

St Bede's Principal's Newsletter 7: 22.5.17

Last Wednesday's Inaugural Student Orientation Day was a great day for our enrolled students. For details on the day please click on the link which will be published on the Catholic Schools Office website. <http://mnnews.today/catholic-schools/2017/19250-st-bede-s-catholic-college-reveals-its-visual-identity/>

My sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the success of this special day which included the launch of the visual identity of the College. Particular thanks to Bishop Bill and the Catholic Schools Office for their lovely gifts – a magnificent Bible from England and a beautiful Candle, and thank you to our generous parent helpers Michelle McDonald, Natalie Easey & Jodie Whiteside. Building upon the success of the day, two other Student Orientation Days will be planned later in the year.

Whereas there is still work to do prior to the finalisation of the full uniform, I am happy to share with you some of the draft uniform designs. In being conscious about providing an affordable yet smart uniform, we will be adopting a layered approach where additional garments can be added in winter to the summer uniform. Having listened to some feedback from parents, we will be having an affordable smart multipurpose jacket, rather than a blazer, which will provide the type of layered clothing that will not only reduce costs but will be more functional. A number of blazers will be purchased by the College for students acting as student representatives at formal events, with the choice of parents purchasing this as an additional garment if they wish.

BOYS SHIRT AND SHORTS



GIRLS SHIRT AND SKIRT



SPORTS POLO AND SHORTS



With a six-week period of heavy rain earlier in the year, the construction of the building site is somewhat behind schedule. However, much of the work that would have been done much later in the year has been completed which will accelerate the building process. This includes the full installation of the power substation, which can often delay the handover of fully completed buildings, and the completion of the bulk earthworks, which will reduce the future impact of rain delays on the three other buildings and chapel that will follow on after this building. With the earthworks stage of the project now completed, the handover of the site to North Construction & Building has occurred which will accelerate Stage 1 of the Building Project. From time to time, I will share with you some fun facts that illustrates the enormity of this building project.

- The early works contract included the relocation and removal of over 9,900cubic metres of earth. This equates to almost 4 full Olympic swimming pools in volume.
- There is just under 250m of stormwater pipes criss-crossing the site.
- There is almost 1km of hydraulic pipes across the site, including sewer lines, water, gas and fire service pipes.

From Tuesday afternoon, Maitland/Newcastle Catholic Schools Principals will be attending the Association of Catholic School Principals NSW State Conference. The leadership of our Principals' Association in organising a conference which includes internationally acclaimed educational leaders and researchers, illustrates the quality of the educational leadership of this region. The engagement and learnings from these conferences will be important to St Bede's, in providing a cutting edge contemporary education for our children.

On the following pages are short profiles on the most recently enrolled students who have completed their induction interviews. Parents who have not yet organised a time for this interview should email Rachel Quirk at rachel.quirk@mn.catholic.edu.au to arrange a suitable time. Enrolments from families who may be interested in enrolling their Year 6 child into St Bede's for next year remains open.



Daniel Schwenke is currently at Ashtonville Public School. He enjoys reading and excels in spelling. He loves playing soccer and is looking forward to making new friends next year and exploring new opportunities next year.



Matilda Roberts attends St Aloysius and takes pride in the student leadership responsibility that comes with being a Year 6 student. She enjoys Nipper's and is an excellent swimmer. Matilda particularly likes Art, Science, English and Music and is looking forward to a quality authentic curriculum which she'll be able to use after she leaves school.



Matilda Stork attends Ashtonfield Public School where she is a Library Monitor, SRC representative. She had success in a Robotics competition which may be a curriculum option next year. Matilda enjoys dance, cooking and trampolining and is looking forward to making many new friends next year.



Connor Edwards attend Our Lady of Lourdes and is a School Leader. He enjoys soccer, handball, and relaxes by playing on his X-box. Connor is looking forward to Science next year, particularly doing experiments.



Abbey Dries attend Our Lady of Lourdes and her favourite day of the week is when she does sport. She is passionate about her cheer leading which takes up a lot of her leisure time. Abbey is looking forward to the contemporary learning environment that St Bede's will offer next year.



Brayden Woodyatt attends St Aloysius where part of his leadership responsibility is being a Library Monitor. He attends Scouts and enjoys using technology and playing chess. Brayden is looking forward to doing Science next year and getting involved in some Technology STEM based projects.



Darcy Mexon attends St Aloysius and enjoys the shared leadership of being a Year 6 student, particularly in taking children on tours of his school. He likes electronics games, drawing and art. Darcy is looking forward to having his particular skills nurtured as much as possible at St Bede's.



Tyler Cox is a kind young man who attends St Aloysius. He enjoys playing computer games and is looking forward to the camp and the many leadership opportunities that will present itself as the Foundation Group next year.



Java Jeffries attends Our Lady of Lourdes and enjoys being a buddy to the kindergarten students. He is a talented swimmer and cross country runner and enjoys doing self-defence. He is looking forward to becoming heavily involved in the sporting life of the College.



Chelsea Brohier attends Our Lady of Lourdes and is involved in the enrichments programs at school. She enjoys soccer, singing and playing with her pet. Chelsea is looking forward to further integrating technology into her studies and new opportunities next year. Look for some up-coming advertisements on St Bede's featuring Chelsea.



Caleb Hilton attends Our Lady of Lourdes and likes Science. He enjoys riding bikes, video games and playing cricket. He is looking forward to the greater range of subjects next year and then to be able to choose subjects as electives in future years.



Erika West is one of the Captains at our lady of Lourdes. After a number of years of gymnastics has taken up tennis. Erika enjoys being challenged in her learning and is developing into a strong public

speaker. She is excited about the diversity of subjects and opportunities that will be offered at St Bede's in the future.

Kind regards,



John Murphy
Principal

