



MACKAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Christian Education on Purpose

TERM 3 GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

**Binbi gurri – 'G'day' in Yuwibarra language,
first peoples of Mackay region**



A joyful 'Welcome back' to our students, staff and families as you return for Term 3. I trust you all had opportunities to enjoy precious family time during the break.

Providence Campus continues to be busy with construction sites. We have three projects currently underway – the new OSH Care building, the covered sports area and the new playground being built by the staff of **Plants Whitsunday**. Their 'boss', Matthew Stokes, is an alumni student of MCC, so it is great to partner with his team.

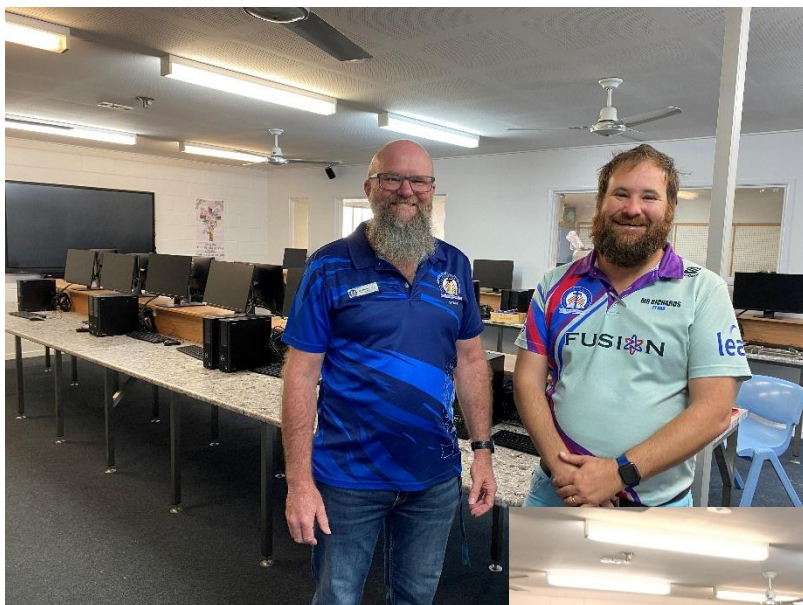


The team from Plants Whitsunday work together to pour concrete for new pathways in the Ninja playground.





Meanwhile, on **Kings Park Campus**, the new Industrial Design facility has been installed in the Trade Training Centre. These specially designed tables were provided by Rob and Paulette of **Mackay Cabinet Making Service**. Students will use this space to digitally design items for engineering and construction projects. Led by Mr Brett Hobbs, the MCC IT team were kept busy installing cabling to all computers.



TTC Director, Mr Warren Tysoe and Industrial Design teacher, Mr Nathan Richards inspect the new facility.



Also coming up next week are two very important meetings – the MCC Masterplan discussion meeting and the Block Grant Authority funding application meeting. Please pray that these meetings will be successful and that God will bless us with further funding for the Providence Resource Centre and Library. We are thankful that we have a Board that carefully considers the ongoing needs of our College.

During the Student Free Week, teachers focussed upon professional development sessions. Our guest presenters this year were Fiona Mann-Bobongie, who shared her knowledge of Aboriginal culture and how to connect with students in our classrooms, and Ms Karen Young, a psychologist who gave us detailed information about trauma informed practice when teaching children and how trauma can affect learning and behaviours.



Both presenters provided much to reflect upon in our roles as teachers.

Thank you again to our Maintenance and Grounds team under the leadership of Mrs Tania Buttle. So many practical projects were completed throughout the break! We have come back to beautifully presented gardens and a number of repairs and modifications carried out on buildings. This work lifts our spirits as we work in a very well-cared for environment.

Faith Centre news – THANK YOU to all those who have generously donated so far to the ongoing work to renovate our Faith Centre. After inspection by engineers, substantial damage was found in the front pillars that hold up the ceiling beams. Faith Centre is a unique design and so it is still a long journey to completing its restoration. If you would like to contribute to the **Faith Centre Fund**, you may donate via the following direct deposit details:

Bank: ANZ
BSB: 014 023
ACCT: 838 333 773
Name: MCC Building Fund
Reference: FCF your name
Donations over \$2 are fully tax deductible.

These are only a few highlights of what is happening with our MCC family. Please visit the Mackay Christian College facebook page to keep up with all the latest news.

I am looking forward to the next **Founders Day** on 2nd September. I began at MCC as a teacher in 1994 and appreciate its rich history throughout the past 42 years. My vision is to slowly organise an Archive Library to maintain many of the historical artifacts collected over the years. I have a large crate at home that will be a great start!

This is one of my favourite photos of the original Principal, Dr Craig Murison, his wife and founding teacher, Mrs Candace Murison and founding Board Chair, Ps Rob Booth-Jones. So many stories to record and enjoy over many years of development and God's blessings.



If you would like to be more involved with College service, the next **Parent Association** meeting is scheduled for 12th August in the Kings Park Library at 6pm. You are very welcome to join us.

Blessings and best regards to you all,
Dr Lesley Tunnah