



Enjoying the Superbowl Final in the Library during lunch.

Mr Jim Ford | Principal

Change To Wearing Of School Uniform



Commencing Term 2 2024 (Monday 15 April 2024) - The College sports jacket is only to be worn with the sports uniform. The formal uniform requires the College jumper (available from Uniform Solutions). This applies to all students. Issues with the sports jacket and how it is worn detract from the presentation of the formal uniform.



Mr Chris Apelt | Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning

Assessment Policy and AARA

Assessment dates will begin appearing on Parent Lounge and Student Café from this week. It is important that families understand the importance of these dates. The assessment dates are when formal evidence of your student's achievement is being collected according to the College policy, every effort must be made for students to attend these allocated dates. Where this is not possible, students must inform their teacher via email and parents must inform the College Office of any emergent absences. Known absences that impact these dates must be reported to the College and the Head of Department for the impacted subject, as soon as possible. Students in this situation are then required to apply for an AARA (Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments), seeking new assessments conditions for them. Not communicating these absences and following the correct process, may result in students being unable to receive a result for a subject, in a particular reporting period.

Year 7 NAPLAN

Year 7 and Year 9 students will complete the biannual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing. Students complete a series of four online tests (Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy) during Week 8 and 9 of this term. All tests are completed online, using the students own Chromebook device, results are anticipated to be returned early in Semester 2. This process is important and helps gauge student progress over the last two years in these testing areas. We recommend and encourage all students to be involved and do their best but re-iterate that it is a point in time test, only indicative of their achievements on that day, and nothing more. If a family wishes for their student to be withdrawn from testing, a withdrawal form is available from the College Office and must be returned to the school well prior to the first exam on Wednesday 13 March.



Mrs Jeanette Refalo | Assistant Principal Mission

Real-World Challenges

When I commenced teaching nearly twenty years ago, I taught four different subjects. However, I feel privileged to have been entrusted with the Religious education of students and it is a subject I am truly passionate about. I find religious education as all encompassing – a unique subject that goes beyond academia and centres on the development of the whole student.

As Pope Frances once stated, “the head, the heart and hands are needed in order to be coherent so that one thinks what one feels and does, feels what one thinks and does, and does what one feels and thinks.” This, he said, is total coherence and here at Catherine McAuley College we aim for religious education to provide that total coherence for all students.

Regardless of a student's faith background, the subject of Religion has much to offer and is instrumental in developing reflective learners. We endeavour to inspire faith in action, the way in which we deliver content enables our students to develop strong 21st century skills. Our students work individually, in pairs and in groups to engage in problem solving, foster critical thinking skills, and address real-world challenges. In particular, the religious education curriculum places the students in the centre of the learning process to support them in becoming well-rounded individuals who can navigate the complexities of our diverse and ever-changing society.

If you have any questions about Religious Education at the College please contact me via email jeanette_refalo@rok.catholic.edu.au

Mr David Paul | Assistant Principal Wellbeing

Stymie

On Tuesday we welcomed Rachel Downie to CMC. Rachel is the creator and CEO of Stymie, a platform to share concerns a student may have with the school anonymously. Sessions were conducted with students, staff and parents to inform each group of relevant trends, statistics and law changes.

Ideally, we would prefer students to talk to the appropriate staff member if they have a concern at school, however, we also understand sometimes students do not feel comfortable doing this which is why we use Stymie.

For more in-depth information please visit the Stymie website <https://about.stymie.com.au/>



Quote

“Pray fervently to God to take all bitterness from me. I can scarcely think of what has been done to me without resentment. May God forgive me and make me humble before He calls me into His presence.”

Catherine McAuley



2024 Student House Leaders

Congratulations to our newly elected Student House Leaders

Bauru – Scarlett and Caleb

Berkum – Erin and Riley

Bugu Bugu – Alexis and Kansas

Buyu – Llandyn and Jazmyn

Dhurin – Matthew and Samuel

Imbuna – Kaydee and Jayda

Wura – Riley and Brooklyn



Open Night 2024



OPEN NIGHT FOR YEAR 7 2025



What to expect

- ✓ Tour of the College
- ✓ Leadership Talk – College Expectations
- ✓ Enrolment Information

For further Information
4994 9200



**Thursday
7 March 2024
4:30pm – 7:00pm**

**Parking:
Field St Carpark**

Enrolment Applications For Year 7 In 2025

Parents and Guardians of children currently in Year 6 who wish to be part of our Catherine McAuley College community are reminded to complete enrolment applications for Year 7 in 2025 by mid-March 2024! Interviews will commence soon. Siblings of current CMC students are not automatically enrolled; an application must be submitted. Please do not hesitate to contact the College with any queries relating to enrolment. Visit our website to complete an enrolment application form. <https://cmcmrok.catholic.edu.au>

Mrs Kathy Parrish | College Board Chair

February Board Report

The Board welcomed Mr David Paul – Assistant Principal Wellbeing, who discussed the wellbeing program for both students and staff at Catherine McAuley College for 2024 and beyond.

Board Member Inservice

Mrs Kathy Parrish gave a presentation on superannuation, including the history of how superannuation came about and current laws and regulations around contributions and earnings.

Prayer and Formation Session

The board discussed the Identity of a Catholic School and reflected on where Catherine McAuley College is situated under the KU Leuven model. A robust discussion on being a dialogue school in a modern society.

Principals Report

- A great start to the 2024 school year with school enrolments now sitting around 430 students
- Planning meetings are underway for Stage 3 of the school building project
- Positive feedback surrounding the Parent Information evening held on Tuesday 13 February
- CMC Open night for prospective 2025 families will be held on Thursday 7 March 2024

Gate Security and Drop off & Collection of Students

Please be aware all gates will be secured at 9:15am to 2:45pm each day.

If you need a late drop off or early pick-up, please use the front car park off the Nebo Road entrance. Designated Visitor parking is available.




Before and after School drop off and collection is from the Field Street Car Park.

Mrs Frances Deguara | Catherine's Café

Roster

We URGENTLY require volunteers to help with our growing number of students. If you are able to help for a few hours once a fortnight, please contact me on cmc_cafe@rok.catholic.edu.au or phone the College 4994 9200. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

|  <i>Café Roster</i> | | | |
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| Week 5 | Date | Volunteers | |
| Tuesday | Feb 20 | Helene | Volunteer Needed |
| Wednesday | Feb 21 | Volunteer Needed | Volunteer Needed |
| Thursday | Feb 22 | Natalie | Volunteer Needed |
| Friday | Feb 23 | Kym | Volunteer Needed |
| Week 6 | Date | Volunteers | |
| Tuesday | Feb 27 | Nerissa | Volunteer Needed |
| Wednesday | Feb 28 | Volunteer Needed | Volunteer Needed |
| Thursday | Feb 29 | Natalie | Volunteer Needed |
| Friday | Mar 01 | Monique | Denis |

Date Claimers

Monday 19 Feb – Year 7 Immunisation

Thursday 7 Mar – CMC Open Night 4:30pm

Tuesday 26 March – Cross Country 8:35am (Whole School Event)

Wednesday 27 March – The way of the Cross - Prayer Service 9:30am (Whole School Event)

Thursday 28 March – Swimming Carnival – All Day Event – Students will catch buses to and from the ARC. (Whole School Event)

Thursday 28 March – Last day of Term 1