



From our Principal



Christmas in Australia is a special time of year. For me it normally means, beach, BBQ's, family, holidays, watching cricket and hot weather. With the year that we've all experienced, I hope that each and every family enjoys all the more, the things that makes Christmas special to you.

Whilst Christmas culture for Australians often involves the things that I mentioned above, it's good to remember and embrace the true celebration of Christmas centering on Jesus. I think of that old Christmas carol, "Joy to the World". Some of the lyrics are, Joy to the world, the Lord is come, Let earth receive her King, Let every heart prepare Him room ...". This carol gives us the real reason for joy and celebrating – the coming of the Lord Jesus some 2000 years ago. It really is an incredible story that seems like it was written by Disney, but is actually true and recorded in history. Here are some of the amazing things that make Christmas worth celebrating:

- Jesus' birth was predicted by the prophets, in fact there are over 50 prophecies made about Jesus before he was born, by different people, in different places and at different times.
- Mary was told by an angel that she would become pregnant, give birth to a son and call him Jesus, because he will save His people from their sins.
- A special star directed the wise men to where Jesus was. They went searching for the one who was born 'King of the Jews'.
- Jesus grew up to fulfil other prophecies and perform many miracles, to confirm that He truly was the Son of God.
- Jesus died on a cross, under the sign, 'King of the Jews', to save us from our sins.

The Christmas Carol encourages us with the words "the Lord is come, let every heart prepare him room". The real joy of Christmas comes from knowing that God has given us the greatest gift in Jesus. A miraculous birth, life and death, to reach out to us and save us from our sin, that we might find room for Him in our hearts.

As we finish our year, thank you to all our families for your continued support, to our staff for your great work through difficult circumstances, and to our students on your excellent work and behaviour this year. I wish you all a wonderful holiday, and a joyful and safe Christmas.

God bless,

Stephen Wilson
College Principal



Secondary School



Miles Ford
Head of Secondary



The end of the year has, as always, been packed with events. Our Year 12s were able to have a final hurrah with their “Race Around Dalby” Year 12 Minicamp. The event was rather hastily planned and I want to thank the teachers who worked quickly to get the event together and especially Miss Simmons, Mr. Ballinger and Mrs. Bouyer for camping out with them. It seems to have been a successful event and hopefully it will be one of the ‘firsts’ for this cohort that they are happy to be associated with. Their Valedictory was held before their families and almost the entire school after the government conveniently decided to increase venue numbers earlier in the week. Our Valedictorians finished well and although there were some other changes that had to be made, at least they were still able to litter the school grounds before leaving.



USQ EXPERIENCE DAY

Friday past saw staff and students from USQ come out to the College for the USQ Experience Day. Students were able to sample a variety of activities related to different university courses. By all accounts this was a fun day for students, with some considering options they hadn’t previously thought of, which was the intention of the day.

FINAL THOUGHTS

I hope that all families are able to enjoy their Christmas holidays, whether staying in Dalby or heading further afield. Perhaps you will take the opportunity as a family to reflect on the year that was and look forward to the year that is coming. Most importantly, I pray that this Christmas time would be one where you put aside the busyness of life and focus on the One who gave it and redeemed it. At Christmas we celebrate when God put His skin in the game and began His mission on Earth, to save His children.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:16-18

God bless,
Miles Ford, Head of Secondary



Primary School

BOOK DROP OFF 2021

2021 Book drop off day will be Friday 22nd January between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. This is an opportunity to drop off books as well as meet your child's class teacher. Taking advantage of this should take some pressure off the first day back at school. It should also help quell any nerves students may have about knowing where to go on the first day. Classes will be clearly marked on each classroom door.

BOOKLISTS

Booklists have all gone home. If you did not receive one please contact the College Office after the 11th January or it can be accessed from the College website.

Prep – Year 3 Musical



The students played their part well and combined to give an outstanding performance. We were very proud of them all.

END OF YEAR...

TEACHERS LEAVING

As we close another year, as is often the case we need to say goodbye to some people.

- Miss Breanna Bull will be leaving us after 2 years with us teaching Year 2. We thank her for her time with us and wish her all the best as she undertakes a new venture.
- After already saying goodbye at the end of 2019,

again we say goodbye to Miss Follent. We thank her for her willingness to return to Dalby to fulfil a six months contract in Year 4. We wish her all the best as she goes to Papua New Guinea to work in a school with Wycliffe.

- We wish Mrs Shakespeare all the best as she awaits the birth of her first child. We pray for a healthy pregnancy and a safe arrival.



Marie Skerman
Head of Primary

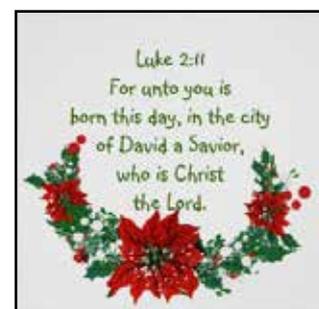
STUDENTS LEAVING

For the students who are moving away we wish them all the best. It is always with regret that we say goodbye to any of our students and we wish them well in their new school wherever in Australia they might be.

2020 is coming close to an end and we may think it can't come soon enough, but despite the hardships and of the year, I am sure that if we thought about it, we would realise that there have been some valuable lessons learnt. Lessons that have the potential to influence how we think and our behaviour for the positive in the future.

As we close this year and look with anticipation and hope to the next I would like to thank families for the support that they have given us during this year. Thank you for your understanding and support when school, at times, looked so different to what we are used to and expect.

I wish you and your family a blessed, safe and restful Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.





Marie Skerman
ELC Director

DATES

Friday 4th December	Last day of Kindy and Pre Prep for 2020
Monday 7th – Friday 11th December	Vacation Care
Monday 4th – Friday 22nd January	Vacation Care
Wednesday 27th January	Kindy and Pre Prep first day 2021

The Centre will be closed on Monday 25th January.

CHRISTMAS WORKS

Over the Christmas period we are hoping to have a new sandpit and shade constructed before children return in 2021. Something to look forward to in the New Year.

STAFF DEPARTURE

We say goodbye to Miss Tiarna Thomas toward the end of January. Tiarna has been with us for 2 years and this has worked in the Kindy room. We wish her all the best for the future.

CHILDREN DEPARTURE

Our Pre Preps will be leaving us for school; what an exciting time for them and you. Thank you for allowing us to partner with you in the caring of your children. We wish you and the children all the best as they enter this next phase. It has been a delight to have us with us.

New Pre Prep Uniform

Just a reminder that commencing 2021 Pre Prep students will be wearing the College sport uniform. If you have not purchased one yet, the College Uniform shop will reopen on Tuesday 19th January. Bookings are essential for this. Information on how to make a booking will be posted on Storypark.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2021.



Christmas is about- Christ

'They saw the young child with Mary His mother and fell down, and worshipped Him.'

Matthew 2:11 KJV

He was born in the humblest of settings, yet Heaven above was filled with the songs of angels. His birthplace was a cattle shed, yet a star brought the rich and noble from thousands of kilometres away to worship Him. His birth was contrary to the laws of life and His death was contrary to the laws of death, yet no miracle is greater than His birth, His life, His death, His resurrection and His teachings. He had no wheatfields or fisheries, yet He spread a table for 5,000 and had bread and fish to spare. He never stood on expensive carpeting, yet He walked on the waters and they supported Him.

His crucifixion was the crime of crimes, yet from God's perspective no less a price could have made possible our redemption. When He died, few mourned His passing, yet God hung a black cape over the sun. Those who crucified Him did not tremble at what

they'd done, yet the earth shook under them. Sin never touched Him. Corruption could not get hold of His body. The soil that was reddened with His blood could not claim His dust. For over three years He preached the Gospel. He wrote no book, He had no headquarters and He built no organisation. Yet two thousand years later He's the central figure of human history, the perpetual theme of all preaching, the pivot around which the ages revolve, and the only redeemer of the human race.

At this season of celebration and gift-giving, let's join the wise men who *'fell down and worshipped him.'* Let's remember, Christmas is about- Christ!

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Prayer Points

Please join us as we pray for :

- A safe and happy Christmas to all.
- Thankfulness to God for the year we've had
- Pray for 2021.

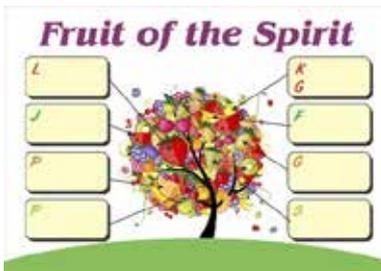




Karl Pumpa
Chaplain

CHAPEL THIS YEAR

Even with all of the Covid disruptions this year, chapel has remained largely unchanged. We have still been taking a session a week out of the busyness of school to worship God and learn about him. Here's what we covered this year in Chapel:



Term 1 - The fruit of the spirit

How does a person's life change in the day to day when they become a follower of Jesus? What evidence of an inside change should you be able to see from the outside? In the book of Galatians, Paul says that people who follow Jesus should be showing the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Like a fruit tree showing itself by its fruit.



Term 2 – The kingdom of God

Jesus frequently talked about "The kingdom of God". A kingdom not made of geographic borders or an ethnic group, but one made up of people from all over the world who live to serve God as their king. This Kingdom may be a little difficult to imagine and that's okay. To help people understand what this Kingdom was and what it meant for the world, Jesus told stories called parables.



Term 3 – Jesus turns the world upside down

There's a way that the world 'just works'. The rich get richer, people only look out for their own and nothing is certain except death and taxes. But Jesus came to change all of that. By defeating death Jesus began a movement which would flip the world upside down. The people who follow in Jesus' footsteps, Christians, work to love their enemies, use their possessions for others rather than themselves and live to serve others rather than themselves. Jesus lived, died and rose again to flip the whole world upside down and if you trust Him with your life, He'll flip yours upside down too.



Term 4 – Questions Christians ask

It is comforting to know that God does not expect us to pretend our questions and doubts don't exist. Instead He invites us to come to Him to find the answers. This term we have been looking at 8 big questions that people ask about God and The Bible. If you'd like to have a look at the book series that these talks are based on, all of the books are at the College library.

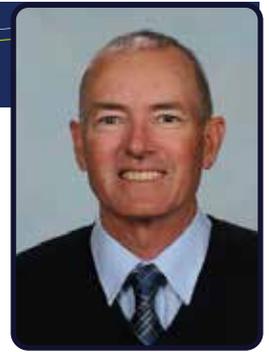
Sport News

SECONDARY CRICKET- Mr Seebaran

Thoughts of our previous, respectable loss against OLSCC seemed to vanish quickly as the boys re-grouped for their second and final match of the year, this time against DSHS. 30 minutes in C2 prior to the game, gave the team an opportunity to pinpoint areas that needed improvement and freshen the focus.

Momentum was gained early as Darcy Kingston was able to execute bowling plans with discipline. Wickets fell at regular intervals and all bowlers toiled manfully in the heat (Josh Keyte -- 1 for 10 in 4 overs), supported by enthusiastic fielders (Dylan Eley taking a catch at point that looked like an NRL high ball -- right in the tummy). DSHS were restricted to 95 runs in their allotted 20 overs. Our opening pair of Angus Town and Darcy Kingston strode to the crease with determination, and with patience, soundness of technique and a dispatching of loose deliveries, knocked off the score in 15 overs.

Our team won convincingly by 10 wickets! Praise God, the boys were able to play as a team, execute plans and have strong leadership in Sam Sullivan. Congrats to all players and thanks to the staff and parents who came and supported us.



Rodney Crowther
Head of Sport



Enrichment News



Lisa Davidson
Enrichment
Coordinator

She's done it again - another beautiful textile piece from Harriett (with the help of Mrs Larsen). Harriett's instructions included using the information and techniques from her other projects, using materials that she had left over from her other projects and drawing a plan to show a theme and structure. Harriett worked on this piece for 2 weeks and finished it off with her artist's statement.



Boarding News

Term 4 has been busy in many ways and Week 9 seems to have come around very quickly.



In Week 7 we farewelled our three Year 12 girls, Kasey, Sarah and Siobhan all of whom have been at Boarding since their Year 7 in 2015. We celebrated with a party and some games. We pray God's blessing on the girls as they begin the next chapter in their life's journey.



Ken Pedler
Head of Boarding

In Week 8 the annual Boarding House Christmas Party was enjoyed by Boarders and Staff. Everyone joined in the festivities with games, quizzes, secret Santa and lots of yummy food.



When asked what was something they were thankful for at Boarding this year, these were some of the responses:

I am thankful for the boys - Lachie

I am thankful for the Boarding House taking me to stuff - Amos

I am thankful for all the people I'm surrounded with at Boarding that feel like family - Kelcie

As the 2020 school year draws to a close on behalf of all Boarding Staff I pray God's blessing and protection on all our school families. We look forward to 2021 being a new and exciting year for everyone at School and particularly at Boarding. May you enjoy a safe Christmas and holiday time together with your families.



ASPIRE 2 HEALTH

A number of our Year 10 students attended the Aspire 2 Health event in October. The girls have shared what they enjoyed most about the program:

Grace

- the plastering;
- talking to all the health professionals.

Violet

- learning how to stitch;
- learning how to put a cast on someone.

Rosie

- meeting the paramedics;
- learning how to properly give CPR.

Charlotte

- I enjoyed talking to the professionals and getting a better understanding of what I could do and put a little less stress on my future plans.
- the practical side of day; suturing, fake accident scenarios, CPR, finding the heart beat and breathing points on the dummy and making a cast.



Tanya Brookes
Library & Careers





UNIFORM ROOM

The College Uniform Room is open Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 3.30pm and Friday 8.30am-1.00pm. It is closed over school holiday breaks.

The Uniform Room will close for trading from Tuesday 1st December 2020, reopening Tuesday 19th January 2021 for Back to School appointments.



Tara Bus Run commencing 2021

Contact the College Office 46724222 for more information regarding the bus service and for enrolment enquiries.

Have your say...

take part in the **Next Step** survey!



Who? You! All students completing Year 12 in 2020 will be contacted to take part in the survey.

What? The *Next Step* survey will ask you what you are doing after you leave school – this could be studying, working or pursuing other interests.

How? Expect to be contacted by phone or mail. To enable us to reach you, please ensure your contact details are correct in your learning account by logging into the student portal <https://myqce.qcaa.qld.edu.au>

When? March to June 2021

Why? Your participation in the *Next Step* survey will help Queensland schools and further education providers improve their services for future students.

More info at www.qld.gov.au/nextstep



BELL ART EXHIBITION 2021

ART WORK FOR THE 2021 BELL SHOW ARE DUE FOR SUBMISSION TO DR BOWIE BY THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY.



WHY NOT TAKE TIME OVER THE HOLIDAYS TO START WORK ON YOUR SUBMISSIONS.





PRIVACY POLICY

Please be advised that an updated Privacy Policy for Christian Community Ministries, Colleges and Early Childhood Education & Care Centres can be found at the following link:

http://www.dalbycc.qld.edu.au/images/2018/CCM-Privacy-Policy_Statement_2018.pdf

STUDENT DEPARTURES

Families leaving the College are asked to notify the College and complete a departure form as soon as is possible. This allows for staff planning and timely fee adjustments.

STUDENT ABSENCES

When your child is absent or is going to be absent from school, parents must inform the office.

Email: office@dalbycc.qld.edu.au

Phone: 4672 4222/ Text: 0437 883 509

Please remember to include your child's name and reason for absence in your communication.

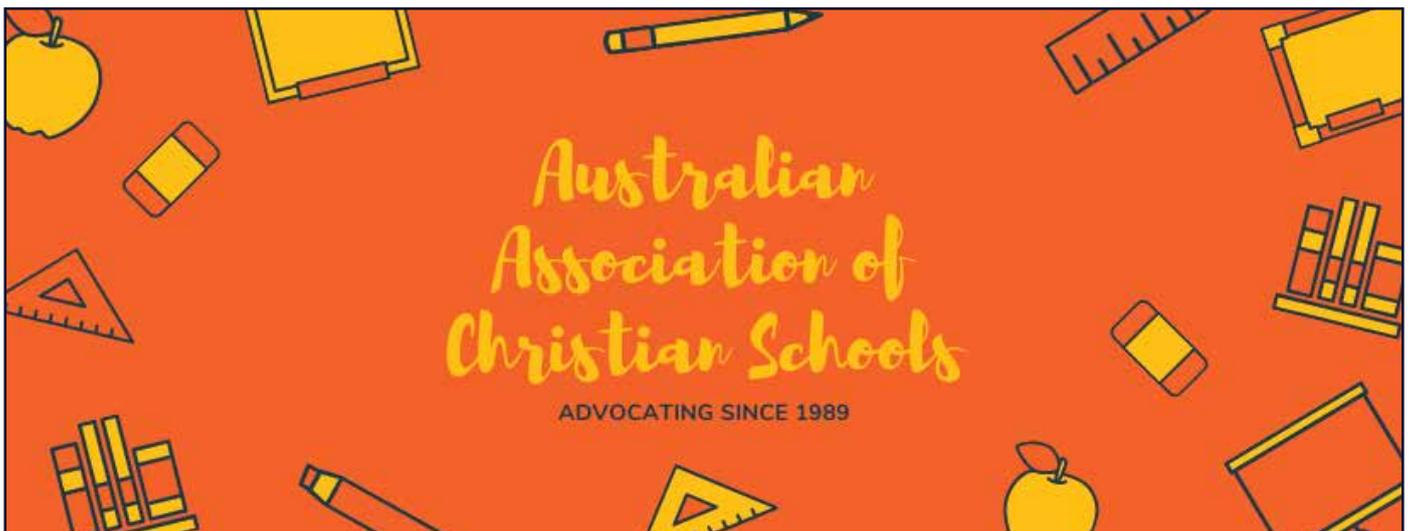
Parent Portal & APP:

Absences can be entered and viewed and unexplained absences can be approved by parents via the portal or app

STUDENT MEDICATION

Parents are reminded that the following rules apply for medication at school:

- * parents are to inform the office in writing if their student needs to have prescribed medication at school. A form is available at reception for this.
- * medication must be in the original container on which the doctor/ pharmacists' instructions are clearly labelled.
- * medication is to be held at the office and will be administered to the student as prescribed.
- * over the counter medications including Panadol and Nurofen cannot by law be administered at school unless the same procedure as for prescribed medication, as above, is used.



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