

ST ANDREW'S *Way*



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SEMESTER 2, 2023

18 August
Food Festival

23 November
Prep Christmas Christmas Concert

7 September
Discovery Afternoon

24 November
St Andrew's Feast Day

14 November
Year 12 Graduation Mass

24 November
End of Term 4 (Years 7 to 11)

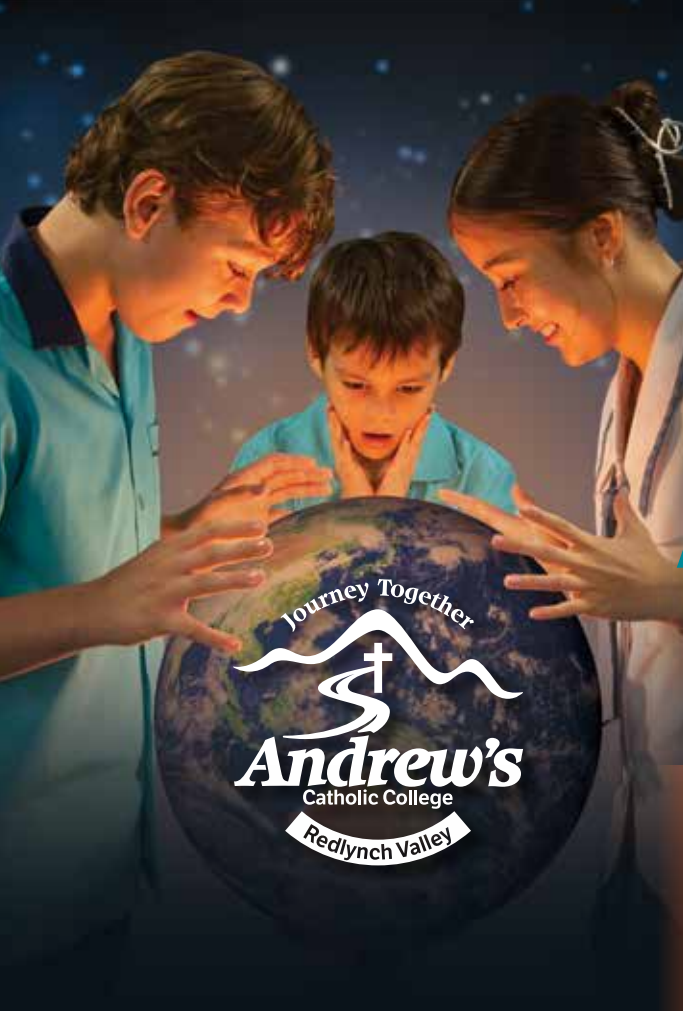
16 November
Year 7, 2024 Orientation Day

30 November
Year 1 Nativity

17 November
Year 12 Graduation Farewell Assembly

30 November
End of Term 4 (Prep to Year 6)

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Take a look inside our world

DISCOVERY AFTERNOON

THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2023
4pm – 7pm

CO-EDUCATIONAL SCHOOL
PREP TO YEAR 12

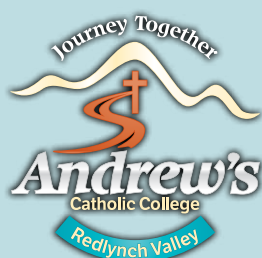
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From the Principal

MR IAN MARGETTS
COLLEGE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to another great edition of St Andrew's Way!

This publication highlights our College achievements and the diverse range of opportunities on offer here at St Andrew's Catholic College.

We are already past the halfway mark of 2023 and it has certainly been a jam-packed year brimming with outstanding achievements by our P-12 College community. Term 1 began with many opportunities for students to excel. Firstly, we reflected on our High-Achievers Assembly highlighting our Class of 2022 Year 12 QCE & ATAR results.

We congratulated College Dux Caity Dwyer who achieved an outstanding 99.6 ATAR result. I am proud to say that 100% of our students completed their Year 12 studies with all 155 students successfully receiving their Queensland Certificate of Education. We are also excited to announce that 11.83% of our Year 12 students received an ATAR of over 95. What a fantastic result by our College.

I'd like to recognise our College Concert Band and talented musicians who played a fantastic ANZAC Day Service. A special mention to Alex Stuttgen, who represented St Andrew's at the Cairns City Dawn Service. His moving performance of the Last Post and Reveille was simply brilliant. Thank you to those who marched with us at the Stratford Memorial Service.

We saw great participation at our College Cross Country, Colour Run and Athletics Carnivals. It's fantastic to see our community support and encourage each other at College events such as these.

Our College musical Grease saw sell-out performances, with our All Saints' Theatre being filled to capacity on the evening weekend sessions. The lead characters Liam and Lucy were

also interviewed and sang on live radio in Cairns. Well done to all cast and crew members, Mrs Shaneen Mason and all involved for directing and executing a quality production that St Andrew's Catholic College was very proud to showcase.

Carmina Burana was also a huge success and credit goes to our award winning music program. Congratulations to our music department for nurturing such talented students who played excellently alongside St Monica's and St Augustine's at the Cairns Performing Arts Centre.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue of *St Andrew's Way*. Let's seize the many opportunities available in Term 3 and 4.

I look forward to seeing you around campus.



Parish News

FR DARIUSZ OSINSKI PP - Northern Beaches Parish

News from the parish this year is very positive!

A new Parish Pastoral Council has been selected – comprising existing members as well as some new members. The aim is to broaden the membership to ensure all areas of the parish community are represented. The new members have undergone training and information sessions to ensure members know what's expected as well as share what they can bring to the table.

The Sacramental team at the NBP consists of Coordinator Liesl Illesinghe, Jacinta Roberts (APRE from Holy Cross School), Rohan Lee (St Andrew's Catholic College) and Fr Dariusz Osinski, with significant support from Anh Nguyen (SSRI) and Jason Pennisi (APRE, SACC).

On 20th April 2023, we celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation for 53 children and had another gathering on the 27th May for 4 children who had missed the 20th. We still have another 4 children who completed the program but have not completed the Sacrament due to family schedules. A total of 61 children completed the Reconciliation preparation program this year.

We had about 20 children at St Andrew's at 3pm where Rohan Lee and Jason Pennisi organised the day and then at 6pm at Holy Cross where Jacinta Roberts organised everything with a little help from Rohan. Anh made lovely rosaries for the children which they received with their Certificates. Many thanks to all involved. After the holidays we will commence preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Eucharist which will take place on the 14th & 15th of October.

The parish has also introduced some new initiatives to encourage families and children to be involved in parish life. We have commenced monthly Family Masses at Holy Cross at 8.30am. These special Family Masses are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. As part of the family focus, the Children's Liturgy has been recommenced at 8.30am mass at Holy Cross. There has been a good attendance for this group but there is always room for more children to participate in this liturgy.

God Bless.

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the true King of peace.
In You alone is found freedom.
Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations.
Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.
Dispel all darkness and evil.
Protect the dignity of every human life.
Replace hatred with Your love.
Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition.
Eliminate all violence and war.
Glorious Virgin Mary,
Saint Michael the Archangel,
Every angel and saint:
Please pray for peace.
Pray for unity amongst nations.
Pray for unity amongst all people.
Pray for the most vulnerable.
Pray for those suffering.
Pray for the fearful.
Pray for those most in need.
Pray for us all.
Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear our prayers.
Jesus, I trust in You!
Amen.





Religious Life of the College

St Andrew's Catholic College is a thriving learning community that acknowledges its role as a provider of holistic education.

The education of the whole person, emotionally, socially, cognitively and spiritually is at the heart of our vision and mission. We are called to follow the discipleship of our patron St Andrew, the first called to follow Jesus' mission and live out the gospel.

Our focus this year has been on our College charism pillar of Stewardship. Just as St Andrew called Jesus' attention to the boy who had the loaves and two fish (Jn 6: 5-9), we too are called to take responsibility for our resources and to nurture our physical world. We are also stewards of our gifts, to nurture our talents and use them for good.

Our mission statement at St Andrew's acknowledges the uniqueness of each individual and we as a result seek to nurture each student as made in the likeness of God to achieve their best. We do this in a context where a diversity of viewpoints, beliefs and traditions co-exist. St Andrew's Catholic College seeks to honour the cultural distinctions that make us human, yet embrace the Catholic story as privileged in our context. Our religious education program has served our students in moral development, knowledge and understanding of religious beliefs, practices, sacred texts and history.

These learning opportunities follow guidelines that are age and stage appropriate, academically rigorous and offer students the opportunity to enhance their analytical and inquiry skills.

The weekly celebration of Mass at the College, either through whole-College Masses or Parish Masses in the All Saints' Chapel has been the continuing heartbeat of the religious life of the College. Throughout the first semester of the year, year levels from Year 1 through to Year 12 have gathered to celebrate the Eucharist with Fr Dariusz Osinski and Northern Beach Parish parishioners in attendance. The College is grateful for the ministry of Fr Dariusz to support the College community through the regular celebration of the Eucharist.

Our Primary community have been living and celebrating life as stewards through the leadership of the Primary Years' Journey Leaders and Primary Student Representative Council (SRC). The eight Journey Leaders, representing Mackillop, Ozanam, Chisholm and Hollows houses, have led Primary Years' Assembly prayer and read at whole-College Masses and been leaders. Joining with the Primary SRC, the motivated Primary leaders have worked to collect items for recycling, worked

to ensure the College grounds are tidy and led feedback processes to ensure student voice is sought in important issues affecting the Primary Years. Assemblies have been a central part to ensuring dialogue between staff and students about important elements of student formation including recognition of student achievement, teaching about the St Andrew's College Values, acknowledging country and allowing time to pray together.

The Secondary Years have been blessed with an active group of captains and prefects. College Captains, Rhea Joshie, Brody Boerboom and Jamie Wunsh have led a dedicated group of Mission and Outreach, Student Wellbeing and Engagement and House Prefects to lead whole-College Masses, liturgies and be on hand for College events including College Open Days. This work has been complemented by the coming together of the Secondary Student Representative Council (SRC), which has been formed out of the new house groups in Secondary. The positive contributions of each of the students in these leadership roles are an outstanding display of the St Andrew's College Values: Compassion, Respect, Justice, Inclusivity, Outreach and Service. Of particular importance is the leadership of the College





Captains, Prefects and Primary Journey Leaders at the ANZAC Commemorations at the Cairns City and Stratford Parades.

Year-level camps and retreats have helped to support the charism pillar of stewardship for students in the Secondary Years and Years 5 and 6 in the Primary Years. Dedicated staff go over and above to provide meaningful formation experiences for students on these retreats and camps where time to return to nature, have time to be with year-level communities and guidance to meaningfully reflect on their journey together is central to the experiences on the retreats and camps.

The College has proudly continued to live its Mission Statement, "To foster active community participation," by supporting outreach through Senior students engaging with Rosies Friends on the Street, fundraising for Caritas' Project Compassion, fundraising for the Queensland

Cancer Fund and supporting the Cairns Ironman by running an aid station. Senior students continue to be positive role models throughout the College by providing outreach through the Service Learning Program. It is a joy to see Senior students working with younger students reading and volunteering to help staff and students.

The College community has celebrated together for the Commencement and Commissioning Mass, ANZAC Day Commemorations, Ash Wednesday and Easter Liturgies, and most recently, Pentecost Mass. These occasions are indeed meaningful celebrations of our identity and with attendance including students from the campus Catholic Early Learning and Care Kindergarten through to Year 12 students and invited guests. These celebrations, whole-school Masses and Liturgies continue to be an outstanding statement of the St Andrew's College identity.



Congratulations to our Parish Priest Father Dariusz Osinski who celebrated his 20th Anniversary since ordination this year.

Father Dariusz first joined the St Andrew's Community in 2021. Since then he has built strong relationships with our community.

We feel very lucky to have Father Dariusz as part of our community and wish him every blessing into the future.



Jason Pennisi
Head of College Identity & Outreach



Rohan Lee
Head of Religious Education & Formation (Primary)

Mass in the All Saints' Chapel

8:25am Wednesday (Term Time)

Captain's

Corner

Our 2023 College Captain's are at the midway point of their leadership. We asked them to reflect on Term 1 & 2 together and to provide an update from inside the St Andrew's Community.

Welcome to St Andrew's Way Captain's Corner!

2023 has brought new and exciting changes to our school. We witnessed how our community has adapted and thrived as a P-12 College as Primary Years and Secondary. It has been truly remarkable, from the introduction of our Secondary College to our achievements in academics, sports, and the arts.

The introduction of our Secondary College and the vertical home form system marked huge milestones for our community. We witnessed how everyone embraced these changes with enthusiasm and openness - it was very inspiring to see our bonds within the college community grow stronger, fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all.

Semester 1 has already seen outstanding results achieved by students across all sectors. From sciences to humanities, our students showcased dedication and hard work, pushing boundaries and surpassing expectations. These achievements reflect the commitment of our students and the expertise of our teachers here at St Andrew's Catholic College.

Our athletes' broke records in the cross-country, Peninsula, and TCN days, displaying physical prowess and team spirit. The musical production 'Grease Musical' showcased the exceptional talent within our school. The dedication, creativity, and passion of the performers left the audience in awe, highlighting our vibrant arts community.

We came together to raise funds for *Caritas*, showing our commitment to making a positive impact in our community. There was an outstanding amount of participation for Crazy Hair Day for *The Leukaemia Foundation*. Students, teachers, and staff engaged wholeheartedly in acts of service to help the wider community.

As the first semester ends, we reflect on a great start to the year and look forward to the adventures of the second semester. The achievements and experiences we've shared so far have set the stage for more growth and success in 2023.

We are proud of our school community and excited to see what the future holds for us all.

Rhea Joshi, Jamie Wunsch & Brody Boerboom
2023 College Captains



2023 STUDENT LEADERS & SRC REPRESENTATIVES

COLLEGE CAPTAINS



Rhea Joshi



Brody Boerboom



Jamie Wunsch

PREFECTS

Mission and Outreach



Darcy Fargher



Jasmine Orchard

Student Wellbeing and Engagement



Dinil Balasuriya



Caitlin Foley



Elouise Cox

Primary Years Student Representative Council

Year 3



Holly Lambert
[3-2]



Liam Davies
[3-3]



Otto Schneider
[3-4]



Poppy Barallon
[3-5]

Year 4



Molly Thistlethwaite
[4-1]



Eydie Caine
[4-2]



Oliver Daan
[4-3]



Mikaylee Hastie
[4-4]

Year 5



Owen Zell
[5-1]



Lucas Ye
[5-2]



Oliver Collins
[5-3]



Billie Molina
[5-4]

2023 STUDENT LEADERS & SRC REPRESENTATIVES

House Prefects



Tommy Bolton



Kapri Zammit



Mia Christopher



Secondary Student Representative Council



Madeline Yates
CH1 [11]



Abigail Cunsamy
CH2 [9]



Minna Hillmann
CH3 [8]



Laila Bury
CH4 [9]



Jana Fogelis
CH5 [11]



Matty Sims
CH6 [11]

Primary Journey Leaders



Crystal Mann
CH7 [10]



Jessica Logan
CH8 [11]



Benji Mcinnes
CH9 [9]



Capri Wingham
[6-1]



John Mead
[6-2]

House Prefects



Jack Jenkins



Claire Hollett



Caitlin Bowe



Secondary Student Representative Council



Meg Tomley
HL1 [9]



Bianca Colbran
HL2 [10]



Eddie Cooper
HL3 [11]



Georgia Smith
HL4 [11]



Hailey Coombes
HL5 [8]



Chloe Marlay
HL6 [11]

Primary Journey Leaders



Frankie Adsett
HL7 [11]



Noah Mittempergher
HL8 [8]



Luca Beerenfels
HL9 [11]



George Sing
[6-3]



Katelyn Lyngcoln
[6-4]

2023 STUDENT LEADERS & SRC REPRESENTATIVES

House Prefects



Tayla Brennan



Thomas Horn



Benjamin Foley



Secondary Student Representative Council



Kale Abela
MK1 [8]



Izaack Tournier
MK2 [8]



Oliver Cox
MK3 [11]



Darcy Hayes
MK4 [9]



Teagan Ballinger
MK5 [8]



Joshua Hosking
MK6 [10]

Primary Journey Leaders



Abbey Kidston
MK7 [10]



Indiana Bimrose
MK8 [11]



Bailey Hemsworth
MK9 [11]



Emmet
Thistlethwaite [6-2]



Tia Abbott
[6-4]

House Prefects



Oliver Dean



Alex Stuttgen



Sienna Little



Secondary Student Representative Council



Edward Hamilton
OZ1 [10]



Christopher
Stuttgen OZ2 [9]



Molly Ben Ezra
OZ3 [9]



Krystal Armatas
OZ4 [11]



Jasmine Lambert
OZ5 [11]



Savio Shimit
OZ6 [11]

Primary Journey Leaders



Sally Blackney
OZ7 [10]



Lachlan Boot
OZ8 [10]



Ryder Garvey
OZ9 [11]



Zachary Rainey
[6-2]



Imogen Overlack
[6-1]

PRIMARY YEARS UPDATE



It's been a busy start to 2023 for St Andrew's Primary Years, with lots of new and exciting changes happening.

The Science of Reading is something you may or may not have heard of. It is not a 'reading program', rather it refers to a vast amount of research that has shown how best children learn to read. From this research it has been found that the brain must develop essential neural systems in order to learn to read, and for the majority of children this is something that needs to be explicitly taught.

Phonics and morphology are linked to many areas of the Australian Curriculum, and are the foundations for all other areas of children's learning. The Australian National Inquiry into Literacy found that systematic phonics instruction (rather than unsystematic or whole language phonics instruction) led to the greatest improvements in reading, writing, spelling and comprehension for children.

This year, at St Andrew's, sees the beginning of our journey in adopting an integrated approach to reading that explicitly teaches phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary knowledge and comprehension. We are very committed to being guided by scientific research to ensure that we deliver on the promise of literacy for every student. We are placing a strong focus on building

our staff capacity and shifting our teaching practices to an evidence-based approach, which is Structured Literacy.

We've also been busy visiting kindergartens in the area to meet and greet prospective Prep families to welcome them to our growing St Andrew's community.

We look forward to seeing you around campus.



Theresa Redgwell
Head of College
(Primary)



Iona Harris
Assistant Principal
Learning & Teaching
(Primary)

SECONDARY YEARS UPDATE

“A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

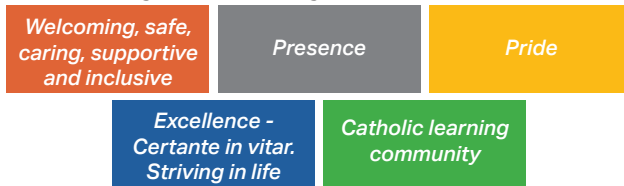
This common saying which originated from a Chinese proverb, teaches that even the longest and most difficult ventures have a starting point, beginning with **one first step!**

2023 marks a new era in the life of St Andrew's. We have commenced our transition from a three-sector school to one P-12 College. This change has gifted our secondary community with rich opportunities to develop and grow new ways of working, new routines, new structures, and new possibilities to broaden relationships and form authentic, and lasting connections.

Throughout 2023, we will seek ways to blend the best elements of the past Middle Years and Senior Years sectors to grow a united Secondary community. A community in which all members are known as individuals and are thoroughly cared for. A nurturing environment where individuals can thrive, grow, flourish, and fulfil their true potential as intended by God.

“... I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

Secondary Community Pillars



Our **first step** was taken on Tuesday 24 January 2023. On this day at the Secondary Assembly, I expressed to the students and staff my hope to form a strong, safe, welcoming, caring, and inclusive community - calm, settled, organised, and orderly. A school where participation, effort, endeavour, and excellence are valued. A place where its members are proud to belong.

In 2023, St Andrew's finds itself on the threshold of a new and exciting chapter in its relatively young history.

As we *“journey together”* into the third decade, we seek to guard and enhance the College's already strong reputation as a “great school” for providing excellent teaching and learning – the school of choice for Cairns Northern Beaches families who seek an excellent P – 12 Catholic education for their child. To realise this, our St Andrew's community must be open to and embrace new and different ways of working. And to imagine, reimagine and create new and exciting possibilities.

“Do the best you can until you know better. Then, when you know better, do better”

(Maya Angelou).

It is natural for some people to experience anxiety and unease when faced with change. Change can be disruptive. As we continue to 'live' in 2023, I pray that God blesses our community and guides our **gentle steps**.

I look forward to continuing our “journey together” as we step into Semester 2. Blessings for a safe, restful, and joy-filled school holiday period.

Shalom.



Paul Ford
Head of College
(Secondary)



Christopher Graham
Assistant Principal
Learning and Teaching
(Secondary)





First Nations

In Term 2, we welcomed our new Indigenous Liaison Officer (ILO) Alarna Klimm to the St Andrew's Community.

Alarna's role as ILO is to enrich cultural awareness through celebrations, professional relationships, and community involvement and to identify and provide opportunities for First Nations students to excel in all areas of education.



Alarna Klimm
Indigenous Liaison Officer (ILO)

Getting to know Alarna...

Alarna was born in Innisfail, Queensland, from Mamu and Jumbun descent on her Father's country land Mamu. Her Mother is from the Girramay lands outside of Tully, Queensland.

Alarna moved to Cairns 28 years ago where she married and raised her family. She is also a proud first-time grandmother and speaks fondly of her grandchildren.

Outside of St Andrew's, Alarna is involved in Pastoral Care as a Pastor's Wife where she connects with Youth (from 12-18 years) on Sunday nights and is also a Worship Leader at her Church where she volunteers her time at Sunday school.

Alarna says her new role at St Andrew's brings her great joy and also exciting new challenges. She said she's pushing herself outside of her comfort zone with the goal of walking together with our students no matter what they're faced with.

"I would like to instil in our First Nation students that there's nothing too hard for them. They can achieve anything they aim for and that there are many people who will support them on their journey."

We wish Alarna a warm welcome to our St Andrew's community.





ANZAC Day Service

at St Andrew's Catholic College

St Andrew's Catholic College held a commemorative service to honour the selfless sacrifice of those in the military and involved in peacekeeping operations.

In honouring the ANZAC spirit, the service involved: the laying of wreaths, the sounding of the Last Post, the observance of one minute's silence, and the national anthems of New Zealand and Australia.

Our commemorative ANZAC service was a special occasion to share in the 'Anzac tradition,' embracing the spirit and ideals of courage, endurance, and mateship that are still relevant to this day. We paid tribute to the Australian spirit through recognition of the Tobruk Memorial Pool redevelopment and commemorated the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.

Thank you to all our special guests, especially service men and women, families, and service people who attended. We are all very appreciative of our guest speakers, cadets, musicians, and readers who played a significant role in the service. We would also like to congratulate our very own trumpet student Alex Stuttgen on being selected to perform the Last Post and Reveille at the Dawn Service at Cairns City this year.



A special mention to Alex Stuttgen, who represented St Andrew's Catholic College at Cairns City, Dawn Service this year.

His moving performance of the Last Post and Reveille was simply as good as it gets.

We are very proud of his achievements and thank him for his service to our community.



Erin Robinson
Defence School Mentor



Jason Pennisi
Head of College Identity & Outreach



Centre Stage

The Arts

GREASE

DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Thank you all for the support of the incredible young creatives of St Andrew's Catholic College. What a truly transformative journey the students have been on for the past months to bring you our very own version of Grease. They have put down their modern technologies (well mostly) and learnt about a time where courtship was about social dances and eye contact from across the room and where entertainment came from the radio, records and good old-fashioned face to face conversations.

I liken the cast to a mixed bag of lollies as they are a variation of assortments and there was something to the liking for EVERY audience member – from the truly pure Sandy to the WAY too cool for school Danny, the annoyingly chipper Patty Simcox, the sassy Rizzo and of course the added sugariness of each member of the ensemble. What was particularly heart-warming working with these individuals was seeing them blossom into the true little performers.

The cast were made up of many talented students that put their own stamp on the much-loved characters of Rydell High. Throughout the rehearsal process, I have seen the most growth from our performers than any other show. I have seen them question what the word "choreography" means to being able to execute it with conviction and brilliance. Periodically, I asked them why their character was saying a particular line, to the students asking what their intention was for a line. Now THAT is growth!

A massive thank you must go out to the production team who tirelessly gave up their time and efforts. What I have learnt from working with the mighty Grease production team is that the key to smooth operations is trust, friendship, a genuine love of the Performing Arts and of course the collective aim of giving the students memories that will last a lifetime. A million times thank you. Grease is the word!



Mrs Shaneen Mason
Director & Head of
Dance/Drama





IN HONOUR OF THE LATE OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN

Our Grease Musical production team proudly donated \$1 from every ticket sold at our college musical this year to the Olivia Newton-John Foundation Fund in memory of the late Grease star - raising an amazing \$1,946 dollars!

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our college musical and well done to our magnificent dance and drama students on a stellar performance.

We hope everyone who visited our College to watch the show had a fantastic time.



GET THE BEAT

STACC were proud to recently host a Get the Beat dance competition in our state of the art All Saints' Theatre!

With over 400 solo routines performed, dance competitors travelled from all over FNQ - from Townsville to Ayr.

Covering all genres of dance, our theatre saw competitors as young as 4 to 20 years old up on stage.

Competitors loved the All Saints' Theatre and are already discussing dates for next years' event, which will also include troupes.

CARMINA BURANA

Carmina Burana was an opportunity for our Catholic Colleges to join forces to create something spectacular, memorable, and of the highest quality.

For many years, our Catholic Schools and Colleges have joined forces, with our music teachers creating outstanding opportunities for music performance on the best stages and spaces in Cairns.

For those of us that have lived in Cairns for some time, you'll remember the concerts in the old Civic Theatre, in the Tanks Centre, in St Monica's Cathedral, and in All Saints Theatre: - ANZAC Reflections, Christmas In The Cathedral, Centenary Celebration, Youth Festival to name just a few. The spectacles have always raised awareness of the amazing work our music staff and students do, whilst at the same time, supporting an important cause or charity.

Carmina Burana was no exception, this indeed was a production that our students' will tell their grandchildren about.

We would like to thank Chris Burcin and Cheri Spannenburg for their drive and leadership in bringing this enormous production to fruition. We were proud to be a part of this spectacular community.



Maureen Cameron
Head of Music



RISING STARS CONCERT

Thank you all so much for your support, time, and love at this years' Rising Stars Concert! Our staff at our beautiful College has traditionally been outstanding at caring for our young musicians, and our 'Rising Stars' concert was evidence of this.

This year, we had 26 teacher helpers – backstage, and in the auditorium (and so many more supporting from in the audience). There were more than 200 young musicians, the music committee, friends of the music committee - including alumni parents, and alumni students.

Our music community has worked tirelessly before and after school, in breaks, and on weekends to reach the polished standard that was on show. This intensive work starts in Year 2 or 3 and continues daily for 9-10 years until the last Year 12 STACC Ensemble's Last Notes are sounded in our procession for the Leavers Assembly.

In this day of constant change (for change's sake) and instant gratification (internet), music holds a sense of balance, and continuity, and gives us basic human contact in an otherwise confusing and lonely world. Music is a place of safety, a place to connect, and a place where reading and writing are enhanced, not by doing more of the same, but by doing it differently, intelligently. Playing or singing music is scientifically proven to make neurological connections within our brains that strengthen and synchronise those parts – it makes us smarter.

This year I have been lifted by the power of music, the energy, and love were tangible. Music makes us happier. Music lifts our spirits, connects us, gives us a sense of pride, and builds our confidence and self-esteem. It brings our community together and makes it stronger; it is a good-news story. Music is good for us!



Maureen Cameron
Head of Music





EISTEDDFOD RESULTS

Solo / Duet / Small Ensembles

M94 – Open Ensemble to 18 Years (3-12 members)

First place – St Andrew's Catholic College Brass Ensemble

M84 – Brass Solo 10 and Under 12 Years

First place – Owen Jacobson
Second place – Jimmy Deldot
Third place – Maverick Watchman

M74 – Woodwind Solo 12 and under 14 Years

Second place – Jessica Watchman
Third place – Isla Tomley

M68 – String Solo

6 and under 10 Years
Third place – Jessie Starmer

M85 – Brass Solos 6 and Under 10 Years

First place – Tommy Deldot
Second place – Lizzie Deldot

M85 – Contemporary Piano Solo 9 and under 11 Years

Highly commended - Zekun Xiao

M49 – Piano Solo – Own choice 10 Years

First place – Zekun Xiao

M86 – Brass Australian Composer Solo 14 – 18 Years

First place – Olivia Stein
Third place – Alex Stuttgen

M36 – Art Song Australian Composer 12 and under 15 years

Highly Commended – Catherine Hurdley

M82 – Brass Solo 14 – 18 Years

First place – Olivia Stein
Third place – Alex Stuttgen
Highly commended – Christopher Stuttgen

M79 – Duet for Two Orchestral Instruments 14 – 18 Years

Second place – Katherine Downham and Olivia Stein
Third place – Christopher Stuttgen and Alex Stuttgen

M80 – Duet for Two Orchestral Instruments 12 – 14 Years

First place – Catherine Hurdley and Owen Mackaness

M73 – Woodwind Solo

14 and under 16 Years

First place – Poppy Boyce
Second place – Mackenzie Osmond (ex STACC)

M83 – Brass Solo

12 and under 14 Years

Second place – Emma Adams (ex-STACC)
Third place – Scott Bowater
Highly commended – Catherine Hurdley

M81 – Open Brass Championship

First Place – Olivia Stein
Second Place – Alex Stuttgen

M96 – Primary Schools Concert Band

First Place – STACC Foundation Band

M98 – Open Concert Band

First Place – STACC Concert Band

M18 – Sacred/Spiritual Chorus

Second Place – STACC - Nothing but Treble

M19 – Sacred/Spiritual Chorus

Third Place – STACC - Nothing but Treble

M17 – Junior Chief Chorus

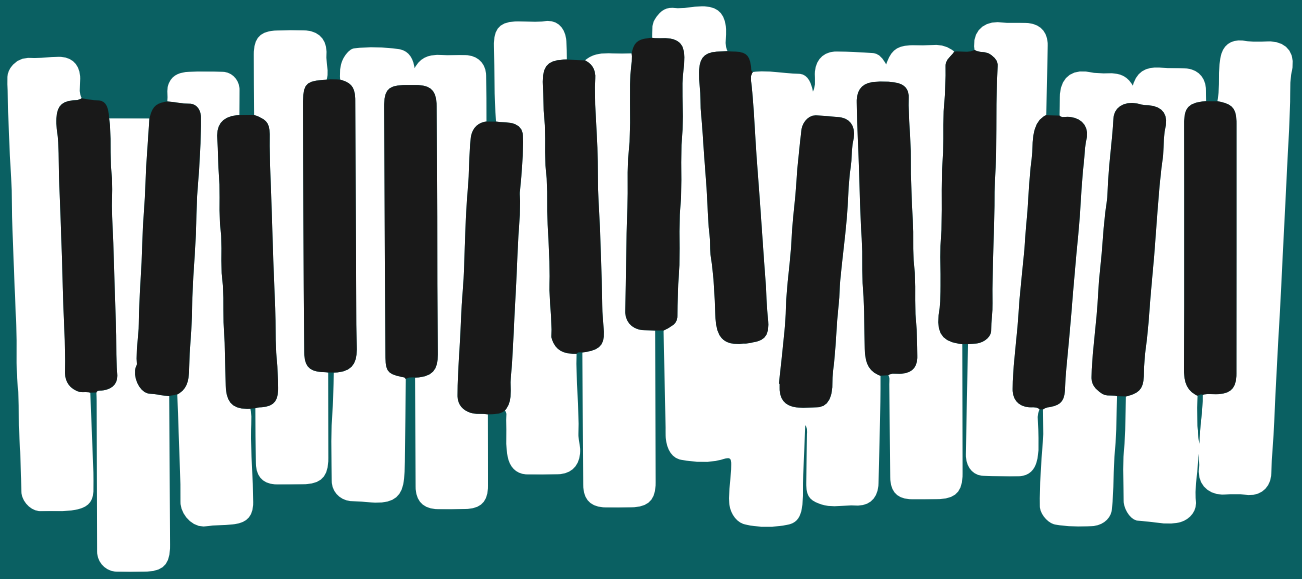
Second Place - STACC - Nothing but Treble

M21 – Novelty Chorus

First Place – STACC 4/5 Fun Choir A
Second Place – STACC 4/5 Fun Choir B



MUSIC NOTES



Music Spotlight



Congratulations to Catherine in Year 8 who represented St Andrew's Catholic College at the 'State Honours Ensemble Program' (SHEP) in Brisbane!

Catherine said "The program's Gold Ensemble was a really high standard, and I got to make many new music friends..... I loved it"

Well done on your performance and for representing STACC!



Congratulations to Zekun in year 5 who performed 2 Piano Solos at Cairns Eisteddfod.

Zekun received Highly Recommended for contemporary piano solo - 9 and under 11 years, and 1st place for piano solo - own choice - 10 years.

What a fantastic achievement!



Congratulations to St Andrew's Catholic College, Brass and Percussion Ensemble who competed in the Open Ensemble at the Cairns Eisteddfod.

The group won first prize against the best instrumentalists from schools (Catholic and State) in North Queensland!!

They were outstanding!

Inside the musical mind....

with Jay Meedeniya



How did you decide to start playing an instrument?

When I was a kid I actually wanted to start playing drums, but my mum convinced me that it'd be better to start with piano and then move onto other instruments, and she was right! I started clarinet a year later because I heard Mrs McIntyre and her students practising and I thought it sounded really cool.

What is your favourite thing about playing an instrument?

I like how music lets you connect with other people, band practice is probably my favourite thing about instruments. Playing in a big band

gives you this really cool feeling because you're part of something bigger than just yourself. There are a lot of fun opportunities you get too, like big concerts and the eisteddfod, I have so many great memories of those.

How do you find the determination and drive to keep going when it gets tough?

Honestly, there was a point last year where I just wanted to give up clarinet because I wasn't really enjoying it anymore. But I kept going (even though I didn't practise at all for a while) cause I saw other people who played really well and I thought I might as well stick it through. I'm glad I did, because I soon started to enjoy it again.

How many times do you attend extra rehearsals during the week?

I'm in the Brass Band which rehearses on Tuesdays at 7:30 in the morning. Concert band is Wednesday afternoon from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. My friends and I have started a small jazz band and we usually rehearse on Wednesday or Friday morning.

What is your favourite St Andrew's music memory?

Stuffing ourselves at a sausage sizzle while playing handball with everyone is pretty much a tradition of music community day every year. It's probably one of my favourite things to do with music. There are people from grade 3 to people who have already graduated, and it's so much fun. It's really cool to see how music brings so many people together.

If you had any advice for students wishing to take up an instrument – what would you say to them?

I'd say go for it. Sometimes it's tough to really get started but once you get it, it's good fun. There's a lot of ups and downs and sometimes you'll feel like giving up, but it's definitely worth sticking with it.

Outside of music, what is your greatest achievement so far?

I'll probably take a gap year after school and then hopefully I'll be able to go into journalism or radio. I already work at a radio station and it's really cool so hopefully I'll be able to continue down that path.

with Olivia Stein



How did you decide to start playing an instrument?

Both of my brothers played instruments, and it looked cool so I wanted to play one too. I was very excited when Ms Cameron asked me if I wanted to play the cornet!

What is your earliest music memory?

Falling asleep on my mum's lap at a music concert. I must have been 5 years old, and I started playing the cornet shortly after that, then piano a little later on.

What is your favourite thing about playing an instrument?

Getting to play with different people and meeting lots of new friends in and out of school. I love the opportunities that it gives me like SHEP, AHEP and Eisteddfod. I have played at National Competitions and even done a couple of semi-professional gigs.

How often do you practise your instruments?

I try to practise every day but because I play two instruments, I have to prioritise depending on what event I am working for.

How do you find the determination and drive to keep going when it gets tough?

My teacher, family & friends are always there supporting me, and I love the feeling of accomplishing something hard.

How many times do you attend extra rehearsals during the week?

Monday, I have Cairns Brass, Tuesday - Brass Band, Wednesday - Concert Band, and Thursday - Cornet and piano lessons. I also have chosen music as my year 10 elective, so we work on performance and composition in that time as well.

What is your favourite STACC music memory?

Jazz Band performances, especially - Jazz On The Deck. We did a full 2 hour set for friends and family and raised money for a primary school in the Solomon Islands.

If you had any advice for students wishing to take up an instrument – what would you say to them?

Do it, you'll have the best fun you'll ever have. It is difficult, but the rewards are huge. So, the challenge is the best part and the most satisfying.

Do you think playing an instrument helps with your academic studies?

Yes, because it gives me confidence and has taught me grit because it takes determination and continued effort, even when you don't feel like practising, you have to.

Do you have any idea what you want to do when you leave STACC?

Not yet, but I have considered either something scientific or something with my music.

Outside of music, what is your greatest achievement so far?

Completing Bronze Duke of Edinburgh. I have started on my silver. This is similar to music, as you get to meet new people and it also takes determination to keep going.

Is there anything else that you'd like everyone to know? Or do you have an interesting story to tell about your music journey?

When I was only starting on Cornet, I used to look up to Laura Jones. She was the most incredible cornet player. She was in year 11 when I was in year 2. I have a vivid memory of Laura. She was standing in the doorway of practice room 4, and Miss Cameron was teaching me some new notes. Miss Cameron laughed and said, "Look Laura, a mini you!" That has stuck with me.

MOTHER'S DAY AT ST ANDREW'S

We had a beautiful day celebrating our St Andrew's Mum's this year at the Mother's Day Market and Prep Pampering afternoon. It was great to see so many smiling faces around the College. This year, students from both Primary and Secondary had the opportunity to buy a special gift for their Mum at our fantastic Mother's Day Market stall hosted in our All Saints' Theatre.

There were many thoughtful gifts on sale, from scented candles to beautiful homemade jewellery. A special mention to students Emily, Laura, Mila and Lilah from "Elle's Nature Art" who sold their bespoke handmade jewellery and raised money for the FNQ Hospital Foundation.

The afternoon saw our littlest students treat their Mum's to a Prep Pampering Afternoon. There was plenty of nail painting, back massages, hair styling and wholesome activities for the students and their mothers to enjoy together.

Thank you to our FACE community and to all who volunteered and assisted to make this years' Mother's Day so special.





In the Classroom with... Mr Lee



How many years have you worked at STACC?

I started working at St Andrew's Catholic College in 2016 as a Year 3 Teacher. Since then, I have been a Year 5 Teacher, Year 5 Coordinator.

What grade do you teach?

I'm currently the Religion Education and Formation Leader for the Primary Years. Part of this job has me teaching many year levels!

What made you make the decision to become a teacher?

I had a career before becoming a teacher but had wanted to be a teacher when I left school. I had a number of caring family members and friends who encouraged me to have a go at education. Best decision I ever made.

What university did you go to?

I have done all of my study locally at JCU. My BAppSci, GradDipEd and MEd were all completed at the JCU Smithfield.

What was the first school you taught at and the subject?

My first teaching position was at Our Lady Help of Christians, Earlville. I taught a Year 3 and 4 composite class.

What's the most rewarding part of being a teacher?

I really enjoy being part of the community. One of the biggest reasons that I am at St Andrew's Catholic College is because of the community that works together to achieve quite phenomenal things!

What do you wish people would understand about teachers?

Each night throughout the entire year, our country is being made better by teachers who do unpaid work for the benefit of families other than their own. This includes the 'holidays'. Most of this work is done at the expense of time with their own families.

If you were not a teacher, what career path would you have taken?

At the moment, teaching is the other career path! I'm a big advocate for being a life-long learner. Lots of time yet for more adventures!



FAST FACTS!

Favourite book?

The Princess Bride.

Favourite movie?

The Shawshank Redemption.

Whiteboard or blackboard?

A whiteboard with a class set of mini whiteboards!

Note Taking by hand or by laptop?

Notes in a notebook.

One thing always on your desk?

A Farside Calendar.

Coffee or tea?

Coffee in the morning, tea at night!

Sunrise or sunset?

Sunrise.

Favourite colour?

Blue (except at Origin time!)



In the Classroom with... Mrs Lohmann



How many years have you worked at STACC?

This is my 8th year.

Have you always taught grade 7?

I have taught, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 6, Year 8 and Year 9 on occasion too.

What made you make the decision to become a teacher?

I thought 'real' children would be more interesting than my teddy bears and dolls I had been practicing on all through my childhood.

What university did you go to?

JCU Cairns.

What was the first school you taught at and the subject?

I taught for 10 years at Trinity Anglican School – first class was Year 3.

What's the most rewarding part of being a teacher?

Witnessing the awe and surprise students have at their own accomplishments.

What do you wish people would understand about teachers?

That teachers often put more time into other people's children than our own at times.

If you were not a teacher, what career path would you have taken?

Actress .. failing that, Travel Agent / Marketing.



FAST FACTS!

Favourite book?

Batavia by Peter Fitzsimons and other seafaring stories of old.

Favourite movie?

Anything Denzel Washington.

Whiteboard or blackboard?

Whiteboard.

Note Taking by hand or by laptop?

Laptop.

One thing always on your desk?

A 'to do' list.

Coffee or tea?

Tea (born in Yorkshire, goes with the territory).

Sunrise or sunset?

Sunset definitely.

Favourite colour?

The greenery in my garden - calming.



Inside the STACC Community

Mrs Dani Fargher



When did you start working at St Andrew's?

I started as a staff member in January 2018 but it is my 17th year being a parent as my first child started Prep in 2007 and my third child is about to graduate from Year 12 in 2023.

What's your current position?

I am part of the Administration Team here at St Andrew's and consider myself extremely lucky to work with some very dedicated, considerate and caring people as part of this team.

Have you held any other positions at St Andrew's?

I have not held any other paid positions here at the College but I held the position of Treasurer of the Parents & Friends committee for many years and was involved in the Fetes and other events put on by the amazing committee during that time. I have also worked with the super creative minds that have made magic happen for our College musicals and plays – Lion King, High School Musical, Annie, Cyberbille and Grease!

What's the biggest change you've seen in your time here?

When my eldest son started Prep the College only went to Year 9, so I have witnessed the first Senior Years classes, increased streams in Primary school (3 to 4 classes), new buildings, new ovals and four Principals!

What do you love about St Andrew's?

St Andrew's provides a wealth of opportunities for staff, students and parents who wish to embrace the community. My children have had passionate and caring teachers along their schooling journey and were given chances to experience many extracurricular activities in the academic, sporting and creative fields. The Prep to Year 12 college creates a journey that builds history for students, staff and parents. Just the other day I was reminiscing with my now 19 year-old son's Prep teacher about the time she sent me a letter saying my son "is a clown". He still is a clown, however, his teacher was referring to the part he was to play in the Prep Concert. There are not many environments that foster such connections and our journey pathway gives everyone the opportunity to embrace history on a daily basis.

FAST FACTS!

Biggest achievement? In terms of the College, I have been awarded the Community Spirit Award for my work with the P&F and a 2022 Staff Award. I was honoured to be recognised, on both occasions, for simply doing something I enjoy.

Best advice you've been given? "Just breathe".

Book or movie? Both – couldn't give up either!

Sweet or savoury? Again both!

Sunrise or sunset? Sunrise – gives you a chance to breathe in the freshness of the new day.

Words of wisdom? Treat others the way you wish to be treated.

What legacy would you like to leave? I look at it more of the legacy that being part of St Andrew's has left on me. This place has given me amazing opportunities and fostered strong and true friendships. I hope that in some way, at some time either a student or staff member can recall a moment where I made a difference in their journey.



Inside the STACC Community

Mr Damon Thompson



When did you start working at St Andrew's?
I started working at St Andrew's in 2005 in the IT department.

What is your current position?
IT Manager.

Have you held any other positions at St Andrew's?
I first started as an IT technician and then worked my way up to managing the department.

What is the biggest change you have seen in your time here?
It was cool watching the All-Saints' Theatre being built and now seeing it in action with students performing in our school musicals and concerts.

What do you love about St Andrew's?
I have loved seeing my daughter grow up with her friends since Prep to Secondary.

FAST FACTS!

Biggest Achievement? My family.

Best advice you've been given? Fake it till you make it.

Words of wisdom? Have you tried turning it on and off?

Book or movie? Book.

Sweet or savoury? Savoury.

Sunrise or sunset? Sunrise.

What legacy would you like to leave? I'd like to be remembered as a 'go to person' and someone who has helped people over the years.

THE HEARTWARMING TALE OF BOBBY'S RESCUE



In Term 2, Oscar Clarke from our school maintenance team found a lost puppy wandering around our school oval after lunch.

Our Front Receptionist Sue searched on many community resident groups in hope to find the owner. Luckily, there was a post from earlier in the day looking for a puppy named Bobby, who is a Foster Dog through Cairns Animal Rescue.

The scared and disorientated Bobby had been missing from a nearby park in Redlynch for several hours.

Through the amazing efforts of our STACC community, Bobby was reunited with his foster parents Rebekah and Brett who were able to collect Bobby safely.

Bobby was very happy to be reunited with his foster family and our community were humbled to assist in his rescue.

ST ANDREW'S FAMILY WIN HIT FM HELICOPTER COMPETITION

What an experience for St Andrew's brothers Jackson and Harvey Granger who arrived at school in style in Term 2 by Nautilus Aviation Helicopter after winning the Heli Hit Far North Queensland school drop off competition!

It was great to see the huge smiles on their faces after the exhilarating experience of landing on our College oval by helicopter.

The Granger boys and their Mum were greeted by many excited STACC community members and peers.

Thank you to all who came along to watch the helicopter land on our College oval and congratulations to the Granger family.



THE SPORTS DESK

St Andrew's Catholic College is very proud of the many emerging athletes who represent the College each year. We pride ourselves on our fantastic participation rates and teamwork displayed from Prep to Year 12 across all of our College community sporting events.

Already in 2023, we have achieved a great amount of success in the sports arena, with roughly 30 students selected to represent Peninsula in Secondary across a range of sports. We'd like to extend our congratulations to all students who have been selected to represent the region and to those who have also progressed to State and National level. Major highlights from Term 1 & 2 include:

CISSA Sports

- Our Girls Netball & Boys Touch Football teams were overall Champions!
- Our Girls Volleyball and Boys Soccer teams were Runners up!

This is a massive achievement, congratulations on your hard work and dedication to sport.

We had our Cross Country and Colour Run events take place in Term 1. It was great to see such high participation rates and many students putting in their best efforts along with cheering on their fellow classmates.

We also had our Athletics Day in Term 2 for Primary and Secondary. Again, congratulations to all who participated and to those who cheered from the sidelines. It was a fantastic day outside on the College oval.

Our ALF Q Cup – Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary teams were Cairns Regional Winners and are off to the Mackay tournament in August. We wish them all the best.

Individual highlights can be seen on the Sporting Spotlight page, I'd like to make special mention to

- Ben Wenzel - who represented Australia and attended the BNP Paribas World Team Cup event in Villamoura Portugal. (Effectively the Davis Cup of Wheelchair Tennis)!
- Eve Stuart - for her selection in the Samoa Soccer Team for Oceania World Cup. Eve will first fly to NZL for a training camp, then onto Fiji for the Oceania World Cup in early July.
- Joshua Hosking - who has been selected to represent Queensland in the U16 Queensland Basketball team to compete at the National Championships in Perth in July 2023!
- Kaiyan Blue - who competed in the Queensland All Schools' Cross Country Championships in Brisbane. Kaiyan ran an amazing race, taking home the silver medal!
- Grace Frost - our ALFQ Girls Cup winning team member who also received Best Player of the Day.
- Nathan Andronicus - who competed in the Australian National Multi Class Age Swimming Championships held on the Gold Coast. Nathan qualified for 6 swims and made 3 finals, finishing 4th in the 50m Breaststroke and 200m IM.



Andre van Slooten
Head of Sport



ATHLETICS DAY



COLOUR RUN



CROSS COUNTRY



Sporting Spotlight



with Kaiyan Blue
Cross Country Champion

When did you decide to start running cross country?

When I won my first ever 800m race at the age of eight, I realised that middle distance running might be something I would be good at.

What is your earliest cross country memory?

When I was in Prep, I did my first school XC, and didn't know that I was allowed to overtake others. I kept running in line till I crossed the finish line.

What is your favourite thing about competing?

Getting good results and knowing that my hard training pays off. Also, travelling around Australia is fun.

How often do you train for your event?

5-6 times a week.

How do you find the determination and drive to keep going when it gets tough?

I just know that the hard work will pay off and some setbacks are parts of any athlete's journey. I have gone through some tough times being injured and felt devastated by some results, but not giving up is important.

What do you love about STACC cross country events?

STACC Cross Country course is pretty good. I wish the school cross country was back to compulsory not optional so I don't need to miss classes/everyone can participate.

If you had any advice for students wishing to take up cross country – what would you say to them?

I would say go for it because it is good to run due to the fact that you will get fit, I think cross country is a good sport because you feel a sense of accomplishment. Consistency is the key. You might not see the results straight away, but it will come if you keep trying.

Do you think cross country helps you with your academic studies?

The setbacks that I have experienced in running like being injured, not getting the results I wanted have made me stronger and learnt to be resilient. Cross Country running requires disciplining myself, such as setting up routines, getting up early every weekend.

Do you have any idea what you want to do when you leave STACC?

I would like to go to an American College to pursue my running career while studying something like medicine or law.

Outside of sport, what is your greatest achievement so far?

I am trying my best to get good grades. I have not neglected my studies/social life while I do my chosen sports. I also speak two languages.

Is there anything else that you'd like everyone to know?

I am going to Canberra in August to compete in the Australian National Cross Country Championships.





Visual Arts

Our Visual Art students continue to excel and to display their work in a variety of venues.

Earlier this year as a celebration of *International Women's Day*, Chloe Dwyer was invited to create and exhibit work for FLAME, at the Tanks.

Year 12 are working on their final body of work which will evolve from their IA2 focus and artworks.

Year 9 students are experimenting with stylisation and portraiture culminating in screen printing.

Year 10 Service Learning (2022/2023)

Year 12 Mosaic Seats

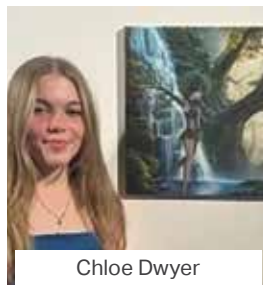
Our colourful Year 12 seats represent the mission of St Andrew's Catholic College: to celebrate the uniqueness of each individual.

The bold colours of the school sectors, yellow, red, green and blue, contrast the variety of tones signifying diversity of individual preference, experience, language, ability and heritage.

The complementary interlocking design alludes to connections and relationships while highlighting the fact that difference is of value, is beautiful and needs celebration.

Year 8 and 9 Art Enrichment

This semester students developed and extended their skills in portrait drawing and printmaking. They discovered ways to transfer their drawings to pre-made collages and learnt how to use the printmaker to create both collagraph and etching print artworks.



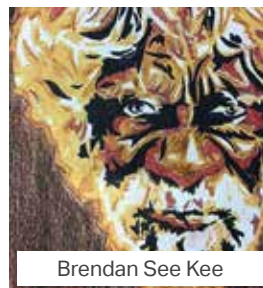
Chloe Dwyer



Joel Sylvester



Ash Ryan



Brendan See Kee



Kyla Molina



Rosemary Bachelor
Head of Department Visual Arts



Erin McLellar



Evie Vigar



Chloe Dwyer

Artist Spotlight



with Ashlyn Sheils

When did you decide to start painting / creating artwork?

I remember in primary school (about grade 4) that all my friends started to draw horses so naturally I wanted to join in. I sucked at drawing horses, so I ended up learning portraiture. Mind you, I was tracing the heads with a bowl haha.

What is your earliest art memory?

I won my first art competition in grade 5 with a mermaid drawing using tinfoil. It was a major confidence boost and a core realisation for my talent in the art field.

What is your favourite thing about creating art?

My favourite thing about creating art is the audience's reaction to it. It has the potential to make people feel something whether that be recognition, connection, confidence, despair, or hope. It's an amazing feeling to create a meaningful impact in a stranger's life.

How often do you paint or draw?

Easily 5 hours a day, every day, AT LEAST. You can always find me in my art room (or in maths) sketching!

If you had any advice for students wishing to take up art – what would you say to them?

All art has an ugly stage, so when you get to that stage, don't quit and keep on going! Also, need any advice or have an art block, feel free to reach out to me and I'll try to help!

Do you think your art helps with your academic studies?

I think art is the most underrated subject in terms of how hard it actually is. I easily incorporate maths, geometry, science, psychology, and philosophy so by doing art I also gain a deeper understanding for my other subjects. I also believe my art gives me a goal to focus on and lowers my stress.

Do you have any idea what you want to do when you leave STACC?

Become the next Andy Warhol. Ambitious I know, but not impossible.

Outside of art, what is your greatest achievement so far?

I feel like many of my inner achievements revolve around me trying things. For example, I've done drone courses, augmented reality lessons, wakeboarding, illustration classes, practice as a teachers aid, teaching kids how to paint and more. I feel like each little achievement should be recognised and celebrated by everyone.



Ella in Year 1 absolutely nailed her art project of Van Gogh's "Starry Night" as inspiration.

The class got creative and used oil pastels to re-create their own version of the famous masterpiece.

In Visual Arts, Year 1 has been learning about warm and cool colours, and different lines and shapes that are used in artwork.

What a talent!

STACC LIBRARIES



READERS CUP

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the outstanding support and dedication during the preparation and execution of the recent Readers Cup Event at St. Andrew's.

The community's contributions were invaluable, and we are immensely grateful for the time and effort each of you invested in making this event a resounding success.

Visiting schools were genuinely impressed by our facilities, and our collective commitment to excellence did not go unnoticed. Hosting an event of this magnitude is not possible without the collaborative efforts of so many willing staff and students. We extend our deepest thanks to each and every one of you who checked in, contributed and volunteered time and skills to make this event once again a huge success.

Based on the preliminary feedback received from the attending students and parents, it is evident that this day and the journey leading up to it will be cherished for a long time to come.

We are delighted to share that our considerably young teams from St. Andrew's Catholic College performed exceptionally well in their respective divisions.

Congratulations to our St Andrew's Catholic College Year 5/6 Readers Cup Team, who placed 2nd at the FNQ Regional Readers Cup competition in Term 2.

St Andrew's was very proud to host the Years 5/6 Readers Cup, with 48 schools participating from Weipa, to Thursday Island and down to Tully & Innisfail.

Our teams worked very hard preparing for the competition, not only meeting on Thursday afternoons after school, but Tuesdays at lunch time as well. Well done to Josie, Orla, Chloe, & John on winning the silver medal.

St Andrew's was also represented at the Year 7/8 FNQ Regional Readers Cup finals held at Smithfield State High School. Two Year 7 teams secured an impressive 4th and 6th place in the Year 7 /8 Competition. We'd like to congratulate Poppy, Finn, Ella, Matilda, Amber, Owen, Maddie, and Marco on your stellar performances!

Verdi Reid and Fran Hughes



Josie Schieb 5-4, Chloe Connolly 5-4, Orla Littlewood 5-4, John Meade 6-2



Back row: Team One - Finn Hannan, Ella Harpley, Poppy Donnelly, Matilda Jennings
Front row: Team Two - Amber Roberts, Maddie Weyling, Owen Mackeness, Marco Salvador



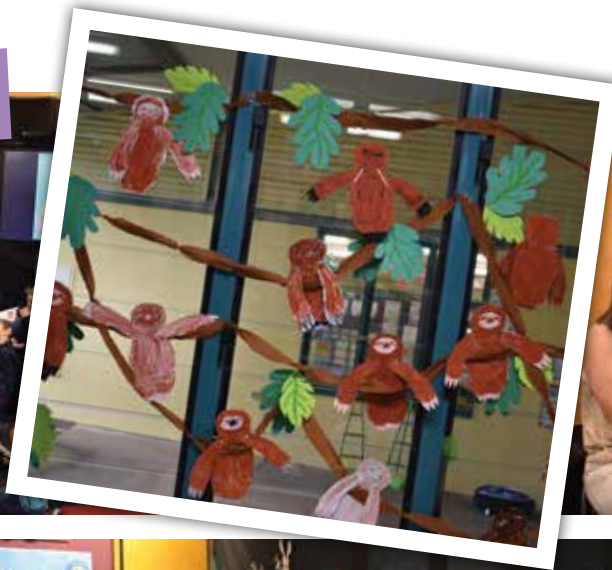
NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

In Term 2, our youngest students celebrated National Simultaneous Storytime in our wonderful Primary Library. This year's book was *The Speedy Sloth* by Rebecca Young.

Our Prep classes even had a special guest appearance by the very own Speedy Sloth!

Thank you to our guest readers Liz Phillips, Jamie Dickenson and to all who were involved.

THE SPEEDY SLOTH





Chef's Kitchen

Recipe for success

Smashing out Semester 1.

To say this year has gone fast would be an understatement. As we all know, the hospitality industry never sleeps, and our little slice of paradise is no exception. The beginning of 2023 saw thirteen new Year 10 students commence Certificate 1 Hospitality and twenty Year 11 students start a dual enrolment into Certificate 2 Hospitality and Certificate 2 Cookery. The Cookery certificate is exciting as I have hand picked the units of competency to include Asian cookery and Pastry elements.

Our Australian Champions and college alumnus Luke and Shaun returned to the St Andrew's space to represent the school and country in Thailand on a weeklong culinary tour in conjunction with Wandee Culinary Technological college and Australian Culinary Federation. Some highlights were dining out at Chef Tam Chuduree's Baan Tapa (Michelin starred restaurant) Cooking and baking cakes for a local orphanage and being a part of Schools of Bangkok Industry roadshow.

Locally, our students have been immersing and engaging themselves

in employment opportunities that have been presented to them. You will find some of our superstars working the kitchens and restaurants of establishments such as L'unico, Tuk-Tuk, Tobruk Pool café, Ocean wild Seafood and Straight on the beach Café.

Once again, we have established our STACC culinary team consisting of Annika Reiha, James Ryan and Teona Gulhan. James and Annika have had their first competition being the regional finals for the National Secondary Schools Culinary Competition. St. Andrew's are the reigning National Champions taking out the gong last year. There has been a lot of training in the background, and this proved on competition day when Team STACC won their pass through to the national finals to be held in Perth in August. Congratulations to James and Annika and "let's go back-to-back!".

Our focus for this semester in the Year 10 space is learning about teamwork, working safely in the kitchen and Hospitality basics. Our seniors have been the engine behind the vehicle, prepping and servicing

our many functions they have hosted!

In the background of all the slicing, dicing, mixing and turning we have been able to create an opportunity for our students to travel abroad on a Gourmet culinary tour of Japan. This takes place during the Term 2 holidays - taking in the sights and smells of Tokyo, Hiroshima and Japan's Kitchen, Osaka! Special thanks to Miss Chappell, Ms Mann and Miss Hannon for all your hard work and guidance.

Semester 2 is just over the horizon and will bring more excitement and opportunity!

For now, I will leave you with this month's recipe, straight out of Thailand and definitely one for the cooler months!



Chef Brandon



Cooking up a storm

Congratulations to STACC Year 11 students, Annika and James, both studying Cookery & Hospitality, who recently competed in the National Secondary Schools Culinary Competition held by the Australian Culinary Federation (ACF).

The students were given a whole chicken and 1 hour to prepare and serve 2 identical portions of a dish they created.

The team was awarded a Bronze medal which was enough to secure them the win and a trip to Nationals to represent Queensland in Perth in August!

Judge Mr Brian Down gave the young chefs the QLD flag and told them to fly it high and proud at Nationals!

STACC are the reigning 2022 National Champions - we wish them all the best for Nationals in Perth!



Chef Brandon's Tom Yum Gai - Hot and Sour Chicken Soup

Ingredients (in order of preparation):

- 1 kg chicken breast, cubed
- 8-10 kaffir lime leaves
- 3-4 stalks lemongrass, bruised
- 10-12 large dried red chillies
- 4-5 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 large onions, sliced
- 2-3 tbsp. chopped ginger
- 3-4 tbsp. chopped galangal
- 500 g cherry tomatoes, halved
- 2-3 l chicken broth
- 2-3 tbsp. fish sauce
- 1-2 tbsp. palm sugar
- 200 g button mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup chopped coriander
- Juice of 2-3 limes
- Fish sauce, to taste

Instructions:

- 1) In a large pot, heat chicken broth and add chicken breast, kaffir lime leaves, lemongrass, dried red chillies, garlic, onions, ginger, galangal, cherry tomatoes, fish sauce, palm sugar and mushrooms.
 - 2) Let it boil and then reduce heat to low, simmer for 10-15 minutes until chicken is cooked through.
 - 3) Add coriander and lime juice.
 - 4) Season with fish sauce to taste.
- Serve hot with your choice of toppings such as chopped coriander, sliced chillies, crushed peanuts, lime wedges, etc.

Chef B's hot tip:

For a richer and creamier taste, add 200-300 ml coconut milk to the soup in step 2, before reducing heat to low.





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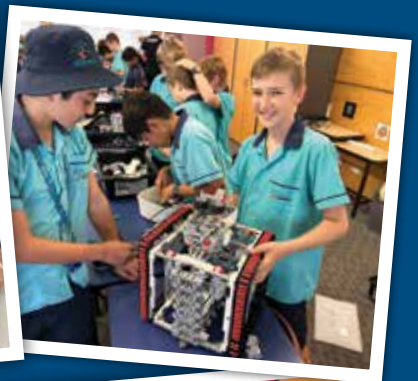
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STACC CLUBS

Each week in Robotics Club, students across the College get together to share their enjoyment of all things technological.



Some interesting designs created so far this year include racing and drag-bots, robot launchers and lawnmowers, as well as sumo and battle-bots.

The Robotics Club is an afterschool club available for students in Years 5 to 12 who have a passion for building and programming robots, and an interest in friendly competition.

Using LEGO Mindstorms technology, Robotics Club allows students to further their IT and engineering skills, whilst also encouraging sportsmanship, teamwork, and having a whole lot of fun!

Adrienne Hill

Secondary Years Teacher & Robotics Club Coordinator



CHINESE LANGUAGE & CULTURAL DAY

In Term 2, Years 7 & 8 Chinese language rotation students participated in a Chinese language and cultural day event at school, facilitated by CIQ QUT (Queensland University of Technology).

This half day event mainly focused on cultural activities, such as a Tea Ceremony, Five Anima Tai Chi, Beijing Opera Mask painting,

Chinese Ribbon Dance, Chinese Plum Blossom Painting and chopstick skills.

Our students had a great time participating and learning more about Chinese culture!

Millie Teeter
Secondary Teacher



OUR FUTURE LAWYERS MAKE THEIR MARK AT MOCK COURT

The judges had a difficult time deliberating on their decisions as the calibre of entries this year was fabulous at Mock Court.

Out of 12 teams from 7 schools - 3 winners have been decided with St Andrew's being selected in the Top 3.

We'd like to thank our mentor Emily Thambyah, who gave up her time to coach the STACC winning team.

Emily is a former student who attended St Andrew's until Year 10 and is currently a Crown Prosecutor.

What a fantastic role model and mentor for our students.

Well done to the St Andrew's team - Elliana Moloney, Sofie Siegrist, Kate Duncan, Avah Francis-Henderson, Madison Dangerfield, Ava Notman and Amelia Bosnjak

Rachelle Hannan
Secondary Teacher



Vocational Education & Training

In 2023, the College's VET program continues to expand.

Currently we have 315 VET enrolments across Years 10-12, with many students undertaking more than one qualification. Additionally, there are many students who are combining their VET studies with their ATAR subjects, providing them with an opportunity to create a balanced approach that opens doors to alternative university entry options.

Our College offers a wide range of certificates including Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways, Certificate II in Engineering Pathways, Certificates I and II in Hospitality, Certificate II in Cookery, Certificate III in IT, Certificate III in Business, Certificate III in Fitness, Certificate IV in Crime and Justice Studies, Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance, and Certificate III in Health Services Assistance.

Our students are not only limited to certificates offered at the school; they are also exploring opportunities with external providers. We have students taking certificates through TAFE, Major Training, Aviation Australia, CQU, and Demi International College of Beauty. This means more diverse experiences and a broader range of expertise for our talented students.

The Year 10 Work Experience program is in full swing, with placements scheduled for Week 4 of Term 3. We've also embarked on a number of excursions so far this year to Hutchies Try a Trade, Ergon Energy, Breakfast with the Tradies and more!

Our Year 11 & 12 Hospitality and Cookery students are also about to immerse themselves in an awe-inspiring culinary tour of Japan to learn more about Asian cuisine. We wish them well for a safe and enjoyable trip!

One of our talented Year 11 students (Lily Corbett) made it to the top five in the prestigious Queensland Training Awards this year. Lily is undertaking a School Based Traineeship in Childcare and is certainly making an impression with her employer and the families and children she is working with. Let's not forget our very own Chef Brandon, who has clinched a spot in the top three for the coveted title of "VET Trainer of the Year" in the Queensland Training Awards. We'll be cheering him on as he vies for the State Award!

We are also preparing for our Annual Career and Trade Expo to be held on Thursday 22 June from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. With a remarkable line up of 55+ stall holders, ranging from trades to universities (including accommodation providers), there's something for everyone.



Sharon Mann
VET Coordinator



BSB30120 CERTIFICATE III IN BUSINESS

Did you know you can work towards a Business Qualification in Year 10?

Year 10 students at St Andrew's Catholic College have the option to choose Certificate III Business BSB30120 as part of their senior subject choices in 2024. This program is offered through a Third-Party arrangement with Binnacle Training. This qualification reflects the role of individuals in a variety of Business Services job roles and is delivered over a two-year period. The program is delivered through class-based tasks as well as both simulated and real business environments at the school - involving the delivery of a range of projects and services within the school community. Major projects are competency based and practical in nature. Students can connect with industry professionals and gain industry exposure for future employment.

Graduates will be competent in a range of essential business skills including personal management and effective communication techniques, customer service, leadership and innovation, critical thinking, business technology and documents, financial literacy, workplace health and safety, inclusive work practices and participating in sustainable work practices.

This program also includes student opportunities to design a new product or service as part of our (non-accredited) Entrepreneurship Project - Binnacle Boss. A Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) Screening process is undertaken at the time of initial enrolment (or earlier) to ensure students have the capacity to effectively engage with the content and to identify support measures as required.

Successful completion of the Certificate III in Business will contribute a maximum 8 QCE credit points and may contribute towards a student's Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

For more information, contact Sharon Mann, VET Coordinator or Binnacle Deliverer, Sarah Arnel to discuss enrolment options for 2024.



We have made a solid start to 2023 in the Careers Department.

Year 10 Students have almost completed two Mighty Minds program modules (Who Am I? and The World of Work) during their weekly Careers lessons.

Year 7 students had the pleasure of welcoming JCU Cairns into their classrooms and completed activities designed to assist them in planning their future career pathways called 'Building Aspirations and Career Pathways.' The activities included 'Spaghetti Tower' and 'Sky High Dreaming.'

Many excursions focused on career development have occurred, beginning with the Careers in Health breakfast for interested Year 10 students and an Emerging Leaders breakfast for Year 11 students.

Year 12 students attended the CQ University Uni Experience Day to explore two study areas, learn about early options and other pathways to university, discover support and scholarship options, and get all their questions answered by CQUni staff and students.

Finally, 18 Year 10 students were involved in the Aspiring Teacher's Program by Mrs Rachelle Hannan on a Wednesday afternoon. This program was designed to educate and encourage students to choose teaching as a career option. The program has informed students of the benefits and pathways to a rewarding career as a teacher. Students have also been through the Ready Reading Program and are practising these new skills in our Primary School by reading with students from Prep to Year 6.

Many more exciting excursions, on-site events, and programs are still to come.

Watch this space!

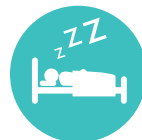


Renee Campbell
Careers Coordinator



Student

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Getting to know your School Counsellors

Meet Chay



My name is Chay and this is my third year at St Andrew's. My undergraduate degree was a Bachelor of Education where I majored in Health and Physical Education and English and worked as a teacher in Townsville for 5 years. I loved teaching the theory side of HPE and had a vested interest in mental health so chose to study my Masters in Guidance and Counselling to become a Guidance Counsellor. This is my ninth year working in schools and my fourth year as a counsellor and I absolutely love it.

FUN FACTS!

Stuck on a desert island with one forever food choice?

I am going with loaded nachos - yum!

What was your first job?

I was a check out chick at Coles.

What do you like to do outside of school?

I love hiking to waterfalls and snorkelling the beautiful Great Barrier Reef.

Who is someone that inspires you and why?

My twin sister as she overcomes anything life throws at her!

What's your favourite part of being a school counsellor?

My favourite part of the job is being able to make meaningful connections with the students and to watch them grow into the best versions of themselves.

Meet Natasha



I'm Natasha and I joined St Andrew's this year, and I am loving being here. I am a psychologist and prior to this role I worked in private practice for 6 years supporting young people and their families. I enjoy working with young people and helping them reach their goals!

FUN FACTS!

Stuck on a desert island with one forever food choice?

My mum's roast lamb.

What was your first job?

Rebel Sport.

What do you like to do outside of school?

I love hiking - being on top of a mountain is one of my favourite places to be! I also have two dogs that like to play and go walking.

Who is someone that inspires you and why?

My Granny. She's the most resilient and kindest person I know.

What's your favourite part of being a school counsellor?

I love building relationships with the kids and their families and watching the positive progress as they grow (oh, and the games of Uno).

Meet Bryan



My name is Bryan, and I have been at St. Andrew's for seven years. I have an Arts degree majoring in Geography and worked as a teacher for 20 years in the state system, teaching Geography and History, before studying a Masters to become a Guidance Officer. In the state system I did District Relief in Guidance and Counselling on the Sunshine Coast before changing to Brisbane Catholic Education and then up here to Cairns. I enjoy working with young people to try and make their world's a little bit brighter and also enjoy the challenges that this position brings.

FUN FACTS!

Stuck on a desert island with one forever food choice?

Fried rice.

What was your first job?

I was a brickie's labourer.

What do you like to do outside of school?

I play golf and go fishing in the boat.

Who is someone that inspires you and why?

My brother because he has always been there to help out when required.

What's your favourite part of being a school counsellor?

Working with young people who are experiencing difficulties, in one form or another, to try and improve their overall well-being and outcomes.

Meet Jade



Hi all, I'm Jade and I started out as a Youth worker back in 2000. I've worked mainly as a youth drug and alcohol and mental health clinician in Victoria, Queensland and on Nauru. I'm now a social worker and was very lucky to land a job here at St Andrew's almost 5 years ago. St Andrew's is a beautiful place and community, and I've enjoyed almost every moment of doing this job here.

FUN FACTS!

Stuck on a desert island with one forever food choice?

Without a doubt - Red Rock Deli Salt and Vinegar chips.

What was your first job?

Serving ice creams, donuts and thick shakes at Wendy's (many were eaten by me too!).

What do you like to do outside of school?

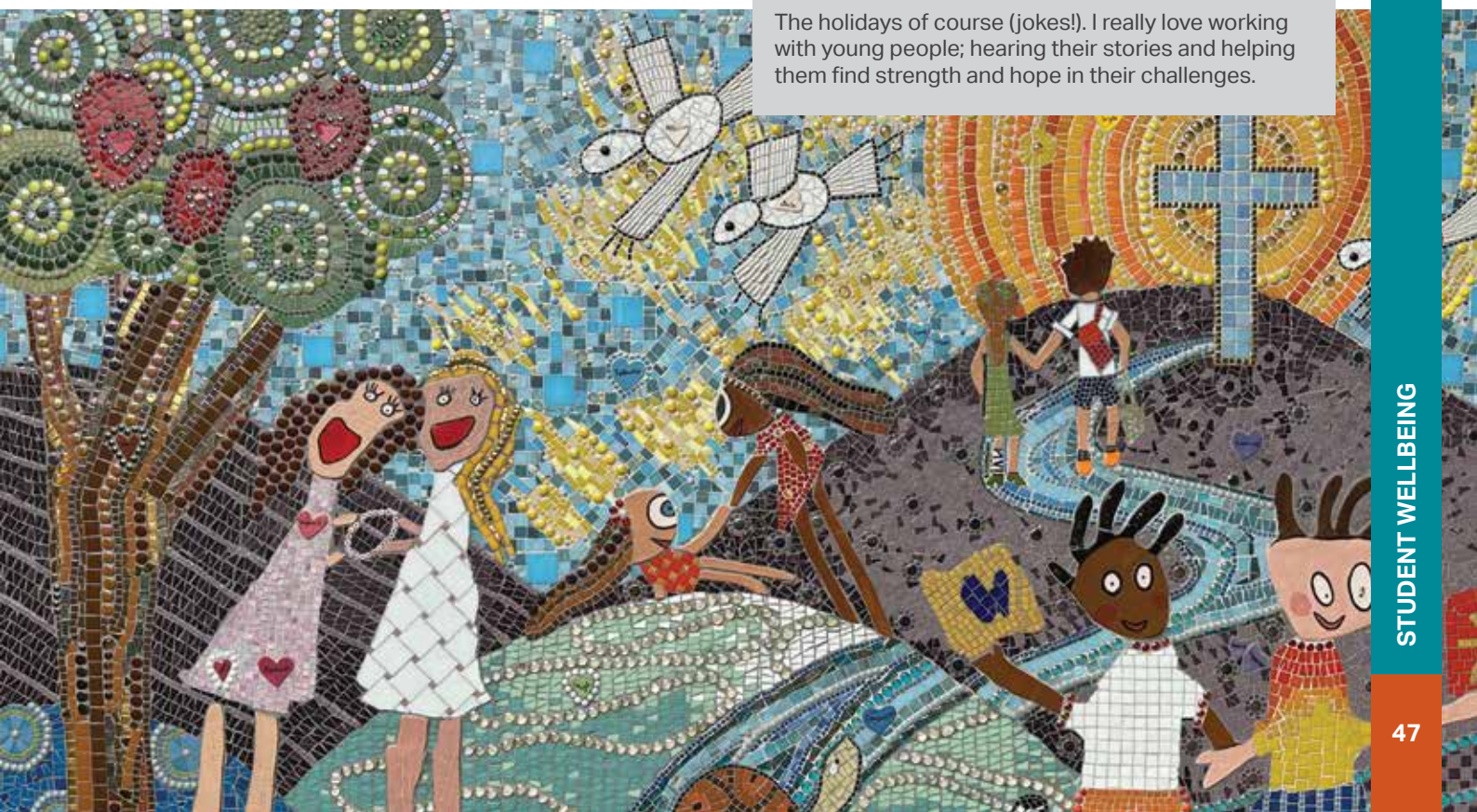
I regularly like to punch and kick pads and bags at Nukzu Muay Thai. But mostly I love to hang out, eat chips and watch movies with my husband and three daughters.

Who is someone that inspires you and why?

My paternal grandparents inspire me. They left all their family behind in the Netherlands after WWII and immigrated to Australia to find a safer, better life and future for their young family. What an epic adventure! I very much owe the development of my values to my Opa and Oma.

What's your favourite part of being a school counsellor?

The holidays of course (jokes!). I really love working with young people; hearing their stories and helping them find strength and hope in their challenges.



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (FACE)



In Term 1, the FACE committee welcomed new committee members Erin Robinson, Vice-President; Elouise Collins, Secretary; and Michelle Gralow, Diocesan Representative. Erin, Elouise and Michelle join Amy Sing, Treasurer and Riona Thistlethwaite, Diocesan Representative.

During Term 1, FACE assisted with the teacher meet and greet evening, providing babysitting so that Primary years parents could come along and meet the teaching and leadership staff. It was also a very busy term for the army of FACE helpers who assisted Sarah Caligaris in the library with cataloguing and covering the decodable readers that were donated in 2022. This was a mammoth job and FACE was so appreciative of the support from the school community in getting these crucial resources into the classrooms.

Term 2 has been very busy with the FACE Committee hosting a parent literacy information night with Jocelyn Seamer, who came and spoke to parents about the science of reading and how important the changes being implemented by the school are to support students and parents on their reading journey. FACE also donated books for National Simultaneous Story Time, with all Prep and year 1 students receiving a book to take home, as well as copies for every Primary Classroom, and even some for our Kindy friends at Catholic Early Learning Centre Redlynch who will be joining St Andrew's next year.

The Mother's Day Market was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of Susan Meade and all the FACE Volunteers who came and sold lovely gifts to the students. This year the Market was successfully opened up to Secondary students. More than \$1000 was raised and donated to the FNQ Hospital Foundation.

FACE supported the inclusion of a parent information session when Brett Lee visited the school to provide Cyber Safety talks to students from Years 5 to 12.

We finished off term 2 with another successful Family Movie Night that was attended by over 200 people!

FACE Committee



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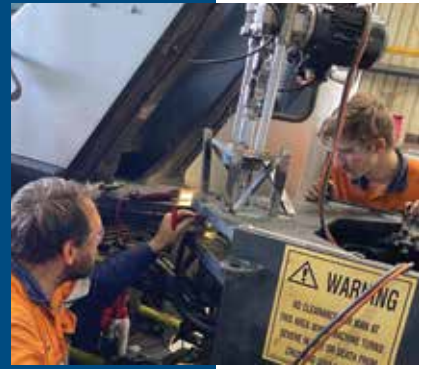
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Ethan Foyle

Class of 2020



Ethan graduated from St Andrew's in 2020 and started an apprenticeship in Boilermaking with North Coast Engineering.

In 2023, Ethan has been nominated for the Apprentice of the Year category for the TAFE Trade Excellence Awards and has recently been announced as being one of the Top 3 Finalists!

Ethan's Managers at North Coast Engineering said he has demonstrated a strong work ethic, leadership, and dedication to his workplace.

"Ethan takes his work seriously and devotes his working hours to going above and beyond what's required of him. This is shown through Ethan turning up to work early every day and always showing his eagerness to learn. He shows strong leadership skills through using initiative to raise questions, mentoring younger apprentices, and showing interest in personal growth. He shows his dedication to the business by being eager to help management and his co-workers to succeed.

He may volunteer for additional work or see how he can assist busy colleagues to get the work done. He loves his trade, which shows through personal projects done outside of work hours,"

Ethan goes above and beyond and supports his colleagues in the workplace.

"Ethan takes the time to get to know people on a personal level, he doesn't see them as just co-workers and he is always there to support them. He will always show up for people without resentment and he is always setting a great example for the younger apprentices. Ethan has been exemplary in all his welding techniques and managing job fronts under the guidance of management, positively contributing to the business via his skill set and eagerness to learn," said North Coast Engineering.



What year did you graduate from St Andrew's?

2020.

What are you currently studying?

Boilermaker Apprenticeship.

What has been your biggest success so far?

Purchasing an apartment with my partner and dog in 2022.

What's the most rewarding aspect of your work?

Being able to stand back and look at a job that I've completed, knowing that all the hard work and big hours have paid off.

Who was your role model at St Andrew's?

The engineering department as a whole played a big role in shaping what I chose to do, and always supported my ideas in the classroom and practical work.

Where do you hope to see yourself in 5 years time?

In the next 5 years I hope to see myself become a knowledgeable tradesman who is tackling all kinds of different jobs, and will be saving towards buying a house and possibly moving out to the mines.



Alumni Spotlight



Patrick Richardson - Class of 2022

Congratulations to Patrick Richardson, for his selection in The 2023 Westpac Scholars Trust recipients of the Young Technologists Scholarship to study a Bachelor of Information Technology at QUT.

The QUT recipients of the Young Technologists Scholarship are outstanding individuals who are passionate about using technology to make a positive impact. Each year, the Westpac Scholars Trust awards 100 new scholarships to everyday Australians, focusing on innovation, sustainability, ties with Asia, and social change. The scholarship program awards individuals from a range of demographic backgrounds and geographic locations, and this year Patrick has been selected among a cohort made up of 71 undergraduate students, 17 postgraduate students, 10 social entrepreneurs, and two early-career researchers.



Margie Dau - Class of 2022

Margie graduated from St Andrew's last year. Margie is also one of our former students and AFL Cape York House for Girls (AFLCYHG) border.

Since graduating, Margie has gone from AFLCYHG to HMAS Cerberus. From Studying to Enlistment and from Recruit to Ranking! What an amazing achievement.

Early this year, Margie relocated to HMAS Cerberus to complete 10 Weeks of Recruit School, with Rogers Division General Entry 409.

On Friday, 31st March 2023; Margie Graduated from Recruit School. On 3rd April 2023; Margie commenced 16-Weeks of Specialised Role Training before being relocated for a 12-Month placement in Darwin - scheduled for mid-July, this year!

Margie has loved the experience, thus far. Enjoying the routine, fitness, specific role training, knowledge & practical testing as well as personal character building experiences/ opportunities as well as thriving in the team environment!



Adelina Nelson Class of 2019

Congratulations to Adelina Nelson on receiving a high achieving Academic Award - QUT Academic Prize - at The Women's College within the University of Queensland.

Academic Excellence Prizes are awarded to Women's College residents based on their cumulative university results from the previous year and the criteria of the particular Academic Excellence Prize.



Poppy Boltz Class of 2017

Congratulations to our very own AFL superstar Poppy Boltz who was recently named as a Brisbane Lions new recruit. Doesn't she look amazing in her fresh Brisbane Lions kit?

Poppy has gone from strength to strength since graduating from St Andrew's, excelling in her career as a professional athlete.

St Andrew's will always be cheering for you Poppy.



Rhys Kurukchi Class of 2022

Congratulations to Rhys Kurukchi who recently received the prestigious George Alexander Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship and is now a first-year medical student at JCU in Townsville.

This JCU scholarship is awarded to talented young people, especially those from regional and rural areas, who must move away from home to study.

All the best in your tertiary studies Rhys!



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