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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Corpus Christi College invites you to take the opportunity to explore the wide range of learning opportunities afforded our students, from the moment they join our community.

We inspire students to live out our College motto, Sequere Dominum, to 'Follow the Lord', to search for deeper understanding and meaning in whatever they study.

We motivate students both individually and collectively to achieve excellence by empowering them, teaching them to work together, learning alongside one another to achieve goals that will help them to realise their potential in the future.

We enjoy a reputation for academic excellence and for educating young people to serve as school and community leaders. In response to the needs of students in today's rapidly changing world, we equip students to be life-long learners and global citizens, technologically savvy, able to meet life's challenges due to the support they receive from their families and the education they have gained from their College.

We care for students. Pastoral Care at Corpus Christi College means enhancing the dignity of each person within our community. Pastoral care infuses every part of the culture of the College – through their Homeroom teacher, the House system in which all students are involved, the Heads of Year who oversee the collective pastoral program for students, through the psychological support offered to those who require it and the online tools available to support students who need help.

We provide a well-rounded educational program for each child. We value the individual child and understand that our role is to provide a learning environment in



which the intellectual, spiritual and personal needs of our students can be catered for in our academic and pastoral programs. Educational programs are created for gifted and talented students in a range of fields, as well as individualised support for students with disabilities or learning difficulties - the College caters for all students.

Corpus Christi College is proudly a Catholic school with strong ties to the surrounding parishes, a school that values the relationships built with these communities beyond graduation. These are some of the defining characteristics of the College and what makes us unique in our community.

Mr Frank Italiano Principal



## MESSAGE FROM ENROLMENTS

#### **WELCOME TO CORPUS SPIRIT**

Welcome to 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 1300 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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## **COLLEGE UPDATES**

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE K-12 FROM 2022**



#### **AMALGAMATION**

On 10 December 2020 it was confirmed that the most Reverend Timothy Costelloe, Archbishop of Perth, had endorsed the decision by Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia for the amalgamation of Corpus Christi College and Yidarra Catholic Primary School into one Kindy to Year 12 College.

The impetus for this change of operation came from the three connected communities of Corpus Christi College, St Thomas More Parish and Yidarra Catholic Primary School and was driven by the desire to bring our communities closer together.

The resoundingly positive feedback from the wider parent community, our student representations, parish representatives and the School Boards were included in the reports submitted to support the merge.

#### PRINCIPAL ANNOUNCED

On 22 April 2021 it was announced that Mr Jeff Allen has been appointed as Principal of our new K-12 Corpus Christi College, Bateman, commencing 1 January 2022.

Jeff brings a wealth of experience to the new Corpus Christi College community having held his current



Mr Jeff Allen: K-12 Corpus Christi College, commencing 1 January 2022

position as Principal at Servite College, Tuart Hill, for eight years. Prior to this, Jeff was Deputy Principal at Kolbe Catholic College, Rockingham from 2006-2013, and Dean of Students at Sacred Heart College, Sorrento, from 2003-2005.

Jeff has taught within Catholic Education Western
Australia for more than 30 years. In that time, he
has developed his appreciation of the importance of
connected school communities where individual gifts are
celebrated. He is excited by the opportunity to lead the
collaboration and continued community involvement in

the process of bringing Yidarra Catholic Primary School and Corpus Christi College together.

As incoming Principal Jeff has met with staff at both Yidarra Catholic Primary School (YCPS) and Corpus Christi College (CCC) and will continue to meet with the two communities throughout the year, spending additional time within both schools to learn more about each community and to connect with staff, students, and families.

As we progress towards an amalgamated College, a decision on fees and levies has already been confirmed to assist with family planning. Please note some key confirmed outcomes:

# SIBLING DISCOUNTS FOR 2022 AND BEYOND

We have defined a generous new sibling discount rate for our K-12 College. From Term 1, 2022, a sibling discount of 20% will be applied to the tuition fee of a second child from the same family, 40% for a third child and 100% for fourth and subsequent siblings. These discounts will automatically be applied across the whole school from Pre-Primary to Year 12 inclusive.

#### **SCHOOL FEES FOR 2022**

While the final amounts for the various fees and charges will not be finalised and endorsed until November 2021, our aim is for the current fees to apply in 2022. The only potential change pertains to the yearly Catholic Education Western Australia system recommended increase (if applicable) which we will communicate once confirmed.

#### **BUILDING LEVIES FOR 2022**

The building levies as they currently exist at both Yidarra Catholic Primary School and Corpus Christi College will remain the same during 2022.

Families will only pay one building levy, to be paid at the rate of which their eldest child falls into:

- Kindergarten a building levy of \$300 per family will apply.
- Pre-Primary to Year 6 a building levy of \$431 per family will apply.
- Years 7 to 12 a building levy of \$1,597 per family will apply.

# SCHOOL FEES AND BUILDING LEVIES BEYOND 2022

As we are committed to developing a genuine K-12 campus which supports student access to quality educational facilities across all year groups, we will confirm our fee structure, including building levies, after thorough financial modelling next year.

We look forward to being in regular communication with you as we continue to work through the key priorities to ensure clarity and confidence in the K-12 College transition.

A dedicated web page has been established that answers a number of frequently asked questions and will continue to provide regular updates. The web page can be accessed here:

www.corpus.wa.edu.au/amalgamation-updates

















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## WHAT'S ON AT CORPUS

#### OFFICIAL AQUATIC CENTRE OPENING

The official opening and blessing of the College's newly built aquatic centre took place on Friday 12 March 2021, with the event welcoming members of the College community in celebration of this key milestone.



Completed in time for the commencement of the school year and named after Class of 2000 alumnus Jennifer Reilly, the Centre features a covered and heated 25 metre, eight-lane indoor lap and water polo pool, a separate 12 metre learn-to-swim pool and terrace seating for 180 people.



Photos by D Max Photography

Special guests in attendance included: two-time Olympian Jennifer Reilly; Rev Fr Phong Nguyen and other members of the clergy; Project Manager Patricia Rodrigues; representatives from Catholic Education WA, the ACC and Aquatics Australia; representatives from EIW Architects and construction company Pindan; College Advisory Council Chair Darren Cutri, past principals of the College; and principals of local Catholic primary schools and secondary colleges, amongst others. The guests joined the College Leadership team, Aquatic Centre Programs and Operations Manager Luke Gavin, and a select group of students.

Principal Frank Italiano spoke of the years of effort to bring the project to fruition and highlighted the extensive benefits our students will now enjoy as part of an aquatics program that will cater for all students. From those aiming to improve their fitness or confidence in the water, right through to those interested in competing in Swimming and Water Polo at a higher level, the Jennifer Reilly Aquatic Centre will give all learners the opportunity to Ignite the Spirit.



(L-R) Frank Italiano (Principal), Jennifer Reilly (Class of 2000), Darren Cutri (College Advisory Council Chair)

The event was a fitting opportunity to honour Jennifer's career, which included Australian records and numerous gold medals at international championships, such as the Commonwealth Games and Pan Pacs. Best known for her signature event – the 400m Individual Medley – she made the final of the 2000 Olympics while she was a Year 12 student at Corpus. Jennifer gave an inspiring speech, which was followed by a demonstration race where the Corpus students showed the pool in use.

Fr Phong then performed the solemn blessing. After the blessing, Darren Cutri and Jennifer unveiled the official plaque, and at the conclusion of the event, guests were welcomed into the David Heath Community Centre for morning tea.

We thank all those involved in the completion of this important capital development project and also those who assisted in the organising of this special event. We look forward to enjoying the opportunities (and successes) the pool will give the College community now and into the future.

To learn more about Jennifer Reilly's career, visit: www.corpus.wa.edu.au/jennifer-reilly

For more information about the Aquatic Centre, visit: www.corpus.wa.edu.au/aquatic-centre

#### **YEAR 7 2021 QUEST RETREAT**



On Friday 12 February we held part one of the Year 7 Quest Retreat. The Retreat is an important way of introducing the new Year 7 students to the Corpus Christi College Community.

The day began with the students being assigned to a buddy group with a Cadre Leader and Quest Minister from Year 12 and 11.

The students then participated in a number of activities throughout the day with their groups and House and then finished with a Liturgy, surrounded by their new friends.

19 February, with a canned food collection and a breakfast from 7.30am.

The second part of Quest retreat took place on Friday

The cans were picked up by Food Bank WA with the assistance of some of our Cadre Leaders.

Following the collection, the Years 7s and their parents were invited to a breakfast with College Staff and the Cadre Leaders and Quest Ministers.

The morning concluded with a prayer and a Guard of Honour for our new Year 7s.











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#### **PROJECT COMPASSION 2021 LAUNCH**

On Shrove Tuesday, February 16, students from Catholic schools across the metropolitan area gathered at Corpus Christi College for the Perth Archdiocese launch of this year's Project Compassion appeal. In a change from previous years, students and teachers from Years 6-12 in all four dioceses were able to join online.

The engaging event welcomed as special guests and celebrants: Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB; CEWA Deputy Executive Director Mr Wayne Bull and Deacon Paul Reid, the Community Participation Leader (WA & NT) at Caritas, the Catholic Church's aid and development agency.

Held annually over the six weeks of Lent, Project Compassion raises awareness and funds to address poverty and promote justice across the world. Inspired by the St Oscar Romero quote 'Aspire not to have more, but to be more', the Project Compassion theme for 2021 is 'Be more'. Archdiocesan parishioners and students are asked to focus on how we can 'be more' for our neighbours around the world – more kind, more green, more involved, more aware, more giving,





Elder Simon Forrest began the day with the Welcome to Country and a traditional Aboriginal smoke ceremony, the guests then attended Mass celebrated by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB. This was followed by a pancake morning tea and opportunity to meet other attendees.

The Lenten appeal included inspiring speeches from Deacon Paul Reid, Mr Wayne Bull and Mr Frank Italiano, who each called the Archdiocesan community to action.

The assembled students then participated in a justice-focused workshop introduced by Deacon Paul Reid, Kirsty Robertson and led by Bernice Sarpong, with the impact and reach of Project Compassion demonstrated by the case study of Jamila, a 22-year-old single mother living in the world's largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. A Rohingya woman who fled the armed conflict in Myanmar, Jamila is one of 1.3million people who remain in the densely populated camps. Thanks to the generosity of Caritas supporters, Jamila has received

access to emergency food and shelter, counselling, and programs to assist with parenting, health education and skills to help her earn a living.





Students watched video materials and participated in a live Q&A, before breaking into groups to work through several questions focusing on Catholic Social Teaching (CST) principles. The dialogue and feedback demonstrated the kindness and thoughtfulness of the youth of today, with many great ideas as to how we can help people like Jamila who themselves are trying to 'be more' for their families and communities.

Money raised during the appeal goes towards Caritas Australia's humanitarian and long-term development programs in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Pacific, and with Australia's First Peoples.

To learn more about Caritas Australia and Project Compassion, visit:

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion



#### **COLLEGE PRODUCTION: MONKEY!**

On Saturday 1 May the much anticipated College production *Monkey!* by Colin Teevan was brought to life across two performances.

The production had students involved in many areas including acting, set design, makeup artistry and musical

direction. It was fantastic to see these skills come together in an entertaining display of talent.



















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## **PEOPLE OF CORPUS - STAFF**

#### **RACHEL TAYLOR**

ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER

Rachel has many years' experience working with at risk children and their families, and has undertaken support roles in Aboriginal health and employment/training. She



is proud to be part of a large Nyoongar family who live in Perth and originate from Albany. She is also proud to have New Zealand heritage and has a large family in New Zealand too.

Rachel will be available on Wednesdays and Thursdays, where she will be building relationships with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) students at the College. Rachel will be working collaboratively to assist students utilise the support available to them, including building their knowledge of ATSI specific opportunities for post-secondary school to help plan for the future. Rachel also hopes to increase the number of ATSI children attending the College.

#### WHAT EXCITES YOU ABOUT WORKING AT CORPUS?

I was raised to value education and I look forward to assisting students and their families as much as I can.

#### DO YOU HAVE ANY HIDDEN TALENTS OR HOBBIES?

I love beautiful timber. I recently helped to design, build, fill with black epoxy, sand and varnish a marri timber vanity we built for a new bathroom we have added to our house.

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE TRAVEL DESTINATION?

New Zealand – it is so beautiful and very nostalgic for me. I spent 11 years of my childhood there. I love to visit when we can with my husband and our four children. My family over there are very welcoming and hospitable.

#### **LUKE GAVIN**

AQUATIC PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS MANAGER

Luke Gavin commenced at Corpus Christi in January 2021 in the role of Aquatic Programs and Operations Manager.



Luke is originally from

Melbourne, having worked at Melbourne Girls Grammar and Wesley College (Melbourne) as the Head Coach of their respective Aquatic Programs. Luke has a wealth of experience in starting up, managing and teaching in Learn to Swim Programs. More recently Luke has been working at Swimming WA for the last year as the Athlete and Coach Development Manager.

As an athlete, Luke has competed at a national level in Swimming and Surf Lifesaving and on an international level as a representative of the Australian Men's Water Polo Team. He is an advanced level coach in Swimming and Water Polo and is currently the Assistant Coach of the Australian Youth Boys Water Polo Team.

Luke is looking forward to building an Aquatics Program that caters for all Corpus Christi students, including those students who need to develop their confidence in the water, those who are wanting to improve their fitness levels, right through to those students who are interested in competing in Swimming and Water Polo at a higher level.



#### PATRICK WOOLLEY

HEAD OF YEAR 7

Head of Year 7 Mr Patrick Woolley has already made his mark at the College since joining us at the start of the year, with his experience in Year 7 transition programs ensuring our newest



cohort are well supported as they embark on their secondary school journey.

Patrick was an avid sportsman and coach while studying Environmental Science at university, and he realised after completing his degree that the aspects he enjoyed about sports – how it brings people together and challenges them – were calling on him to help people realise what they could achieve when their own 'boundaries' were removed and they had passion for what they were doing.

Mr Woolley has fully embraced College life and is a regular member of the Running Club. We wish Patrick and our Year 7 students a fruitful and faith-filled Semester 2!

# WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT CORPUS?

There are so many aspects to love about Corpus, the students and the range of skills and talents they bring on a daily basis, the welcoming staff and passion that exists in every corner of the College and lastly the facilities.

# WHAT IS SOMETHING OTHERS MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Sport and exercise are my escape, my meditation and my calming mechanism. I have always been a passionate sportsman enjoying all sports. I spent seven years living in the UK travelling Europe and competing in Triathlon events. I have competed in 8 Ironman events and too many half ironman events to count! I have also run my own business, coaching endurance athletes to achieve their own goals and love nothing more than seeing progress and a change in belief that sport can create for someone.

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

I love spending time with my family, my kids and extended family. We have a busy house with a little boy and twin baby girls, it is definitely 'a circus' but one I wouldn't change for anything.

#### **SIMON MESSER**

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL, MIDDLE SCHOOL

A familiar face at Corpus Christi, Simon Messer is an active contributor to the full life of the College. Commencing in 2005 with the Health and Physical Education team, Simon has clocked countless hours



supporting our students in extra-curricular sports, most notably Junior Boys Basketball, Senior Boys Soccer and the Golf Development Squad. His commitment to fostering the growth of our students, however, extends beyond the sporting field – as a Head of Year and in his current role of Deputy Principal of Middle School. Simon has an integral role in ensuring we provide the best pastoral care possible for our students.

#### WHY DID YOU BECOME A TEACHER?

I have a love of sport and always wanted to be involved in the industry. I was lucky to have some amazing coaches during my playing days that I really looked up to and admired. They along with an uncle of mine were what inspired me to become a PE teacher.

## WHAT PART OF YOUR ROLE EXCITES YOU THE MOST?

As a HPE teacher I get excited by the opportunity to help students learn new skills, try new activities and find something that they are passionate about. In my new role as Deputy Principal Middle School I really enjoy meeting prospective students and their families and having the opportunity to show them what an amazing school and community we are all a part of.

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLLEGE EVENT?

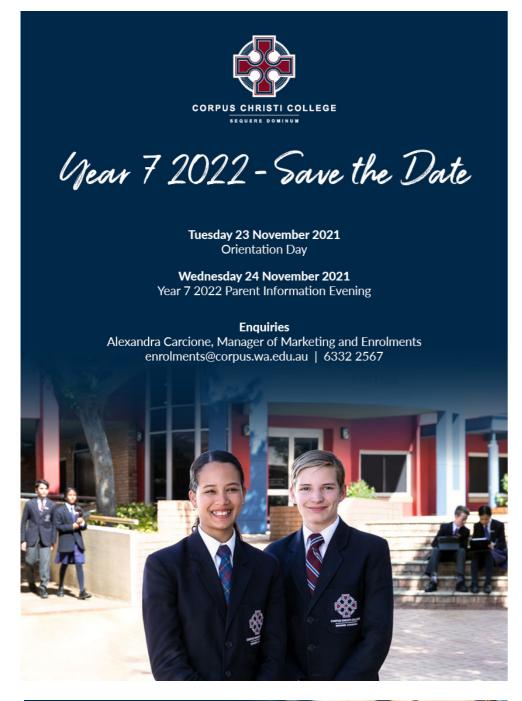
The Indoor Soccer Tournament and Talent Quest.

#### WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES OUTSIDE OF WORK?

I have a passion for golf and love watching and coaching my kids playing sport.



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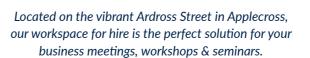


#### **BUSINESS DIRECTORY**

This is a FREE service for our current families, to encourage community spirit and support. Families who submit their details will have their business advertised on our online Corpus Business Directory, on social media and in our digital magazines. To view some of the other businesses that belong to our Corpus families, visit:

www.corpus.wa.edu.au/business-directory





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