MACKAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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TERM 4 UPDATES FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Greetings to all our College families as we move into Week 3 of Term 4.

To keep you updated with some of our main MCC 'happenings', I have created a brief newsletter. So, please relax and enjoy reading some of our MCC 'headlines'.

To steer the ongoing building development on both College campuses, the Board and Executive team have almost completed the **Masterplan** to guide development for the next 10 years or so. This has been a great process as we have discussed both potential needs and practical provision.

We say a big ***thank you*** to the MCC Board for their strategic and generous financial support of a number of MCC projects. The building projects on **Providence Campus** continue to move towards completion. The undercover sports court will officially be opened next Wednesday, 21st October. I know our students are keen to start shooting baskets in this great sports resource. Thank you to **Ben Hilder** and the **Fergus team** for all their work.

The OSHCare building is also nearing completion by **AusCo Modular.** We are aiming to officially open at the end of Term 4 to begin Vacation Care on Friday 4th December. Prior to opening, a Qld Govnt compliance inspection will be done. Thank you to Mrs Chantal Maritz, our OSHCare Director, for all her work with the resource organisation and administration processes.

The 'green' playground has now been completed. This provides another area for students to engage in social play and enjoy imagination games in the outdoors. Thank you to **Plants Whitsunday** for your quality work.



The Board is also very optimistic that a substantial, contributing funding grant may be approved through the Qld Block Grant Authority to build the Primary Resource Centre in 2027. This building will house a library, computer lab, dedicated STEM lab, learning enrichment and pastoral care facilities and a staff lunchroom big enough for all primary staff.

Meanwhile, on Kings Park Campus, we have been in contact with the original design team who built **Faith Centre**. They have a great knowledge of the LVL beams used in FC's construction and are coming to advise us of the best way to proceed with its repairs and renovations. God is good! I look forward to reopening this great College resource for regular student activities including Assemblies and Chapel.

The Board also recently purchased two 12-seater mini-buses for use by staff to transport small groups of students to activities throughout Mackay. This is a great addition to our resources for learning activities.



Enrolments for 2027 are looking healthy with three full Year 7 core classes and an additional Prep class for Primary. Spaces are still available in many year levels so please visit the MCC website for enrolment application details at https://mcc.qld.edu.au/enrol-at-mcc_copy/

Another exciting development is that MCC has now partnered with the **Liverpool Football Club International Academy**. This partnership will provide students with a new level of soccer skills training in both their HPE classes and in their extra-curricular soccer teams practices and games. Mr Kane Beck has been appointed the Head Coach for this endeavour and has already grown a great level of enthusiasm with our MCC players. The Liverpool FCIA official launch is on **25th November** and we look forward to a great morning playing with coaches from this prestigious organisation.

The College Executive regularly discusses ways to provide more opportunities for our students to engage in activities that develop their God-given gifts and talents and to also grow their social-emotional capabilities. We recently added striped House Family

sox to the sports uniform. It is essential that students feel a strong connection to their school and one way to achieve this is by providing ways to reinforce a sense of House Family belonging.

The Executive is also reviewing our public representation in the community and looking at the College logo and our tagline to ensure we remain relevant in today's society. Of course, our Bible-based values of Christlikeness, Learning, Excellence, Attitude and Respect will remain as a solid foundation for all we outwork. God sets the standard and we aim to achieve it wherever possible.

We are now moving into that time of the College year where we celebrate student achievements and completion of this year's learning. Please see the College Calendar on the MCC website to keep up with all that is happening.
Visit https://mcc.qld.edu.au/mcc-calendar-and-information-sheet/

Recently, we opened our first 'stairwell gallery' presentation of student artwork as well as hosting a display of student photographic work in the Library.





None of these events could happen without the dedicated input and enthusiasm of our staff. As well as the usual 'school stuff', they oversee camps, sporting teams, and extra-curricular activities. Please thank them, perhaps with a card, an email or a small gift to express your appreciation for their input into your child's life. The hard work and creativity they apply provide so many wonderful opportunities for our students.

I also thank our amazing **Parent Association**. This small, dedicated team have provided many fantastic opportunities for our students throughout the year including Primary Dances, the Monster Colour Run, fun-day activities and camp support. If you would like to find out how you can help, please watch for PA meeting announcements which can be attended in person or on-line. The next meeting is the **AGM** in the Kings Park Library at 6pm on Wednesday 18th November. We are always looking for volunteers to assist!

Please continue to check the College facebook page '*Mackay Christian College*' for what's happening as well as coming events. Please also 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,
Dr Lesley Tunnah

