



**ST MICHAEL'S
COLLEGE**

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weekly news

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday December 1
Last day for Year 7, 8 & 9

**Wednesday January 11 to
Friday January 20**
830am – 330pm
Year 10 MacBook collection

**Monday January 16 to
Friday January 20**
830am – 330pm
Year 7 iPad collection

Thursday January 19
8am – 2pm
Bookshop/Uniform shop reopens

Tuesday January 24
Year 7 & 12 only

Wednesday January 25
All year levels

Thursday January 26
Australia Day Holiday

Friday January 27
All year levels

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,

Thank you for a great first year at St Michael's. It is very hard to believe that my first year is almost over. I am very proud of the impressive achievements of our students across academic, sporting, cultural, community and religious endeavours. I am also very proud of the great work of our incredibly dedicated St Michael's staff members and for the warm welcome and great support from our parent and wider community.

On behalf of our community, I would like to acknowledge the great work of a number of staff who will be leaving our community at the end of this year (even if just for a little while), including:

- Leaving St Michael's: Beth Erskine & Janette Cameron (retiring), Anne Wood (moving to a Middle Leadership position at another school), Dominic Campbell, Andre Michael, Mariana Ormsby, Gina McPherson, Glen Walker (finishing up their contracts for returning staff).
- On leave: Camille Edey, Phil Deem, Tara Alexander (2017) Stephen Eisenhuth (Semester 1), Narelle Auld, Phil Ellison (Term 1).

We will also welcome a number of staff to our community in 2017 including: Veronica Wasiak (acting Deputy Principal), Christopher Oakes (Assistant Principal – Staff and Student Development), Tayla Howard (returning from leave) along with a number of other new staff to fill the roles vacated above.

As we prepare for Christmas this Advent season, it is important to remember the true nature of Christmas, away from the commercialism, expensive gifts and feast of food. At the heart of the Christmas story are a simple Jewish family who find themselves in hard times and without even accommodation as they await the birth of their first child. Even Mary's pregnancy hadn't gone without major issues. Both Mary and Joseph had to face grave uncertainty as Mary started as an unwed pregnant woman which could have led to her being stoned to death. However, being people of great faith, Mary and Joseph bravely rose to face and accept God's challenging request.

The true nature of Christmas is shown in our beautiful Holy Family, who although they had very little even by the standards of their own times, let alone ours, found peace and happiness in the joy of just being family. Christmas is not about how much we have, or how much we can eat, but about coming together with those we love, to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is important that we keep the Christ in Christmas and remember the poor and marginalised who don't enjoy all of the blessings that we have.

I would encourage all of our St Michael's families to consider attending Mass or a religious service this Christmas. Our Surfers Paradise Christmas Mass times will be available on their website at: <http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au> or via the parish app. Other parish Mass times are available via the Archdiocesan website at: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/parishes-mass-times/>

Our Director, Pam Betts, reminded us last week that Tuesday marks the 30th Anniversary of Saint Pope John Paul II's visit to the Indigenous Peoples of Australia in Alice Springs. His visit and subsequent ground-breaking address acknowledged the richness and grace of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' traditions and urged all Australians to move towards reconciliation and healing. If you have not had an opportunity to read [the text of Pope John Paul II's statement](#), I urge you to do so. You will discover very quickly why it is considered one of the most significant Catholic teachings about the Church's relationship with Aboriginal Peoples.



"You are part of Australia and Australia is part of you. And the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others." Pope John Paul II, Alice Springs 1986.

The uniform/bookshop will reopen on Thursday January 19, 2017. Hours are 8am – 2pm daily. Textbooks will be distributed in the first week when students have returned to school. Please remember the return dates for our students:

- Tuesday, January 24: Years 7 & 12 only
- Wednesday, January 25: All year levels
- Thursday, January 26: Australia Day Holiday
- Friday, January 27: All year levels

I finish with a Christmas prayer for our whole community:

*May the blessings of our Holy Family be with you all this Christmas.
May you always remember that the true spirit of Christmas is about the birth of our Saviour,
Jesus Christ, love, family, friendship and caring for the less fortunate.
May the blessings of our new born Lord be with you across this Christmas season
and may the protection of St Michael be with you all until we meet again.*

Yours in Christ
Mr Michael Nayler
Principal



IT DEPARTMENT

It is getting to the busiest time of the year for the IT Department, we are currently preparing over 300 new devices ready for Year 7 and Year 10 students in 2017. In addition to this, we are setting up several new systems while enhancing our current infrastructure and digital services. We believe 2017 is going to be an exciting year for IT at St Michael's.

Included below is important information for parents of Year 7 and 10 students in 2017 regarding the collection and setup of devices.

Year 7 iPads

Students will be able to collect their new iPads from the IT Helpdesk from January 16-20 between the hours of 8.30am – 3.30pm. Students will be given detailed instructions on how to setup their new device and which apps will need to be installed. An internet connection will be required to complete this process.



Year 10 MacBook

Students will be able to collect their new laptop from the IT Helpdesk from January 11-20 between the hours of 8.30am – 3.30pm. Students will need to return their current iPad **and charger** before being issued their new device. Students will be given detailed instructions on how to setup their new device including which apps need to be installed. An internet connection will be required to complete this process.

The IT Helpdesk will be open during this time if you require any assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact us on 5530 2722 (EXT 533).

Have a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year.

From the IT Department
Ben, Brad, Martin and Marc.





Message from the HPE FACULTY



Well done to all students who took part in the various physical education units this year. Overall, 2016 was extremely successful for all involved.

Thank you to Mrs Tara Alexander, Mr Corbin Levick, Mr Michael Esdale, Mrs Peita Laffranchi, Ms Jacqueline Bell, Mrs Jody van den Driest, Mr Jacob May, Mr Luke Eisenhuth and Mr Rick van den Driest for their input, efforts and expertise.

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
Exercise has many benefits including weight loss, reduced body fat, reduced cholesterol levels, improved heart health, improved self-esteem, and helps prevent osteoporosis.

Clinton Daddy
HPE Faculty Leader

Message from the SCIENCE FACULTY



So who are the SCIENCE STARS for the end of term 4?

| NAME | CLASS | REASON |
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| Zoe Taylor | 7.1 | Excellent work ethic and dedication to her assessment. |
| Charlotte Richards | 7.1 | Always on task and asking great questions. |
| Chase Laviolette | 8.1 | Constantly working well in class and at home. |
| Erin Lockyer | 8.2 | Constantly working well in class and at home. |
| James Clamp | 8.4 | Very high standard rock oral presentation. |
| Isabella Beatson | 8.5 | Outstanding oral presentation on Rocks. |
| Giulian Grasso | 9.1 | For his insightfulness and dedication in science. |
| Cyndi Missen | 9.5 | Produces constantly high standard work. |
| Mitch Roberts | 10.1 | Constantly striving to improve in every class. |
| Lachlan Hearn | 10.2 | For his outstanding efforts and consistency all year. |
| Bella Boff | 10.4 | Always engaged in class and happy to contribute to class discussions. |
| Bridie Mulcaster | 10.5 | For always being work focussed and driven to do her best in class & assessment. |
| Maya Christopher | 11.1 Biology | For her outstanding EEI. |
| Chelsea Apilo | 11.2 Biology | Caught up all her camp work without complaining. |
| Ainsley Ellaz | 11 Chemistry | Has worked hard all year to maintain a high standard or work. |
| Harrison Lincoln | 12 Chemistry | 100% attentive in class. |

Well done to all these students and others who are working at their best. Look out for more science stars next year!

Ms Julie Miles



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.



BOND UNIVERSITY STUDENT FOR A SEMESTER

Applications for Student for a Semester are now open and will close on **FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER, 2016**. This program is an opportunity for 2017 ambitious Yr 11 & 12 students to gain university experience as they study a Bond subject, meet current students and get involved in university life. Students who successfully pass two Student for a Semester programs may be eligible for direct entry into Bonds degree programs upon completion of their Year 12 studies. The online application form, further program information and key dates can be found at www.bond.edu.au/student-for-a-semester. The program fee for 2017 is \$238. For further information, please email Kristy Crockett, Excellence Program Coordinator Bond University E: sfs@bond.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.

TAFE SOUTHPORT: INFO SESSION AND FACILITY TOURS

WHERE: Southport Campus, 91-99 Scarborough St., Southport

WHEN: Thursday December 1, 4pm to 7pm

This is a chance to meet the teachers, find out about study options and take a tour of the facilities and enroll on the spot. Register now and choose your session time: 4.30pm, 5.30pm or 6.30pm by visiting tafegoldcoast.edu.au

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.

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

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
Vida Espresso, Robina Town Centre
Soul Origin, Pacific Fair & Robina
Coomera Roadhouse Café, Coomera
Gloria Jeans, Varsity Lakes
Coolibah Downs Private Estate, Mt Nathan
Hudsons 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
Greenbank Newsagency, Greenbank
Lucky Dragon Newsagency, Australia Fair, Southport
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
Zaraffas – 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
Palm Garden Chinese Restaurant, Palm Beach

Cert III Business Administration:

Ignite Education – 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
Zaraffa'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
Sunshine Grills, Nerang
Baskin Robbins, Main Beach
Noodle Box, Robina
Aromas of India, Highland Park

Cert III Commercial Cookery:

Royal Thai Hut, Pacific Pines