



Business Studies (Above Photo)

Experiencing farm life at the recent excursion to the Oh Deere Farm Stay as part of the Year 9 Agribusiness Unit.

Mr Jim Ford | College Principal

Country Skies

It's ever so peaceful to sit in a camp chair and look up at nature's masterpiece (The Milky Way). Students, parents and volunteers enjoyed perfect conditions to view the crescent moon, Mercury, Venus and Saturn along with the Zodiac and deep sky objects.



Starting 2025

The first day of the new academic year is Tuesday 28 January 2025 following the Australia Day holiday, our initial priority is to settle in our new Year 7's and establish our first cohort Year 10's in their unique role in leading the college and moving toward the senior phase. So only Year 7 & 10 will be in attendance on the first day with the whole school present on Wednesday 29 January.



Farewell DP

"He's here, he's there, he's everywhere." Mr Paul has been appointed to the role of **Assistant to the Director, Schools**. This means from next year he will supervise across all the Catholic Primary and Secondary Colleges in Mackay. We wish David all the best and while he won't be stationed at CMC we will see him on a regular basis.



Ms Kate Rackham | Acting Assistant Principal Mission

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

As we approach the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we are reminded of the anticipation and joy that this time brings - a season marked by generosity and hope. At Catherine McAuley College, we are once again taking part in the Vinnies Christmas Appeal to extend that joy to those in need within our community.



This year, we officially launched our Vinnies Appeal on Tuesday 29 October, with each House receiving a list of essential items our local Vinnies is urgently seeking. The collection period for these items will continue until Friday 29 November, and we warmly invite all families to contribute what they can to support this meaningful cause.

All donations can be placed in the designated Christmas basket at Student Reception. Every contribution, big or small, can make a difference. We look forward to the wonderful support once again from our Catherine McAuley College community.

Here is the list of items our local Vinnies are seeking this year:

- Boxes of Cereal
- Baked Beans | Tinned Spaghetti
- Boxes of Muesli Bars
- Long Life Milk | Custard | Juice
- Tea | Coffee | Milo | Hot Chocolate
- Arnott's Sweet and Savoury Biscuits
- Fruit Cake
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Instant Gravy Mix and Meals
- Soft Drinks | Cordial
- Vegemite | Peanut Butter | Jam
- Jelly Crystals | Pancake Shake Mix
- Tins of Fruit and Vegetables

- Lollies | Nuts | Chips
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Hand and Body Wash
- Bars of Soap | Deodorant

Thank you in advance for helping us share the spirit of Christmas with those who need it most.

Mr David Paul | Assistant Principal Wellbeing

The Way We Treat People Changes Them

Sometimes, we forget the impact our actions have on others. When our intentions are kind, they build understanding and trust. When our intentions are insensitive, they can leave invisible scars. Intentions matter a lot, never forget that. *stymie online*



Mrs Carolyn Kerrisk | Teacher - Team Manager

Rugby League Training Shirts



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The teams will be wearing their team shirt to each training session, and to and from each game. We are looking forward to a great season in 2025.

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>

Mrs Alex Lamb | Head of Department The Arts



The CMC Glee Club Choir delivered an unforgettable performance at the 101st AGM for the QLD Country Women's Association Opening Ceremony in Mackay. Led by Ms Nicole Thomson, their harmonious voices and heartfelt songs truly enriched the atmosphere, making the event a memorable celebration of community and togetherness. Bravo to all the talented singers!

Orientation Day for Year 7's 2025



The Stirring Sounds of the Bagpipe

Special Guest, Jen Shipston from Mackay and District Pipe Band demonstrated her bagpipe playing talent at assembly this week in the hopes of inspiring students to take up playing this amazing instrument.



Quote

“Will we all meet in heaven? O what joy even to think of it.”



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

Mrs Frances Deguara | Café Convenor



Café Roster

Week 7	Date	Volunteers	
Tuesday	November 12	Natalie Kelly	Volunteer Needed
Wednesday	November 13	Liz Lyons	Volunteer Needed
Thursday	November 14	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Friday	November 15	Lee-Anne Slinger	Volunteer Needed
Week 8	Date	Volunteers	
Tuesday	November 19	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Wednesday	November 20	Kevene Albert	Volunteer Needed
Thursday	November 21	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Friday	November 22	Monica Plath	Volunteer Needed

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St Mary's CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER
5:30PM - 9:00PM
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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!

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