



St James College

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NEWSLETTER

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We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Turrbal and Jagera peoples, the traditional custodians of the land our College calls home. We commit to walking with their leaders towards true reconciliation.



Dates for Your Diary

September

19-20 Molten CBSQ Open Basketball Championships
21-23 Matt Gillett Cup Rugby League Carnival

October

5 Public Holiday Queen's Birthday
6 Term 4 commences
8 Year 12 and Sports photos
12 Enrolment Information Evening, 6pm, College Library
16 College Awards Celebration

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Dear Parents, Caregivers, Friends, Staff and Students

It is amazing how time flies!!

Being the last day of Term 3 leads us into Springtime and then Christmas – this has been the year we will not forget as life has changed greatly for many, and sadly, lives have been lost due to Covid 19. As we commence the September holidays we are pleased to have sporting events being held and as I write we have our Basketball Teams heavily immersed in the State Championships! Next week sees a number of our boys involved in a Rugby League Competition at Mt Maria College, Mitchelton, in lieu of the June Confraternity competition. Overall, we are very proud of these students and the levels they are reaching in what they do. In particular, our Basketball Teams have trained tirelessly and to be in Division 1 is a huge achievement in itself – so far the boys have only lost one game, with one being a draw! And the girls had a tough game against Southport State High School but have done well, with their second game against All Hallows School also being challenging – great Jimmies spirit was displayed by all and along with that a great sense of appreciation and determination to do well. This was evident in both our teams...the spirit of the Jimmies family is one which we nurture! Finals take place over the weekend at Logan Metro Sports Complex, 357 Browns Plains Road Crestmead and will be livestreamed through bit.ly/2ZMh7Ls

ST JAMES COLLEGE ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS 2020 - 2022

Enrolment Interviews for 2020 through to 2022 are now taking place, with limited vacancies available in some Year Levels.

For all enrolment enquiries please contact Mrs Maria Young at the College on 07 3230 8600 or at MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au

Having trouble getting the College Newsletter at home? Would you like to receive it via email?

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ABSENTEE LINE 3230 8655

Please clearly state student's name, year level, homeroom and absence reason.



Queensland Training Awards – Announcement of State Winners!

We were thrilled last week to have 3 State Finalists as follows –

- Small Training Provider – St James College
- Vet Teacher of the Year – Ms Louise Pope
- Equity VET Student of the Year – Axel Dushime

This is an extraordinary achievement!



The winners in these Divisions were: Small Training Provider – Aust Care Training; Vet Teacher or Trainer of the Year – Michelle Clements (North Coast); Equity VET Student of the Year – Helena Kidd (Central Queensland), and we congratulate them! We felt very honoured to be named as State Finalists!

Weekend Camp At Maroon Dam

That same spirit was evident last weekend when we conducted a camp at Maroon Dam for our Asylum Seekers and some other recent Refugee students – the students certainly enjoyed the beautiful location, the chance to try new ventures like canoeing and kayaking, hiking, and to take part in a scenic hike! Amidst this they cooked a meal in the ground (hangi in Maori) with other names in different cultures, and very much enjoyed the tasty mix. Overall, the music did not stop; these students could feel free to enjoy the environment; and much fun was had by all, amidst reflection - games, environmental exploring and strumming of guitars...we are grateful to Assistant Principal Identity & Global Advocacy, Mr Isikeli Kubunameca and Art Therapist, Susan Cameron, all the staff who assisted – Ms Rachel Pelser, Ms Corrie Shand, Ms Jess Whelan, Ms Erin Johnston, Ms Rikki Hastings-Thomas, Mr Josateki Tora, Ms Hannah Flower, Ms Alicia Thompson and the support given by external agencies to make this happen so smoothly. It was wonderful to share the appreciation and warmth shown by these students in the care extended to them.



Year 9 Camp – Exploraion around the Dam!

Great excitement was in the air as Year 9 students ventured to Maroon Dam for their camping and sharing experience. For most it was the first time at the College owned outdoor campus so beautifully located on the dam! Each had their own tent and it was done in two groups over the three days! Group A covered Monday and Tuesday whilst Group B enjoyed Tuesday and Wednesday! Activities involved day treks, canoeing and paddling, art and games, with reflections around the campsite in the evening! I visited on Tuesday evening and was impressed with the group and their comments, and their obvious enjoyment of friendships and the stimulation of the quite cool outdoor experience! We are very grateful to all the Coordinators - Mr David Tan, Mr Aaron Hill, Mr Travis Dewan, Mr James Anderson, Ms Erin Johnson, Ms Yolanda Cano, Mr Isikeli Kubunameca, Mr Martin Wiseman and all who visited and supported these groups.



Student Achievements – Congratulations!

- World Cup Soccer Team Winners presented with Trophies on Assembly.
- Brianna Mercer who has commenced a Certificate III Business with Boost Juice (Brisbane City).
- Student Leadership Applicants.
- Futsal Team Invitational Participation in State League level Carnival – Week 2 of the Holiday Break.
- Piano Solo on Assembly – Sam Stott.

Assembly Visit

We were pleased to have Senior Sergeant Dan O'Connor in charge of Brisbane City Station come to our Assembly on Tuesday and talk of the role of Police in working with communities making them safe, and engaging with young people – Senior Sergeant Dan encouraged all to get involved in their school and positive activities, and to beware of group influence and poor choices. Our liaison with police through the Adopt a Cop program, and other intervention programs around safe driving etc provides for empowering relationships.

Coming Events

- Matt Gillett Cup Rugby League Carnival Sept 21-23.
- Futsal Team Invitational Participation in State League level Carnival – Week 2 of the Holiday Break.
- Vacation Senior Study Prep Sessions.
- Enrolment Information Evening, Monday 12 October.
- Annual College Awards Celebration, Friday 16 October.
- Rotary Event & Art Display, Thursday 5 November.
- 2020 Alumni Annual Gathering, Friday 6 November, 6pm – 9pm, St James College Hall. Enquiries: Naomi Ritchie - 3230 8600.

St James College
Catholic Co-education for Years 7 - 12
in the Edmund Rice Tradition

ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING

REGISTER TO ATTEND OR WATCH THE LIVESTREAM

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MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2020 6.00PM

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AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS FINALIST SCHOOL PATHWAYS TO VET AWARD INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WELCOMED the World Scholar's Cup FINALISTS World Scholar's Cup 2019

College Staff

Congratulations to Mr Chris Brown who successfully completed the Sunshine Coast 70.3 Ironman Triathlon last weekend involving a 1.9km swim, 90km ride and 21km run. A tremendous achievement and one which sets a high bar as a role model for our students – Chris teaches Cert 3 Fitness, so he certainly has the hands-on knowledge of the practical application.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Mr Trevor Wills, who is leaving us this term – Trevor has established the Camino Café and his contribution has been highly valued as a teacher and committed supporter of the ethos of the College. We wish him the best in the future.

Take care and blessings for the break!



Ann Rebgetz
Principal

Prayer

“You are the God of all comfort Who comforts us in time of need and we pray that for those that are facing such a difficult time today. Uphold them we pray, and ask that You draw very close to them ... raise up we pray, the right people to minister to them and to be a genuine comfort and support. We pray for peace in all communities.”

Deputy Principal

Mr Martin Wiseman

Year 9 Camp

Over 50 of our Year 9 students opted to engage in our reduced program this year. The students enjoyed the Jimmies on the Dam facilities and hiked and canoed their hearts out. Mr Kubunameca led the evening program with a fine reflection of relationships and friendship whilst being ably supported by his team.

My thanks to Mr David Tan who organised proceedings with assistance from the other House Deans and Director of Wellbeing Ms Erin Johnston. I also thank Mr Darin Coombs who lent his vast outdoor education experience to the program. Other staff who supported the Camp included Ms Rachel Pelsler and Ms Gemma Bates-Smith. Mt Anthony Hill also made an impromptu visit on Monday night to do some problem-solving for us. And lastly, I thank Ms Rebgetz for also taking the time to visit the students. This along with our bus drivers Mr Jon Reuben and Mr Alex Blann meant that as always, Year 9 Camp is a genuine team effort. It was great that the students appreciated this.



Senior Sergeant Dan O'Connor

It was terrific having Senior Sergeant Dan visit us on Assembly this week. Our relationship with the Police has always been a close one and we thank him along with Constable Ben Porteous - our Adopt A Cop and Senior Constable Dom Smithies from CPIU who are always here to support Jimmies and our students.

Term 4

I wish all families a safe and productive holiday. Our thoughts and prayers are with our Year 12 ATAR students who will be preparing for their External Assessment pieces over the break. As I write this I am watching the Senior Girls Basketball team represent our school so well. We will have more opportunities for students to represent us over the break and into next term. What a crazy year!!!

Assistant Principal Learning, Innovation & Pathways

Year 12 External Exam Preparation Program

Purpose: to give extra tuition to students studying General Subjects ahead of their External Exams

1. Develop and lead sessions on subject specific for exams
2. Guide the planning and writing of responses to practice questions
3. Provide specific examples of what is required in responses (including break down of cognitive verbs)
4. Support mock exams and give feedback
5. provide resources to be used after the session to further study

21st – 24th September (Monday – Thursday Week 1 of the holidays)

9:00 – 1:45 (2 x 2 hour sessions with lunch break)

Monday: 21st September

General Maths and Maths Methods (9 – 1:45)

Tuesday: 22nd September

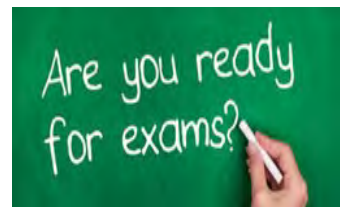
Chemistry and Accounting (9 – 1:45)

Wednesday: 23rd September

English and EALD – 9 - 11Legal, SOR, Modern History – (11:45 – 1:45)

Thursday: 24th September

Biology



Assistant Principal Identity & Global Advocacy

Mr Isikeli Kubunameca

This Tuesday on Assembly several individuals were recognised for their positive contribution to the Spirit and Culture of the College. The worthy recipients were given a \$5 tuckshop voucher. These individuals were highlighted, especially due to our current times, for their excellent contribution in the classroom, on the playing field, to the care of our planet and for excellence in their field. The recognition of their contributions was under the following banners:

Consistent and excellent care for our planet – Homeroom Laudato Si Recycling Bins

- Dominic Hill
- Ryan Coleman

Consistent Application in the classroom – Working hard and bringing good 'vibes' to the classroom

- Steven Pham
- Priya Kumar
- Jose Guerra Restrepo

Service to the community – Working with students with Special Needs at West Rugby Union Club

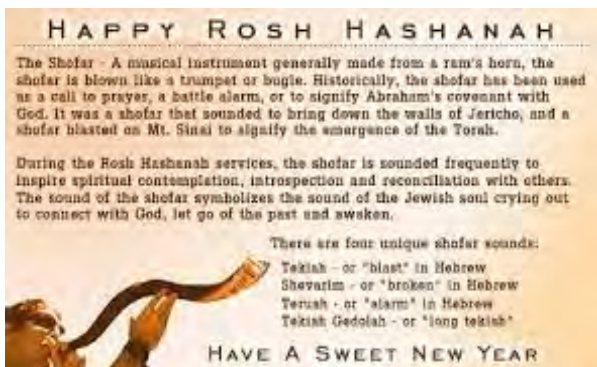
- Ashely Wilson
- Patrick Burgess
- Rory Harding

State Finalist in Australian Training Awards

- Axel Dushime
- Mrs Louise Pope

I encourage other students to continue to make positive choices both in and out of the classroom.

September 18 is the Jewish New Year, **Rosh Hashanah**. The Jewish New Year festival commemorates the creation of the world. In the synagogue, as part of the ritual, is the blowing of the Shofar, a ram's horn trumpet. Apples are dipped in honey as a symbol of the sweet New Year that lies ahead. Work is not permitted on this day.



As we see the end of this term out and anticipate the coming short final term for 2020, I pray that you all have a relaxing, rejuvenating and peaceful rest.

Art Therapist

Ms Susan Cameron

Asylum Seeker/Refugee Camp

Last weekend 26 of our Refugee and Asylum Seeker students from Year 8-12 attended a camp at Maroon Dam. The goal of the camp was to give students the opportunity to relax, strengthen relationships, create some great memories and share cultural knowledge. Students were invited to bring music with them and our whole weekend was accompanied by the most wonderful soundtrack and singing, whether on land or water!

Under the guidance of our Assistant Principal of Identity and Global Advocacy, Mr Isikeli Kubu-nameca, students learnt how to cook food traditionally in the earth. Interestingly, students told us that the Fijian cultural cooking traditions were similar to some Iranian cultural traditions as well. The students did an amazing job preparing, cooking and eating the food.

A big thank you to Ms Rebgetz for driving up late on Friday night to join us, as well as the many staff who made the effort to come out on Saturday for the day. The students were so delighted to be able to share their banquet with you all.



We spent a great deal of time kayaking and canoeing, as well as creating some art and craft, chatting around the campfire at night and just enjoying the beauty of Maroon Dam. Part of our goal for the camp was to speak with Asylum Seeker students about how the school can best advocate for their rights moving forward. We look forward to continuing these conversations with students into the future and we feel very blessed to have these resilient young men and women as part of our community.

Some of the comments from students about the camp are:

- *"It was great to be able to relax my mind and learn more about nature"*
- *"Great to spend time with my friends, where we could just be ourselves"*
- *"The best experiences and memories"*

A special thank you to Ms Corrie Shand, who transported students up for the day and then stayed overnight to help us with the pack up on Sunday.

Art Department Development Officer

Ms Berenice Anzellotti

Year 7 students have been working on creating paper mache low relief artworks. They have used a combination of paper, glue and cement/plaster mix to build up the surfaces and create the features. Nikita, Ava and Elaha have done a great job!



VET Workplace Coordinator

Ms Margaret Beddows

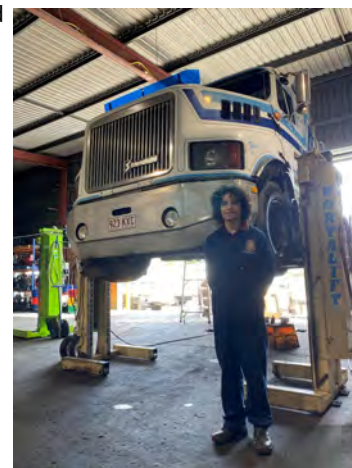
Work Experience, VET Year 10 and 12

As we wrap up Term 3, work experience also wraps up for some students and continues for others.

Construction student Hudson Hippolite has enjoyed his work experience with Platinum Electricians, Morningside this term. Each week Hudson was exposed to a range of Domestic, Commercial and Industrial electrical work, including installation of small electrical switchboards, rerunning of electrical cables for pole lights, installation of new sub board to pole including Energex locks and installation of waterproof lighting in a small meat works factory. Thomas Downey, Operations Manager, Platinum Electricians (pictured) said, "Hudson gained some valuable experience and enjoyed the wide variety of jobs which is constant in the electrical industry."



Engineering student Tane James is with Brisbane Diff & Gearbox at Acacia Ridge, rebuilding diffs and gearboxes for trucks under the careful supervision of Diesel Fitter, Adam.



Year 10 student Gibson Gray is enjoying his work experience opportunity with Ellivo Architects in Brisbane CBD. Gibson is applying his creative skills, sketching some balcony concepts for a beachfront unit complex and learning Revit, a building information modelling software used by architects.



For some students work experience continues during the school holidays. Year 12 Legal Studies student Shamim is looking forward to her week of work experience with Dan O'Gorman, SC. Shamim is very interested in studying law so welcomes this opportunity. And Year 10 student Shiloh Lee will be heading to Sampson Automotive at Northgate for some hands-on experience in Automotive servicing and maintenance. We will report on holiday work experience next term.

Thank you to all our work experience host employers for your support of our students and St James College.

Year 13 Opportunities

Busy at Work is offering some very beneficial courses targeted at Year 13's or non-school family members of current students who may wish to attend the courses.

A Kitchen Operations course is commencing on 21 September at the Street Level Mission (next door to our college).

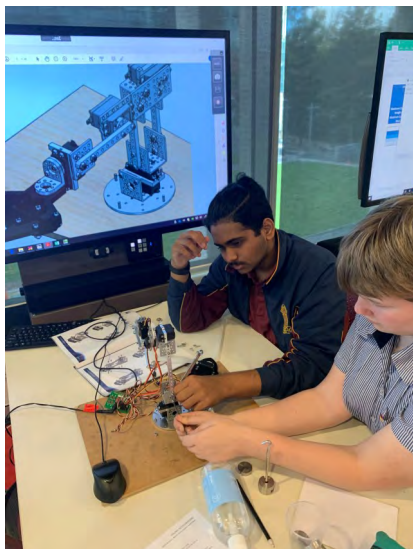
The Hair and Barbering course will be commencing in Toowong, a perfect opportunity for participants to gain valuable experience in the Hairdressing/Barbering industry, once again work experience is a great opportunity.

The Hospitality Course commences on the 19th October, specialising in Housekeeping, with some work experience available in food and beverage also. Please contact Valerie Osborne, BUSY at Work Valerie.Osburn@busyatwork.com.au for further information.

Director of Learning, Innovation & Pathways

Ms Jessica Whelan

Queensland University of Technology STEM Day



On Wednesday 16 September, Mr Josateki Tora and I accompanied 25 students, who are interested in Senior Science next year, on a visit to Queensland University of Technology. The university students ran two sessions with the students. The first of these being a Bionic Arm session where they used their mathematical and scientific knowledge to build a robotic arm. In the second session, students constructed a satellite using a variety of different materials. Both sessions were very informative, and the students were highly engaged.



Director of Library, Digital Integration & Innovation

Ms Carolyn Wyatt

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Finance Manager

Ms Genevieve O'Sullivan

Please be advised that all non-International Semester 2 (Terms 3 & 4) fees statements were sent out on 31 July. All Term 3 (and earlier) fees are now OVERDUE (unless you are on a regular payment plan – if so, please just continue your payments as arranged).

All Term 4 fees (\$1795) are due on 16 October.

Should you require a copy of your statement or have any queries or concerns relating to fees or payment plans, please don't hesitate to contact our Finance Department at any time on 3230 8600 or finance@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au.

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