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### 5 February 2021

# **Principal's Message**



Dear Johnnies Community,

Welcome back to another year at St. John's and welcome to all our new students in Year 7 and the new ones in Years 8,9,10 and 11. The year has started with great enthusiasm and cooperation. Thank you to parents, staff, and students for making such an excellent start.

Today we had our first assembly of the year and it was dedicated to our academic achievements of 2020, namely, the outstanding results of our Year 12, 2020. It was great to welcome once again to St. John's, the Honourable Ted O'Brien, MP for Fairfax. Ted is a long- time supporter of St. John's and he made time today to come and present awards to last year's successful students.

The Fairfax Awards for Academic Excellence are awarded to recognize our top 5 students based on their aggregate results – out of 500. These were presented by Mr Ted O'Brien and assisted by Mr Mark O'Connor (AP Studies and Pathways), the recipients are:

- Alexandra Angus
- Jasmine Lohmann
- Angelique McLaren-McClymont
- Samina Reynolds
- Prue Rezes



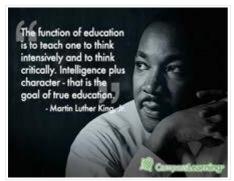
Fairfax Award for Academic Excellence



ATAR Award

DUX

The top ATAR student of the year with a score of 99.05 was Samina Reynolds and the Dux of the College, who had the highest total score out of 500 was Jasmine Lohman. Congratulations to all the top awardees in each subject area and to the class of 2020 for their "intellect and character". (Martin Luther king Jnr)



During this year of 2021 we will be focusing on NAPLAN preparation with the objective of improving our results in Numeracy. Despite our good results we have been trending downwards in this area and in reading, spelling and grammar. Our results in Year 9 writing over the past few years have been excellent thanks to the work we have done in class across subject areas.

Below, I have placed some graphical information for your perusal.

Other areas of focus will be: Catholic Identity and being a Dialogue School, A Gifted and Talented Plan, continue with our PB4L resilience, respect, and responsibility, student voice, strengthening our positive attitudes around diversity and inclusion, and a full timetable review.

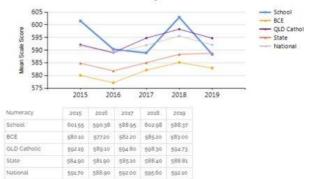
I wish everyone a successful and fruitful year in education at St. John's.

Year 7	Year 9
Making inferences	Making inferences
Vocabulary	Retrieving directly stated information
Interpreting and reflecting on texts	Exposure to a variety of texts of increasing complexity
Composing process online	Composing process online
Audience	Audience
Sentence structure and punctuation	Sentence structure and punctuation
Problem-solving approach	Problem-solving approach
Comprehending word problems	Comprehending word problems
Number and Geometry	Number and Statistics

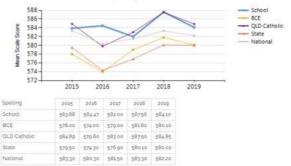
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#### Year 9 Test - NAPLAN Trend - Numeracy



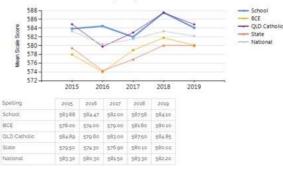








#### Year 9 Test - NAPLAN Trend - Spelling



## ANNOUNCEMENT OF A SUCCESSFUL REVIEW

Last year, your principal Mr Christopher Gold, undertook his Summative Performance Review which was conducted by Brisbane Catholic Education's Executive Director, Miss Pam Betts.

Miss Betts announces that the review is now complete and has been very successful. Mr Gold is to be congratulated on the fine work he is doing at St John's College, which has an outstanding reputation in the wider community.

Miss Betts particularly thanks the staff and community members who participated in the review and wishes the St John's College community all the best for the coming year.

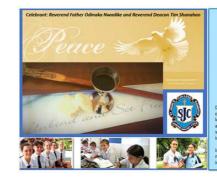
### Mr Chris Gold Principal

# Assistant Principal Formation and Identity

### Welcome to Johnnies in 2021

It has been a wonderful start to the year with an atmosphere of calm and peace. Our Year 7 students have settled in well and we look forward to formally welcoming them at the Opening Mass, Induction of College Leaders and Welcoming of Year 7 Students next Thursday morning. We are rolling off the end of a great year and continue to celebrate milestone events in 2021. Pope Francis has declared 2021 as the Year of Saint Joseph and we celebrate the 200th anniversary of Catholic Education in Australia. St John's has a strong connection to St Joseph as this was our original name and the crest still mirrors the SJC on the St Joseph's Primary School crest. Our ITD Centre is also named after St Joseph, the carpenter. In a new Apostolic Letter entitled Patris corde ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved, loving, obedient, accepting and creatively courageous father. He is also described as a father in the shadows. Being in the shadows is not negative, it is an important role which supports others to shine on the centre stage. We look forward to supporting our students throughout 2021.

### Mrs Fiona Baker Assistant Principal Formation and Identity



Opening Mass, Induction of College Leaders and Welcoming of Year 7 Thursday 110 February 4.30 - 10.40 am

Jue to COVID social distancing requirements, only family members of students receiving eadership positions or Year 7 parents will be illowed to attend. All attendees are required to occial distance from other adults, but not mmediate family members.

order to prepare, could you please RSVP the mber of people attending via the Edsmart dation omailed

# Fostering a love of Learning and Teaching

### Year 11 Information Evening Thursday 11th February 2021 - 6:00 pm

Dear Year 11 families,

You are invited to attend the Year 11 Information Evening for 2021. This will be held on Thursday 11th February, commencing at 6:00pm in the Good Samaritan Centre (GSC). The Year 11 students will be staying back at school that afternoon to participate in 'buddy activities' between 2:45 and 5:00pm. A BBQ will begin at 5:00pm in the tuckshop area. You are welcome to join us for the BBQ where you can enjoy the delicious food prepared by our P&F before the Information Evening begins.

The evening will provide an opportunity to share information regarding priorities, programs, QCE, ATAR calculations and expectations of students in Year 11 at St John's College. A number of staff members will be in attendance and will be available for informal discussions after the presentations are completed. An overview of the evening is included below:

Overview of the evening:

Mr Brett Jones	Reflection, Prayer and Principal's message
Y12 Students	Q & A
Ms Natashia Ogbourne Mr Mark O'Connor	Y11 Priorities and Student Well-being QCE & ATAR
Ms Fiona Baker	Spiritual and Faith Journey, Study Hub
Mr Brett Jones	Concluding Statements

We look forward to meeting you at the Year 11 Information Evening and working with you to support your son/daughter to unleash their potential throughout 2021.

Ms Natashia Ogbourne Year 11 Pastoral Middle Leader

### **Library News**

### WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY!

Welcome back to another exciting school year. Firstly, we would like to introduce ourselves.





Jane Corey Library Assistant Jasmine McCaul Library Manager (M-W)

Library Manager (Th-F)

Mrs Jane Corey is our lovely library assistant. She can help you with choosing and borrowing books and assist you with your use of other equipment (computers/ photocopier) in the library.

2021 Library Team

Miss Jasmine McCaul (M - W) and Miss Skye Rowe (Th -F) will be sharing the Library Manager role for 2021.

She welcomes any students who need advice or help.

All three staff members can help you with your reading, researching or resourcing needs and would love to help you choose a novel, find a quality book or website for an assignment. See Miss McCaul and Miss Rowe anytime for assistance or just a friendly chat!

In keeping with our school theme of Peace this year we have some lunchtime activities starting in Week 3:

# M – Mindful Monday (a silent space to find Peace in our day)

### W – Gamers Day

#### F - Mindful Monday (a silent space to find Peace in our day)

Of course, you are always welcome in the library during breaks to read, chat with friends, catch up on schoolwork, or simply enjoy the aircon and relax.

We have already had some excited year 7's in to borrow books.

We hope to see the rest of you soon!

#### Read on!

Miss Skye Rowe, Mrs Jo Davey, Mrs Jane Corey

### Greetings from the Arts

### The Arts Team

### **Music Enrolments**

Enrolments Open: St John's Co-Curricular Music has places for new students commencing in 2021. If you would like your child to enhance their musical, academic, and social abilities in a convenient and affordable setting then look no further. The college is offering limited positions on the following instruments:

STRINGS	WOODWIND	BRASS	OTHER
Violin	Flute	Trumpet	Piano

STRINGS	WOODWIND	BRASS	OTHER
Viola	Piccolo	Trombone	Percussion
Cello	Clarinet	Euphonium	Drum Kit
Double Bass	Bass Clarinet	Tuba	Voice
	Saxophone	French horn	Guitar
	Oboe		Bass Guitar
			Classical Guitar

Download an enrolment form today or contact Mark Winters for more information.

### Mr Mark Winters Music Teacher

### Senior Visual Arts Excursion to GOMA



After a very long stretch of time due to Covid, senior visual art students were finally able to visit the Gallery of Modern Art and the Queensland Art Gallery in Brisbane on Wednesday the 3rd of February. As young artists it is vital that they are exposed to artworks in a gallery environment. It is very beneficial to their growth as it exposes them to national, international and indigenous artists and their practices which all round helps to inform their own practice. GOMA had many artworks on display but the big draw card was the exhibition of Indigenous artist Gordon Bennett. Powerful social criticism was on display in his large-scale paintings, drawing and assemblages. The students were challenged to think from a very different perspective, one of a minority people in a very white dominated culture. Sadly, the day was all too short, but an enjoyable day was had by all.

Thank you to Miss MacNicol, Shalene, Maddie and Teresa for all their efforts organising this excursion. Also a big shout out to all the students for the exemplary behaviour, you represented St John's perfectly.

Mrs T

Mrs Olive Thompson Art Teacher

# Supporting a connected community

### **Inclusion and Diversity**



A warm welcome to our Year 7 families and welcome back to our current families for the commencement of Term 1, 2021.

In my role as Inclusion and Diversity Program Leader, I will be supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and Culturally Diverse students at the College, working towards building a

culturally safe environment for students to explore identity and knowledge, thereby enabling and promoting understanding and respect for all students within our school environment. Our vision is to connect with families in community and be a support for our students where we can.

Some initiatives to be continued for 2021:

- Student Yarning Meetings
- Scholarship opportunities (QATSIF- Year 11 and 12-Applications commence Year 10)
- Art Competitions in QLD
- TAFE and University Scholarship opportunities (End of Year 12).
- STEM and Engineering opportunities (University Introduction Programs)
- Careers Day
- Junior Students- Cultural excursion

We are also interested in families who have not notified the school of their cultural background and may not be aware of possible opportunities for their child. Please contact the office to advise or email Amanda.tollner@bne.catholic.edu. Please do not hesitate to contact me, I look forward to supporting you and your family in 2021.

### Amanda Tollner Inclusion and Diversity Program Leader

### **Equestrian Team**



On Friday 12th February at morning tea in the library I will hosting a meeting for the equestrian team and interested members to discuss upcoming interschool events. Please remember, in order to be part of the equestrian team, you must have a horse, transport (including floats), to and from the event and personal and pet insurance. Hope to see you there!

# Miss Skye Rowe srowe@bne.catholic.edu.au Equestrian Co-ordinator

### **Starting Year 7**

Starting Year 7 poses many new challenges, but also offers exciting opportunities. It comes with a variety of mixed feelings. Unfortunately for many Grade 6 students, 2020 was marred with school closures and remote learning due to the pandemic and the overall impact of this is still unknown.

For many student's regular orientation activities at the end of 2020 were less than ideal. Therefore, many students may be feeling a little bit more anxious than usual about their expectations of starting Year 7. Grasping new skills and establishing new study practices can quickly become daunting and overwhelming.

During this time of transition, parents and carers need to be supportive, but also realistic, in their expectations. This is an important milestone in your child's life. There will be feelings of exhilaration, but also the fear of the unknown. Therefore, it will be important for parents and carers to be vigilant in monitoring their child's mood and mental health during this time. They could easily become overly anxious or even depressed.

In this School TV Special Report, there are a number of strategies offered that can make this transition period smoother and start things off on the right foot! We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report:

https://stjohns.qld.schooltv.me/wellbeing\_news/special-repor t-starting-year-7

Look after yourselves and others!

### Mr Brendan Macauley Guidance Counsellor

### The Daily Bread 2021

St John's College will be honouring their commitment to cook and serve at "The Daily Bread". We will be rostered on the 1st Monday and 1st Wednesday of every month. Nicole Garcia has agreed to be the Team Leader on a monthly basis on Wednesdays. I am looking seeking volunteers to take on this role next year once a month on Monday. The role can be shared i.e. every second month? Or perhaps once a term?

Dates in 2021	Monday	Wednesday
February 1st & 3rd	Tracey Langford	Team Leader -Nicole Garcia

Dates in 2021	Monday	Wednesday
	Declan Cassar Symthe	
March 1st & 3rd		
April 5th & 7th		
May 3rd & 5th		
June 2nd & 7th		
July 5th & 7th		
August 2nd & 4th		
September 1st & 6th		
October 4th & 6th		
November 1st & 3rd		
December 1st & 6th		

St John's College commitment involves year 10,11 and 12 hospitality students cooking a three-course meal twice a month which is transported to the Daily Bread and served as the evening meal by 10-12 volunteers from our community (Parish and School).

The volunteers arrive at 4pm and set up the Hall, set the tables, heat the food, which is served at 5pm. Once the guests have eaten the dining hall is cleaned and packed up.

Sunny Street – a health service and Orange Sky Laundry also come to the Hall and provide services.

All guests who present themselves are to be welcomes as Christ, for he himself will say:

I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matt 25:35). RB53:1

### **Daily Bread:**

Where: St Luke's Lutheran Church Hall Sydney St Nambour

Time: 4.00pm- 6.30pm

What to wear: Closed in shoes and day clothes (no school uniforms)

What do you do: Set up hall/ outdoor space, serve food, clear tables, wash dishes, clean and pack up the hall & outdoor space.

Contact Tracey Langford tlangford@bne.catholic.edu.au or 0417071168

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Tracey Langford Campus Minister

### **Family Connections**



ITS NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN OUR GROUP, ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS AVAILABLE TO SUIT YOUR TIMETABLE.

Email: familyconnectionsnambour@gmail.com Facebook (Messenger): https://www.facebook.com/ FamilyConnectionsNambour Phone: 0417 071 168 Parish Office: 07 5441 1043

Family Connections Nambour is offering parenting workshops from the Circle of Security Parenting<sup>™</sup> program. Based on decades of research about how secure parent-child relationships can be supported and strengthened, this is an excellent opportunity for parents and carers to connect with other parents and a qualified facilitator to develop a deeper understanding of your child and your connection with them.

Location: The Good Samaritan Centre, St Joseph's Catholic Church, Currie St Nambour Dates: Friday mornings beginning Friday 5th February and finishing 12th March 2021 Times: 8.45am for a 9.00am start Cost: \$20 to cover booklet costs 9.00 am-11.00am Who should attend: Any parent looking for support and/ or education (max 12 people) Presenter: Samantha Fazldeen

Samantha will be facilitating the Circle of Security Parenting Training and offering support for parents through private counselling session under the Family Connections umbrella, because connected, secure families are happy families.

# SUNSHINE COAST SCHOOL SPORT REPRESENTATIVE PATHWAYS 2021

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Basketball	16-18 yrs Boys & Girls	Rugby League	16-18 ym Boys
Cricket	10-12 yrs Boys	Rugby Union	11-12 yrs
Cross Country	10-19 yrs Boys & Girls	Rugby Union	14-15 yrs Boys
Football	10-12 yrs Boys & Girls	Rugby Union	17-18 yrs Boys
Football	13-15 yrs Girls	Softball	10-12 yrs Boys & Girls
Football	13-16 yrs Boys	Surfing	13-18 yrs Boys & Girls
Football	16-19 yrs Girls	Swimming	10-19 yrs Boys & Girls
Football	17-19 yrs Boys	Tennis	10-12 yrs Boys & Girls
Futsal	13-14 yrs Boys & Girls	Touch	10-12 yrs Boys & Girls
Hockey	10-12 yrs Boys & Girls	Touch	13-15 yrs Boys & Girls
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# **College Business**

## School Photo Day

Next Wednesday 10th February Academy photography will be taking our student school photos in the Library. The year 12 group photo's will take place in the Piazza. Further details to follow next week.

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# Gluten free and vegetarian items are available on the café menu via Qkr!



### Mrs Sharon Brady Tuckshop Convenor

## Care for God's Creation

This year St John's College are proud announce their new partnership with Urban Depot Burnside. This recycling initiative will see new blue bins and baskets located around the school to collect plastic water bottles, juice poppers, flavoured milk cartons and aluminum cans. Without recycling, each of these items would end up as landfill. However, by educating the Johnnie's community to recycle, not only will we be helping the environment for future generations, however, we can also collect 10c for each item which will go towards a new community garden located in our Polding area. We are all stewards of God's creation, caring for this earth and protecting people and planet is faith in action. Thanks to those students who are already taking on the new recycling initiative, we look forward to filling up those bins many many times over in 2021.



### Year 7 & 10 Immunisation Program

Our school is participating in Queensland Health's annual School Immunisation Program. All Year & and 10 students received a form this week, please complete and return by Monday 8th February.

### **BCE Connect**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The **BCE Connect** phone App provides a platform to securely access SJC school information, making it easier to keep track of all things school related and to stay in touch. This app integrates with our school website and our parent portal. The **Qkr!** phone app (by Mastercard) is a secure and easy way to order and pay for school items from your phone. With **Qkr!** you can pay for school fees, uniforms, excursions, and ordering from our tuckshop. The **Teams** phone app will provide you with sporting teams information.

Parents are encouraged to log in to **BCE Connect** using their Parent Portal login credentials and 'favourite' St. John's College to receive notifications direct from the school (including emergency announcements).

### **NEED ASSISTANCE**

If you are having problems accessing the Parent Portal after following the instructions, please contact Teresa McMahon on 54 415666 or email tmcmahon@bne.catholic.edu.au.

The Parent Portal and various Apps are valued communication tools for our families, and we request you to login regularly and explore them at your earliest convenience.



Teresa McMahon Student Services/Reception

# Embracing change and continuous improvement

### **Careers Hub**





### Get all your careers information in the one location.

CAREER BULLETINS and CAREER HANDOUTS are located on the Parent Portal in the Careers Tile, please click here to access these resources.

### THE COLLEGE HAS A DEDICATED CAREERS WEBSITE:

https://www.stjohnscollegecareers.com/



VIDEO PRESENTATIONS Click Here

https://www.stjohnscollegecareers.com/custom-page/5

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION updates Click Here

https://stjohnscollegecareers.com/custom-page/3

ADF/TAFE/CAREER EVENTS/OTHER updates Click Here

https://www.stjohnscollegecareers.com/custom-page/2

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP updates Click Here

https://www.stjohnscollegecareers.com/custom-page/1

### Book an appointment with the Careers Counsellor

https://stjohnscollegecareers.com/appointment-booking

Have a question you want to ask? Jump online and send us an email!

ONE OF OUR FRIENDLY PATHWAYS TEAM MEMBERS WILL GET BACK TO YOU ASAP:

Bernadette Natoli (Careers Counsellor): sjccareers@bne.catholic.edu.au (Thurs-Fri) Kim E Harrison (Pathways Assistant): sjccareers@bne.catholic.edu.au

# Gallery

# Senior Visual Arts Excursion to GOMA

