



**ST MICHAEL'S
COLLEGE**

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weekly news

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Message from Mike Nayler

Dear parents, carers and friends of St Michael's,

Thank you to all of the parents, carers, staff and students who have sent their thoughts and prayers for my recovery. I am very grateful for all of the support from our wonderful St Michael's community

I am recovering well after suffering a burst aneurysm during our Book Week assembly last term. My surgery went very well and although I am still getting headaches and feeling fatigued at times, I feel very blessed to have survived largely unscathed.

I will take the rest of this year off to recover fully. The role of Principal is a challenging one and it would not be fair to either myself or our community to return when I am not 100%.

I would like to thank Ms Wasiak, our Administration team and all who have and will look after our community in my absence.

Thanks again for all of your prayers and support.

Mike Nayler
Principal

Message from the PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to Term 4. I do hope that all families had an opportunity to spend time together either at home or if lucky enough on holiday. The year has flown by and we now prepare for the final term of celebrations, graduation and good byes.



As indicated in his message Mike will not return this year. We continue as a community to keep he and his family in our thoughts and prayers and look forward to his return in 2018. As a result of Mike's absence the following leadership positions will be held by the following people:

- Acting Principal – Ms Veronica Wasiak
- Acting Deputy Principal – Mr Chris Oakes
- Assistant Principal Curriculum – Mrs Kathryn Janovsky
- Assistant Principal Religious Education – Mrs Margaret Petherbridge
- Acting Assistant Principal Staff and Student Development – Ms Leonie Trueman

This term we welcome Ms Natalie Dell who is replacing Mr Michael Esdale and Ms Megan Reibelt who is replacing Mrs Kara Brennan who is on Long Service Leave. Ms Andrea Lane-Mullins joins us again for Term 4 to take classes for Mr Chris Oakes and Ms Leonie Trueman who will be fulfilling additional Leadership roles.

We welcome back Mrs Carlene Wickham who returns from maternity leave and we thank Ms Colleen O'Dea for her fine work in replacing Mrs Wickham as Year 9 Pastoral Leader.

Thanks to Ms Julie Miles, Mr Luke Eisenhuth and Mr Alex Fowler for accompanying students on the Ski Trip during the first week of the holidays. I was pleased to see that they returned safe and sound from their travels. I have heard what good ambassadors these students were for us on their overseas trip so congratulations to all students.

I would also like to thank Ms Colleen O'Dea, Ms Helen Bennet, Miss Alicia Richardson and Miss Emma Steward who accompanied students to Japan over the break. They return this evening and I look forward to hearing their stories. I am told they all have had a wonderful experience.

Ms Veronica Wasiak
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday October 3
P&F Meeting 7pm

**Tuesday October 3 – Thursday
October 5**
Year 11 Biology Camp

Wednesday October 4
Drama Excursion

Thursday October 5
Year 11/12 Defensive Driving

**Thursday October 5 – Sunday
October 8**
All Schools Touch

Friday October 6
College Assembly

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





Message from the **DEPUTY**



Term 4 is a short term, but there is no less happening at St Michael's College.

We see Year 12 students begin their transition out of the school and into the world beyond St Michael's. The last five years have been preparation for this point in their lives. It is an exciting time. The emphasis then must be on finishing well. The last impression they give the school will be one that aptly reflects the wonderful friendships and memories they have made during their time at St Michael's.

The Year 11 students also begin a transition. They are charged with filling the void that will be left by their predecessors. The student leadership process is complete and the focus very much shifts to the construction of the cohort's vision for 2018.

As for the rest of the school, that same theme of transition is being felt everywhere.

It is a reminder that we are all in this together. Nothing happens in isolation in a school like St Michael's. And so, the whole school needs to support the 12s as they prepare to leave. It is our last opportunity to say thank you for all they have given this place.

It is a short term. It is a full term. It is important that we all finish well.

Have a wonderful week.

Mr Chris Oakes
Deputy Prinicipal