

2016 FIRST WEEK AT ST MICHAEL'S



Monday 25 January 2016

From the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and friends of St Michael's

Welcome to St Michael's College for 2016. As the new Principal of St Michael's College, I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead. I have been working at St Michael's for the past fortnight and have had the privilege of working with our incredibly caring and dedicated staff, our wonderful 2016 Senior Leaders and have had an opportunity to meet with many parents both at interviews and at our Senior Leaders' parent function.

It has been wonderful to hear so many staff, students and parents talk about their incredible pride in our St Michael's College community. I have also had so many people in the community, including my local pharmacist and many others, talk about the great reputation of St Michael's College on the Gold Coast. I am very proud to be joining the St Michael's family and promise to do my best to keep the traditions and values of our Friendly, Learning Catholic Community at the heart of all that I do.

I briefly introduced myself to our community in last year's newsletter, but will share some of my story for our new parents.

I am a proud family man and have two wonderful adult daughters. My wife is a teacher at All Hallows' College in Brisbane. This year will be my 30th year in Catholic education. Most recently, I have been the Principal of Saint Mary's Catholic College, South Burnett, but bring over 20 years experience in educational leadership of Catholic schools across Queensland.

Amongst my many passions are:

- Catholic Social Teaching and Social Justice education – especially homelessness, refugee and Indigenous issues.
- Science – especially genetics, evolution and astronomy.
- Music and The Arts.

This year, St Michael's College will focus on our Integrity pillar. I believe that this is one of our most powerful and challenging pillars on which all of our other pillars rely. Our 2016 Senior Leaders came up with the theme "Be gold, when it's grey" at our Student Leadership Conference last weekend. Gold is the colour of our Integrity pillar and our Seniors wanted their theme to challenge all in our community to follow their conscience even when others may be making poor choices; to be unafraid to use their gifts and talents; and to always be people of integrity.



There have been a number of staffing changes over the holidays as a result of Mr Martin Moloney taking up an acting role at Assisi College for 2016 and due to a couple of staffing changes.

I would like to congratulate the following staff on their new acting roles for 2016 including:

- Mrs Leonie Trueman - Assistant Principal Staff and Student Development.
- Mrs Vanessa Mensah - Learning Enhancement and Data Analysis (LEDA) Leader
- Mr Jacob May - Junior Secondary Curriculum Leader
- Mrs Anne Wood - Junior Learning and Teaching Coordinator
- Mrs Deborah Dowdall - Religious Education Coordinator

We also welcome a number of new staff to St Michael's in 2016 including:

Teaching staff: Andrew Colbey, Luke Eisenhuth, Marshall Fenwick, Melanie Jarick, Luke Kang, Peita Laffranchi, Andre Michael, Mariana Ormsby, Chileen Radcliffe, Kate Stanley, Michael Ware, Jack Yabsley.
School Officers: Jaimie David, Leanne Pattugalan, Phillipa Siddall.

I look forward to an exciting year and beginning to meet our parents and students over the coming weeks.



***Yours in Christ
Michael Nayler
Principal***

Deputy Principal...

Welcome back to the 2016 school year.

Some important reminders to commence our year;

- Year 7,12 and new students ONLY return on Wednesday 27 January in full College uniform. **New students in Years 8-11 finish at 11am.**
- All students return on Thursday 28 January in sports uniform.
- We would ask that students return well groomed in accordance with the College Uniform Policy. The policy is presented in the Student Planner on pages 22 and 23.
- We would like to highlight one important aspect of the policy from the outset. For boys, hair needs to be cut above the collar and for girls make-up is NOT to be worn. Can these two areas be addressed immediately and before return to school.
- New students and parents Welcome Afternoon - Friday 5 February at 3.30pm in the College MPC. We very much look forward to this traditional afternoon to commence our school year.

We are very excited about our new school year in the Catholic "Year of Mercy". We trust that all families have had an enjoyable vacation break as we look forward to a quality new year at the College.



Stephen Eisenhuth
Deputy Principal

Assistant Principal Staff & Student Development...

Welcome to our new students in 2016, and welcome back to our returning students.

I am undertaking the role of Assistant Principal Staff & Student Development for 2016 in the absence of Mr Martin Moloney who is on secondment to Assisi College as Head of School. One of my main duties in relation to your child is to monitor their academic progress and their attendance patterns. Our aim is a 95% attendance rate at the College for 2016.

Your first point of call for any matters pertaining to your child is their Pastoral Teacher. If your student is new to the College this year, then at the welcome gathering on Friday 5 February, your child's Pastoral Teacher will be available to meet you and discuss any concerns you may have. I will be available as well at this function.

Please ensure you read the newsletter every week, as it is a very valuable communication tool. I look forward to meeting our Year 7 parents at the welcome gathering, along with other new parents to the College.



Leonie Trueman
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Important Dates...

Wednesday 27 January	Years 7 and 12 return New students 8.30am - 11.00am
Thursday 28 January	All students return
Monday 1 February	Photo Day
Tuesday 2 February	P&F Meeting – All welcome Hinterland District Trials
Wednesday 3 February	Year 7 Parent IT Information Evening
Thursday 4 February	Year 7 Swim Trials
Friday 5 February	College Opening Mass New Students and Parents Welcome Afternoon

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