Message from the PRINCIPAL

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

As we move into the final week for our Senior students, I would ask all in our community to say a little prayer for them as they move into the next phase of their lives. For some students, this will be an exciting time and for others it is a time of great uncertainty, and for many, it will be a mix of both. We pray especially that they are kept safe across the upcoming “Schoolies Week” and continue to look after each other as they have done across their time at St Michael’s. We also keep their parents and carers in mind as this can be a challenging time for the entire family. Hopefully, with their strong family and school values and the good advice they have received through our College’s pastoral program, our students will safely negotiate both “Schoolies Week” and the rest of their lives.

As a final blessing for our Seniors, at our Graduation Assembly we will say:

May you fly with the wings of an angel, to reach the heights to which you aspire.
May you always remember to live out your motto to “Be gold, when it’s grey.”
And may the blessings of St Michael and our community go with you now and always.
St Michael, pray for us!

As the weather begins to heat up again, the highly emotive topic of air conditioning classrooms returns. In a newsletter earlier this year, I explained that governmental capital assistance programs do not provide air conditioning in Brisbane Catholic Education schools except where there is a facility design requirement (eg. computer labs) or when passive methods of cooling (fans, architectural features) cannot be utilised.

While it would be lovely to have air conditioned classrooms for the few hot weeks each year, there are many reasons why government funding does not extend to air conditioning rooms, including those mentioned in the Brisbane Catholic Education Air Conditioning Guidelines:

• Reduced expenditure on other school resources due to the high initial capital cost, soaring power costs, and ongoing recurrent cost of operation, maintenance and replacement. While it’s possible to purchase a split system for a home quite cheaply, the air conditioning systems required by schools are more than 5 times more expensive to meet the required health standards.
• Negative impact on the health of staff and students.
• Sending the wrong educative message to our communities as air conditioning is an environmentally unfriendly alternative.
• Potential limiting of access to Commonwealth and State Capital Assistance.

The final reason is the major concern for schools as we rely heavily on government funding. Some schools with significantly higher fees or those who will not be relying on government funding for building projects may have air conditioned classrooms, but this is not the situation for St Michael’s.

In some ways, we are lucky that we are in one of the coolest parts of SE Qld. When we hit our hottest temperature earlier this year at 34.1°C, I thought of my old schools in Ipswich and Kingaroy, who were sweltering in significantly hotter temperatures. Back at that time, it was our students who pointed out that some of our classrooms had as little as one or two fans, so we made sure that rooms had the extra fans they needed.

At other schools, I have had some parents, mistakenly thinking that it is school policy rather than government policy that is stopping air conditioning of classrooms, challenging the school over providing air conditioned office spaces for our staff. It is important to remember that these spaces are air conditioned as they are used right across the hottest parts of the year, including across the December and January holidays unlike our classrooms.

Unfortunately, unless government policies change, we will not be able to access air conditioned classrooms in the foreseeable future.

Yours in Christ

Mr Michael Nayler
Principal
Remembrance Day Service
Last Friday we conducted a lovely service on the chapel lawn led by our Airforce Cadets for Remembrance Day. We especially thank Mr Roberts, our Humanities Faculty Leader, for including the true meaning of this day into his junior curriculum over the past weeks. Mr Roberts organised the sale of Remembrance Day poppies throughout the week and it was wonderful to see so many teachers and students wearing their poppies at the service. It is most important for our students to learn about the significance of the sacrifices made by our allied forces so that we have the gift of education in our free country today.

Year 12 Graduation Week
This week, as noted, is a special week for our Class of 2016. We very much look forward to the Graduation Assembly on Thursday in our MPC. This is traditionally a very memorable event for our community as our younger students and of course Year 12 parents are able to thank and farewell our graduands. I have been granted the honour of presenting the Valedictory address, so I look forward to hopefully inspiring our graduands to be reflective of their five year journey at St Michael’s and to be thankful and show gratitude to all who have made their educational journey possible at our great College.

Best wishes to all families for the coming week.

Mr Stephen Eisenhuth
Deputy Principal

Year 9 LEAP
Last week the Year 9s received their writing results from a task they completed as the culmination of a term spent on improving writing skills. It was pleasing to see the growth in the skills of the majority of the cohort. The task was a response to a stimulus on global warming, and it identified if students could express and develop ideas in detail using accurate spelling, punctuation and sentence structures. The tasks were graded by teachers on the pupil free day on 17 October. Ask your child their results on the task and the feedback they received on how to improve their writing. After all, the skills of writing are paramount to success in the senior school.

Year 9 students are now focusing on improving their reading comprehension during LEAP lessons. The classes have been restructured based on test results from a standardised online reading assessment. This will enable the students who experience difficulties with reading to be working on improving their reading literacy. On the other hand, it allows students who have no problems with reading to push themselves to comprehend more difficult texts. Students who read books on a regular basis (and this does not mean computer screens) unknowingly improve their vocabulary, spelling and their writing.

Leonie Trueman
APSS
Message from the ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On Monday November 7, all year 11 Study of Religion students visited Temple Shalom on Isle of Capri. In the afternoon, teaching staff also visited Temple Shalom. A liberal Jewish synagogue, the Temple is currently hosting a film, Shadows of the Shoah, which all visitors viewed. The film sensitively presented material obtained from survivors of the Holocaust and it was truly moving and informative. Many thanks to Mrs Paula Lancaster for organising this rewarding excursion for both staff and students.

Wednesday November 16, year 12 students will participate in a Rite of Passage Day at the Nerang Bicentennial Hall from 9am to 3pm. The day will be facilitated by Mr Michael Fitzpatrick who facilitated a day at the year 12 Retreat earlier in the year. The second day links to the first and continues the reflection and learning begun at the Retreat. Students in past years have found the day to be an important part of their final week as it allows them time to consider and put into action any ‘unfinished business’ from their years at school. In the evening of Wednesday November 16, year 12 students and their parents and teachers will attend the Graduation Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters at 7pm. I am looking forward to sharing these two events and the events of Thursday with year 12 students in their last week at the College.

The Year of Mercy which has been a significant part of this year concludes with the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe on Sunday November 20. It is fitting to include an extract from the prayer Pope Francis published for the Year of Mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ,……...
You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy; let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error; et everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this of you, Lord, Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Mrs Margaret Petherbridge
APRE

Message from the HPE FACULTY

Congratulations to Year 12 HPE and REC – all students should now have completed their assessments. Enjoy the celebrations this week!

Year 11 HPE students should be in the process of finalising their theoretical assessment for submission. They should also be fine-tuning the practical routine for their assessment performance.

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students have all completed their theory assessments. They will be conducting practical lessons until the end of the year.

Gym
Parents and students are reminded that the gym is open on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Students are asked to bring a full change of clothes, a towel and water bottle to every gym session.

Healthy Hints
Treat every workout as if it was an appointment that is unbreakable by making an exercise schedule, planning occasional fitness testing, and having a backup plan for bad weather.

Clinton Daddy
HPE Faculty Leader
Message from the **SCIENCE FACULTY**

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience. A nationwide STEM outreach program for year 9 & 10 students.

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is a hands on science activities program being conducted in 31 universities and tertiary institutions around Australia in 2016/2017. Our aim is to inform students of the importance of science and technology while stimulating and heightening their interests in a wide range of science disciplines and career opportunities, encourages further studies in the sciences, while at the same time giving them a ‘taste’ of university/tertiary life.

We still have places available in the following programs:

- **University of Queensland, St Lucia** 18 – 20 January 2017  cost $120
- **Combined program University of Queensland for 2 days, Queensland University of Technology for 1 day and Griffith University, Nathan for 1 day** 17 – 20 January 2017  cost $160

Rotary sponsorship is often available for those who need it. There is no selection process and students can:

* enroll online at [www.scienceexperience.com.au](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au) or
* post the registration form to PO Box 158, Monbulk, Vic 3793.

Further information can be obtained by calling 03 9756 7534 or email admin@scienceexperience.com.au

BIG congratulations to two past St Michael's students who are excelling in their chosen fields of study.

**Samantha Singh** who is graduating in Mechanical Engineering this year and has been awarded the Graduate of the Year award for Engineering (voted by all her lectures as the top performing engineering student to graduate this year)! Amazing effort, Sam, and a just reward for all your hard work and effort. Samantha was offered 7 full-time work positions and was happy to accept one that would allow her to remain and live on the Gold Coast.

**Rachael Biggins** who is currently completing her first year in Environmental Engineering and has been offered the chance to be a research assistant over the coming holidays. This is not only a paid position for a student during their course of studies, but is an opportunity only offered to students who are excelling at the top of their course. Another hard-working and motivated student. She will be researching the effect of Biochar on removing heavy metals from local waterways.

It is wonderful to hear of the academic successes of our past SMC students. Well done to both of these lovely young ladies, St Michael's is proud of you both.

Julie Miles

Faculty Leader

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**Message from RESOURCE CENTRE**

Benefits of Reading for Pleasure for everyone!

Here is an interesting study, which was commissioned by The Reading Agency in the United Kingdom. It found that reading for pleasure increases empathy, enriches social relationships, reduces symptoms of depression and instils an overall sense of wellbeing. It comes amid evidence that fewer children are reading for enjoyment, and that parents are not reading to their children often enough. For further information, here is the article link. [www.oecd.org/pisa/pisaproducts/pisainfocus/48624701.pdf](http://www.oecd.org/pisa/pisaproducts/pisainfocus/48624701.pdf)

While many note that having books in the home; library memberships and "high interest" classroom collections encourage children to read, experts say it is parental attitude and involvement in children's literacy practices that has the most impact of all.

Albert Einstein is quoted as having said: "If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be very intelligent, read them more fairy tales."

Happy Reading!

Mrs Gina McPherson

Teacher Librarian

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Message from STUDENT SERVICES
If you are interested in any of these opportunities or if you would like more information, please see or contact Mr Esdale on mesdale@stmichaels.qld.edu.au.

SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY
DATE: December 9, 2016
WHERE: Gold Coast Campus

Interested students are also welcomed to take a personalised guided tour, which will give you the chance to look around and meet staff on campus. Bookings for campus tours are essential. Please email campustours@scu.edu.au or phone 1800 626 481.

YEAR 11 & 12 STUDENTS – 2017 SCHOOL BASED & FULL TIME APPRENTICESHIPS RIVIERA AUSTRALIA

Riviera Australia is based at Coomera and is currently seeking applications from Yr 11 students interested in completing a school based apprenticeship in 2017 and those soon to complete Yr 12 studies, who are seeking a full time apprenticeship in 2017 for the following areas: Lamination, Boatbuilding, Cabinetmaking, Engineering & Upholstery.

Interested students need to send a cover letter detailing interests, certificates and grades and what motivates you to get away from computer games, along with a resume including listed referees.

Successful applicants will be shortlisted for interviews on 8 & 9 December with chosen candidates required to complete a medical and drug test in the week beginning 16 January 2017. Work will commence the week beginning 30 January 2017.

For further information please contact Lisa Fox – Apprentice Program Manager on 5502 5409 or 0421 925 537 and email cover letters and resumes to E: lfox@riviera.com.au

DREAM BIG PROGRAM: ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP FOR FEMALE STUDENTS

Calibre Consulting, Brisbane are offering the opportunity for female students to be supported and mentored throughout their university life while they are studying engineering. Once accepted into the program, Calibre Consulting also provides professional employment upon graduation. The Dream Big Program offers paid work during university breaks, generous financial assistance ranging from $3000-$5000 per year to assist with university costs, a graduation bonus of $5000 per year for the first two years to help with associated university costs and more. Scholarships will be offered in Brisbane, Canberra, Sydney, Gold Coast, Rockhampton and the Sunshine Coast. Students can contact Hayley Urriola on 3895 3462 for further information or visit the Calibre Consulting website to apply.

YEAR 12 GRADUATES FEE FREE TRAINING – AURORA TRAINING INSTITUTE

Year 12 graduates can access nationally accredited courses for free, giving an opportunity to transition to employment. Aurora are currently offering fee free training in Certificate III Hospitality and Certificate III in Community Services. For further information, please call the Aurora Team on 1300 936 864.

NOJA POWER – YEAR 12 SCHOOL LEAVERS

NOJA Power is offering a number of apprenticeships for Systems Electricians (Cert III Electro-technology Electrician) and are also offering Engineering Cadetships whilst studying a Bachelor of Engineering degree at University. For further information please see the noticeboard outside Student Services or see Mr Esdale.
KINGSCLIFF TAFE OPEN DAY
Yr 9, 10 & 11 students explore career options through interactive, hands on activities and demonstrations in a vast range of industry areas.

WHEN: Thursday 17 November, 2016
TIME: 9.30am to 3pm
WHERE: Kingscliff TAFE, Cudgen Road, Kingscliff

VISIONSTREAM – YEAR 12 SCHOOL LEAVERS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Any Year 12 school leavers interested in employment after December 9, may consider working with Visionstream who is NBN’s delivery partner in providing design, construction, commissioning and integration of the National Broadband Network infrastructure. Interested students can apply via the link or scan the QR code which was emailed to all students by Mr Esdale. Alternatively, students may contact Vanessa Sanchez, Field Officer for Dept of Education & Training, Queensland Government on 0455 084 535 or E: vanessa.sanchez@det.qld.gov.au

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 25 NOVEMBER, 2016

INTRODUCTION TO VETERINARY NURSING
TAFE Gold Coast are offering an Introduction to Veterinary Nursing course for students over the age of 15 who would like an insider’s overview of life as a Veterinary Nurse. Conveniently spaced over four evenings and finishing with a behind the scenes tour of an Oxenford Veterinary Clinic. Cost is $185. For more information please contact Student Services or call TAFE Queensland Gold Coast Customer Service on 07 5581 8300.

CERT III SPORT & RECREATION SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS
Rackley Swimming are currently offering school based traineeships opportunities for students at both Miami and Burleigh pools. To enquire, please see Mr Esdale in the Student Services Centre, call Nicky Sloan HR Manager City Venue Management on 0407241057 or email traineeships@cityvenuemanagement.com.au

WHITE CHRISTMAS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM
Are you 14-18 years old and would like to go on a cultural exchange? Would you like to live in another country or speak another language? If yes, CAMPUS EDUCATION AUSTRALIA (CEA) are offering overseas programs and language group tours. Please see the Student Services bulletin board for more details or visit www.campus.com.au

STEFAN HAIR FASHIONS – SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIPS 2017
Stefan Hair Fashions are currently offering School Based Apprenticeships to students commencing at the beginning of 2017. For further details, please see Mr Esdale in Student Services or contact Stefan Hair on 3840 0000 or visit www.stefan.com.au

YEAR 9 STUDENTS INTERESTED IN STUDYING ABROAD
WEP (World Education Program) is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation and are passionate about student exchange and assisting young people to gain insight into other ways of life. WEP currently have an Early Bird Special for Yr 9 students interested in complementing their secondary studies with a semester or year student exchange program departing in July-September 2017. Interested students need to apply before November 30 to access this special. For further info, contact WEP on 1300 88 4733 or E: annietaylor@wep.org.au or visit www.wep.org.au or www.volunteerabroad.com.au

PRESTIGE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Cert III Hospitality:
Oskars on Burleigh, Burleigh Heads
Le Vintage Boutique Café, Highland Park
Vida Espresso, Robina Town Centre
Soul Origin, Pacific Fair & Robina
The Press Café, Coomera Waters
Coomera Roadhouse Café, Coomera
Gloria Jeans, Varsity Lakes
Zarraffas Coffee, Carrara
Coolibah Downs Private Estate, Mt Nathan
Hudsens Coffee, Tugun
Crying Tiger, Helensvale (Night Quarter Markets)
Four Beans, Ormeau
Crema Espresso, Q1, Runaway Bay
The Coffee & Tea Factory, Pacific Fair
Cert III Business Admin:
Willow Vale Gourmet Co, Coomera
Mad About Life Risk Advice, Clear Island Waters
Promotional Casting & Modelling Agency, Mermaid Beach
Rainbow Bay Realty, Coolangatta
Reflections Resort, Coolangatta

Cert III ICT
Promotional Casting & Modelling Agency, Mermaid Beach

Cert III Business Retail:
Goldmark, Southport, Australia Fair & The Pines, Elanora
Greenbank Newsagency, Greenbank
Lucky Dragon Newsagency, Australia Fair, Southport
Prouds, Elanora, Robina & Stocklands Burleigh
Pacific Pines Newsagency, Pacific Pines
Pizza Capers, Nerang & Ashmore

BUSY AT WORK SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Cert III Hospitality:
Gloria Jean's Coffee, Surfers Paradise

Cert III Business:
Pizza Capers, Ashmore & Mudgeeraba

Cert III Commercial Cookery:
The Beach Shack, Currumbin

Cert III in Barbering:
Hair Haven Emporium, Carrara

Cert II Salon Assistant:
Bliss Make Up & Tan, Varsity Lakes & Broadbeach

Cert III in Meat Retailing:
Lovedays Quality Meats, Burleigh
Bermuda Butchery & Deli
Currumbin Butcher, Currumbin

Cert III Business Administration:
Bruce Graham Lawyers, Bundall

IGNITE EDUCATION HOSPITALITY SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

The Currumbin RSL (Youth Development Program) are offering 6 x school based traineeships Cert III Hospitality and 2 school based apprenticeships Cert III Commercial Cookery. An information evening will be held for these positions at 6.30pm on Wednesday 12 October in the Waterside Events Room, Currumbin RSL

Cert III Hospitality:
Crema Espresso – Pacific Fair, Broadbeach (6 positions)
Coming Home Co – Robina Town Centre
Cherry Red Lounge Café, Stocklands Burleigh
Latitude 28 Restaurant & Bar - Surfers Paradise
Zarraffas – Ormeau (3 positions), Palm Beach, Tugun, Helensvale, Springwood
Scrumptious Fine Food – Currumbin (2 positions)
Olives, Pizza, Pasta & Ribs – Merrimac
Man on the Bike Pizza – Tallebudgera
Grill’d – Coolangatta
Genki Café – Palm Beach
Elephant Rock Café – Currumbin Beach
The Deck Café, Currumbin
Shingle Inn, Elanora
Crust Pizza, Broadbeach & Southport
Palm Garden Chinese Restaurant, Palm Beach

Ignite Education are also offering Year 12 graduates 2015 or 2016 the opportunity to complete the Diploma of Hospitality Management which includes a 7 day P & O cruise to complete work experience. Full course fees are $7500 and commences 23 January 2017. For further information, please contact Ignite on 5559 5077
AURORA SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Cert III Hospitality:
The French Lantern, Hope Island
Subway, Runaway Bay, Upper Coomera, Coomera, Westfield Helensvale, Australia Fair, Carrara, Harbour Town, Main Beach, Worongary, Palm Beach, Hope Island, Surfers Paradise, Ashmore
Zarraffa’s, Runaway Bay
Burger Bro, Upper Coomera
Betty’s Burgers & Concrete Co, Surfers Paradise, Robina
The Industrial Café, Nerang
52 Marine, Coolangatta
Diva Tea and Coffee House, Main Beach
Barchino, Nobby Beach
California Cantina, Isle of Capri
Burleigh Heads Surf Club, Burleigh Heads
Michele’s Patisserie, Runaway Bay
Le Café Enchante, Coolangatta
Coco Cubano, Broadbeach
Honey Eater Kitchen, Robina Town Centre
Sunset Bar & Grill, Marina Mirage
Stellarossa, Nerang

Cert III Commercial Cookery
Burleigh Heads Surf Club, Burleigh Heads
Honey Eater Kitchen, Robina Town Centre

Cert III Business (Administration):
EasyLoanz, Helensvale

Cert III Business (Retail Specialisation)
Resort News, Pacific Fair
Bakers Delight, Arundel & Hope Island

Cert III Business
Apple Realty, Hope Island

REDMAKO SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS

Cert III Hospitality:
Royal Thai Hut, Pacific Pines
Nandos, Mermaid Waters
Two Seasons Café, Broadbeach
Uncles Takeaways, Worongary
Dominos Pizza, Helensvale
Sunshine Grills, Nerang
Marinara Café & Restaurant, Hawthorne
Baskin Robbins, Main Beach
Noodle Box, Robina

Cert III Commercial Cookery:
Royal Thai Hut, Pacific Pines
Marinara Café & Restaurant, Hawthorne

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