



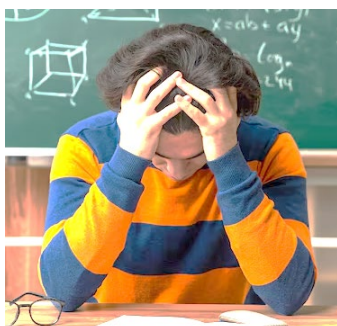
Party for Pollution Prevention (Above Photo)

The winners of the Eco-challenge enjoyed the spoils of their victory during lunch recently. The pizza party was just reward for their efforts in reducing their Carbon Footprint during Science Week.

Mr Jim Ford | College Principal

24/7 Availability

The teaching profession like many others, is dealing with the downside of what are largely positive developments in communication technologies. While there are necessary restrictions on social media contacts, email and the expectations of near immediate response can give the impression that an employee must be continuously available. The fact that this expectation is not healthy, needs little explanation. Teachers 'contact' hours of 8:35am to 2:55pm with extra duties in addition, give little time for checking email. While the realities of teaching require many additional hours, staff are advised to sensibly limit availability and exempting any urgent matters, respond to email in a 3 day period.



Ms Kate Rackham | Acting Assistant Principal Mission

Celebrating World Teachers' Day

At Catherine McAuley College, we are blessed with educators who follow in the footsteps of the greatest teacher of all – Jesus Christ. Today, on World Teachers' Day, we honour the dedication, passion and hard work of our teachers, whose influence goes far beyond textbooks, marking and reporting.

In the Gospels, Jesus exemplified what it means to be a compassionate and wise teacher, nurturing those around Him with love, patience and understanding. Our teachers embody these same qualities, guiding students not just in academics, but also in developing strong moral and spiritual foundations.

This year's theme, 'Hats Off to Teachers', invites us to take a moment to express our appreciation for the teachers who work tirelessly to support our students. In the spirit of our Catholic faith, we encourage parents and students alike, to reach out and thank the educators at Catherine McAuley College. A simple email, a kind word, or a gesture of gratitude can go a long way in showing how much we value the important role they play in shaping the minds and hearts of the next generation.



"The influence of a good teacher can never be erased." - Unknown

Mr Christ Apelt | Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning

Assessment Dates

Assessment dates have now been uploaded on Student Café & Parent Lounge. It is important that all families are now beginning to plan around the busy assessment period that is coming towards the end of term. As per the colleges' assessment policy, students are required to adhere to

these assessment dates. If a variation to these dates is required for a known absence, it is important that an AARA is applied for, at least seven days prior to the absence that will impact an assessment date. Failure to do so may result in a non-rate result for that assessment, which will impact their semester result. For absences that emerge within that seven-day period, an AARA is not required, however contact via email or phone is required to the class teacher, head of department and front office. Please note that these kinds of absences may require supporting medical documentation before assessment can be completed on an alternative date.

Mr David Paul | Assistant Principal Wellbeing

Wellbeing

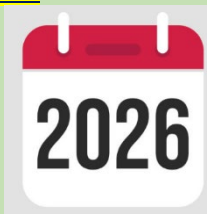
"The wellbeing of today's youth has never been more challenging."

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg

The wellbeing of our young people presents a constant challenge for Parents and Guardians, a valuable resource to help navigate the challenge is SchoolTV (the link can be found on our website). A recent SchoolTV Special Report on Trauma Recovery can be found by clicking this [link](#).

ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 IN 2026

Parents and Guardians of children currently in Year 5 who wish to be **part of our Catherine McAuley College community** are reminded to complete enrolment applications for Year 7 in 2026 by March 2025! Interviews will commence in March 2025, with siblings of current students being interviewed first.



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 **once you have received your child's Year 5 Semester 1 & 2 school reports.** <https://cmcmrok.catholic.edu.au>

Quote

Her dignity is expressed in one title - Mother of God.

Catherine McAuley



Date Claimers Term 4

Saturday 16 November – St Francis Gospel Group
Wednesday 27 November – Year 9 Excursion Sugar Shed
Thursday 28 November – Year 7 2025 Orientation Day
Tuesday 3 December – 9:00am Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday 5 December – 6:00pm Awards Ceremony
Friday 6 December – Last day Students Depart 11:30am
Friday 6 December – 12:00pm Staff Lunch

Student Achievements

Hitting Them For Six

Year 9 student, Tyler Peters has been excelling in cricket at all levels. His successes include being drafted by the Great Barrier Reef Rays in the Under 15 Junior Competition, being selected in the Mackay Whitsunday Under 15 team and playing for the NSW in the Century Cricket State of Origin. Well done Tyler keep up the great work.



Teachers V Students Volleyball

Volleyball was the name of the game this time but with the same result – TEACHERS VICTORIOUS 😊



Mrs Frances Deguara | Café Convenor

Invitation for Astronomy Viewing Evening

ASTRONOMY VIEWING EVENING INVITATION

Who: CMC Students & Parents

When: Sunday 3 November

Where: Greenmount Road (last driveway before the Homestead)

Time: 6:00 - 9:00pm

What to bring: Chair, Binoculars, Torch, Snacks and Picnic Rug

Features: Saturn, crescent moon, Jupiter (late)
Constellations: Pegasus, Pisces, Taurus, Capricornus
Deep Sky: Andromeda Galaxy, Globular clusters

Notes:

- Telescopes provided by the College and participating local enthusiasts
- Students must be accompanied by an adult guardian

RSVP: Wednesday 30 October
Email our Science Technician Mrs Narelle Nash narelle_nash@rok.catholic.edu.au or phone 4994 9200

From the Principal: We look forward to seeing you there - Jim Ford

QUOTE: "On a clear night when you look up it changes your perspective on things"



Café Roster

Week 5	Date	Volunteers	
Tuesday	October 29	Caroline Sandral	Lian Smith
Wednesday	October 30	Natalie Kelly	Volunteer Needed
Thursday	October 31	Helene Bezzina	Volunteer Needed
Friday	November 1	Tenille Hildred	Lee-Anne Slinger
Week 6	Date	Volunteers	
Tuesday	November 5	Natalie Kelly	Volunteer Needed
Wednesday	November 6	Liz Lyons	Volunteer Needed
Thursday	November 7	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Friday	November 8	Letitia Davison	Monica Plath

Community Notices

St Mary's CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER

5:30PM - 9:00PM

42 JULIET STREET SOUTH MACKAY

BURGERS
SAUSAGE ON BREAD
HOT DOGS & HOT CHIPS
SNOW CONES, POP CORN
& FAIRY FLOSS
SWEET STALL
FACE PAINTING
RIDES & JUMPING CASTLES

BAR & LIVE MUSIC
MINI CENT SALE
MAJOR RAFFLE
LUCKY NUMBERS
HAM WHEEL
(STARTING AT 6PM)
SANTA WILL BE VISITING!