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Principal

As the year progresses, it can sometimes become challenging for young people (and adults!) to sustain enthusiasm for our various commitments. The music or drama lessons that were so enjoyable at the beginning lose their sheen and practice becomes a burden, or there are more and more frequent reasons to skip early morning training. This can be very frustrating for parents, who know from personal experience that perseverance – ‘sticking at it’ – is essential to success. How can parents navigate these tricky waters?

Don't think of your child's character as fixed. Most of our worries about our children are about the future. We see the 9-year-old who quits as the aimless 20-year-old. But remember, who they are now is not who they will always be.

Explain the difference between “I don't want to” and “I don't feel like it”. Distinguishing long-term desires from immediate feelings can help children understand the difference between an immediate task and ultimate goal. This is a lesson that doesn't register right away, but it's worth planting the seed and emphasising over time.

Let them know you see the areas in which they do work hard or show motivation. Say “I know you're someone who can stick with things when they're important to you”.

Get to the root of their concern. Why don't they want to go? Perhaps they feel they aren't as good as the others - what might make that better? Perhaps some extra practice with your help? Children need to learn that we often have to be not so good at things for a while as part of the process of improving at something. Failure is an integral part of success.

Children should have control over their own lives but that doesn't mean they can back out of a commitment, or waste the money parents have paid for lessons or gear. If they are adamant, then expect children to write a letter or speak

personally to the coach or organiser explaining why they are quitting. This makes them take ownership of their decision.

Keep exploring. It may take a while to find what really motivates and entuses them. There's no rush!

We can't make them develop grit. We can expose them to things they may like, support them in sticking with things as they get harder, and express confidence that they can handle the challenges.

The world is so complex that we have no idea where the things that will turn our kids on come from. If we encourage children to keep seeking what they love, and to work hard at it when they find it, that will help them grow into confident and self-directed young adults.

Acknowledgment: William Stixrud is the co-author, with Ned Johnson, of “The Self-Driven Child: The Science and Sense of Giving Your Kids More Control over their Lives.”

As Semester 1 draws to a close, I extend thanks to all members of the WestMAC community for the important contributions made to our collective success. May the winter break be an opportunity to rest and recharge. I look forward to working with all our students, staff and families again in Semester 2.

Geoff McLay - Principal
Phone: 3813 4555

Whole School

25 Year Birthday Dinner Dance

You are warmly invited to the...

25 Year Birthday Dinner Dance

Please join us 'By the light of the Silvery Moon' for this special night to remember.

Saturday 28 July 2018, from 6.30pm

\$99 per person. All inclusive dinner, drinks (beer, wine and bubbles), dancing and live music. Tables of 10 available. Tickets obtainable until midnight Monday 16 July, unless sold out sooner.

Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets!



Whole School

Be part of history ... Whole College Photo

Students and staff made history earlier this year when the whole College was photographed, celebrating 25 Years of WestMAC. Purchase a lasting memento TODAY that will have increasing sentimental value and interest as the years pass.

Laminated (unmounted) prints are available for \$69.50

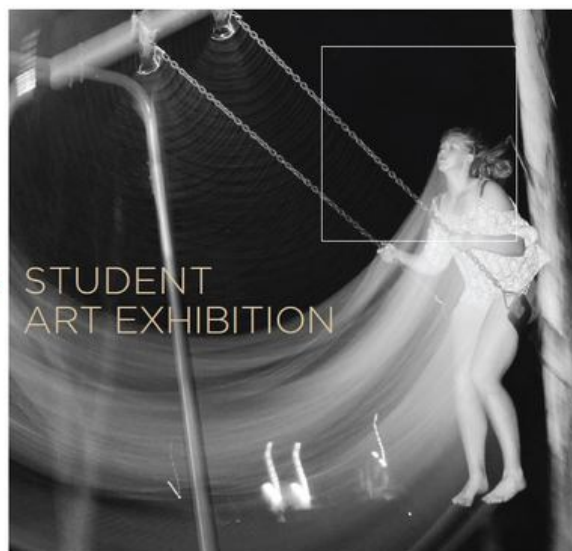
Mounted prints for \$129.50

Order online via our secure payment site <https://www.wmac.com.au/news/whole-college-photo>

Pre-ordered photos will be available shortly.

Whole School

WestMAC 2018 Art Exhibition



INVITATION

As a friend of West Moreton Anglican College, you and your family are invited to the WestMAC 2018 Art Exhibition opening night.

The exhibition showcases student work from Years 7 to 12 from 2017 to 2018.

Saturday 4 August, 6 to 8pm

Ipswich Community Gallery

d'Arcy Doyle Place

Cnr Limestone and Nicholas Streets

Ipswich Qld 4305

Entry by gold coin donation per person. Smart dress.

Refreshments and entertainment will be available.

Lucky Door Prize of \$50.

RSVP

Monday 23 July on tel: 07 3813 4526 or email:

Imaclennan@wmac.com.au

Our exhibition will also be open to the public on Sunday 5 August, 10am to 4pm.

Afternoon tea will be served at 2pm.

Leonie MacLennan - Head of Art

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Whole School

Finance Department

Term 3 College Fees

Term 3 Fees Accounts were processed last week and were emailed to Parents/Guardians.

This your accounts will be due on Monday 16 July.
Please contact the Finance Department for any enquiries.

Finance Department - Accounts Receivable
Phone: 3813 4555

Whole School

2020 Enrolments

A reminder to parents that if you have any children who wish to commence at the College from 2020 onwards, it is important that you lodge their Enrolment Application as soon as possible.

Enrolments are being finalised 2 years out from the students commencement date. It is especially important if you have a child that requires an enrolment for Year 7 2020 that you complete these applications as soon as possible.

Enrolment Applications are available on our website or can be picked up from Central Administration Reception.

Gayle Moore - Enrolments and Community Engagement Officer
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Whole School

Deputy Principal

2018 Founders' Day Service – Celebrating 25 Years

This year the College will celebrate our annual Founders' Day Service in Week Two of Term Three on Thursday 26 July. All members of the extended College Community, including parents, friends and alumni, are warmly invited to attend this special Prep to Year 12 event which will commence at 11am in the Lostroh Centre. It is anticipated that the service will conclude by 12.15pm.



If you would like to attend this special occasion, please contact Mrs Susan Bails on 3813 4548 or sbails@wmac.com.au so that seating can be reserved.

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Whole School

Chaplaincy

Lots of people think things were 'better' and people were 'nicer' in Jesus' time but it doesn't take much reading of the Gospels and New Testament letters to realise that Jesus and the early leaders of the Jesus movement spent a lot of time and energy calling people out for their exclusivity, their pettiness and their general lack of love and compassion. Kindness isn't a very strong-sounding word and yet so many people are desperate to be recipients of kindness. The world can be a harsh and uncaring world, even at the best of times, but if you're feeling lost or lonely, if your face 'doesn't fit' or you're a little bit different, some people can be downright cruel and may even seem to gain some perverse sort of enjoyment from making another person miserable.

In Galatians, chapter 5, verses 22 – 23 St Paul writes: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things, while Jesus told people, in John's Gospel, chapter 15, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

One of the simplest ways to live out this love is in acts of kindness. They don't have to be 'random', as was the trend. You can plan to be kind too. And what's more, you can choose to be kind instead of being cruel. The Dalai Lama said, "Be kind whenever it is possible...and it's always possible." If we start looking for ways to build others up, rather than knock them down, to speak words of kindness and gentleness rather than words of spite, that we know will wound, imagine what a different feel our College would have. And were we to take that out into the world around us, imagine the difference it would make to the people we met. As an Anglican School, we don't just talk about the way Jesus lived, we actively seek to live like that too. Sure, we often get it wrong, but if we focus of goodness and love, we'll have the power to change our world and our College, for the better.

We've received this information and I thought that some of our Middle School students and/or parents might be interested to know more:

All Saints Anglican church
144 Brisbane Rd, Booval
Best entry is on Booval St, between #7 and 9

The Ipswich Anglican Parishes invite young people aged 12 to 16 and their parents or guardians to a forum to discuss the formation of an age specific youth ministry. Light supper will be provided.



Worship@WestMAC will take a break during the holidays, after a great picnic at Kholo Gardens last Sunday. We will recommence with our normal service at 9.30am at the Chapel on Sunday 22 July.

Congratulations to Archbishop Phillip, who celebrates 20 years as Archbishop of Brisbane on Friday 29 June. There will be a special service and lunch at the Cathedral to mark this incredible milestone.

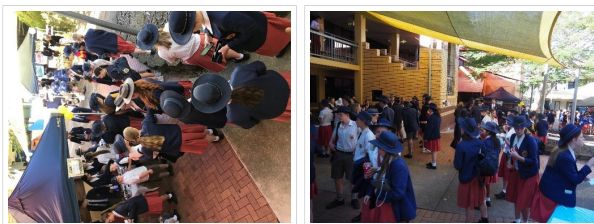
Mother Julie Craig-Leaves - Chaplain
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Whole School

Senior School

#WestFest Senior School Market Day

Well done to the Year 11 students who organised and ran a very successful market day in the Senior School; #WestFest. The students were raising much needed funds for headspace Ipswich, our chosen charity for 2018. Headspace is an organisation that supports young people who are experiencing mental health issues. Nearly \$1000 was collected on the day. This also provided an opportunity for the students to demonstrate their leadership capacity.



Spirit Assembly

This week the Senior School student leaders hosted the first Spirit Assembly for 2018. All the students from Prep through to Year 12 congregated in the Lostroh Centre to bask in the WestMAC spirit. The students were entertained by our dancers,

musicians and College and House mascot “models”. What a wonderful way to end another successful semester at WestMAC.



On behalf of the Senior School Leadership Team, I wish you and your family a safe and restful holiday period. We look forward to seeing you in Term 3.

Paul Alcorn - Head of Senior School
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Senior School

Curriculum

Parent Teacher Interviews

Years 7 to 12
Monday 23 July 3.20 to 7.30pm
Tuesday 24 July 3.20 to 7.30pm

We will be using The Alpha School System Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI) method, which is accessed by parents through Parent Lounge.

After the interview conference event is opened, parents can then book appointment times directly into the appointment schedule via **Parent Lounge**. The bookings are made online in real-time, hence the parent is aware immediately of what bookings they are able to obtain. This is also a “first in first served” type method.

Should you wish to make an appointment but have no computer access, please contact Mrs Sue Rosentreter on 3813 4552.

Access to interview bookings through Parent Portal will open for Middle and Senior School on 18 June 2018 from 6am.

If a staff member has no available appointments available you will need to contact the teacher direct to arrange a suitable time to meet.

If you have a question regarding the PTI booking process please contact Mrs Sue Rosentreter at srosentreter@wmac.com.au.

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Whole School

Indigenous Liaison Officer

NAIDOC WEEK 8 to 15 July

NAIDOC Week 2018 will celebrate the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made and continue to make to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation.

Under the theme, Because of her, we can! NAIDOC Week 2018 will be held nationally from Sunday 8 July and continue through to Sunday 15 July.

As pillars of our society, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have played and continue to play active and significant roles at the community, local, state and national levels.

They are our mothers, our elders, our grandmothers, our aunts, our sisters and our daughters.

In honour of our Elders past and present we designed a display to say thank you and recognise the values that just some of these Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women we can learn from.

Below is the National Poster to Celebrate NAIDOC Week 2018 and our own display at the Claridge Centre to say thank you. Big thank you to the Year 12 class who created the "Thank You" Hands surrounding our honoured Aboriginal and Torres Strait.



National NAIDOC Competition

Students were welcomed to participate in a National competition in honour of NAIDOC Week. Entries have now closed and have been sent away to be judged and winners will be announced and awarded their prizes in School assemblies. I was

Categories are as follow:

- Kindy - Year 2: Colouring-In Competition
- Years 3 - 6: Poetry Competition
- Years 7 - 9: Creative Writing Competition
- Years 10 - 12: Essay Writing Competition

I would like to share two great poems written by Isaac Olsen and Maverick Snerling both from Grade 5.

My Spirit Dreaming; by Isaac Olsen – Year 5

My Spirit Dreaming calls me,
I live in the town but long for my country,
My Spirit sings out to me,
My ancestors are calling me back to my country,
I am connected to them,
I long for my history, my Spirit Dreaming.

My Spirit Dreaming; by Maverick Snerling – Year 5

My Spirits Dreaming,
I'm fast asleep,
My Spirits Dreaming,
It's calling me,
I'm coming for it,
My Spirit's Dreaming,
I'm caring for this,
I'm caring for this Country.

Good luck to everyone who entered.

Phyllis Marsh - Indigenous Liaison Officer

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Whole School

Debating and Public Speaking

NAIDOC Week 2018
BECAUSE OF HER, WE CAN!

NAIDOC Week 2018 celebrates the invaluable contributions that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women have made and continue to make to our communities, our families, our rich history and to our nation.

This is a thank you to the courage and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women. Please the rights of truth, justice and reconciliation, across the nation and the world.



8-15 JULY 2018

Apex Debating Finals

WestMAC teams are the Junior and Senior Apex Debating District Champions for 2018. The teams competed in very high standard debates on Monday evening. They will now go on to the State finals in September.

The Junior (Year 10 team of Lily Friis, Holly Nansen and Talia Wright) have completed the competition undefeated. The Senior (Years 10 and 11) team of Damian Bellew, Henry Bischoff, Makayla Smart and Erin Williams defeated a Year 12 team to win their final.

Congratulations to the students and their coaches, Mrs Fehringer and Mr Barke, on an outstanding season.

If you would like to know more about debating and public speaking opportunities, please contact Donna Googe.



Donna Googe - Debating/Public Speaking Coordinator
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Whole School

Career's



DATE 21 & 22 July 2018

VENUE RICC, Brisbane Showgrounds

TIME 10am - 4pm on both days

What You Will Find:

- Universities from around Australia - including Queensland based as well as from interstate
- Representatives from ALL faculties at GU, QUT and UQ
- Private Education Providers
- TAFE Queensland
- Defence Forces
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- Employment Opportunities
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PLUS - CHANCE TO WIN A \$500 JB HI-FI VOUCHER - ENTER AT THE EXPO!

USC Open Day

Going to uni is a life-changing experience. At USC's Open Days, you can explore your study options, check out the campus, and talk to real students and lecturers about the opportunities ahead.

USC Fraser Coast
Saturday 23 June
9.30am to 1pm

USC Sunshine Coast
Sunday 22 July
9.30am to 2pm

USC Caboolture
Sunday 5 August
9.30am to 1pm

Check out the event schedule and register at usc.edu.au/openday

QUT Open Day

Students can [register now](#) to attend QUT Open Day being held on Sunday 29 July from 9am–3pm at Gardens Point (city) campus. Registration ensures students receive updates about Open Day by email in the lead-up to the event and will go in the draw to win a MacBook. Open Day is the best chance for

students to talk to staff from all study areas, talk to current students, go to course information seminars, and experience the campus with tours and live entertainment. The day also includes seminars about study costs, scholarships and financial support, and career decision making. The Kelvin Grove campus will also be open with tours of the campus, library, Creative Industries Precinct, Clinical Simulation Centre (nursing and paramedic science), QUT Health Clinics and education spaces. A free shuttle bus will operate between QUT's Gardens Point and Kelvin Grove campuses.

Please encourage students to view the full program [online](#) to see the full range of seminars and tours available.

For the full calendar of career events for 2018 please visit our online [event calendar](#).

Kym Hayes - Career's Advisor
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Senior School

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop Opening Times – School Days only

| Day | Terms 2 and 3 |
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| Monday | 7.30am to 3.30pm |
| Wednesday | 7.30 to 11am |
| Friday | 7.30am to 3.30pm |

The Uniform Shop will:

- close for Term 2 trading on Friday 22 June 2018 at 3.30pm
- only be open over the school holidays on Friday 13 July between 7.30am to 3.30pm
- open for normal Term 3 trading from Monday 16 July 2018 (first day of Term 3) at 7.30am

Blazer pockets

All embroidery requests left at the Uniform shop by the end of this Term will be ready for collection at the start of Term 3.

If you would like your pocket sewn onto your blazer in Term 3, please bring your blazer to the Uniform Shop on a Monday or Friday at First Break. Your blazer will be ready for you to collect at Second Break on the same day. The cost to sew on a pocket is \$8.

Junior TAS and TAS Sport Borrowed Uniforms

Any outstanding Junior TAS and TAS sport uniforms borrowed for Term 1 must be returned as soon as possible otherwise students could be charged \$75 for each item not returned.

All uniforms borrowed for Term 2 Junior TAS and TAS sport should be returned before the end of this Term.

Orders

If you are unable to visit the Uniform Shop during trading hours, the shop does accept cheques, credit card payments over the phone, and orders by Flexischool, mail, phone and email. Paid orders can be:

Collected from the Uniform Shop

Collected from Junior, Middle or Senior School Administrations

Delivered to students in Prep to Year 6

Plastic Bags

Please note that from 1 July 2018 the Uniform shop will no longer be able to provide customers with a single-use lightweight plastic shopping bag for their purchases.

Glenda Boike - Uniform Shop Convenor

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Email: uniforms@wmac.com.au

Whole School