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Love life. Live your life with joy so you may fill the world with joy. Let no one leave your presence without feeling the joy of life.

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to Term Three, 2018. 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 10 July 2018. Note: Monday 9 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 Tuesday 10 July from 8.15am. Everyone is welcome!

Please read all the announcements and reminders below.

STAFF NEWS

Staff on Leave:

Mrs Kirsty Jackson (Terms 3 and 4) and Ms Liz Hampson (Term 3) will be on Long Service Leave from the start of term. Mrs Carley Penberthy joins Mrs Isla Fuller and Mrs Anne-Marie Lenon on Maternity Leave.

Resignations:

Mrs Sarah Hands has resigned from the end of last term to move to Brisbane. We are very sad to be losing Mrs Hands, who has done a wonderful job developing our Film and TV and Media subjects.

After almost ten years of service, Ms Karen Bolger-Hay has left the College and we wish her well for the future.

Retirements:

Mrs Denise Balson and Mrs Juli Potts have both retired from the College. We thank them most sincerely for their service over many years and wish them well in their retirement.

Staff completing contracts:

We thank and farewell Mr Steve Garrett and Mrs Lisa Hickey, who have completed contracts covering staff on leave.

New and returning staff:

Welcome back to Mr Phillip Bishop and Ms Allison Beeforth who returns from Long Service Leave. Welcome also to Ms Sandy Elliott (Art), Mrs Alison Smith (Film, TV and New Media), Mrs Roanne Dwyer (Year 2), Mrs Kym Rosewarne (Year 3), Ms Celeste Banham (Year 3), Ms Natalie Clarke (Reception), Mrs Olivia Garner (Administration Assistant - Primary) and Mrs Nicol Wooldridge (Teaching Assistant- Prep).

In addition, Mrs Caroline Pollard (previously Primary Administration) has moved into Music to replace Mrs Denise Balson.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE BEGINNING OF TERM THREE

Monday 9 July	Student Free Day - Staff Professional Development
Tuesday 10 July	Term Three commences Primary ~ Welcome Back morning tea for Parents - 8.15am QTAC Information Evening 5.30pm - Year 12 students/Parents
Wednesday 11 July	Alannah and Madeline Foundation Presentation to Year 8 Parents regarding Internet usage and the Impact of Social Media ~ 6.00pm - 7.00pm PAFA Meeting 7.00pm
Thursday 12 July	Year 12 QCS Rehearsal
Friday 13 July	Year 12 QCS Rehearsal
Monday 16 July	Year 5 Gold Rush Excursion
Tuesday 17 July	Iron & Clay Presentation and Performances as part of Worship Year 9 Humanities Day
Wednesday 18 July	Netball ~ Vicki Wilson Shield Netball ~ Years 7 - 9 Year 11 2019 ~ Subject Information Evening 6.00pm - 7.30pm - Ivan Gibbs Centre Junior A and Intermediate B Debating Primary Debating and Presentation
Thursday 19 July	Year 11 Hospitality class attending Sea World Hospitality School
Friday 20 July	Year 11 Hospitality class attending Sea World Hospitality School Term 3 College Tuition Fees due date Duke of Edinburgh Camp - Binna Burra ~ 20 - 22 July
Monday 23 July	Primary Parent Information Evening ~ 4.45pm - 6.30pm with guest speaker Dr Judith Locke - Clinical Psychologist
Tuesday 24 July	Morris House BBQ and Worship - Ivan Gibbs Centre ~ 5.00pm - 6.45pm
Wednesday 25 July	Netball ~ Vicki Wilson Shield Netball ~ Years 10 - 12 Junior B, Intermediate A and Senior B Debating
Thursday 26 July	Year 10 SET Plan Interviews ~ 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Friday 27 July	Year 10 SET Plan Interviews ~ 8.00am - 4.30pm

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 2018

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 DATES - 2019

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)
	Year 12 finish date	-	Friday 15 November

TERM TIME ABSENCES

It was very disappointing to see a large number of students (over 200) who were absent on the last day of Term Two. This is not acceptable, especially given that students have a three week break between Terms Two and Three. 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. 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 and St Matthew's Church car parks are **not** to be used to drop off and pick up students. St Matthew's is not located on College land.

A reminder that **all** Primary students are to be picked-up from the Primary car park. However, if Primary students have siblings in the Secondary Campus the *following* pick-up procedures apply, as they did from Term Two:

- Secondary Campus siblings to be picked up from the Primary Campus - Secondary students will need to walk down to the Primary Campus and wait with their Primary sibling/s in the area used for after school bus departures
- If parents request a Secondary car park pick-up - Secondary students must walk down to the Primary campus, collect their sibling and then return to the Secondary Carpark
- It is essential that both siblings remain together until collected by their parent(s)
- **No** Primary students are to be unattended in the Secondary pick-up area *at any time*.

All other Pick-up /Drop-off zone arrangements and procedures remain the same.

Primary Car Park Pick-up and Drop off

Parents are reminded **not** to park in the pick-up/drop-off zones. Parents should remain in cars as students are picked up or dropped off. If you wish to park your car, please park in the Primary car park or on the roadside. The College day concludes at 3.10pm and students will be ushered to their various pick-up zones at this time. Parents are advised to delay their arrival at College until at least 3.10pm as the car park and road outside can become quite congested.

NOTE: Please remember that if collecting a student in Prep, Year 1 or Year 2, ensure that you have your Windscreen Name Sign displayed in your car as you enter the car park.

Car Park Tips:

- Come a little later - arriving between 3.20pm and 3.30pm allows for a much easier, faster and safer student pick-up
- Stay in your car and let staff assist your child
- If your child is not ready at the Pick-up/Drop-off Zone, drive around again
- Always use the crossings to cross the car park
- Always wear a smile and enjoy the ride
- Be patient and expect some delays
- If we are all patient and understanding, our car park will be a safe and happy place for all.

Please note that Parents in the Primary Campus are requested **not** to wait outside classrooms at the end of the day.

Secondary Student Arrival And Departure Times

The College accepts responsibility for students on the Secondary campus from 7.30am in the morning until 4.30pm each afternoon. This is a considerably longer period of time than most schools allow. However, it should be noted that students are not permitted to be on campus outside of these designated times unless they are involved in an official after College activity where a staff member is supervising them (ie: **extended** sport training, music or drama rehearsal, sitting a catch-up test or detention, attending Friday Fun Club etc).

The College is not able to meet its Duty of Care to students beyond 4:30pm, unless the students are involved in an official activity.

To clarify:

- No student is permitted to be on the College grounds before 7:30am each morning, unless involved in a College approved activity.
- All secondary students are to be collected from the College each afternoon by 4:30pm at the latest
- Sport training concludes at 4.15pm on the relevant training days, allowing sufficient time for students to be collected by 4.30pm
- The Library closes at 4.30pm each afternoon - by which time all students should have been collected
- No student is permitted to be on the College grounds after 4:30pm - unless involved in a College approved activity.

Any student who is still on College grounds after 4.30pm, will be escorted to Outside School Hours Care. Please be advised that this is **regardless of his or her age**. For each occasion that this occurs, parents or guardians will be required to pay a \$33 **per child** Outside School Hours Care fee. This is irrespective of the length of time their child/children spend in Outside School Hours Care.

IVAN GIBBS CENTRE CAR PARK

Parents are reminded that under no circumstances is there to be any student drop-off or pick-up behind the Ivan Gibbs Centre at Entry 2. This includes students attending music lessons. Entry 2 is for authorised vehicles only. It is an **extremely** dangerous area with the College main entrance (Entry 1) and bus stop being so close, as well as the access for authorised vehicles, many of which are trucks. This requirement is for your safety and that of all our students and staff.

SEMESTER TWO - PRIMARY PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

The Semester Two Primary Parent Information Evening is scheduled for Monday 23 July (Week 3) from 4.45pm - 6.30pm. This year, we are excited to announce that Dr Judith Locke, Clinical Psychologist, will be running a free session for parents of students attending the Primary campus of Coomera Anglican College. Dr Locke uses the latest research and her clinical experience to show positive and effective strategies parents can use to help their shy or sensitive child/children become more confident and capable.

Information will also be available online via PASSMARC to provide parents with details on camps and special days, as well as an overview of the academic topics to be covered in Semester Two.

2018 PARENT/GUARDIAN YEAR 12 STUDENT QTAC INFORMATION EVENING

The 2018 Parent/Guardian Year 12 Student QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Admission Centre) Information evening will be held on Tuesday 10 July in the Ivan Gibbs Centre commencing at 5.30pm. 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 - 2019 SUBJECT SELECTION INFORMATION EVENING

A parent information evening for current Year 10 students will be held in the Ivan Gibbs Centre on Wednesday 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 2019. 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 26 July (1.30pm - 4.30pm), Friday 27 July (8.00am - 4.30pm), Monday 30 July (3.00pm - 4.30pm) and Tuesday 31 July (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 - 2019

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 30 July.

YEAR 9 - 2019

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 6 August.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY - 2018

Invitations for Grandparents' Day 2018 will be sent home early in Term Three. Grandparents' Day will be celebrated in the Early Learning Centre and Primary campus on **Friday 17 August** from 8.00am until 11.00am. The morning promises to be very enjoyable for both young and old. The Book Character Parade will commence at 8.40am, 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 from 8.00am.

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 24 August
Year 4	Lake Ainsworth	Monday 27 - Wednesday 29 August
Year 5	Tyalgum Ridge	Monday 27 - Thursday 30 August
Year 6	Noosa North Shore	Monday 10 - Thursday 13 September
Year 8	Camp Kokoda (Lake Maroon)	Tuesday 4 - Friday 7 September
Year 9	CAConnect Project	Monday 3 - Friday 7 September
Year 10	Edmund Park - Rosevale	Tuesday 4 - Friday 7 September
Year 11	QCS Introduction/Practice	Tuesday 4 September
Year 11	Tyalgum Ridge	Wednesday 5 - Friday 7 September

Please note: Year 7 students attended camp in Term One and will attend scheduled classes during this camp week.

PREPARATORY - YEAR 2 HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Preparatory - Year 2 House Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Thursday 13 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. The College canteen will be open and parents are welcome to make use of the Canteen facilities. Once again, our Student Protection regulations require us to register all visitors upon arrival.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A reminder to students of **Year 7 A, B & C HPE, Year 8B HPE** and **Year 9 A, B, C & D HPE** that your practical classes commence on **Tuesday 10 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. Shoes with black soles are not permitted as they may damage the Sport Centre floor. Sport shoes should provide suitable foot support. Slip on, Dunlop Volley, canvas, deck or skate style shoes are not permitted.

Please note that during Term Three, the College formal long trousers are compulsory for boys in Years 7 - 12. 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.

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

Please note that you can shop online and have the items delivered to the College for collection. Please use this link for online orders: [Uniform Shop Online Shopping](#)

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 13 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 15 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 24 July (Week 3). 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 24 July
Time: 5.00pm - 6.45pm
Venue: Ivan Gibbs Centre
Student Dress: House Shirt

A reminder 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. **Along with email, these are the official modes of communication for 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 official 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.

Please note: In order to simplify communication, protect the privacy of our students and staff and to ensure what is being posted is accurate, as from the start of Term Three 2018, only official College communication sites and social media platforms will be used to post official College information. College staff will not be posting any information to parent run Facebook sites such as CAC Families. Parents are reminded that they will need to access official College sites to find information regarding the College or their children.

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 Wednesday 7 November
Year 1	11.00am Wednesday 7 November
Year 2	1.00pm Wednesday 7 November
Senior Secondary Years 10 - 12	7.00pm Wednesday 14 November
Junior Secondary Years 7 - 9	7.00pm Tuesday 20 November
Early Learning Centre Christmas Concert	6.00pm Friday 23 November
Primary Years 3 - 4	6.00pm Monday 26 November
Primary Years 5 - 6	6.00pm Tuesday 27 November

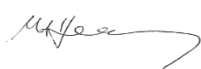
CONCLUSION

Finally, we look forward to another wonderful term of *loving life together* 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



Mr Greg Golder
HEAD OF JUNIOR SECONDARY



Mr Graeme Kirkpatrick
HEAD OF PRIMARY