



# 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

On Monday morning I had the opportunity to speak to your sons and daughters about their approach to school life at our first College assembly for 2017. In particular, I urged them to do these three things:

- 1. Be proud to be a member of the Chanel College Community.** In asking students to be proud to be a part of this educational community, I stressed the imperative that they:
  - make the most of the opportunities that this College offers them
  - wear their uniforms correctly and with pride
  - ensure that our beautiful grounds and excellent facilities are kept clean and free of litter
  - always be respectful of others
- 2. Avoid mediocrity.** Rather than doing the bare basics, just enough to get by, I challenged all students to aspire, to dream and to aim for excellence. Inevitably, these three things will be different for each one of us, but, the important thing is that we aim to be excellent in everything that we do.
- 3. Always do your best.** In knowing that 'our best' will change from day to day - some days we are not well, some days we are tired, some days we are bursting with energy and enthusiasm - the important thing is that we do what is our best in whatever circumstance we find ourselves. In doing our best we can experience a sense of satisfaction because we have worked hard to achieve our goals.

Our Opening Mass today was a special celebration to mark the beginning of our school year. I was honoured to be commissioned in my role as Principal of this special Catholic educational community. Our Year 12 Student Leaders were also commissioned and our Pastoral Care Representatives, Middle School Student Leaders and Cultural Leaders were also acknowledged and congratulated.

### OPENING MASS



### STUDENT FREE DAY

**Thursday 16 February** will be a student free day due to the Bishop's In-service Day. This important annual event provides the opportunity for the staff from Chanel to join with the staff from Star of the Sea, St John's, St Francis and the Parish. Please note that the College Office will be closed on this day.

### CHANEL COLLEGE BOARD

There are currently vacancies on our College Board. If you are interested in being a member please contact me for further information.

### P and F

All new and existing families are invited to attend our first P and F meeting of the year on **Wednesday 15 February**. We will begin with wine and cheese at 5.00pm before beginning our meeting at 5.30pm.



Sincerely

Dr Susan Bunkum PhD

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**Student Absentee Hotline: 4973 4791**



# Good News

Kath Hore - Mission & RE Support Officer

## Prayer Support

Thank you to all who have offered prayer support for our Year 12 students this year. Senior students appreciate prayers offered for them during their final year of schooling, which can be a stressful time for them. Letters of introduction are currently being written and should be distributed by the end of Week 3.

## 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](http://www.moversandshakers.org.au).

## Second Hand Uniform Outlet

The Second Hand Uniform 'Outlet' is open during first break, each Wednesday in the RE Resource Room.

Formal uniforms are \$10.00 per item, sports uniform and house shirts are \$5.00 per item and jackets sell for \$25.00 each.

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
- People in our community who are unwell or recovering from illness
- Political stability working towards unity, and peace amongst all nations
- People struggling to simply live - especially those in refugee camps

## *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
- People who volunteered to be a prayer support person/family for our Year 12 students.
- A smooth start, for students and staff, for the beginning of the school year

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

# **PARENTS PLEASE NOTE**

## **TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2017**

### **Marian Centre Chanel College**

### **YEAR 10 INFORMATION EVENING 6.00 PM**

### **YEAR 11 INFORMATION EVENING 7.00 PM**

All relevant students and their parents/guardians are urged to attend as vital information for senior years is discussed.

Message from the Assistant Principal Pastoral Care - Alison Wales



# A Crucial Night for Parents

*Presenter*

# David Kobler

## Raising Teens in a Hyper-Sexualized Society

**Wednesday  
8 February**

**6:30 pm - 8.00 pm  
Marian Centre**

**RSVP: Monday 6 February 2017**

**Vicki Crick 4973 4700**

**Vicki\_Crick@rok.catholic.edu.au**

Chanel College Office

**Teens are Facing REAL ISSUES. Parents need answers.**

Parents this seminar is very informative, you will NOT be disappointed. For more information please visit the College website at [www.chanelcollege.qld.edu.au](http://www.chanelcollege.qld.edu.au) or look over the links below.

<http://yourchoicez.com.au/parents/>

<http://yourchoicez.com.au/parent-seminar/>

<http://yourchoicez.com.au/feedback/>

<http://yourchoicez.com.au/blog/>

**YOURCHOICEZ**  
Students Parents Teachers



# STUDENT BOOK/EQUIPMENT CARRY BAGS

*STOP STRUGGLING WITH YOUR BOOKS!*

The College has organised this very handy carry bag for keeping student's books and equipment together when they are moving from class to class. The bag is made from a sturdy, water repellent fabric, with a drawstring at the top and adjustable carry straps. It is available for purchase from the College Office for \$15. If you are interested in the bag, please collect an order form from the office.

*Hassle Free!*



# 2017 QMEA AMBASSADORS

Queensland  
MINERALS & ENERGY  
ACADEMY



**Abi Meehan**  
2017 QMEA Ambassador

Along with twenty other Queensland STEM students, I attended a three-day camp as a QMEA Ambassador for 2017 during the first week of the school holidays. Having travelled a collective 14,000 km to Brisbane, the diverse

range of Ambassadors in our team exposed me to the amazing variety of pathways you can take to achieve any job in the natural resources sector. While on camp we were mentored by industry representatives in training activities and skills workshops, visiting facilities such as CSIRO, Hasting Deering Training Excellence Centre, SIMTARS and BHP Billiton's Integrated Remote Operations Centre. The BHP Remote Operations Centre honed down the field in which I desire to further my studies, through allowing me to see how a mechatronics degree can be utilised in the resource sector keeping workers safe.

On the final day, we attended the annual QMEA Breakfast where we were formally presented with our Ambassador positions. At this event, there were many networking opportunities with guest speakers such as the Queensland Chief Entrepreneur, Mark Sowerby presenting to us. This wonderful experience has broadened my awareness of the sector while aiding in networking with some of QMEA's 12 industry partners. With QMEA being Australia's grandest and exceedingly prosperous industry/education schools partnership and its ideology promoting diversity, I am proud to be a QMEA Ambassador for 2017. So I urge you to look out for any upcoming QMEA days or events!



**Troy Wright**  
2017 QMEA Ambassador

The QMEA Ambassador Program is for 20 students from around Queensland who are interested in a career related to Science, Technology, Engineering or Maths and who would like to gain an insight into careers in these areas. The camp lasted for three days and

was held in Brisbane. During the camp, we went on many exciting tours of workplaces related to STEM. We toured CSIRO, where they showed things like virtual reality technology, remote controlled drones and walking robots. We then went to SIMTARS, where they study mine safety, and they showed us a virtual tour of the mine with a virtual fire extinguisher, which is used to train people before they enter a mine. We learnt about gas leaks in mines, how they can cause explosions, and how they study these explosions by replicating them. Then we went to Hastings Deerings, a company that designs and improves upon excavators. They showed us how the excavators work, with details on the engine, electronics, hydraulics, and tracks. On the last day, we attended a presentation during breakfast, where we got to have a conversation with many of the people who work in careers related to STEM, and later went on a tour of the BHP building. At the BHP building, the people can control a mine remotely from their computers, where they can communicate with workers on the mine.

The camp was a great experience and gave me an insight into some of the exciting careers in the STEM department. I strongly recommend it to anyone interested in science or maths, as it will give you a demonstration of the amazing creations that can be achieved with modern day technology.





National Youth  
Science Forum

# 2017 NYSF AMBASSADORS



When you say that you attended the National Youth Science Forum most people envision you hunched over a desk in a room with a bunch of nerdy teenagers doing intense Quantum Mechanics or Paleomagnetism. But when you say NYSF to an Alumni it means interactive lab visits, intriguing lectures, unbreakable friendships and a time which guided your life. The NYSF sees around 400 students each year (over 2 sessions) from around Australia, Germany and New Zealand come together for a two-week long forum in Canberra. For the duration of the session, I was within the Newton Interest group (engineering), and was taken on incredible lab visits such as Engineering Without Borders and the Molonglo Telescope. Being based at ANU's Burgmann College, we were central to a multitude of lecture halls, one in which we had a skype call with a German scientist at the LHC and another lecture with Nobel Prize winner Brian Schmidt! NYSF has changed me and instilled my future in STEM, I encourage every year 11 STEM student to apply for this once in a lifetime experience and come and have a chat with Aish or myself about NYSF or your applications. If you would like to hear more about my own personal experience, please see me for the link to my NYSF blog.

**Abi Meehan**  
2017 NYSF Ambassador

On the 1 January, we boarded a train to start our journey to Canberra for the National Youth Science Forum 2017. NYSF is a great opportunity for people who want to further their STEM education and to discover possible career paths. I was put in the medical group called Doherty. We experienced lots of medical related activities such as lab visits and a trip to Canberra hospital. We even visited Parliament House and other Canberra institutions during the time of our stay. We also had famous professors and a Nobel Prize winner speak to us about their personal experiences and interests. NYSF helped me to choose the career I want in medicine and it gave me a thorough insight into that area. The National Youth Science Forum is not only limited to academic achievements but it is full of social opportunities as well which included dances and a disco. It's a very rewarding experience that should be considered by all Year 11 students looking for a career in STEM fields and I highly encourage them to apply.

**Aish Chandrasekara**  
2017 NYSF Ambassador

# sporting news

Kylie Kickbusch  
Sports Program Leader



## National Athletics Champion

Congratulations to Sophie Duff on her fantastic efforts at the National All Schools Athletics carnival.

She came 3rd in the long jump and 1st in the triple jump. She jumped a huge PB of 11.32 on her last jump in triple Jump to win. Sophie has proven herself to be an outstanding athlete and these results are a credit to her dedication to her sport and the enormous amount of time and effort she puts in to her training. Congratulations Sophie.

## Claws U19 Netball Captain

Congratulations to Yasmin Ramsay who, was not only was selected in the U19 Claws Netball team, but was named captain of the team. Yasmin will play and captain the team throughout the QLD state wide netball competition against teams from all around Queensland. Congratulations Yasmin and good luck for the season ahead.



## Australia Day Fun Run

Congratulations to Lachlan Blake on taking out the 2km race and Tom Smith for 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 5km race. Fantastic effort boys and congratulations on these outstanding results.



# INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY

**TIME:** Pool opens 8.30 am  
Roll marked 8.45 am  
Events begin 9.00 am  
Carnival finishes 3.00 pm

**TRANSPORT:** If possible all students are to be dropped off at the pool (8.30am) and picked-up (3.00 pm) from the Pool. If students are unable to organise transport directly to the pool they are to come to Chanel. You will be taken to and from the pool by the Chanel Bus. In the afternoon all students who need to catch buses from Chanel College will be returned to the College in time to do so.

Students leaving early need to have a pass out prior to the carnival or a signed note on the day if they are leaving the pool early. Parents **MUST** pick up students leaving early from the Aquatic Centre.

**UNIFORM:** All students must be wearing their House shirt, a wide brimmed hat and footwear (thongs or shoes)

- Shorts must be appropriate for a Swimming Carnival (board shorts allowed)
- All students **MUST** wear sunscreen throughout the day (this will be supplied for you)
- Footwear **MUST** be worn while entering and leaving the aquatic centre (thongs are acceptable)
- String bikinis are not appropriate wear for a College swimming carnival
- Bring a towel, drink bottle, food/snacks, sunscreen, zinc + plenty of water

# career news

Leanne Crane  
Careers Pathways Officer

## Sam looking out for our Health

Year 12 student Sam Romagnolo who would like to pursue a career in Medicine did work experience at Boyne Island Tannum Sands Medical Centre over the Christmas holidays. Sam said it was

a great week and was very grateful

to be given the opportunity to learn and to see what is involved in the medical field.



## Kain's Career in Automotive

Kain Granzien Year 11 student is doing one day a week in a VETIS course which is Cert. II in Automotive at CQU Gladstone. Kain is also doing one day a week work experience at Reef City Ford. Keep up your hard work Kain.

Please don't hesitate to come to the Careers Office and pick up a form for work experience or any VETIS course you might like to find out about at the CQU.



# INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

**HATS:** Wide brimmed hats **MUST** be worn all day.  
Your hat **MUST** be on your head as you enter the pool otherwise you will be sent back to the College by bus to collect your College hat (and an infringement will be issued).  
**NO CAPS ALLOWED**

**FOOD:** Very limited food is available from the Canteen. Students are encouraged to bring their lunch and snacks. Bring water bottle

**RACES Competitive 50m Races**  
Only students wishing to go for Age Champion need to swim in these races  
**NO heats – all competitive races are FINALS**  
(fastest time overall from all competitive swimmers in the age division will get the points for first place).

**Participation Races**  
- all students can compete to earn 1 House point  
- will be held after the competitive race for each age division  
- students can use floaties for these races

**PARENTS/SPECTATORS:** Parents and/or spectators attending, will be required to pay the pool entrance fee of \$2.70 before entering the pool facility.

**EARLY DEPARTURES:** Students will only be allowed to leave the Aquatic Centre early if they are collected by their parent/s and have a signed note.

# 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

**HATS NEEDED  
OUR DRAMA  
ROOM  
NEEDS HATS**

## OFFICE CLOSED

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

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 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

### Week 5

**Mon 20 February**

• **Year 11 & 12 STUDY DAY**

# STUDENT ACCESS CENTRE

**Do you need help with Assignments? Homework? Careers?**

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

## HOMWORK & 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**





## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON

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01 February 2017

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I write to you as the final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse commences on February 6, 2017.

For the victims and survivors, for the Catholic community and for many in the wider Australian community, this hearing may be a difficult and even distressing time, as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand why and how this tragedy has occurred.

Deeply mindful of the hurt and pain caused by abuse, I once again offer my apology on behalf of the Catholic Church. I am sorry for the damage that has been done to the lives of victims of sexual abuse. As Pope Francis said recently, 'it is a sin that shames us'.

Over the next three weeks, evidence presented during the Royal Commission hearings will be analysed, statistics about the extent of abuse will be made public, and the way forward will be explored. Many of our bishops and other Catholic leaders will appear before the Royal Commission. They will explain what the Church has been doing to change the old culture that allowed abuse to continue and to put in place new policies, structures and protections to safeguard children.

Pope Francis has urged the whole Church to, 'find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated'.

Throughout the coming weeks, I want to assure you of my thoughts and prayers. I encourage you to turn in prayer to the one who is always ready to listen: Jesus Christ, who brings healing and hope.

Yours in Christ,

*+ Michael McCarthy*

**Bishop Michael McCarthy**