

# Principal's Report

## Family Connect

20 July 2021



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Dear Family Connect Members

I sincerely believe it's a privilege to have been appointed to the Acting Principal position at St Mary's Catholic College for Semester 2, 2021. This first week has been filled with warm smiles and friendly conversations and I've certainly felt very welcome in the College community.

### **A brief profile**

Name: Ian Margetts

Origin: Tasmanian born and bred (don't hold that against me!)

Professional Experiences:

- Director Mission at Marist Regional College, Tasmania
- Assistant Principal Religious Education at St Andrew's Catholic College, Redlynch
- Deputy Principal at Mount St Bernard College, Herberton
- Principal at Mount St Bernard College, Herberton

Wife Sandy and children Arabella (11) and Toby (9)

Love the outdoors, camping, hiking & mountain biking

Why St Mary's? I believe in taking opportunities, challenging myself, and learning from the experiences.

Favourite Leadership Quote, "While the country is still watching the replays and kids lie in bed dreaming of All Blacks glory, the All Blacks are tidying up after themselves.

Character begins with Humility."

(James Kerr 2015. *Legacy, What the All Blacks Can Teach Us About the Business of Life*)

It's been a very busy start to Term 3 and there is a lot planned. I share the following with you as an update.

### **New Staff Term 3**

Ian MARGETTS	Acting Principal
Narelle MEARS	Diverse Learning Officer
Michael MISCHLEWSKI	TTC Assistant
Tessa MIZZI	Teacher
Bianca MORZONE	Teacher
Luke PICKUP	ITD Assistant
Krissy REID	Diverse Learning Officer

### **Leadership Recruitment during Term 3**

Deputy Principal (commencing Term 1 2022) for Clancie Neilson

Acting Assistant Principal Community Engagement & Marketing (Term 4 only) for Alison Krause

Middle Leader Head of Science (commencing Term 1 2022) – for Lucy Fitzpatrick

### **Student Subject Selection Process**

The subject selection process for students in Year 11 in 2022 begins next week. An information sessions for current Year 10 students and their families will be held from 5:30pm until 6:30pm on Thursday 29 July.

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### **Catholic Education Week**

This year, Catholic Education Week will be celebrated from 25 July until 31 July. The theme for our 2021 celebrations will be 'A Spirited Tomorrow'. Celebrated annually in Week 3 of Term 3, Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all 309 Catholic schools in Queensland to each celebrate and promote their distinctive mission and ethos. Catholic Education strives to make a difference in the lives of those in our schools and in the wider community by challenging young people to live out the message of Jesus and to reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

### **2022 Senior Student Leadership**

The process for determining our student leaders for next year is well underway with outstanding applicants. This is occurring a term earlier than in previous years as we recognise that Term 4 doesn't involve the Year 12 students and current leaders. Nominees delivered their speeches on Monday 19 July and the selected Captains will be announced to the College community on Wednesday 21 July.

### **HOB Building Progress**

The HOB building completion date is now sitting at the end of January, however, the builders are still working towards a December finish. We will have to wait and see how that unfolds. Furniture ordered for the project is expected to arrive over the Christmas school holiday break.

### **Social justice focus**

This term, the social justice focus is with Rosies (hygiene products) and Relay For Life (Juniors on campus and Seniors at Barlow Park). Rosies is a community of people inspired by the Gospel to assist those most abandoned, to be present with them, and to offer them experiences of community and belonging.

Relay For Life celebrates survivors of cancer and recognises their carers. Those who have lost the battle with cancer are honoured during a Candlelight Ceremony. The project supports people affected by cancer and raises funds for cancer research and prevention programs.

### **Arts Open Evening**

Family Connect members are most welcome to attend our showcase Arts Open Evening on Saturday 21 August from 6:00pm until 9:00pm at the College.

### **Presentation Evening**

St Mary's Presentation Evening is scheduled for Tuesday 09 November at the College from 6:30pm until 8:30pm. Family Connect is invited to sponsor one or more awards and can obtain further details from our Assistant Principal Community Engagement & Marketing, Alison Krause by end of term.

Regards

Ian Margetts  
ACTING PRINCIPAL