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CATHOLIC COLLEGE**  
JOURNEY WITH COMPASSION

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#### Important dates

##### Year 7 Orientation Session

Monday 5 November 9.00am-1.00pm

##### Year 1 & Year 2 Orientation Session

Tuesday 13 November 9.30-11.30am

##### Year 3 Orientation Session

Tuesday 13 November 12.30-2.30pm

##### Prep Orientation Session

Wednesday 14 November 9.30am-12.00pm

*"The greatness of a  
community is most  
accurately measured  
by the compassionate  
actions of its  
members"*  
*Coretta Scott King*

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear members of the Good Samaritan Catholic  
College community,



The first three weeks of the final school term of the year have been very exciting for our developing College. Our building program continues to be developing on time with many of the buildings now at lock up stage. Our College teaching staff for 2019 have gathered for the first time and have begun the process of induction for the new year. Students will meet together for the first time in the coming weeks for initial induction days where they will meet some of our staff and complete some activities. Finally, we are finalising the many different aspects of College life that are required prior to the commencement of school such as purchasing resources, developing policy and writing programs. This newsletter is full of important information and I encourage you to read it thoroughly.

On the first weekend of the term, our Leadership Team attended a two day retreat run by the Good Samaritan Sisters. The retreat enabled us to be immersed in the Good Samaritan charism and begin to develop relationships with other schools, the Sisters and people committed to the cause of Good Samaritan education. Later in this newsletter, our Assistant Principal Louise Mills, has provided a deeper insight into this charism. One of the highlights of the weekend was an address by the leader of the Good Samaritan sisters in Australia, Sr Patty Faulkner. She laid out a plan to ensure that the charism remained viable and valuable as we move forward in new times. Indeed, the foundation of our College is a distinct sign that the story of the Good Samaritan will continue to be a powerful metaphor for our young people and our community as a whole. We will focus clearly on ensuring that our young people are immersed in the story and values that have served numerous people for many years. I am looking forward to bringing this charism to life in our College.

God Bless,

Greg Myers

Principal

## ***New Staff Induction***

Last week, the 21 staff appointed to the College for 2019 gathered for the first time for induction. The three days commenced with introductions and morning tea at The Local Café at Parklakes followed by an inspection of the College site and facilities. To say our staff were excited is an understatement! The facilities are really taking shape now and within minutes, teachers were already planning where resources would go and how lessons could be structured. After the site visit, the staff relocated to Maleny where work commenced on ensuring that all involved in the foundation of the College are well prepared. During the time, the staff got to know each other, developed an understanding of the College history so far and listened to speakers outlining future plans and Brisbane Catholic Education expectations. Fr Graham travelled from Nambour to celebrate the first mass with the staff and all enjoyed the hospitality of the venue, Tranquil Park. I firmly believe that we have an outstanding teaching and support team who will be ready to provide first class education, care and experiences for our students in 2019 and beyond.

Our teachers for different year levels have also now been finalised. In 2019, the teaching team will be:

**Prep** – Mrs Georgia Walton and Mrs Demi Hilton

**Year 1** – Miss Chiara Khoury

**Year 2** – Mr Anthony Johnstone

**Year 3** – Miss Sabrina McLaughlin

**Year 7 Pastoral Leader and teacher** – Mr Bill Dray

**Year 7 Teachers** – Mrs Katie Gilbert (English, Humanities, Arts and Languages Curriculum Leader), Mrs Sue Mabb (STEM Curriculum Leader), Mr Matthew Rattray (HPE, Sport and Co-Curricula Leader), Ms Sonia Petrack, Mr Brian Lenane

**Teacher Librarian** – Mrs Anna Corboy

**Support Teacher: Inclusive Education** – Mrs Michelle Dolan

**Counsellor** – Miss Bridgit Hoyle

Our non-teaching positions for 2018 have been advertised and we are currently in the process of shortlisting, interviewing and appointing.



## Building Update



Our buildings are continuing to progress well. At the time of publication, almost all classrooms and administration rooms are at the lock up stage. Landscaping, roadworks and associated external works are now progressing quickly, as is the establishment of our oval. Despite some weather setbacks recently, Badge Constructions have continued to provide quality workmanship that is not only of an extremely high standard, but also ensuring completion in a timely manner. The attached photos show some of the almost completed buildings.

In January next year, prior to the commencement of school, we will be running tours and open days in the new facilities. Details of these events will be in the next newsletter.



## Student Induction Sessions

Commencing next week, student induction sessions will be held for all year levels. These days are for students only and will be conducted by our leadership team and some teaching staff. The days, times and venues for each year level are:

**Year 7** - Monday, November 5 at Maroochy River Golf Club from 9.00am until 1.00pm

**Prep** – Wednesday, November 14 at Marcoola Surf Club from 9.30am until 12.00pm

**Year 1 and 2** – Tuesday, November 13 at Marcoola Surf Club from 9.30am until 11.30am

**Year 3** – Tuesday, November 13 at Marcoola Surf Club from 12:30pm until 2:30pm

Please ensure that you read the information sent to all enrolled families about what to bring and wear to these days. For the years 1, 2, 3 and 7 induction days, students are to wear their current school uniform.



## From the Assistant Principal

The Good Samaritan charism is enriched and inspired by the:

- Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)
- Rule of Benedict
- Sisters of the Good Samaritan

The Parable of the Good Samaritan can be interpreted in many ways and is used to teach different lessons. The passage begins with a question to test Jesus – What must I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus asks the questioner to interpret the scriptures. He answers to love God and love your neighbour as yourself. Jesus tells him to do this and live. We can reflect on our understanding of who our neighbours are and expose that understanding to the power of this parable.



The Rule of St Benedict directs daily living through common prayer, meditative reading and manual work.



How can we live this Benedictine tradition at Good Samaritan Catholic College? Saint Benedict calls us to listen with the ear of our hearts. When we listen deeply, we allow one's identity to be shaped and so we come to understand others and ourselves better. In order to shape our religious identity and culture, community is intrinsic so that "...we can discover new ways of belonging as carriers of the Benedictine spirituality"(Patty Faulkner SGM).

The College logo embodies our charism as a visible reminder to us of our belonging:

The heart signifies our love of Christ, one another and self. It is appropriate, therefore, that the two sections of the heart form a cross.

The pathway indicates that we are all on a journey of learning and discovery, during which time we will make many choices that will influence our lives.

The dots reference the journeying of Aboriginal people in the Bli Bli area, prior to the arrival of European settlers.

An understanding of our charism will help us to discover and rediscover why a Catholic perspective is important for our young people. More than 2000 years of reflection on human experience and the meaning of it all will encourage us into new ways of praying, listening and responding.



## Uniforms

Our uniforms are currently in production at Seaborne Clothing. Today's newsletter features the [pricelist](#) for the school uniforms and the [process for fittings](#) and purchase of the uniforms from Seaborne.



## Booklists

Booklists for 2019 will be published next week on our website. Impact Office Supplies is our preferred supplier and lists for years 1, 2, 3 and 7 will be available to order online. Impact Office Supplies have worked very closely with the College to ensure that the booklist meets the needs of all classes. Orders made through Impact Office Supplies will be delivered to homes for extremely reasonable costs. The College has elected not to take a commission from the sale of Booklist materials and have passed these savings onto families. If parents elect to purchase items from any supplier except Impact Office Supplies, parents **must purchase** the **exact item described** on the booklist or they will be sent home and the correct item must be purchased. This will ensure that all students have the correct materials to access the curriculum effectively.

Prep do not have a booklist as such, but books and resources are supplied directly to the students by the College and ready for student use from the first day. A \$100 Prep levy to cover the cost of these resources will be billed as part of the school fees.

## Enrolments

Enrolment demand for our new College continues to be extremely strong. We currently have waiting lists established for Prep and Year 3, with enrolments still being received for these classes. Years 1, 2 and 7 are close to meeting our enrolment targets and we expect these classes to be full prior to the commencement of school in 2019. If our enrolled families know of anyone considering applying for enrolment in 2019, please strongly encourage them to apply online immediately.

We are also accepting online applications for enrolment in 2020 to 2023. Already, demand for Prep and Year 7 in 2020 is extremely strong and we expect demand to exceed the number of places available in these classes. Interviews and open days will be scheduled during the first term of next year for 2020 enrolment.

## [ONLINE ENROLMENT FORM](#)

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ENROLMENTS OPEN

