Dear Parents, Friends and Carers,

Happy New Year to everyone in the St John’s community!! I certainly hope that the New Year has brought with it hope and opportunity. The 2015 year promises to be a great year for St. John’s as we celebrate our 75th anniversary, welcome our first class of Year 7 students, welcome the Year 8 cohort, welcome 30 new students in Years 9-11 and welcome 11 new staff.

We welcome 137 Year 7 students, 113 Year 8 students and 30 new students across the other year levels. The school population has hit 764, a massive growth overnight with the advent of the Year 7 to Secondary move. The first few days were energising and exciting as we put into action the “Buddy” system and the new Pastoral Care structure. Year 8, 10 and 12 students are together for Pastoral and Year 7, 9 & 11 students are together in PC Groups.

The first week or two for our Year 7 & 8 students will be engaged with the WISE-UP Program as they settle into life at St John’s. I never ceased to be amazed at the ability of young people to adapt to new situations and so it is with these 240 young people attending secondary school for the first time. The staff of the college have been amazing this last fortnight, attending Professional Development and preparing for our new arrivals. Life is so much easier with the caring, professionals that make up the teaching and ancillary staff at St. John’s. I have listed our new staff and new positions below:

New staff to the college include:

- Michael Crockford (Chemistry Science)
- Henning Kunkenrenken (Biology, Science Maths)
- Claire White (Maths)
- Megan Anning (English, SOSE SOR)
- Rosanna Potter (English SOSE)
- Alexandria Atkins (English SOSE, Dance)
- Bridget Ashton (Biology, Science)
- Rob Charlton (Maths, Science, Re)
- Kristin Medveczky (HPE, HPE Coordinator)
- Ken Kiernan (English, SOSE, RE)
- Arlo Goozee (Maths)
- Maria Cross (Learning Support)

Middle Leadership Appointments 2015 - 2017:

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The student Leader appointments are as follows:

- **COLLEGE CAPTAINS:** Kate Doherty, Michael Lynch, Anna Matthews, Jarrod Shackell
- **HOUSE CAPTS:**
  - **Casuarina:** Tahli Grant, Frazer Johnson, Chelsea Hill
  - **Banksia:** Tamica Simm, Harley Heppell
  - **Melaleuca:** Keeley Hughes, Drew Blanchard
  - **Acacia:** Brianna Green, Katie Loch

- **SPORT:** Abbey Le Busque, Mel Bateman **SRC:** Jennifer Kerr, Jake Fallis
- **INDUCTION:** Lola Perry, Olivia McKenna **MAGAZINE:** Olivia Kite
- **ARTS:** Hannah Medland, Harley Heppell **Social Action:** Ashton Darracott, Brianna Heeley
- **Stewardship:** Nicole McKinney, Brianna Heeley **Liturgy:** Courtney Claridge
This coming Thursday we celebrate the Opening School Year with Mass at 9am in the GSC and with the Welcome BBQ from 4.30pm. At the Mass we will induct our new Student Leaders and SRC representatives. Prior to the BBQ that afternoon, all Year 11, 12 and Year 7 & 8 students will be participating in an afternoon of Buddy activities between 3pm and 4.30pm.

The BBQ is a wonderful occasion and opportunity for Year 7 & 8 parents to meet your child’s buddy and his/her parents, and your child’s teachers as well as feel welcomed to the community of St John’s. There is no cost for the BBQ. We also ask that a few more of our “experienced” parents will volunteer for the BBQ as we have to cook for nearly a thousand people. Details of the BBQ will be finalised at next Tuesday’s P&F, 6.30pm at the College. Please come along or ring the school and leave your name as a volunteer for the BBQ. The more the merrier and this will one of the early highlights of the year.

This Friday is the Student Leaders Planning day at Twin Waters. This is always such a worthwhile and energising day of ideas, passion and authentic “Johnnies” spirit. Our 25 Captains will be hard at it all day with planning and amazing ideas for our 75th.

**Our OP Results** were excellent again for St John’s students and this has been well documented on our web page, Facebook page and Twitter. I have listed the top OP 1-5 results below as well as the percentages achieved by year 12 OP students.

Congratulations to Year 12, 2014 on their excellent OP results. The Graduating class of 2014 worked extremely hard during the year and they have been justly rewarded. The partnerships between home and school have again paid huge dividends and we continue to reinforce the strength and reputation of St John's College as an academically successful school.

25% of OP eligible students received an OP1-5, 59% received an OP 1-10 and 90% received an OP between 1-15. St John’s students were 5 points above State average on the QCS data and this is also outstanding and played a large part in the high ranking OP results. This is again another outstanding result for Johnnie’s students and compares very favourably with the best in the state and is again above the average for all BCE schools.

As we are well aware, St John's does not offer academic scholarships nor is it selective and these results are again indicative of value adding to a student’s achievements at St John's. Staff are to be congratulated on their passion, professionalism and expertise and their contribution to these results.

**OP 1:** Hannah McNaught  
**OP 2:** Lachlan Brown, Jayden Fitzsimon  
**OP 3:** Sophie Wheeler, Lily Quirin, Lauren Hodges, Sally-Anne Rusell, Alice Ashby  
**OP 4:** Olivia Brumm, Isabella Wight, Tom Lee, Sarah Finley-Strong  
**OP 5:** Hayden Lynch, Tom Jones, Pat Nolan, Lewis Griggs, Jacob Farrelly  
**OP 6:** Brec Thomas, Selina Strazzari, Jack Foley, Sam Roff, Laura Wade  
**OP 7:** Nick Quinn, Abbey Pringle, Mitch Kelly, Peter Littlejohn, Pat Sutton, Hayden Venz, Kristy Dowle, Leanne Filocamo  
**OP 8:** Brittany Irvine, Connor Barbi, Chloe McKeown, Luke McInney, Anna Marques, Tegan Duggan  
**OP 9:** Tristan Wasmund, Joe Bunter, Zac Epstein, Maria Savage  
**OP 10:** Natasha Buckland, Lauren Magdalinski

The lowest score was an OP 18 and considering that the range is from 1-25 this too is quite outstanding. Other notable achievements were 62 students completed a Certificate I, 25 students completed a Certificate II, 11 students completed a Certificate III, 1 student completed a Certificate IV and 1 student completed a University subject.

Uniforms have been worn well for the first three days- thank you parents for this insistence on the correct uniform and neat attire. Hats are a compulsory part of the uniform and should be worn with the uniform to and from college and whilst outside, although they are best kept out of the rain. We will be insisting on this aspect of uniform and sun safety again this year and request your support to make sure your children leave home with their hats on. The dress is no longer part of our uniform. We have flagged this over the past two years and I do not expect that this should create any issue with parents or students.

The first P&F Meeting will be held this Tuesday February 3rd at 6.30pm. This meeting will devote some of its time to the organisation for the Welcome BBQ. New members to the P&F are required and welcomed. Come along – there are only eight meetings in the year; come along and join this illustrious, supportive and industrious group. The AGM will occur at our second meeting on March 3rd.

Please follow our Twitter feed and Facebook pages again this year as this is yet another way to keep up to speed on all things happening at St John’s.
2014 has begun with a flurry, as usual, and we would not have it any other way. Good luck to all and as G.K Chesterton writes:

“The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears, and new eyes. Unless a particular person made New Year resolutions, they would make no resolutions. Unless a person starts afresh about things, they will certainly do nothing effective. Unless a person starts on the strange assumption that they never existed before, it is quite certain that they will never exist afterwards. Unless a person be born again, they shall by no means enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.”

On a final note, please have a read of this great story below as your child grows and succeeds at St. John’s College. There are many parallels between the seedling and our students.
From the Assistant Principal

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another big year at St John’s …. Bigger in every sense, particularly in that we have just welcomed an extra 150-ish students to the community.

This is a change which we have been preparing for over some time now and we are certainly ready to do some great things within our new group.

The students have returned and the “vibe” that is being given off is something amazing – it is going to be a great year!

Years 7 & 8 WISE-UP Program

Our new Year 7 & 8 students have been involved in our revolutionary WISE-UP Program since their arrival. This program encompasses many of the skills which will be useful for their future lives here at St. John’s, as well as welcoming them into this great community in the best way we know how.

WISE-UP is an acronym for “Welcome Into Secondary Education – Unleashing Potential”. It is a program which encompasses all the good things which we have always done at St. John’s and builds on these to help students make a successful transition to Secondary Schooling. It focuses on allowing the students to settle into their routines, rooms and get to know their teachers in a welcoming and inclusive manner.

Year 8 students will conclude these activities on Monday afternoon. Year 7 students will finish up at lunchtime on Tuesday. They will then commence their regular classes after these times.

We always love hearing feedback from both students and parents / carers about how these types of activities go and you are welcome to e-mail me your thoughts at any time in regards to this program.

Communication is the key!

Over the past twelve months we have been working on a number of initiatives to build better learning partnerships. We continue to work on ways to build communication between home and school.

PC Teachers will make contact with the parents and carers of those in the PC Group, hopefully before the Welcome Barbeque on Thursday evening. If you have not heard from your child’s PC teacher at this time, I would encourage you to make contact with them. It may be that the College records for e-mail addresses are not accurate or there has been some other oversight and we would like to correct this as soon as possible.

As always, we encourage all parents and carers to make contact with relevant staff at any time if there is an issue to resolve or information to be passed on. Such contact can be made through e-mails and using the College Diary.

We are also working on a number of other initiatives, including a staff contact list, parent portal and publishing outlines for subjects to give everyone a good overview of what is involved in the learning at St John’s. More details will be available when these commence.

Subject changes.

The window of opportunity for subject changes for Years 9 and 10 closes today. After this date, students will be in the classes they are in at this time for the remainder of this semester, before elective units are reallocated for Term 3. As most students have had at least two drafts of these choices and plenty of opportunity to undertake changes before these dates, changes after this time will not be able to be accommodated unless there are extraordinary situations.

For Years 11 and 12 students, the final date for movements this semester is Monday, February 9. Any changes will involve an extensive consultation process involving relevant teachers and parents to ensure correct placements of students in options is being undertaken. The QCAA requirements are very strict and any changes after this time will be only if there are exceptional circumstances. These instances will be very rare.

Assessment Schedules and Policies

The assessment schedules for this semester will be appearing on the College Website by the end of Week 3. Parents / Carers and students are asked to make themselves aware of when assessment will be due and prepare their work accordingly.

We will very shortly be uploading the Assessment Policy documents which we use within the College as well. We also publish the forms which are required to be completed for requests for extensions or changes to exam dates etc. I will provide links for these once finalised.

Parents of Senior students should note that Alternative Program Weeks take place throughout the last two weeks over EVERY term. These will include school assessment, workshops / tutorials and other activities as needed. Parents or Senior Students should be aware that there can be assessment scheduled right up to the very last day of every term for these students. Students are very aware of this and their attendance until this time is a reasonable expectation.
Student Pick Up

Thank you for your cooperation and patience this week with student pick up. With the primary students changing buses we now have nearly 800 students transiting through this area in 15 minutes. Unfortunately we have had a dangerous situation develop with a few people stopping on the roundabout and calling students over to their cars while the buses were moving through.

Parents are reminded that the roundabout at the entrance to the College is a bus zone and hence a no parking or standing zone from 2:30 until 3:00 pm every school day. If you pick up students early please have them wait for you on Perwillowen Road and use the parking bays marked there. Alternatively come into the roundabout area after 3:00 pm when the buses have taken 450 students out of the area and it is safe for pick-ups to occur.

The Coolum bus students are currently not being picked up until nearly 3:30. After this time students who are still in the bus area will be asked to move back into the College grounds near the staff car park where they can be supervised by the staff in the MPC.

Lockers

This week we have issued all year 9,10,11 and 12 texts, about half the 7 and 8 classes have texts and nearly all students have their laptops. In addition every student has been allocated a locker and lock (if they returned theirs last year). These items are now the responsibility of the students and they are asked to keep everything in their LOCKED locker when they are not using it. Similarly mobile phones should be locked in the locker during class time so as not to disturb classes.

David Cuskelly
Deputy Principal

SOME NEW STUDENTS WITH THEIR BUDDIES
**‘Get Started’ Program**

Eligible children and young people (from age 5 to 18) are provided with a voucher up to the value of $150 for the payment of membership and/or participation costs to access sport and recreation activities.

To be eligible for the program, the child’s parent/guardian must hold a Centrelink Health Care Card or a Pensioner’s Concession Card. To assist other children and young people identified as benefiting from the program whose parent/guardian does not have a Health Care or Pensioners Concession Card, a referral agent process has been incorporated into the program.

More information is included in the attached.

We look forward to seeing many of you come along with your students to these sessions.

Mark O’Connor – Assistant Principal

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**Date – claimers**

Please be aware of the upcoming events and mark on your home calendars to attend where possible:

- Thursday, February 5 – Opening Mass in Periods 1 and 2 and Year 8 students commence regular classes in Period 3
- Wednesday, February 18 – Year 12 Information Evening
- Tuesday, February 24 – Year 11 Information Evening
- Tuesday, March 10 – Year 7 2016 Information Evening
- Parent teacher nights – Wednesday and Thursday, April 22 and 23
- Wednesday, June 24 - SET Plan Information night for Year 10

We look forward to seeing many of you come along with your students to these sessions.

Mark O’Connor – Assistant Principal

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**St John’s College Opening Mass & Induction of Leaders 2015**

Thursday 5th February
Commencing 9.00 am
MPC: Multi Purpose Centre
Celebrant: Father Graham Gatehouse
Our ceremony will be followed by morning tea in the College Staff Room
ST JOHN’S WELCOME AFTERNOON

Thursday, 5th February

We look forward to seeing all Year 7 and 11 students, along with all Year 8 and 12 students taking part in the St John’s buddy activity afternoon.

Students will rotate through four different activities in their houses from 3-5pm. Afternoon tea will be provided for all students. Please note due to numbers any student with dietary requirements needs to BYO their afternoon tea.

Informal dinner with parents 5-7pm: All Year 7 and 8 parents are invited to come and meet your child’s buddy and pastoral care teacher. A BBQ dinner will be provided by the Parents and Friends committee.
Welcome to the 2015 School Year.

By now, you should have received your 2015 School Fee Pack. This Pack includes:

- 2015 Fee Schedule
- 2015 Direct Debit Schedule Request Form
- 2015 Recurrent Payment by Credit Card Form
- 2015 Fortnightly calculator
- 2015 Sibling Discount Form
- Qkr! How To Guide

If you have not received your Fee Pack all the Forms are available for download on the SJC website, under Enrolment/School Fees. Thank you to those families who have already set up payment plans. If you have not set up a payment plan and need help in doing so, please do not hesitate to email me directly on dtwomey@bne.catholic.edu.au.

The Uniform Shop is extremely busy at this time of year. Please keep in mind that Uniforms can be ordered and paid for the the Qkr! mobile phone app. This is a free downloadable app that St Johns College utilises to make payment options easier for parents. Once ordered, students will be called to the Uniform Shop to collect their items.

Sibling Discount – If you have children at other Sunshine Coast Catholic Schools (ie St Joseph’s, Siena College, Stella Maris, St Teresa’s or Unity College) you are eligible for a discount on the school fee (only) portion of your account. Please ensure you have completed a Sibling Discount Form and either hand it in at the Office or email it directly to me. **No sibling discounts can be given without the correct paperwork.**

Statements of Fees and Levies for Term 1 will be posted on Monday, please email me if you have not received your statement by the end of the week or have any concerns in relation to the payment of the invoice.

Some families will have received a Final Statement for 2014 in the mail this week. If you received such a Statement it is to make you aware of monies still owed from 2014. If you could attend to this outstanding balance as a matter of priority it would be much appreciated.

If you are experiencing any financial difficulties or need any help or further information regarding setting up a regular payment via Direct Debit, BPay or Credit Card Payments please do not hesitate to contact me on 5441 5666 or dtwomey@bne.catholic.edu.au.

Danielle Twomey
Finance Secretary
The Good Samaritan Youth Group which comprises Students from St John’s College and St Joseph’s Primary school coordinated the Vinnies Christmas appeal in collaboration with the Nambour St Vincent de Paul Society Conference last term (2014). The students collected and made up hampers for 100 families and distributed them from St Joseph’s primary school hall the week before Christmas. Many thanks to the students and families who supported the appeal. Thank you to St John’s College and St Joseph’s Primary school for supporting this appeal. The Good Samaritan youth group meets every fortnight and its aim is to support families in our school communities. Please contact Tracey Langford if you are keen to be part of the group our first activity will be cooking for families in our community.

“Be kind and love, for love is your first gift to the poor”
From the Guidance Counsellor...

A big welcome to all our new and returning families at SJC for 2015!

I am sure this year will be filled with many exciting events and achievements. For some, however, life may throw out a few hurdles that will slow us down or rob us of our motivation. As the Guidance Counsellor at St Johns, I support our student’s wellbeing in numerous facets including emotional and social concerns, organisation and time management, careers and subject selection plus numerous more. I invite students and parents to contact me with any concerns or questions throughout the year. I can be contacted via the following methods:

- Email: rjenner@bne.catholic.edu.au
- Phone: 5441 5666 (school main line)
- In person: Room #15

I would also like to direct you to the attached list of community support services that you may also find useful. I suggest keeping a copy on your fridge to remind you that support is available should you require it.

Wishing you all the best in 2015.

Roz Jenner

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Community Support Services

Provides online, telephone and face-to-face mental health support and counselling for young people aged between 12 and 25 years.

Your doctor can help refer you to an appropriate service. If you have a diagnosed mental disorder you may be eligible to be put on a Mental Health Treatment Plan. On such a plan you are entitled to Medicare rebates for up to ten individual and ten group allied mental health services (including psychological assessment and therapy services provided by clinical psychologists, and focussed psychological strategies services provided by appropriately qualified GPs and eligible psychologists, social workers and occupational therapists) per calendar year.

A free confidential 24 hour phone counselling service for children.

**Lifeline**: 13 11 14 [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)
A free 24 hour crisis line for adults. Online chat support also available. The website contains useful information on mental health issues, help-seeking and financial problems.

Provides support, counselling, and parent education for the cost of a local call, available 7 days a week between 8am and 10pm. The website also provides parenting programs and information for parenting children of different ages.

**Centacare**: 5430 9300 [www.centacarebrisbane.net.au](http://www.centacarebrisbane.net.au/)
A Catholic community service organisation that provides support for a range of different concerns including individual, adolescent, child, and family counselling and mediation.

**Guidance Counsellor**: 5441 5666
The school guidance counsellor is available for careers support, short term counselling and problem solving sessions. Should you require ongoing support you can be referred to an external service.

**Beyond Blue**: [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)
An excellent website to gain information and support services for mental health issues, particularly depression and anxiety. Information available on caring for a child with mental health concerns.

Provides information, support and practical strategies on parenting at a cost of $8 - $10 per month.

**Sunshine Coast University Psychology Clinic** 5459 4514
A range of clinical psychological services are available for children, adolescents and adults at no cost.
There are many exciting opportunities for our Business Management students this year. Our course has many practical and hands on components complementing the knowledge aspects of the subject.

Some classes will attend field trips consolidating their learning and gaining industry experience. Students also have the opportunity to get hands on organising and running various business ventures during the school year such as a Community Garden, Mother’s Day Stall, Recyclables Stall, Markets on SJC day and hosting a Father’s day breakfast.

The Hospitality students will be working closely with the Business students in organising and holding an Indonesian Festival for our school community enabling students to develop and apply their entrepreneur skills.

Some of the units that our students will be studying include Enterprise Skills, Product Development and Marketing Plans, Feasibility Studies, Consumerism, International Business, Managing Money, Operations Management and Management Practices.

The last week of 2014 school year and the first week of our school holidays saw Bu Margaret, Bu Jasmine and Bu Sharon travelling to Lombok with 6 of our very enthusiastic Indonesian students from Years 10 & 11. As teachers, we were able to see firsthand the personal growth and gain in confidence in the students’ Indonesian language over the two weeks. As foreigners in Lombok, we even managed to have a photo and article written about us in the newspaper.

We are very proud of these students!
On the 31st of November 6 students (Tom Primmer, Georgia Crabb, Sathya Roysmith, Emma Dolan, Greta Haycock and myself) and 3 teachers (Sharon Punter, Margaret Norris and Jasmine McCaul) went to Lombok Island in Indonesia for two weeks to study Bahasa Indonesian at the local university in Mataram.

At the university we had three main tutors, Mas Marjan, Mas Titto and Mbak Issya. These three people were probably the happiest people that I have ever met and they were so encouraging in our studies and ran the university program so well. Each day there was always something exciting to look forward to.

First we would spend half the day at the University learning new things about the language and then the tutors would take us out on an excursion; whether to Hindu temples, middle schools – where we were treated like celebrities – to recycling centers or to a batik making center.

During our time in Lombok, we all got to experience the many cultural aspects of Indonesia. This ranged from house visits in the traditional Ungga village to participating in the annual Hindu/Muslim ritual Perang Topat (Rice War) where we learnt about the island’s history. Each day we all gained more world knowledge, more great experiences and more understanding of the Indonesian culture. If I was given another opportunity to go on this Language Immersion trip again, I would do so in a heartbeat. It has also inspired me to continue taking Bahasa Indonesian as a subject when I leave high school to hopefully return to Lombok.
Our early morning surfing program commences in Week 3 on a Thursday morning. We meet at 6.00am at Mudjimba beach (skate park), students are then transported on the school bus back to school.

This is a development program for students who have their own boards and would like to continue developing their surfing skills. We have qualified coaches present during our sessions.

There is a cost involved and numbers are limited to 24. A meeting will be held next week where students can obtain all the required information.

Our new Year 7 and 8 students, girls and boys, are encouraged to get involved.

For further information, please contact Mr Kriz.
RUGBY

- Rugby union training is starting for all age groups this Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February 3.00pm- 4:30pm at St John’s College Coes Creek Road Nambour Fields
- Followed by training at Toads Rugby Union Fields every Tuesday and Thursday 5.00pm-6.00pm

NETBALL

Netball is one of the many sports students at St. John’s can be involved in at an Interschool level and is the first sport to commence in Term 1. Playing for the school is one way to feel part of the college and build school spirit. It is also an easy way for new students to become involved and meet other students. St. John’s has developed over the years as a very strong netball school, and usually enters between 10 to 16 teams in the Sunshine Coast Secondary Schools’ Competition, catering for students with different levels of netball skill. All girls are encouraged to join a team, even if they have never played the sport before. Every student who attends trials is placed in a team, regardless of skill level.

The competition is played after school on a Monday at the Netball Courts at Fisherman’s Road, Maroochydore, commencing on Monday 16\textsuperscript{th} February. Players are transported to the courts by the school bus and taken home by parents after the games. Year 7 and 8 games usually commence at 4.15pm, with other games continuing until 8.30pm.

Weekly training times are as follows:
- Year 7 and 8 teams’ training is on a Wednesday afternoon at the college, from 3pm – 4pm.
- Year 9 and 10 teams’ training is on a Thursday afternoon at the college, from 3pm – 4pm.
- A teams’ (Intermediate A, SJC 1sts and 2nds) training is on a Friday afternoon at the college, from 3pm – 4.30pm. These teams also have fitness training on Wednesday morning at the college, commencing at 7am.

The SJC netball season will commence with trials on next Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} February and Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th} February after school in the MPC from 3pm to 4pm for all Year 7 and 8 students. All Year 7 and 8 students will be placed in combined teams and entered into the Junior grade of the competition.

For Year 9 and 10 students, trials/training will take place on Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} February with final trials/training on Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th} February from 3pm to 4pm. All Year 9 and 10 students will be placed in combined teams and entered into the Intermediate grade of the competition. Trials for Years 9 and 10 students took place at the end of 2014 and these sessions are to finalise teams to allow for inclusion of new students to the college.

All Year 7, 8 and new Year 9 and 10 students intending to play in the Interschool Competition in a St. John's team must register their name at the office and attend both sessions as outlined above. The trials are to view the different skill levels and divide students into teams. Students must be collected from the school by parents at the end of the trials/training at 4pm. Any Year 11 and 12 student, new to the college, who wants to play in a team in 2015 must also register their name at the office and come to trials on Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} February from 3 – 4pm.

A staff member is attached to each team, acting either as manager or coach. With so many teams, the college is always in need of more coaches or managers, so please contact me if you have any experience at coaching, or hidden netball skills, or can act as manager. If more information is required or you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 54 415 666 or manning@bne.catholic.edu.au
Welcome from the Arts Department to all new and returning students, especially to our Year 7 and 8s! It is a very exciting time for everyone here at St. John’s! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Alexandria Atkins into the Arts Department. Miss Atkins will be teaching Year 9 Dance which is a new subject being offered this year. We will be continuing to offer: Art, Drama, Music and also Media Arts.

By the end of the last school year, both the Art and Drama rooms had moved to their new location in the fabulous new buildings. Apart from Music, all Arts classes will be taking place in the Polding building. Music is in the same location but has had an expansion and renovations that includes 4 small soundproofed rooms. We now have an Arts Department Staffroom! When not teaching, Pat Wilson, Jasmine Mc Caul, Olive Thompson, Lisa McNicol and KKM can often be found there working, so stop by and say hello in Rm 35/36.

We also invite you to come to the back of the new drama rooms to have a look at the sensational mural that Jed Hanrahan (2014 graduate) completed on the holidays. Jed designed the mural as his final artwork in Year 12 and began painting, spraying and stencilling before school finished. However, it took Jed several days after school was over to complete this huge mural. Thank you to Jed for sharing his ideas and talent as well as giving up his time to complete this Artwork of epic proportions. A framed copy of his Artist Statement explaining his ideas and imagery will be posted on the wall of the building very soon. Thank you to the ITD students who painted the base coat of the wall, a couple of brave art students, Shalene and especially Olive Thompson for her guidance from concept to realisation and supervision (with snacks and helpers) throughout the painting process on the summer holidays.

As you can see from the photographs below, that this mural expressing the Arts at SJC and where your imagination can lead has significantly improved the wall behind drama! Well done and thanks Jed!
UNIFORM SHOP and TEXT HIRE

PLEASE NOTE NEW OPENING HOURS

WEDNESDAY 8.00am - 3.45pm and
THURSDAY 8.00am - 3.45pm

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