



25 September 2017

"The will to win, the desire to succeed, the urge to reach your full potential: these are the keys that will unlock the door to personal excellence." - Confucius

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to Term Four, 2017.

Please take time to read this letter thoroughly. It contains vital information about the final term for 2017. The Term Four Calendar has also been uploaded to the College website and College App and we advise parents to keep a link on their phone or computer to enable quick and easy access to information regarding all events, including updates. The calendar will include dates for the PAFA AGM, Tuition Fee due dates, Celebration Evenings, the Secondary Art Show, 2018 Student Orientation and much more. You should mark your diary now for any events you need to attend so you don't miss out.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS!

We welcome all new students and their families to our College. As always, existing students will help to make new students and their families feel welcome.

THE FIRST DAY OF TERM FOUR

Tuesday 3 October is the first day of Term Four, following the Monday Public Holiday. Please note this is not a student free day and students are required to return on this date. **Note:** the **student free day** is **Monday 16 October**, the Senior Verification Day. However, all **current Year 6 students** will be required to attend their Junior Secondary orientation on Monday 16 October. All **2018 Preparatory students** will also attend on Monday 16 October for their initial orientation day.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE BEGINNING OF TERM FOUR

Monday 2 October	Public Holiday
Tuesday 3 October	Term Four commences Years 4 - 6 APS Sport training - 3.15pm - 4.15pm

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE BEGINNING OF TERM FOUR (CONTINUED)

Wednesday 4 October	PAFA Meeting - 7.00pm Years 7 - 11 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Ivan Gibbs Centre
Thursday 5 October	Years 4 - 6 APS Sport - Round 1
Friday 6 October	Welcome Back morning tea for Parents - Primary campus 8.15am Years 7 - 12 APS Sport
Monday 9 October	Year 11 Biology Camp departs Years 7 - 9 APS Sport Training - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Tuesday 10 October	Biology Camp Years 4 - 6 APS Sport Training - 3.15pm - 4.15pm Years 5 - 7 ABPC Public Speaking Competition - 4.30pm
Wednesday 11 October	Biology Camp returns Years 10 - 12 APS Sport Training - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Thursday 12 October	Years 4 - 6 APS Sport - Round 2 Years 8 - 12 ABPC Public Speaking Competition Heats 4.30pm
Friday 13 October	Term Four College Tuition Fees due by today Year 4 Chinese Cultural Day Secondary Art Show ~ 6.00pm - Secondary Art Rooms Years 7 - 12 APS Sport - Round 4
Monday 16 October	Staff Professional Development Day - Student Free Day Orientation for all Preparatory 2018 students Orientation for all Year 7 2018 students
Monday 27 November	Years 7 - 11 move up into 2018 subjects and classes

Please take note of other important dates as listed above and on the following pages, and in the Term Four College calendar which is available on the College website. Any changes to the calendar are made to the 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.

2018 STUDENT ORIENTATION

Orientation Day will take place on Monday 16 October. The following students will be involved:

- All students commencing Preparatory in 2018. Meet in the Preparatory Classrooms at 8.30am. The orientation will conclude at 12 noon.
- All students commencing Year 7 in 2018. Meet in the Ivan Gibbs Centre at 8.30am. The day will conclude at 3.00pm.

Ms Ramsay will be conducting a tour of the Secondary Campus for all current Year 6 parents as part of the orientation activities.

VACATION CARE/OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Thank you to Mrs Erwin and the staff for the exciting activities and excursions being provided during Vacation Care. Outside School Hours Care resumes for Term Four on Tuesday, 3 October. Vacation Care will be offered for students on the student free day, Monday 16 October

and then will begin again for the Christmas holiday break on Friday 1 December. The Vacation Care facility closes for the year on Friday 22 December 2017. Please be advised that all payments for Vacation Care and OSHC **should be made directly** to Vacation Care and OSHC.

Please note that Vacation Care will re-open on Wednesday 10 January 2018.

STAFF NEWS

We welcome back Mrs Chui McDonald from Long Service Leave. We also welcome back Mrs Brooke Taylor (Primary Library) and Mrs Isla Fuller (Primary Learning Support) both return from Maternity Leave.

Mr Peter Goodman (Secondary) will be commencing Long Service Leave in Term Four. Mrs Bronwyn Moore will join the College to cover Mr Goodman's classes. Mrs Kirsty Terry will take on the responsibilities as Acting Head of Year 10.

Ms Shohee Chu (Primary), Mrs Taryn Jorgensen (Primary) and Mrs Katie Watson (Primary) have completed contracts for the College. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their excellent contribution to our College.

ATTENDANCE

The College does not condone student absence during term time as it is a breach of the Education Act, which clearly states that every child of school age must attend school every day of the school year.

The following extract from the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (as at 6 January 2014) makes it very clear what is required regarding student attendance:

Section 176 Obligation of each parent

1. Each parent of a child who is of compulsory school age must-
 - a. ensure the child is enrolled in a state school or non-state school; and
 - b. ensure the child attends the state school or non-state school, on every day, for the educational programme, in which the child is enrolled;unless the parent has a reasonable excuse*.

*Please note that a reasonable excuse as defined in the Act does not include extended or off peak holidays, family trips, events or functions, which are the usual reasons we are given why parents are taking their children out of the College during term time.

The College is bound by the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, and we therefore do not condone non-essential absences during the time when our Educational programme is being delivered. To do so would be to breach Section 176 of the Act. Further, please understand that the College will not be providing additional work, or making alternate assessment arrangements for students who are not in attendance due to breaches of this Act. Students are likely to be given no grade for any assessment missed due to breaches of the Act.

SWIMMING

Preparatory to Year 6. As part of the Health and Physical Education programme, all students from Preparatory to Year 6 will be participating in the College Swimming programme in Term Four. All lessons will be conducted at the Coomera Anglican College Aquatic Centre and will

focus on Learn-to-Swim, stroke correction and water safety. Students are required to have College swimmers, towel, House colour swimming cap, slip-on shoes (for Prep - Year 3 students) and, as the Centre is outdoors, students must also have the College UV Swim Shirt. It is a good idea to supply a plastic bag for transporting wet items. We strongly recommend students use goggles as the pool is chlorinated.

Preparatory to Year 3 Swimming Carnival. On Tuesday 21 November, Preparatory to Year 3 students will participate in a fun Swimming Carnival designed to demonstrate what they have learned in their swimming lessons. The Swimming Carnival is a non-pressured environment and students will participate in races according to their abilities. Parents are welcome to come, watch, enjoy and support their children.

Year 10. All Year 10 students will be participating in Lifesaving as part of the Term Four Health and Physical Education programme. As such, Year 10 students require College swimmers, sport shirt and towel. Students are **not** permitted to wear sports shorts over the top of their College swimmers. However, Year Ten girls may wear navy blue bike pants over their College swimmers. The College swimmers can be purchased from the Uniform Shop, however, the navy blue bike pants are **not** available from the Uniform Shop. The wearing of a College Swim Shirt is strongly advised as the pool is an outdoor facility. Students are required to apply their own sunscreen (with a SPF of at least +15) prior to their lesson.

Students in Year 10A (Mr Crossley) and 10B (Mrs Sugden) are reminded that they will be starting their HPE Lifesaving unit on the **first day of Term, Tuesday 3 October**. Please ensure that you attend with the required swimming attire in order to participate. It is most important that you do not miss this first session.

Please note that the lifesaving programme is a compulsory component of the Health and Physical Education course at the College, and as such, all students are expected to participate. If a student is unable to swim during one week, parents should write a note explaining their child's non-participation. If a student is unable to participate for the entire programme, then a medical certificate will be required. Students who miss a session without explanation may be required to serve an after College detention. Please note: students who 'forget' to bring their swimming equipment will also be issued with an after College detention as a consequence of this lapse in personal organisation.

SPORT TRAINING

A reminder that Sport Training will continue from Week 1 as follows:

Years 4 - 6 Students

Please note that this will commence on the first day of term.

Training will be held each Tuesday afternoon 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Fixtures are scheduled on Thursday afternoons from 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Years 7 - 9 Students

Training will be held each Monday afternoon 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Fixtures for **Years 7 - 9** are scheduled for Friday afternoons from 1.00pm

Years 10 - 12 Students

Training will be held each Wednesday afternoon 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Fixtures are scheduled for Friday afternoons from 1.00pm.

The following teams, however, will train on different days:

Intermediate (Years 9 - 10) Girls AFL - Monday afternoon - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Intermediate (Years 9 - 10) Boys AFL - Wednesday afternoon - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Intermediate (Years 9 - 10) Girls Softball - Wednesday afternoon - 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Girls Tennis (Years 7 - 12) - Thursday morning - 7.15am - 8.00am
Junior Boys Tennis - Tuesday morning - 7.15am - 8.00am
Senior Boys Tennis - Wednesday Lunch - 12.30pm - 1.10pm
Junior Boys and Girls Water Polo - Thursday Morning - 7.15am - 8.00am
Senior Boys and Girls Water Polo - Wednesday Morning - 7.15am - 8.00am

Training sessions and games are compulsory activities for students. For this reason, parents should note that ‘transport difficulties’ are not accepted as a legitimate reason for an individual student’s failure to attend after College sports training sessions. Enrolment in the College means that parents accept that they are obliged to fully support College expectations regarding attendance at sports training each week. A condition of our College involvement in APS Sport is that our teams train regularly.

Sport training this term will be focusing on the Summer APS sports. Fixtures will involve interschool competition and students will be transported to and from the various sporting venues. Primary buses leave the College at approximately 12.15pm and return at approximately 3.00pm. Secondary buses leave the College at approximately 12.30pm, however, they may not return to the College in time for students to catch their normal after-school bus service. Alternative travel arrangements may be required if your child is a member of a team that plays games away from the College. Team members are informed of these arrangements on Monday of each week and they are also published on the Gumleaf Gazette News Page every Thursday.

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

This is a very busy term for the children and teachers in the Early Learning Centre with Concerts, Crossing of the Bridge celebrations and introducing routines that support the transitioning of children into their new rooms for 2018. All children at the Centre will be practising some of the routines to help make their entry into Preparatory and other rooms for 2018 easier. The Pre-Prep children will take part in the “Crossing of the Little Bridge” Ceremony on Wednesday 29 November. The children will also be busy preparing for our end of year concert on Friday 24 November to be held in the Ivan Gibbs Centre at 6.00pm.

Please note that the Early Learning Centre closes for the year on Friday 22 December and reopens on Wednesday 10 January 2018.

PAFA EVENTS AND NEWS

The PAFA (Parents and Friends’ Association) AGM will be held in early November and details will be sent to families in Term Four. Parents will be invited to come along to support and vote for the College PAFA Executive. PAFA works to support the students and families through friend raising and social activities. The goal of PAFA is to have a large number of people each looking after a small number of tasks rather than a small number of people each having a large number of tasks. ***Just one thing*** is the mantra that will spread the workload. If everyone did ***just one thing*** we would have plenty of help and PAFA would thrive. Come along and see what it is all about.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION EVENINGS/EVENTS

The dates for the annual End of Year Celebration Events are as follows:

Secondary

Years 10 - 12	Wednesday 15 November	7.00pm - 9.00pm
Years 7 - 9	Tuesday 21 November	7.00pm - 9.00pm

Primary

Preparatory	Friday 10 November	9.00am - 10.00am
Year 1	Friday 10 November	11.00am - 12.00noon
Year 2	Friday 10 November	1.00pm - 2.00pm
Years 3 - 4	Monday 27 November	6.00pm - 7.30pm
Years 5 - 6	Tuesday 28 November	6.00pm - 7.30pm

These are compulsory events for students.

OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS

Valedictory Day Assembly	Friday 17 November	11.00am
Early Learning Centre End of Year Concert	Friday 24 November	6.00pm
Early Learning Centre Crossing of the Little Bridge	Wednesday 29 November	2.00pm
Year 6 Crossing of the Bridge	Thursday 30 November	12.30pm

2018 - ORIENTATION DAY AND TERM DATES

Monday 22 January Orientation Day
All **Preparatory** 2018 students
All **new enrolled** Primary students Years 1 - 6
All **Year 7** 2018 students
All **new enrolled** Secondary students Years 8 - 12

Tuesday 23 January Term 1 commences, **Whole College**

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)

UNIFORMS AND PRESENTATION

It is the responsibility of us all to help maintain a positive, professional image for our College by ensuring that our students are wearing the correct uniform and that it is well-maintained. This includes formal hats, many of which need to be re-blocked, cleaned or replaced. It is also important that guidelines regarding hair and makeup are followed. With the Celebration Evenings coming up later this term, it is essential that all students look their best. Now that blazers are not required for Term Four, they should be dry cleaned in preparation for the Secondary Celebration Evenings. Please ensure that hats and uniforms are ready for Term Four and that hair is of a natural colour and neatly maintained. Students who return to the College with inappropriate hair styles or colours will be sent home to have the situation rectified.

We also remind you of the requirements regarding the length of dresses and skirts for girls. Skirts and dresses are to be below the knee when the waistband is secured and on the waist. Many students experience significant growth during the year. Dresses and skirts which began the year below the knee are often no longer at the required length by the start of Term Four. Parents are reminded of the need to review the suitability and fit of these uniform items and replace them if necessary.

It is a matter of College pride that everyone supports our efforts in this regard. Thank you for your cooperation.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop is closed during the term break. However, if you place an order via the College website <http://www.cac.qld.edu.au/index.php/cac-shop/uniform-shop> these orders will be processed and available for collection from the College Secondary Administration on Friday 29 September from 12.00noon.

As Monday 2 October is a public holiday, the Uniform Shop will **not** be open for trading on this day. However, it will be open on Tuesday 3 October from 7.30am - 11.00am. From Wednesday 4 October the Uniform Shop will revert to normal trading hours which are:

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

The Uniform Shop will have extended trading hours in November. These trading times will be advised in due course via the College News Page and the College Facebook page.

POLICY REGARDING MOBILE PHONES

As you are aware, students are not to access or use mobile phones during the College day. Students who access their mobile phones during the College day will have them confiscated. Parents should not contact the College about having a mobile phone returned to a student. Please support this policy, as you do all others in the College, as per your signed enrolment agreement.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parents and guardians are reminded that Parent/Teacher interviews for students in Years 7 - 11 are scheduled for Wednesday 4 October from 3.30pm - 6.30pm in the Ivan Gibbs Centre. Interview bookings should be made through Parent Lounge - the Parent Lounge link is on the College website. The interview site will be open until 10.00pm Tuesday 3 October for parents and guardians to make bookings.

Parents were sent an email on 13 September advising that a letter outlining the procedure for booking Parent/Teacher interviews is on Passmarc.

COPIES OF REPORTS

Parents are reminded of the importance of ensuring that they have saved copies of all their child's reports. When you log in to Parent Lounge, current and previous reports for your child are available for you to save and then print as required.

This is especially important for Year 12 students as they leave in November and the Term Three report is the final report that they will receive from the College.

It should be noted that the College does **not** ordinarily provide copies of past reports for students who have graduated from the College.

STUDENT LAPTOPS

Students should report all faults and any damage associated with their **eMind** laptops. Year 9 and Year 12 students will be returning their laptop during Term Four. Outstanding faults and damage may be billed to parents at this time. If you have any questions about the return of **eMind** laptops then please contact the IT Helpdesk.

10TH ANNUAL COOMERA ANGLICAN COLLEGE GOLF DAY

All are welcome to tee off with us on Friday 20 October for the College's 10th annual Golf Day at Gainsborough Greens Golf Club. Register yourself or get together a team of four players, or you may like to take advantage of one of the exclusive hole sponsorship packages available. This is always a relaxing day of golf with plenty of on-course games and challenges, networking opportunities, and some great prizes to be won. You'll find all the details on this link: [Coomera Anglican College Golf Day](#) or contact Lynne Tarlinton on 5585 9976.

CAR BOOT SALE

Turn your trash into cash or come along to bag a bargain at PAFA's Car Boot Sale on Sunday 15 October in the College Main Carpark. Gates will open at 5.30am for cars to set up; *please note - no trailers*. Spaces are limited and **must** be pre-booked online. The Car Boot Sale will then be open to the public from 6.00am - 10.00am. A delicious barbeque breakfast, cold drinks and cappuccinos will be available throughout the morning, plus a jumping castle and face painting for the kids. Bookings are essential, so please click on the link to reserve your space: [Car Boot Sale](#) Enquiries: Nadine Fairweather on 0414 789581

CONCLUSION

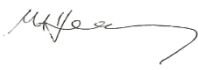
It is important for Secondary families to note that Year 7 - 11 students will once again roll over to next year's timetable in the last week of Term Four. This is an opportunity for students to meet their 2018 teachers and settle into their new classes. All students, even those who are leaving the College at the end of 2017, have been allocated classes and will be expected to attend lessons as per usual. Parents are reminded that you are **not** permitted to take your children out of College for an early vacation or family holiday at this time. Such absences are a significant disruption and will have a negative impact on your child's learning.

Finally, best wishes to Year 12 students as they commence the final term of their secondary education. We also thank all of our community for the wonderful support shown to our College. It is important to remember that all we do at Coomera Anglican College is focused on providing the best possible opportunities for our students' futures. Effective communication is the key to this success, and your child's Class Teacher/Pastoral Care Teacher is your first point of contact whenever you have a question or concern. Please do not hesitate to make a time to talk to these and other staff members whenever the need arises. Our doors are always open to parents. We look forward to a busy and productive Term Four.

Yours sincerely



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