



CHANEL COLLEGE

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"To act justly, to love tenderly and walk humbly with your God" Micah 6:8

From the Principal

Welcome back to all continuing students and families and a very special welcome to students and families commencing in 2015. Be assured that you join a very committed learning community, and we look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

We were delighted with the OP results of our graduating class of 2014. We are so proud of their results. There were 80 students in this cohort with 62 that were OP eligible. Three students achieved an OP 1; congratulations Geethu George, Kane Langdon and Tom McCarthy. There were 14 students ranked in the OP range 1 – 5 (22.58 % of the student cohort), 32 students were ranked in the OP range 1 – 10 (51.61% of the student cohort) and 49 students (79.03%) achieved in the 1 – 15 range. These results are testament to the hard work of the students and the dedication of their teachers. Congratulations and well done!

2015 brings opportunities for all students to enjoy the intrinsic rewards that come from being the best that they can be. With a dedicated and professional staff, committed and talented students, and an energetic and supportive parent body, we look forward to the coming year with great anticipation. Our theme for this year is *"Hearts to Love, Hands to Serve"*.

This newsletter includes details designed to facilitate a smooth start to the College year. It is accompanied by the 2015 Chanel College Calendar and a number of separate requests for information for return to the College that are vital to the provision of a safe educational environment for all learners. The 2015 Student Organiser will be distributed on the first day of school.

Staff information for 2015

Our Curriculum Leaders for 2015 are:

- **Mathematics** – Mrs Linda Rippingale
- **Science and Digital Technologies** – Mr David Fisser
- **Design Technologies** - Mrs Lynn Herbert
- **The Arts** – Ms Jane Greenland
- **English and LOTE** - Mr Damian Westman
- **Humanities and Social Science** – Mrs Paula Staunton
- **Health and Physical Education** - Mr Mark Robinson
- **Religious Education** - Ms Alana Emerick
- **Vocational Education and Training** - Ms Susan Going

If parents have any areas of **academic concern** regarding their child, I encourage you to contact the subject teacher in the first instance. Any **pastoral concerns** should be directed to the student's Pastoral Care Teacher in the first instance.

The Pastoral Leaders for 2015 are:

- **Futuna** – Mr Glenn Galea
- **MacKillop** – Mrs Jo Sheather
- **Marcellin** – Ms Jess Ryan
- **McAuley** – Mrs Sophie Kenny
- **Stella Maris** – Miss Milena Barbagallo

Other significant areas of life in the College also have Leaders.

- **Sports Program** – Miss Kylie Kickbusch
- **Co-curricular Program** – Mrs Wendy Marsh

2015 also brings a number of new staff who will be joining the College in the coming weeks. I look forward to introducing all new members in the next newsletter.

I look forward to seeing all our students next week.

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Student Absentee Hotline: 4973 4791

God bless

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Sharon Volp





Arrangements for the First Day of School

Welcome Back

By now you will be thinking about your first day at Chanel College. The following information will assist you in having a smooth start to the year.

On the first day **Tuesday 27 January, only Year 7, 8, 11 & 12** will commence. Students will assemble at **8.40 am** in Lavalla Court. Parents are welcome to stay with their children until the start of Pastoral Care. Between 9.00 am and 10.00 am students will meet in their Pastoral Care classes where they will be involved in orientation activities designed to help them get to know their teachers, classmates and daily procedures. **On Wednesday 28 January, Years 9 & 10 will join the community at 8.40 am.**

All students are expected to be in full formal uniform on their first day back at school. Please ensure that the College Uniform Policy is followed with particular attention to shoes, hair and jewellery. School shoes **must** be black leather and lace up. Laceless slippers, buckle-up and canvas shoes like volleys are not permitted.

On the first day students need to bring morning tea and lunch or money for the tuckshop which will be open. Students must also bring all stationery and text books and ensure that all their equipment and belongings are clearly labelled. All students will be allocated a locker for their belongings.

Students will be dismissed at **3.20 pm**.

If a student is ill on their first day and unable to attend school, parents must phone the Absentee Hotline on **49734791** to let us know.

If you need information about public transport arrangements contact Buslink by phoning **49721670** or exploring the Buslink website: www.buslinkqld.com.au/gladstone/urban/index.htm

We are very much looking forward to making your first day a pleasant experience.



Ms. Geraldine Dyer

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
ADMINISTRATION &
MISSION

Timetables

All students will receive their individual timetables on the first day of school.

Prayer Families

In the first week of school you will have the opportunity to participate in the tradition at Chanel of prayer support for our Year 12 students. Prayer Support Families forms are included in this information pack and are to be completed and returned, if you wish to support our Year 12 students in this special way. Each Year 12 student is then given a Prayer Support Family/Person whose only commitment is to offer prayers regularly for that student. We encourage you to be part of this program.

Year 7, 8 & 9 Retreats

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will also be bringing home Permission Forms for Retreat for you to complete and sign. Year 7 & 8 students will be attending a 1 day retreat in their core class groups at Calliope in Weeks 4-5. Year 9 students will be going to the PCYC Leadership Development Centre at Yeppoon in Week 7. It would be greatly appreciated if these forms could be completed and returned promptly as Term One promises to be busy for everyone.



Mrs Lorraine Johnson

**ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL
CURRICULUM**



Mrs Alison Wales

**ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL
PASTORAL SUPPORT & PLANNING**

Welcome to 2015 and what promises to be a challenging and exciting year. A special welcome to our new families. This will be a year of change as we welcome our Year 7s and we embark on the physical changes to our learning environment. The educational landscape is also changing here at Chanel College as we introduce Phase 2 of the Australian Curriculum and the introduction of the new Religious Education curriculum. With this we welcome the change to our Curriculum Middle Leaders and exciting new curriculum departments.

As a learning community we are looking forward to Staff Professional Development in April in the Art and Science of Teaching. This is a whole school approach to teaching. The benefits of a common whole-school approach is that our students will have a common understanding of the learning expectations and we will be equipping our students with an attitude towards life-long learning that will assist them in futures.

To support a smooth start for our students in 2015, the following are important:

Technology at Chanel College

To commence the year with all the IT tools needed for learning, our Year 7 – 10 work with their BYODD [Chromebooks] and our Year 11 and 12 work with College issued Laptops. Year 7 and 8 students may purchase their Chromebooks from the Finance Office and then present their receipt near Bookhire to receive their Chromebook in the week leading up to the beginning of the school year. Any students in Year 9 and 10 who require a new Chromebook you may follow this procedure also.

Year 11 and 12, please ensure you laptop is in good working condition. If you device is faulty can you please ensure that in the first week of school you return it to IT Services to have it replaced.

Parent and Student Information Evenings

Parent and Student Evenings are held to ensure that all the necessary information regarding your child's education is communicated.

Year 7 and 8 BYODD Evening [Learning about the Chromebooks] - 28 January 2015 6.30 pm

Year 7 and 8 Information Evening – 3 February 2015 6.30 pm

Year 10 Information Evening – 11 February 2015 6.00 pm

Year 11 Information Evening – 11 February 2015 7.00 pm

Assessments and Exam Weeks

It is important to consult the College Calendar and the Student Assessment Calendars when planning family holidays, attending concerts, etc as assignments and exams are unable to be rescheduled for these reasons. Please ensure that College Assessment Policies are read at the start of the year. I seek your continued cooperation and support in adhering to these policies and having the minimal disruptions to your child's education.

I wish you all the very best for the year ahead.

Welcome both new and returning families to Chanel in 2015.

Student Attendance

Research shows that higher rates of attendance at school are related to higher achievement. To maximise opportunities for learning, students at Chanel College must attend school regularly and punctually. Any requests for extended absences or early term departure must be addressed in writing to the appropriate House Pastoral Leader.

1. School Hours:

Students are to arrive at the College by 8.30 am (some students on buses may arrive at 8.35 am) and report to their Pastoral Care class by 8.40 am. Punctuality is an aspect of self discipline and is expected at all times. The College's supervision of students begins at 8.15 am and ends at 3.30 pm. Once a student enters the College grounds in the morning they cannot leave for any reason eg to go to the Mall (*see #4 below for exceptions*).

2. Student Absence:

Students who will be absent from the College, should arrange for the College office to be notified by telephone on the morning of their intended absence (no later than 8.40 am) by phoning 0749734791. Students must produce a written note signed by their parents and addressed to the Pastoral Care teacher on the day they return to the College. Extended absences for non-medical reasons need to be negotiated with the relevant House Pastoral Leader.

3. Student Lateness:

Parents are required to notify the College by telephone (by 8.40 am) if a student is going to be late for school and provide the student with a written, signed note. Students who are late will report to the office and register their lateness electronically with their student ID Card. The student lateness register will produce a late slip which a student must hand to the teacher when entering class, or the Pastoral Care teacher, for recording.

4. Leaving College grounds during school hours:

No student is allowed to leave the College grounds during the day without written permission from parents/caregivers that has been endorsed by the Pastoral Leader. This permission note must be presented to the House Pastoral Leader who will provide the student with a **pass out**. The pass out must be presented at student reception when the student leaves and the **Leave Book** must be signed. The student retains the pass out as proof that they are legitimately absent from school. If the student returns before the end of the school day, they must report to the Office and sign the leave book before returning to class.

5. Compulsory Attendance:

Attendance at organised College events such as sporting carnivals, retreats, Chanel Day celebrations, special Masses, etc, is compulsory. Attendance at **ALL** exam sessions and other assessment due dates is also compulsory.

SMS Notifications of Student Absences to Parents

Students are marked absent each day and are checked off against messages left on the Absentee Hotline 49734791. Those parents who have NOT left a message on the hotline advising that their child/children are absent will receive a text message from the College advising that their child is absent. The message will ask parents/carers to telephone the College Office on 49734700 to clarify the absence of their child. A return text message will not be sufficient.

Notices



College Photos



College photographs will be taken on **Monday 2 February**. This ensures that Student ID photos are available early for student use. Individual, Pastoral Care and Year Level photos will be taken.

An envelope will be given to each student with their details in the first week of Term 1. This envelope will be given to the photographer on Photo Day. Please follow the instructions on the envelope regarding correct payment procedure.

Academy Photography have online ordering if parents wish to pay and order before photo day.

It is essential that all students are in **full formal uniform** and all dress and grooming guidelines are strictly adhered to. Parents of students not in correct uniform will be contacted and asked to bring in the appropriate uniform.

School Fees Information

Family Discount forms for 2015 are included with this newsletter. A family discount form needs to be completed each school year as your family discount will not be applied to your account without the return of this form. **These forms MUST be returned by 30 January 2015.**

Accounts are issued each term, usually around Week 2 or 3, via email. This year the College has put in place BPAY facility. Please contact the Finance Office if you wish to arrange a payment plan. If you have any queries in relation to your fee statement please direct your enquires to **Mrs Leigh Clarke on 49730711** or Email: finance@chanelcollege.qld.edu.au

STUDENT ACCESS CENTRE

Do you need help with Assignments? Homework? Careers?

Available for you are:

Computers & Printers, Resources & Support Material, Friendly Faces.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT HELP

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8.00 am. Also First Break everyday except Thursdays.

Contact Chanel College's

Inclusive Curriculum Coordinator:

Mrs Robyn Jurd on **4973 4739** or

Careers Officer: Ms Cale on **4973 4738**

Tuckshop

How to order from the Tuckshop

The pre-ordering of food is encouraged. This can be done by seeing the Tuckshop staff before school and lunches may be collected from the side door instead of lining up.

Direct counter sales are available at each break.

The new canteen menu and pricing is included with this newsletter.

We rely on our volunteers to keep the canteen running. I'm sure that you are well aware of the many benefits derived from volunteering - and we can certainly add friendship and fun to that list. Please phone or email the College office if you would like to assist.

Return of Forms Checklist

Enclosed with this newsletter are several important forms and responses for parents to complete and return to the College.

Please check to ensure that all the appropriate forms have been completed and returned to the College by **Friday 30 January 2015**.

Confidential Parent/Student Information Update Form
Prayer Support Families Form
Family Discount Forms
Dental Form

Please check information on the Parent/Student Information Update form and detail any changes as required. As newsletters are produced electronically, please provide us with your current email address.

Please contact the office if your current medical conditions have changed. A medical form can be collected from the office.

Uniform Shop Hours

The Uniform Shop is located in the downstairs Stella Maris wing. Entrance from the driveway.

The Uniform Shop will be open at the following times during the remaining holidays.

Monday 19 January	1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
Thursday 22 January	2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
Tuesday 27 January	7.30 am - 9.00 am
Wednesday 28 January	8.15 am - 11.15 am

We have EFTPOS and Credit Card Facilities.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT CHEQUES. We also offer no-deposit lay by.

Credit card orders can be taken over the phone. I can be contacted at the College by phone **4973 4705** or by email: chanel@wearitto.com.au

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Uniform Shop Manager

Chanel College Music Ensembles 2015 Starting Term 1, Week 2

REHEARSAL TIMES

Monday: 11.00 am - 11.30 am String Ensemble - Music Room

Monday: 3.30 pm - 4.45 pm Concert Band - Marian Centre

Tuesday: 7.30 am - 8.30 am Choir - Music Room

Wednesday: 7.30 am - 8.30 am Woodwind (Auditioned Group)

Friday: 11.00 am - 11.30 am Drumline - Music Room

Any enquiries to Mrs Jo Sheather
JoAnne_Sheather@rok.catholic.edu.au

ABSENTEE HOTLINE

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