



COOMERA
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*Happiness is not the same as life satisfaction,
while neither are identical to what we might call
flourishing.*
Julian Baggini

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to Term Three, 2017. We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break with your family and that you are ready for another busy term at Coomera Anglican College. We particularly welcome new families to our College. **The first day of Term Three is Tuesday 11 July 2017. Note: Monday 10 July is a student free day for Staff Professional Development.**

Semester One Reports for your children are available online through Parent Lounge. Please contact us if you had any difficulty accessing these reports over the break. Please remember that the College provides an electronic report for each student. It is the responsibility of Parents/Guardians to keep a copy of your child's report for future reference. As well as printing a copy for yourself, you may also choose to save an electronic copy. We suggest you set up a folder for each child as part of their future portfolio.

There will be a Welcome Back morning tea for parents in the Primary Undercover Area on Friday 14 July from 8.15am. Everyone is welcome!

Please read all the announcements and reminders below.

STAFF NEWS

Staff on Leave: Mrs Chui McDonald will take Long Service Leave for Term 3. Mrs Anne Senden will take Long Service Leave for the first 8 weeks of the term.

Resignations: Mr Alex Bennett, Year 3 relocated to Sydney over the break. Mr Mark Brooker, Instrumental Tutor - Brass left the College at the end of last term. Mr Jeremy Thewliss and Ms Stephanie Lampante completed teaching contracts. Ms Lampante will continue in her role as Instrumental Tutor.

New and returning staff: We are pleased to welcome the following new staff: Ms Lucy Monk who will replace Mr Bennett in Year 3, Mr Darryl Hall - IT Services Manager, Mr Dugald Allen - Mathematics/Science, Mr Nick Laganin - Instrumental Tutor (Brass) and Ms Sohee Chu who will take over from Mrs Chui McDonald in Primary Chinese. Mrs Natasha Materne returns from Long Service Leave.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE BEGINNING OF TERM THREE

Monday 10 July	Student Free Day - Staff Professional Development
Tuesday 11 July	Term Three commences Secondary ~ Years 7 - 12 Inter-House Athletics Carnival - Day 1 Iron & Clay Performances as part of Worship QTAC Information Evening 6.00pm - 7.30pm
Wednesday 12 July	Primary ~ Years 3 - 6 Inter-House Athletics Carnival Year 12 QCS Rehearsal PAFA Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 13 July	Primary Parents - Volunteers Induction session - 8.35am - 9.05am ~ Primary Staffroom Year 10 ~ Shake 'n' Stir - Romeo and Juliet Year 12 QCS Rehearsal
Friday 14 July	Welcome Back morning tea for Parents ~ Primary campus - 8.15am Secondary ~ Years 7 - 12 Inter-House Athletics Carnival - Day 2
Monday 17 July	Primary Banking Sign-up Morning ~ 8.15am - 8.45 - Under Cover Area Year 7 and 8 ~ Verbal Combat Brainstorm Production - 1.20pm - 2.30pm
Tuesday 18 July	Primary Banking Sign-up Morning ~ 8.15am - 8.45 - Under Cover Area Primary Parent Volunteer Induction Session 2.30pm - 3.00pm ~ Primary Staffroom Secondary APS Chess Competition Year 11 2018 ~ Subject Information Evening 6.00pm - 7.30pm - Ivan Gibbs Centre
Wednesday 19 July	Senior Secondary Debating
Thursday 20 July	
Friday 21 July	Term 3 College Tuition Fees due date
Saturday 22 July	AMEB Examinations ~ Ivan Gibbs Centre Music Rooms
Monday 24 July	Year 10 ~ Immunisations - 8.30am - 10.30am Preparatory - Year 3 Parent Information Session 3.15pm - 3.45pm Years 4 - 6 Parent Information Session 3.45pm - 4.15pm
Tuesday 25 July	Year 11 Hospitality class attending Sea World Hospitality School Netball ~ Vicki Wilson Shield - Years 7 - 9
Wednesday 26 July	Year 11 Hospitality class attending Sea World Hospitality School Junior Secondary Debating
Thursday 27 July	Anglican Schools Students Network Conference ~ Alex Park Conference Centre Sunshine Coast Maths Competition ~ Years 7 - 12 (selected students)
Friday 28 July	Anglican Schools Students Network Conference ~ Alex Park Conference Centre Sunshine Coast Primary Discos Preparatory – Year 1~ 3.30pm- 4.30pm Years 2 – 3 ~ 5.00pm- 6.00pm Years 4 – 6 ~ 6.30pm- 8.00pm Senior Music excursion - Queensland Conservatorium ~ West Side Story

Please take note of other important dates as listed on the following pages and in the Term Three College calendar which is available on the College website. Any changes to the calendar are made to this online version of the College calendar and are also noted on the Gumleaf Gazette news page and on the College App. Please be sure to check the College website and App during the term to confirm dates. Our electronic sign on Days Road will also carry important date reminders.

TERM DATES - REMAINDER OF 2017

Term 3	Tuesday 11 July	-	Friday 15 September (10 weeks)
Term 4	Tuesday 3 October	-	Thursday 30 November (9 weeks)
	Year 12 finish date	-	Friday 17 November

TERM DATES - 2018

Term 1	Tuesday 23 January	-	Thursday 29 March (10 weeks)
Term 2	Tuesday 17 April	-	Friday 15 June (9 weeks)
Term 3	Tuesday 10 July	-	Friday 14 September (10 weeks)
Term 4	Tuesday 2 October	-	Thursday 29 November (9 weeks)
	Year 12 finish date	-	Friday 16 November

TERM TIME ABSENCES

It was very disappointing to see the large number of students (over 200) who were absent on the last day of Term Two. This is not acceptable. In that light it is most important to remind parents about College Policy and the State Law regarding attendance requirements.

Absences for such things as non-urgent medical or dental appointments, shopping or family holidays are not acceptable. These non-essential or avoidable absences significantly disadvantage the individual student by interrupting their learning. Please avoid all unnecessary absences and time out of class for appointments, in order to ensure that your child's learning is not interrupted.

Punctuality and reliability in attendance are important habits for life and help to build connectedness between students and their teachers. They are also important contributing factors in ensuring that there are no 'gaps' in a student's knowledge base. It is difficult enough to make up lost ground when a child is genuinely ill, but is verging on the impossible when a student is absent for unjustifiable reasons.

It is important that all parents understand your **legal obligations** under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 regarding your child's attendance at the College, and that you do not seek permission to take your child out of the College during term time. Please do not put your child in a position where they are missing vital school work/assessment, and do not take offence when our response to such a request is met with a letter reminding you of your obligations. Students who miss assessment tasks for non-legitimate or avoidable absences may not be permitted to resit or resubmit this assessable work.

NEW ENROLMENTS

Again, welcome to all of our new students and their families. We trust that you will enjoy your time with us. Our College community is very caring and we are sure you will be made to feel welcome by our staff, students and parents.

STUDENT PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Please make sure that you follow correct procedure when collecting or dropping off students each day. Construction of The Pod in the Primary campus has created the need for some changes this year. Primary students from Prep -Year 5 have specific areas allocated in the Primary campus, while students in Years 6 - 12 plus siblings are collected in the main car park via Entry 1 off Days Road. The courtesy exercised by moving as far along the pick up zones as possible makes the process of collecting children smoother and more polite for everyone. Students are well supervised and can easily walk a short distance to meet you. Please note that the Rod Lane Sports Centre or St Matthew's Church car parks are **not** to be used to drop off and pick up students. St Matthews is not located on College land.

SEMESTER TWO - PRIMARY PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOON

The Semester Two Primary Parent Information afternoon is scheduled for **Monday 24 July** (Week 3) in the Primary Classrooms. Teachers will be speaking about academic expectations as well as providing information on camps, special days and other year level specific information. Parents are encouraged to come along to this afternoon to receive very important information for Semester Two.

2017 PARENT/GUARDIAN YEAR 12 STUDENT QTAC INFORMATION EVENING

The 2017 Parent/Guardian Year 12 Student QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admission Centre) Information evening will be held on Tuesday 11 July in the Ivan Gibbs Centre commencing at 6.00pm. This session conducted by Head of Senior Schooling, Mr Wayne van den Bos and College Counsellor, Dr Lee-Ann Prideaux; is an important step for our current Year 12 cohort as they move towards tertiary studies after graduation. The evening will cover the complete application process. Attendance is crucial to all Year 12 students and their Parents/Guardians. Students may come in neat casual attire according to College policy.

YEAR 11 - 2018 SUBJECT SELECTION INFORMATION EVENING

A parent information evening for current Year 10 students will be held in the Ivan Gibbs Centre on Tuesday 18 July commencing at 6.00pm.

This is to assist current Year 10 students and their parents with the process of making subject selections for next year. The Information Evening is an opportunity for parents and their children to find out more about the subjects on offer in Year 11 in 2018. All current Year 10 students are strongly encouraged to attend.

In addition, prior to attending the Subject Selection Information Evening parents and students are asked to view the subject specific videos that will be located on PASSMARC. More information about these videos will be circulated to parents and students in the first week of Term Three.

The Information Evening will be followed up with an interview with one of the Heads of Year; Mr Peter Goodman - Year 10, Mr Doug Seymour - Year 11, Mr Phil Bishop - Year 12; Head of Senior Schooling, Mr Wayne van den Bos or College Counsellor, Dr Lee-Ann Prideaux. The SET Plan Interviews will be held on Thursday 27 July (1.30pm - 4.30pm), Friday 28 July (8.00am - 4.30pm), Monday 31 July (3.00pm - 4.30pm) and Tuesday 1 August (2.30pm - 4.30pm) during which subject selection will take place. This interview process is the culmination of the Managed Individual Pathways (MIPS) Programme that Year 10s commenced in Term Two and which will continue throughout Term Three. Further information about these interviews will be communicated to parents in a letter early in Term Three.

YEAR 10 - 2018

A Subject Selection Information Session will be held for current Year 9 students and their parents from 3.30pm - 5.00pm in the Ivan Gibbs Centre on Monday 31 July.

YEAR 9 - 2018

A Subject Selection Information Session will be held for current Year 8 students and their parents from 3.30pm - 5.00pm in the Ivan Gibbs Centre on Monday 7 August.

PRIMARY STUDENT PORTFOLIOS

Parents are reminded to return the Student Portfolio which was sent home at the end of last term. Portfolios should be returned to your child's class teacher at the start of Term Three.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY - 2017

Invitations for Grandparents' Day 2017 will be sent home early in Term Three. Grandparents' Day will be celebrated in the Early Learning Centre and Primary campus on **Friday 18 August** from 8.30am until 12.30pm. The morning promises to be very enjoyable for both young and old. The Book Character Trail will commence at 9.00am, followed by entertaining and enlightening classroom activities and a scrumptious morning tea. If your child does not have a grandparent who can attend, the invitation is also extended to a special friend to be an honorary grandparent for the day. As part of our Student Protection requirements and regulations, we will be registering all visitors upon arrival.

The staff and students of the College are looking forward to sharing a wonderful morning with Coomera Anglican College grandparents. It should be noted, that Secondary siblings of Primary students will not be permitted to leave classes during the morning, and no students will be able to leave the College before 3.10pm on this day.

COLLEGE CAMP PROGRAMME

Our Camps are a compulsory part of our educational programme and are held during Term Three. Failure to attend camp, for reasons other than illness, is considered to be a serious breach of the enrolment agreement signed by parents prior to entry. We understand that children can sometimes feel a little concerned about leaving their families in situations like the year level camp. However, it is important that we, as adults, help our children to move beyond this fear and encourage them by being positive and supportive of the camp programme. If you are finding that your child is particularly nervous about attending camp please speak with your child's class teacher. There are many ways that we can help you and your child through this issue. It is important to start these discussions early.

Details about the various camps will be sent home early in Term Three. Please ensure that you and your family are organised and prepared for these dates.

Year Level Camp	Venue	Dates
Year 3 Sleepover	Coomera Anglican College - Ivan Gibbs Centre	Friday 11 August
Year 4	Lake Ainsworth	Wednesday 23 - Friday 25 August
Year 5	Tyalgum Ridge	Tuesday 22 - Friday 25 August
Year 6 (<i>Term 4</i>)	Noosa North Shore	Tuesday 31 October - Friday 3 November 2017
Year 8	Camp Kokoda (Lake Maroon)	Tuesday 29 - Thursday 31 August
Year 9	Community Service Week Local Service Country Service	Monday 28 - Thursday 31 August Sunday 27 - Thursday 31 August
Year 10	Mebbin Springs (northern NSW)	Monday 28 - Thursday 31 August
Year 11	QCS Introduction/Practice	Monday 28 August
Year 11	Pre-Camp Activities ~ Ivan Gibbs Centre	Tuesday 29 August
Year 11	Tyalgum Ridge	Wednesday 30 - Thursday 31 August

Please note: Year 7 students attended camp in Term One and will attend scheduled classes during this camp week and Year 6 camp will be in Term Four - dates as indicated above.

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVALS

Due to the weather at the end of Term Two, and the associated possible safety concerns, the Inter-House Athletics Carnivals were postponed. The carnivals have been rescheduled for this Term.

Secondary ~ Years 7 - 12

Day One of the Secondary Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 11 July from 8.40am - 1.00pm and Day Two will be on Friday 14 July from 8.40am - 3.10pm. The programme is available on Passmarc (click [Here](#))

Primary ~ Years 3 - 6

The Primary Carnival for Years 3 - 6 will be held on Wednesday 12 July. The programme is available on Passmarc (click [here](#)).

Students will be required to wear their **house uniform** and parents are welcome to attend. Please ensure that **hats, sunscreen and water bottles** are also packed for this day.

Please also note:

Seating - If you are coming to watch and require seating you will need to bring your own chair.
Canteen - The College canteen will be open, however, due to the tight scheduling it is preferred that students bring their own morning tea and lunch. Parents are welcome to make use of the Canteen facilities.

Primary ~ Preparatory - Year 2

The Preparatory - Year 2 House Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Thursday 14 September. This is the last week of Term Three. Students will be involved in many events on this day and the emphasis will be on participation and enjoyment, as well as fair and friendly House competition.

Parents are welcome to come along. Some seating in the shade will be available for parents and friends, however it is advisable to bring your own chair and hat.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A reminder to students of **Year 8C HPE** that your practical classes commence on **Tuesday 11 July**. Students should ensure that they have the correct uniform to enable participation in their scheduled classes.

UNIFORM AND GROOMING

Our students have a responsibility to uphold the ethos of the College, and to show pride in their College by wearing the uniform correctly at the College and when in the community. If the uniform is worn in the community, it should be the **full uniform** in line with expectations. Our uniform and grooming policy ensures that student appearance mirrors the expectations of the College. We believe this is an important aspect of educating the whole child. When students are well-dressed and well-groomed this naturally puts them in the best possible position to do well in their learning and their relationships with others. It strengthens their pride and self-discipline.

Parents are reminded of the need to ensure that grooming and uniform wearing is in line with the College expectations and are asked to support the College in this matter.

Particularly, we would draw your attention to the following areas:

- Boys must keep their hair short and neat (though not less than blade 4). Styles with extremes in hair length, shaved or tracked sides are not appropriate. **Hair is not to be dyed, tinted or bleached.**
- Girls must keep their hair neat, tidy, off the face and tied back at all times. If hair is tied back it must be with a navy ribbon or scrunchie purchased from the uniform shop. Hair must be of a natural appearance.
- Makeup (including false eyelashes), acrylic nails, tattoos and piercings - **visible or otherwise** - are not permitted. Girls are permitted to wear a single pair of plain studs or sleepers in the lower lobe, the wearing of other earrings and body piercings is not permitted. Boys are not permitted to have ANY piercings - visible or otherwise. Therefore, for boys and girls, the use of any object to maintain piercings is not permitted. This includes, but is not limited to 'invisible' studs and piercing retainers.
- Black school shoes should be plain, conventional leather lace-up with no coloured stitching, buckles or Velcro. The heel should be a **standard** height. Black Converse, Vans, or other sports shoes are not appropriate.
- Sport shoes may be coloured, however, please avoid bright fluoro coloured shoes. Please note that black is not an acceptable colour. Sport shoes should provide suitable foot support. Slip on, Dunlop Volley, canvas, deck or skate style shoes are not permitted.

Please note that the College formal long trousers are compulsory for boys in Years 7 - 12 during Term Three. The College blazer is compulsory for all students in Years 7 - 12. The College formal hat must be worn to and from the College at **ALL** times.

To assist families, the Uniform Shop will be open on *Tuesday 11 July from 7.30am - 11.00am*.

The address for the Uniform Shop is 2/2 Kohl Street, Upper Coomera. The physical location is on the corner of Kohl Street and Dalton Street.

The College Uniform Shop standard opening hours are as follows:

Monday - 7.30am - 11.00am
Wednesday - 7.30am - 4.00pm
Friday - 7.30am - 11.00am

To shop online please go to: <http://www.cac.qld.edu.au/index.php/cac-shop/uniform-shop>

COCURRICULAR - TERM THREE (CLUB ACTIVITIES)

Recently, Preparatory - Year 6 students received their Term Three cocurricular activities nomination sheet. In Week 1 of Term Three students will receive notification of their allocated activities. Secondary students will be invited to re-nominate for an activity. New cocurricular activities will commence in Week 2 of the term, and conclude in Week 8 of the term. Those activities continuing from last semester (eg: musical ensembles), will commence in Week 1 and conclude in Week 10.

ASSOCIATED PRIVATE SCHOOLS (APS) SPORT TRAINING

Sport training and the APS Competition are compulsory components of our College programme. All planned absences MUST be approved in advance and only after such permission has been sought in writing and approved. Secondary students should be advised that any unauthorised absences WILL automatically result in an after College detention. Non-participation or non-attendance due to transport difficulties or outside of College commitments is unacceptable.

Note: There is no Primary sport training in Term 3.

Monday Training

Junior Secondary sport training, for students in Years 7 - 9, is held on Monday afternoons from 3.15pm to 4.15pm commencing on Monday 14 August (Week 6).

Wednesday Training

Senior Secondary sport training, for students in Years 10 - 12, is held on Wednesday afternoons from 3.15pm to 4.15pm commencing on Wednesday 16 August (Week 6).

VACATION CARE/OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

The Vacation Care Programme over the semester break has been a wonderful success once again. We take this opportunity to thank Mrs Erwin and the Vacation Care staff for the wonderful programme that they provided for the students attending Vacation Care.

Outside School Hours Care resumes at the start of term as usual. Parents are reminded that bookings need to be made for Outside School Hours Care in advance with Mrs Helen Erwin through the Outside School Hours Care facility.

HOUSE BBQ AND WORSHIP

The annual Morris House BBQ and Worship will be held on Tuesday 1 August (Week 4). Students in Morris House from across the whole College will have the opportunity to enjoy a sausage sizzle with their families and a family-friendly Worship service with Communion (Eucharist). We hope that our Morris families will be able to join us. Details are as follows:

Date: Tuesday 1 August
Time: 5.00pm - 6.45pm
Venue: Ivan Gibbs Centre
Student Dress: House Shirt

An email will be sent to all 'Morris' families early in Term Three.

WEBSITE, NEWS PAGE, COLLEGE APP AND SOCIAL MEDIA

We encourage all families to visit the College Website, App and News Page regularly for updates and changes. These news items and College notices are pushed through our Social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Google+) on a regular basis, with Facebook being our most heavily used of the three. A LinkedIn profile and YouTube channel are also maintained by the College.

We again remind parents and guardians that the College has its own iPhone/iPad/Android Application (App) which we also strongly encourage families with smartphones to download. This App has been designed both as a communication tool - making the process of contacting the College easy - and as an easy way to access key information and resources. Significant news, notices and alerts will appear across all of our social media channels, which is why it is crucial for families to engage with the College in these ways.

The College App allows for push notifications for important and sometimes urgent information or updates, which works much the same as an SMS notification on your phone. To ensure that you enjoy all the features of the App, please make sure that the settings of your smartphone allow push notifications to be received specifically from our App.

7 x 7 x 7 NETWORKING FUNCTION

'Safeguard, Sustain, Support'

On Tuesday 22 August, you are invited to join us for the College's 3rd annual 7³ Networking Function. This will be held in the College Lecture Theatre, commencing at 6.00pm. This unique event will again feature 7 speakers, each speaking for 7 minutes on 7 inspirational and informative topics.

We are delighted to present a panel of speakers who are all championing causes to *safeguard, sustain and support* a better future.

Speakers include:

Alissa Williams	<i>Wellness Matters</i> Innovative movement techniques
Steven Powell	<i>Switch On To Solar</i> Benefits of a clean energy future
Nicola Callard	<i>Supporting Queensland Families</i> Overcoming post-natal depression and anxiety
Steven Tapsall	<i>Clean And Green</i> Reducing chemical use in school
Belle McCarthy	<i>Saving Our Oceans</i> Marine rescue and research
Joshua Ball	<i>Saving Lives - Anywhere, Anytime</i> Inspirational efforts of the Lifeflight team

For all the details or to book your tickets, please visit the website or contact Lynne Tarlinton on 5585 9976

DATE CLAIMERS - CELEBRATION EVENINGS AND EVENTS

Please note the dates for the College Celebration Evenings and Events for Term Four. We hope that you will be able to attend your child's Evening or Event and look forward to recognising and celebrating our students' achievements.

Preparatory	9.00am Tuesday 7 November
Year 1	11.00am Tuesday 7 November
Year 2	1.00pm Tuesday 7 November
Senior Secondary Years 10 - 12	7.00pm Wednesday 15 November
Junior Secondary Years 7 - 9	7.00pm Tuesday 21 November
Early Learning Centre Christmas Concert	6.00pm Friday 24 November
Primary Years 3 - 4	6.00pm Monday 27 November
Primary Years 5 - 6	6.30pm Tuesday 28 November

CONCLUSION

Finally, we look forward to another wonderful term of *Flourishing* within our College community. Our doors are always open, and our teachers and support staff are always happy to help wherever possible.

Yours sincerely



Dr Mark Sly
PRINCIPAL



Mr Mark Heaney
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Ms Anita Ramsay
HEAD OF JUNIOR SECONDARY



Mr Graeme Kirkpatrick
HEAD OF PRIMARY