



St James College

Global Learning, Achieving Aspirations

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

October

12 Enrolment Information Evening
 6pm, College Library

16 College Awards Celebration
 23 Last Day of classes for Yr 12,
 except all Yr 12 Certificate
 classes / College Farewell
 28 Year 7 Immunisation
 28-30 Year 11 Outdoor Education
 Camp

November

5 Rotary Art Show
 6 Alumni Event
 8-15 NAIDOC Week
 14 Year 12 Formal

9 OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Friends, Staff and Students

Welcome to Term 4!!

Indigenous Graduation Liturgy

Congratulations to Year 12 student Brendon Munkman-Steer, who was honoured at this ceremony yesterday!

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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.

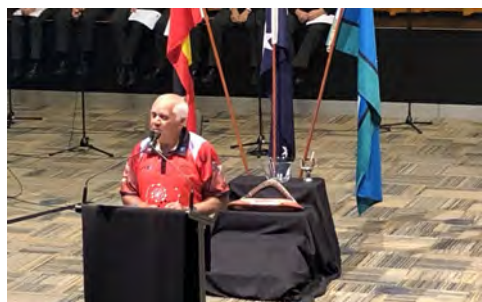
For all enrolment enquiries please contact Mrs Maria Young at the College on 07 3230 8600 or at MYoung@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au

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If so, please send an email to school@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au and we will add you to our mailing list.

ABSENTEE LINE 3230 8655

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



It was a proud moment as we saw indigenous students across EREA schools celebrate their Year 12 graduation. We were really thrilled that our Indigenous Dance Troupe performed, which was quite spectacular being in St Laurence's very large auditorium! A very special liturgy was held and the theme of reaching your dream and belief in self was propagated - Uncle Joe Kirk welcomed us to country and spoke of the importance of education! We thank St Laurence's College for hosting, Mr Jonathan Reuben, Mr Isikeli Kubunameca for their work in preparing the dance troupe and facilitating our involvement! We look forward to more graduates next year!



Basketball Championships – High Performance Teams!

After four days at the end of last term and over the weekend, of watching inspiring wonderful refreshing Queensland Schools Championship Basketball, I was so impressed – this encompassed the quality and agility of our players, the high level of skills, their proud representation of the College, working together as a team, their composure under pressure, the incredible encouragement and patience of coaches, and the outstanding quality of our program. This program involves many hours of commitment and training by coaches with our students. The Boys Team won most games and certainly proved their acumen placing in the top teams of the Tournament!

The Girls played hard, fast and with lots of determination and movement, just missing wins in a number of games with close scores! Again in the top division! I would warmly congratulate and sincerely thank Director Mr Kirron Byrne, Ms Hannah White, all of the coaches, managers, including Mr Andrew Ebrington, over the four days. It has been an intense time of high-end games and looking after the teams. Many parents and families assisted with special mention to Ms Tia Hippolite and family for their generosity. It was all somewhat different due to Covid-19 restrictions, but great to have the Carnival and thank you to the College Leadership Team, Mr Scott Prickett and other staff and parents/family who assisted and attended – being under Covid Restrictions made being a spectator more complex, but still able to be there, which was great!



Rugby League Team Highlights

The next event was the Rugby League Carnival at Mt Maria College, Mitchelton, and again it was a pleasure to be able to see our boys in action – we partnered with Chisholm College and a special thank you to the staff at Chisholm for their commitment to this program and carnival. We were appreciative of Mt Maria College providing this opportunity. The boys played hard and enjoyed the challenge of a number of games over three days with some close scores all round. Thank you to Sports Coordinator Mr Scott Prickett, Mr James Pateaia, Mr Alex Blann and Mr Jonathan Reuben for their coaching, and support over the week.



Jimmys Futsal Team – Queensland Competition Champions

The next event was the Queensland Futsal Championships where we were asked as an Invitational Team to compete against every Queensland Regional Team – this was remarkable as the team won 12 games over four days and won the competition overall!!! We also congratulate Mibaraka Ruhirika for being chosen in the All Stars Team and Godwill Thoas-Remijo for getting the Golden Boot Award for scoring the highest number of goals!

The Grand Final ended in a 6 all draw after the regular time expired. The game went into 10 minutes extra time/golden goal, after that time the game remained a draw. A penalty shootout was then needed to separate the two teams. All the St James kickers made their penalties with our goalkeeper making two saves to help win the game 4-2 in penalties. Overall, this team was exceptional and have now been asked to an invitational National Team to tour to Fiji next year! Congratulations to Coach Mr Scott Prickett, Manager Mr Ian Wardrop and thank you to all including Mr Marty Wiseman for their support throughout the week. Congratulations to the team !



Back Row (L-R) - Mr Ian Wardrop (Manager), Jacques Musabwa, Plamedi Loko, Gabriel Murray, Godwill Thomas-Remijo, Mr Scott Prickett (Coach).

Front Row (L-R) - Emile Lubunga, Asobasi Wilberforce, Mibaraka Ruhirika, Lionel Nihitanga, Ahmed Abdalla-Gamar.

Alpaca Dream!

Our International Students enjoyed an “Australian Tourism Experience” last week, followed by a dinner, which was lots of fun, promoting friendship and community. They loved their outing visiting the Mountview Alpaca Farm in Canungra, followed by a delectable dinner at Sunnybank following the event. Our appreciation goes to Ms Tamia Song for her organisation and other staff who joined in the day – some great photos were taken, displaying the charm of the alpacas!!



Student Achievements – Congratulations!

- Godwill Thomas-Remijo – Queensland Invitational Futsal Championships 2020, 19 Boys Golden Boot Recipient.
- Baraka Ruhirika – Queensland Invitational Futsal Championships 2020, All Star 5 Selected Court Player.
- Rosemary Wangari Maina commenced a School Based Traineeship with Boost Juice Brisbane City.
- Student Leadership Applicants.

Coming Events

Term 4 is one of many events as some previous events have been rolled over due to Covid Restrictions!

- **Enrolment Information Evening, Monday 12 October.** Please come along and encourage friends to do so – we are keen to offer places to students for 2021 (still some available) and 2022

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

201 Boundary Street, Spring Hill Q 4000 3230 8600

REGISTER @
www.stjames.jointheadventure.global

MONDAY
12 OCTOBER
2020
6.00PM

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

- Annual College Awards Celebration, Friday 16 October.
- College Board Meeting, Monday 19 October.
- Last Day of Classes Year 12, (except for all Year 12 Certificate classes which will run as normal until Friday 13 November) / College Farewell Assembly, Friday 23 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.
- Year 12 Formal, Saturday 14 November 6.30pm-10.30pm. St James College Hall.
- Year 12 Reflection Days, November 16-17.
- Graduation Liturgy & Supper, Thursday 19 November, St James College Hall.

Refurbishment

Over the break we have started our refurbishment of the lower floor/reception of our St James College Heritage Building – this will be great when it is finished, but I would ask for your patience whilst we are completing this – offices are combined at present as we move from space to space.

Year 12 External and Internal Exams

This is a big term for Year 12 students under the new system – Exams commence in 2 weeks and other assessment for Certificates will be finalised. So overall, the term is quite different for them, but we wish them the very best, encourage that application, and have confidence in their ability to rise to the occasion, being so well prepared by their teachers. I would also thank teachers who conducted sessions over the holiday break. It was most appreciated by our students.

Awards Presentation Evening Friday October 16th at 6pm.

We hope this will be a vibrant evening – our cultural performances will be incorporated into the evening as we have not been able to host our usual Cultural Night this year, due to Covid changes. Please note that bookings need to be made to tfraser@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au.

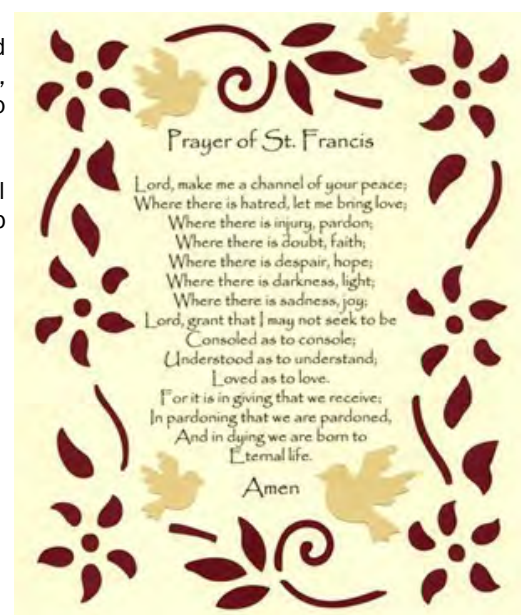
I look forward to seeing you at our Awards Evening and other functions! I also wish all our Year 11 students every encouragement as they step into Student Leadership considerations for 2021 this week.

Take care and blessings for the week!



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Ann Rebgetz
Principal



Deputy Principal

Mr Martin Wiseman

Final Term Year 12

Next week, all Year 12 families will receive a letter from me outlining the College's program for the final term of our Year 12 students. With the ATAR system in full swing and Covid-19 playing a part, we have had to make quite a few changes to the program which will be apparent in the letter. Also outlined in the letter will be the College's expectations with regard to fulfilling all the obligations the students have to their school in their ultimate term. I sincerely hope all families read this carefully.

The College Formal will be a part of this process. The organisation of which is well underway. Please read the details contained in this newsletter and if you have any queries, please let us know.

Finally, to assist with study time and course work completion, Year 12 students will no longer be expected to go to Sport. They may go home or work with a teacher here at school.

Year 11 Leadership

This process is also well underway. We will be determining, announcing and presenting the College Captains and Vice Captains next week at the Awards Night. I wish all the candidates all the very best.

College Photos

These were held this week and despite being a hectic day with all Homeroom photos, Sport photos and other special pictures were taken all in the one day!! Any family/carer who did not pre-purchase the Photo Package, but would like to, please contact Academy Photos on 3801 4407 to request your order.

Year 12 Formal

When: Saturday, 14 November 2020

Where: St James College Hall

Time: 6.30pm to 10.30pm

Cost: \$70 Single / \$140 Double

Payment: To Polanda in Student Services by Friday 6 November.

Assistant Principal Learning, Innovation & Pathways

Ms Kristina Dolejs

Welcome to Term 4! What a year we have had so far, and Term 4 does not look like it is going to disappoint in terms of excitement and opportunities.


Next Friday, the **16th October**, we will see one of the College's largest annual events – our **Presentation Evening**. This will be an opportunity to come together as a College community and celebrate the amazing achievements of many of our students throughout the year; academically, culturally and in the sporting arena. If your student is receiving an award, you will receive an email from Ms Tara Fraser to inform you. **Due to the restrictions of numbers under Covid, it is vital that if you are planning on attending the evening, you MUST RSVP to tfraser@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au no later than Tuesday 13th October.** Further, as we must restrict numbers, there is a limit to 2 people per student.




A reminder that our Year 12 students are entering their final weeks of learning before their exam period. Again, **it is vital that ALL year 12 students are attending school everyday between now and the end of term.** If students are sitting External exams for General subjects, they are required to be at school 30 minutes prior to their exams.

I recently sent an email to all Year 12 students, reminding them of the expectation for them to complete all their course work, particularly for VET subjects before the end of the year. For many students, **failure to complete all modules and practical components will mean certificates will not be issued**, which may affect graduation for students. If you have any concerns or would like more information on this, please contact me at kdolejs@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au or the subject teacher.


Queensland has upcoming State Elections on October 31st - funding is an issue for Catholic Schools.




Recurrent funding for Catholic schools



Recurrent funding from government helps Catholic schools employ teachers and other school staff. We need the Queensland Government to maintain recurrent funding for Catholic schools at its current percentage for the next four years. This will help our schools support families through the challenges ahead.




150,000 Catholic school students, their families and 20,000 staff need recurrent funding certainty.




Ask your local candidates how they will support recurrent funding for Catholic schools.


Authorised by L. Perry 143 Edward Street, Brisbane, QLD, 4000.




Capital funding for Catholic schools



Without increased investment in infrastructure Queensland Catholic schools will be unable to support families by meeting demand for new and expanding schools in high growth areas.



Catholic education will need 36 new schools and 833 extra classrooms for existing schools by 2036.



Ask your local candidates how they will support Capital funding for Catholic schools.

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Assistant Principal Identity & Global Advocacy

Mr Isikeli Kubunameca

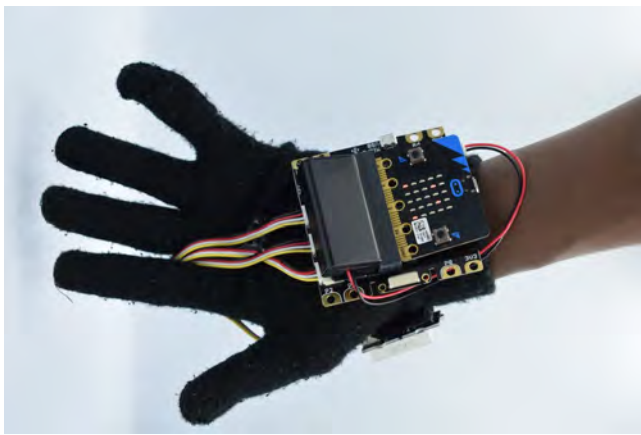
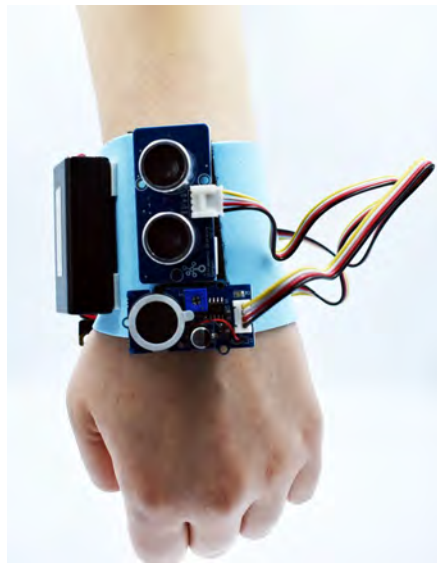
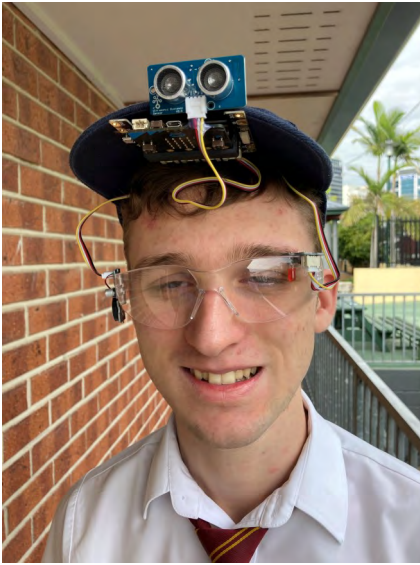
This year has been a trying year with COVID affecting many events that would have normally taken place. One such event was the Indigenous graduation that is normally held by Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE). This year however due to the restrictions on gatherings BCE were not able to host this event; however, Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) decided to step up and hold their own event to fit within the restriction COVID guidelines. Led by the Dean of Identity and Community of St Laurence's College, Mr Paul Corfield, other EREA schools joined in to help celebrate this annual milestone, celebrating Indigenous achievements and genuinely closing the gap in education across EREA schools. This year the St James Indigenous dance troupe had the honour of performing the Welcome Dance in front of Uncle Joe Kirk and Aunty Thelma Parker, along with other EREA schools. The students did the College proud, giving one of their best performances. We would like to acknowledge our Year 12 graduand for this year, Brendan Munkman-Steer.



Head of Faculty—HPE & Technologies

Mr Sean McVeigh

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, our ICT students have been developing children's wearable technology which alerts the user when someone is closer than 1.5 metres. The finished solutions were developed on micro:bit computers and programmed using Make-Code and Python. As you can see from the photographs below, the students used their ingenuity to create a variety of accessories that incorporated ultrasonic sensors, LEDs, digital displays and speakers. Rapid prototyping such as this reduces development time and allows for functionality testing and the ability to evaluate human factors and ergonomics. The hope is that many of our students will go on to become technology innovators and entrepreneurs!



Art Department Development Officer

Ms Berenice Anzellotti

The students in the Art rooms have been very busy creating and finishing off pieces from last term. Benson Jiang, Year 11 has created these lovely ceramic animal pieces and Declan O'Kane, Year 12 has started working on his ceramic sculptural piece. Good work!



Ceramic animal pieces by Benson Jiang.

Ceramic sculpture by Declan O'Kane.

Year 12 – QTAC Applications

I have been working one-on-one with students to complete QTAC applications and also have vouchers to ensure this process is free for our students. Any students wishing to take part in tertiary education next year whether it be TAFE or University, is encouraged to make an appointment with me.

QTAC will usually communicate with students using the email address on their application. Students are encouraged to get into the habit of checking their emails regularly.

If you haven't yet applied, consider applying as soon as possible. The absolute final date to apply for courses commencing in Semester One, 2021 is:

Round Offer	Due Date to Apply and Submit Documents	Final Change to Preferences
20 November 2020	13 November 2020	Not Applicable
23 December 2020	9 December 2020	12pm, 21 December 2020
14 January 2021	11 December 2020	12pm, 7 January 2021

Click [here](#) for a full list of the QTAC deadlines. However, please be aware that by these dates, many of the courses with [fixed closing dates](#) are no longer available and that many Year 12 students have already received early offers.

Year 12 - Certificate III guarantee

The Certificate 3 Guarantee helps support eligible students to complete their first post-school Certificate III level qualification. Students may be eligible to receive a subsidy towards one Certificate III qualification from a list of subsidised courses. Visit the [Department of Employment, Small Business and Training website](#) to see which qualifications and skill sets are subsidised under the Certificate 3 Guarantee program. If your course is eligible, the [Queensland Government](#) will pay the subsidy directly to TAFE Queensland. The level of the government subsidy varies depending on the demand for skilled workers in each industry. You will be required to contribute to the costs of your training through a co-contribution fee. [Click here](#) to find out more.

Year 12 - Free TAFE courses

To support Queensland's Year 12 graduates to successfully transition to employment, the government is offering [fee-free training](#) in high priority qualifications. The training is available through a range of Certificate III level vocational education and training (VET) courses as well as apprenticeships and traineeships. View the [courses offered by TAFE Queensland](#) or the full list of high priority qualifications is available on the [Department of Employment, Small Business and Training website](#).

Sports Coordinator

Australian Futsal Association – Queensland Invitational Futsal Championships 2020

September 28, 2020 was the start of what I would call an historic event for the St James Futsal Program. St James 19 Boys team were invited to compete against all the Queensland Teams. These are teams which were selected at various competitions. This tournament was four gruelling days of intense high tempo futsal games with two to three games a day and with only a game break in between matches, this tested the mental and physical attributes of all players throughout the competition.

The St James boys did the impossible and went through the tournament undefeated and to be crowned the champions. This was a massive achievement. The team also had Baraka Ruhirika (pictured above right) named in the All Star 5 – selected by other coaches throughout the tournament as well as Godwill Thomas-Remijo (pictured below right) named the Golden Boot winner for the most goals scored throughout the round matches (21 goals).

Mr Scott Prickett



St James College and QLD North Coast - Grand Final Teams.

The results and goal scorers for the Competitions are as follows:

<i>Game Number</i>	<i>Opposition</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Goal Scorers</i>
1	North West QLD	16-4	Godwill Thomas-Remijo x 9 Emile Lubunga x 3 Juslin Denis x 2 Pladmedi Loko x 1 Baraka Ruhirika x 1
2	QLD North Coast	3-2	Godwill Thomas-Remijo x 1 Baraka Ruhirika x 1 Own Goal x 1
3	QLD City	5-1	Baraka Ruhirika x 2 Godwill Thomas-Remijo x 1 Cosmas Wilberforce x 1 Lionel Nihibitanga x 1
4	QLD South Coast	5-4	Gabriel Murray x 2 Godwill Thomas-Remijo x 1 Cosmas Wilberforce x 1 Baraka Ruhirika x 1
5	North West QLD	10-2	Godwill Thomas-Remijo x 3 Baraka Ruhirika x 3 Emile Lubunga x 2 Cosmas Wilberforce x 1 Lionel Nihibitanga x 1
6	QLD North Coast	3-2	Godwill Thomas-Remijo x 1 Cosmas Wilberforce x 1 Lionel Nihibitanga x 1
7	QLD City	5-2	Godwill Thomas-Remijo x 2 Emile Lubunga x 2 Lionel Nihibitanga x 1
8	QLD South Coast	7-1	Godwill Thomas-Remijo x 3 Emile Lubunga x 2 Baraka Ruhirika x 1 Jacques Musabwa x 1
Semi Final	QLD South Coast	6-1	Emile Lubunga x 2 Baraka Ruhirika x 2 Gabriel Murray x 1 Godwill Thomas-Remijo x 1
Grand Final	QLD North Coast	6-6 4-2 (Pens)	Baraka Ruhirika x 3 Godwill Thomas-Remijo x 2 Cosmas Wilberforce x 1

Matt Gillet Rugby League Tournament

Our Senior Boys Rugby League team competed in the Matt Gillet Cup which was hosted by Mt Maria College over the holidays. The three-day competition was hard gruelling. St James who is linked with Chisholm College, competed, and played five games against three division three schools and two division one schools. Our St James boys showed so much heart, passion and exceptional character whilst playing some exceptional football. Hudson Hippolite was our leading try scorer of the tournament and the second highest of the whole competition. I would like to congratulate all and especially mention our graduating players Hudson Hippolite, Richard Ngakuru, Kurt Mackay-Tini for their contribution over the past three to four years of our program. You gentlemen have worn the St James jersey with pride and played with the utmost passion.



Wednesday Sport

Any students who have selected the Wednesday sports listed below, need to pay for their activity before next Wednesday. The respective sports and their prices are as follows:

- ◆ Ten Pin Bowling - \$60
- ◆ Ice Skating - \$60
- ◆ Fishing - \$20

Welcome to Term 4 with a focus on completing a year of learning, with a sense of achievement and pride in your efforts.

Homework and Assignment Help and Tutoring, in our Library 3-4pm

Tuesday - Maths, Science
Thursday - English, Humanities

Raising the Bar with Reading

Reading is a powerful daily habit that can mean the difference between success and mediocrity.

It's a discipline that helps winning individuals push harder, further, and faster than those around them. Not only does reading bring enlightenment through exposure to the opinions, learnings, and stories of others; it is also exercise for the mind.

If you read daily—or want to— here are Christina Desmarais' two dozen ideas about titles <https://www.inc.com/christina-desmarais/23-inspiring-books-everyone-who-wants-to-succeed-should-read.html>

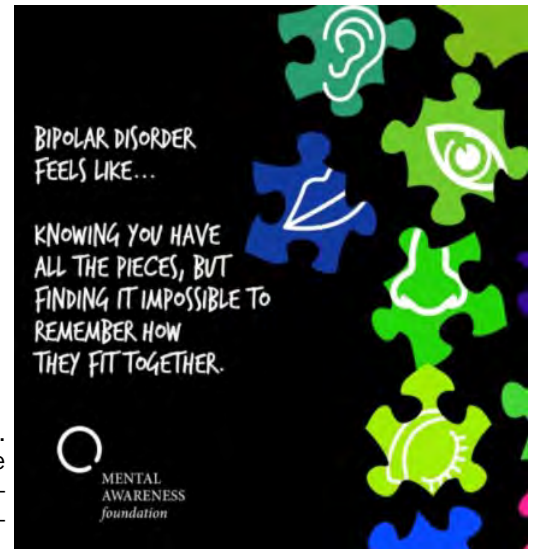


Mental Health Week

Mental health challenges don't discriminate. If you are experiencing poor mental health, talking to people you trust is a first step, as is seeking or asking for professional support. Focusing on self-care and finding peers who have been through something similar may also be useful.

Feel like you need some extra support? Services are free or at the cost of a local call.

- ◆ Lifeline - 13 11 14
- ◆ Suicide Call Back Service - 1300 659 467
- ◆ SANE Australia - 1800 18 7263
- ◆ Beyond Blue - 1300 22 46 36
- ◆ Kids Help Line - 1800 55 1800
- ◆ ADIS (alcohol and drug support) - 1800 177 833
- ◆ Queensland Health - 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)



Bipolar Disorder

Bipolar disorder can be confusing, especially for someone viewing it from the outside. If you have a friend or a family member who is living with bipolar disorder, they may be hesitant to share how they feel. So, if we can educate ourselves by asking and reading, then we can be one step closer to understanding and learning how we can be better support systems for them.

Book Recommendation - The Resilience Project by Hugh van Cuylenburg (Teacher, NSW)

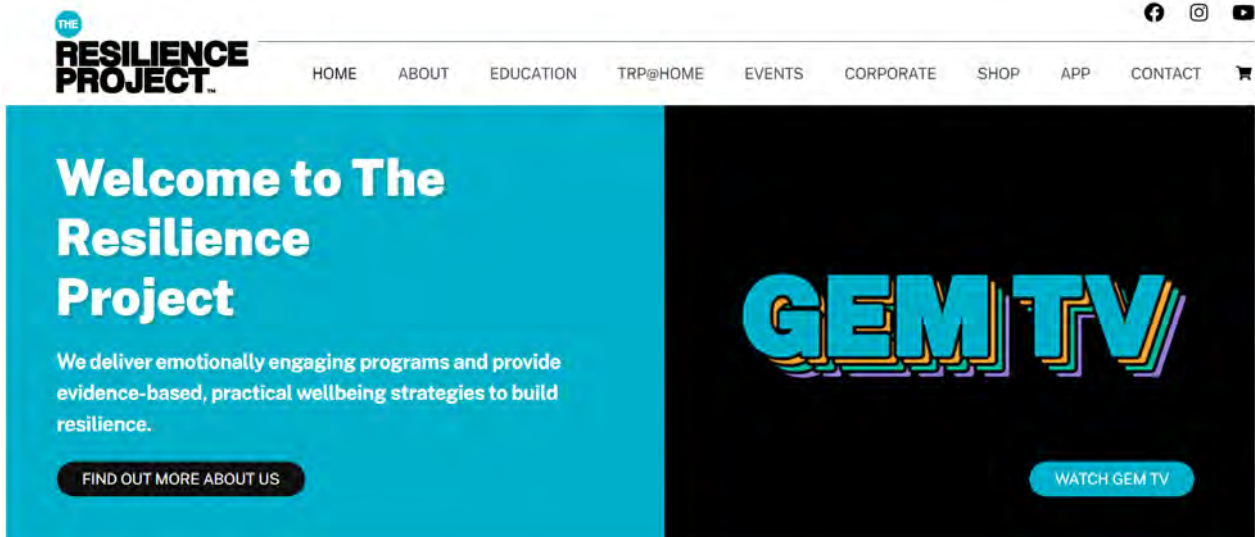
Finding Happiness through Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness

The books information offers key steps to leading a happier, more contented and fulfilling life.

Website Recommendation -

Resilience Project & Gem TV: An engaging and energetic series focussed on wellbeing

- <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/>
- <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/at-home/gem-tv/>



St James and Community In-House Art Therapy Competition –

To bring awareness to Mental Wellness

* Prize = Donation to charity of your choice

Design a cd or dvd cover to express something positive from a significant moment in your life in a medium of or choice.

The Art will be on display in our Library during October and November.

Be Planet Earth Friendly - LAUDATO SI' - CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Earth - sustains and nurtures us.

Earth is home to all manner of forests and creatures, that like us, have evolved over millions of years to be intrinsically valuable, unique and beautiful.



7 actions you can take for the good of the environment

- ◆ Put your rubbish in the bin, and where you see rubbish pick it up and dispose of it safely
- ◆ Be water wise - Fresh water is precious – don't waste it
- ◆ Use less electricity and fuel
- ◆ Plant trees and flowers and herbs
- ◆ Petition politicians to protect the environment - Help guard against mass extinctions!
- ◆ Shop wisely, Shop locally!
- ◆ Reduce consumerism; recycle, upcycle, mend, fix, restore – be creative – be innovative



Get healthy



Keep learning



Show kindness



Connect more



Take notice



Embrace nature

St James and Community In-House Inspirational Quotes on Sustainability Competition

To bring awareness to being planet friendly

* Prize = Donation to charity of your choice

Design a poster with an inspirational environmental quote.

The posters will be on display in our Library during October and November.

Finance Manager

Ms Genevieve O'Sullivan

Please be aware that all 2020 fees are now OVERDUE (unless you are on a regular payment plan – if so, please just continue your payments as arranged) - Term 4 fees (\$1795) are due next Friday 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

**** Please note that if your account is overdue and you have not made contact with the college, then you risk having your account sent to an external debt collection agency, which will incur extra costs to your account.**