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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 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

















### WHAT'S ON AT CORPUS

#### **2021 HOUSE CUP RESULTS**

There were many opportunities to earn House points across the year with participation and teamwork proving to be a vital ingredient for House success. House Cup points are awarded in variety of areas including Academics, Arts, Ministry and Sports.

Term 1 started with the Quest Retreat and the Canned Food Drive where MacKillop provided the largest collection. Next, the first Inter-house Swimming Carnivals were held in the new College Aquatic Centre, where De Vialar swam their way to first place. Pallotti impressed with a surprise win at the Cross Country Carnival. For the Project Compassion fundraiser 'Line of Hope', Merici netted a win for the longest line, with De Vialar securing victory for the most funds raised.

House points are awarded for the top academic performance in Middle School and Senior School at the end of each semester. The House Cup points tally starts at the beginning of Term 4 each year. In the Academic stakes, the top performing House in Middle School for Semester 2 2020 was Romero and for Semester 1 2021, Salvado was best. In Senior School, Merici was the top performer in Semester 2 2020, with De Vialar taking first place in Semester 1 2021.

Salvado took victory in the annual Corpus Christi Day Talent Quest held in Term Two. Term Three was packed with activities, starting with the Inter-house Play where students did an outstanding job at performing various aspects of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', with Xavier's performance acknowledged as the finest. Xavier also won the Inter-house Athletics Carnival in August and Pallotti scored first place in the creative LifeLink challenge.

The final totals were very close with De Vialar triumphant on 69 points – one point ahead of fast finishing Salvado. Congratulations to De Vialar, winner of the 2021 House Cup!



#### VISUAL ARTS WHEATBELT TOUR

During the July school holidays, 18 of our Senior School Arts students embarked on the 2021 Visual Art Wheatbelt Tour with Head of Arts Julie Pannell and Visual Arts Technician Trevor Bly.

The 6-day tour was centred around the state's biggest mural project: the large-scale FORM public mural art silo trail. The roundtrip showcased the West Australian narrative and gave students an opportunity to develop a body of work in response to the striking scenery – 'outcomes-based making' in site-specific locations.

Locations visited included: Northam, Merredin, Hyden, Newdegate, Lake Grace, Pingrup, Katanning, Collie and Bunbury.

In addition to touring various public art highlights, students immersed themselves in local country communities and a vast array of regional attractions, such as Wave Rock and Mulga Caves. Indigenous culture and art were also explored. The experiences were a boost for visual inspiration, helping students generate

innovative ideas and form bases for research. Students also learnt about the importance of regional tourism and celebrating our state's identity.

Students built on their skills in materials and techniques through hands-on experiences at regional centres, including:

- Multiple En Plein Air (Open Air) drawing workshops at tourist and scenic landscapes
- Bunbury Regional Art Gallery tour and skill building workshop

The artwork, tests and sketches produced over the week were the equivalent to an additional month of art classes during the school term. Students went on to create works for their art portfolios for submission towards ATAR, General Art Folio, and Certificate Folio Drawing Component.

The College congratulates all involved on a highly successful tour.



#### **YEAR 7 2022 ORIENTATION**

On Tuesday 23 November we welcomed to our Class of 2027 to Corpus Christi College for their Orientation day, which begins their transition into the College.

It was beautiful to see the Year 6 students fully engaged in the experiences offered, including meeting their

Homeroom, taking part in a practical science lesson, learning about their House Patron and participating in team building games.











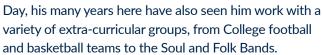
### **PEOPLE OF CORPUS - STAFF**

#### STEPHEN KINGWELL

**HEAD OF YEAR 7** 

Newly appointed Head of Year 7 for 2022, Stephen Kingwell is someone who has always enjoyed reaching out and helping others.

Known for his enthusiastic performances and hosting duties on Corpus Christi



Having begun teaching at Corpus in 2007, he has enjoyed both being a part of the Corpus family, as well as seeing the smiles on students faces when they achieve their best after pushing the boundaries of their comfort zones and challenging themselves.

# WHAT IS SOMETHING OTHERS MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Before teaching I worked many jobs; however, the most interesting one was working in Carnarvon for the Department of Sport and Recreation constructing and running holiday programs for community members.

#### WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A TEACHER?

The main reason for me becoming a teacher was to learn the skills to give me an opportunity to be the best father I could be. My dad in my eyes is the best there is and I wanted to learn as much about myself and the young people I work with so I could impart these skills learned into my own life.

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

In my university days, I used to work at a supermarket and would dread getting in my car to drive to work. It was not an enjoyable job. From that point on, I began using that feeling of dread as the barometer for personal job satisfaction. Since starting at Corpus however, I have not once felt apprehensive about work, and am very blessed to have a job I enjoy. I enjoy being here because the people at Corpus, both youthful and experienced, are good people.



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES
TEACHER

Digital Technologies Teacher and proud Pallotti House member Mr Noel Patterson has been a valued member of the Corpus teaching staff since 2019. Mr Patterson coordinates the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Corpus



Christi College. In addition to leading the two Duke of Ed expeditions with our Year 9s, he has also attended Senior School Retreats and was a site leader at the 2021 Year 12 Retreat.

Mr Patterson is a self-proclaimed lover of technology in all forms, so it is no surprise to hear that he also co-manages the Maker Space club, where students undertake coding, robotics and engineering projects.

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

What I love about working at Corpus is how I can walk around the campus on a daily basis seeing people smile all around. Corpus has a place for every child and no matter what their interests or background, everyone is happy, safe and made to feel part of our special community. That goes for the staff at Corpus too!

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLLEGE EVENT?

I'm a proud Pallotti Homeroom teacher and there's nothing like the sense of pride and House Spirit that resonates throughout the whole College during the Swimming Carnival. Every Palloti member puts so much effort and passion into the role whether swimming or cheering from the stands. It's great to be part of such an exciting fun day.

# WHAT IS SOMETHING OTHERS MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU?

Before moving to Australia I spent two years living and working in China. I worked in an International School and even taught IT and Digital Technologies just like I do today. I loved working with the mainly Japanese and Korean students at my school. Living in a city of 17.5 million people was a thrilling experience, not to mention the birth of my son in a Chinese/American hospital!

#### **CLAIRE HALL**

**HEAD OF SCIENCE** 

Originally from Glasgow and having lived throughout the UK and Europe, Mrs Hall joined Corpus in 2018 and now works as the Head of Science at the College. Before becoming a teacher, she worked in



the industry as a medical sales representative for 2 years after completing University. However, she quickly realised that although it was a very good job, she wanted to utilise her experience in the science field and share her knowledge with others.

She loves the community feel of Corpus, and says it is great that there are so many opportunities to get involved in the school in other ways than just teaching in the classroom, having also been involved in retreats, science club, fitness club and running club.

#### WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A TEACHER?

I wanted to use my science background more and share my love of finding out the 'why and how' things work in a teaching capacity. What I love is seeing the moment a student understands the reasons why something happens.

### WHAT IS SOMETHING THAT OTHERS MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT YOU?

When I was at school, like most students I didn't have a clue what career I wanted! I didn't know whether to go into Art or Science. My Art teacher desperately wanted me to pursue a career in Art but at the time I enjoyed learning all about Biology and Chemistry. I now have the best of both worlds, I teach Science and have Art as a hobby.

#### WHAT INSPIRES YOU?

Travel has been one of the biggest motivational and inspirational achievements of my life. Some of these include being lucky enough to swim in the base of highest waterfall in the world, trek in the Amazon rainforest, live and work in Barcelona and have to learn to speak Spanish. My love of visiting other countries and cultures continues to inspire me to want to learn more about the world I live in and how I can educate others in sustainability for future generations to continue to enjoy all the ecosystems have to offer.

#### **LUISA ROSSI**

COLLEGE PSYCHOLOGIST

Passionate about the science of positive psychology and its implementation in schools to better aid students, Luisa Rossi has been College Psychologist here at Corpus since 2015.



A Corpus Christi College alumnus herself, having

graduated in 1992, she now works to ensure students learn skills to manage their own wellbeing in their lives. She also finds joy in sharing knowledge with parents and teachers to better support students throughout their unique journeys through Corpus. One of her highlights, she tells us, is attending the Mulan Immersion trip in 2016 to a remote Aboriginal community, together with students and staff.

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

My day is usually a mix of appointments with students, parents and teachers. I see students for counselling for a wide range of issues and sometimes conduct assessments to identify any learning difficulties. I also work with parents and staff to ensure students are well supported while they are at Corpus.

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

The Talent Quest on Corpus Christi Day! Every year I am blown away by the talent of our students. I love watching them step out of their comfort zone and performing in front of the whole school. Not only do I admire their talent, but also their bravery. I wish I had that courage when I was in high school.

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

I love heading to the beach whenever I can. I enjoy surfing, riding my Vespa and socialising with friends - going out for breakfasts, lunches, dinners and nights out dancing. I also love spending time with my kids, listening to music and playing the guitar.



# 2022 Tour Dates

#### **TERM ONE**

Tuesday 1 March 9.30am - Primary School (*Tour*)
Tuesday 15 March 9.30am - Middle and Senior School (*Open Day*)

#### **TERM TWO**

Tuesday 24 May 9.30am - Primary School (*Tour*) Wednesday 15 June 9.30am - Middle and Senior School (*Tour*)

#### **TERM THREE**

Tuesday 16 August 9.30am - Primary School (*Tour*)
Wednesday 31 August 9.30am - Middle and Senior School (*Tour*)

#### **TERM FOUR**

Saturday 12 November 10.00am - Whole College (Open Day)

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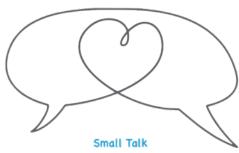
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