



# Peace Lutheran College

Quality Education ; Christian Nurture ; Community Service

## Principals Report to the Parents and Friends Meeting 7-2-18

1. **Information Evenings & Meet and Greet:** The Junior School classes are holding information evenings for parents in respective year levels throughout the first few weeks of the year. The Middle and Senior School Meet & Greet takes place on Thursday 15 February.
2. **Buildings and Grounds:**
  - a. The Peace Performing Arts Centre is open for business and used by Music and Drama classes throughout the College. The official opening will take place around midyear. Date TBC.
  - b. The Oval is also ready for use by our HPE and Sport classes.
  - c. The Year 3 classrooms were refurbished as Agile Learning Spaces over the holidays.
  - d. New line markings and a turning lane have been painted along Harley St to help with the traffic flow at drop-off and pick-up times.
  - e. The next building project is the construction of a new Manual Arts building and a total refurbishment of our Home Economics/Hospitality facilities.
3. **Academic Results:** The Class of 2017 achieved excellent academic results; 71% of the OP eligible students received an OP between 1 and 15. Two students received an OP1.
4. **Curriculum:** With the introduction on new Senior Syllabuses (Years 11 and 12) in 2019 PLC teaching staff are participating in professional development in their teaching areas as it becomes available and are also trialling some of the new external examinations.
5. **Staff News:** The following staff has commenced at the start of this year

Kathryn Warne	Year 1 Teacher
Michael Baldwin	Year 2 Teacher
Claire Davies	Year 5 Teacher
Fiona Rosendahl	Year 6 Teacher
Dan McMahon	Middle & Senior School Teacher and Year 6/7 Coordinator
Dale Monaghan	Middle & Senior School Teacher
Christopher Nicholson	Middle & Senior School Teacher
Jason Atkins	Middle & Senior School Teacher and Sport Coordinator
Shelley Hunt	Middle & Senior School Teacher and Year 11 Coordinator
Rebecca Bolton	Middle & Senior School Teacher (and continuing in her role as Careers Guidance Officer)
Mark Fernandez	Long Service Leave cover for Belinda Marsh Term 1
Jason Fox	Band and Instrumental Teacher
Meegan Neilsen	Payroll Officer & Accounts Payable
Stephen Parker	Casual Bus Driver
Alaina Besselaar	Gap Student working in boarding
6. **Christian Life and Pastoral Care:**
  - a. All staff who work directly with students participated in a two-day workshop in "Restorative Practices" during the PD days at the start of the year.
  - b. Boarders attend Trinity Lutheran Church every 1st and 3rd Sunday during Term time. Pastor Adam will hold a service at PLC for boarders and community members on the 2nd and 4th Sunday.
  - c. Brittany Barkus, from Global Missions, is volunteering at the school, until July.
7. **Extra-Curricular:**
  - a. The After-School Math and Science Tutoring will continue on Thursday afternoons this year.
  - b. Cairns Inter School Sport Association (CISSA) competition started this week for students in years 10-12.
  - c. PLC is hosting a Rugby 7's competition on Friday 16 March (Week 8).
  - d. The Italy language trip will take place in the mid-year holidays.
  - e. STEM/Maker Space club during lunch breaks and after school.
  - f. Mr Dunsmuir is coaching a Junior (U12) Basketball team.
  - g. Choir and Instrumental Lessons are continuing and we are looking at opportunities to extend this offering.