



ST SAVIOUR'S COLLEGE

Dream... Embrace... Become...

5 February 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

WELCOME TO ST SAVIOUR'S FOR 2009!

Another Year Is Dawning

Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be
 In working or in waiting, another year with Thee.
 Another year of progress, another year of praise,
 Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.
 Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace,
 Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;
 Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;
 Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.
 Another year of service, of witness for Thy love,
 Another year of training for holier work above.
 Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be
 On earth, or else in Heaven, another year for Thee.

Welcome to our new students and families. I trust that you will find our College community to be a special place where you are able to experience the love of God through the care and support offered to all.

Welcome back to our returning students and families.

As is the case every year, we welcome new staff to the College to enrich the lives and educational experience of our girls. We welcome the following staff to our Mercy community:

Mr Ross Smith	Head of Mathematics and IPT
Mrs Juanita Doherty	Mathematics and Science teacher
Ms Talia O'Callaghan	HPE / Home Economics teacher
Mr Graham Nicolson	Acting Business Manager
Mrs Kathy Horner	Officer Administrator
Ms Kathy Lewis	Senior Residential Supervisor

2009 is noted as the International Year of Reconciliation and here at St Saviour's we would hope that this is experienced through our positive relationship - relationships where all members of the community feel welcome and develop a sense of belonging. I extend a special thanks to staff and students who have given efforts to ensure that our new members of the community experience this sense of care.

OPENING SCHOOL LITURGY

Following past traditions, our year will be formally opened with the celebration of the Eucharist on February 19. Included in this celebration will be the commissioning of our Senior School leaders and a formal welcome to all those who have newly joined our community. I encourage parents and extended family to join us as we together give thanks for the ongoing blessing bestowed on us.

...where the sky's her limit!

2008 RESULTS

Congratulations to our Seniors from last year on their end of year results. Of our 2008 cohort 63 students elected a tertiary pathway and 26 chose a Vocational Education pathway. Many of these students attained or were working towards a school-based traineeship.

We celebrate that three of our girls obtained an OP 1 with 19% of our girls received an OP of between 1 – 5. Approximately 50% of the girls received an OP between 1 – 12. 89% of those who applied for Semester 1 entry to tertiary study received an offer in the first round of offers with most being offered and accepting their first preference. Congratulations to our successful girls and thank you to the ongoing support and efforts of staff whose efforts and care helped ensure such great results.

P & F MEETING

I strongly encourage all of you to be involved in the community by coming along to our P & F meeting next Monday evening February 9. We are inviting all current parents and new parents and come along and be involved. Even if you have never considered it your "cup of tea", we would be delighted if you could come along and be involved in some of the exciting projects planned for 2009.

NEW WEBSITE

One of the final projects for 2008 was the launching of our new College website. Our intention is to ensure our website becomes our contact point for all aspects of College life. Throughout the year information of interest to both current and prospectus parents will be uploaded and feedback is invited and appreciated.

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP TEAM

I remind parents that Mrs Ryan is on leave for Semester One. I welcome Mr John Clarke to the role as Deputy Principal and Mrs Creedon in the role of Assistant Principal – Administration. Mrs Janovksy continues to manage all aspects of learning and teaching.

As we walk in God's ways may this year be a time where we can live, love, learn and celebrate at St Saviour's and together we will create a wonderful place of care and learning for our whole community.

God's blessing

Mrs Margaret Battle

Date Claimers

- **9 February** P&F Meeting 7pm, Convent Meeting Room
- **10 February** VET Information Evening Year 11 VET Students & Parents
- **19 February** Opening Eucharist
- **20 February** Swimming Carnival
- **23 February** Year 8 Parent Dinner
- **6 March** International Womens' Day
- **6 March** Thanksgiving Evening

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PASTORAL CARE

Having been on leave since September, I'm still coming to grips with the reality of being back at work. But the energy and activity that I am encountering on a daily basis has helped me to remember how draining schools are so that long service leave becomes a necessity. Memories of my trip to England, Ireland, Greece and Turkey will sustain me I'm sure.

With Christine Ryan currently experiencing leave, I have come back to a somewhat different role for Semester One and am enjoying the challenges that this brings. As well as overseeing the faith life of the College, I am focussing on pastoral care matters so am generally kept on my toes.

Behaviour Management

One arm of pastoral care involves the choices of behaviour that our students make. In order to help support the girls to make the best choices, we are working to ensure homeclass teachers have the most complete information about their girls and encouraging them to develop upstream approaches that address concerns before they become problems. Parents are asked to communicate with their daughter's homeclass teacher in the first instance in order to develop a cooperative approach.

Heads of Department and Heads of House will also be involved in monitoring behaviour and working with students to make plans for better behaviour. One principle that all staff will be using is the concept of restitution. When girls make choices that impact negatively on others, they will be encouraged to develop strategies that will repair any damage caused. Any feedback on the system will be gratefully received.

Uniform

We are hoping to inspire the girls to wear their uniforms with pride and would appreciate support from our parents. To help you to challenge your daughters to reach the appropriate standards, the following checklist may be useful. When she is ready for school please check:

- Clean white College hat (bucket hat only with sports uniform) with brim turned down
- Hair of a natural colour
- Hair off the face
- Hair of shoulder length or longer tied back
- Hair accessories are subtle and either blend with hair colour (bobby pins, hair slides etc) or are in school colours (ribbons, hair ties, bands)
- Only one pair of matching discreet studs or sleepers in the lower lobe of each ear
- No other piercings (no tongue studs, nose rings, eyebrow studs... – including clear ones)
- No noticeable makeup (especially no eyeliner or mascara)
- No visible necklace
- Bow correctly done up
- No extra adornments on bow
- Sleeves rolled down
- Correct College jumper if required
- No bangles
- No rings
- No bare midriff
- No undergarments visible beneath white shirt
- Skirt of appropriate length
- Correct white socks
- Correct, clean, lace up black leather shoes (no ballet slippers, no court shoes, no runners...)
- Sports uniform is only worn to and from school on Wednesdays
- Sports shorts rolled down
- Sports shoes are predominantly white

Your help in this matter would assist us greatly.

*Mr John Clarke
Deputy Principal*

Year 8 SCCIE Learning Orientation Days

**Tuesday 10 & Wednesday 11
February**

Parents: Come along to an introduction and an insight into the day's activities. This will be followed by a BBQ.

SCCIE Learning is unique to our College. We endeavour to empower students to learn **how** to learn through our approach.

Tuesday 10 February 5:45pm Parent Introduction
6:15pm Family BBQ

Welcome New Staff



Ross Smith



Graham Nicolson



Nadine Wilson



Juanita Doherty



Talia O'Callagan



Kathy Horner



Cathie Lewis

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

We welcomed our students back last week and the College has moved into working mode with ease. This semester I will continue in the role of Assistant Principal – Administration as John moves into Christine's role of Deputy Principal while Christine takes a well earned break.

This term our students will participate in a number of excursions and activities. Our Year 8 students will participate in a SCCIE day/camp on February 10 and 11. SCCIE is our College Teaching Learning framework it stands for Spirituality, Celebration, Community, the Individual and Empowerment. Students will become familiar with their individual leaning styles and be introduced to the Habits of Mind we embrace here at the College.

Our students will also be involved in a number of sporting trials over the next few weeks. The TSSS Touch trials are on the 9 February and the Darling Downs Volleyball trials take place on February 17. We also invite our community to our Swimming Carnival on Friday February 20 at Milne Bay.

Excursions this term include the Year 11 Biology Excursion to Crows Nest National Park and the Year 8 English excursion to the Somerset Celebration of Literature on the Gold Coast on March 20.

If you haven't already logged on to our new look website, ensure you do and have a browse as all of the College activities and functions are outlined.

*Mrs Linda Creedon
Assistant Principal - Administration*

Do you have a daughter doing a Vet subject or a daughter who wants a traineeship?
Then please attend our information night.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND LEARNING INFORMATION NIGHT

A parent information night on Vocational Education and Traineeships will be held at the College in Rooms 1 and 2 on Tuesday, 10 February at 7 pm.

If your daughter is undertaking one or some of the VET subjects such as Tourism, ICT, BCT, Business or Hospitality, it is important for you to be aware of the special characteristics of a VET subject such as RPL, competency, workplace training and SWL.

We will have speakers available to discuss School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships.

The evening should be concluded by 8.30pm.

Further information on the VET courses is available from the Head of VET, Mr Lester Eiser at the College.

Music lessons

available through St Saviour's College.

Reasonable rates - instruments available for use include trumpet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trombone, clarinet, flute. Lessons also available for piano, voice, violin, viola, cello, guitar.

Please ring College for an enrolment form.

Have you thought about joining one of our ensembles?

Choir, Band, Flute Choir & String Ensemble.
See Miss Scott for more information.

Japanese Department

We are delighted to welcome to our College 2 students from our sister school, Shijonawate in Japan. **Maki Goto** and **Mamiko Ota** (currently hosted by the Conway and Brown families respectively) will be spending the year with us. We welcome them to our community and we wish them both a very happy and rewarding stay with us.



Our own student from Year 12 last year, Anna McCrae is busily preparing for her year in Japan at Shijonawate and we also wish her a most exciting and rewarding year.

Homestay Needed

Our current Japanese Assistant, **Ikuko** will be returning to Japan at the end of this term and a new Assistant will be starting in second term. If you could offer a homestay to **Ayano** for any period of time from second term, please contact me at the College and I can supply further details.

Thank you so much to the families who have hosted in the past and are currently hosting and if you wish to act as a host again, I would be very grateful. Thank you for your support.

*Lexie McGregor
Japanese teacher*

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House Co-ordinators
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Goretti Mrs Bernie Gray
McAuley Ms Kim McNamara
Xavier Mrs Barb Wuersching



LOST PROPERTY



Lost property will only be held by the school for a period of two weeks. Named lost property will be located in the Heads of House room. Students will need to search through their relevant house container to locate any lost items. Any unnamed or non school items will be held at Student Reception. If these items remain unclaimed they will be forwarded to the 2nd hand uniform shop, or to charity. Please encourage your daughter to check these areas as soon as the item is lost to avoid an unnecessary build up of items. A list of found items will be updated fortnightly on the College website.

Toowoomba Netball Muster

8 February
9am – 11am at Nell E Robinson Park
5yrs to open
Enquiries 0439782877 Paul Lynch

Catholic Mission - Toowoomba Diocesan Director *Re-advertised*

Become part of the national team of dedicated people who make a difference to the lives of children and adults overseas and in Australia act now - applications close 16 February 2009.

Catholic Mission is the official global mission aid agency of the Catholic Church and we are seeking a proactive person for the position of Diocesan Director (12 hours per week).

For a position description or more information contact Tricia Harding 0417 314 855 or hardint@stpats.org.au or Peter Gates, 1800 257 296 or petergates@catholicmission.org.au

ARC

Adults interested in Reading Children's Literature

Would you like to keep up with news and views from the world of children's literature?

Would you like to read and discuss some of the latest in children's literature?

Then come along to the ARC group. For parents and professionals interested in children's literature.

Where: Toowoomba City Library, upstairs Access Meeting Room

When: 6:00pm to 7:30pm
3 March, 5 May, 7 July, 1 September, 3 November

What: Read & discuss books and authors. Read and discuss reviews. Browse new publications.

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