



2 February 2018

Newsletter

Term 1 – Week 1

Message from the Principal – A new Season



Welcome to 2018, a new season. On the first day back for students, Staff stood at the front of the College and prayed for the year ahead and were a welcoming committee for students and parents as they arrived. It brings a smile to my face to witness community in action.

We welcome new students, parents and staff and I pray that this marks the beginning of an exciting partnership filled with joy and blessing. For those returning, I pray that you have had time to be with your families and to rest and dwell in the presence of our God.

During the holiday break, the maintenance team have worked hard to have the property and grounds ready for our students to enjoy. Many exciting upgrades have been taking place over the Christmas break, however, the most exciting upgrade is the completion of our industrial grade Hospitality room. Mrs Quick and Mrs Sanchez are very keen to test out their new facility with the students. We are grateful for God's provisions.

A new Season and a new Structure

The College finds itself entering into a refreshing new season and also a new structure. The College now comprises of a Primary and Secondary School and in this new structure, the College has introduced some different roles and positions. I am delighted to welcome **Mr Haig** to the College in a newly appointed position as Director of ICT and Integrator. This position will have oversight of ICT Integration across the whole school and will actively research and evaluate new and emerging technologies in order to provide for rich learning.

Ms Melcum finds herself in a different role this year as she is now our Director of Teaching and Learning (DOTL). Ms Melcum will lead the teaching staff in developing their teaching so that it is informed by best practice and considered from a Christian perspective. She is responsible for raising student achievement and improving quality teaching and learning across the College so as to build a learning community with an international standard of excellence.

Mrs Rappeneker is still our Head of Student Services over the whole school, however, she also has oversight of student wellbeing for Stages 4 – 6 and will work with our new Stage Leaders in the Secondary School. Stage Leaders in the Secondary oversee the pastoral care and the emotional needs of students in a particular stage. They will liaise with students and parents to build relationships that support students' learning by the creation of a safe learning environment and positive school culture. I welcome **Mrs Ferreira** to Stage 4, **Mr Miller** to Stage 5 and **Mrs Potapczyk** to Stage 6. Also in Secondary, I welcome **Mr Brown** as our Maths Coordinator and **Mr Boyce** and **Mr Barnes** as our new Camp Directors.

I would also like to welcome another new staff member, **Mrs Brown** (nee Betteridge) to the Junior School. Mrs Brown is our teacher's aide for Kindergarten. I also welcome back **Mrs Tidey**, **Mrs McLennan** and **Mrs Urane** after Maternity Leave. I welcome **Mrs Carthew** who will continue as OOSH Coordinator. The new structure has also created a little change in the office. **Mrs Paardekooper** remains on reception for Primary School and **Mrs Evans** will now be serving the Secondary School. **Mrs Melcum** will now be Reception and General Administration while **Ms Knott** will be Reception and Registrar.

Sadly and unexpectedly at the close of last year, we said goodbye to **Matt Wilesmith** our ever energetic Chaplain and also to **Mr Elston**, our faithful Business Manager. We thank God for the contribution and impact that these men have had on the College. Please pray for God's appointed person as we seek to fill these positions.

I am thankful to God for the blessing it is to be involved in Kingdom Education and for the privilege of training and nurturing young people to grow up into Christ. As you step into a new year, let heaven's Light shine upon you and brighten the path just before you.

May the joy of the Lord be your strength
Sharon Sopher

Prayer & Praise Points

- Praise God for a refreshing break and a great start for the new school year.
- Pray for our new staff, students and families.
- Blessing and protection for our College.
- New Light Foundation, our sister school.
- Pray that those students who don't know the Lord, will find Him and that all will continue to grow up into Christ.

Upcoming Dates

- 5 February** – Yr 7 Information Night
6 February – High School Swimming Carnival
8 February – Primary Swimming Carnival
13 February – Junior School Meet the Teacher Night
29 & 30 June – Beauty and the Beast Musical

High School Swimming Carnival (Year 7-12)

Our High School Swimming Carnival (Years 7-12) will be held on Tuesday 6th February at Charlestown Pool from 8:30am to 2:20pm.

Attendance is compulsory for ALL STUDENTS. Carnival participation will be used in Years 7 – 10 PDHPE Assessment. The greater the participation the higher the mark. If your child is absent they MUST provide a valid reason to their Roll Call Teacher.

We still require student helpers, so if your child is a weak swimmer they can assist with jobs on the day, and this will NOT affect their PDHPE Assessment.

School buses will be running from the College for those who cannot make their own way to Charlestown Pool. If you wish for your child to catch a school bus, have them place their name on the bus rolls with the office staff.

Please also note that the finish time for the carnival is 2:20pm, please arrange pick up by 2:30pm. If this isn't possible, please have your child catch the bus back to school to enable them to catch their normal school bus home.

Year 12 HSC Results

The College is still doing well when compared to other high schools in the region.

- Belmont Christian College had 40 Year 12 students sitting the HSC in 2017.
- There were 77 Band 5+ results in 2017 HSC (202 exams sat).
- In approximately 38% of exams sat our students achieved marks 80+ (ie Band 5/Band 6).
- 28 of the 40 HSC students received at least one Band 5 or 6 result (ie 70% of the cohort).
- 44% of the HSC subjects we offer at BCC (ie 12 of the 27) had students who scored results that were equal to or better than the State average in Band 5 and 6's. See figures in the table below:

Subject successes in the 2017 HSC can be seen below:-

Subject	% of BCC students 80+	% of State students 80+
Business Studies	100%	36%
CAFS	66%	30%
Earth & Environmental Science	100%	36%
Maths – General	27%	25%
Maths Ext 1	100%	82%
Maths Ext 2	100%	84%
Music	86%	65%
PDHPE	33%	31%
Senior Science	43%	24%
Software Design & Development	100%	35%
Hospitality	67%	22%
Information & Digital Technology	40%	9%



Our highest reported ATAR was 98.1 (Jacob Cameron) with the next highest at 95.8 (Jonty Donald, who, incidentally scored 6th in the State in Mathematics General course!) Several other students also achieved outstanding ATARs in the 90's and 80's enabling entry into a wide range of courses in a variety of tertiary institutions. More news about a range of individual successes in the next Newsletter.

Primary Swimming Carnival (Year 3-6)

Our Primary School Swimming Carnival (Year 3-6) will be held on Thursday 8th February at Charlestown Swimming Pool.

Students are to make their own way to and from the pool, arriving at 8:30am to have their names marked off. The School will provide a bus for students from the Central Coast and western side of the lake.

Entry fee for students is covered by the College. Spectator's fee is \$2.50.

Notes with full details have been sent home this week.

The carnival is also open to Year 2 students, but only those with exceptional swimming abilities. That is, swimmers who already compete to train in squads, not those who have only participated in 'learn to swim' classes. Most Year 2 students should be at school for a normal day.

Welcome to our new staff

Thank you to our new staff for listening to God's calling and we welcome you gladly to our team.



Joe Haig was previously an eLearning Coordinator at Charlton Christian College. Before that he worked at St Philips, Cessnock. In 2017 he took a year off teaching and was a participant in the Integrated Innovation Network project, which is a partnership between Lake Macquarie City Council, the University of Newcastle and the Department of Industry. He spent most of the year as part of a small team working on the development of a digital music game.

Joe and his family worship at Macquarie Life Church where he plays the guitar on the worship team. His interests are music, reading, creative arts, innovative technology and archery.

Carly Brown was previously working at Cardiff Public School as a Teacher's Aide. Carly and her family attend Macquarie Life Church. Her interests include reading, colouring in, spending time with family and learning to sew.

Please pray for our new staff as they settle into our College.



Hunter Young Business Mind Awards

Late last year, our Year 11 Business Studies students came third and won a \$1,000 Harvey Norman prize in the "Best Creative Idea for a Business or Social Enterprise Developed by a Class or School" category at the Hunter Young Business Mind Awards.

We congratulate these students for their success and commitment to this project!

The prize money will go towards setting up the community café and garden at BCC.



Stuff the Bus Christmas Appeal



A big thank you to the families who donated toys and food items to the Stuff the Bus Christmas appeal last year. 65 bags in total were collected from BCC.

Thank you for your generosity and contributions, it was greatly appreciated.

Beauty and the Beast

Rehearsals have begun for this years Secondary School musical, Beauty and the Beast. All cast members have been given a performance agreement, to be signed and handed in at the office before next Tuesdays rehearsal. Our main form of communication throughout the rehearsal period will be through Google Classroom, so cast members, please check this regularly.

Musical Band Auditions

We will be putting together a band to accompany the production under the very able direction of Mr Klaassen. Parts available are brass, bass, percussion/drums, flute, clarinet, sax, violin, cello and piano/synthesizer. Band auditions will occur on Tuesday 13th February between 3-4pm. Please email Mr Klaassen for further details and to register your interest okke.klaassen@bcc.nsw.edu.au

Specialist Dance Audition

Mrs Annelise Stewart will hold auditions for a specialist group of dancers to be included in key moments within the show. Rehearsals with this group will mostly be 3-4pm on Tuesday afternoons. Auditions will be held on Wednesday 7th February, Week 2 at lunchtime in the hall.

Concert Band

Concert Band will resume on Thursday 8th February, Week 2 at 7:30am in the band room. For inquiries about new students joining the band, please email chris.stewart@bcc.nsw.edu.au

Information Night for Year 7 Parents

An information night for Year 7 parents will be held on Monday 5th February, in the College theatre, from 6:30pm - 7:15pm. Parents will receive valuable information on Secondary School procedures and expectations, as well as meeting the pastoral care teachers.

Music Tuition



Our **FANTASTIC** music tutoring team is available for individual lessons here at BCC. Our tutoring program covers a wide range of instruments and equips students for our College ensembles and performance opportunities, including Concert Band and String Ensemble. Lesson times are negotiated between parents and tutor.

Denise Farthing

Piano

Mob: 0411 286 303

denisefarthing@optusnet.com.au

Availability: Tuesday- Thursday



Maddie Watts

Music Theatre & Classical Singing

Mob: 0422 415 926

maddison.watts@uon.edu.au

Availability: Thursday



Rhys Zacher

Drums

Mob: 0401 955 092

enquiries@spinlightstudio.com.au

Availability: Tuesday



Natalie Regan

Flute

Mob: 0457 070 079

natalie.regan@uon.edu.au

Availability: Wednesday



DJ Cotton

Saxophone and Clarinet

Mob: 0434 240 565

dj@musictech.com.au

Availability: Monday



Tom Robinson

Brass

Mob: 0424 683 232

thom.robinson22@gmail.com

Availability: Tuesday

Renee Lis

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Mob: 0413 777 477

reneelis@yahoo.com.au

Availability: Wednesday



Beth Gleeson

Pop and Contemporary Singing

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beth@gleecoffee.com.au

Availability: Wednesday

Jared Campion

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