



MACKAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Christian Education on Purpose

An Open Letter from the Principal,
MCC:

Dear MCC Community,

As the 2024 school year draws to a close, I take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful Christmas break and time with those you love. Joy, love and peace are really the foundations of celebrating Christmas. (though I do love decorating for Christmas – my husband no longer raises his eyebrows but asks, ‘Do you need more tinsel?’) And though the end of each year brings closure for staff and students, and a celebration of all that has been accomplished, I am already excited for our next year together.

They say that the one constant in life is change, though God declares in Malachi [3:6](#), ‘I am the Lord and I do not change.’ (that’s very comforting to know that at least God is consistent!) Change is inevitable and as I maintain a vision for the College and what it might provide to our students, we have seen some organisational changes throughout this past year. My special thanks go to the Leadership Team, Ms Deb Wright, Mrs Michelle Brownsey, Mr Doug Graham, Mr Brett Hobbs and Mrs Tania Buttle who have worked very hard to oversee a successful College Review in 2024. Also, some staff have chosen to be led by God to new roles elsewhere where they may continue to grow and be challenged in their professional knowledge and experience. I am very appreciative of all that these people have poured into our students’ lives and I wish them all the very best with their future goals.

We will also be welcoming new staff to the College in 2025. I make a special mention of our new Pastoral Care Coordinator who is very experienced in this area, and who will be formally introduced to staff during the Professional Development week in January.

As I write this, I am sitting on the deck of the Coral Princess watching the waves and sunset as we depart Curaçao in the Caribbean Sea. We will soon be sailing through the Panama Canal and then on up the west coast of North America. Learning is a life-long experience, and I am learning much about different countries and cultures. This, I believe, fosters greater understanding and acceptance of others.

Jesus loves all humankind and brings a message of love, faith and hope for all people. May you be richly blessed this Christmas with these gifts of God.

Best regards,
Dr Lesley Tunnah