

newsletter

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DATE CLAIMERS

Sunday 10 February

Music Camp

Monday 11 February

Celebrating Success Assembly
(Period 2)

Friday 15 February

College Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 19 February

New Year 7 Parent Meet and
Greet Evening
5:00 - 6:30pm

Thursday 21 February

SECA Cricket and Girls Oz Tag

Friday 22 February

Opening and Blessing
of Stage Two &
Commencement Mass
10:00am

Accepting Enrolments for

Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 for 2020

Principal's Message Issue 1: 1 February 2019

It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you to the first newsletter for 2019!

As we all return to school for the year, we drive up past our entrance sign, McAuley College. As the students get dressed in their uniform and put their 'boots on' ready for their day of work, there are many visible reminders about the College and community they are now a part of. A name is so important... it connects us to a story beyond ours, that influences and shapes who we are. Our College name is certainly the same.



"Perfection does not consist in performing extraordinary actions, but rather in performing extraordinarily well the ordinary actions for every day."

~ Catherine McAuley

Mercy†

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. Most importantly, through her words and actions she treated others with respect and dignity. And so, Catherine is a role model for us. The image of Catherine's

boots reminds us that when our staff and students put our boots on in getting dressed to come to school, we are all called to be like Catherine, to ensure through all we do, our words and actions, we show respect for each other. She prided herself on doing the ordinary everyday things, extraordinarily well. And so, we take her example to ensure we strive for excellence in all we do each day.

It has been wonderful to celebrate another milestone as we commence our year for the first time with Year 9. We are pleased to welcome our sixty new Year 7 students, as well as some new members of our Year 8 and 9 cohorts.

Year 7 2019



Welcome to our new students: Shantay Tatters (Year 9 STE2) ; Piersen Antoine (Year 9 MAC2);
Millie Shaw (Year 8 STE2); Chad Knickel (Year 9 FRA1); and Keala Duroux (Year 8 FRA 1).



Included with our new members, we also welcome four new staff members;

Ms Jones, Mr Moriarty,
Ms Beattie and Mrs Hunt.



Ms Ashleigh Beattie joins us in the role of Pastoral Leader – Years 9 & 10, and teaches across the subject areas of Science, Mathematics and Religious Education.



Mrs Cathy Hunt is a specialist Visual Art and ICT Teacher, along with an ability to teach across other areas such as Media Art and History.



Mr Stephen Moriarty is a Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Science and Business teacher. A qualified secondary school teacher, Mr Moriarty has worked most recently at Canungra State School and we look forward to his expertise across Year 7 this year.



Ms Elizabeth Jones is an English, Drama and Religious Education teacher.

We warmly welcome Ms Jones, Mr Moriarty, Ms Beattie and Mrs Hunt to McAuley College.

The start of the year program over this week was a wonderful way to help our Year 7 students transition. Our small, personable environment certainly allows our students to feel safe and well supported to manage their timetable, changing lessons and teachers, lockers and make new friends. These are all critical to ensure the challenge of transitioning into secondary school is relatively smooth sailing.

And so, in these early days as the students are settling, I remind parents that your first point of contact is your child's Pastoral Care (PC) teacher. We start each day with our PC group, and they are the best person to assist in monitoring any concerns you may have about how your son or daughter are settling back into school.

Listed below are the names of Pastoral Care teachers for your reference:

PC Group	PC Teacher
BOJ1	Mrs Melanie Burr
BOJ2	Mrs Donna Johnston
FRA1	Mrs Pamela Brechin & Ms Elizabeth Jones
FRA2	Mrs Cathy Hunt
MAC1	Mrs Megan Field
MAC2	Mr James Way
STE1	Mr Stephen Moriarty
STE2	Mrs Tenille Brimson

As well, our other key support staff include:



Mrs Deirdre Parkins and Mrs Sharyn Dent, our Office staff, are only a call away if you need to speak with someone to clarify any details or pass on a message to your child or their PC teacher.

Mr Christopher Borg is our Pastoral Leader – Years 7 & 8. He is an additional support person for your child and works closely with our PC teachers.

Ms Ashleigh Beattie is in the same role as Mr Borg but is our Pastoral Leader for Years 9 & 10.



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

Mrs Natalie 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 require extension or adjustments. Mrs Storrs works part time; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.



REMINDER SIBLING DISCOUNT FORMS

Sibling discount forms need to be submitted by **Tuesday 5 February 2019**.

This will ensure that the discount is calculated before fees are issued in the coming week. This is an annual form and all eligible families are required to submit a new form each year. If received after this date the discount will take effect from Term 2 and cannot be backdated.

Please make note of key dates listed on the front page of the College Newsletter. It is one important channel of communication and I urge each parent to take time to read over the newsletter each fortnight when it is produced.

By this time, all parents should have received an invitation to the **Opening and Blessing of Stage Two** (combined with our Commencement Mass), on Friday 22 February at 10:00 am. Once again, this will be a very special occasion in our College calendar and I hope you are able to join us.

**In Mercy,
Deidre Young
Principal**

Student Protection Officers:

If parents or students need to speak with someone regarding any concerns related to Student Protection, the three Student Protection Contacts at McAuley College are:

Mrs Deidre Young

Mr David Harris

Mrs Kym Houston

BELIEVE...In action

Our Mercy Charism

Our Mercy charism, and indeed our College name, traces its tradition back to the founder of the Sisters of Mercy, Catherine McAuley. Catherine McAuley founded the order of the Sisters of Mercy in Ireland in 1831. Catherine recognised the needs of those who were marginalised and oppressed by unjust social attitudes and practices of her day. She responded by establishing a House of Mercy in Dublin, which provided educational, religious and social services for women and children who were at risk of homelessness through exploitation and entrenched poverty.



The Sisters of Mercy have been important contributors to the educational mission in the Scenic Rim since 1901, establishing schools and other services in Beaudesert and Boonah.

A school's charism becomes a lens through which it views and promotes its core values. McAuley College lives its Mercy Charism through the touchstones of Believe, Learn and Serve. These touchstones draw on the centrality of faith in God, the value placed on education and the call to mission that motivated Catherine McAuley in her works of mercy. Students at McAuley College are invited to deepen their understanding and participation in all three areas as the touchstones of their holistic education. A strong emphasis on Believe, Learn and Serve assists our students to develop their potential and become positive contributors to their College, families and society.

I congratulate all parents in choosing McAuley College for your child and I look forward to our year ahead.

David Harris
Assistant Principal – Religious Education

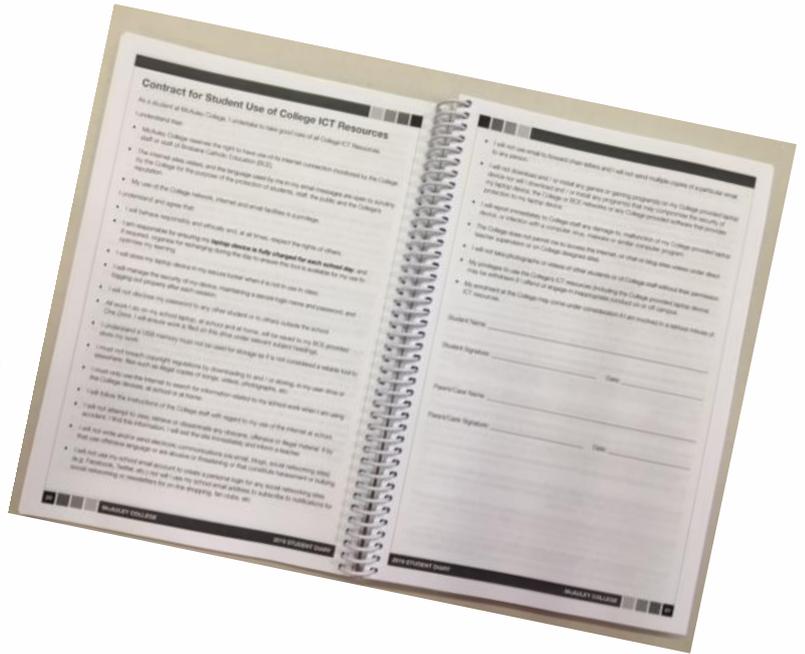
LEARN...In action

Welcome back to our Year 8 and Year 9 students. I hope you've had a wonderful break over the last seven weeks. A special welcome to our new students and their families who join our community this year.

As we start the year it's important to remind students of the need to regularly run updates on your laptop each weekend. This will ensure your school laptop is always operating at its best. This year our technician, Mr Marsh, will be onsite Monday, Tuesday and Thursday each week so students will have more opportunity to resolve any issues that may arise with laptops.

Year 8 and 9 students are also reminded to read through the Student ICT Contract on pages 20 and 21 of their Student Diary with their parents and then have it signed. Pastoral Care Teachers will be following up on this early next week.

As the new school year starts, staff are preparing Evidence of Learning (EOL) calendars for the term. These will be available in Week 3 of this term. These calendars outline the larger evidence of learning tasks throughout the term and assist students in planning their time to effectively complete each task.



When I addressed the Year 7 students on their first day, it was about the Student ICT Contract all students are required to read and sign with their parents annually. At the end of my presentation, the students returned to their PC classes and I proceeded to pack away the assembly set-up from the day. I was grateful that I was doing it at the end of the day given the 30⁺ day it was. Upon arriving home that evening I checked Facebook and noticed a post from a school friend of mine who lives in the United States. Although Rob lives in Boston he's currently working in Milwaukee. His post was about the temperature as he walked to work, a balmy – 29°C. The thermometer on our deck was indicating it was still around 30°C at home. We truly do live in an amazingly complex and diverse world.

Have a wonderful fortnight.

Michael Darcy
Deputy Principal

**Congratulations to
Ms Beattie and Lachlan on
their recent engagement. .**





MUSIC NEWS

As we get ready for another great year of music, we welcome Ms Hannah Baker, our new strings teacher. Ms Baker joins the instrumental team with many years of experience playing the violin and is currently a member of the Brisbane Symphony Orchestra. We look forward to the knowledge and skills Ms Baker will bring to the program, particularly as we officially introduce the Strings Ensemble this year.



The College Choir will kick start the year with a Music Camp held at the College on Sunday 10 February. This will be a fantastic way to welcome new members to the ensemble, as well as have the opportunity to learn and rehearse repertoire in an extended period of time.

The College currently offers Piano, Guitar, Violin and Voice lessons. Lessons are half an hour in length, with the option for group lessons for Guitar and Violin. There is also the opportunity to join the College Choir, Guitar Ensemble and Strings Ensemble. Instrumental lessons and ensembles will resume in Week Three, with lesson timetables being emailed out by the end of Week Two. If your child is interested in lessons, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the College for more information.

If 2018 is anything to go by, then 2019 will surely be a fantastic year of music at McAuley College.

Megan Field, **Music Teacher**

SPORTS NEWS

Welcome back! 2019 is shaping up to be a big year in Sport.

The first big event on our school calendar is the third McAuley College Swimming Carnival to be held on Friday 15 February. There are some important points to note for our swimming carnival. The first being that in 2019 we move to a full day schedule. Permission forms will be sent next week with additional information and an overview of the day. Secondly, in order for students to participate fully in the carnival it is now a requirement for students to be wearing a swimming cap when in the water. McAuley College has organised for silicone caps in House colours (please refer to the image above) to be able to be purchased from the Uniform Shop at St Mary's from Thursday next week. Uniform shop hours are Tuesdays 8:00am to 10:00am and Thursdays 1:30pm to 3:30pm. These caps retail for \$12.50.



Students need to be checking the school portal for Pacific District representative trials dates in sports they are considering trialling for. Students would need to identify the experience they have in the sports they are interested in trialling for.

A few key dates for you to put in your calendar are,

- McAuley College Swimming Carnival – Friday 15 February
- SECA Cricket and Girls Oz Tag – Thursday 21 February
- McAuley College Cross Country – Friday 5 April 2019

James Way, **Acting Sports Leader**

PASTORAL NEWS

Introduction and Year 9 Start



Being new to the College, I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce myself to the McAuley community. My name is Ashleigh Beattie and I am the Year 9 & 10 Pastoral Leader. I have moved to McAuley College from St Francis College Crestmead where I spent the last four years. I am an incredibly passionate educator and am very excited to be in a Pastoral Leader role at such a positive, community orientated school. Now having met the Year 9 students, I am even more excited to work with such wonderful young people and support them as they continue their educational journey. I very much look forward to meeting and getting to know parents and families of our students over the coming year.

This week, the Year 9 students have returned to McAuley College full of energy and positivity for the year ahead. I have heard some wonderful holiday stories that seem to have left many students refreshed and ready for a productive 2019.

Just a reminder of some key expectations of our Year 9 students to start the year:

- **Ready to learn** – Year 9 is a big year! Therefore, it is important that our students are ensuring that they enter each class ready to learn with the correct equipment and attitude.
- **Uniform** – With 60 new Year 7 students joining our College community this week, Year 9 students should be leading the way with the correct and well-presented uniform. Please refer to pages 7-9 of the student diary for the McAuley College Uniform Policy.
- **Keep it REAL** – Always act with respect, strive for excellence, act responsibly in all areas of the College and live with integrity.

Ashleigh Beattie

Pastoral Leader, Years 9 & 10

Great Start to 2019 Year 7 & 8

What a wonderful start to the 2019 school year our Year 7 & 8 students have made!

It was such a pleasure to welcome sixty new Year 7 students to McAuley College on Wednesday this week. The students have settled very quickly into the McAuley College family and are immersing themselves in the new opportunities and experiences on offer.

Students have met their Pastoral Care and class teachers, negotiated their new lockers, timetables, and travel arrangements; and have plunged into their lessons with energy and enthusiasm. It is also wonderful to see the students already making the most of the brand new learning facilities at McAuley College, including the collaborative learning space, new classrooms and specialist rooms in science and music. On Thursday and Friday, there was also much excitement as students received their brand new laptops, complete with a host of digital and online resources, making their learning engaging, contemporary and accessible anywhere, anytime!

On Thursday, we were joined by our Year 8 and 9 students, keen to get back into their studies and experience new subjects and specialist elective courses. It has been especially pleasing to see the positive way our Year 7, 8 & 9 students have shared the playground spaces and welcomed each other into their games and socialising activities. We can certainly be confident that the McAuley College community continues to grow, not only in size, but also in strength and inclusivity.

I would like to especially thank all parents for your efforts in preparing your sons and daughters for the school year. They look fantastic in their College uniforms and are well organised and equipped to make a positive start in their learning this year.

Here are just a few snapshots from our active classrooms and school campus.

Christopher Borg
Pastoral Leader, Year 7 & 8



**OUR FIRST DAY
YEAR 7
2019**

