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Dear parents and carers



On Saturday, we received the sad news that Jaiden Brooks, one of our Year 9 students, was tragically killed in an accident. Our community's thoughts and prayers are with Jaiden's family at this difficult time. Our College Counsellor is working closely with Jaiden's family and we have offered them our community's full support. I would like to thank you all for your prayers.

At Monday morning's assembly, we held a special prayer service for Jaiden with many members of his family present. I would ask that you please keep Jaiden, his family, friends, our St Michael's community and the other young man who was injured in the accident in your prayers. I am grateful to our College Chaplain, Fr Nicolas Okafor, who has offered up a special Mass for Jaiden over the weekend.

Our College Counsellors, Dr Jeff Kemp and Mrs Heather Clark, as well as other counsellors from Brisbane Catholic Education have been made available for any of our students or staff members who may be struggling with this tragic event. Please do not hesitate to contact our College Counsellors if you are at all concerned about your child's reaction to this sad news. Our Director, Ms Pam Betts and South Services Centre Director, Mr Paul Allen have passed on their condolences to Jaiden's family and our St Michael's community.

Over the holidays, there have been a number of small improvements to raise the profile of our College on Jondique Avenue. We have added a:

College Flagpole: which hopefully will be used for our ANZAC Day service and will also fly our three national flags (Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) flags each day.

St Michael's statue: while we are still investigating a future St Michael's statue and prayer space, we have added a smaller St Michael's statue to oversee our driveway. He was the biggest commercially produced St Michael that we could find.

New symbol and school motto: We have replaced the old College motto which had begun to fall apart on our fence with our St Michael's symbol and current College motto.

New storage container for Manual Arts, so that we can increase the working space for students in the workshop.



Despite a sad start to our term, I would like to welcome you to a new term full of great events. We ask our loving God to help us to continue to see the Gold, even in our moments of grey.



Yours in Christ
Michael Nayler
Principal



Welcome back to Term 2. Obviously our new term has commenced in a time of deep sadness with the news of the tragic passing of young Jaiden Brooks (Year 9). However, the powerful sense of love and community spirit demonstrated by our staff and students on the very first day of term at the commemorative Prayer service, was both remarkable and memorable. There was a wonderful sense of pride at the Prayer service with the level of reverence demonstrated by the entire community in the presence of Jaiden's family and friends.

We now trust in the Holy Spirit and the power of Faith and healing that has commenced in our community. Eternal rest grant unto Jaiden, O Lord and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May he Rest in Peace.

Year 7 and 8 Immunisations

The first of 3 rounds of the annual Gold Coast City Council Immunisations will take place on the morning of Monday April 18 for Year 7 and 8 students. It is noted in our society about the importance of immunising our children and we strongly encourage all parents and carers to have your child included in the program. The vaccinations will include HPV and Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis booster vaccination.

Best wishes to all families for the coming week and the new school term.



Stephen Eisenhuth
Deputy Principal

Important Dates Monday April 18	Year 7 & 8 Immunisations 6pm Board Meeting
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