Welcome

From the Principal

A very warm and sincere welcome is extended to all our Genesis families. In particular we offer a special welcome to the new families that will join our community in 2015. Included in this welcome are the students and families which will comprise the fifth stream of Year 7 students. While our Year 7 students here at Genesis have been part of the high school for a number of years now, for many of the fifth stream Year 7 students the move to high school has happened a year early due to the State Government decision to shift Year 7 students into high school from 2015 onwards.

I know we go through “beginning again” every year, but isn’t it nice to know we have another chance for a new start every year? This is a very important message to share with our children, it is a new start, it is an opportunity to leave behind the disappointments and unfulfilled ambitions of last year and begin a new book, so to speak. I would encourage all parents to talk up this aspect of starting school again. Importantly, part of beginning afresh is also having some goals. Obviously these need to be attainable and age appropriate, but having discussions about what it is your child hopes to achieve can give them focus and give you a point of reference for further discussion as the year progresses.

Please be reminded that Launch Day is to be held on Friday 23 January 2015. This initiative was introduced five years ago and has been an enormous success. One of the major benefits is how quickly we have seen our students settle into the routine of being back at school. Please ensure you have made plans to attend and watch out for the alerts and information about what to bring.

Unlike last year, much of the building and refurbishment around the College is not visible from Young’s Crossing Road, however, the property staff and student helpers have been hard at work. The primary oval has been revitalised with new turf and an irrigation system installed so it currently looks as good as “The Gabba”. Work has continued on the expansive verandah area which will provide additional shade and outdoor learning areas in Secondary. Likewise the new Hospitality and Catering kitchen is fast approaching the time where the installation of equipment can occur. The normal painting and recarpeting has also occurred and therefore our students will return to a campus ready to facilitate their learning.

We are currently in the process of negotiating contract prices to construct the Performance Centre alongside the Science Centre. Unlike previous years where prices have been very close to the building rates we are expected to align to for BGA funding, the initial contract prices received were significantly higher than anticipated. As a result, there will be a delayed start to this project while we re-negotiate tender prices. Importantly for parents to know,
Principal
Brian Barker

This back to school newsletter contains important information about our start of year procedures. We respectfully request that all parents take the time to familiarise the whole family with the necessary arrangements and expectations.

Some very important annual reminders are listed below. To ensure minimal disruption and frustration, we ask all parents to adhere to the following requests:

- The car park and drop off and pick up zones experience significant congestion during the first few weeks. While it is unavoidable, it is important that all users are polite, patient and cooperative.
- Prep students are to be collected at 2.30pm. Prep parents must please park in the main car park as leaving their vehicle in the drop off zone is not an option.
- Primary students are dismissed at 2.50pm and, therefore, should be collected between 2.50 and 3.00pm. Safety cones will be used to keep the Drive Through clear. They will be removed close to 2.50pm. This measure is critical to avoid congestion on Young Crossing Road, which causes considerable frustration for our users as well as passing motorists.
- Secondary students are dismissed at 3.00pm and, therefore, can be collected after 3.05pm.
- Parents with students in both sub-schools are asked to please collect them after 3.00pm. Staff supervision is provided across the campus so Primary students are catered for while waiting for Secondary students to finish. Alternatively, parents with younger Primary students may wish to park in the car park and arrange for their Secondary students to meet them there. Waiting in the pickup lane for 10 minutes is not an option as it interferes with efficient traffic flow at the busiest time of day.
- Please note that the Secondary Staff Car Park is required for staff parking between the hours of 7.30am and 4.00pm. There is usually sufficient short term parking for pool and court users. However, this will change when construction begins and this will result in restricted use and access.
- We would request that the Secondary car park is never used during College hours for “pick up or drop off” of students unless they are using the sports facilities. Council imposed restrictions identifies the main entrance as the primary entrance to our school and that is where the majority of “pickups and drop offs” should occur. Please support us in our attempts to ensure we comply with these requirements and assist us in ensuring the safety of our students as we keep our car parks and pedestrian area safe.

Finally, we acknowledge the enormous trust parents place in us as a staff by enrolling their children in our College. We thank you for the privilege of working with you as we strive to educate and nurture your children through their formative years. To be effective and successful in this task, we require all the wisdom and guidance the Lord provides. Please remember to uphold the staff in your prayers throughout the year. Be assured that as a staff, we pray for all our students and families on a regular basis.

Brian Barker
Principal

COLLEGE PHONE NUMBERS
Please call the relevant reception to leave messages for your child or their teacher, to make appointments with teachers, chaplains etc, to arrange early pick-ups, make enquiries about primary activities, letters sent home etc
Absen tee Line (Direct call and/or leave a message) - 3882 9033
Absen tee SMS - 0428 032 519
Email - absen tees@genesis.qld.edu.au
Primary School Reception (Prep to Yr 6) 3882 9049
Secondary School Reception (Years 7 to 12) 3882 9014

Main Reception 3882 9000 - For enrolments, general enquiries etc
Finance Office 3882 9018
Uniform Shop 3882 9031
Genesis Aquatic Centre 3882 9091
Little Genesis Early Learning Centre 3882 9032
OSHC (Years 2 to 7) 3882 9013
(Please call these numbers not the College Main Reception number as the College closes at 4.30pm)

2015 CALENDAR

Term 1
Jan 23 Fri Launch Day
Jan 26 Mon Public Holiday School
Jan 27 Tue Resumes
Feb 3 Tue Sec. Class Photos
Feb 4 Wed Sec Swim Carnival
Feb 5 Thu Prim. Class Photos
Feb 13 Fri Parent Volunteer Induction Session 9am
Feb 17 Tue Sec. Dedication Service
Feb 18 Wed Prim. Dedication Service
Feb 26 Thu Parent Volunteer Induction Session 1.15pm
Mar 2-9 T-M Sister School Visit
Mar 11 Wed Parent Volunteer Induction Session 8pm Last Day of Term 1
Apr 2 Thu Last Day of Term 1

Term 2
Apr 21 Tue First Day Term 2
June 26 Fri Last Day Term 2

Term 3
Jul 20 Mon First Day Term 3
Sep 18 Fri Last Day Term 3

Term 4
Oct 6 Tue First Day Term 4
Dec 2 Wed Last Day Term 4

PARENT VOLUNTEER INDUCTION SESSIONS
Parents, if you wish to volunteer your time, either in the classroom or elsewhere in the College, you should attend one of these sessions, unless you have attended previously.
Mr Brian Barker (Principal) will conduct these sessions which run for approximately one hour and take place in the staff room in Main Admin. Please register your intention to attend a particular session (times slots listed below) with Ms Julie-Anne Ball at Main Reception.
Friday 13 February 9.00am
Thursday 26 February 1.15pm
Wednesday 11 March 6.00pm
GOSH NEWS

OSH Care For 2015
Should you require Outside School Hours Care please contact our Centres directly to ascertain availability.
Genesis OSHC (Years 2-7) on 3882 9013 with Coordinator Elizabeth Green.
Little Genesis OSHC (Prep and Yr 1) on 3882 9032 with Coordinator Bettina Quinn.
Enrolment forms for 2015 must be in place before any bookings can be taken. Places are limited so please call as soon as possible should you require care.
Elizabeth Green
GOSHC Coordinator

NO HOMES FOR 40 SISTER SCHOOL STUDENTS!
URGENTLY NEED MORE HOST FAMILIES

In March, Genesis will host 57 Year 9 students (14 to 15 years old) from Minokamo High School, our sister school in Gifu Japan.
All that is required is to make them feel a part of your family, three meals a day and a bed plus the safety of a caring family. The students will do some sightseeing so no need to go to the expensive tourist spots; they are just wanting to experience life in Australia. Remuneration is paid to assist with the family budget.
Please consider welcoming one or two of these students into your home from Tuesday 3 to Monday 9 March 2015.
Contact Learna Shimizu in Main Admin on 3882 9000 or email learnas@genesis.qld.edu.au

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Wondering what your child ate for lunch? No more loose change or lost coins; No more running out of paper ordering bags
STREAMLINE, ONLINE, SIMPLE TO USE FLEXISCHOOL SYSTEM.

As the tuckshop has a cashless system for 2015, all families are requested to have in place their accounts with Flexischools before using our tuckshop.
For students in Years 7 to 12 make sure to register your Student ID number on the Flexischool account, that way your child can swipe their ID card when purchasing extras at the tuckshop counter.
Students in Primary (Prep to Year 6) are not permitted to purchase goods across the counter as all food, drinks and treats must be ordered by parents on the Flexischools system.

Some great points about the Flexischools system:
• you can set up advanced orders
• you can set up recurring orders for every day or once a week etc
• the cost of the order is only deducted from the account on the day of the order (in case your child is away just send an email to cancel the order)
• you will receive a SMS when your balance is low
• you can easily top up your account at anytime
• you can monitor what your child purchases and how much they spend

Flexischools is also required for online uniform purchases, event tickets and reserving seats for the College award services etc.
Thank you for your understanding as we move to providing a better level of service and security when ordering items or purchasing tickets for events at school.
Chris Kidd
Tuckshop Convenor
tuckshop@genesis.qld.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday - CLOSED
Tuesday - 8.15am to 9.45am
2.30pm to 3.30pm
Wednesday - 8.15am to 9.45am
2.30pm to 3.30pm
Thursday - CLOSED
Friday - 8.15am to 9.45am
2.30pm to 3.30pm
Uniform Shop Coordinator
Cathy van Vuuren
Ph 3882 9031/ Fax 3882 1581
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

What do I do if I need to speak to my child’s teacher on the first day or during the first week?

The first week of school is very hectic for everyone. It’s understandable that you may have concerns you need to discuss with your child’s teacher. If it is an urgent matter that cannot wait, please contact the appropriate student reception, primary/secondary. Reception staff will arrange a suitable time for you to discuss the matter with the teacher. Primary Reception number is 3882 9049 and Secondary Reception number is 3882 9014.

Before the first day:

Please ensure that you have purchased all items of stationery that are listed on your child’s stationery list and that all items are named. Exercise, project and workbooks supplied by the College for primary students will be provided on Launch Day for naming and covering. If your child needs new shoes, we suggest purchasing them at least one week prior to the first day of school and recommend your child “wear them in” at home for short periods of time prior to school.

On the day:

School commences at 8.30am. Parents should plan to arrive at the College before that time. Once the bell rings for students to go into class, students in Primary should proceed to their designated rooms. Secondary students should proceed directly to their allocated Form room. This is a good opportunity for parents to farewell their child.

Prep and Year 1 parents are welcome to accompany their child into the room.

Please note for future reference, the playground areas are not supervised before 8.00am each morning. Therefore, for your child’s safety, he/she should not arrive before 8.00am.

Please endeavour to have students at school and in class on time. Giving students time to go to the toilet and have a drink of water, allows them to be relaxed and prepared for learning.

Primary students are welcome to place their bags on the racks outside their allocated classroom. Students can then go to the playground until the starting bell, alternatively parents and students may like to familiarise themselves with where the water bubblers, toilets and eating areas are. Students may line up outside their classrooms and wait for the teacher.

What does my child bring?

The following items should be brought on the first day:

- College bag named. A small identifying item or name tag attached to the zip or handles will assist your child in distinguishing his/her bag from other bags.
- All stationery items (named)
- Morning tea and lunch
- Drink
- Genesis hat/cap (named)
- Please label all items that your child brings to school in permanent ink with their full name.

Please note that items likely to cause injury including skateboards etc should not be brought to school. Scooters which are used as the mode of transport to and from school are required to be secured at the bike racks for the duration of the school day.

Mobile phones brought in by Primary students must be handed in to Primary Reception. Year 7 students must do likewise at Secondary Reception. Year 8 to 12 students are to turn off their phones and secure them in their lockers. Please see the Parent Handbook for procedures for handling mobile phones.

CATCHING BUSES TO AND FROM GENESIS

Please verify the bus details with the bus company that your child/ren will use then fill in the slip on page 6 and return on Launch Day. This will allow us to compile a check list for the afternoon bus runs.

Important information!

Instruct your child/ren about the correct details of the buses that they are catching such as bus line’s name, route number, pick up point and time etc.

For the most up-to-date details and information about where the buses stops and picks up, please contact Thompson Bus Lines on 3882 1200 for the following routes: Bray Park, Strathpine, Petrie, Murrumba Downs, Kallangur or Cashmere, Albany Creek and Eaton’s Hill; and Brisbane Bus Lines on 3354 3633 for Dayboro, Mt Pleasant or Laceys Creek area.

Please note that the routes listed above have their own pick-up points around the College campus and outside the College as well. Below is a list of questions to ask the service provider.

Going to Genesis:

Where is the closest bus stop to our house? We live at...

What time does the bus pick up at that point?

What time does the bus arrive at Genesis?

Where is the drop off point once they arrive at Genesis?

What is the bus number or route name displayed on the bus?

Going home from school:

Where is the collection point from the school?

What time does the bus depart from Genesis?

What is the bus number or route name displayed on the bus?

What time does the bus arrive at the closest bus stop to our house?

AFTERNOON BUS PROCEDURES

Primary students assemble at 2.55pm in the Bus Assembly Area (outside the Primary amenities block opposite Year 1).

- Bus duty teachers will meet students and mark roll.
- Ensure your child knows what bus they are catching e.g. Thompson K Run
- Students catching the bus from inside the campus carpark will wait in the carpark pick up zone area.

Students catching the buses outside the college from either side of Youngs Crossing Road will be escorted by a teacher through the campus.

- Once outside, a teacher will escort one group across the road to wait.
- The other teacher supervises the students catching the bus on the College side of the road.

Secondary students immediately make their way to the bus stops as soon as the bell sounds. Students must follow the instructions of the supervising staff.

CARPARK PROCEDURE

In order to minimise carpark congestion and queues out onto Youngs Crossing Road at the end of the school day, we would like to remind you that the Set Down/Pick Up Bay is not to be used as a parking area at any time.

The speed limit is dead slow in the entire carpark at all times.

Students are to use pathways and to take care around the moving traffic in the carpark.

Please cross at the pedestrian crossing areas. There is to be no running through the carpark.

We ask our College community to be mindful of the difficulties that our neighbours in Dundee Street experience when parents use this area as a Set Down/Pick Up zone.
Be aware that our neighbours do call on the Police to monitor the problem of parking across driveways or on the No Standing yellow lines.

Students are supervised in the pick up area until 3.30pm. If you are running late please advise the relevant Student Reception. Students will be asked to wait in Student Reception until you arrive.

**COLLECTION OF STUDENTS AND DEPARTURE FROM CAMPUS**

**PREP**
All students need to be picked up directly from their classroom by the parent. If another adult is to collect your child on a particular day please notify the relevant teacher.

**PRIMARY**
Years 1-2 students are escorted by teachers to the car park Pick Up Zone where they will be supervised until collected. Years 3-6 will make their own way to the waiting area where they will also be supervised. All students are to be collected before 3.30pm. Parents may wait in the Portico waiting area to collect their child/ren.

**SECONDARY**
Years 7-12 students are to walk independently to the car park waiting area. Students are to wait quietly until collected.

Please note: Should you have an emergency where you will be late please advise the appropriate Student Reception as soon as practical.

Any students not collected by 3.30pm will be instructed to wait outside the Admin office.

**RIDING TO SCHOOL**
Students who ride to and from school must enter or depart the grounds using the gate on Youngs Crossing Road near the Bray Park Community Church Admin Building and Youth Shed or the gates at Dundee St. Do not enter through the main driveway or the driveway near the Genesis Aquatic Centre. Bikes are not to be ridden on the grounds. Walk the bike to the bike racks. Bike helmets must be worn while bikes are being ridden.

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**BUS TRANSPORTATION DEPARTURE FROM GENESIS (Please hand in at Main Admin office)**

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Dear Parents,

WELCOME BACK TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

Class Lists for 2015

Included in this newsletter, you will find a list of classes, room allocations and year level coordinators. You will receive separately your child’s allocated class.

Members of staff have spent considerable time allocating students to classes and we ask parents to be supportive of these efforts. As changes are not easy to facilitate, and often involve dislocations to other students and families, we do ask that parents take a philosophical approach to this process. After years of being involved with allocating students to classes, many situations have a better and long-lasting outcome when changes are not undertaken. We are reluctant to make changes and will not do so unless we are greatly convinced of the merit and that would not take place in the early stages of the year.

First Day of School

On Tuesday, 27 January (the first day of school) and on Wednesday, teachers will be in classrooms before school. Year 1 teachers will be available before school during Weeks 1 and 2 to allow students to settle well into the routines and for parents to check in briefly with the class teachers if necessary.

Families of New Students

We encourage teachers to make contact with families of students new to Genesis within the first two weeks of school. If you have any concerns, please address these to the Primary Administration Officer, Mrs Vanessa Cross, who will action requests accordingly.

Class Information Sessions – Week 3

These have been planned for Week 3 and provide an opportunity for all parents to meet with class teachers and be briefed on the essential elements of the program for the year. Please note that these sessions are not Parent Teacher interviews and so discussions on individual student progress are premature.

Parent Teacher Interviews – Week 9

These will be conducted later in the term when staff have had time for students to settle in to the new year.

We encourage all parents to attend these sessions. We will advise the dates closer to the time. As we do not issue a written report in Term 1, it is crucial that parents do make an interview time with their child’s respective teacher.

Staffing Matters

We have had some changes to the Primary teaching staff which I will outline below, including the appointment of new staff members as follows.

Laura Ryan - Prep Class Teacher – Laura is a graduate having completed her Bachelor of Education degree at the Australian Catholic University, following the completion of her Secondary education at Brisbane Girls Grammar. Laura says she was inspired to apply for a vacancy at the College after researching and reading our mission, values and vision statements. Laura has had recent practicum experience at Prince of Peace Lutheran College and Mater Dei Catholic Primary School as well as significant relevant work or volunteer experience with young children including time as a Pre-Kindy Education Assistant, various children's holiday camps, Girls Brigade leadership. She is the recipient of the Girls Brigade Queens Award in 2011, the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award in 2008, the Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award in 2010 and advises she has one component left to complete the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Laura has recently married and we look forward to welcoming her to our Prep team.

Kate Pillinger-Burns - Class Teacher Year 4 – Kate is a graduate having completed her Graduate Diploma in Education at QUT in 2014, following the completion of her Bachelor of Business in 2013. Kate says that her personal values align well with those of the College and that she has a strong desire to teach in a school that embraced a Christian world view and encourages her to positively invest in the lives of the students and their families. Kate has recent practicum experience at St Pauls Anglican School and involvement in various children’s and youth events at her Church as well as significant experience as swimming coordinator and instructor in the HPE Program at Northside Christian College. Kate was previously a student at Northside where she had significant achievements, both of an academic and sporting nature, culminating in her appointment at the College Sports Captain in her Senior year. We welcome Kate to the Year 4 team.

Ryan Wilkinson - Prep Class Teacher Year 5 – Ryan is a graduate, having completed his Bachelor of Teaching degree at the Australian Catholic University. Ryan
completed his final teaching placement in 2012/2013 while living and working in Chile as a teaching assistant to the English Department in a Spanish Speaking P-12 College. Ryan has significant relevant experience working with children. He says he is passionate about providing quality education, shaping students intellectually, emotionally, interpersonally so they can go beyond their limitations to fulfill their true potential and make positive contributions to their community. We welcome Ryan to the Year 5 team.

**Laura Woodcraft** - Class Teacher Year 6 – Laura completed her Bachelor of Education degree in 2011 and has for the last three years been teaching in Years 2 and 6 at Prince of Peace Lutheran College which she says was exceptionally rewarding. Laura says her philosophy encompasses the idea that every child is unique and is entitled to an education in a safe, caring and supportive environment that inspires a passion for life-long learning. She says that teaching provides her with the opportunity to share a love of learning with her students, enabling her to meet the new challenges each day brings, reflecting on her work to constantly improve and better her teaching style and techniques. We welcome Laura to the Year 6 team.

**Paul Johnson** - Class Teacher Year 6 – Paul is an experienced teacher having most recently taught Upper Primary students at Citipointe Christian College. Paul says he is committed to his continued development as a professional teacher. He understands the necessity to accommodate, adapt and utilise new methods, new technologies and new information. He has been actively involved with the introduction of Citipointe’s Learning Management System and the initiation of the iPad Program in the Primary Campus. We welcome Paul to the Year 6 team.

Other internal changes include Mrs Sandra Greenwood moving to Year 4, Mrs Lisa Elliott to Year 1 and Mrs Wendy Wearne moving to Year 3. Mrs Kerry Goodwin will co-teach with Mrs Sandra Greenwood and perform relief work in Class 4B. Mrs Jacqui Grotius will teach one day on Class 3W with Mrs Wendy Wearne.

We welcomed Rebecca Acheson during the end of 2014 to the First Aid team with Liz Rustichelli. Beck joined us after moving up to Queensland from Tasmania where she was working at Geneva Christian College. Beck had considerable experience working with children both in her previous position at a school and through her involvement in various other youth groups and camps. We look forward to the happy partnership in first aid continuing into the new year.

**College Facilities**

While we have all been enjoying our end of year break, our dedicated Maintenance Staff have been hard at work. The Main College Oval has been reconditioned. The Primary Oval has been levelled and with the amount of rain we’ve had over the holiday break, is looking like a bowling green. All classrooms have had carpets cleaned, floors stripped and repolished and several classrooms have been repainted and recarpeted. All concrete areas have been power washed. Twenty or more lattice panels have been removed and replaced with powder-coated pool fencing, to provide a more modern look and both the Primary and Secondary Dance Rooms and the Stage in the College Auditorium have been sanded and refinished in readiness for the school year. We very much appreciate the efforts of our hardworking maintenance staff.

**Music Ensembles and Choirs**

Parents, please note there will be no choir or ensemble rehearsals during Week 1 of Term 1. These will resume in Week 2 with the exception of the Upper Primary Choir which will resume in Week 3. The before school rehearsals for the Year 6 Band and the Upper and Lower Primary Choirs will commence as follows:

- Monday 7.30 – 8.25 Year 6 Band – Week 2
- Tuesday 7.45 – 8.25 Upper Primary Choir – Week 3
- Wednesday 7.45 – 8.25 Lower Primary Choir – Week 2

Parents will be notified with respect to commencement times for all other music ensembles including full details regarding instrument hire and auditions, if relevant.

**Upcoming Events**

May I also take this opportunity to mention a few events that are first up in the calendar.

**Swimming Lessons – Term 1**

Swimming sessions for 2015 will be conducted on Fridays with an allocated lesson time. The program will be overseen by Mr Joel White, Primary PE and Sports Coordinator, in conjunction with Mr Brendan Keogh, Manager and Head Coach of the Genesis Aquatic Centre. Lessons will commence on Friday, 30 January, the first Friday of Week 1. Swimming Trials will also commence on that day for the District Swimming Squad. Lessons for students in Prep and Years 1 and 2 will be conducted in Term 4.

**Pine Rivers District Swimming Carnival - Wednesday, 18 February**

Based on times from time trials and the 2014 Genesis Christian College swimming carnival, a squad has been selected to represent the College at the above Carnival in February. More information will be forthcoming in a letter home.

**Dedication Service – Wednesday, 18 February**

Our annual Dedication Service will be conducted on Wednesday, 18 February at 9.00am in the Bray Park Community Church. All students from Years 3 to 6 are involved in this special service. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. More information will be forthcoming in the next Chronicle.

David B Wylie
Head of School - Primary
Dear Parents,

I hope that you have all had an enjoyable and meaningful Christmas. I am sure that your children are excited about returning to school and are looking forward to a productive 2015.

**Year 12 OP Scores 2014**

Congratulations to last year’s Seniors for their outstanding OP scores. There were two students who received OP 1’s (Jason Lejak and Kim Hilton), and the overall results were quite strong with 15 students attaining an OP 5 or better. This is almost 1/3 of the Year 12 cohort studying an OP strand. 53% of the cohort attained an OP of 10 or better. Well done class of 2014!

**Class Changes**

Each year the social networking sites are buzzing with conversations about who is in which class. Class lists are determined and based on the College’s observations and experience with who will be best suited to which class. Accordingly, Form class groupings will remain intact. Elective classes may be changed up until the 10th day of the semester. These changes are initiated by completing a subject change form available from Student Reception. Changes can only be made if there is space in the class that the student is looking to move into.

**Staffing**

As mentioned at the various presentation evenings, Mr Pape, Mr Duncan, Mr Raddatz and Mrs Brook left us at the end of last year. With the natural growth in student numbers, several new appointments have been made to ensure students are fully catered for. The appointments for 2015 include the following:

**Mr Anthony Arro** has been appointed to the new position of Director of Student Wellbeing, has oversight of the Pastoral Care support system and will have a significant role in student wellbeing. Mr Arro is joining us from Nambour Christian College where he has taught and been in various leadership positions for 14 years. He has been heavily involved in Athletics in the past and has an observable passion for positive education.

**Mr Ben Innes** joins us as Head of Sport. Mr Dutney has stepped aside from this position to focus on his teaching responsibilities here at the College. I would like to thank Mr Dutney for his 12 years as Head of Sport and excellence in growing the sport program to what it is today. Mr Innes joins us from Citipointe Christian College and prior to that had a similar position at Westside Christian College. He is an avid cyclist and triathlete and has significant experience in soccer and rugby programs.

**Mrs Vicky Barnett** comes to the College with extensive teaching experience. She will be teaching English, Humanities and Film and New Media. Mrs Barnett’s most recent experience is in New Zealand, prior to that she had extensive teaching and leadership experience in Queensland.

**Mr Steven Hannah** joins the College from Gympie State High School in the position of Head of Music and Music Performance. He also had Independent School experience and is looking to develop the current comprehensive music program.

**Mr Dylan Roche** joins the College after numerous years of teaching experience and comes to us from Moreton Bay Girls College. Mr Roche will be teaching Maths and Science and specialises in Maths C and Physics.

**Miss Courtney Wyche** also joins the Maths and Science Departments. Miss Wyche worked as a supply teacher in Term 4 last year so will be known to many students. Her most recent experience is in the UAE, before that she taught in the UK and South Africa.

**Internal Staff Changes**

**Mr Stewart** has stepped down from his role as Head of Humanities due to ill health and I am delighted that he will be staying on teaching in a part time capacity. I would like to thank Mr Stewart for his leadership and guidance as he has lead this major department through significant changes with the Australian Curriculum and done so with distinction. Thank you for your 7 years of leadership. I would like to congratulate Miss Hobman on her appointment to this position.

**Miss Briddock** will assume responsibility for Dance and Drama as Head of Department. We recognise Emily’s passion and desire to see these subjects grow and reach new heights of excellence.

**Mr Warner** currently holds the position of Head of ICT Curriculum and will have Business added to his existing brief.

**Mrs Heinze** is moving to full time work this year following a part time stint on returning from Maternity leave. She will be putting her significant experience as a Year Level Coordinator in WA into place as she has been appointed as the Year Level Coordinator Year 11

**Mrs Beard** will assume responsibility for developing a Christian Life and Personal Development programme across secondary in the capacity as Coordinator of those two subjects and will retain her Year10 Year Level Coordinator’s position.

**Staff Weddings:** Over the holiday period, Mr Mills and Miss Young were married. Miss Young will now be known as Mrs Mills. Miss Willocks was also married over the holidays and will now be known as Mrs Haywood. Congratulations!

The Secondary Form teachers and Year Level Coordinators for 2015 are as follows:

- **Year 7** Coordinator Miss Cate White
  - Year 7B Mr David Kregenbrink
  - Year 7G Miss Courtney Wyche
  - Year 7R Miss Shari Blunt
  - Year 7W Mr Tim Walker
  - Year 7Y Mr Samuel Smith

- **Year 8** Coordinator Mrs Andrea G-O
  - Year 8B Mr Alex Bunt
  - Year 8G Ms Elizabeth Hobman
  - Year 8R Mrs Rachelle East
  - Year 8W Mr Brad Dutney

- **Year 9** Coordinator Mrs Rebecca Henry
  - Year 9B Mrs Clarita Skeggs
  - Year 9G Miss Tenneille Holden
  - Year 9R Mr Peter Nahuysen
  - Year 9W Mr Ryan Craig

- **Year 10** Coordinator Mrs Gemma Beard
  - Year 10B Mr Dylan Roche
  - Year 10G Mrs Jenna Haywood
  - Year 10R Mr Matthew Lusty
  - Year 10W Mrs Rachael Beckett
with one of the many minor roles necessary to hold these expected that students attend and participate by assisting be involved in these events. If unable to participate, it is still each student's education. Accordingly, each student is to College life. These events are a compulsory component of College House Sport Carnivals require the necessary profile.

The swimming carnival is the first carnival and will again be held at the Genesis Aquatic Centre. It will be held on Wednesday 4 February. Details of the carnival will be distributed closer to the event. Parents are encouraged to attend and support their children or to offer their support as a volunteer. If you are able to assist, please make contact with Mr Innes by email on b.innes@genesis.qld.edu.au

Grooming

Secondary School photographs will be taken on Tuesday 3 February. Students are reminded to ensure their hair is in line with the policy for this occasion. In the past, some students return to school with a haircut that is barely compliant. I am providing parents and students with this information so that students do not end up in a situation where after two weeks of school, their hair is too long. Further information on school photographs will be distributed closer to the event.

Students returning to school are to ensure that their uniform and grooming are compliant. Students who are unable to meet the set standards will be sent home, thereby providing an opportunity to rectify the shortcoming. I would like to especially alert parents with Secondary age girls that highlights, foils and other hair styles that result in 2 colours in the hair contravene the uniform policy. Boys are not permitted to colour their hair or have any shaved lines. I am providing this advice to parents now so as to avoid any unnecessary expense.

Uniform – Sport Shoes

At the end of last year I reminded students that sport shoes need to be white. I am again offering a courteous reminder that sports shoes must be recognised running cross training, netball, tennis or low-cut basketball shoes, predominately white, which provide foot support, are to be worn with the sports uniform. Fashion sports shoes do not provide ankle and arch support i.e. skate shoes, Volleys, canvas slip-ons or Converse shoes are not permitted. Only white shoe laces are acceptable in sports shoes. Coloured shoe laces including black laces are unacceptable. Shoes must be kept clean and in good condition. Should a specific shoe be prescribed by a medical practitioner (GP, Podiatrist or Physiotherapist) and it is not available in white, written notification is required by the College. This documentation is to be provided to Student Reception so that the appropriate staff can be notified.

Students Absent For An Extended Period

Parents are requested to provide reasonable notice out of courtesy should their Secondary aged child be absent for an extended period of time. The teacher willingly provides work, however I am sure you appreciate that this may take some time to assimilate. This is increasingly important if a student is going to be absent for assessments.

Colours and Embellishments – Co-curricular Recognition

Students will continue to be recognised for their ongoing involvement through the College Colours and Embellishments program.

The College Colours has been designed to reward two key essential elements that are valued by the College.

1. Participation and contribution to co-curricular life of the College (Colours)

2. Excellence or high levels of personal achievement across the range of activities within the Co-curricular domain. (Embellishments)

The awards take the form of a special recognition worn as part of the uniform in Secondary and it becomes a constant reminder to others of the level of involvement in...
College life and is a tangible and visible reminder to others day after day. The awards are designed to give honour to the delegates and reward them before their peers. It is envisaged that the rewards from this system will drive greater levels of commitment and involvement in College based co-curricular activities across a range of spheres.

Co-curricular activities are conducted spanning the areas of Sport, Music, Cultural Activities, Service Activities and Positions of Responsibility. Co-curricular activity is any activity that is College based, College aligned and conducted by a staff member or a delegate of the College to involve College students in activities across a range of spheres. The training, participation and activity of the group occurs in "out of school" time ie. before or after school, at lunchtimes or on weekends. For students to accumulate points for their activity, it must be a sanctioned College based activity. These activities will change from time to time. A committee decides whether or not an activity can be recognised for colour point accumulation and the committee also decides on the value of the contribution.

**Colours**

College Colours are awarded to recognise participation and contribution to a range of activities and to encourage greater levels of participation in College based activities thereby increasing contributions to School based activities and the development of school pride.

Colours are not to be confused with the “End of Year” awards. Awards presented at the Celebration and Presentation Nights, reward outstanding achievement, excellence and in some cases outstanding improvement. Colours rewards participation in College activities, strengthening membership in co-curricular activities and rewarding students who day after day and year after year, contribute to the life of the College through their involvement. Some may not necessarily be recognised for their contribution in any other way. To attain Colours points for any Co-curricular activity, the minimum attendance is 80%.

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**Japan Sister School Exchange**

The College is requesting your support in hosting Year 9 students from our sister school, Minokamo Junior High in Japan. We are seeking to place 57 students with host families. This is a fantastic way to gain a cultural experience for your own children in the comfort of your own home. Please contact Mrs Shimizu at the College for further details on learnas@genesis.qld.edu.au or by telephone. Families with children studying Japanese are strongly encouraged to host a student, particularly for the language experience. Remuneration is available for host families and is paid on a per student per night basis.

**Library Opening Hours and Supervised Study Sessions**

The library will be open from 8:00am for students including computer facilities before school. The library will close at 4:30pm each day. The library is available for students to study and is not a babysitting service. Supervised study sessions are held each Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:30pm. An attendance confirmation slip is included in each Chronicle. Further details about this study session are available on the website and will also be distributed soon.

**Angus R Martin**

Head of School – Secondary
Parental withdrawal from children’s education is a big problem these days as increasingly parents are worn out from working too hard or being involved in a variety of activities.

But the message for parents is clear – become involved in as many aspects as practical in your child’s education. Their chances of success are better when kids see school as an extension of home rather than merely an institution for learning. Positive parent participation demonstrates to children that you value learning and their school in particular. Children copy many of their parents’ views so your positive attitude to school and learning is catching. Make the most of the opportunities that schools offer to assist in the classroom including, hearing kids read, taking small groups in elective activities and assisting children when writing stories.

Parent participation is much broader than helping out in the classroom. Hearing young learners read, helping with homework and making sure kids go off to school happy, healthy and with plenty of sleep are important aids to learning. Here are some more ideas to help you participate in your child’s education in positive ways:

• **Make sure your kids start each day well.** That means they should get a good night’s sleep, have a healthy breakfast and arrive at school on time with all their learning requirements as well as a healthy lunch.

• **Attend school activities** such as open days, concerts, parent evenings, sports events and celebrations. Read the school newsletter and other forms of communication so you can stay in the loop with what’s happening at your child’s school.

• **Consult with your child’s teacher** about homework expectations and practical ways that you can assist both at home and at school. Each teacher has his or her own expectations about how you can help so make sure you work within their guidelines.

• **Find out** what your school is trying to achieve for your child and show your support for its aims. Support a broad, balanced curriculum that offers children a variety of educational experiences rather than a program that focuses narrowly on the traditional 3 R’s. School discipline is always more effective when it’s supported by parents so be supportive of their attempts to promote good behaviour in your child.

• **Direct any problems or constructive criticism through the correct channels** such as your child’s teacher, the principal or the school’s governing body. Gossip or thoughtless criticism within the general community can easily tarnish a school’s reputation.

• **Become an advocate** for your child’s school and promote its positive features throughout the wider community. Encourage your child to take pride in their school through your example.

Positive parent participation in school and learning is a proven criterion for student success. One practical way to assist your child as a learner is to become actively involved in his or her school-life.

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LAUNCH DAY
FRIDAY 23
JANUARY 2015
7.30AM TO 4.00PM

What is Launch Day?
This day enables parents/guardians and students to visit the College at a convenient time for the following purposes:

Families
- Check and update information on your Family Database Update form
- Complete MCEETYA forms (All new Students)
- Complete/Update Paysmart forms if required
- Join the extra-curricular Music Program
- Gather bus and transport information
- Purchase sundry items only from the uniform shop

Students
- Collect Sequel stationery packs – new students only
- Photos of Prep and new students for database purposes and I.D. cards
- Collect primary book packs (Years 1-6)
- Collect iPads
- Collect diaries (Years 3-12)
- Sign off on ICT Acceptable Use Agreement
- Collect laptops—Years 7 and 10
- Collect timetables and textbook lists – required for textbook collection in Library (Years 7-12)
- Locker allocation and padlocks (Years 7-12)
- Collect Core Skills Handbooks (Year 12 OP Students)
- Completion of the permission to drive forms (Year 12 students with driver’s licence)
- Collect secondary textbooks (Years 7-12)
- Secondary sports selections
- Fill in vaccination forms for students in (Years 8 & 10)
- Graphics calculator (Maths B&C students Years11 & 12)

What to do and bring:
On arrival register in the Auditorium

Bring your list or copy of
- Phone numbers
- Email addresses
- Student mobile numbers and email addresses for Year 7 to 12
- Emergency contact details
- Medicare number
- Doctors details
- Bank details
- Current visa information (if applicable)
- Student citizenship forms (if applicable)
- Child vaccination records for students in Years 8 and 10

For further information, please contact
Cathy van Vuuren, Convenor on 3882 9000
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