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MACKAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Christian Education on Purpose

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*** A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL, TERM 2, 2026 ***

'binbi gurree' – Yuwi language for G'day!

Welcome back to MCC for Term 2, 2026. I have been reflecting upon the role MCC has in partnering with parents to provide a formal education for your children. Foundational discipling of children (training in acceptable behaviours) is primarily the responsibility of parents. This includes teaching manners, obedience, respect, values, self-regulation and how to care and relate to others in a family. When students join our MCC community, our aim is to support, assist and reinforce the foundations you have laid as parents/carers, as well as to provide access to the formal Australian Curriculum requirements.

We know students journey through various phases of growth and development and it is important to allow students to steadily be released from adult oversight into responsible independence. Recent social trends indicate that our current young ones are looking for authentic, face-to-face connections instead of trying to relate to others via digital devices. I have always observed that to engage and enhance learning, the most important factor is the relationship with the teacher – no digital device is a substitute for human connection! Humans thrive on relationships and I am very thankful that, at MCC, we have a team of highly qualified, professional teaching and support staff who genuinely care for your child's development.

With that in mind, I welcome our new Head of Learning Enrichment, **Mrs Cindy Bowman**, who recently graduated with a Masters in Special Education. Mrs Bowman is keen to continue building upon the great foundations laid by Mrs Catrien Oosthuizen. Mrs Oosthuizen has accepted the new role in 2026 of Christian Education Coordinator. She is deeply committed to bringing the Bible to life for our students and also oversees the development of the College's Christian culture.



Exciting growth is now occurring on Providence campus. Under the building management of Sam Richardson and **AusCo**, the new OSHCare foundations are being constructed and we hope this facility will be ready by August/September of this year. Work is also beginning on the new Providence playground areas and we thank Matthew Stokes from **Whitsunday Plants** for his creativity and project oversight.

The College Board is also funding the development of an undercover sports court (far side of Green Village) and a large, purpose-built Resource Centre for the Providence Campus. Once these projects are underway, we will begin looking at future needs for Kings Park Campus. At the moment, all existing rooms and buildings on Kings Park are undergoing a refresh with painting and repairs to all spaces. Faith Centre is waiting for engineering approvals before any further work can progress. These are exciting times of growth and reflect the community's faith in the College and its staff.

Here we see Mrs Chantal Maritz, our OSHCare Director, and Dr Tunnah, our Principal, watching as foundation work for the OSHCare building begins.



Discovery Day is happening on **23rd May** so please mark this on your calendar and watch for more information on the MCC Facebook page. This year, both campuses will be open to present displays in College classrooms. Your MCC bag, provided on arrival, will contain passport maps to guide you around both campuses. At each classroom display or activity, you will receive a stamp or small gift. If you know families who do not yet attend MCC, this is an ideal opportunity to invite them along to see a window into our College world.

Our main forms of information communication are via Facebook, Orbit (the Parent App), emails to families and the MCC website <https://mcc.qld.edu.au/>

Any questions or concerns may be directed to your child's teacher, Pastoral Care team staff or the relevant Heads of School, Mrs Michelle Brownsey and Ms Deb Wright.

Lifelong learning is a human being's best response to managing changes in life and the world around us. 2026 continues to be a great year of learning and growing for every one of us.

May you and your family be blessed,
Dr Lesley Tunnah
Principal