

Message from the Principal



This term has given me a lot of joy. It has been a big term, but it has also been a rich and rewarding term for staff and students. The theme this year is joy and staff have enjoyed many devotions set around this theme. God tells us to find joy in Him, for He is our strength and so it is vital to keep our joy alive. Part of being joyful is being grateful and I'm very thankful for the way the students have embraced the new structure at the College and for the staff who have implemented a Staged approach with passion and drive. I am grateful for the staff's commitment to Kingdom Education and their dedication to transforming lives. A highlight for me this term was witnessing the entire Secondary School sharing in Communion and corporately worshipping our God. It was a powerful moment and demonstrated the very essence of who we are. This is something that I will never forget.

As we find real and deep joy in our God, delighting in His unfailing love, our strength will increase. This is the joy of the Lord, which is ours for all time and throughout eternity.

Wishing you each a restful break.

The joy of the Lord is my strength
Sharon Sopher

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Last week Stage 3 students travelled to Canberra for a three day excursion to our Capital City. In a very busy three days, we visited Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, Questacon and the Australian Institute of Sport. At night we did some 'overcoming fear' challenges and took part in campfire Devotions. Many students asked Jesus into their hearts for the first time. Praise God for such a blessed time away together!

The Australian Government realise the importance of young Australians visiting our Nation's Capital City. They will provide a rebate to the school of \$20 per child toward the cost of the excursion under their Parliament and Civics Education Rebate.



Brad Hallett, Caleb Reed, Deb Horton, Kirsty Turner and Matt Johnson

Praise Points for Term 1

We thank our Heavenly Father for...

- His blessing of protection over our College
- The provision of a Business Manager and Chaplain
- The ongoing preparation for Beauty and the Beast
- Protection and provision for our Year 12 students
- The positive impact of the Growth Mindset Conference organised by Mel Melcum as part of our staff development
- New enrolments and families partnering with us
- The opportunity to minister God's love to our students every day
- Please pray for our families as they head off on holidays
- Thank you for your encouragement and your support of the ministry of our College.

Upcoming Dates

- 13 April** – Last day of Term 1
- 25 April** – ANZAC Day March
- 27 April** – Beauty and the Beast Lead Role Rehearsal (9am to 4pm)
- 28 April** – Beauty and the Beast Rehearsal (9am to 4pm)
- 30 April** – First day of Term 2
- 4 May** – Secondary Regional Surfing Titles
- 8 May** – Primary Athletics Carnival
- 8 May** – Secondary Boys Bill Turner Cup Soccer
- 9 May** – Secondary Girls Bill Turner Cup Soccer
- 10 May** – Primary Paul Kelly Cup
- 10 May** – Primary CSSA Girls Football Gala
- 11 May** – Yr 7 Excursion to Museum of Ancient Culture
- 11 May** – Mothers' Day Stall
- 11 May** – Secondary NSW All Schools Swimming Championships

New Chaplain & Business Manager

It is with gladness that I can inform you that God has filled the Chaplaincy and Business Manager's positions. God is good! Our new Chaplain is Cody Bros and he is currently the Youth Pastor at Gospel Church, Newcastle. Cody has a Bachelor of Theology and loves working with kids and adults.

Our new Business Manager is Bill Truscott and he comes to us with a long line of skills. Bill has a mixed background in finance, management and teaching. He has been a HSIE teacher, lecturer, General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Business Manager.

Both gentlemen will commence their roles next term, so please pray for Bill and Cody as they prepare to join our team.

Sharon Sopher

Office Closed during the Holidays

The College office will be closed during the school holidays and will reopen on Monday, 30th April 2018. For urgent enquiries during the holiday period please email college@bcc.nsw.edu.au

Primary Athletics Carnival (Kinder to Years 6)

Date: Tuesday 8th May
 Location: Hunter Sports Centre, Glendale
 Time: 8.30am – 2.30pm

If your child is catching a bus from school, they must arrive ready to catch the bus at 8:40am! There is a possibility that they may miss the first events. Please place names on the list in the main office.

A note will be sent home next term with full details.

School Cross Country Carnival

The annual College Cross Country Carnival was once again held at Croudace Bay Park. We were blessed with wonderful weather, enthusiastic runners and walkers. Many age groups were hotly contested and congratulations to all age champions.



Age Champions

	BOYS	GIRLS
8yr	Hayden Stranger	Abigail Farthing
9yr	Myles Black	Zarli Knaus
10yr	Ben Roberston	Abigail Vromans
11yr	William McHugh	Natalie Benn
12+yr (Primary)	Nathan Carroll	Jorja Simolin
12yr (Secondary)	Tristan Inman-Bamber	Evelyn Cossgrove
13yr	Toby Maddison	Lana Barnett
14yr	Cooper Ashbourne	Grace Middleby
15yr	Isaac Carroll, Brew Austin, Thomas Davies	Annaliese Micallef
16yr	Isaac Smith	Clare Weimer
17yr	Sam Gulliver	Sophia Pyke
18yr	Zac Davies	Sophia Laurie

Primary House Points

1st Robinson – 325
 2nd Cuthbert – 282
 3rd Booth – 197
 4th Liddell - 131

Secondary House Points

1st Booth – 228
 2nd Robinson – 214
 3rd Liddell – 195
 4th Cuthbert - 187



Mr Hall & Mr Robins

Season 'Change-Over' Period

Summer to Winter – A two week 'change-over' period will take effect at the beginning of Term 2. During this period, students may wear either Summer Uniform or Winter Uniform. At the end of this period, students are required to wear Winter Uniform only.

ICAS Assessment Program

ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program which recognises and rewards student achievement. If you wish for your child to participate please register online by 30th April 2018 and make your payment/s at the front office by Credit Card or Cash or over the phone by Credit Card.

Parents can learn more about ICAS by looking up the website www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

If you wish your child to enter please enter details online <https://goo.gl/forms/JNYx2KUuWc8w91dB3>

ICAS Subject	Test Dates	Year Levels	Cost
Science	29 May 2018	Years 2 to 12	\$9.90
Spelling	13 June 2018	Years 2 to 7	\$13.20
Writing	14 June 2018	Years 3 to 12	\$19.80
English	31 July 2018	Years 2 to 12	\$9.90
Mathematics	14 August 2018	Years 2 to 12	\$9.90

2018/19 Entertainment Books are available now!

This year we are raising funds towards our new Community Garden as well as other needed equipment. For every Entertainment Membership we sell \$13 is contributed to the College.

Choose between the popular Entertainment Book with Gold Card and Vouchers, or the Entertainment Digital Membership that puts the Entertainment Book on your smartphone.



Purchase either edition for \$65. The Entertainment Memberships are packed with thousands of up to 50% OFF and 2-for-1 offers that you can use through to 1 June 2019.

Pre-order your Entertainment Book today and receive Early Bird Vouchers ready to use straight away, valued at over \$200.

To order your Book or your Digital Membership online visit: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3420x8> or call Sally Melcum at the College office on 4922 8313.

Please tell your family and friends. Thank you for your support.



Mothers' Day Stall - Friday 11th May

Gifts available up to \$12.

If there are any gifts left, Secondary students are welcome to browse at recess.

Volunteers needed to help sell gifts on the day from 8:30am.

If you can help, please phone the office Ph 4922 8300.

ANZAC Day March at Belmont

Our College has been invited again to participate in the Belmont Anzac Day March and Service on Wednesday 25th April. We would love as many students as possible to attend and represent the College and Christ in our local community.

The students should assemble in the George Street Carpark, Belmont at 9:15am. We will begin at 9:35am, marching south along the Pacific Highway to Cullen Park for the memorial service. A brief service will take place there, followed by morning tea in the park, provided by the College. The morning's events should all be finished by 11:00am at the latest. Students should wear full winter uniform.

Winter Uniform & Extended Uniform Hours

As we approach the winter season, we would like to encourage you to start preparing winter uniforms for your child(ren) for next term. If you need to purchase uniform items, please visit the uniform shop or you can fill in an order form.

Order forms available in the office, uniform shop or Skoolbag App.

To submit an order, please complete and return this form:

- In person to the Uniform Shop on Tuesday and Thursday
- By email to uniform@bcc.nsw.edu.au

The uniform shop is open during school terms on the following days:

- Tuesday 8am to 11am & 1pm to 3:30pm
- Thursday 8am to 11am.

The uniform shop will also be open extended hours on the following days, by appointment only:-

- Thursday 3 May, 1pm to 3:30pm
- Thursday 10 May, 1pm to 3:30pm

Appointments must be made by phoning the College Office Ph 4922 8300.

You are invited!

Tuesday, 15th May, 7pm

in the College Hall

for a behind the scenes look into

Belmont Christian
College's

Production of



Come and meet the cast and crew and hear the Director's heart for the portrayal of this beautiful story.

Refreshments will be provided by our Hospitality students.

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