Welcome back to school and I trust everyone has had a refreshing and enjoyable Christmas holiday. A special welcome to our new families to the College. I hope you’re all settling into Dalby and that school life here helps to make you feel like you belong. We thank God for a new year and the opportunities that we have this year in Christian Education. We’ve grown significantly from last year with an extra 38 students. Having said that our average class size has decreased slightly with the addition of two extra classes to accommodate this growth.

As we start a new year I’d like to reflect on our College Mission Statement which says:

**Dalby Christian College, upholding the eternal Lordship of Jesus Christ, strives to educate, nurture and disciple students, for a life of serving Him with heart mind and hand.**

We live in a blessed time. The freedom we enjoy in Australia means that we are able to freely acknowledge Jesus as Lord in our school and declare that He is the foundation on which education is built. There’s always the danger that Jesus can become so common and part of the furniture that rather than being at the centre, He is relegated to being just part of the ‘tradition’ of the school. My prayer is that we will all grow in Him and know Him more this year.

We are not simply growing numerically as a school. Our staff have been working hard and “striving” to develop and improve our capacity to enable our students to achieve their potential. As we start the year, I would like to affirm our commitment to the standard of excellence in education. Whilst we can’t guarantee each student will achieve A+’s, excellence in education is enabling and supporting each student to achieve their best. Excellence is a relative term. That is, one person may consider something to be excellent where another person considers the same outcome as poor or average. Once excellence is reached, it is soon considered normal or average as a new higher standard of excellence is pursued. Individually and collectively I hope we are always looking forward to the new standard of excellence rather than becoming complacent with having arrived at our current state. Why should we pursue excellence? I believe that God calls us to do our very best at every endeavour. In the field of education our young people’s futures rely on it.

One of the other areas that I believe is so important in school life is that students feel connected, safe and supported. The word ‘nurture’ from our mission statement encompasses these areas. I believe we have a wonderful student culture, but it will never be perfect. It is important when students are feeling on the outer or have been treated in such a way that they don’t feel connected, that these issues are discussed early so that we can put measures in place to help.

Thank you once again for entrusting us with the education of your child. I pray that this year will be another year of growth in each student so that they are equipped to be all that God created them to be.

God bless,

Stephen Wilson

Principal
It has been a good start to the year with students settling in well to the school life. Staff work very hard to establish and maintain a Christ-centred culture that provides opportunities for students learn in a safe, supportive environment. Outlined below are some of the intentional programs the school will implement this term to teach students about character and to promote a positive Christian culture.

**Common Class Expectations**

At the start of the term teachers met in groups (Prep – three, four to six, & seven to 12) to develop common expectations in each class. The expectations were centred on promoting a respectful learning environment. The aim of having common class expectations within the College is to foster a more consistent approach from teachers when training students’ appropriate behaviour in the classroom.

**Strength of Character Groups (SCG)**

For those families new to the College, SCG is a weekly 25 minute session used to teach students about the importance of developing good character. This term we will look at how students can contribute to a positive learning environment. This will involve various teachers leading the following discussions:

- How should students respond to teachers?
  - The character of being teachable.
- How should students show care and consideration to each other?
  - The character of helping those in need.
  - The character of being joyful when others succeed.
- How should students appreciate the College grounds and facilities?
  - The character of being good stewards of what we have.
- How should students approach school life?
  - The character to doing their best.
  - The character of being diligent.

**Camps**

Students in years four – 12 will be involved in camps this year. This term the year nine’s will be heading out west to Emu Gully’s Pindari camp, while the year 10’s will be participate in an ANZAC themed leadership camp at Helidon. More information about each camp will be communicated via letter later in the term.

**Student Leader’s Induction**

The Leader’s Induction will be held on Wednesday 8th February. During the ceremony, students will recite their oaths of office and be presented with their leadership badges. It is an opportunity for students to reflect on the roles and responsibilities of being a leader. All members of the College community are invited to attend the ceremony which will be begin at 9.30am in the MPC.
Tutoring
The tutoring program is open to all students from Years three-12 who would like some extra help with course work or homework. Below are the times, room and teachers for this program. There is no registration involved and students just need to turn up. Please note the finishing time is 4:00pm and students (particularly primary students) should be picked up at this time.

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Term one tutoring will commence in week two (week beginning 30th January) and conclude at the end of the term.

Mathletics Years One–Eight
All students in Year one to eight should now have a login to Mathletics. This is something that can be used at home to develop number fact skills as well as practice concepts and skills learnt in class. Parents have to opportunity to request teachers to set work as well. Please talk to your class teacher if you require this.

Holiday Reading Packs
Over the holidays a number of students were issued with holiday reading packs. These should be returned as soon as possible because some of the books are required for classroom use. Please return these to Mrs Donaghy.

Homework Emails
It is College policy that homework is emailed home at the conclusion of each day. This does not take the place of students writing their homework in their diaries, but rather is in addition to it. If at any time you have questions about homework please contact the relevant teacher.

What’s on in February

Wednesday 8th February  Student Leaders Induction Service 9.30am at the MPC
Thursday 9th February  ID Photos Years seven -12
Friday 10th February  Creation Ministries
‘Make every effort to add to your faith... self-control.’ 2 Peter 1:5-6 NIV

If you’ve the faith to believe, the moment you pray for salvation you receive it. It doesn’t work that way with self-control. Yes, you should pray for it, but Peter writes, ‘Make every effort to add to your faith... self control.’ It only becomes a reality when you ‘make every effort’ to practise it daily. And here are three areas in life that will test you: (1) Your temper. Your circumstances are no excuse for a short fuse and an explosive temper. The Bible says, ‘Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.’ (Proverbs 16:32 NIV) When you lose your temper, you lose respect and credibility with others. (2) Your time. Time is the stuff life is made of, and wasted time really is wasted life. It takes time to build relationships, learn skills, execute meaningful actions, achieve goals, and fulfil plans. A mismanaged life is often the result of mismanaged time. (3) Your tongue. The Bible says, ‘Let your speech be always with grace.” (Colossians 4:6 KJV) Every day brings new opportunities to control your tongue; if you’re wise you’ll take them! And if you must speak, let this Scriptural principle govern what you say: ‘Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.’ (Colossians 4:6 NIV) Benjamin Franklin put it this way: ‘Would you live with ease, do what you ought and not what you please.’ The word for you today is ‘make every effort’ to control your temper, your time and your tongue.

Prayer Points

- Pray for new students, parents and staff: that they feel welcome at DCC.
- For the year ahead: that our students continue to persevere, progress and achieve.

From our Chaplain

RUN4BIBLES 2017

RUN4BIBLES is a fundraising program for kids organised by the Bible League to place Bibles into the hands of those who need them. This year the focus is on placing Bibles into the hands of every student in South African Public Schools. We plan to run the program in conjunction with our cross country carnival to be held on Friday March 31st.

Each student will receive a sponsorship form to gather sponsors for the RUN4BIBLES event. All sponsorship forms must be returned (whether filled in or not) by Monday, April 24th, 2017. (Money can be collected ahead of time and handed in on or before cross country). Each $7 raised will purchase a Bible for students in South Africa.

The benefits for the school community through RUN4BIBLES:-

* Opportunity to participate in an event which will have eternal impact;
* Opportunity to touch the lives of those outside school community;
* Great motivator for kids who may normally not want to participate in cross country.
**Immunisation program for Year 7 students**

Dalby Christian College is participating in Queensland Health’s annual School Immunisation Program. All Year 7 students will be offered free vaccinations as recommended on the National Immunisation Program schedule to protect against Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Diptheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (Whooping Cough). It is important that you read the information booklet contained in the consent pack which has been sent home this week.

If you wish your student to be vaccinated please sign and complete the consent card indicating ‘Yes to Vaccination’. If you DO NOT wish your student to be vaccinated please sign and complete the ‘No to Vaccination’ part of the consent card. **ALL** consent cards (Yes and No) need to be returned to the College office by **Monday 20th February**.

**Polar Fleece Jacket Order**

Our Navy Polar Fleece Jacket is an optional addition to the College winter uniform that is available only by pre-order. Forms have been emailed home to families, or can be found at this [link](#) and need to be returned by **Friday 10th March** with payment. Jackets cost $36 each and are the same sizing as the LW Reid House shirts.

**Uniforms Wanted:** Boys Shirt Size 39 & a leather belt size 34”.

Phone Claire Edwards 0456 658 239.

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**2017 Interhouse Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to staff and students on a wonderful swimming carnival. Records were broken and much fun was had in the sun as Taylor House narrowly defended their swimming championship trophy by 32 points.

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**Sports News**

**Venue:** Dalby Christian College MPC

**Friday 10th February 11am**

**Question Evolution: Are you ready for answers?**

**Dr Tas Walker**

Hear the good news that the Biblical account of origins is not only historically accurate, but makes better sense of the evidence.
## Tuckshop Roster 1st Term
### January - March

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Volunteers Wanted!
Please consider if you are able to give just 5 hours a term to help out at the tuckshop. It is a great time of fellowship and chance to meet other parents and get to know the students.
No experience needed – we all help each other and learn as we go.

Let me know ASAP if I have rostered you on for a day that doesn’t suit you
wendy.bouyer@dalbycc.qld.edu.au

Please wrap baking individually before delivering to the tuckshop. Thank you.
Amended 18/01/2017

Tuckshop runs every Friday of the school term and is coordinated by Wendy Bouyer.
Please put all family members’ orders together in the eldest child’s bag when paying altogether. Any change will be taped to the eldest child’s bag unless otherwise specified. All orders should have: student’s name, class, ‘Morning Tea’ or ‘Lunch’, and order with item prices and total. Morning tea orders and lunch orders should be on separate brown paper bags. All orders are to be handed in by 9am Friday morning.
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