



ST MICHAEL'S
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weekly news

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IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday October 4
First day of Term 4

**Wednesday October 5 – Saturday
October 8**
Academic Excellence camp
QLD All Schools Touch

Thursday October 6
Sports Awards

Friday October 7
Student Leaders Morning Tea
Year 11 HEC Excursion
College Assembly
Year 11 Boat Cruise

Monday October 10
Parent Evening 6pm -730pm
Understanding Youth Sexuality

St Michael's College respectfully
acknowledges that we are on the
sacred lands of the Kombumerri
clan of the Yugambah people.



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Message from the PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and friends of St Michael's,

Welcome back to term 4. It will be a short and busy term, but also hopefully a challenging and exciting one too. Today, we are just publishing our usual brief welcome back newsletter instead of the full newsletter which will come out next week.



Over the holidays, we had a **marvelous ski trip to New Zealand** and I would like to thank Mr Ford, Ms Bennet and Mr Daddy for their supervision and organisation of this trip. I am sure that you will hear more about it in our later newsletters. Later this week, our **Year 10 Academic Excellence** students will travel with Mr Fairweather and Mrs Mullaly to Uluru. I would like to thank these staff and also Mrs Edye who helped to organise this trip and congratulate these students again for their academic efforts. I would encourage all of our younger students to strive for academic excellence, not just for the opportunity to go on this trip, but so they can achieve all that they can. Thank you again to our P&F for their support of this great activity.

We also wish our touch footballers all the best as they travel to Brisbane later this week for the All Schools' Touch competition.

This term we welcome a number of new and returning staff members:

- Mrs Andrea Hopewell (replacing Ms Coquiere who has moved to assist with the statewide French syllabus).
- Mrs Nina Carroll (returning from leave).
- Mrs Gina McPherson (Teacher Librarian replacing Mrs Simpson who had to leave to look after a family member).
- Mr Martin Mitchell (eLearning Technician replacing Mr Robb who is heading off on overseas travel).

There are also a few staff currently in acting roles:

- Mr Corbin Levick (acting Sports Coordinator for Mrs Alexander who is recovering well from surgery)
- Mr Alex Fowler (acting Year 8 and Mackillop House Leader for Mr Baker)
- Ms Colleen O'Dea (acting Year 9 and O'Shea House Leader for Mrs Gibbs)

I would like to encourage all parents and carers to join us for our **Understanding Youth Sexuality** evening, which has been sponsored by our College's P&F. Our P&F will have some refreshments available from 6pm and our talk will go from **6.30 – 7.30pm on Mon Oct 10**.

Over the holidays, a number of families will have received letters asking for their **continued support for our uniform policy**. I would encourage all families to ensure that your children are in correct uniform every day, as this is not only a source of College pride in the wider community, but also has many health (eg. not having extra earrings that could be torn out) and safety implications (eg. students wearing full uniform so that outside intruders can be quickly identified) as discussed in my earlier newsletters.

During the holidays, Mrs Janovsky and I met with the manager from our local McDonald's store about some issues with a handful of our students sitting on tables or making a minor nuisance of themselves in the afternoon. These students seem to be local students and students waiting a long time for parents and carers to pick them up. I would again remind parents and carers that it would be better that students wait at the College library rather than McDonald's if you will be arriving late for pick up. McDonald's will work with us and hopefully provide images of any students causing issues so that they can be punished appropriately. I am grateful to McDonald's for their ongoing offer of support for our community. Students are not allowed to leave the school grounds to go to McDonald's after they have arrived at school. Thank you to all parents and carers in anticipation of your support in this.

Yours in Christ
Michael Naylor, Principal