



MACKAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Christian Education on Purpose

TERM 3 UPDATES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Greetings to you as we move into Week 7 of Term 3.

So much is happening that to keep you updated on the main events at MCC, I am sending you this brief newsletter. So, please grab a cuppa and take five minutes or so to read about your College.

Providence Campus is steadily having its construction tasks completed. It was amazing to watch as two cranes worked separately last week – one swinging in the 8 pieces of the new OSHCare building that was then pieced together by **AusCo Modular**, and the other placing the roof on the new covered sports court being built by **Fergus Builders**.

Phase 1 of the new Ninja Playground has been completed by **Plants Whitsunday**. The new fort is soon to begin beside Green Village building.

The following photos show the OSHCare building being built as modular parts, then the sections being craned into position and then the completed building on site. Mrs Chantal Maritz, our OSHCare Director, inspected the kitchen facilities while a group of interested students watched the delivery!

The next photo shows the roof on the outdoor sports court.







In addition to these constructions, MCC has applied to the government **Block Grant Authority** for part funding of our planned Resource Centre with Library and STEM facilities on Providence, designed by **Counterpoint Architects**. Hopefully, this building will begin construction in 2027.

You may be asking, ‘So, what’s happening on **King’s Park**?’

The Executive Team and the College Board have been designing the next 10-year **Masterplan** for both campuses in consultation with Counterpoint Architects. Lots of ideas have been proposed that also incorporate some of your responses to our recent survey asking what you thought was needed.

King’s Park hasn’t missed out though – over the past 2 years, the Operations team have patched and painted almost every classroom internally and are steadily replacing old classroom furniture with new desks and chairs, carpets, window blinds and digital devices as well as a completely refurbished Library Computer Lab and a new Industrial Design facility in the TTC. The Agricultural Centre has also been refreshed with raised floors to flood-proof storage rooms. The Masterplan is still being developed and the MCC Board are discussing project priorities versus costs.

Faith Centre is taking longer than expected to renovate with complex architecture being negotiated in the repairs. We have been discussing the original construction with builders Kel Purdue and Ross Taylor, and Engineer Col Arthy, who all worked on the

original building project. If you would like to contribute to the Faith Centre building fund, you may donate by direct deposit at:

Bank: ANZ
BSB: 014 023
ACCT: 838 333 773
Name: MCC Building Fund
Reference: FCF your name



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The College is also looking at refreshing the College logo for 2027 – this has evolved through the past 43 years and ideas are being considered as we move through the College's fifth decade of operation.

With 17 students enrolled in 1984 led by the Principal Dr Craig Murison and his wife Mrs Candace Murison, the College has developed to accommodate a wide variety of educational opportunities for students. Students remain our central focus!

Offering strong academics taught by highly qualified staff, our students have excelled in their achievements for many years including graduating as doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, teachers, engineers, palaeontologists, graphic designers and business managers.

Students with a variety of gifts and talents have also graduated from the Trade Training Centre and the Agricultural Centre to take on jobs in the construction, engineering, electrical and agricultural sectors.

After 43 years of faithful service as the founding MCC Board Chair, Ps Rob Booth-Jones has officially retired. He will continue as the Senior Pastor of Mackay Christian Family, leading worship every Sunday in Power House. We thank him for his remarkable dedication to this task and thank God for His favour over those years. Ps Ben Patterson now leads as Board Chair. We will be celebrating our school history at **Founders Day** on 2nd September.

The following photo shows the whole MCC campus on Quarry Street in 1993, one year before I began teaching here in 1994. I aim to have our Alumni web page up and available before the end of 2026. Watch for more information about this as it develops. My heart wish is to establish an Archive Library at MCC so, if you are a past student, you may have interesting items or stories to contribute to our archive collection. Please start thinking now!!



Please continue to check the College facebook page '*Mackay Christian College*' for coming events and check the College website for lots of useful information at <https://mcc.qld.edu.au/>

May Father God's blessings fall richly upon you,
Best regards,
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