

CHANEL COLLEGE

news

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

From the Principal

Welcome to the 2017 school year. We have had an excellent start, and already, those new to our community, including all of our new Year 7 students are looking very much 'at home' here. There was certainly much energy, excitement and laughter in Lavalla on Monday morning as students gathered with their friends to catch up on holiday stories before they joined their Pastoral Care classes to begin the formalities of the new academic year.



Our College theme for 2017 is "Be a light to the world". The use of the word 'be' in our theme is important because it implies a call to action that involves a head, heart, and hand response. In and through 'being' a light to the world, we are responding to Jesus' call to discipleship and the imperative that we work to ensure the flourishing of all. In a world that so often seems to be full of darkness – even a cursory glance at the evening news would confirm this – the call to "be a light to the world" is in many ways a call to act counter-culturally and to promote communities where justice and peace prevail.

Mail Out Newsletter

Last week a newsletter was mailed home which contained some very important information regarding the start of the school year. If you did not receive this mail out, please contact the College Office.

Opening Mass

As a Catholic College, we begin each school year by celebrating Mass. I would like to invite you to join us in our Opening Mass for 2017 on **Thursday 2 February** commencing at 9.15am in the Marian Centre.

P & F Meeting

I would like to invite all members of the Chanel College Community to attend our first P and F Meeting for the year on **Wednesday 15 February** from 5.30 – 6.30pm. Our P and F is not a fund raising committee, but makes decisions about how the P and F levy is spent. Please consider coming along!

Staffing Updates

I am pleased to welcome new members of staff who are joining our Chanel College Community this year:

- Ms Kristi Bourke** – HPE, Maths, Science & Media Arts
- Ms Jade Van Krimpen** – Religious Education, English & Humanities
- Ms Eleisha Heyden** – Visual Arts
- Mrs Ros Head** – Visual Arts
- Mr Phil Porteous** – Groundsman

We also welcome back from leave:

- Ms Jess Ryan** – Marcellin Pastoral Leader and teacher of Religious Education and Science
- Mrs Lauren Schneider** – Religious Education, Business and Design Technologies

Congratulations also to:

- Mr Nelson Rose** who will be the MacKillop Pastoral Leader for 2017.



Sincerely

A. M. Bunkum

Dr Susan Bunkum PhD

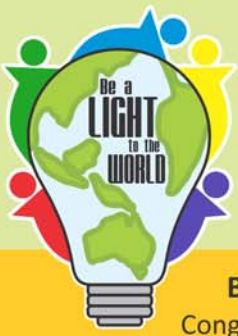
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Good News

Kath Hore - Mission & RE Support Officer

Be a Light to the World - Chanel Theme 2017

Congratulations and thanks to Milayna Mann for designing our logo for 2017. This year's theme encourages us to be the light of Christ and to live with a more compassionate awareness of the needs of other people. The way we live and love is what matters most. We all have the capacity to make God's love real in our school, in our homes, in our social and sporting groups and in the wider world. Let us make 2017 a year of being a light to the world as we look beyond ourselves and our desires, and look to others and consider their needs.

Prayer Support

Following tradition, Chanel College families and/or individuals are asked to be involved in offering prayer support for our Year 12 students. This is a very important year and one that can be quite stressful at times for our young people. Each person or family who commits is asked to pray each day, a prayer of their choice, for the student. This is a practical way of demonstrating our concern for our Year 12 students. Anyone who believes in the power of prayer is welcome to be a prayer support person/family. If you have not already received and returned your notice, and would like to participate, please leave your name and contact details at the College Office before Tuesday 31 January.

Opening Mass

The Opening Mass for 2017 will be celebrated on 2 February beginning at 9.15 am in the Marian Centre. All parents/carers are welcome to join in our celebration of what will be another busy and fulfilling year.

Movers & Shakers

Movers and Shakers is back in 2017! This training program has been running since 1990 and is a key strategy in developing young leaders. In 2017, Movers & Shakers will take place from the 9-13 of April at the James Byrne Centre, Toowoomba. Any Year 11 or Year 12 students who are interested in attending please see Mrs Hore. The program costs include accommodation and food and Chanel College will contribute towards these costs for each student who attends. For more information please visit www.moversandshakers.org.au.

Connecting with Marists

Over the last weekend of the school holidays, our College Captains – Samantha Green and Sam Romagnolo, and Vice-captains – Alex Botica and Joe Romagnolo, spent time at the Marist Student Leaders' Gathering in Brisbane. They were given the opportunity to deepen their understanding of leadership, network with other Marist schools and participate in shared prayer and liturgies. Many thanks to Mrs Wales who accompanied them. We look forward to sharing their new found skills and ideas as they lead us in 2017.

Second Hand Uniform Outlet

With the assistance of McAuley 3 Pastoral Care Group, the Second Hand Uniform Outlet raised over \$2000.00 last year. The money was donated to the MacKillop Foundation to assist their work in Peru and East Timor, The Marist Sisters educating disadvantaged children in Bangladesh and The Mercy Sisters assisting with education in Papua New Guinea.

The 'Outlet' will continue to operate in 2017 and will be open during first break, each Wednesday in the RE Resource Room. If you have uniforms your child no longer requires - all donations are gratefully accepted and many thanks to those who have already sent in donations.

Please Pray for ...

- civilians in Middle Eastern countries as the political unrest continues to cause pain and suffering
- All our new students and staff as they commence their journey at Chanel College
- A year in which we will always let the light of Christ shine
- People in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness

Praise and Thanks for...

- civilians and defence personnel working to rebuild lives and to bring peace, unity and justice in many parts of the world
- A safe return to school after a relaxing and renewing holiday
- The wonderful country we live in - celebrating together

If you have any requests for either of the above prayers, please leave your request at the Office.

Counselling Services

Milena Barbagallo

E: ccg_counsellor@rok.catholic.edu.au

Chanel College offers counselling to students to help support those who may be dealing with difficult issues and need someone objective to discuss their concerns. Students who are stressed, anxious or are trying to handle serious problems are generally not able to focus on academic work. It is best to give them strategies so they can be fully present at school and have some fun away from their cares and worries.

Students may be referred to the counsellor by parents, teachers or Pastoral Leaders, and may also refer themselves. Appointments can be made in the following ways:

- Email: ccg_counsellor@rok.catholic.edu.au or milena_barbagallo@rok.catholic.edu.au
- Fill out an appointment card located at Student Reception. An appointment time will then be arranged.

Counselling is confidential unless there is concern for the student's safety in which case parents or outside agencies are contacted. Chanel College offers a Brief Solution-Focussed Therapy approach, however if your child presents as requiring a more specialised, on-going treatment, parents will be contacted and an outside specialist suggested.

If you would like to speak to me about your child, please do not hesitate to phone the College. You may need to leave a message on my phone as I do not like to interrupt a session with a child to answer the phone; however I will get back to you as soon as possible.

The Religious Education, Health and Physical Education and Life Skills programmes also include developmentally appropriate lessons delivered by their teachers on issues that are relevant to particular year groups. These lessons focus on communication, mental health, self-management, careers and decision making, and aim to empower students with a range of life based skills.



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OPENING MASS AND COMMISSIONING OF LEADERS

All Parents/Caregivers are invited to the Opening Mass
and Commissioning of Leaders on
Thursday 2 February 2017 at 9.15 am in the Marian Centre

This celebration will include Dr Susan Bunkum's commissioning as the new Principal of Chanel College. A light morning tea in the Marian Centre will follow this celebration.

Marist Student Leaders Gathering

On the weekend preceding the first school day of 2017, Sami, Joe, Alex, Mrs Wales and myself attended the Marist Student Leaders Gathering held at Marist College Ashgrove in Brisbane. It was a fantastic weekend of learning, connecting with our Marist roots and making lifelong friends with the leaders from 12 schools across Queensland. We were taught many new strategies and games by the coordinators and brothers running the gathering. The pinnacle of the weekend was the formal mass and dinner on the Saturday night, in which we were treated to a presentation by former Wallabies centre James Holbeck. I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Wales for giving up her weekend to take my fellow leaders and I to the gathering. We are looking forward to welcoming Brother Jack, Australia's youngest Marist brother for our opening mass on the 2nd of February.

Sam Romagnolo College Captain



Over the weekend, I had the opportunity to attend a Marist Youth Ministry conference in Brisbane with my fellow leaders in preparation for our leadership roles this year. The conference was held for twelve Marist high schools in Queensland, allowing each school's student leaders to learn more about leadership, the Marist way and pick up skills which can be used throughout our final year. By listening to other people's experiences and ultimately making new friends in similar positions of leadership, each of us walked away from the conference feeling more confident in ourselves and our ability to display servant leadership within the College. The upcoming year will be very busy for the four of us, however, I believe this opportunity has strengthened our friendship, dedication to leadership and has given us new ideas and goals for 2017 and the future of Chanel. Also, thank you to Mrs Wales for attending the conference with us, her input and guidance over the three days was greatly appreciated.

Sami Green College Captain

The Marist Student Leaders gathering was both an enriching and valuable experience. It gave us the opportunity to interact with Marist leaders throughout Queensland, develop our leadership skills, plan for the year ahead, and brought our attention to the ways in which we can improve our school to better reflect the Marist charisms. This experience helped me to gain an insight into what other leaders aimed to achieve in their schools in 2017, acting as inspiration for various activities and acts of social justice that could potentially be implemented at Chanel. Ultimately, the constant interaction with other Marist student leaders in the form of games, meals and small group meetings has been an extremely valuable experience that has helped me to grow as a leader.

Alex Botica College Vice Captain

On the final weekend of the school holidays, Sam, Sami, Alex, Mrs Wales and myself were lucky enough to attend the Marist Student Leaders Gathering, hosted by Marist College Ashgrove. From this gathering, we as a leaders gained valuable knowledge of the history of Marist and Marcellin Champagnat as well as helpful tips for leadership. This knowledge was passed onto us through engaging presentations from Marist Brothers, youth workers and even former Wallaby-turned-psychologist, James Holbeck and even through the incorporation of fun games. The annual Marist Student Leaders Mass was the standout highlight of the trip, with each college and high school in attendance dressing in their full formal uniforms, and then gathering for a formal dinner upon completion. The Marist Student Leaders Gathering gave us valuable experience and knowledge to lead the school in the Marist tradition and to the best of our ability.

Joe Romagnolo College Vice Captain



New & Returning Staff

Welcome to the Chanel Community



Dr Susan Bunkum PhD
Principal



Kristi Bourke
HPE, Maths, Science
Media Arts



Eleisha Heyden
Visual Arts



Ros Head
Visual Arts



Jess Ryan
Religious Education
Science



Lauren Schneider
Religious Education
Business, Design Technologies



Jade Van Krimpen
Religious Education
English, Humanities



Phil Porteous
Groundsman

Curriculum Matters Every Day Counts

Lorraine Johnson
Assistant Principal Curriculum

Being absent from school can impact significantly on a student's learning and wellbeing.

Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Additionally, attending school every day helps children to build social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

[<http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/parents-community/>]

Attendance at Chanel College is all day including arriving at school on time. Students that need to attend medical appointments, dental appointments, driving lessons etc should make these appointments outside of school hours. Being in all their classes including morning and afternoon pastoral care is very important to being successful. Attendance at all College events is also important, it helps build connectivity with their school community. Attendance at College events is recorded on school reports.

Please ensure your child is at school every day as every day counts.

sporting news

Kylie Kickbusch
Sports Program Leader

Sports

Welcome back all to the start of the 2017 year and a very busy Term 1 for sporting events at Chanel. Kicking off our sporting year is the Inter-House swimming carnival on Friday 10 February (Week 3) at the town pool. This is an all-day event with students arriving and leaving from the pool (they do not need to come to the College, rolls will be marked down at the pool). Students will be able to participate in a variety of events: competitive 50m races, participation races or both. No nominations for events need to be taken for the competitive races. As this is the first Inter-House Carnival for the year, I encourage all students to participate and set the participation levels and House spirit for the Year.

Port Curtis Trials

The majority of the Port Curtis sporting trials will be held during Term 1. The dates for these trials can be found on the College calendar, in the Student Organiser, College website, Student Google Page (under the 'Sports Notices' tab), on Parent Lounge and in the Daily Notices. This year we will be trialling electronic nominations for Port Curtis trials. Students will have access to the nomination forms via the Student Google Page under 'Sports Notices'. If your child wishes to nominate for a trial, they are to complete the relevant Google form. If a student has put their name down for a trial, I will forward to them (via their Pastoral Care folder) the Parent Consent and Medical forms. The Consent forms **MUST** be returned to me by the due date as late nominations will not be accepted. Students nominating for Port Curtis trials should have the intention of making themselves available for Capricornia trials.

Please note: 12 Year olds (DOB 2005) will still compete in the Primary school Port Curtis trials. All nominations need to come through the College and the same procedures for nominations mentioned above apply to the 12 year old students.

Term 1 is very busy with sporting trials for 12 Year olds and 13 – 19 Year olds, so it is important to remind your student to listen to the morning notices for the upcoming trials.

Nominations are now open for the following sports:

- 12 Years swimming
- 12 Years Basketball
- 13 – 19 Years swimming
- 13 - 19 Years Softball
- 19 Years Tennis
- 16 - 19 Years Volleyball
- 13 - 15 Years Volleyball
- 16-18 Years Boys Rugby Union

At Chanel we love celebrating and acknowledging student achievements in the sporting arena. I am not always aware of these achievements but would invite you to share these results with me so, as a community; we can congratulate and share the students sporting success. Please contact me via email or phone.

Co-Curricular

Wendy Marsh
Co-Curricular Program Leader

Co-Curricular Program 2017

Please look out for the letter that is coming home this week outlining the Co-Curricular program at Chanel College this year. It is designed to help students and parents to consider appropriate Co-Curricular activities. As I said on the College Assembly, try to be like George and plan a balanced life so you enjoy the Chanel cruise!

Please do not hesitate to contact the

Sports Program Leader:

Ms Kylie Kickbusch: kylie_kickbusch@rok.catholic.edu.au or the

Co-Curricular Program Leader:

Mrs Wendy Marsh: wendy_marsh@rok.catholic.edu.au if you would like further details.

Welcome to 2017

2017 Work Experience:

For anyone interested in doing work experience for the upcoming school holidays or work experience at Gladstone Ports Corporation over the school holidays, please come and see me at the Careers Office for the 2017 forms. Please get your form in early for G.P.C. as placements do get taken up very quickly over this period.

CQU/TAFE VETIS forms:

All the VETIS applications are available from my office for all courses at the Uni or TAFE. If you have not heard from CQU about your enrolment, please see Mrs Crane in the Careers Office ASAP. Most students will be starting their courses at the TAFE or CQU Campus in the week starting 6 February.

LarShaR College:

Any students who would like to enrol at LarShar College for Hairdressing or Beauty please don't hesitate to see me in my office for the forms to apply.

Please remember you're always very welcome to see me in the Careers office to discuss your future Career.

Do you have an interest in joining the Army Cadets?



Please come along this **Friday 27 January, 11.00 am to MC104** and hear all about joining the Army Cadets.

If you are unable to make the information session above. Please come along to Australian Army Cadets sign on night **Wednesday 1 February - 6.00 pm at 11 Palm Drive**. You will get to meet new friends from 13 to 18 years and experience many new skills which include navigation, camouflage and much more.

Audition Call - Community Musical, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

The 2017 Community Musical Production Team is welcoming auditions for principal and ensemble roles in the Gladstone 2017 Community Musical Production, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. We are also seeking talented musicians to form our orchestra and rehearsal pianist roles!

This is a classical family-friendly musical featuring the fantastical and amazing flying car, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang which will fly and move around on stage! Please note, this is musical theatre and all roles will involve acting, singing and some dancing with rehearsals held after school hours twice a week. From the whimsical and eccentric Caractacus Potts to the animated Child Catcher and clumsy Spies Boris and Goran, the characters are fun to act and entertaining for audiences of all ages.

We want you to join our 2017 cast and crew! If you're not sure about getting on stage, how about a role backstage?

Musical auditions are being held:

Adults: From 7.00 pm Wednesday 1 February and Thursday 2 February

Children: From 11.00 am Sunday 5 February (must be 9yrs)

For more information and application forms please contact Mrs Wendy Marsh by emailing wendy_marshall@rok.catholic.edu.au

Notices



COLLEGE PHOTOS

Photo Day is on **Monday 6 February**. Students are required to wear their College formal uniform on this day. All envelopes are required to be returned whether or not photos are being ordered. Individual photos will also be taken on Monday as every student receives a Student ID card which is required for use in our College.

**Assistant to the Principal
Pastoral Support & Planning
Alison Wales**

OFFICE CLOSED

Please Note: The College Office will be **CLOSED**

Thursday 2 February:
9.00 - 10.30 am

Due to Opening MASS

Monday 6 February:
8.10 - 8.30 am

Due to Staff Photographs

Judith Cullen Office Manager

UNIFORM SHOP

PLEASE NOTE

Opening Hours for the Uniform Shop

Monday: 8.15 am - 11.15 am

Wednesday: 8.15 am - 11.15 am

Orders can be left at the College Office outside these hours.

Michelle Overend
Uniform Shop Manager
Ph: 4973 4705

upcoming events

Term 1

Week 2

Mon 30 January

• Whole School Assembly

Wed 1 February

• Chanel Board Meeting 5.30 pm

Thur 2 February

• OPENING MASS 9.15 am

Week 3

Mon 6 February

• SCHOOL PHOTOS - All students to wear Formal Uniforms

Tue 7 February

• Year 10 Information Evening 6.00 pm

• Year 11 Information Evening 7.00 pm

Wed 8 February

• David Kobler Parent Presentation 6.30 pm

Fri 10 February

• INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL



Week 4

Sun 12 February

• Year 12 Marine Studies Camp

Mon 13 February

• Year 12 Marine Studies Camp

Tue 14 February

• Year 12 Marine Studies Camp

• Valentines Day Celebrations

Wed 15 February

• Student Representative Council Meeting

• First Break

• P&F Meeting 5.30 pm

Thur 16 February

• **STUDENT FREE DAY**

• Bishops Inservice Day

Fri 17 February

• Year 7 Social 6.30 pm

• Year 7 Parents Wine & Cheese Evening 6.30 pm

STUDENT ACCESS CENTRE

Do you need help with Assignments? Homework? Careers?

Available are: Computers & Printers, Resources & Support Material, Friendly Faces

HOMework & ASSIGNMENT HELP

Struggling to understand or getting behind with your school work? Let our friendly staff help you.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8.00 am.

Also First Break everyday except Thursdays.

Inclusive Curriculum Coordinator: Mrs Robyn Jurd on 4973 4739

CAREERS ADVICE

Confused about Career Paths or have Work Experience enquiries?

Make an appointment to see our friendly advisor.

Careers Officer: Mrs Crane on 4973 4738