



On Monday, 20 January this year our teaching team came back to work. Traditionally, on the first day back we try to do something to set the tone for the year, a bit of professional development and maybe a team bonding experience. This year we went to an escape room, well several actually as there is a fair few of us and we don't all fit in one!

Suffice to say it was a lot of fun and challenging at the same time. Each member of each team was able to contribute to the outcome of the challenge and, were it not for each individual the room may not have been able to be completed. It's an obvious metaphor for how we work in schools. Each of us plays a vital role, each of us leads in our own capacity and each of us is an important link in the chain to the matter before us, the education of the children and young adults in our care.

Of course, this extends to the relationship between home and school as well. The success that our children experience at school is connected closely to the proper function of this relationship. When we get it right our students **FLOURISH**.


Having said that it is hard to balance a tray on a 2-legged stool. Our firm foundation is assured when the third leg of the stool is firmly attached. In Lutheran Schools we acknowledge a gracious God as an important part of what goes on in our world. A Loving Father providing for us, a Gracious Brother winning us back and a Gentle Spirit enlightening and encouraging us.

Philippians 1:9 says, 'This is my prayer, that your love will **FLOURISH**, that you will not only love much, but love well.' Our team have picked up on this verse this year as an encouragement towards positive relationships with their students and each other and, of course, towards positive relationships between home and school.

When we get community right, learning **FLOURISHES**.

Shane Altmann
Principal

SECONDARY SCHOOL


 HOW COOL IS IT THAT
 THE SAME GOD, WHO
 CREATED MOUNTAINS,
 & OCEANS,
 & GALAXIES, LOOKED AT YOU &
 THOUGHT THE WORLD NEEDED
 ONE OF YOU TOO?

The opening Chapel for 2020 focused on the uniqueness of our young people. That they don't need to imitate, they can be themselves with all their differences and that's perfect. God created them and he doesn't make mistakes. This will be a continual focus through the year.

GETTING INVOLVED IN 2020 - There are many things happening across the College in 2020 in the areas of culture and sport. As the year commences I encourage all families and students to keep an eye for information about events and programs happening and **GET INVOLVED!**

KOKODA CHALLENGE - Last week, I spoke to students about an exciting opportunity that falls under our Active at Faith Program. This was the opportunity for students to be involved in the 48km Kokoda Challenge being held on Saturday, 6 June <https://www.kokodachallenge.com/events/brisbane>. Each team consists of 3 – 4 students and a staff member. In 2020 we are blessed to have at least 10 members of staff willing to head a team. This is an amazing testament to the quality of our staff and the willingness to go above and beyond for our students. Please refer to letter sent home to families for how to express interest.

SECONDARY INFORMATION NIGHT AND SCREENAGERS - Come and hear from your child's Year Level Coordinator and Teachers. They will present information relating to the academic and pastoral programs at the College specific to the year level your child is in. After the presentation there will be an opportunity for you to informally meet your child's pastoral care teacher. The timetable for the evening has been designed to allow for two presentations for each year level. The aim of this is to give parents the option of attending two sessions if they have children in more than a single year level.

The Middle Session in (Session 2) is a presentation of the short film "Screenagers" sponsored by the Parent and Friends Association.

The timetable for the evening is as follows:

Session 1	5:00pm - 5:35pm	Year Level Coordinators Information Session Year 7 - M16 Year 8 - M30 Year 9 - M37 Year 10 - M35 Year 11 - The Lighthouse Year 12 - S1
Session 2	5:45pm - 7:05pm	P&FA Screenagers Presentation AMC Auditorium
	7:05pm - 7:25pm	Food Provided by P&FA
Session 3	7:25pm - 8:00pm	Year Level Coordinators Information Session Year 7 - M16 Year 8 - M30 Year 9 - M37 Year 10 - M35 Year 11 - The Lighthouse Year 12 - S1

ABSENTEE PROCESSES - We have recently altered our background processes in terms of student absences. The main changes are:

- Emails will be sent to seek clarification of unexplained absences.
- If students are away for more than 2 days in a fortnight an email will be sent to see if the student needs

- any additional support from the College.
- Longer absences will be followed up more quickly to ensure ongoing school attendance.

The goal of this is to open communication channels with families at the earliest opportunity when students are absent and to provide support for students and families both pastorally and academically.

As you and your child settle into the Secondary School please contact staff if you have any questions or concerns.

*Stuart Needham
Head of Secondary School*

UPCOMING EVENT

DATE CLAIMER....

FLAT Trivia Night:

When: Friday, 6 March 2020 - 7 pm
 Where: Junior School SPAH
 Ticket Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/602132>
 Teams: 10 people per team, Bar available, with hard and soft drinks, cheese platters to purchase, lots of fun games (so bring your gold coins).



Australian Navy Cadets

Information on Training Ship Diamantina.
Your local Cadet Unit in Southern Moreton Bay.

If you want to experience things you don't do in everyday life, then the Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) is for you. - The ANC is a community-based youth development organisation focused on Defence customs, traditions and values. As a cadet you'll learn leadership, team building and survival skills that will set you up for life. To join cadets, you must be a resident of Australia and must turn 13 in the calendar year you are joining. You can stay as a cadet until one day before you turn 18.

ANC training is nautical in nature and includes waterborne activities. Activities can include, but are not limited to, navigation, communications, first aid, drill, maritime history, firearms proficiency and adventurous training. The ANC also aims to develop an interest in the Navy and its tradition; encourage cadets to continue military or community service; give cadets a foundation of military knowledge and discipline; develop the qualities of leadership, self-discipline, self-reliance and initiative; and provide training that may later assist in achieving competencies required during Navy induction training.

Training Ship Diamantina parades in the Lighthouse Building located at Faith Lutheran Secondary Campus.

Address: 1 – 15 Beveridge Road, Thornlands Qld 4164

Parade Times: Friday Evenings between 5:25pm and 08:00pm.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

Friday, 7 February	Year 12 Study Skill Mighty Minds Year 6 Leadership Induction Twilight Swim Trials
Monday, 10 February	Junior School Parent Information Evening
Tuesday, 11 February	Screenagers Viewing
Wednesday, 12 February	Year 12 Biology Excursion
Monday, 17 February	Year 7 and 10 Vaccinations
Tuesday, 18 February	Junior School Deadly Australians Incursion
Wednesday, 19 February	Secondary School Principal's Tour
Thursday, 20 February	UN Global Citizenship Excursion
Friday, 21 February	Whole College Installation Service
Wed, 26 - Frid, 28 February	Year 7 Camp
Wednesday, 26 February	Junior School Big Splash
Friday, 6 March	FLAT Trivia Night
Monday, 9 March	Junior School Principal's Tour

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Our students are going to *Flourish* in 2020!

Over the Christmas break our team worked hard to move classrooms, refurbish spaces, build new playgrounds, design themes and prepare for your child's return to school. There is a buzz, joy and excitement in the Junior School as you enter classrooms each day. The kids are settled, learning, engaged and enjoying our new multi age spaces we have created. As always with change comes challenge, and I would like to thank the many families who have shown understanding, support and excitement about some of the procedures we have put into place to make our school a safer place that promotes independence and resilience for our kids.



All children are capable of extraordinary things and whilst we cannot change that they will face challenges along the way, we can give them skills so that these challenges make them stronger. Resilience in students allows them to build skills to bounce back from stress, become more curious, and adaptable. In fact, research tells us that we can change the wiring of our brain through the experiences that we are exposed to. The right experiences can shape the intrinsic characteristics of a child in a way that will build their resilience. Shaping our young students into thriving adults isn't about clearing adversity out of the way, it is about developing the skills they need to *Flourish* so that they can deal with adversity, change and challenge.

I am already seeing our students move around the school independently, throughout the school day, excited by their new classroom location, their new play spaces, their new teachers. Our older students are rising to the responsibility of guiding our younger students. 2020 is the year our students will *Flourish* at Faith.

CHAPEL - This year we will join together for our weekly Junior School Chapel on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00pm in the SPAH. All parents are welcome to join us, and we hope that by moving this important time to the end of the day, there is more opportunity for our community to attend.

Year 1 – 3 SWIMMING LESSONS - begins in Week 4 (18 February) and finishes in Week 7 (11 March). Swimming will be on Tuesday and Friday each week and concludes on Friday, 15 March. Students will be receiving a note shortly detailing what they need to bring each week and other specific details.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - We look forward to seeing you at our Junior School Parent Information Evening on **Monday, 10 February 2020**.



The evening begins with a general Junior School session led by Administration staff covering general content such as student learning and expectations, uniform policy and an overview of our primary curriculum. At the completion of this general session, we break up into individual classrooms where teachers will present information specific to their class and year level.

These sessions will then be repeated at 7:20pm to allow for those with children across a number of classes.

Timing of the evening:

5:30pm - 6:15pm	General Junior School Session in the SPAH for all Parents
6:30pm - 7:10pm	Classroom Session 1 *
7:20pm - 8:00pm	Classroom Session 2 (repeat of Classroom Session 1)*

(* It is only necessary for parents to attend one classroom session per class)

This night is an opportunity for us to share lots of beginning of year information with you in a group setting.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS will be held on **Tuesday, 31 March 2020** to discuss individual student progress. In the coming weeks, information will be sent home to all families outlining the procedures for booking interviews through our Parent Lounge.

SPEECH AND DRAMA - Classes for Speech and Drama commence on Thursday, 6 February 2020.

Two Classes will be run: Year 1 and 2
Year 3 – 6

Where: Junior School SPAH

When: Each Thursday in Term 1 during lunchtime (12:20pm – 1:15pm)

Participating students will be given time to eat their lunch, they can take it with them to the SPAH. Classes held at lunchtime by qualified teachers. Enrol online : www.ltkspeechanddrama.com.au or call 3821 5755 for further information. Application forms are also available from the Junior School Office.

*Have a great week!
Jodi Blackwell and Greg Tagney*

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE...

It's Week 2 and we're well into the swing of things. The team has recovered after a huge Vacation Care period and are already back to study and work.

With a new year comes new paperwork. If you haven't already, please make sure you **complete a new enrolment form and a new booking for 2020. Bookings don't carry over from year to year.**



Our statements are processed weekly and are typically sent out on a Monday. Please make sure you are checking your statement and making payment on your account regularly. Failure to pay accounts may lead to restrictions of care.

MUSIC

Welcome Back! Instrumental Music is up and running from this week!

We have a strong instrumental music program here at Faith and this year sees exciting opportunities as we welcome new tutors into the team. Returning this year are Ms Charlotte Ashcroft - Strings, Miss Gabriella Gigante – Percussion and Mrs Janine Clarke – Piano.

I am also pleased to welcome Mr Tim Gaze - Guitar and Mr Simon Chamberlain - Voice to Faith. Lessons began this week and timetables have been emailed home. If you haven't received one please let Mrs Altmann know.

Places are still available for students to enrol in the Instrumental Music Program for 2020. Enrolments for Term 1 need to be received by Friday, 14 February. Any enrolments after this date will be placed on a waiting list to begin in Term 2. Enrolment forms can be found via the College App under the music button. Should you have any questions regarding enrolment or Extra Curricular Music please contact Jacinta Altmann, Head of Extra Curricular Music (P-12) Jacinta.Altmann@fclr.qld.edu.au

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE SEMESTER ONE

Link Road

Monday	Dolce Strings 7:30am - 8:30am Music Classroom
Tuesday	Senior Singers 8:00am - 8:45am Music Classroom (Students in yrs 4-6)
Wednesday	Jazzy Juniors 8:00am - 8:45am Music Classroom (Students in Yrs 1-3)
Thursday	Junior Percussion Ensemble 3:00pm - 3:45pm Green Room
Friday	Junior Guitar Ensemble 8:00am - 8:45am

Beveridge Road

Monday	Voices of Faith 3:30pm - 4:30pm AMC (students in yrs 7-12)
Wednesday	Cantabile Strings 7:15am - 8:30am C27
	Secondary String Quartet 12:45pm - 1:30pm C27
	Drum Line 1:00pm - 1:30pm C33
	Secondary Percussion Ensemble 3:30pm - 4:30pm C33
Thursday	Rock Ensemble 7:30am - 8:30am C33
	Secondary Boys Choir 12:45pm - 1:30pm C27 (Boys yrs7-12)
	Secondary Guitar Ensemble 12:45pm - 1:30pm C33

FROM THE LIBRARY

It's been lovely to welcome students back to our libraries in the past week and hear about their holidays. You'll find some helpful information about our libraries below. As well as general day-to-day activities, our libraries host many extra-curricular activities and special events throughout the year. Keep your eyes peeled for more information about these in upcoming communications.



Please feel free to contact us for any further information – informationservices@fclr.qld.edu.au

SECONDARY SCHOOL LIGHTHOUSE

Opening Hours

The Lighthouse is open before and after school for students wishing to use its facilities to research, complete homework and the like.

- Monday, Wednesday and Thursday - 7:30am-4:30pm
- Tuesday and Friday - 7:30am-3:30pm

Learning Resources

Students are encouraged to borrow books on a regular basis. The loan period for most general titles is two weeks. Our system is automated to send overdue emails weekly – in Secondary these are initially sent to the students themselves and only come to parents once books are over a month overdue.

As well as the physical resources held in our library, Secondary students and teachers have access to a wide range of digital resources to support reading, research and learning. These include Wheelers eBooks; EBSCO research databases, journals and eBooks; Clickview videos; curated weblinks and more. Students can contact any of our staff if unsure about how to access these resources.

JUNIOR SCHOOL LIBRARY

Opening Hours

The Junior School Library is open before and after school.

- 8:00am-8:20am - open for students who arrive a little earlier
- 8:20am-8:35am - open for students who wish to return or borrow books
- 3:00am-3:30pm - open for students who wish to return or borrow books

Library Lessons

Junior School classes visit the library for a lesson each week. Mrs Blackwell looks after the Prep classes, Ms Wundersitz takes the Year 1-3 classes and Year 4-6 classes visit with their classroom teachers. Students are immersed in a wide variety of literature and also develop their information literacy skills. They are encouraged to borrow weekly, from both the fiction and non-fiction collections and should bring a library bag or homework folder with them to help look after our books. Loan periods for most books are two weeks. Home Readers for the lower years are loaned out through our Library Management System, but this is done from the classroom. Our system is automated to send overdue emails to parents once books are more than 7 days overdue.

Monica Altmann - Teacher Librarian

SPORT NEWS

SECONDARY

The first couple of weeks of term are notoriously busy with team sport sign-ons occurring and swimming nominations due, and this year has been no exception! Touch trials occurred last Wednesday with approximately 30 students attending in the Senior School, and we are expecting similar numbers for Netball.

TWILIGHT TIME TRIALS

Twilight Time Trials on Friday evening (7 February), vying for a spot in the College Team for the Bayside District Trials. The Faith Fins Swim Squad has been preparing students for these events, with 30 students currently attending.

TOUCH TEAMS will be playing their first round on Friday, 14 February and we are all very excited to see students in Faith colours on the field. **BEWARE THE FALCON!**

