



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

November

- 5 Rotary Art Show
- 6 Alumni Event
- 8-15 NAIDOC Week
- 11 Remembrance Day
- 14 Year 12 Formal
- 16-17 Year 12 Reflection Days
- 18 P&F Meeting
- 19 Year 12 Graduation Liturgy, Ceremony & Supper
- 26 End of Year Celebrations for Years 7 to 11

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Dear Parents, Caregivers, Friends, Staff and Students

This week has seen the commencement of the new Senior assessment and External Exams for some and Internal exams for others – I must commend Ms Kristina Dolejs, Ms Jess Whelan, Ms Lis Schafer, Ms Donna Martin, Faculty Heads, and other staff for their committed work to make this run smoothly. It has been a challenging exercise for all, but our students have been well prepared even though some of the papers have been very testing. Students are also completing AQTF Certificates and generally ensuring they have completed their QCE and are seeking advice around QTAC/ Training/Employment pathways from school.

World Teachers' Day

Australia celebrates and thanks the teaching profession on [World Teachers' Day - Friday 30 October](http://www.aitsl.edu.au/wtd). [link to www.aitsl.edu.au/wtd]. Teachers (with support from parents and carers) have ensured education continues across the country this year, despite major challenges with the Pandemic. It's reinforced the significant role teachers play in the lives of children and students, their families and communities.

We know at St James College that teachers and support staff work very hard with our students to develop a love of learning in some area, show they care for them, and encourage students to think of others in a supportive way. We take the time today to say thank you and acknowledge the incredible impact that teachers can make on students' lives. It is the part of my job which is so empowering – the fact you can facilitate the impact on students' lives and try and make a real difference to their outcomes. It is very important to us at Jimmies that we plan a pathway with students and do all we can to ensure that it becomes a reality!

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?

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.



Farewell to Year 12 Students

A lovely farewell Assembly was held last Friday, where tributes were paid to our current Year 12 Leaders and students, batons handed over, buddies recognised, and some celebratory dances performed. It was very moving for some and as we farewell after six years at the College for some, it can bring a tear to the eye! Our current Captains made very thoughtful speeches acknowledging the legacy and encouraging others to step out with confidence to the future knowing Jimmies will always be a family for them!



EREA Charter Leadership Awards

These Awards were announced and presented at the EREA National Principals ZOOM meeting during the week.

- Inclusive Community Margriet Shaw-Taylor, Coordinator of Creative Arts / Teacher
St Edmund's College Wahroonga
- Gospel Spirituality Br Denis Moore, Historian
Parade College Bundoora
- Liberating Education Br Michael Talty, Teacher / Chaplain
Deception Bay Flexible Learning Centre
- Justice and Solidarity Mike Francis, Teacher in Charge
Carnarvon Flexible Learning Centre

We especially congratulate Br Mick Talty who is on the St James College Board, and was recognised for all the work he has done in many schools, but in particular, at the Edmund Rice Flexi School Deception Bay having been involved since 2006. Br Mick has helped hundreds of students transition into employment or further study/training. He was described as "a beautiful man with a heart of gold." A special Award was presented to Ms Helen Bird for her exemplary service to the organisation. We especially thank our Executive Director Dr Wayne Tinsey for his outstanding leadership over the last 13 years in the establishment of the new governance of EREA, and in developing the strong Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders. This was highly regarded in the Principals' Meeting for its partnership and immersion impact and opportunities. We also thanked Mr Geoff Doyle for his very significant contribution to the organisation, Br Paul Oakley as Chair of the Council and President of the Board, and welcomed the new Executive Director Dr Craig Wattam, amongst acknowledging the work of a number of EREA Principals who are moving to different positions, or retiring. Our Zoom connections with Principals in India, Chicago and Peru made for interesting updates, comparisons around Covid management and impact on education.

Pirlippa Youth Outreach Service Learning Centre - Partnership With The Salvation Army

We have our Flexible Learning Campus in School St and congratulate them on their studies. The students study a Cert II in Volunteering and recently displayed their work recognising many charity organistaions. We wish our Year 12 students the best as they finalise their studies and sit their exams. Our thanks is extended to Ms Sunny Lee, Ms Heidi Chapman, Ms Maree Dalby and Ms Gemma Bates-Smith in their work to ensure studies are successfully completed and future career plans follow.



Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp

Students enjoyed this experience at Maroon Dam, being challenged in their problem solving in their Cert II Training! We thank Mr Darrin Coombs, Ms Gemma Bates-Smith and Mr Jon Reuben for their commitment, facilitation and energy in making this happen. It is another example of the commitment to teaching for recognition on World Teachers' Day!



Rugby 7's Carnival

Over the weekend we have five teams of boys and girls participating in the Qld All Schools Competition – this is a terrific opportunity for our students to play and enjoy a sport for many they may not have tried very much before. Rugby is such an international game that provides a network of friends across borders and is especially looking to develop pathways for women. One of my former students, Vanie Pelite, was in the Australian Gold Medal Winning Rugby 7's Olympic Team and it was through a school carnival in Year 11 that she found that she liked the game - her interest began, resulting in the Olympic outcome! We wish them the best in their competition! Thanks must go to our English and Sport teacher, Mr James Petaia (cousin of Wallaby Representative Mr Jordan Petaia) for his expert coaching and coordination, assisted by Mr Jon Reuben, Mr Scott Prickett, Mr Chris Brown, and others as well in supervision.

Election Education Responses!

The ALP and the LNP have now formally responded to the pre-election requests put forward on behalf of the Queensland Catholic education sector by QCEC. Media statements in response to these commitments can be found here: <https://qcec.catholic.edu.au/news-events/>.

Alumni Event

ST JAMES COLLEGE

2020 ALUMNI GATHERING

“BRING A MATE”

COLLEGE ART EXHIBITION ON DISPLAY

FRIDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2020
6.00PM—9.00PM

ST JAMES COLLEGE HALL
201 Boundary Street, Spring Hill

\$20.00 per head includes drink and cocktail food.
Parking available via Gloucester Street entrance.

RSVP AND PAYMENT - TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2020
(entrance at door available)

For credit card or cash payments:
Visit the College Office or call 07 3230 8600

For EFT payments:
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Enquiries:
Naomi Ritchie | 07 3230 8686 | naomi.ritchie@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au

Student Achievements – Congratulations!

- Congratulations to James Wongnukun (Year 10) who has commenced a Certificate III Hospitality at My Thai Restaurant.

Coming Events

- **All Year 12 Certificate classes will run as normal until Friday 13 November.**
- Rotary Event & Art Display, Thursday 5 November.
- St James College alumni Gathering, Friday 6 November.
- Our College community warmly welcomes staff and students from Holy Cross Primary School Woolloowin, to sample high school at St James on Friday 6 November.
- 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, 6pm–8.30pm St James College Hall. To attend this event contact Tara Fraser at tfraser@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au by November 11. Due to COVID, numbers are two representatives per graduate (four allowed in special circumstances).

Enrolments



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

WELCOMING ENROLMENTS FOR 2021, 2022 and 2023 NOW

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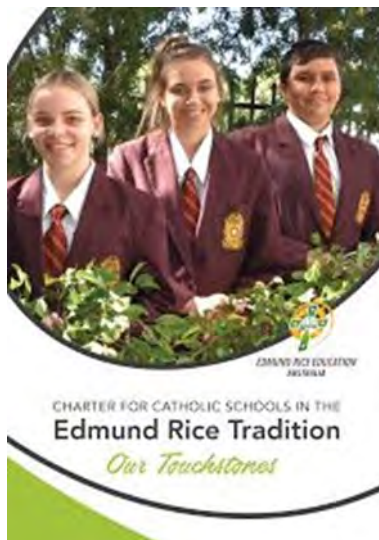
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST at
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WELCOMED

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Transition Morning for Year 7, 2021.
Mr Josateki Tora with Sacha.



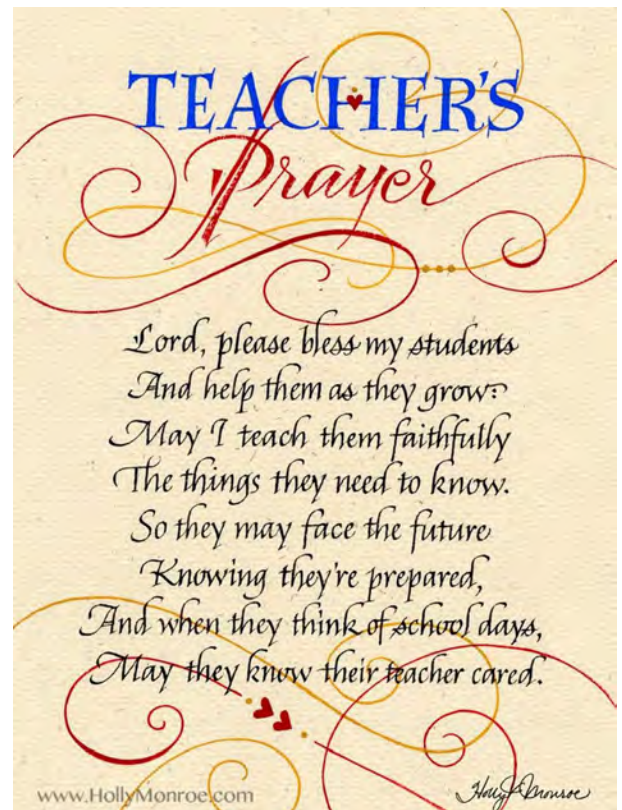
<https://www.erea.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/EREA-Charter.pdf>

2020 World Teachers' Day report

"I wouldn't be who I am today without these incredible teachers."

A Monash report released on 5 October, the World Teacher's Day, shows that Australians are most grateful for their teacher's ability to inspire, encourage and be kind.

<https://www.monash.edu/thank-your-teacher/home>



Take care and blessings for the coming week and please keep our Year 12 students in your prayers.

Ann

Ann Rebgetz
Principal

Deputy Principal

Mr Martin Wiseman

Fire Evacuation Practice

On Thursday of this week the College undertook a fire drill as per legislation in keeping our community safe.

The evacuation assembly point was Cathedral Square and students were efficient and safe in their movement to and from the venue. The College will review the procedure and refine our processes to ensure we adopt best practice in this important area.

Year 11 Leadership

This week I met with the current Year 11s to further develop their leadership for next year. We spoke about how 2021 will look for them and the expectations we have for the students as leaders of our student community. The group then broke into Homerooms to brainstorm ideas to further enhance the Homeroom experience for all students. It was a very productive session and I thank the 11s for their engagement.

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 Yolanda in Student Services by Friday 6 November.

Assistant Principal Learning, Innovation & Pathways

Ms Kristina Dolejs

The time has finally arrived - The first round of External Exams for Year 12s as part of the **New Senior Secondary system began this week**. This means that Students in year 12 who have studied a General subject for the past 2 years see the culmination with their final exams which are set and marked by the QCAA. The students have been a credit to the College in their maturity and dedication to sitting the exams, understanding processes and using as much time as possible to get their highest results. **We wish them the very best in the upcoming weeks as these exams continue.**

A reminder that while some students have completed their work, most Students in Year 12 who study certificate subjects are still required to be present to complete their competencies and practical components - they too have been a credit to the College as they finish their work.

All other students are encouraged to ensure they are still working well and competing assessments for their classes. **Report cards will be issued at the end of term and will be based on work from the whole semester.**

As we celebrate **World Teacher's Day** today - I would like to thank the incredible staff at St James who do an incredible job every day supporting student learning and wellbeing.



Creator God,

Bless our students as they sit their final exams.

Help them to remember all they have learned,

Protect them from worry, stress and panic,

Give them a calm mind, confidence and energy,

Just enough adrenalin and

May they give them their very best then rest,

Knowing it's in your hands

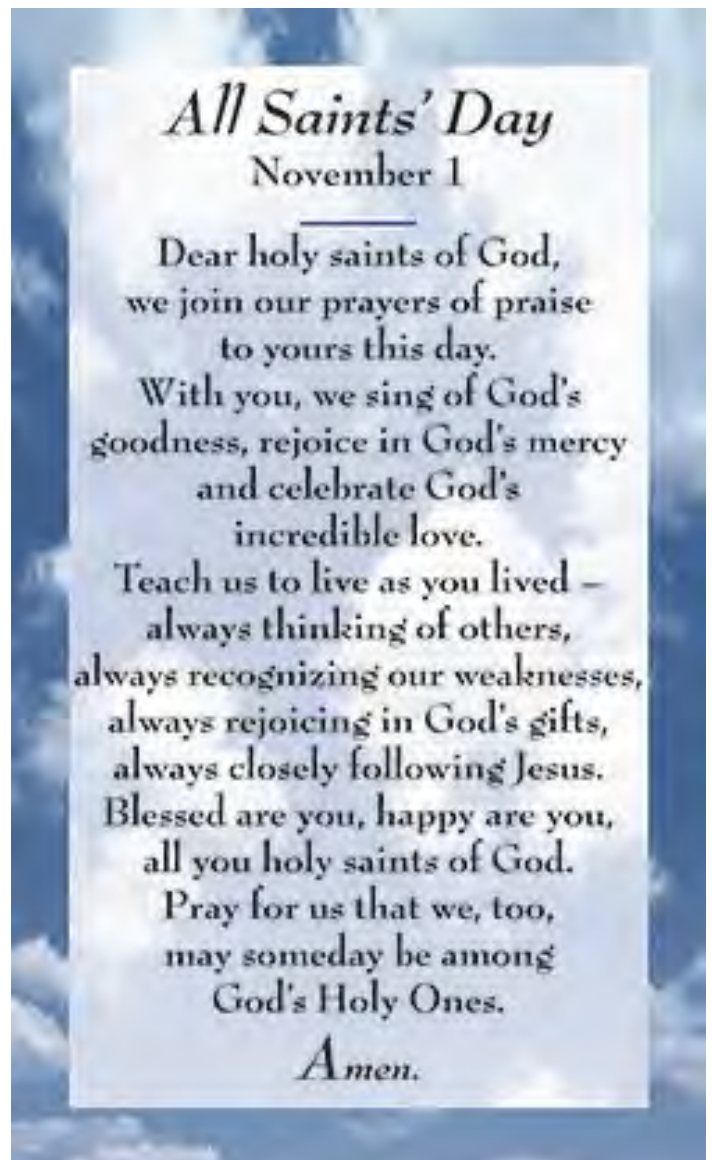
Amen



This weekend is significant across several religions and cultures. The origins of the celebration of Halloween, which is increasingly becoming a day of celebration in Australia, find its origins in the Celtic culture of Ireland. Originally a day acknowledging the harvest, **31 October (Saturday) SAMHAIN (pronounced Sow-in)** celebrates the turn of the Celtic wheel of the year. This turn is said to remove the veil that exist between life and death. Samhain is the festival of death when Pagans remember and honour those who have gone before. Fires are lit and 'dead wood' is burned before stepping into winter and the longer nights that it brings. Pagans celebrate death as part of life. This is not a time of fear, but a time to understand more deeply that life and death are part of a sacred whole.

In addition to this the **1 November (Sunday)** celebrates **ALL SAINTS' DAY in Christianity (Western Churches)**. This day provides a chance to offer thanks for the work and witness of all saints, recognising that not all are known or specially celebrated. Many churches celebrate this day by holding events especially designed for children.

From these two events we get what is commonly celebrated across societies on **31 October (Saturday)** as **HALLOWE'EN** **Heathen**. Halloween / Hallowe'en is a holiday celebrated on the night of October 31. Traditional activities include trick-or-treating, bonfires, costume parties, visiting 'haunted houses', and carving jack-o-lanterns. Irish and Scottish immigrants carried versions of the tradition to North America in the nineteenth century. Other western countries embraced the holiday in the late twentieth century including Ireland, the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the United Kingdom as well as more recently Australia and New Zealand.



Art Department Development Officer

Ms Berenice Anzellotti

The art students have been exploring different themes in their clay work this term. Grace Wilshier and Polly McKelvey (Year 10) have created clay plaques with images or initials. Josh Cottrill (Year 11) created salt and pepper shakers and Zahra Haidari (Year 11) created clay work based on images from popular culture.



Sport Coordinator

Mr Scott Prickett

Term 4 Wednesday Sport - St James Learn to Swim Lessons

This Term the College has commenced swimming lessons for Wednesday Sport with one of our own, Mr Ryan Chapman. Swimming lessons have been a great success as the students have learnt about water familiarisation and water safety.

Drowning is the third leading cause of unintentional deaths worldwide. So to prevent, educate and have fun is a great success in safeguarding our students.

A sincere thank you of appreciation to [Vorgee Australia](#) for supplying our students with such great vibrant swimming caps!



2021 Sports

As the year comes to an end I would like to thank all who have represented the College in Sport - from Wednesday Interschool Sport to the co-curricular program. This year has been far from easy but St James has always turned up and performed, results may not have gone our way but the passion, pride and representation of our College is second to none.

Below is a list of sports that will be offered next year. If any of these sports appeal to you please send me an email with your name and Year level for 2021 so I can collate all interest for next year. All sports are available for both genders.

Expressions of interest are to be sent to Mr Scott Prickett at SPrickett@stjamescollege.qld.edu.au

<i>Basketball</i>	<i>Rugby 7's</i>	<i>Ten Pin Bowling</i>	<i>Running Club</i>
<i>Soccer</i>	<i>Netball</i>	<i>Volleyball</i>	<i>Track & Field Club</i>
<i>Futsal</i>	<i>AFL</i>	<i>Touch Football</i>	
<i>Rugby League</i>	<i>Chess</i>	<i>Swimming Club</i>	

Returning of School Resource by 15 November, Thank You

All graduating Year 12 students or students leaving St James College are required to return our school laptop, charger and case as well as subject textbooks, library books and school owned musical instruments.

All students continuing at St James College in 2021 can retain their loaned laptop, charger and case. But, must return all subject textbooks, library books and school owned musical instruments. I thank all students and families for their diligence. Failure to return school resources will incur costs to you for replacing these items.

LAREDO – care for our common home continues

National Bird Week - All you need is 20 minutes in your favourite outdoor space, which doesn't have to be your backyard, and some keen eyesight to get to know your feathered neighbours. Be inspired to get involved in bird conservation efforts. There was a time not long ago, when our bushland resounded with the sound of singing wrens, robins, thornbills, pardalotes, babblers, whistlers, fantails, honeyeaters and other small birds. There is now an 80% decrease in their habitat and death by cats, foxes and dogs. Sadly now 25% of our small native birds are critically endangered and facing extinction. Do consider densely planting local Australian natives of varying heights including groundcovers for food and habitat. Avoiding the berry producing trees that bring the large birds.



Bee Friendly? What is all the buzz about?

Bees are vital for food pollination. The crisis is that 40% of our insect pollinators, especially bees and butterflies are facing extinction. A huge problem on a global scale! Bee Friendly and plant flowers of yellow, blue, purple, pink and white in a sunny position and avoid using insecticides including pyrethrum. Lastly, put out some shallow bowls of water with pebbles in it for bees to drink from.



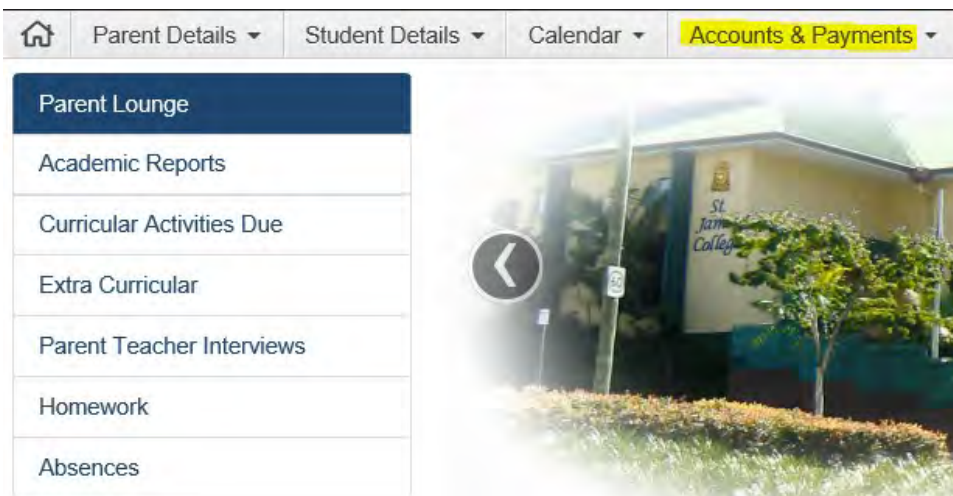
Finance Manager

Ms Genevieve O'Sullivan

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All current account balances and fees statements are now available online by logging in to **Parent Lounge** (accessible via the **Network Access** link on our College website, and following the **Accounts & Payments** tab as below:



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). 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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