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# newsletter

## Principal's Message

### Welcome to McAuley College!

I am thrilled to have been appointed the Foundation Principal of McAuley College and look forward to sharing this exciting journey with the Scenic Rim community. I have previously been the Principal of St Mary's College in Ipswich for 8 years and prior to this was the Head of Secondary at Unity College Caloundra, another master-planned College. These experiences will be of great value as together we navigate the challenges of establishing our new college and community.

McAuley College is a Catholic, secondary college for Years 7 to 12. Initially, in 2017, we will welcome our first students into Year 7 and grow by adding a new year level each year. Already we have commenced interviewing students for 2017, and so if you have a child in Year 6, please contact the office or visit our website to get an Application Form.

April and May have been exciting times for us as you can see from the newsletter... we have added our first staff member to the team, turned the sod at the site, and the builders have commenced. I have spoken at Rotary Club International and we have spent time at the Boonah Show.

We look forward to many more exciting times next month.

In Mercy,  
Deidre Young  
Principal

### DATE CLAIMERS

#### Enrolling now for 2017, 2018 & 2019

[Enrolment application form](#)

#### Information Evenings

**9 June - 6:00-7:00 PM**

**BEAUDESERT**

St Mary's Primary School  
Bromelton Road  
Beaudesert

**13 June - 6:00-7:00 PM**

**BOONAH**

All Saints' Primary School  
15 Oliver Street  
Boonah

#### Join us at the Rotary Country Music Muster

Jubilee Park  
Sunday 12 June  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Presenting  
**James Blundell**  
Entry Free

### *Building has begun ...*



*First selfie on site with  
the builders ... loving  
my high vis gear!*

## Out and About in the Community

The wind blew but the sun shone at the Boonah Show and the McAuley Girls were there in force! It was great to be able to promote the College and tell people that there will be a McAuley Bus which will operate between Boonah and the College. We were also able to show off our new marquee.



### Welcome Deirdre Parkins...

It has caused much delight to welcome our first staff member, Deirdre Parkins, to the role of College Secretary and so has started the infamous calling of D1 and D2 to help distinguish between the two of us.

Deirdre is a local who has previously worked at St Mary's Primary Catholic School for 10 years. Following this, Deirdre has been working in at Brisbane Catholic Education, and so brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her role as College Secretary.

I am sure you will agree that Deirdre is an asset to our college and that it is wonderful to have her back working in the local community.



## Catherine McAuley said "A good beginning is of great importance."

### The Turning of the Sod...

On Friday 22 April, we welcomed His Grace, Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Miss Pam Betts, Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education, along with many special friends of the college, to the blessing of our site. As we looked out over the cleared site, we acknowledged the traditional owners of the land, the Mununjali People. We were excited about the start of the new story for this land and place, to build the community of McAuley College.

We were thrilled to welcome a number of Mercy Sisters to join us and given that the College will embrace a Mercy charism, it was significant to acknowledge their legacy having established the two Catholic Primary schools in Beaudesert and Boonah, and their continuing influence through McAuley College.

