

TERM 4 WEEK 4 7TH NOVEMBER 2018

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Rod Plummer Acting Principal

Dear Members of the MacKillop Catholic College Community,

The College started this term with an assembly theme and prayer reminding us that Christ's message is simply, look after each other. We have noticed, though the weather is very hot and uncomfortable, our young people continue to do their best to honour their commitment to this expectation. We certainly have wonderful students at MacKillop. Let us though out the remainder of this year be mindful of continuing to build positive productive relationships which are life giving and to take the necessary time for rest and reflection. We all know, without sufficient energy it is more difficult to live this message of Christ. Though this term is short, only nine weeks, it is packed with activity and it is hard to believe we are already in Week 4 and our Year 12 students have started their exams.

Thank you and congratulations to those involved in the Working Bee. So much was achieved and we have some excellent ideas to help with the planning of our next Working Bee. Thank you to those who came and worked hard to achieve our success.

Over the past week we have enjoyed preparing Year 11 Students for their leadership roles in the school. I was extremely impressed by their maturity and willingness to take on the student leadership of the College. We investigated how Leadership of a Catholic Community is different. Their understanding of Servant Leadership grew and students willingly reflected on the purpose faith gives to their lives and how this influences leadership in our place. The concept of leadership inspired by generosity was a common theme throughout their speeches. Listening to how students can be and help others be, more sensitive and sensible, more loving and compassionate, and more aware and attentive inspired me. I can say with confidence that our Year 11 students see it as their mission to transform lives in the goodness of God and can see God in the broken bread of compassion we offer and receive from our fellow travellers. Each one of us possesses talents and resources, skills and assets that we have been given by God for the work of making the kingdom of God a reality here and now. Authentic leadership in a Catholic School is discipleship, and this discipleship demands more that token contributions and the rote following of rituals and traditions; our baptism into the life of Christ compels us to focus every dimension of our lives on the things of God. To be the disciple of Christ we seek to become, (a leader in a Catholic school), means a reordering of our priorities, a restructuring of our days to make time for the things of God. May we return to God the gifts he has given us to the best of our ability, in order to embrace eternity in the time to come. Congratulations to all students who accepted nominations and delivered excellent speeches. This is courageous work.

We have a very busy term ahead. The College Term Planner was sent out in Week 1. We ask that you take the time to check it carefully and transfer important dates onto your family calendar so nothing

is missed. Seeing it is already Week 4 (half way through the term) it is time to take up the invaluable opportunity for you to sit and talk at length with your son/daughter with regard their progress to date. It is widely known that children are not able to perform to the best of their ability without schools and parents working together, and parent teacher meetings provide a perfect opportunity to ensure that this partnership is further developed and maintained. If you need to chat to a teacher it is as simple as an email to set an appointment time. Further to this, please contact your son/daughter's Home form teacher if you do not receive your copy of the College Term Planner and they will happily supply you with another copy.





"Never see a need without trying to do something abouti it" St. Mary MacKillop

ANNUAL PRESENTATION EVENING INVITATION

On behalf of MacKillop Catholic College Community, I cordially invite you to attend our Annual Middle & Senior Years Presentation Evening on 29th November, 2018 at the College commencing at 6:30pm.

Here we will recognise students for their effort and achievement and enjoy together a number of items which will display our student talent.

I hope you can come and celebrate this very special evening with us.

We look forward to your company.

Kindest regards,

Lauretta Graham Principal

There Is Always A Choice

A Grandfather from the Cherokee
Nation was talking with his grandson.
"A fight is going on inside me," he said
to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and
it is between two wolves." "One wolf
is evil and ugly: He is anger, envy, war,
greed, self-pity, sorrow, regret, guilt, resentment,
inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, selfishness
and arrogance." "The other wolf is beautiful and good:
He is friendly, joyful, peace, love, hope, serenity,
humility, kindness, benevolence, justice, fairness,
empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, gratitude, and
deep vision."

"This same fight is going on inside you, and inside every other human as well."

The grandson paused in deep reflection because of what his grandfather had just said.
Then he finally cried out; "Oyee!
Grandfather, which wolf will win?"
The elder Cherokee replied, "The wolf that you feed."

Thank you Mrs Graham and the Leadership Team for providing lunch to the whole staff for World Teachers Day.





FROM THE ENROLMENTS DEPARTMENT

A warm welcome to our new families into MacKillop Catholic College in 2019. Miss Samantha Cooke our year 7 co-ordinator has organised a fun filled day for Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day on Wednesday 14th November.

Please find all Orientation Day information in the documents attached. Students invited to attend Orientation day are

- students already enrolled,
- received an offer of a placement,
- going through the interview process or
- families that have submitted applications to attend MacKillop Catholic College in Year 7 2019.

Orientation Day will be followed by the Parent/Guardian information evening. This year we are encouraging the students to accompany their parents to the event as electives will be discussed and explained on the night. The evening starts at 6:30pm, please see letter attached for further information.

I wish all students well who have applied for scholarships as interviews and testing begin to take place, it was wonderful to see so many apply for the opportunity. Good luck to you all.

If you have any further queries on enrolments for 2019 please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Kindest regards,

Vanda Rands Enrolments Officer

May your journey always be filled with blessings and may the life of Saint Mary MacKillop ignite in you the flames of faith and service

RTO NEWS



Rachel Taylor RTO Manager

Are you interested in Journalism, Movie Making, Television Production or Drama?

MacKillop Catholic College RTO is currently seeking expressions of Interest (EOI) from students interested in undertaking a Certificate III in Screen and Media in 2019. This is an accredited Vocational Education and Training (VET) program. The course will be open to applicants who will be in years 11 and 12 next year and is being run in conjunction with participants from other Darwin schools.

Course: Certificate III in screen and Media (CUA30105)

Cost: Nil

Duration: 2 Semesters (one day per week).

NTCET/SACE credits: 75

For more information and EOI forms, please go to; http://www.mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au/rto/courses/

Would you like to be recognised for your achievements in VET?

The Vocational Education and Training Awards are for students in Year 11 or 12 and are undertaking, or have completed, a Vocational Education and Training program as part of their NTCET. The awards consist of a certificate and \$400.

For more information and an application form, please go to; https://education.nt.gov.au/education/education-events-and-awards/ntbos-awards



LIBRARY NEWS

Mackillop



Ava would like nothing more than to tell her family she loves them, particularly her big sister, Nic. But Ava has Rett syndrome - she can't talk, can't nod her head, can't even point at a communication card. She understands everything, but no one understands her

When tragedy strikes her family, Ava becomes even more determined to talk. But it's not until she meets occupational therapist Kieran and new friend Aimee that she is hopeful for change - and to find her voice at last.

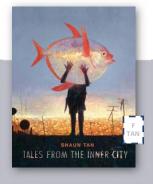
A powerful novel about a subject rarely tackled - young people with disabilities and the families who love and support them.





On her eighteenth birthday, Hayden inherits her childhood home on the condition that she uncover its dark secrets. Hayden has tired to put the past behind her, and so far it's worked. She's getting ready for college, living in a Brooklyn apartment, and hanging out with her best friend and flatmate, Del. But now it's all catching up with her: her mother's mysterious disappearance a decade ago, her father's outlandish theories about a lost supernatural race, and Hayden's own dark dreams of strange symbols and rituals in the Colorado woods where she grew up.

As soon as Hayden arrives at her hometown, Del in tow, it begins: neighbours whisper secrets about Hayden's mother; the boy next door is now all grown-up in a very distracting way; and Hayden feels the trees calling to her. And among them, deep in the woods, Hayden will discover something incredible - something that threatens reality itself.



Where can we live if not in each other's shadow? World-renowned artist Shaun Tan applies his unique imagination to a reflection on the nature of humans and animals, and our urban coexistence.

From crocodile to frog, tiger to bee, this is a dark and surreal exploration of the perennial love and destruction we feel and inflict - of how animals can save us, and how our lives are forever entwined, for better or for worse.

Library

OUTDOOR EDUCATION NEWS



Jade Cole
Outdoor Education
Coordinator

Stage 1 Outdoor Education are studying the impact of fishing in the Northern Territory. Students participate in a number of fishing practicals in order to analyse the effectiveness of sustainable strategies. They had an exciting surprise when a local caught a shark! Year 8s are also fishing, doing the elective "Deadliest Catch".

Vade Cole
Outdoor Education Coordinator







MODERN HISTORY NEWS



Dr Tom Lewis, OAM Modern History Teacher

Modern History students have been studying the Decolonisation of Vietnam by the French Empire and the resulting Vietnam civil war, in which Australia played a tragic part alongside the USA, New Zealand, Thailand and South Korea.

We were particularly grateful to study this practically with the help of Mr John O'Connell, ex-Royal Australian Navy, who served in his time off the Vietnam coast in a frigate warship. John is a member of the Darwin War-games Club.

We war-gamed a sortie into a village by a US "search-and-destroy" team, which were tasked with searching for logistical support such as ammunition, and rice, and destroying the same if found. The VC side got into the part by wearing hats typical of the farm workers of the period.

We learnt a lot, and had a good time into the bargain. Thank you John.

Dr Tom Lewis, OAM Modern History Teacher









RECENT PHOTOS

YEAR 7 AND 8 INDONESIAN INSTRUMENTS - ANGKLUNG







NEW BARBECUES BEING BUILT



THE "FARRAR FURLONG"



WELL DONE HARRY PRIEST!





MUCKUP DAY 2018











May your journey always be filled with blessings and may the life of Saint Mary MacKillop ignite in you the flames of faith and service

P&F ASSOCIATION NEWS

Dear Families,

Welcome to Term 4. We hope this will be a busy, productive time for all our students. Start thinking Christmas everyone. It's really not that far away.

A big 'Welcome back' to Mrs.Graham from her sabbatical in Peru where she was joined by Mr. Mike Graham. A heartfelt "Thank you' to Mr. Rod Plummer for so ably filling the role of Acting Principal during this time.

We welcome Bishop Charles Gauci who was recently ordained the fifth Bishop of Darwin. We look forward to getting to know Bishop Gauci and working with him in faith.

'Welcome home' to our Café Manager, Leanne Pope. Many thanks to Erna Fenwick for so ably filling in and ensuring that the yumminess continued.

Many, many thanks to all who helped organise and run our Trivia Night. Everyone took away a freebie. There was plenty of good natured bidding with all the auction lots being sold. Keely Laughton and Erna Fenwick won joint Best Dressed. We had terrific babysitting by Kayzy Playford and Quinn Laughton. A ginormous 'Thank you' to David Graham for his fantastic efforts with the questions and Power Point. A few challenges were voiced which resulted in some lively discussion. A lovely fun, friendly night was had by all.

Well done to our Yr 10 students who undertook Work Experience placements this week. Deciding on a job for the future can be a tough call so we hope you gained some valuable insights and understandings to make choosing a little easier.

Congratulations to our new College Board Chair, Amber Stevens. We look forward to continuing the close relationship shared by the P&F and College Board.

It was with great pleasure that I attended the Indigenous students' end of year BBQ and was invited to present special stoles to our graduating Yr 12 students. This was certainly a proud moment for our 6 graduating students and their families. Thank you to Sherri Bryers for beginning a new College tradition. I was also privileged to attend the Yr 12 Rite of Passage Dinner on 18 October. A truly wonderful meal was prepared by Tonia Fellino-Cirelli and her volunteers. It was great to see so many students in attendance. A very moving evening indeed.

Some of our Yr 12 students have now begun their exams. We wish them all every success with their studies. We know you can do it but a few prayers are always helpful.

World Teacher's Day has been and gone but we should never take for granted the dedication with which our College staff approach each day. For most of us there is always at least one teacher that we carry in our hearts.

The MacKillop Marketplace has had more success. We now have a very happy Yr 11 student with a new car and a couple of students with holiday gardening work. Check out the column and

MACKILLOP NEWS

don't forget to send in your advertisements to debdavees@gmail. com

We still have the Darwin Entertainment books/online subscriptions available for purchase from the College. Orders can be placed via https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/ orderbooks/91h5549. Thank you to everyone who has supported us by purchasing a subscription.

The next P&F meeting will be held on Monday 12 November at 7pm in the Board Room. Please join us if you can.

Enjoy your families,

Elizabeth Laughton
President, MacKillop Catholic College P&F Assoc.

MACKILLOP MARKETPLACE

debdavees@gmail.com

WANTED – Plant cuttings, pottings and the like to establish a new garden. Please email Deb if you can help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 4 & 5 Exam Weeks

Wed 7 Nov Nongkrong

Fri 9 Nov Remembrance Day Liturgy

Volleyball McCormack vs Confalonieri

Mon 12 Nov P&F Assoc. Meeting 7pm

Wed 14 Nov Year 6 into 7 Open Day and Info Evening

Fri 16 Nov Music Intensive Day

Saints Gala Awards Night

Volleyball Hurley vs Confalonieri

Sat 17 Nov Music Concert

Mon 19 Nov Board Meeting 6pm

Tue 20 Nov Graduation Practice

Wed 21 Nov Year 12 Graduation Mass

Stage 1 Drama Performance

May your journey always be filled with blessings and may the life of Saint Mary MacKillop ignite in you the flames of faith and service

DANCEAUDITIONS

MacKillop Dance Company is looking for dancers to join them in 2019.

Dancers of all ages, capabilities and style are all welcome!

Register your details on the form in the dance room

Junior Auditions (Years 7-9): Wed 28th November (Week 7) 3.15-4.30pm Senior Auditions (Years 10-12): Thu 29th November (Week 7) 3.15-4.30pm

Auditions will run as a technique class and then all students will perform a solo of their chosen dance style.

> Junior solo at least 30 seconds, max 1 minute Senior solo 1 minute

If you are a Junior and want to audition for Senior Dance Company you will need to be at both auditions and have a different solo for each audition.











Please do not be put off by the audition process! It is a lot of fun and students of all capabilities are welcome.

Any queries please see Mrs Mattison or Ms Kemp.







Squash Girls Can!

Tuesdays

10.00 - 11.00 am

suitable for all levels

Whatever your fitness level, these sessions are fun, social, low impact and a great way to achieve your goals with like-minded girls and women aged 16+ years. The center is child friendly.

Location: Darwin Squash Centre - 6 Marrara Dr Marrara

cost: \$5 per session **Bookings required!**

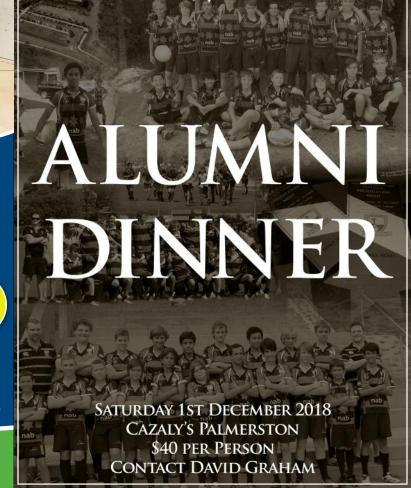
Contact: Mithran 8945 7362 info@squashnt.com.au

check out our website for the full program online









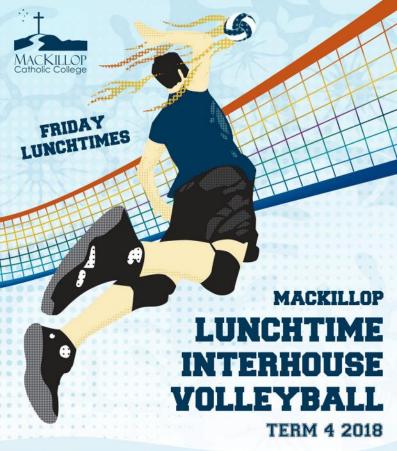
Year 12 Graduation Dance Practice Sessions

Every Thursday 4.30-5.30pm

Starts Thursday 6th September until November 15th Graduation partners (from external) are welcomed, but must sign in Free of charge thanks to our amazing volunteer instructors: Anne and Stephen



See Miss Claire for further details



McCormack vs Hurley McGrath vs Confalonieri Hurley vs McGrath

McCormack ys Confalonieri

HURLEY VS CONFALONIERI

WEEK 6 McGrath vs McCormack

GRAND FINAL - WEEK 7

SEE MISS CLAIRE FOR MORE INFORMATION MacKillop Catholic College invites you to our



YEAR 6 INTO 7 ORIENTATION DAY

WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2018

Come along for a full school day at MacKillop (8:30am -3:05pm) where you will experience the day-to-day life of highschool, trying a range of fun subjects including cooking, science, wood work, Indonesian, music art and dance. Wear your normal school uniform. We will provide lunch let us know any dietary requirements.

Parents' Information Night in Evening - 6:30pm

For more information contact (08) 8930 5713 or email vanda.rands@nt.catholic.edu.au



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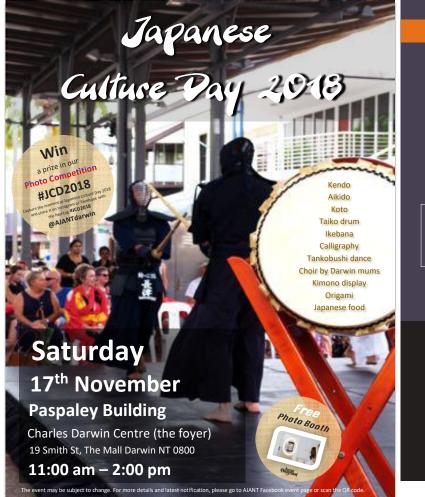
WEDNESDAYS

In the

1.5PM - 4:00PM Indonesian Room

3:15PM - 4:UUPM Indonesian Room

COME FOR A CHAT IN BAHASA INDONESIA, AND A SNACK! SEE MISS SKEHAN OR MISS SLINGERLAND FOR MORE DETAILS.



PASPALEY

LET'S STOP MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE

Free meningococcal ACWY vaccine

is now available for all children aged 1 to 19 years living in the Northern Territory.

Protect your children and community now.

Go to your health centre or doctor to get vaccinated.

Meningococcal infection can make you very sick.

Go to the health clinic straight away if you have a fever.









Babies might also be upset, screaming, hard to wake from sleep or not eat or drink.

For further information call the Centre for Disease Control Immunisation team

Top End - **8922 8315** Central Australia - **8951 6928**



www.health.nt.gov.au



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Hi!

We at iFitness understand how vitally important exercise is for a growing mind and body for both physical and mental well being.

To support this iFitness clubs would like to offer your School for teens 14 years and older an exclusive low price for our 6 & 12 month memberships across all four iFitness clubs and the group fitness classes.

We have made up a flyer to be promoted within the school & newsletter and to show our appreciation for your support in spreading the work we would like to offer your school a

FREE 3 month membership voucher (worth \$340) to be used for ie, fundraising purposes or possibly a sports achievement prize within the school.

If this is something your school would be interested in sharing with your students and staff please email us and we would be more than happy to put a promotional pack together and have it delivered to your school.

Yours in Health & Fitness, Kat Lee Membership Consultant - Coolalinga Club



6pm to 11pm

Casuarina Senior College Gymnasium (parking off Moil Crescent) Food and drink available for purchase

MIXED TEAMS, NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

To enter a team or help on the night, contact Peter Ramsay on 0413 181 621 or peter.ramsay@ntschools.net





PROCEEDS GO TO THE MS SOCIETY OF SA & NT

Proudly supported by Casuarina Senior College and Disabled Sports NT



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We would like to invite you to join us at the

2018 Darwin **One Walk**

Come along & walk with your local community for a world without type 1 diabetes.

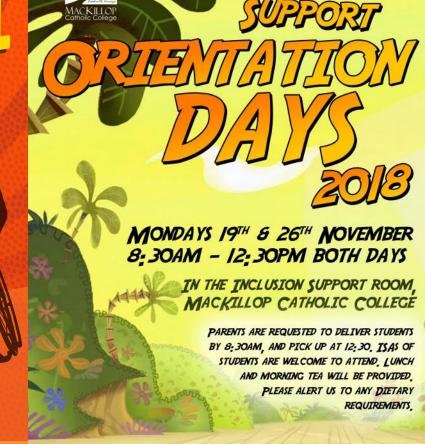
Bicentennial Park

7am—November 18th, 2018

2km or 4km

Followed by a BBQ breakfast & coffee

To find out more and register please visit walk.jdrf.org.au



RSVP: 12TH NOVEMBER 2018 TO MR GORDON MIDDLETON GORDON_MIDDLETON@NT_CATHOLIC_EDU_AU



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Information for parents and carers about NAPLAN going online in 2019.

Please note the following:

- The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9
- NAPLAN provides governments, education leaders, schools, parents and students with information on how Australian students are performing in the essential areas of literacy and numeracy
- In 2018 the first schools around the country successfully performed NAPLAN online.
- It is expected that all eligible schools across the country will be using NAPLAN Online
- NAPLAN Online will allow better assessment through tailored testing, more precise data on our students, faster turnaround of results and more precise measurement.
- It has been confirmed that the NT will start its implementation of NAPLAN Online in
- The transition to NAPLAN Online will involve about 40 schools with high bandwidth internet participating in the first stage of preparation activities, which includes school readiness training in August and testing in September 2018 for most schools.
- Our school will be part of this first group of schools transitioning to NAPLAN Online in the NT.
- We will participate in platform readiness testing in Term 4 to ensure the updated platform for 2019 meets the needs of Territory students.
- We want NAPLAN Online to be a positive experience for our students, teachers and school community.
- More information regarding test events will be communicated to you closer to the
- If you require further information please contact lorna.parker@nt.catholic.edu.au
- More information on NAPLAN Online can be found at https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment

Are you eligible?

You may be eligible if you are aged between 15-21, and are having difficulties finding work. Please call our office to discuss eligibility and how we can support you on 08 8981 8870.

How do I refer someone to the service?

There are a few different referral options for young people.

Centrelink: If you are on an income support payment from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) they may refer you to us as part of your requirement to receive a payment.

Direct referral: Young people are able to phone or email us directly to check if they are eligible for our service without being a customer of DHS (Centrelink)

Jobactive: Young people can be referred to the TtW service by a Jobactive provider if they are eligible.

Where to find us?

YOUTHWORX NT

08 8981 8870 info@ywnt.com.au ywnt.com.au

DARWIN CORPORATE PARK
BUILDING 3, LEVEL 1
631 STUART HWY BERRIMAH NT 0828





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What is Transition to Work?

The Transition to Work (TtW) service is a not-for-profit government funded service that supports young people living in the Darwin & Palmerston regions aged 15-21 to gain employment or training.

Our Advantaged Thinking approach is to work with each individual on their goals and aspirations and support them to follow a meaningful pathway into employment.

We believe that all young people have unique talents and skills that are valuable to the workforce.



What's in it for you?

Each participant will receive individualised coaching support that will provide:

- Regular one-on-one coaching sessions
- Connections with job opportunities
- Connections with support services
- Support you to work out what you want to do
- Employment skills training (resumes, interview training, workplace expectations)
- Fun activities to build your skills and connections with the workforce
- Practical support with job seeking
- Accredited training opportunities
- Work experience and work tasters
- Ongoing support once you get a job







LOOKING FOR WORK? AGED BETWEEN 15-21? LEFT OR LEAVING SCHOOL?



How can employers get involved?

YouthWorX NT supports a participant on their journey into employment. This means young people are provided with the skills and knowledge to meet your employment needs. YouthWorX NT also provides support for participants and employers once the employment has commenced to ensure that the transition into employment is successful for both parties.

Wages Subsidies

We can assist employers to access government-funded wage subsidies and other financial incentives. Call our friendly team to ask how 08 8981 8870.





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The MacKillop Catholic College

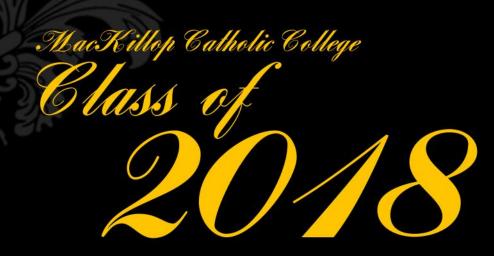
Presentation Night

will be held on

Thursday 29th November 2018, 6:30pm

at MacKillop Catholic College

Please join with us in celebrating our 2018 Academic Year!



Dear Parents and Guardians, We would like to invite you to join us in celebrating our

Graduation

9 am Wednesday 21tt November - Graduation Mass

To be held at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Church, Emery Ave. Woodroffe. Morning tea to follow at the Olive Grove Café back at school. Dress code: Formal for graduates, families and staff, smart casual for guests, school uniform for other year levels. All in our MacKillop Community are invited to attend.

6pm Thursday 22nd November - Graduation Dinner Graduates, their families and their teachers are invited to attend.

Dress code: Formal - Suits, ties and evening dresses.

Cost: \$55 per graduate, \$85 per guest.

Each graduand is welcome to invite up to four guests each.

To be held at The Darwin Convention Centre, Exhibition Halls.

Book tickets online via www.mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au by the 1st of November

8am Fri 23rd November - Year 12 Breakfast with their Teachers Followed by a Farewell Assembly with the whole school at 9am, which families are welcome to attend.

> Please direct all enquiries to the College Office: (08) 8930 5757 or mackillopcollege@nt.catholic.edu.au



Bring Your Own Laptop (BYOL) Programme

Dear Parents and Guardians,

MacKillop Catholic College operates on a BYOL system for Year 7 through to Year 12.

Is a BYOL laptop mandatory?

• Yes, for all year levels. Students must bring their laptops every day. All students are expected to follow the laptop policies and procedures which they agreed to when signing the BYOL form or Enrolment Agreement Form when they are enrolled or enrol at the College.

What laptop is recommended?

- · MacBooks are not recommended, as they are not compatible with NTSchools IT infrastructure.
- We recommend laptops with the following specifications:
 - Recent Microsoft Windows operating system
 - o Minimum 4GB RAM
 - o Wi-Fi
 - o Good processor i3 or i5
 - 3 years extended product care warranty, including battery
 - o We recommend 250GB of storage
 - A solid-state hard drive (SSD) is a more reliable option, if within your budget.
 - o Do not purchase software. Microsoft Office and antivirus are provided by the College.

Where can I buy the laptop?

• Parents may buy a laptop from any approved reseller. Harvey Norman and Territory Technology Solutions are willing to assist parents/guardians from MacKillop Catholic College. Harvey Norman will offer extra support only if parents complete the attached voucher and take it to Harvey Norman.

What about insurance coverage? Who is responsible for this?

- Please note that accidental damage is to be covered by parents under personal contents insurance. Some vendors also provide accidental damage cover, however, this needs to be discussed with the individual vendor.
- Theft is not covered by the College, although we will actively assist students with finding lost or stolen laptops. Students are required to keep their belongings locked in their lockers when not using them. The College provides students with a padlock and locker for their personal equipment security. Home contents insurance may cover this.

How will students connect to the internet at school?

- Students connect to the NTSchools network, and are required to follow the policies in place. Students are provided with two options to connect their devices to the NTSchools network:
 - 1. The College can reimage the laptop. This will not void the warranty, and previous settings can be reinstated by us If required.
 - 2. Upgrade the operating system to Windows Pro if within your budget. This enables the laptop to be added to the NTSchools domain.

Why is it important to reimage the laptop or add the laptop to the NTSchools domain?

 This helps students to access all school resources like network drives, printing etc. it is advised that the laptops are added to NTSchools domain.

How much will it cost?

- There is a laptop levy each year of \$110, which will automatically be put on families accounts at the beginning of each
 year.
- A laptop from an approved reseller will generally be in the range of around \$750 to \$1100. Please feel free to contact Mrs Arakkal by email if any advice is needed prior to purchase.

What IT support is available?

• The laptop levy fee per year (\$110) covers the Microsoft Office package, antivirus software, internet access, a range of learning programs like ClickView and the setting up of the laptop. Our technicians will assist students with installing this software. The College will provide technical support only for NTSchools network connection and software issues.

Are students allowed to have non-school related software or games installed on their laptops?

• It is highly recommended that all laptops for school use is free of games or any other distractions. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to enforce the rules. If they have games and it is misused parents will be contacted to discuss the implications.

When will the laptops be ready for students to use?

• Our technicians will work through all the laptops starting immediately at the start of the new school year. This process is completed as quickly as possible by the IT department.

Can the laptop be recharged at school?

• It is the student's responsibility to recharge their laptop at home each evening and come to school fully prepared. Limited facilities are available for recharging on the College premises.

Internet Protection at school and home:

• At school internet access is protected by NTSchools restrictions and at home it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Please contact Mrs Vanaja Arakkal on <u>vanaja.arakkal@nt.catholic.edu.au</u> for clarification regarding our laptop programme.

Yours sincerely,

Vanaja Arakkal

Director of IT - Teaching and Learning

Lauretta Graham

Principal





30th October 2019

YEAR 6 INTO 7 INFORMATION AND ELECTIVE CHOICES EVENING

Dear Parents of Year 7, 2019 students,

I wish to advise that MacKillop Catholic College will be holding an Information and Elective Choices Night on Wednesday 14th November from **6:30pm till 7:30pm** on the undercover basketball court. Parents and guardians of Year 7 students for 2019 and their sons or daughters are strongly encouraged to attend. There will also be an exhibition of student work from many areas of the school starting at 5:30 to 6:30pm, which parents are also invited to visit beforehand. The art exhibition in the art gallery adjacent to the courts will feature work from the Arts areas, Textiles, Woodwork and Metal Work, and performances from Dance and Music will commence from 6pm. Light refreshments will be served from 5:30pm.

It is most important that parents and students attend the formal part of the evening from 6.30pm so that students can choose their electives for 2019. Please note popular electives fill up quickly and students may miss out on first choices if forms are completed late.

During the Information Evening, you will have the opportunity to meet staff and gain more information on:

- How middle school is different to primary school, and what to expect in Year 7;
- How staff can assist you;
- Subjects that your child will be studying and elective choices that are available;
- Our Pastoral Care program;
- Our Religious Education program;
- Our Gifted and Talented Program (Eagle Group);
- The BYO Laptop system and how it will work in Year 7, and what support will be available from the IT department; and,
- The Music, Dance, Drama, Languages and Sports programs that we offer at our College.

Following a short general information session, we will split into smaller groups where you will have the opportunity to talk with Heads of Departments about particular subject areas and elective choices for your child during 2018. You will also have the opportunity to ask more specific questions regarding pastoral and curriculum matters during this time.

We look forward to seeing you at MacKillop on Wednesday 14th November.

Yours sincerely,

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30th October, 2018

Dear Parents of Year 7, 2019 Students

MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE YEAR 6 INTO 7 ORIENTATION DAY

Shake, Make & Bake at your new school!!!

I wish to advise that our College will be holding our Orientation Day for students accepted into Year 7, 2019 on Wednesday 14th November, 2018. Your son/daughter is most welcome to attend this informative and action filled day at their College with their fellow students for 2019.

All year 6 students are asked to wear their complete primary school uniform and will be required to assemble in the Basketball Court (following the main path) by 8:30am. Students will be dismissed at 3:05pm.

During this time Year 6 students will have the opportunity to view first hand:

- Many classrooms (including specialty rooms such as Physical Education, Science, Food Technology, Industrial Arts and many more);
- Teachers delivering an innovative Middle School Curriculum; and,
- Our outstanding purpose built facilities.

Students must bring a hat and water bottle however morning tea and lunch will be provided by the College. If your child has particular dietary requirements it is important that you contact us and let us know how we can provide for them.

Parents will need to arrange their child's transport to and from the College.

We look forward to seeing you at MacKillop on Wednesday 14th November; we have an exciting program arranged for you under the leadership of Miss Samantha Cooke—Year 7 Pastoral Care Coordinator, for 2018.

Yours sincerely

Lauretta Graham

Principal - MacKillop Catholic College, Palmerston



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