



# MACKAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Christian Education on Purpose

## **2025 – WELCOME LETTER TO ALL OUR FAMILIES FROM THE PRINCIPAL, DR LESLEY TUNNAH**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to the College for 2025! I trust you had at least a little time to rest and refresh over the Christmas break.

I was very blessed to have the opportunity to visit 'Ark Encounter' in Kentucky, USA. Here, the vision of Ken Ham, an experienced Creation presenter, to build a full-size Noah's Ark has been realised. It is overwhelming to walk towards the ark and slowly realise its true size. For me, it spoke volumes of the obedience and faithfulness to complete a task given by God.





In the same way, the task of raising children as parents and carers, and the task of teaching a class of students every day can be a daunting challenge. But it is a task presented to us by God and we are courageous in trying to achieve what we can each day.

All children can be challenging at times – that's because they are children and they do not yet have the broad experiences of life to assist them to make the most suitable choices. Parents, carers and teachers are there to teach, model, love and guide children through to their adult life.

At MCC, we farewell a group of graduating Senior students at the end of each year and pray all the best as they set out on new independent adventures. Then, we welcome a new group of enthusiastic Pre-Prep and Prep students to begin their cycle of thirteen years of formal education. That is why we honour parents and carers at the students' graduation dinner – students cannot complete their education without support and encouragement.

I am sure you have lots of questions about the practicalities of being ready for the first day of school next week, Tuesday 28 January. Please contact the

College Office on (07) 4963 1100 with any of your concerns and you will be redirected to the appropriate office for answers.

Also, watch out for the 2025 Term 1-1 Newsletter which will be sent out at the end of Week 1. This will contain more details of upcoming events at MCC and an introduction to all new staff for 2025.

Once again, welcome to Mackay Christian College. Our staff believe we have been called to the College to serve our Father God through education and care of children. This is a great calling and we thank you for partnering with us.

I trust you have an enjoyable Australia Day weekend, and we look forward to meeting you and your children on the first day of school for 2025 next Tuesday.

Bless you,

Dr Lesley Tunnah

