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## MESSAGE FROM THE REGISTRAR

### WELCOME TO CORPUS SPIRIT

Welcome to the second edition of Corpus Spirit, our online magazine for the Corpus Christi College Prospective Parents Community, designed to keep our future families and broader community connected to what's happening at Corpus Christi College.

We understand that choosing a high school for your child's education evokes a sense of curiosity, nervousness and excitement rolled into one and we are delighted that you have expressed an interest in our College and welcome you as part of our extended College Community.

If you have any enrolment queries please do not hesitate to contact me. I thoroughly enjoy meeting new families and getting to know all of our applicants – something we all pride ourselves on, for although we are a big school of up to 1,300 students, each child is a valued member of our College, bringing with them unique interests, talents and experiences.

To find out more and to keep in touch with Corpus Christi College, follow our social media pages and be sure to check out our online News page for updates on our website.

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# BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT



## THEATRE OPENING

Recently recognised as a joint winner of the Master Builder’s Bankwest Excellence in Construction Award, the Corpus Christi College Theatre was officially opened with a special ceremony on Tuesday 27 August. Dr Debra Sayce, Executive Director of Catholic Education Western Australia, unveiled the plaque to a crowd of distinguished guests and Catholic community members. After Reverend Father Phong Nguyen blessed the building on behalf of the Perth Archdiocese, guests



were treated to three student performances showcasing the College’s strength in dance, music and drama.

‘After recently presenting the dance gala and Disney’s *Beauty and the Beast* productions to sell-out audiences – prompting extensions to both seasons – we believe our newest facility has been a resounding success,’ said Principal Mrs Caroline Payne.

In addition to seating for 400+ guests, features include bespoke acoustic panelling, an enhanced sound system, a multi-function hydraulic orchestra pit, and digital LED screens and lighting.

Beyond the performing arts, Mrs Payne explained that the theatre will also support a full range of student activities, allowing all students to embrace a learning philosophy of togetherness, creativity and collaboration.

College Board Chair Mr Darren Cutri lauded the foresight and commitment from all those involved in the project. The College thanked EIW Architects, McCorkell Constructions, Project Manager Ms Patricia Rodrigues and successive College Boards for bringing their vision to life.

## JUST ADD WATER: CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE AQUATIC CENTRE COMMENCES BUILD

Corpus Christi College has commenced construction of the new multi-purpose Aquatic Centre, a much-anticipated indoor facility that will feature an eight-lane, heated 25m pool with a depth of 2m, as well as a ‘Learn-to-Swim pool’ and tiered seating for 180. The official ‘turning of the soil’ took place in a special ceremony prior to the College’s annual Burgundy, White and Blue sports dinner on Thursday 31 October 2019, with Alumni and the College Board in attendance.

Described as the next stage of the College’s current capital development plan, Acting Principal Mr Frank Italiano explained that the building of a swimming pool has been a part of the future vision of the College since the 1990s. With 1,300 students across Years 7-12, the co-educational College has long enjoyed a strong sports culture. After years of utilising pools at local leisure centres, it is hoped the new centre will develop the aquatic skills of all students and facilitate more rigorous training for the swimming and water polo squads.

‘I want to acknowledge not just the current board but all the people who’ve come before,’ Mr Italiano said. ‘This project has been something that Principal Caroline Payne has been championing for a long time, not only at the board level but with staff and at the community level. On her behalf, it is a wonderful occasion that we’ve got to this point.’

College Board Chair Darren Cutri acknowledged the support of the whole College community – all the

families that have been and are here as a part of the process, as well as those involved in the planning. Speaking to the importance of Physical Education and the students’ high interest in sports, Mr Cutri said, ‘It is really important to have great facilities for our students going into the future. I look forward to us winning trophies at the water polo and in the swimming.’

Claire Coten (Swimming Captain, Class of 2017) was bestowed the privilege of breaking ground, and was joined by Mr Italiano, Mr Cutri, Business Manager Sharon Carmichael, 2020 Head Boy Byron Devene, 2020 Head Girl Sophie Steel, and 2020 Sport Prefects Thomas Stephenson and Sophie Jones.

The Aquatic Centre will complete the Dean Road precinct of the College, which already includes the recently unveiled College Theatre, the refurbished James Nestor Centre, the David Heath Community Centre and gymnasium opened in 2016, and the existing hardcourts.



Sharon Carmichael, Thomas Stephenson, Sophie Jones, Sophie Steel, Byron Devene, Claire Coten (Class of 2017), Frank Italiano, Darren Cutri



# WHAT'S ON AT CORPUS

## VISUALISING LEARNING IN SCIENCE

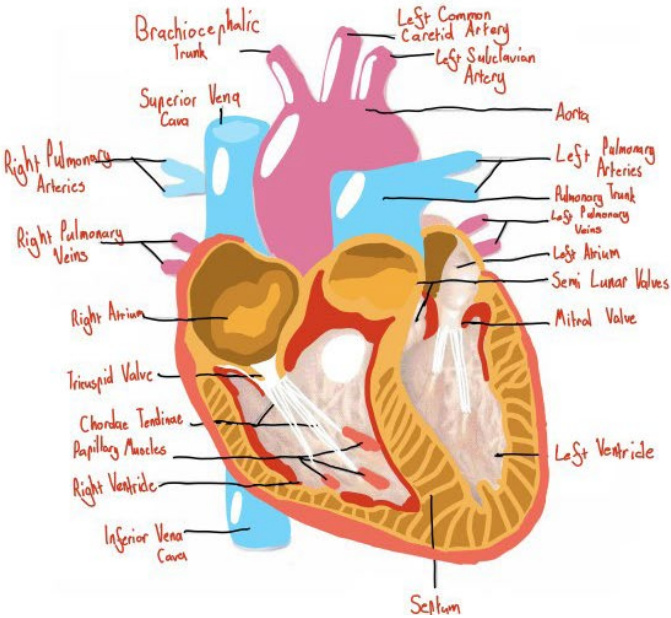
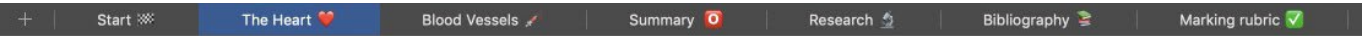
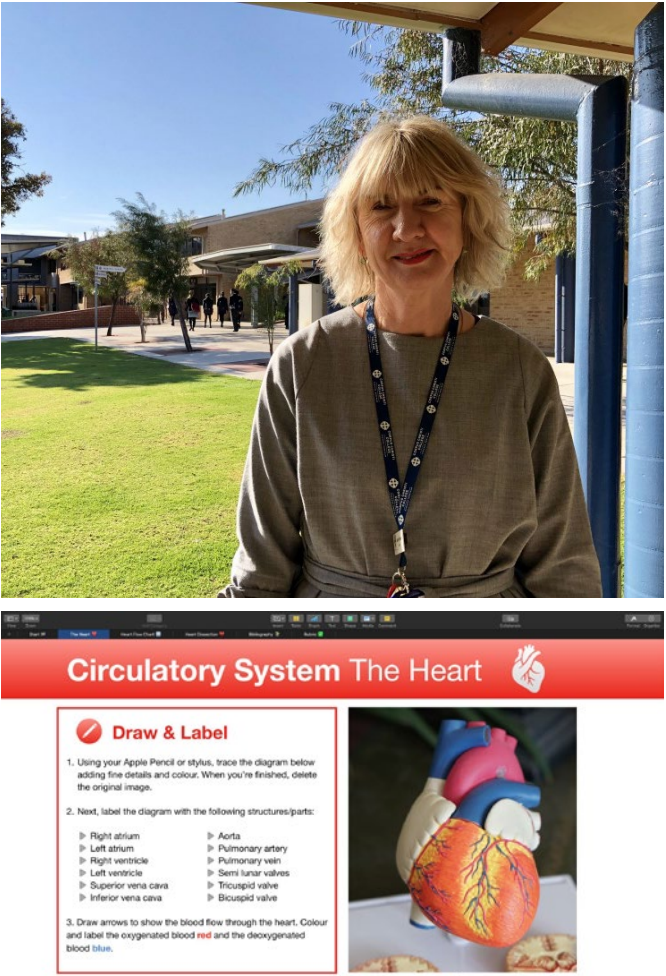
In Science, Ms Jo Stevens (pictured) has redefined a Year 8 research task on the circulatory system by using the iPad to create a digital scaffold all about the heart.

Students were given a structured document in the Numbers app, which provided spaces for them to visualise their learning by drawing, labelling, adding photos, and inserting audio explanations. By using Numbers, Ms Stevens was able to compartmentalise different activities by organising them into tabs.

When looking closer at the resource, students were given clear instructions and were directed to present their learning in specific ways. For example, as shown above, they traced over an existing diagram of the heart before labelling its parts and colour coding the blood flow. When they were finished, they deleted the original image, so they were left with their own drawing.

Following on from this task, students conducted a heart dissection, adding photographs and audio to reflect on their findings.

If you'd like to see more Digital Creativity and how our teachers integrate technology in the Classroom, check out the hashtag, #CorpusCreates on Twitter for snapshots of the course in action.



## HOUSE CUP RESULTS

Over the course of the school year, House points are awarded for participation and performance across a variety of areas in Sports, Academics, Arts and Ministry. 2019 demonstrated the importance of showing up and 'having a go' – participation is key in a closely fought competition.

The year started with the Swimming Carnival, where Salvado swam their way to first place. Xavier impressed with a win at the Cross Country Carnival and also won Basketball later in the year. And notably, for the first time in its history, Chisholm triumphed at the Athletics Carnival.

In Academics, the best performing House overall in Middle School was Xavier in Semester 2 2018 and Merici in Semester 1 2019. In Senior School, Merici was the top performer in Semester 2 2018, with Xavier

taking first place in Semester 1 2019.

The Arts competitions were popular this year, starting with MacKillop winning the annual Talent Quest. The Inter-house Play Competition – held in the new College Theatre – was an absolute hit with the College community, with Merici coming out on top with their play *Goldilocks and the Five Bears*.

All Houses contributed generously to Ministry efforts. Merici's fund-raising prowess resulted in the highest totals for all three initiatives that had House points on offer: Caritas, Lifelink and Longest Coin.

For the first time in College history there has been a tie for first place! Congratulations to Merici and Xavier, joint winners of the 2019 House Cup!

HOUSE	SCORE
Merici	81
Xavier	81
Chisholm	57
Romero	54
MacKillop	51
Pallotti	51
de Vialar	50
Salvado	45





## YEAR 7 2020 ORIENTATION DAY



On Tuesday 26 November 2019, we began the next chapter in the life of the Corpus community by welcoming our Year 7 2020 cohort to Corpus Christi College.

The Homeroom teachers, House Coordinators, Science staff, Health & Physical Education staff, along with the Teaching Assistants made the day, as always, memorable and fun.

The following evening, parents were invited to their first Parent Information Evening in the Theatre.

We look forward to having these wonderful young women and men join us in February.



## SPREADING CHRISTMAS CHEER: Corpus Christi College Donates Hampers to St Vinnies Christmas Appeal



Our students are bringing Christmas cheer to local families in need through the generous gift of food hampers.

As part of the College's Christian Service Learning program, students spent the first four weeks of Term Four collecting food donations for the St Vinnies Christmas Appeal, with every homeroom group aiming to complete one hamper each for donation to an assigned family. Student volunteers assisted with sorting through the items that had been generously donated by the Corpus community of students and staff. An impressive 44 hampers were prepared – a feat made possible due to several homerooms collecting enough food for two hampers.



'Each student should be very proud of themselves for helping those in need in our community,' said Ms Katrina Thomas, Christian Service Learning Coordinator at the College. 'A big thank you to all those who have supported and helped with this appeal, especially the homeroom teachers, our St Vinnies Conference here at Corpus, and the Hamper Helpers from Years 8 and 9. Without you this would not have been achieved.'

Christian Service Learning opportunities encourage students to find ways to meet a need that exists in the community, challenging them to live out the values of the College by forging meaningful connections with the world-at-large. The College looks forward to students keeping up the enthusiasm for ministry in 2020.

For more information on Student Ministry at Corpus Christi College, visit the website:  
[www.corpus.wa.edu.au/student-ministry](http://www.corpus.wa.edu.au/student-ministry)













# PEOPLE OF CORPUS

## CHRIS CARBONE | PROPERTY MANAGER



Ever wondered what it takes to keep the College grounds and facilities in working order? Property Manager Chris Carbone has been with the College since 2013. Every day, Mr Carbone and his dedicated team busily ensure the College is a tidy and welcoming learning environment for our students. His assistance is key to the success of our capital development and improvement projects. He is a member of MacKillop House, and through his interests outside of work is a shining example of how the people of Corpus give back to the community-at-large.

### WHAT DOES A DAY AT CORPUS LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

Busy cleaning the school and ensuring that the school is safe for the students and set up, ready for events.

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT CORPUS?

Making the grounds look good.

### HOW DO YOU LIKE TO SPEND YOUR TIME OUTSIDE OF WORK?

Outside of work I foster children for the Department for Child Protection and also look after injured wildlife.

## MELISSA BAINES | HOUSE COORDINATOR AND HUMANITIES TEACHER



A Corpus alum (Class of 1999), Mrs Baines returned to the College as a Humanities Teacher in 2017. In addition to coordinating MacKillop House, she is also dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability at the College, educating us on topics such as climate change, waste reduction, being green and going plastic-free. She organised the recent 'Threatened Species Bake Off' in which staff and students were invited to submit decorated themed cakes for judging. A hot yoga enthusiast, she has facilitated professional learning sessions on spinal health for her colleagues. Whether it's for the well-being of students, staff or the environment, Mrs Baines shows us just what it means to be a responsible global citizen.

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT CORPUS?

Great students and amazing colleagues.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLLEGE EVENT? WHY?

Inter-house Cross Country. It's a great chance to get outside, everyone participates and you can run/walk with the students.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE OR DREAM HOLIDAY DESTINATION?

My favourite trip was backpacking around Asia (Cambodia and Myanmar) with family in 2016.

## ELISE VITI | TEACHER ASSISTANT



Ms Viti commenced at the College in 2017 as a Teacher Assistant (Special Needs) in our Education Support Centre. Elise brings her enthusiasm to school each day, supporting our students in a variety of classes and activities, and lists Ed Support Camp as a highlight of the calendar. She enjoys working with teachers and staff across the College, including participating in House events as part of Salvado. A professional vocal instructor, Elise recently wowed our College community by singing with the staff band at the Corpus Christi Day Talent Quest, setting a new bar for staff performances!

### WHAT DOES A DAY AT CORPUS LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

Very exciting as every day is different. We never know what challenges or what type of day we are walking into and that is the best part. I work in a happy, healthy, working environment and I enjoy my time with the teachers and staff.

### WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT CORPUS?

The students! They make me so happy.

### FUN FACT/S ABOUT YOURSELF?

I am a singing teacher, teaching Voice and Piano for 10 years now. I have also been a dance teacher for 8 years.

## JAMES DOVE | HEAD OF ARTS



Mr Dove joined Corpus Christi College as our Head of Arts in 2013 and has been a driving force ever since. Overseeing a Learning Area that encompasses the various Arts disciplines – performing and visual – he works with a dedicated team of

staff to offer students a dynamic learning environment where their talents can be nurtured. His approach as an Apple Distinguished Educator is forward-thinking, and he truly understands the courage required to embrace one's creativity, having acted for many years in professional theatre and TV in England before becoming an educator. Mr Dove also helped consult on the design of our new theatre and refreshed facilities, ensuring all students can benefit from these spaces. As the saying goes, 'All the world's a stage' – if in doubt, ask Mr Dove for direction!

### WHY DID YOU BECOME A TEACHER?

My journey was an interesting one. I was a professional actor in England for five years – mostly professional theatre and TV. With every event I tended to get asked to lead professional PD or Education programs. So I took the risk and attended the Central School of Speech and Drama and became a teacher of Drama. To answer the question: I have a strong belief that everyone has a talent and a place in cultural and spiritual development. The more we connect to each other, the greater our spirit grows. Being creative takes real courage. So for me teaching was a real extension of why I went into the Arts in the first place.

### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLLEGE EVENT? WHY?

I think all College Arts events each have their own quality. We work extremely hard to ensure that each event reaches their perspective outcomes. But if pushed, my favourite has to be the Interhouse Play. I love the fact that it is student led and such a great vehicle for finding untapped talent.

### HOW DO YOU LIKE TO SPEND YOUR TIME OUTSIDE OF WORK?

With my family first and foremost, and second, DJ'ing for RTRFM on Soulsides and Rock, Rattle & Roll. I am also on the board of DramaWest.





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# 2020 Tour Dates

**TERM ONE**  
Tuesday 10 March 9.00am (*Open Day*)

**TERM TWO**  
Wednesday 20 May 4.00pm  
Thursday 11 June 9.00am

**TERM THREE**  
Tuesday 28 July 10.00am  
Wednesday 9 September 4.00pm

**TERM FOUR**  
Saturday 14 November 10.00am (*Open Day*)

*Register:*  
[www.corpus.wa.edu.au/opensdays](http://www.corpus.wa.edu.au/opensdays)



## Enrolments Update

We welcome applications for all years, however, are currently interviewing for Year 7 2021 and will commence interviews for Year 7 2022 in Term 1 2020.

Applicants for 2021 will need to apply before the end of August to be considered in time for the Orientation and Transition activities that will commence in mid-September. Year 7 2021 applicants will then begin receiving communication from the College to prepare them for their Orientation Day to be held on the 24 November 2020.

Applicants for 2022 will be contacted in early January and invited to submit extra documentation if they wish to progress their application. These documents include:

- Latest Two School Reports
- Latest NAPLAN results, if applicable.

Once all documentation has been received, further correspondence about the interview process will be supplied.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 6332 2567 or [alexandra.carcione@cewa.edu.au](mailto:alexandra.carcione@cewa.edu.au)

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Alexandra Carcione  
**Registrar**





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