MACKAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH OUR FAMILIES

******NEWS from the PRINCIPAL******

***Binbi gurri* – 'G'day' in Yuwibarra language**

Greetings to all our College families as we move into Week 6 of Term 4.

Term 4 of the College year is always packed with special events as we roar towards the final day of school! Staff can become exhausted with all the end-of-year happenings, so please keep their health in your prayers and encourage them in whatever way you can. Some people think teaching is an easy task but try to imagine 25 or so students all in a space together with one teacher who is aiming to impart knowledge and skills in ways that will engage children…it is a challenge that requires a unique skillset!

Last week we celebrated **World Teachers Day** with a special luncheon for all our teachers. They are a very special group of dedicated people!
THANK YOU!!





The **Class of 2026** have officially completed 13 years of schooling! We pray all the best for each of them as they move into the next phase of their life. The Senior Graduation Evening is on Thursday 19th November followed by the Mystery Tour, an opportunity for students to enjoy and celebrate their last day of school together.

The MCC Board has blessed the College with the purchase of two minibuses. They are already being booked regularly to help teachers transport students on local excursions and to Mackay venues. (I hear they have been christened ***Barnabus*** and ***Agabus***… 😊)

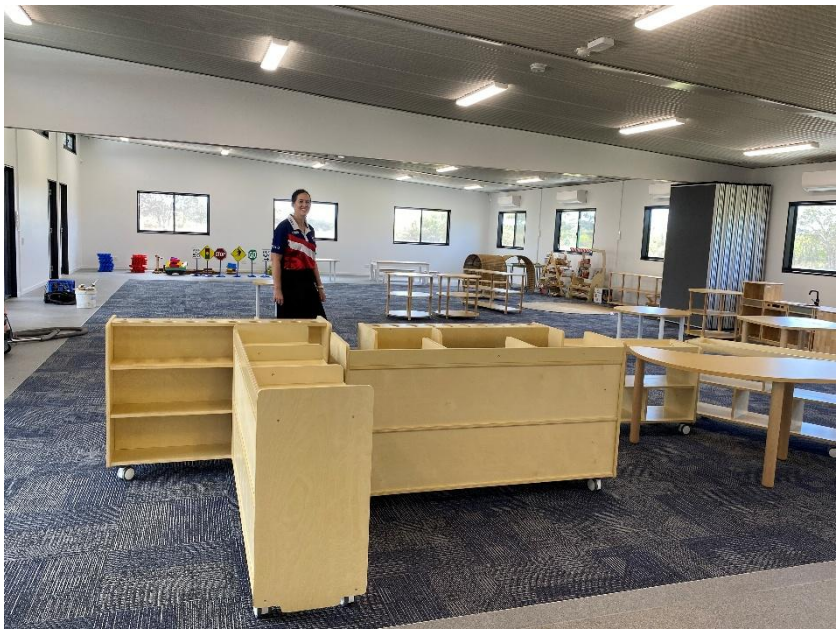


Meanwhile, the Providence undercover sports court was officially opened on Wednesday, 21st October. How wonderful to hear the students' excitement as they rushed to try out the courts for the first time. The official ribbon was cut by the Board Chair, Mr Ben Patterson and Deputy Board Chair, Mrs Catherine Petersen.





The newly completed OSHCare facility is now being furnished ready to open on Friday 4th December. What a wonderful space for before and after school care to happen.





Furniture being unpacked and arranged ready for the December Vacation Care.

With the original builders from 1991 now involved with inspecting **Faith Centre** and making recommendations, I am confident that repair work will soon be underway. The amount of work required appears to be less than originally thought so this is a blessing – I would like to see Faith Centre back in action as soon as possible for regular student activities including Assemblies, Concerts and Chapel.

We are swiftly moving closer to the official launch of the **MCC-Liverpool Football Club International Academy** partnership which 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 along with Mr Phil Beresford and Mrs Amy Harrison who will deliver soccer skills in their HPE sessions. Eighteen of our staff have enrolled in the coaching skills session with Mr Tom Dempsey, a coach from the LFCIA. The LFCIA official launch is on **25th November** and we look forward to a great morning learning skills with coaches from this prestigious organisation.

The values of the LFC of passion/commitment, ambition, integrity and unity are intertwined with all the soccer skills training modules. Like MCC, it is the development of the character of a student that is of highest value.

To celebrate the achievements of our students, the following Celebration events are scheduled:



Sports Awards morning (17.11)
Secondary Celebration Evening (17.11)
House Family Celebration morning (18.11)
Year 12 Chapel & Graduation Dinner (19.11
Year 12 Mystery Tour (19/20.11)
Liverpool FCIA official launch (25.11)
Year 6 Completion Dinner (27.11)
Kindy Celebration (26.11)
Prep-Year2 Celebration Night (30.11)
Year 3-6 Celebration Night (1.12)

These events allow us to reflect back upon the year and thank God for all that He has provided – and that's a wonderful reason to celebrate!

The Executive continues to review all aspects of how Mackay Christian College operates and the learning opportunities we provide. We are always watching for innovative ways to include a broad range of educational activities. This year, we introduced Biblical Studies as a dedicated subject. Students have journalled their thoughts about many of the Bible stories and reflected deep thinking processes.

For 2027, our teaching teams are also discussing how to achieve a better balance of e-device use and using texts, pen and paper for study. Recent research has shown the use of pen and paper engages deeper thinking modes in the human brain and leads to better conceptual understanding and educational outcomes. Once again we see that God's created human brain can do things that computer algorithms cannot.

The Executive is also still discussing a future logo change but for the moment, we will move into 2027 with our current MCC logo.

To make sure you don't miss any important T4 events, please check 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/

If you would like to become more involved with College activities, please consider joining the MCC **Parent Association**. The next meeting is the **AGM** in the Kings Park Library at 6pm on **Wednesday 11th November** which you may attend in person or online. We are always looking for new members to assist with PA projects!

Please also 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 continue to fall richly upon you,
Best regards, Dr Lesley Tunnah