In a move designed to resolve the conflicts, Shiel attempted to take control of the order and effectively disbanded the order for six months. Shiel accused Mary of inciting her Sisters to "disobedience and defiance".

Mary fought strongly for the right to be the direct supervisor of her Sisters, rather than have them subject to the directives of the local priests and bishops in the dioceses where they worked. She argued that this was necessary, given that the Sisters were deployed to a range of isolated areas and needed to be moved according to the needs of the wider Church communities and not just the requirements of the local bishop. The Australian colonial bishops generally thought otherwise. They preferred to be the ones who supervised all who worked for the Church in their dioceses. Bishop Shiel's attempt to censure Mary was, in effect, a power struggle not unknown in relations between bishops and religious orders in colonial Australia. His excommunication was outside the accepted -norms of Church Law as well as beyond the standards of common justice.

On 23 February 1872 only days before he died, Shiel lifted the censure on Mary. What might have been a source of ongoing threat to her order was resolved in her favour. The dispute with Shiel would not be the only one with colonial bishops. Indeed, throughout her career, conflict with diocesan bishops would be a characteristic of Mary's efforts to extend her work. Notwithstanding regular episcopal conflicts, Mary was recognised as someone who did not remain bitter about her encounters with Church authorities. Her writings do not record bitterness, disobedience or aggression in relation to Church leaders.

Shortly after the retraction of her excommunication, Mary travelled to Rome to seek official Vatican approval for the Rule of her Order. She met with Pope Pius IX. In 1874, the Rule for the order was officially approved by Roman authorities. Among other things, this meant that the authority of the Mother Superior could override the local bishop's directives concerning the Sisters. While in Europe, Mary visited schools to review educational trends. She recruited 15 women in Ireland who returned in 1875 with her to Adelaide.



Expansion and Change

In 1883, the Sisters of St Joseph were established in New Zealand. In that year, the Mother House of the order moved from Adelaide to Sydney after the urging of Adelaide Bishop Christopher Reynolds: he thought the Mother House would be better placed somewhere out of his diocese. Eventually, the Mother House and novitiate would be permanently based in Mount Street, North Sydney. In 1894, Mary visited Josephite convents in New Zealand for a period of 14 months. In 1900, she set up a Practice School in North Sydney to train her Sisters. This school is the predecessor of the MacKillop Campus of the Australian Catholic University.

During the later years of her life Mary experienced a number of health problems. She suffered from rheumatism. She suffered a stroke in New Zealand in 1902 which paralysed her on her right side. She used a wheelchair for the last seven years of her life. Mother Mary MacKillop died on 8 August 1909. She was buried at Gore Hill cemetery in North Sydney. Her remains were later transferred to a vault in the Memorial Chapel in Mount Street, North Sydney. At the time of her death the order she co-founded had almost one thousand-members.

On 19 January 1995 at a ceremony at Randwick Racecourse in Sydney, Pope John Paul II announced Mary MacKillop's beatification - the final stage before canonisation as a saint. This step in the process allowed her the title of Blessed Mary MacKillop. Today, the Sisters of St Joseph are involved in education and welfare projects in Australia, New Zealand, Peru, Brazil and East Timor. Her Sisters contribute to projects in support of refugees in Uganda and Thailand. A number of schools in Australia and New Zealand has been named in honour of Mary MacKillop. The campus of the Australian Catholic University in North Sydney bears her name. In 2008 the Australian mint included Mary on a commemorative \$1 coin for "Inspirational Australians".

PASTORAL NEWS

Welcome back to school for the second semester of an exciting year at St Joseph's. To help you make the most of it, you need to be involved in the many activities and opportunities the College offers.

From the pastoral perspective, a number of workshops will be offered throughout this second half of the year. This term the workshops being offered are:

Engaging Adolescents - a one-day (9am-3pm) parent workshop on 24 August seeking to understand adolescence, covering the physiological changes, helping parents understand their job as a parent of a teenager, asking questions and attempting to bridge the gap between parent and child.

Seasons for Growth - a grief education program. Loss and grief are issues which affect all of us at some stage in our lives. Learning to deal effectively with these issues is central to personal wellbeing and happiness. Unresolved grief can also affect a student's learning. The program explores issues such as change, loss, managing feelings, coping strategies and support networks. Seasons for Growth workshops will run during class time, one lesson a week for eight weeks.

Taking Control - a self-management and problem-solving program. The program is designed to help students work through the various concepts of managing themselves in order to make more appropriate choices and therefore be more successful in life. It aims to help students become more proactive and solution focussed in their thinking so they can make better choices and bring about more positive consequences. The more positive they and their experiences are the happier and more successful they will be. Taking Control workshops will run during class time, two lessons a week for seven weeks.

Learning to Learn - study skills, tips and tricks to help you improve your achievement. This workshop aims to empower the student by presenting information and skills to help students cope with stress associated with exams and assessments, skills in taking tests, managing time, organising yourself, improving memory and strategies and techniques for effective study. It encourages students to be proactive, take control of their learning and be successful. Session times will be negotiated with students selecting this workshop option.

Strictly Stress - a twelve session program aimed at students teaching students to understand, acknowledge and cope with specific stressors/sources of stress. Topics covered include: identifying and understanding stress, coping strategies, support networks, diet, time management, problem solving, staying healthy, communication skills and relaxation techniques. Session times will be negotiated with students selecting this workshop option.

Crucial Skills - A 10-session anger management and problem solving program which aims to improve listening skills, management of anger, ability to deal positively with conflict, self-esteem and self-management. Session times will be negotiated with students selecting this workshop option.

Friends - A 10-session program aimed at learning and developing skills and techniques to cope with and manage anxiety. Student learn awareness of body clues, deep breathing exercises, relaxation activities, identification of inner thoughts, use of positive self talk, techniques for challenging negative self talk, problem solving and coping skills. Session times will be negotiated with students selecting this workshop option.

Progressive Relaxation Sessions - A great way to manage your stress and learn to relax. Sessions will be run each Tuesday at lunchtime from Week 5 Term 3.

Each workshop is open to all year groups. Previous workshop participants have found them to be very helpful and an informal, fun way to deal with what can be very difficult issues.

Please consider the opportunities carefully, complete and return the form below indicating which workshop(s) you are interested in as soon as possible. It is expected that workshops will begin in Week 4.

Ms Frances Stegeman
Pastoral Advisor



Group Workshops

Please complete and return to Student Reception by: Friday 6 August 2010 (Attention: Ms Stegeman)

I wish to participate in the following Group Workshop/s (please tick your choices/s):

- Engaging Adolescents
- Seasons for Growth
- Taking Control
- Learning to Learn
- Strictly Stress
- Crucial Skills
- Friends
- Progressive Relaxation

Student Name:

..... H/R:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

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REMINDER: MESSAGES TO STUDENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Parents and Caregivers please be aware that the office staff cannot disrupt teaching in order to deliver messages that are not of an urgent nature.

All home travel arrangements should be made prior to your child leaving for school and we seek parent's support in this regard.

We also cannot be phoning classrooms to advise students of the arrival of equipment - including laptops.

It is the responsibility of students to check at Student Reception as we will not be calling them down to the office.

Investing in Australia's Future

Did you know?

78% of the total bucket of state and government education funding goes to government schools but only 22% goes to non-government schools.



We need our politicians to ensure ongoing commitment and support.

Council of Catholic School Parents
Advocacy and Support for all parents
www.ccschoolparents.edu.au No.7

Source: NCEC 2008 Annual Report, p35, Published 2009. Productivity Commission, Review of Government Service (Australia), Report on Government Services 2009, Volume 1, Part B 'Early Childhood, Education and Training'. Report published January 2009. Note: Non-Government schools include Catholic and other independent schools.

SJC MAC MONDAYS

Free computer training & information for SJC parents & families.
Every Monday (except Public Holidays)
Day Session: 12pm-1pm
Night Session: 6pm-7pm

BOOK NOW

CAREERS NEWS

Please see me about the following or about any careers concerns you may have.

Mr Matt Hall, Careers Advisor

NSW HSC ONLINE

NSW HSC Online is designed to be a one-stop-shop for Years 11 and 12 students as they approach their NSW HSC exams. It is a Charles Sturt University initiative in collaboration with the Department of Education.

The Study and Exams area of NSW HSC Online contains a wealth of information. Even if you only visit a few of the links listed, you will gain valuable insights into a range of topics, from learning in general through preparing for examinations and test-taking tactics to specific skills such as stress management and time management. The basic purpose of this area is to equip you with skills and techniques that will improve your performance as you prepare for the Higher School Certificate.



ADFA OPEN DAY

Open Day at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) is an ideal opportunity for you to experience first hand this unique, world class training and educational facility. If you are interested in combining a challenging and exciting career in the Australian Defence Force with a degree then you should come along and find out more.

What can ADFA offer?

- Financial benefits - you are paid to study and the Australian Defence Force (ADF) will pay your tuition fees
- A top-quality education - UNSW@ADFA is a campus of the University of New South Wales (UNSW) so you will graduate with a degree from UNSW and become part of the broader UNSW alumni
- The best university teacher-to-student ratio in the country
- A variety of exciting, challenging and rewarding experiences not available to other University students - you will undertake leadership challenges, weapons training, overseas travel, and hands-on development with either the Navy, Army or Air Force
- Unique postgraduate courses and scholarship opportunities.

Plus a great deal more, which you will be able to discover for yourself at the ADFA Open Day, 28 August 2010. For more information, visit www.unsw.adfa.edu.au/openday/.



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

CAREERS EXPO

Next Tuesday, 3 August

3:30 ~ 5:30pm in the Doyle Centre

All students and families are invited to attend, meet presenters, find information about courses and possible career opportunities

The following is a list of presenters:

current at time of printing

Skills on Safety

THINK GROUP:



RSL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



The RSL of Australia (QLD Branch) and Bond University have joined forces to offer the half-million dollar RSL Youth Development Program, which has been designed to recognise and reward the efforts of high-achieving Queensland students. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded in the following categories:

- Academic Achievement (inclusive of Arts, Drama, Dance & Media)
- Sporting Achievement
- Community Leadership and Civic Participation

Applications are open to all Queensland residents who are currently completing Year 10 or 11, and who have demonstrated achievement in the academic, sporting or community arenas. These students will be eligible for grants of up to \$2,500 and the top 10 percent of the highest achieving finalists will receive greater recognition via a \$5,000 grant.

Recipients of an RSL Youth Development Program grant also have the exclusive opportunity to apply for a Scholarship to cover 50% tuition fees for any single or combined degree at Bond University at the completion of high school.

Contact scholarships@bond.edu.au for further information on this exciting opportunity.

If you have further questions about this program, email RSLyouth@bond.edu.au.

BOND UNIVERSITY FILM AND TELEVISION AWARDS (BUFTA)

BUFTA is a short film competition open to any Year 11 or 12 secondary school student in Australia. The following criteria applies:

- Films must be less than eight minutes in length including opening and closing credits.
- Films must have been produced with the last twelve months (films submitted for BUFTA 2009 competition will not be accepted for BUFTA 2010).
- DVD must include an extra two minutes behind the scenes featurette, including; making the film and comments on the motivation/inspiration for the film.
- Judges are looking for creativity, story, production quality, filmmaking skills and undiscovered talent!

The philosophy behind BUFTA is to offer a system of recognition for today's young filmmakers. Students are encouraged to enter short films made as part of school assessments or as independent projects. There are a number of different categories for films to be entered into and winners are chosen for the most outstanding film in each category:

- Animation
- Comedy
- Documentary
- Drama
- Experimental
- Music Video

Submission entry period: 30 April to 1 October 2010. Best Overall Filmmaker will be awarded a full tuition scholarship, valued at \$86,520, to study Film and Television at Bond University. Overall winner and individual category winners to be announced and prizes presented at the gala awards ceremony to be held on 26 November.

More information and application forms available on www.bond.edu.au/bufta.

STUDENT FOR A SEMESTER PROGRAM

Applications for the September intake are now open!

Do you want to get a head start on your university studies? Participants of this program gain a distinct advantage over their peers by completing a tertiary subject and getting a true sense of university life, before they leave High School.

- All applications for this program are now being submitted using the Bond University Online Application Form
- Interested Year 11 and 12 students will need to follow the steps in the Student for a Semester application process
- A fee of \$219.00 will need to be paid once the student receives their Letter of Offer from Bond Uni

Important Dates:

- *Early* applications close* - Wednesday 4 August (*early applicants will be placed on the preference list for their chosen tutorial time)
- *Late applications close* - Friday 13 August 13 (extension may be available)
- *Student for a Semester Orientation* - Friday 10 September, from 3:00pm - 5:00pm
- *Classes commence* - Monday 13 September
- *Exam period* - Thursday 9 to Saturday 18 December (students will need to be available to sit their exam in this period)

For further information speak to Mr Hall or visit 'Student for a Semester' online at www.bond.edu.au/experience.

LAW EXPERIENCE DAY

Bond University, Gold Coast
Saturday, August 21

Bond University's Law Experience is a great program aimed at students who have an interest in legal studies and/or a career in law.

The program provides budding lawyers with information on what it takes to study law and where a law degree can take you. It connects students with professors in an informed and interactive environment that not only includes presentations and panel discussions, but also practise moots and other mock trial activities. For further information, or to register your attendance please contact Vanessa Lea, Faculty Marketing and Communications Officer, at vlea@bond.edu.au or 07 5595 2067.

OPEN DAY 2010

Bond University, Gold Coast
Sunday, August 22

10:00am - 3:00pm

Open Day is an event not to be missed!

Open Day allows your students to discover what makes Bond University unique by meeting current students, alumni and staff and discussing how their career ambitions can be brought to life on the beautiful Gold Coast. Visit Open Day for more information and to register for this event.



August Events at Griffith University



➔ Events - Open Day

Griffith University's annual Open Day is Sunday 8 August, 9:00am-2:00pm on the Gold Coast, Nathan and South Bank campus.

Open Day is the perfect opportunity for prospective students of any age level, and their parents, to visit the campuses, find out about the programs, meet current students and staff.

Program material will be on-line later this month at www.griffith.edu.au/open-day.

UQ Open Days 2010

Discover 'The University of You' at UQ's 2010 Open Day events at the St Lucia, Ipswich and Gatton campuses during August.

Open Day is a great opportunity to talk to UQ staff and students, attend presentations on study areas and career outcomes, and discover all that UQ has to offer by taking a tour of the campus, libraries and museums.

While you're here, be sure to check out the live entertainment and demonstrations or take part in one of the many activities on offer.

Free parking is available on campus at each Open Day. For more information about what's on, campus directions and to create your Open Day itinerary visit www.youruq.com/openday.

Enhanced Studies Program Update (ESP)

The Enhanced Studies Program (ESP) provides high achieving Year 12 students an opportunity to extend their studies in an area of interest and to 'test drive' university life. Students accepted into the program may study one course (subject) during Semester 1 of Year 12.

In 2011, courses on offer include animal studies, mathematics, history, philosophy, economics, accounting, psychology, law, languages, music and political science.

ESP is a great way to find out more about what university study, assessment and campus life is really like. ESP students enjoy all the benefits associated with being a UQ student, including access to first-class teaching and learning facilities, a range of student services and UQ Sport. ESP students who successfully complete the program will be eligible to receive one bonus point towards their university entry rank through UQ's Bonus Rank Scheme. Additionally, ESP students who later enrol in a relevant UQ degree may receive credit for their completed course.

Applications are available online or via your school Guidance Officer. Applications for ESP 2011 close on Friday 22 October, 2010. For more information, visit: www.uq.edu.au/guidance/esp.

Undergraduate Scholarships 2011

We understand the big difference a scholarship can make as students strive to achieve their educational, career and life goals. With the support of industry, community groups and individual donors, we are able to offer many hundreds of scholarships, prizes and bursaries each year. In 2011, UQ has Academic, Faculty, Area of Study, Equity, Indigenous, Sporting, Overseas and campus-specific scholarships available.

The Academic Scholarship program in 2011 will include:

Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships: These scholarships will be awarded to outstanding applicants from throughout Australia who achieve a result that places them at the very top of the OP1 (or equivalent) band. Value: \$12,000 per year for up to 5 years.



UQ Excellence Scholarships: For OP1 (or equivalent) students. Exceptional leadership achievements and/or significant community service will also be highly regarded. Quotas apply. These scholarships will be awarded across a range of study areas. Value: \$6,000 per year for up to 4 years.

UQ Link Access

The UQ Link Access program is a special entry and support scheme designed to provide access to higher education for students who have experienced educational disadvantage as a result of financial hardship. At UQ, we understand that students from families experiencing financial hardship can have difficulty reaching their full academic potential and may therefore find it harder to gain entry to university.

To assist students in gaining entry to their program of choice, UQ will provide five bonus ranks (on the 1-99 University rank entry scale) to all students who meet the financial hardship criteria for the UQ Link Access program.

Australian citizens, Australian permanent residents (including holders of Permanent Humanitarian Visas) who are from low income backgrounds (eg. students in receipt of Centrelink payments such as Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY) are encouraged to apply. Applications are open to students completing Year 12, full-time Senior External Examinations or Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation studies in the year of application.

Applicants will need to provide documentation demonstrating financial hardship (eg. Centrelink income support statement or Tax Assessment Notice of combined family income). UQ Link Access applications close in late October each year. Applicants must also apply via QTAC for a tertiary place at UQ and any offer will be released through QTAC's offer rounds.

For further information, visit: www.uq.edu.au/study/uqlink-entry, or phone: (07) 3365.2203.



Don't miss Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's sixth annual Wildlife & Animal Careers Expo, sponsored by RSPCA, Gold Coast Hinterland Branch.

Gain an insight into careers at Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, RSPCA, Guide Dogs Queensland, Animal Welfare League, as well as university and TAFE course advice.

Venue: Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
Date: Wednesday 25 August
Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm
How: Please register with Mr Hall in the Careers Room



Beauty Therapy Training Australia in conjunction with St Joseph's College is running a ten-week make-up application course here during Term 3 on Wednesday afternoons, from 3:00-4:30pm in the Careers room. *The modules taught can be used as RPL towards a Diploma in Beauty Therapy.*

Please see Mr Hall in the Careers room.



The North Coast Institute of TAFE is offering two FREE TAFE courses for mums and dads:

Certificate I Access to Work and Training (Course No. 9071)

Do you want to develop your confidence and skills to go onto work or further training? Learn how to use a computer, internet and email. Improve your writing.

One day per week for 18 weeks.
Wednesdays 9:00am to 3:30pm.
Course related charges: \$15.00

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL courses) (Course No. 6524)

These courses are for adults who speak languages other than English who want to develop their English language skills. You will develop your listening, reading, writing and speaking skills. This will help you to participate in the Australian community, gain employment or do further study.

Wednesdays and Thursdays for 19 weeks.
9:00am to 1:00pm.
Course related charges: \$15.00.

Enquiries to Kingscliff Campus of TAFE
Ph: (02) 6674.7256



Bluescope Steel - Engineering Cadetships 2011

Seize the opportunity to complete your degree while gaining exceptional on-the-job training together with other motivated young people. Live close to beaches in the beautiful Illawarra region and get paid while you study! Bluescope Steel pride themselves on a strong tradition of attracting, retaining, supporting and developing young talent through their cadetship program. A Bluescope Steel Cadetship is more than just a job, it's a career with great opportunities.

In 2011 there are Cadetship opportunities in the following areas:

- Chemical Engineering Electrical Engineering
- Chemistry Materials Engineering
- Civil Engineering Mechanical Engineering
- Computer Engineering Mechatronics Engineering

The online application process for 2011 Cadetships opens on the 1st of July 2010. However, if you are interested in applying, please take a minute to register your details. Applicants who Bluescope Steel feel meet the selection criteria will receive a personal invitation to apply when the process opens in July.

Selection Process Key Dates:

- Online Applications Open 1 July 2010
- Online Applications Close 31 August 2010
- Cadet Selection Day Early October 2010
- Reference/Background Checks Mid October 2010
- Job Offer 16 October 2010

For further information and to register your interest, please visit: <http://cadets.bluescopesteel.com/home/australian-cadetships/brighter-future>

For more information, visit www.bluescopesteel.com/cadets.



Puggy Hunter Memorial Scholarship Scheme

The Scheme was established in recognition of Dr Arnold ('Puggy') Hunter's significant contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and in his previous role as Chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).

The scholarship provides financial assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are undertaking study or are intending to undertake study at an undergraduate or TAFE (Certificate IV and above) level in the areas of:

- Aboriginal health worker
- Alcohol and other drugs workers
- Allied health (excluding pharmacy)
- Dentistry/oral health
- Health service management
- Health promotion
- Medicine
- Mental health
- Midwifery
- Nursing

The application period will open Saturday 26 June 2010 and close Friday 20 August 2010. The application form will be available for download on Saturday 26 June 2010.

For more information, visit: www.rcna.org.au/scholarships/puggy_hunter.

Aged Care Scholarship Scheme

The Aged Care Nursing Scholarship Scheme is an Australian Government initiative aimed at encouraging more people to enter aged care nursing, particularly in regional, rural and remote Australia.

The Scheme provides financial assistance of up to \$5,000 per semester, to a maximum of \$30,000 per applicant, to assist in meeting costs incurred while studying undergraduate nursing. Scholarships will be available to students in any year of an undergraduate nursing degree.

The Scheme will be open for applications from Saturday 26 June 2010 for study in 2011.

For further information and to download an application form, *after 26 June*, visit: http://www.rcna.org.au/scholarships/ac_undergraduate.

For more information about nursing scholarships, visit: www.rcna.org.au/scholarships.

VISIT TO UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND - 16 JULY 2010

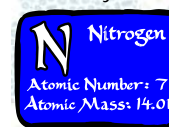


Nine Year 12 Chemistry students and one Year 11 Marine Studies student travelled with Mrs Murray and Mrs Heazlewood-Ross to the St Lucia campus of the University of Queensland last Friday.

At the campus, we attended three sessions conducted by expert scientists in their fields. The Chemistry students attended a session on Forensic Science in which they used many different techniques to find the perpetrator of a fictional cattle duffing crime.



Another session looked at the characteristics of particles when they are cooled to extremely low temperatures. There was a demonstration of balloons and a banana in liquid Nitrogen to illustrate this phenomena. We also had lots of fun playing with magnets to try and suspend an object in space.



The Marine Studies workshops investigated recent changes in weather and how they affect coral bleaching in reef systems.



The day also offered students the opportunity to have a look at the UQ campus and consider continuing their scientific studies at this prestigious university.

Eco Warriors

Tip for the Week . . .

The 'Save Power' government website suggests: There are simple things you can do to save electricity, money and carbon pollution, in and around your home, and help reduce our impact on the environment. As Eco Warriors we can start a power saving action plan today!

Think of all the power used in operating appliances; heating, cooling and insulation; hot water; laundry; lighting and refrigeration . . . start by exploring the power saving tips for equipment and appliance use below.



Reach for the power point: Switch off appliances and electrical equipment at the power point and greatly reduce your household carbon pollution and power bills.

Aim for the stars, switch to an efficient fridge: Replace an old and inefficient fridge with an energy efficient model.



Seeing stars: Buy an efficient washing machine: Compare the water and energy rating label of different appliances before you buy. The more stars an appliance has the more power and money you can save.



SAVE POWER WHAT CAN YOU DO IN YOUR WORLD?

AUSTRALIAN VETERANS' CHILDREN ASSISTANCE TRUST

Scholarships for Children of Veterans intending Tertiary Studies in 2011

In 2011 the Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) are expecting to give financial assistance for up to 65 students under many different scholarship schemes. All schemes help the selected children in need of the Australian veteran community with the costs of tertiary education. Applicants are considered for all schemes for which they are eligible.

Applications open on 18 August 2010. To apply you must be:

- Within the means test. That is eligible on assets and income grounds for Youth Allowance benefits for full-time education.
- Enrolled, or planning to enrol in a full-time course of tertiary education in Australia by attendance at a university, TAFE or college. The course must be of one or more academic year's length and at undergraduate level.
- The child or grandchild of a person who has operational service with the Australian Navy, Army or Air Force, or if not has three or more year's continuous full-time service as a member of the Australian Defence Force.
- Under the age of 25 when applying, unless exceptional circumstances related to veteran's service exist.

The largest scheme is the Long Tan Bursary funded by the Australian Government. There are 50 new bursaries each year. They are valued at \$9,000 each which paid at \$3,000 per year for three years. There are selection number targets for each State and Territory. To apply you must be the child of an Australian Vietnam Veteran, be resident in Australia, be entering any year of tertiary study, having not previously received a Long Tan Bursary.

The other national schemes are the AVCAT Bursary, the two RSL Scholarships, three Vietnam Veterans' Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Scholarship and the Defence Force Welfare Association Scholarship. George Quinsey Scholarships directly pay tuition fees for economics, commerce and accountancy studies. There are also regional scholarships. In NSW, there are three from Brisbane Water Legacy covering Gosford/Wyong NSW and one from the NSW TPI Association. Some private donors offer two scholarships to resident NSW applicants. In SA, the VVAA also offers a scholarship.

Schemes vary between \$3,000 and \$5,000 per year each. Some are restricted to location of residence or studies. Most require veteran service in Vietnam but others are broader. Most schemes continue payments for later years of study. All scholarship schemes but one pays monthly instalments. That scheme helps with tuition costs for courses in commerce, economics and accountancy. One scheme is for indigenous students doing substance abuse or related studies. For this scheme there is no upper age limit, nor a need to be related to a veteran. In addition to the above there is one grant per year to assist a handicapped eligible veteran's child or grandchild with special extra costs of transition to tertiary studies or employment.

Applications close on 31 October each year. To receive an application form register interest on 1800 620 361. Children and grandchildren of Vietnam veterans should do so now, as should any others who believe that they are eligible. If not sure, contact AVCAT, PO Box K978 Haymarket NSW 1240; or Fax: (02) 9213.7307; or email: avcat@dva.gov.au; or visit the website: www.avcat.org.au.



Kinder Party by Mitchell Dempsey

This year my Food tech class started work on an assignment where it involved us organising and hosting a kinder party with the help of our Food Tech teacher Mrs Parker.

The assignment involved us cooking the party food, making games, making invitations and boxes, and setting up the decorations.

The day started at 9:00am were we came in and started clearing the room of the desks and started cooking the food. We divided into eight groups with three people in each group. We were designated eight kinders and we had to look after them for the duration of the party.

We cooked a variety of foods including: Snakes and Ladders themed cupcakes, easy nachos, fruit sticks, cheese and bacon scrolls, meatballs and tomato sauce, as well as Caramel slice.

After the food, we then started to play games with each group playing different games - my group played "Find the Lollies" and "Make a costume with garbage bags". We came back inside to play musical chairs and pass the parcel which ended the day.

We then cut the theme cake, said our goodbyes and the kinders left.

Everyone then began to clean up the mess that had been left behind. The day was fun and enjoyable, and I think the children had a good day.

Food Tech Party by Layla Buckley

On the last week of the Term 3, Monday 28 June, fifty little princesses and pirates came for a visit to our school. Before their arrival the Year 9 Food Tech class was busy at work preparing a feast and setting up what would be the little kindy's party room.

We finished our cooking with heaps of time to spare, which gave us more time to hang streamers, balloons and decorate the arrayed food on the tables. The kindys were extremely shy when first introduced to their big buddies though it didn't take long for the hyperness to set in. After we met the little cuties, they were set free on to the food. It didn't take long for most of the food to be gone.

After they were full everyone split of into groups to play games with the kids. As most of the students would have seen in the classrooms, little princess and pirates were everywhere, playing games like: Hide and Seek, Treasure hunts, Simon Says, Duck Duck Goose, Musical Statues and Musical Chairs, etc; though the game they loved the most was Pass the Parcel. Of course there were tears and many grumpy faces though everyone was a winner.

By the time most of the kids had calmed down it was time to cut the cake. When everyone had received their piece we gave them their little party boxes. Without enjoyment we said our goodbyes and the St Anthony's kindys left to go home.

We believe the party was a great success and has ensured that the future Year 9s to come will get to enjoy the great event.

\$3.00 FOR SPORT

Please note that the cost of sport is \$3.00 per student, per week, throughout the school term.

A bill will be sent home shortly for outstanding sport monies for Term 2.



Any outstanding Term 3 monies will be billed at the end of this term.

G'DAY USA

G'DAY USA TRIP - JANUARY 2012

A number of students and their families have expressed interest in learning more about the G'Day USA program. A meeting has been organised for Thursday 12 August at 7:00pm at the College for any students and their families.

I will include a reminder and venue location at the College in next week's Newsletter.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesdays and Thursdays

7:45am - 9:00am

12:45pm - 1:30pm

3:00pm - 3:30pm



Thinking of advertising in the College Newsletter?

Just visit our website for terms and conditions and a copy of the advertising application form.

Eco Warriors

International Year of Biodiversity

The United Nations declared 2010 to be the International Year of Biodiversity. It is a celebration of life on earth and of the value of biodiversity for our lives. The world is invited to take action in 2010 to safeguard the variety of life on earth: BIODIVERSITY . . .



Humans are part of nature's rich diversity and have the power to protect or destroy it. Biodiversity, the variety of life on Earth, is essential to sustaining the living networks and systems that provide us all with health, wealth, food, fuel and the vital services our lives depend on. Human activity is causing the diversity of life on earth to be lost at a greatly accelerated rate. These losses are irreversible, impoverish us all and damage the life support systems we rely on every day. But we can prevent them.

Now is the time to act.

You are an integral part of nature; your fate is tightly linked with biodiversity, the huge variety of other animals and plants, the places they live and their surrounding environments, all over the world.

You rely on this diversity of life to provide you with the food, fuel, medicine and other essentials you simply cannot live without. Yet this rich diversity is being lost at a greatly accelerated rate because of human activities. This impoverishes us all and weakens the ability of the living systems, on which we depend, to resist growing threats such as climate change.

People all over the world are working to safeguard this irreplaceable natural wealth and reduce biodiversity loss. This is vital for current and future human wellbeing. We need to do more. Now is the time to act. (Convention on Biological Diversity website)



Convention on Biological Diversity

Biodiversity is life!



Environmental literacy of young people is essential . . . In the future they will need to understand complex environmental and conservation issues to make informed decisions in their private and working lives. This is at a time when young people are less connected to the natural environment because of loss of green spaces from development and increased preoccupation with electronic media. (Biodiversity is Life website)

The International Year of Biodiversity is a unique opportunity to increase understanding of the vital role that biodiversity plays in sustaining life on Earth.

Take Action in 2010 and beyond, because . . .

Biodiversity is life

Biodiversity is our life!

Science students will be involved in a number of activities focusing on Biodiversity during Science Week: 14-22 August.



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As used by St Joseph's College

40km/h school zones

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



New South Wales Government



NSW Centre for Road Safety

The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school.

Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9:30am and from 2:30pm till 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.

A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (pupil free days).

While some schools may operate on different term dates, school zone speed limits MUST be adhered to during NSW Government determined school terms.

Gazetted school term dates for 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 are listed below.

Gazetted school term dates can be found on the RTA website and

the websites of the NSW Board of Studies and the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Western Division

A small number of schools in the Western Division of NSW commence the school year one week later than schools in the remainder of the state.

Non-standard 40km/h school zone times

There are a small number of non-standard school zone times in NSW. Red signs at these schools display the non-standard times which apply.

The minimum penalty for speeding in an operating 40km/h school zone is a \$141 fine and the loss of 2* demerit points.

Dragon's teeth road markings

To increase motorists' awareness of 40km/h school zones, triangular dragon's teeth road markings will indicate that the vehicle is entering a school zone.



GAZETTED SCHOOL TERM DATES

	2009	2010	2011	2012
TERM 1	27 January to 9 April	27 January to 1 April	28 January to 8 April	27 January to 5 April
TERM 2	28 April to 10 July	19 April to 2 July	26 April to 1 July	23 April to 29 June
TERM 3	27 July to 2 October	19 July to 24 September	18 July to 23 September	16 July to 21 September
TERM 4	19 October to 18 December	11 October to 17 December	10 October to 20 December	8 October to 21 December

Minimum fines and loss of demerit points for exceeding the 40km/h speed limit in an operating school zone

If you exceed 40km/h in an operating school zone in a light vehicle by:	Minimum fine	Minimum loss of demerit points
• 10 km/h and under	\$141	2*
• More than 10km/h but less than 20 km/h	\$253	4*
• More than 20km/h but less than 30 km/h	\$422	5*
• More than 30km/h but less than 45 km/h	\$816	6*
• More than 45 km/h	\$1,859	7*

*These values are higher for provisional drivers and are doubled during designated holiday/long weekend periods.



For further enquiries www.rta.nsw.gov.au | 13 22 13

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