

Chess face off

**Mr Jim Ford | Principal****Big Ideas**

Some of our smallest students put their considerable intellectual skills toward solving some everyday problems. Hosted at the CQ University city campus and facilitated by the "Future Anything" vocational education company the day culminated in group presentations. Many students find unsettling the less structured creative challenge along with the group dynamics. However the range of skills including brain storming, visualisation, sketching, consensus discussions and presenting make the full day program an important educational experience.

**Mr Chris Apelt | Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning****NAPLAN Schedule**

Year 7 & 9 students will complete NAPLAN testing in Week 8 of this term. The test schedule below is proposed for the College and attendance for all Year 7 & 9 students on these days is required. We encourage all students to participate in the tests, however, if you wish to have your student withdrawn, please contact the office as soon as possible and request a Student Withdrawal form.

**NAPLAN 2024 TESTING SCHEDULE - Wednesday 13 March (Reading), Thursday 14 March (Writing), Friday 15 March (Language Conventions) and Monday 18 March (Numeracy).**

**Mrs Jeanette Refalo | Assistant Principal Mission****Formation is Critical for Mission**

**"If the Mercy spirit is to be genuine and integrated, it calls on the talents and gifts of everyone. It must excite and engage people to be the Mercy face of God's mission for a better world."**

Acknowledging that we are all on a faith journey (every person's formation journey is different). Understanding our place in the call to live the Gospel values of service to others within our College, and the wider community.

Formation calls people to use their gifts and talents to further God's mission. Formation serves God's mission in making sure students and staff know the story of Catherine McAuley and can respond to the invitation to



walk with her in a contemporary context, to meet the needs of those who are on the margins, who are poor and are who are vulnerable.

**Mr David Paul | Assistant Principal Wellbeing****Wellbeing Survey**

Because parenting doesn't come with instructions, SchoolTV is a wellbeing resource implemented at our school to help support you in the challenges of modern-day parenting relating to youth mental health and wellbeing. Parenting is a learning journey and SchoolTV supports families by providing credible information from trusted sources with practical strategies to help alleviate some of the challenges being faced by young people today.

Watch video interviews with leading wellbeing specialists and browse a library of resources. Each topic is accompanied by factsheets, podcasts, books, articles, apps and other videos.

This resource helps families build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people. It will assist you in starting those conversations on topics that can sometimes be awkward or difficult to tackle.



Parents and Guardians are the greatest influence on a young person's life and SchoolTV focuses on empowering confident parenting.

Please complete the very brief anonymous survey below to assist us in understanding the major challenges you face with your family.

[Wellbeing Barometer 2024: Secondary | Catherine McAuley College - Mackay \(schooltv.me\)](https://www.schooltv.me)

**Mrs Alex Lamb | Head of Department The Arts****Get To Know Our Instrumental Teachers****Chelsea Jansen - Strings**

Q. Favourite instrument? A. The Violin since the age of 8. I commenced at Mackay West State School.

Q. Favourite musician/band/artist? A. I adore Irish fiddle music and Irish Rock. My favourite all time band is The Corrs.

Q. What do you love most about music? A. Music gives me happy moments daily, it connects me to so many people from all walks of life and I couldn't imagine my life without it.

**Tim McClelland - Percussion**

Q. Favourite instrument? A. Obviously the drums are my favourite instrument. I've been playing for 20 years now! I can also play Alto Sax, Ukulele and a little Piano.

Q. Favourite music. A. My favourite music is anything with good drums in it! I have a soft spot for Blink-182, The Killers, Muse & Robbie Williams.

Q. What do you love most about music? A. I love music because it brings happiness, both to the player and the listener.



Mrs Paula Bell | Business Manager

Finance News

The 2024 Annual Fee Statements were emailed to all families on Monday 19 February.

Paying Fees in Full

You can deduct the 2.5% discount listed at the bottom of your statement if paying in full by Friday 22 March.

EasyPay Payment Plan

You can now set up a weekly, fortnightly, or monthly payment plan via the Parent Lounge. When selecting your start date, it must be the next day or after.

Account & Discount Information Form

All discounts have been applied to returned forms. If you have not completed this form, please contact the Finance Office as soon as possible to obtain a copy.

Year 7 & Year 9 School Camps

These costs do not appear on your Annual Fee Statement.

The first payment (non- refundable) is due on Friday 15 March and can be made through Events & Payments via Parent Lounge. Click [HERE](#) to make your payment. Please refer to the letter that was issued on Tuesday 27 February.



When it comes to paying school fees, School EasyPay likes to make life easier. School EasyPay is an approved payment schedule set up on TASS Parent Lounge.

School EasyPay is a system which provides a secure payment platform, increases flexibility by allowing families to manage and track their school payments throughout the year from within TASS Parent Lounge.

There are numerous advantages to this system including:

- No Cost Processing Fees – no processing fees when setting up for direct debit
- Flexible Payments – choose either Weekly, Fortnightly or Monthly instalments
- Multiple Payments Methods – pay by bank account or credit/debit card
- Convenience – ability to change bank/card details in a secure environment and at your own convenience
- Secure Payments – no need to ever share your card details
- Save Time – set up for direct debit so you'll never forget a payment
- Payment Reminder – courtesy email to remind you of the date and amount of your direct debit

How to set up EasyPay

- Log into TASS Parent Lounge
- Accounts & Payments
- School Fees Account
- New Payment Method
- Add Payment Schedule

Once set up you'll be able to manage and track your school payments throughout the year.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Paula Bell 4994 9200.

*Quote*

*"Take what He will from us, He still leaves us His holy peace."*

Catherine McAuley



Mrs Frances Deguara | Catherine's Café

Roster

We are still looking for volunteers to help in the Café. If you are able to help for a few hours once a fortnight, please contact me on [cmcm\\_cafe@rok.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cmcm_cafe@rok.catholic.edu.au) or phone the College 4994 9200.

Catherine McAuley College Mackay			
Café Roster			
Week 7	Date	Volunteers	
Tuesday	Mar 5	Helene	Volunteer Needed
Wednesday	Mar 6	Natalie	Volunteer Needed
Thursday	Mar 7	Deb	Volunteer Needed
Friday	Mar 7 Open Night	Alice	URGENT HELP NEEDED
	Mar 8	Kelly p	Tenille
Week 8	Date	Volunteers	
Tuesday	Mar 12	Deanne	Volunteer Needed
Wednesday	Mar 13	Nerissa	Volunteer Needed
Thursday	Mar 14	Natalie	Volunteer Needed
Friday	Mar 15	Monique	Denis

Date Claimers

- Thursday 7 Mar – CMC Open Night 4:30pm
- Wednesday 13 March – Uniform Committee meeting 5:00pm
- Wednesday 13 March – PEG Meeting 5:30pm
- Wednesday 13 March – Board Meeting 7:00pm
- 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

Open Night



# OPEN NIGHT FOR YEAR 7 2025





**What to expect**

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

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

For further information  
4994 9200



**Parking:**  
**Field St Carpark**