



# newsletter

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## Principal's Message

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Welcome to McAuley College! And finally, this seems so much more genuine knowing we now have real students, real staff and real parents in a real school! It has been an absolute privilege to work with so many over the past few months/years to make this dream a reality, and at the moment, each day I see students loving their new learning environment; their home for the next six years of their secondary education.

The program over the first few days was a wonderful way to help our students transition. The challenges of moving to secondary school were significantly reduced thanks to our small, personable environment where our students felt safe and well supported to manage their timetable, changing lessons and teachers, lockers and make new friends. It was lovely to welcome inaugural students and their parents on Tuesday 24 January for an orientation program, and then enjoy our first full day with classes on Wednesday 25 January. The day started with students spending time in their Pastoral Care groups. These groups are structured around our four Houses; Bojaxhui, Frassati, MacKillop and Steele, and will be your son or daughter's home away from home at school.

When I spoke to the students on the first day, we talked about how McAuley College is named after Catherine McAuley, the founder of the Sisters of Mercy. She was an inspirational woman who worked hard to help others less fortunate than herself. Catherine McAuley built a legacy and we are proud to build a culture and charism in our College that will reflect her work and teachings. I am sure when Catherine built Mercy Place in Baggot Street, Ireland she probably had her own challenges with work not being completed on time (maybe just not the issues with internet connectivity). The point being she still managed to build a legacy regardless of these initial challenges. McAuley College, too, will build its wonderful legacy as a great place to come to learn and achieve beyond your potential. But most importantly, our legacy will be built on our priority for positive relationships... between staff, students, parents and community. When respect is at the heart of all we do in building positive, affirming relationships, we will flourish and start a wonderful legacy in the Scenic Rim.

A busy second week with School Photos on Wednesday. I ask students to pay special attention to their presentation on this day in particular, given our photos will form a special archive marking our inaugural year.

I am looking forward to attending the Opening Mass at All Saints Catholic Primary School on this Friday in Boonah and being accompanied by a number of our students who are past students. Mr Harris will be joined by a few of our students as well to attend the Opening Mass for St Mary's Catholic Primary School on the same morning.

### DATE CLAIMERS

**1 February**

**School Photos**

**17 February 10.00am**

**Inaugural Mass**

**'Oakland Shed'**

**McAuley College**

**17 February 12.00pm**

**Inter-house Swimming  
Carnival**

**Various Dates**

**The Pacific Rim  
District Trials**

**See newsletter for  
further details.**

All the best to Mr Shane Seymour, Mr Kevin Billon and their communities as they celebrate the commencement of their 2017 school year.

This will be our final newsletter issued at the end of the month. The College newsletter will now be issued each fortnight. So, our next newsletter will be issued on Friday 10 February.

In Mercy,  
**Deidre Young**  
 Principal

## Our First Photograph as a College



### Prayers Please:

Please keep in your prayers Mr Michael Darcy, his wife, Nicola and family who lost Michael's father, Owen Darcy on Wednesday evening. We keep Michael's mum, Gwen and the whole family in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. "May Owen rest in peace".



Congratulations to Mrs Megan Field and her husband Ben, who are expecting in July, our first McAuley College baby. We wish Mrs Field all the best over the coming months. I know Molly and Tyson are very excited to welcome their new baby brother or sister.

### Meet the staff...

The College will host a welcome evening, coupled with information centred on the one to one student device. The date of this evening is dependent on the initial distribution of our laptops which is reliant on internet connectivity. We are hopeful this will be next week and then we can confirm our Welcome and Information Evening.

But until that time, over the first two newsletters, I thought it would be nice to introduce our College staff:

**Mrs Kym Houston**

Mrs Houston is the Guidance Counsellor. She will deliver preventive programs, both whole group and small targeted programs depending on the needs of our students. She is also available for individual counselling and over the first few weeks will make a time to meet with each student. Mrs Houston will work part time; Mondays, Tuesdays and every second Friday.

**Mrs Natalie Storrs**

Mrs Storrs is our Support Teacher Inclusive Education (STIE) teacher. She will work intensely with teachers co-teaching and co-planning to support all of our students and their learning needs. She will also work specifically with students who have learning needs that required extension or adjustments. Mrs Storrs will work part time; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**Mrs Amy Richards**

Mrs Richards is our Sports Coordinator. She has already been in touch regarding opportunities for our students to nominate for Pacific Rim trials. As well, Mrs Richards is the lead Pastoral Care teacher of Steele, and a Mathematics and HPE teacher.

**Mr Christopher Borg**

Mr Christopher Borg is our Year 7 Coordinator. He is an additional support to your child, in addition to their Pastoral Care teacher. Mr Borg is also a teacher of Visual Art, Media Arts, English and Religion.

**Mr Steven Nykvist**

Mr Nykvist is our grounds person and bus driver. He will drive the bus each day to complete the Boonah run, and on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, he will also complete duties to maintain our College grounds.

## Upcoming Pacific Rim Trials

Please see information below regarding upcoming Pacific Rim trials. **Nominations are due by 3pm on those dates listed below.**

Please be advised of the following age divisions:

- 11 years      born 2006
- 12 years      born 2005
- 13 years      born 2004

To nominate, please email [aherron@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:aherron@bne.catholic.edu.au) as soon as possible.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Age/Gender</u>	<u>Trial Date</u>	<u>Trial Location</u>	<u>NOMINATIONS DUE</u>
Softball	13-19yrs GIRLS	No trial	N/A	3.2.17
Hockey	10-12yrs BOYS	8.2.17	Pimpama SSC	3.2.17
Hockey	10-12yrs GIRLS	8.2.17	Pimpama SSC	3.2.17
Volleyball	13-15yrs BOYS	9.2.17	Shailer Park SHS	3.2.17
Volleyball	13-15yrs GIRLS	9.2.17	Shailer Park SHS	3.2.17
Rugby League Beaudesert zone	10-12yrs BOYS	10.2.17	TBC	3.2.17
Netball Beaudesert zone	12yrs GIRLS	10.2.17	Flagstone SS	3.2.17
Rugby League	13-15yrs BOYS	16.2.17	Bill Norris - Beenleigh	10.2.17

## IMPORTANT BUS NEWS

### STUDENT TRAVEL REBATES Semester 1, 2017

#### Bus – Ferry Fare Assistance

- Does your child attend a **school outside the Brisbane City Council** boundary?
- Does your family spend more than **\$33/week\*** on fares to and from school (\* \$25/week if you hold a concession card)?
- Does your child travel on a **publicly available bus** not owned or associated with the school?
- Does your child live more than 3.2km for Primary or 4.8km for Secondary from their school?

#### Students With Disability

- Does your child have a **verified disability** that requires **transport assistance** to and from school?
- Does your child have a **travel capability rating** of 'semi-independent', 'travel assisted', 'dependent', or 'more dependent'?

#### What you need to do now:

1. Check eligibility for financial assistance to help with the cost of transport at [www.schooltransport.com.au](http://www.schooltransport.com.au)
2. If eligible:
  - a) keep your public transport receipts to lodge a claim
  - b) note in your calendar to lodge a rebate claim in May and October

### The lead-up to the big day....



The teachers have lunch in the temporary staff room



We picked up the Bus - look out Boonah here we come.

And then we had a walk around and said 'Hello to our teachers.



What next? THE BIG DAY don't we look good .....



And finally, ...  
Time to go home  
What a fabulous day  
Let's make it a great College

