

Newsletter

KEY DATES

Commissioning Mass
9 Feb

Opening Liturgy 14 Feb

Year 1-4 Swimming 18 Feb – 25 Feb

Year 12 Seminar Day 22 Feb

Parent Teacher Interviews
26 Feb & 28 Feb

Year 3-6 Assembly 28 Feb

Shrove Tuesday
5 Mar

Ash Wednesday

Rec-Y2 Assembly 7 Mar

> Sports Day 8 Mar

Commemoration of the Anniversary of Sr Mary Laurencia 12 Mar

Annual General Meeting
12 Mar

Student Free Day 29 Mar

Further information on upcoming events is available on our website calendar

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Principal's Message

Welcome

Welcome to the beginning of the 2019 school year. A 'beginning' of any kind brings with it new hopes opportunities. I am excited for the students, as they arrive back to school, for the things they will learn, the friends they will make and the growth they will experience in all aspects of their life. My hopes for the year ahead is that our College will continue to invite all members of the community into an experience of faith and form students to be charitable and compassionate as they strive to achieve personal excellence. So, I look forward to working with all of our families to educate your children and support them to reach their full potential. All the best for the year ahead!

School Theme

Our College is excited to celebrate and respond to this year's school theme - "Peace Be With You". It has positive connotations to it. We want our students to develop an understanding of peace that is more than just thinking of it as the absence of conflict. We want them to believe it to be a wondrous concept that fills them with hope, faith and love. Over the course of the year, we plan to embark on a journey to explore peace within ourselves, peace with others and peace with all of God's creation.



2018 SACE Results

I am pleased to share with you our College's SACE results from last year. We are proud to have again achieved 100% South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) completion rate, as has been the case for many years at Caritas College.

We extend our congratulations to Grace McKnight as Dux of the College with an ATAR of 95.35. Grace Wallace-Beach obtained an ATAR of 95.30, which is also a wonderful achievement.

Ten students achieved an ATAR of over 80, while four of those students scored an ATAR above 90. Half of our students achieved an 'A' grade in at least one subject. It is also worth noting that 100% of the grades awarded to our Year 12 students were 'C' grade or better.

These impressive achievements reflect the hard work and dedication of our students. They also say quite clearly that the staff at Caritas College work extremely hard to create a contemporary learning environment that inspires a love of learning for all students leading to personal excellence.

We know that success is not an accident and that excellent academic achievements are the result of the dynamic partnerships we foster between students, parents and staff at Caritas College.

We wish all our graduates every success as they pursue their post-school pathways.



Hannah Blowes, Catherine Macks, Rebecca Pynor, Samuel Blagg, Aaron Toome

Commissioning Mass This Saturday 9th February

This **Saturday 9th February** staff will be involved in a Commissioning Mass at All Saints Church at 6:30pm. At this special Mass, the responsibilities and wonderful opportunities that are bestowed on staff will be acknowledged and commissioned for the year ahead. Fr Paul Crotty will lead this special Eucharistic celebration on behalf of Bishop Greg O'Kelly. Families are welcome to attend to show support for our staff.

Staffing

We welcome a number of new staff to Caritas College this year. I know you will join me in making them feel part of the College and broader community.

Miss Hannah Blowes – Year 5/6 Teacher Miss Catherine Macks – Year 1/2 Teacher Miss Rebecca Pynor – Year 1/2 Teacher Mr Samuel Blagg – Middle/Secondary Teacher Mr Aaron Toome – Middle School Teacher

For your benefit, I provide the below information relating to our College leadership structure.

I commend the knowledge and skills of the people who fulfil these roles and work to maximise the wellbeing and learning opportunities for all of our students.

Executive Leadership
Principal – Damian Smith

Business Manager Leader - Piera Gough

Leadership of Learning & Wellbeing

Deputy Principal - Mary Manning

R - 6 Director of Learning & Wellbeing - Leigh O'Shaughnessy

7 - 9 Director of Learning & Wellbeing - Jasmin Eckert

10 - 12 Director of Learning & Wellbeing - Norah Grover

Teaching & Learning Coordination

Inclusive Education Coordinator – **Veronica McLachlan**Coordinator of Curriculum & Innovation – **Fiona Antonic**School Coordinator – **Therese Noll**

Lead Teachers

R - 6 Faith & Pastoral Care — Chelsey Caputo
7 - 12 Faith & Pastoral Care — Michelle Antoniciello
VET Coordinator — Susy Rogers
Student Leadership — Alanah Rowe
Primary Sports — Leah Carling
Secondary Sports — Jack Muirhead

Welcome New Receptions





Damian Smith, Principal