

Friday fortnightly: Week 10, Term 4

College Principal's message

Hello Parents and Carers

First up, I want to acknowledge Disability Action Week this week – a time for recognising all the significant contributions people with a disability make to Queensland, including the one in five Queenslanders who have a disability. At our College, we believe everyone can succeed and reach their full potential every day.

As I look back on the year that was, perhaps the strongest impression I'm left with is one of ongoing change in our community. Whether we welcomed it or not, change and the many disruptions that came with it were a constant force in 2021. Through all the challenges that came our way, we not only faced them together and with resilience, but most importantly, we looked out for each other. As a College community, I could not be more proud of this.



While there's been talk of divisiveness in certain communities, I've only seen and experienced tolerance and respect in ours. I'm also extremely proud of the fact that through the upheaval of lockdowns and restrictions, our staff and our College remained unwavering in our determination to provide ongoing learning to all our students in a safe, secure and supportive environment.

If the last two years have taught us anything, it is that flexibility and adaptability are our greatest assets especially when it comes to our children's learning, and I'm ever grateful to our staff, parents, carers, College families and volunteers who have contributed greatly to the success of this. Providing our students with equal access to all learning opportunities is and always will remain our top priority because as Nelson Mandela once said, *'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.'*



If ever I needed reminding of how our children hold so much potential to change the world, I didn't need to look any further this week than to our Year 6 students' successful graduation. It was a proud moment for parents, families, our College and above all, the class of '21. I want to acknowledge the significant work and commitment of our Year 6 teachers, Mary-Anne Cahill, Erika Doyle and Skye Barry, to whom our 2021 Year 6 cohort owes much of its success. I wish all our Year 6s

the very best as they transition to the next big chapter in their lives – high school.

I'd also like to pay tribute to the outstanding work of our Junior Campus Principal, Bec Hutton, who sadly will be leaving us to take on an exciting new role as the principal of Palmwoods State Primary for Term 1 of 2022. I've worked with and known Bec for a while now and I've always admired her for her professionalism, energy, approachability and immense commitment to our College community. Bec will be dearly missed so on behalf of our College, I want to thank her and wish her the very best in her new role. I also know that under the equally committed and steady leadership of Emma-Jane Marshall and Beth Stanley (*please see below*), the growth and success of our Junior Campus will continue.



Moving forward, I hope 2022 will be a year of good health, positive discovery, growth and more celebration of our achievements. We've got a great number of initiatives and programs lined up for our College that I'm keen to explore and implement.

For now though, I'd like to wish you a tonne of Christmas cheer, enjoy some down time with your loved ones, stay safe on the roads and I look forward to seeing you when school resumes on 24 January 2022!



Thank you,
Anthony



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January 2022 date savers	
1 January	• New Year's Day
17 – 21 January	• Uniform shop open
24 January	• School returns (Term 1)
26 January	• Australia Day (public holiday)



Meet our Junior Campus' Acting Principal and Acting Deputy Principal

As mentioned above, our wonderful Mrs Hutton will be leaving us to move to Palmwoods State Primary. Bec has certainly achieved a great deal in the time she has been at our College and to continue the fantastic and significant work of our Junior Campus, it is with pleasure that I announce that for the duration of Term 1, 2022, Mrs Emma-Jane Marshall, current Deputy Principal of Junior Campus, will be the Acting Principal, and Mrs Beth Stanley, current Team Leader of the Inclusion Hub, will be the Acting Deputy Principal.

Many of you are already familiar with or have had the opportunity to engage with our lovely Emma and Beth. Under the leadership of these two very fine professionals, we are confident our Junior Campus will achieve continued stability, growth and success. As we farewell Bec, please join us in congratulating Emma and Beth as they step into their new roles.

Introducing our 2022 Junior Campus student leaders

We proudly present to you our new Junior Campus school leaders for 2022 who comprise our current cohort of bright, enthusiastic and aspirational Year 5 students. Our new leaders are to be applauded for their preparation and delivery of exceptional speeches which were well received. Drawing on inspirational figures from Malala Yousafzai to Steve Jobs and their mums, our newly minted leaders' messages were uplifting, positive and confident. We are looking forward to seeing these leaders in their element next year!



Spotlight on star students

Congratulations to all our recent gold and silver award recipients on our Junior Campus who were recognised for their outstanding efforts, behaviour and attendance this semester. Speaking of fantastic achievements on our Junior Campus, well done to all students who participated in last week's swimming carnival despite the extreme wet weather. Our Junior Campus also deserve a big high five for their recent successful and very generous food drive for The Shack, a local organisation that offers counselling, support services, food and showers to people in our community



Congratulations to Year 10 student Dylan Sandry for recently turning his work experience into a Certificate II in Production Engineering traineeship with Queensland Coastal Marine

Goodbye to our staff retiring or moving on

To all our wonderful staff who are either moving on to other roles or are calling it a day on their teaching careers, we say a huge thank you for all your hard work, commitment to our students and for being a part of the College family. We wish you all the best as you move onto your new adventures!



Thank you to P&C and all our volunteers

So much of what is possible at our College is only because of the amazing work of our P&C and all our tireless volunteers. And 2021 has been no exception. It's through your year-round efforts, commitment and time that our College shines – thank you, thank you and thank you!

Need uniforms and stationery for the new school year?

Don't stress as our College uniform shop will be open the week before school returns (17-18 January 2022) so please book your appointment now at <https://schoolshoponline.net.au/namboursc/index.aspx> For all your stationery and book lists needs, go to <https://namboursc.eq.edu.au/enrolments/booklists>