

Mr Jim Ford | Principal

Generation Alpha

During the September break I attended the National conference of educational leaders. Many thought-provoking presenters addressed future challenges. One in particular, Mark McCrindle author of 'Generation Alpha' addressed disruptive factors for the future of education. To quote the author "Generation Alpha are the most globally connected generation of children ever. Covering those born between 2010 and 2024, these kids are living through an era of rapid change and a barrage of information – good, bad and fake".

In schools we see distinct differences in the way children want to learn as a consequence of a saturation of screen time and early access to social media. This is coupled with a new set of challenges as identified by the speaker.

- 1. Demographic growth and change, (2.2% annually). Rise of regions WA and Qld
- 2. Culture. 48% of Australians have a least one parent born overseas
- 3. A.I and digital technologies
- 4. Student mental health
- 5. The need for holistic learning for future proofing

Education will meet these challenges, but they are coupled with significant workforce issues. It should be obvious that the culture of a good school looks after the teaching workforce along with the students. We need to retain our experienced teaching staff and concentrate on generating an environment that is affirming for both teachers and students. With informed approaches and committed teachers Gen Alpha will achieve extraordinary things.

School Fees

If CMC was a kid getting weekly pocket money, our \$20- income would struggle with our \$30- expenses (Café, bus fare, phone etc). So, just like a teenager, we'd be very appreciative of payment of outstanding fees. It's not going to make us rich, but it will certainly help us balance the books! For all fee related queries please



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ALL School Fee accounts are to be finalised by Friday 17 November 2023. Thank you.

Mr Chris Apelt | Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning Learning Is A Process

Students have now received their third report for the 2023 school year. In our Pastoral Care classes, students review their results, but this process

can be supported at home. At the College, our key message to students is always that if their EFFORT and BEHAVIOUR are as good as they can be, then so will be their achievement. That is success and should be celebrated. Learning is a process



and students must be actively involved. We ask students to always ask and answer questions, participate enthusiastically in all activities and discussions in classes and be sure to complete all set tasks, including those to be completed at home. Students who have demonstrated these qualities consistently throughout term 3, will receive a Virtues of Excellence or Encouragement award for their efforts.

Quote May He bless and protect you, and make you the instrument of His glory. Catherine McAuley

Mrs Kathy Parrish | Board Chair

October Board Report

Board Member Inservice

Mrs Helen Moohin gave a very insightful presentation into Careers and Vocational education and where these pathways can take students in their senior schooling and beyond. A very detailed look into all the options on offer for students and how vocational education works within schools. Watch this space in the upcoming years.

Capital Asset Management Feedback to CEDR

The board discussed the proposed Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton (CEDR) Capital Asset Management Policy and provided CEDR with feedback before the finalisation of the policy.

Other Business

- Parent Engagement Group update provided by Mrs Jeanette Refalo & Mr Jim Ford. Still a few tickets left for the Trivia Night on Friday 20th October – get in quick. Don't forget to buy a ticket in the Mega Draw. Win \$1,000 if not attending trivia or \$1,500 if you're at the Trivia Night. It's sure to be a great night!
- Principal's report from Mr Jim Ford. A wrap up of the very successful McAuley week in Term 3 and details on upcoming events in Term 4 – keep up to date with the school newsletter.

Ms Stacey Austin | HoY 8 - Teacher

Careers Corner

On Tuesday 10 October our Year 8 students had the opportunity to delve into the captivating world of space careers with Adam Williams from Gilmour Space as part of the Year 8 Careers Education Modules this term. Gilmour Space, with its cutting-edge launch facilities at Bowen, is at the forefront of the space industry, pioneering the



future of commercial space travel and satellite deployment. From aerospace engineers to apprentice fitters and turners, lawyers to software developers, financial officers to electrical technicians, the Space Industry has endless opportunities for jobs and careers as well as a chance for our students to be a part of history in the making. So, parents, as you discuss your child's future aspirations, consider the vast universe of careers awaiting them in the ever-expanding space industry. It's a journey that promises excitement, innovation, and limitless potential.



Virtues of Excellence Awards

Congratulations to our Virtues of Excellence recipients who were presented with their certificates during Assembly on Wednesday.



Catherine's Café | Mrs Frances Deguara Volunteers Needed Volunteers URGENTLY required for Term 4



Roster



Week 3

Tuesday 17 October

Deanne Volunteer Needed

Wednesday 18 October Tash Volunteer Needed

Thursday 19 October Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

Friday 20 October Leanne Kym

Week 4

Week 3 & 4 Roster

Tuesday 23 October

Volunteer Needed

Wednesday 24 October

Volunteer Needed

Friday 26 October Monique Jaimie

CMC Trivia Night

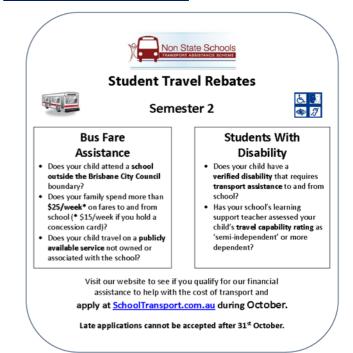
Click here to grab your tickets to our annual Trivia Night. We can't wait to see you there. Practice question below.

Q. The line "To be or not to be" comes from which Shakespeare play?



A. Hamlet

Non-State Schools Travel Rebates



Date Claimers

Friday 20 October – Trivia Night Thursday 23 November – Year 7 2024 Orientation Day for enrolled Year 6 students

Wednesday 8 November-Parent Engagement Group meeting 5:30pm Wednesday 8 November - Board meeting 7:00pm

Wednesday 29 November - End of Year Mass (Whole School Event) Friday 1 December 10am - Awards Morning

Friday 1 December – Last Day Term 4, students to be collected by 11.30am from the Field Street carpark

Community News



CATHERINE'S

Cafe

Debbie

Thursday 25 October Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

Chris