

MARS (Mackay Animal Rescue Society) – Visited the College last week to raise awareness of animal rescue and pet adoption.

Mr Jim Ford | College Principal

Protecting Kids

Last week on the nationally broadcast program 'A Current Affair', there was an extensive interview with a secondary college Principal from our Rockhampton Diocese, Mr Dan McMahon, long-standing Principal at our biggest college, Shalom College in Bundaberg.

Dan was interviewed regarding the Federal Legislation which could result in a social media ban for under 16's. He was highly informed regarding the ongoing damage that after school hours social media use is subjecting the school system to. Dan appealed to parents to exercise some control of their children's phones and devices at home, and actively monitor accounts for teens and pre-teens. Sub-contracting parenting out to the Internet in some cases is producing tragic consequences.



The proposed Australian Government ban may be just the backing some parents need. For the 16's and over, it's reasonable to expect self-regulation and responsibility for one's own actions.

Mr Christopher Apelt | Assistant Principal Teaching and Learning.

2025 Studies

Students are amid the busiest assessment period of the semester and as this period draws to a close, we turn our attention to 2025. Students in Year 8 will complete another fixed program, consisting of the 6 core subjects (Religion, English, Mathematics, Science, Health & Physical Education and Humanities) for the year. Their 4 Elective subjects for the year will be on a term Rotation (Robotics, Spanish, The Arts & Food Technologies). Students in Year 9 will do the same 6 core subjects, however Humanities will occur for only one semester. Year 9 students all selected 3 elective subjects and will complete two of them in one semester and the other, along with their semester of Humanities, in the alternate semester. Finally, Year 10 students will complete 5 core subjects, as Humanities moves to the elective options for year 10. They too will do two of their 4 chosen electives in Semester 1, with the other two in Semester 2.

2025 Pastoral Care

All year levels will continue in their Pastoral Care class in the middle of the day and Clubs, Projects & Hobbies (CPH) will start in Term 2 for Year 7, 8 and 9, while year 10 continue on their career's modules. Just a reminder that all Year 10 students are required to engage in work experience during Week 5 of Term 2 in 2025 and it is their responsibility to organise placement. Our senior pathways coordinator has previously emailed all this information and the required paperwork.

Virtues Awards

Finally, students who meet the criteria for the Virtues of Excellence and Encouragement, during their Term 4 studies, will receive their certificate in the first two weeks of next year. Keep in mind that despite the criteria being similar, this is different to Academic, Studentship and Service Excellence and Encouragement awards, which will be presented at our Awards Evening this year.

Ms Kate Rackham | Acting Assistant Principal Mission Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

This Sunday, the Catholic church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a major feast in the Catholic liturgical calendar, marking the final Sunday in Ordinary Time. It is a joyful and reflective conclusion to the liturgical year, inspiring hope and renewal as we prepare to enter Advent.

The Season of Advent

Next Sunday 1 December 2024, marks the 1st Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the new liturgical year, Year C: The Year of Luke. Advent is a season of preparation and anticipation, inviting us to reflect on the themes of hope, peace, joy and love, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Let us enter this sacred time with open hearts and a renewed focus on faith and service.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

As we enter the season of Advent and prepare for the joy of Christmas, we are reminded of those in our community who may be struggling. Our Vinnies Christmas Appeal is underway, and we continue to invite your generosity in donating the following items:

- 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 for helping us share Christ's love through generosity and care for those who need it most.

Quote

We belong to God - all in us is His.

Catherine McAuley



Mrs Kathy Parrish | CMC Board Chair

November Board Report

The November board meeting was Christmas inspired and commenced with a fun game of "Guess the baby photo of the board member".

PD Presentation

Gearing Up for Parent Engagement. The Board watched a short video by Andrew Fuller on the importance of School connections for secondary student health and wellbeing. CSPA have a wonderful resource which can be accessed here: [Gearing up for Parent Engagement in Student Learning](#). If you have time over the holidays, it is worthwhile accessing this resource.

Senior Uniform

CMC students modelled the proposed Senior Uniform which will be worn by students in Years 11 & 12. A few items yet to be confirmed but watch this space next year for the big reveal! Many thanks to the uniform committee for their work in putting together the senior uniform.

Principal's Report

- A very successful and enjoyable Trivia Night. Thank you to the PEG committee for their efforts this year in hosting such wonderful community events
- Astronomy night at Greenmount proved very popular with both students and parents
- Staffing being finalised for 2025

Departing Board Members

My sincere thanks to departing Board Members, Mrs Helen Patroni, Ms Andrea Pembroke and Mr Matt Cole for their contributions to the CMC Board and school community over the past three years.

On behalf of the CMC Board, I wish all families a joyous and faith filled Christmas.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Avalon and Bono for receiving the Soldiers Trophy at the recent 122 Army Cadet Unit - Ceremonial Parade. The Soldiers Trophy is awarded to cadets displaying the Will to Win, Dedication to Duty, Honour, Integrity, Mateship and Loyalty. Well done!



Photo – Avalon, Mr Les Palmer (Vietnam Veteran) Bono

Orientation Day for Year 7's 2025



ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 7 IN 2026

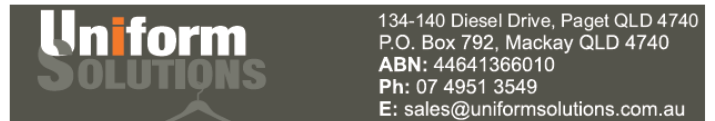
Parents and Guardians of children currently in Year 5 who wish to be **part of our Catherine McAuley College community** are reminded to complete enrolment applications for Year 7 in 2026 by March 2025! Interviews will commence in March 2025, with siblings of current students being interviewed first.



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>

Uniforms Solutions – School Uniforms 2025



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FAQ'S

WHAT IS THE SCHOOL UNIFORM SAVINGS CLUB?

A way of putting money aside throughout the year to cover the cost of school uniforms. Make regular payments into your Personal Savings Club Account (online, by phone or in-store) Come in-store when you are ready to buy uniforms. Sizes are chosen at this time and the credit in your account is used to pay. Great when finances are tight after Christmas! Credit to be used within 12 months.

CAN I LAYBY?

No. Uniform Solutions no longer offers layby. We encourage you to use our School Uniform Savings Club or Zip Pay is available.

HOW CAN I SAVE MONEY ON UNIFORMS?

Buy a School Uniform Pack and save 10% on the included items when you purchase the Pack.

CAN I BUY ONLINE?

Yes!
Log on to www.uniformsolutions.com.au
Click onto School Uniforms and select your school.
Give us at least one day to pack your order before collection, you will be notified when your order is ready.

WHAT IF MY CHILD DOESN'T FIT INTO THE SIZES AVAILABLE?

We can Custom Make or Alter uniforms for your student.
Place your order during OCTOBER to ensure delivery in time for school.
Orders to be paid for at the time of ordering.
No refunds on custom made items.

WHAT IF MY CHILD GROWS AFTER I'VE BOUGHT UNIFORMS?

We will exchange, BUT don't buy too early!!! The kids GROW! Mid December – Early January is best. Leave tags on the uniforms until the week before school starts. Don't wash uniforms until the week before school starts. We're happy to exchange.
Ever wondered why we record your name on your invoice?
It's so we can find your order if you want to exchange or have any questions about your order.

TRADING HOURS: MON - FRI 8am - 5pm SAT 8:30am - 11:30am

Date Claimers Term 4

Wednesday 27 November – Year 9 Excursion Sugar Shed
Thursday 28 November – Year 7 2025 Orientation Day
Tuesday 3 December – 1:20pm Vinnies Handover & Christmas Carols
Wednesday 4 December – 8:35am Fun Week Activities
Thursday 5 December – 8:35am Fun Week Activities
Thursday 5 December – 12:30pm Awards Ceremony Rehearsal
Thursday 5 December – 6:00pm Awards Ceremony
Friday 6 December – Last day Students
Friday 6 December – 10:40am Prayer Celebration
Friday 6 December – Students Depart 11:30am
Friday 6 December – 12:00pm Staff Lunch



Café Roster

Week 9	Date	Volunteers
Tuesday	November 26	Natalie Kelly Volunteer Needed
Wednesday	November 27	Liz Lyons Volunteer Needed
Thursday	November 28	Orientation Day
Friday	November 29	Helene Bezzina, Letitia Davison, Alice Single Lee-Anne Slinger Alice Single
Week 8	Date	Volunteers
Tuesday	December 3	Natalie Kelly Volunteer Needed
Wednesday	December 4	Closed
Thursday	December 5	Closed
Friday	December 6	Closed

Entry In Our Christmas Draw

For a free entry into our Christmas Draw please email joanne_oliverarnold@rok.catholic.edu.au



Community Notices

PLAY AFL FOR MAGPIES MACKAY



Training Times

Pre-season 2025
Thursday - 5pm - 6pm
Beginning 23 January 2025
Age Group - 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2011



Location

Magpies Sporting Club
AFL field
Glenella



Why play AFL?

- Keep fit
- Great family club
- Meet new friends
- Merit Awards

Join Our Women's Under 16.5 AFL Team

NEED MORE INFORMATION?
CONTACT COACH - NICK THIELE
0413 533 282
VP@MAGPIESAFL.COM.AU

131 Army Cadet Unit Recruiting Now for 2025



JOINING REQUIREMENTS

To enrol in the Australian Army Cadets, you must be turning 13 by the end of the calendar year that you enrol (additional approval and justification is required if you are still 12). You must be younger than 17 years old to enrol.

You MUST:

- Reside in Australia
- Have proof of age documentation
- Not be a member of another ADF Cadet program (ANC, AAFC)
- Agree to abide by the ADFC Code of Conduct
- Disclose any medical conditions, so your health can be supported safely throughout the program.

WHY JOIN?

The Australian Army Cadets is a national youth development program that proudly shares the characters and values of the Australian Army. Enabled by the Australian Army and supervised by adults from the community, Cadets are given opportunities to develop their abilities and to lead their peers.

- Instill a sense of purpose, identity and belonging.
- Develop confidence, communication and teamwork skills.
- Build resilience to keep going when things go wrong.
- Learn how to lead a group to achieve an objective.



131ACU Cadets at the 2024 ADF Cadet Competition Day for Mackay & District, Queens Park.

SERVICE | COURAGE | RESPECT | INTEGRITY | EXCELLENCE

HOW DO I JOIN?

All applications are now done online. Applications for 2025 are now open.

Go to <https://www.armycadets.gov.au/find-a-unit/>. Search for 4737 postcode, choose 131 ACU.

Click "Apply to join this unit."

- Complete **ALL** information fields and consent boxes. Submit for review.
- The OC will invite you to complete an application if you meet the joining requirements.
- You will receive an email to continue the application, which includes providing medical and other important information. Once you have signed and uploaded the enrolment agreement, it will return to the OC for final approval.

For more information phone/text the Officer Commanding 131ACU on 0439 733 845 or email OC.131acu@armycadets.gov.au

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Tuckshop Coordinator

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Mackay

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Catholic Education is committed to best practice in student protection policies and procedures and is an equal opportunity employer. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.