



15 January 2019

A Prayer for the New Year

Thank you God for all Your blessings to me and my family. For the strength You give me each day and for all the people around me that make life more meaningful.

Dear Parents/Guardians

INFORMATION FOR THE BEGINNING OF TERM 1 2019

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to Coomera Anglican College for 2019. We hope that your Christmas and New Year holiday with your family has been both enjoyable and relaxing.

COLLEGE THEME FOR 2019

Each year we adopt a theme for the College. The theme in 2019 is *Growing Faith, Hope and Love*. You will hear more about this during the year.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Miss Lisa Shaw who was married over the break. She is now Mrs Lisa Glass.

Congratulations to Mrs Emily McCourt and her husband Lee on the birth of their daughter Willow Lee McCourt on 1 December, and also to Mr Darryl Hall and his wife Karla on the birth of their daughter Luella Mary Hall on 28 December.

We take this opportunity to welcome the following new staff to our College.

Early Learning Centre

Teachers: Ms Taryn Botha (Pre-Prep) and Miss Lynietta Nightingale (Pre-Prep)

Primary

Head of Primary: Ms Lisa Kraft

Teachers: Mrs Kelly Adam (Preparatory), Mrs Heidi Saro (Preparatory), Ms Bonnie Rotolo (Year 6), and Ms Leesa Harris (Learning Support)

Secondary

Teachers: Mrs Simone Selic (Humanities), Ms Raquel Fernandez (Legal Studies/Humanities), Ms Emily Crutcher (HPE), Mrs Zoe Franks (Art), Mrs Georgia Wortel (Mathematics), Ms Donna Brown (Film and TV) and Mrs Karen Schmit (Continuous Learning)

Miss Amy Langworth joins the College as HPE/Sport Assistant, along with Ms Susie McCann who will commence as an Instrumental Tutor.

Returnees

We are pleased to welcome back Mr Warren McMahon after his Long Service Leave. Mrs Alison Jarvis also returns to the Early Learning Centre from maternity leave.

Other leave

Mrs Natalie Makin and Mrs Kirsty Jackson will be taking extended leave during 2019.

In other staff news, Miss Candice Smee completed her contract at the end of Term 4 and over the break both Mrs Brigitte Sadler and Ms Lisa Caulfield left the College.

2019 CLASS ALLOCATIONS

At the end of 2018, all students were involved in the “Session Up” Transition Programme. This programme allowed the students to spend time with their 2019 class group and, where possible, their class teacher. All students who are new to the College will be advised of their class allocation on the Orientation Day.

ORIENTATION DAY INFORMATION - TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2019

Orientation sessions are to be attended by the following students:

- All Preparatory 2019 students
- New Primary students commencing in 2019 in Years 1 - 6
- All Year 7 2019 Students
- New Secondary students commencing in 2019 in Years 8 - 12

Primary - Preparatory

The Orientation Session for Preparatory students will be conducted in the **Preparatory classrooms on Tuesday 29 January 2019**. Preparatory students have a “staggered start” on this day, as follows:

8.30am-9.00am	Student drop off at marquee
8.30am	A - L Surnames
9.00am	M - Z Surnames
8.45am-9.15am	Morning tea in the Under Cover Area
9.15am-9.45am	Preparatory Parent Information Q&A session
9.45am-10.00am	Tour of Primary Campus
1.00pm	Student collection from the Under Cover Area

Preparatory students are required to **wear their uniform** and bring a **water bottle, morning tea (including some fruit)** and **lunch** in their school bag. We endeavour to be a **NUT FREE** environment, so please refrain from sending any nut products with your children.

Please bring children to the REAR door entry to Preparatory classrooms on this day. This first day Orientation will finish at 1.00pm for all children. Please have your child collected on time to avoid any unnecessary distress.

New Students commencing in 2019 in Years 1 - 12 and All Year 7 Students

The Orientation sessions will commence at **8.30am** in the **Ivan Gibbs Centre** with an official welcome and general information. Parents of new students are welcome to attend.

All students attending the Orientation session should wear their full formal College uniform (excluding blazer) and are required to bring the following items in their College bag:

- Pencils and/or pens
- Notebook
- Water bottle and Morning Tea

(Please note that booklist requirements will **not** be needed on this day.)

The College Parents and Friends' Association (PAFA) will provide Morning Tea for parents at 9.30am in the Ivan Gibbs Centre. We invite all parents to join us for refreshments.

Details for various Year levels are as follows:

- ❖ New Primary Students - Years 1 - 6
All newly enrolled students in Years 1 - 6 are required to attend. Parents of new students are also welcome to attend.

Date: Tuesday 29 January 2019
Time: 8.30am to 11.00am
Venue: Ivan Gibbs Centre

- ❖ Secondary - All Year 7
All Year 7 students are required to attend orientation. Parents please note all Year 7 students are required until **12.30pm** on this day due to the issuing of laptops. Students will need to bring their signed **eMind** contract on Orientation Day. Laptops will not be issued without this contract. There will be an Information session for parents and guardians of Year 7 students on the College **eMind** Student Mobile Device Programme: 9.00am - 9.30am - Ivan Gibbs Centre.

Year 7 students are also required to bring their College swimwear as there will be a session in the pool throughout the morning.

Date: Tuesday 29 January 2019
Time: 8.30am to 12.30pm
Venue: Ivan Gibbs Centre

- ❖ New Secondary Students - Years 8 - 12
Date: Tuesday 29 January 2019
Time: 8.30am to 10.00am
Venue: Ivan Gibbs Centre

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE START OF 2019

Date	Event
Monday 21 January	New Staff Induction - all day Heads of Faculty, Curriculum Leaders and Heads of Year Professional Development and Meeting: 10.00am - 1.00pm
Tuesday 22 January	Staff Professional Development Day
Wednesday 23 January	Staff Professional Development Day
Thursday 24 January	Staff Professional Development Day
Friday 25 January	Staff Professional Development Day
Monday 28 January	Australia Day Public Holiday

Date	Event
Tuesday 29 January	Orientation All Preparatory Students, all Year 7 Students and all new enrolled students commencing in 2019 - Years 1 - 12 Year 7 - issue of eMind Student Mobile Device Information session for parents and guardians of Year 7 students on the College eMind Student Mobile Device Programme: 9.00am - 9.30am - Ivan Gibbs Centre
Wednesday 30 January	All students, Preparatory - Year 12, commence Term 1 Information session for Parents of Year 10 students regarding the College eMind Student Mobile Device Programme - 3.15pm - Lecture Theatre Uniform Shop open ~ 7.30am - 4.00pm
Thursday 31 January	Student Leadership Induction Ceremony Years 6 - 12 (Ivan Gibbs Centre 9.15am) Year 12 compulsory Parent Information Evening - Ivan Gibbs Centre 6.00pm - 7.30pm
Friday 1 February	Primary ~ Parent Morning Tea 8.15am “Meet the College Captains and the Primary Captains”
Monday 4 February	Years 7 - 9 House Swimming Carnival Year 7 Camp Information Session - Lecture Theatre 3.15pm Primary - Life Education
Tuesday 5 February	Primary - Life Education Senior Secondary Honours Academic Assembly
Wednesday 6 February	Primary - Life Education Year 7 Camp begins at Burleigh Year 11 Parent Information Evening - Ivan Gibbs Centre 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Thursday 7 February	Primary - Life Education Years 4 - 6 House Swimming Carnival Year 7 Camp - Burleigh
Friday 8 February	Term 1 Fees Due Primary - Life Education Year 7 Camp - Burleigh Years 10 - 12 House Swimming Carnival

THE FIRST COLLEGE DAY – WEDNESDAY 30 JANUARY

Term 1 commences for all College students on Wednesday 30 January 2019. Primary students will need to bring in all items from the book pack over the first few days of Term 1. Preparatory, Year 1 and Year 2 student book packs will be delivered directly to classrooms. On the first day, please ensure to include some basic writing materials.

Secondary students will need to bring their pencil case and a selection of basic materials/exercise books from their book pack for the first day when they receive their timetable and find out which subjects fall on each day of the week. All students will need to bring their morning tea and lunch.

Health and Physical Education

Students in the following classes are required to bring their College sports uniform on the first day: 7C, 7D, 7E, 8B, Year 9 PE Elective and Mr Crossley’s Year 12 PE (12PE1). Year 10 Elective PE Students will not require their sports uniform.

STUDENT HOURS

All students attend classes from 8.30am to 3.10pm.

YEARS 6 - 12 ASSEMBLY AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP INDUCTION CEREMONY

On Thursday 31 January, there will be a Leadership Induction Assembly for Years 6 - 12 students commencing at 9.15am in the Ivan Gibbs Centre. On this occasion, our student leaders for 2019 will be presented with their leadership badges in a formal induction ceremony. Parents and friends are welcome to come along and enjoy this occasion. Please note that Preparatory - Year 5 students will not be involved in this assembly. However, siblings of those students being inducted into leadership roles **will** be permitted to attend.

STUDENT DROP-OFF, PICK-UP AND TRANSPORT

Safety is the most important issue to consider when dealing with dropping off and collecting your children. Our procedure is aimed at providing a safe and organised system of student arrival and dismissal. Students will NOT be permitted to leave the College grounds to cross roads to meet parents. Parents MUST come into the drop-off/pick-up areas, please. This is for the safety of ALL CHILDREN.

Bus Travel

For all current and new students who use, or plan to use, the Surfside School Bus Service to travel to and from the College in 2019:

- If you currently have a bus pass, a new one will be automatically issued and sent to the College early in 2019.
- **The exception to this is for 2018 Year 6 students entering Year 7 in 2019. These students MUST re-apply for a new bus pass. A new one WILL NOT be automatically sent.**

If you are looking into applying for a bus pass for your child, there are two types of applications.

1. **SN** - families who have a healthcare/concession card.
2. **BTA** - families who do not have a healthcare/concession card

Please use the link below to take you to the information and forms.
<http://www.surfside.com.au/school-services/queensland-school-services/#application-information>

If you would like further information or have any enquiries regarding School Transport, please contact Dee Johns on (07) 5552 2704 or email schools@taggroup.net.au

Please note that all Surfside buses leave from the Primary campus each afternoon during Term 1.

Train Travel

For information regarding train travel please visit www.translink.com.au or phone 13 12 30.

VACATION CARE AND OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Outside School Hours Care will be available for students from Preparatory - Year 6 before school and after school. Details of the hours provided and the fees charged are on the College website and can also be obtained by telephoning OSHC on (07) 5585 9957. Application forms for 2019 are available from the website or Primary Reception during Term time and need to be submitted as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We are limited by licencing requirements as to how many students we can accommodate in this service.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

As an Anglican worshipping community in the Diocese of Brisbane, Reverend Mary-Anne offers preparation for Baptism and Confirmation as one of the opportunities for faith formation for staff, students and their families. Reverend Mary-Anne will run Youth Alpha for Secondary students on Monday afternoons in Weeks 2-5 of Term 1, from 3.15-4.30pm. Students who are interested in participating and finding out more about the Christian faith can email Rev'd Mary-Anne or visit her office in the Junior Secondary Quad. This will also be the opportunity for Secondary students who might be considering baptism and/or confirmation to explore whether they would like to do so.

Reverend Mary-Anne is pleased to announce that in 2019, House Worshipings will be an opportunity for students and family members to be baptised. They will be held as follows:

Gibbs BBQ and Worship:	Term 1	Week 10	Tuesday 2 April	5.00-6.45pm
Smith BBQ and Worship:	Term 2	Week 5	Thursday 23 May	5.00-6.45pm
Morris BBQ and Worship:	Term 3	Week 2	Thursday 25 July	5.00-6.45pm
Lane BBQ and Worship:	Term 4	Week 3	Thursday 24 October	5.00-6.45pm

Further, we are holding a Confirmation Service on Tuesday 4 June at 6pm at which our regional bishop, Bishop John Roundhill, will be present.

Reverend Mary-Anne can be contacted at any time to discuss these or any other faith-related matters.

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YEAR 12 OVERALL POSITION RESULTS (OP)

We are very pleased with the performance of our Year 12 cohort in 2018. Once again, the percentage of our OP eligible students to achieve OPs in the range 1 – 5 (36%), 1-10 (60%) and 1 - 15 (88%) significantly exceeded the state average. This indicates that these Coomera Anglican College students applied themselves very effectively to their studies over the course of the past two years. We are proud of their achievements.

CANTEEN - 2019

The canteen supplies food that is healthy, fresh and complies with the *Smart Choices* Guidelines. For ease and convenience, the Flexi Schools online ordering is available. An information sheet with details about the Flexi School online ordering system is located on Passmarc. The Canteen Menu will also be on Passmarc. For more information, including a copy of the Canteen Menu, please visit: www.cac.qld.edu.au/canteen

UNIFORM SHOP

The College Uniform Shop is located off campus. The address is 2/2 Kohl Street, Upper Coomera and the physical location is on the corner of Kohl Street and Dalton Street. The College Uniform Shop opening hours are as follows:

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

For Term 1 **only**:

Monday 21 – Friday 25 January – the Uniform Shop will be open by appointment only for new students.

Tuesday 29 January – Friday 1 February – the Uniform shop will be open from 7.30am to 4.00am.

Please note that you are also able to purchase uniform items online, with the option of collecting the items from the Uniform Shop or having them sent to the College for collection.

To shop online please go to: <https://umspl.com.au/product-category/coomera-anglican-college/>

All new students should be fitted for any uniform items purchased, to ensure the correct fit. Should you require a uniform fitting appointment, your appointment can be booked on-line (please follow this link) [Uniform Fitting Appointment](#) or contact the Uniform Shop on: **5580 3867**. **Please note this is for new families only.**

UNIFORM AND GROOMING

Our uniform and grooming policy ensures that our children's appearance mirrors the expectations of the College. Please note that students can no longer wear superseded uniform items. This includes sports shirts that were changed two years ago.

Parents/guardians are reminded of the need to ensure that grooming and the wearing of uniforms is in line with the College expectations (*please see the College Handbook on Passmarc*). Parents are asked to support the College in this matter.

Particularly, your attention is drawn to the following areas:

- Boys must keep their hair short and neat (though not less than blade 4). Styles with extremes in hair length, or extreme differences in length between sides and top, 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 additional 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 and cannot be worn. Sport shoes should provide suitable foot support. Slip on, Dunlop Volley, canvas, deck or skate style shoes are not permitted.

The College formal hat must be worn to and from the College at **ALL** times. The yard hat/cap is for wearing around the College between classes, during play at morning tea and lunch as well as for HPE and sport, and must be worn during these times.

WORK BOOK STANDARDS

At Coomera Anglican College, we constantly encourage our students to keep neat and tidy work books. This involves proper setting out, legible handwriting and most of all **absolutely no graffiti**. Parents are encouraged to support this expectation when students are working at home on homework or assignments. All books should be covered as per the class teacher/College

requests. Please be aware that quality book covers are available from the Uniform Shop. Please go to <http://www.cac.qld.edu.au/index.php/cac-shop/uniform-shop>

THE STUDENT DIARY

Parents are reminded to ensure that the Student Diary is used effectively. It should be signed daily where possible, but at least weekly to acknowledge homework being completed and it should be used as a communication channel between home and the Class/Pastoral Care Teacher.

COLLEGE LAPTOPS - eMIND STUDENT MOBILE DEVICE PROGRAMME

Students with College laptops and/or other mobile devices are reminded of the expectation to take good care of them, keep them fully charged and safely secured while at the College and at home. Students are **not** to apply stickers to the laptop tekskin and should report any damage to their laptops immediately.

As part of the **eMind** Student Mobile Device Programme, all students **commencing** Year 7 and Year 10 in 2019 will receive a new laptop/mobile device. Information regarding the **eMind** Student Mobile Device Programme, including the conditions of use, care and obligations, is available on our website: <http://laptop.cac.qld.edu.au/>

Year 7 students will receive their laptop/mobile device on the orientation day, Tuesday 29 January. An Information Session for parents and guardians of Year 7 students on the College **eMind** Student Mobile Device Programme will be held in the Ivan Gibbs Centre from 9.00am - 9.30am on Tuesday 29 January. Students must bring their signed **eMind** Contract at the time of collecting their laptop. The contract must be signed by parents or guardians and the student.

Year 10 students will receive their mobile device on the first day of Term 1 2019 – Wednesday 30 January. There will be an Information Session for parents and guardians of Year 10 students on Wednesday 30 January at 3.15pm in the Lecture Theatre. Parents of all Year 10 students new to our College in 2019 **must** attend this information session. Current parents are welcome to attend if they wish. Students must bring their signed **eMind** Contract at the time of collecting their laptop. The contract must be signed by parents or guardians and the student.

TERM DATES AND COLLEGE CALENDAR

The Term 1 Calendar has been uploaded to the College website and the College App and we advise parents to keep a link on their phone or computer for quick and easy access to information regarding all events, including updates. Any changes to the calendar are made to this online version of the College calendar and are also noted in the Gumleaf Gazette news page on the College website. Please be sure to check the College website regularly.

The Term dates for 2019 are as follows:

Term 1	Wednesday 30 January	Friday 5 April (10 weeks)
Term 2	Tuesday 23 April	Friday 21 June (9 weeks)
Term 3	Tuesday 16 July	Friday 20 September (10 weeks)
Term 4	Tuesday 8 October	Thursday 5 December (9 weeks)

Parents are requested to please take note of the term dates and avoid scheduling 'family holidays' during term time. The Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 states that *'each parent of a child of compulsory school age has the obligation to ... ensure their child attends the school on every school day, for the education program in which the child is enrolled'*. Taking holidays during academic term time is in breach of this Act and is not condoned by the College.

COLLEGE APP - IPHONE, IPAD, ANDROID

The College has its own App which is designed as a key communication tool with our College Community. We encourage everyone to download this App if you have a compatible device. We would also encourage those community members who do not have a compatible device to consider such an upgrade when their contractual obligations permit.

The App can be downloaded from the College Website. Please visit:
<http://www.cac.qld.edu.au/iphone-ipad-application>

HEALTH INFORMATION

Please ensure that you inform the College of all medical/medication requirements of your child. The College should be informed immediately of any changes to details we hold. New students to the College should complete a Health Information Form and return it to the office as soon as possible.

CHILD PROTECTION

Coomera Anglican College is committed to:

- promoting and striving to provide a safe, supportive and ethical environment for the wellbeing and holistic development of students; and
- providing a safe, secure, nurturing environment in which all students may grow, learn and flourish.

To this end the College follows the policies of The Anglican Church of Australia - Diocese of Brisbane. A link to a copy of the *Student Protection in Anglican Schools - Policy and Procedures 2015* document can be found on Passmarc. It is recommended that all parents read this document.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Parents are reminded that all students are covered by student accident insurance. This insurance provides set amounts of cover for specific injuries and incidents, but will not replace the need for private health insurance. Students are covered for 24 hours per day, 365 days of the year whether at the College, at home or on holidays. Further details about this insurance cover, including full documentation, can be found in Parent Lounge under the School Links heading.

COLLEGE HANDBOOK

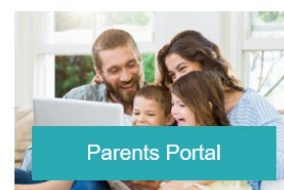
College Handbooks can be accessed through Passmarc via the College website. The Handbooks contain a lot of information about College procedures and policies, and it is important that all families make themselves familiar with the contents of the handbooks. A hard copy can be obtained on request at administration.

2019 TUITION FEE DUE DATES

	Due Date for Discount
Term 1	8 February 2019
Term 2	3 May 2019
Term 3	26 July 2019
Term 4	18 October 2019

PARENT PORTAL

To make things easier for parents when using the College website or College App, you can access many features and information through the links under Parent Portal. There are links to: Parent Lounge (Fee payments, tours and excursions, student reports), PASSMARC correspondence, Online Uniform Shop, Uniform Shop appointments, Canteen Menu and ordering, Book pack ordering, College Handbook and Student Accident Insurance details. The links provided simplify the access to the more frequently used areas.



We encourage all parents to use this resource.

2018 YEARBOOK

Our 2018 Year Book was distributed to students at the end of Term 4, 2018. If your child did not receive their copy, please contact the College.

We look forward to working closely with our College families in 2019. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us at any time should you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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