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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
Acting Principal



MESSAGE FROM ENROLMENTS

WELCOME TO CORPUS SPIRIT

Welcome to the third 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 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

Caroline Payne

20 April 1957 - 26 March 2020

"The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine
on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26



IN MEMORY OF CAROLINE PAYNE

It is with great sadness that we share with the community the passing of our much-loved Principal and leader Caroline Payne.

Caroline has been part of our Corpus family for 11 years, commencing as College Principal in 2009. She was an outstanding visionary leader and teacher who inspired all she met.

Caroline has championed numerous projects as part of her ongoing commitment to enhancing the educational opportunities for Corpus students. Her inspirational leadership and tenacity has resulted in many significant accomplishments, one example being the completion of the Theatre which was recently named after her.

Our status as an Apple Distinguished School future-proofed our students' education, setting Corpus apart from many other schools. It was Caroline's pioneering in this space that paved the way for the successful online learning delivery that we are currently able to offer in these uncertain times.

An inspiring, tenacious and visionary leader, Caroline touched many lives through her care and compassion for others.

We welcome those who wish to write in her condolence book to send their message here for inclusion:
www.corpus.wa.edu.au/condolence-book

At Caroline's family's request, we ask that for those who wish to pay their respects to Caroline consider donating to the Breast Cancer Research Centre - WA:
<https://bcrc-wa.com.au/ways-to-help/donations/>
or commit to giving blood donations through Australian Red Cross Lifeblood:
www.donateblood.com.au



REMOTE LEARNING AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

With governments around the world scrambling to navigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on K-12 education, one thing is for certain: digital integration has never been more valuable.

The sudden need for an alternative, home-based method of delivery is a challenge Corpus Christi College is particularly well-placed to meet for its 1,300 students across Years 7-12. One of only a few high schools in Western Australia to have achieved Apple Distinguished School status, the College's preparedness goes beyond having an existing 1-to-1 device policy for its students. Technology is already a core aspect of curriculum delivery, with students enjoying a learning environment that allows them to create, interact and explore on their iPads. Apps are utilised in innovative ways in all subjects, even in Health & Physical Education and the Arts.

This digitally-enriched culture meant it was less of an initial shock to adjust existing lessons to the online sphere. In a demonstration of agility and teamwork, the teaching staff at the College – along with Director of Digital Integration Jamie Clark and the ICT team led by Network Manager Daniel Chapman – finessed a learning environment where every student could log on remotely and participate in engaging classes with their teachers and peers online.

"Our remote learning strategy has provided staff and students with a familiar structure and helped maintain clear routines and expectations. Whilst we miss being in the classroom with students, our expertise in technology integration has meant we can continue to deliver engaging and meaningful learning experiences online".

-Jamie Clark

The virtual classes are supported by clear guidelines for students on how to prepare for and attend their lessons, including taking care of their wellbeing and workspaces at home. Children of essential workers are also able to come to school and log on from their designated classrooms. Both students and staff alike have taken the shift to remote learning in stride, embracing the unexpected change as an opportunity.

The feedback from parents has been unanimous: the proactive response and engaging lessons have exceeded expectations and are comparatively above and beyond the offerings of other schools across the nation. In facilitating the seamless continuation of the school term, families can rest assured their children's education is taken care of in a time of unprecedented societal upheaval.

As Catholic schools in Western Australia continue to review school attendance requirements – starting with the return to face-to-face learning for Years 11 and 12 in Term 2 – the College is well positioned to deploy the appropriate mode(s) of learning for the situation at hand.

For more information on Remote Learning, please visit:

www.corpus.wa.edu.au/remote-learning



WHAT'S ON AT CORPUS

WEEKLY WELLBEING

In these challenging and unfamiliar times, student life has changed in unprecedented ways. Not only has learning shifted into an online delivery format, but the day-to-day routines and interactions that keep us all connected to each other have also been affected. The College recognises that the emotional and spiritual wellbeing of our students is just as important as ensuring their educational programs are world-class. To this aim, the College will be launching a calendar of weekly wellbeing activities in Term 2.

The weekly Wellbeing Package will consist of daily activities and challenges designed to keep students connected, active and motivated. While this pastoral resource is not a compulsory program, participation is strongly encouraged – the aim is not to add to student workload but to actually prevent and relieve the stress associated with learning in a new environment.

An example of the Package is the Week 1 offerings of:

Motivational Monday

Get fit and have fun with the Body Coach

Talent Tuesday

Develop a new talent in beat boxing

Wellbeing Wednesday

Reflecting on family and positivity

Try Something New Thursday

Dance to music

Faith in Action Friday

Prayer for Good Shepherd Sunday

In addition to students being able to self-select what suggestions work for them, guidance will also be provided on how to maintain healthy routines and make good use of downtime.

Beyond the online classroom, the community-at-large is experiencing uncertainty and upheaval on an unprecedented scale. In looking out for the pastoral care of our students, we are supporting them to be able to navigate these changes as well. Like the rest of the nation, students are being called upon to be adaptable, resilient and patient while restrictions are in place. It can be confronting and upsetting to not be able to play your favourite sport, hang out with your friends, or go to places you normally would.

Thankfully, being socially distanced does not mean being socially disconnected from each other. Students are reminded they are part of a caring, supportive community. To keep House spirit alive, the College will be unveiling alternatives to the House competition activities we usually partake in. The College will also be listening to the student voice, engaging in two-way conversations on how we can best get through these challenging times together. For those needing additional help, our College psychologists are available to assist.

We encourage every community member to take care of themselves and each other as we continue on this journey.



YEAR 7 2020 QUEST RETREAT



On Friday 7 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.

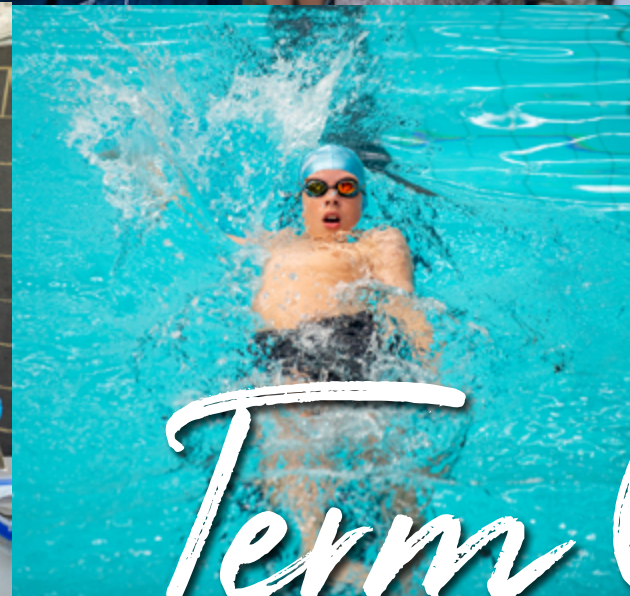
The second part of Quest retreat took place on Friday 14 February, with a canned food collection and a breakfast from 7.30am.

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.





PEOPLE OF CORPUS

CAROLINE STEVENSON | TEACHER IN CHARGE OF DANCE



Mrs Stevenson joined Corpus Christi College in Term 2 of 2018. She completed her professional dance training at the Australian Ballet School and has performed professionally with the Australian Youth Ballet Company, Australian Ballet Company and Remnant Dance Collective. She has toured extensively as a dancer, teacher, choreographer, examiner and adjudicator nationally and internationally. At Corpus, Mrs Stevenson is an enthusiastic cheerleader for Romero House and has choreographed numerous dances that have been performed at masses, assemblies, Dance Galas, the Catholic Performing Arts Festival and most notably, the 2019 College production of Disney’s Beauty and the Beast.

WHY DID YOU BECOME A TEACHER?

I have been teaching for a long time but not in a school context so becoming a secondary school teacher seemed like a natural transition. Some of my friends have asked me why teach in a school as opposed to a dance studio and my answer is two-fold: Unfortunately, there are still a lot of schools who have non-specialist

teachers teaching dance and I wanted to give students studying curriculum dance the same opportunity of learning from an experienced dancer and teacher as students in studios. I also feel that in school we are creating dance artists as opposed to merely dance technicians. If a young person wants to have a future dance career, it is important that they are thinking dancers who understand the history and mechanics of dance and can create and are not just dancing robots.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE DANCE STYLE?

Ballet is definitely my first love. It is one of the most demanding forms of physical activity and yet ballet dancers make it look so effortless. You won’t hear any grunting from effort coming from a dancer!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLLEGE EVENT? WHY?

Every event that involves dance of course! Seriously though, I think my favourite College event would be Corpus Christi Day which is a day the students and teachers can interact in a more relaxed and fun way. The talent show towards the end of the day is always good fun.

FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF?

I have pulled a shark out of the ocean with my bare hands. I have met and danced for the Queen. I can also play the bass (very badly).



WILLIAM O’CALLAGHAN | SCIENCE TEACHER



Science teacher William O’Callaghan has been a member of the Corpus teaching staff since 2003. As well as being an active member of Chisholm house, William is the current coordinator of the Excelsis Club, which aims to promote and reward academic excellence in the Senior School. William decided to be a teacher after personal circumstances encouraged him to re-evaluate his life. Since then, his commitment to education has benefited the lives of countless students, especially those who have been able to reach their desired ATAR through achieving excellent scores in ATAR Physics. He greatly admires renowned Scottish physicist James Clerk Maxwell (1831-1879), who once said ‘I have looked into most philosophical systems and I have seen that none will work without God.’

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT WORKING AT CORPUS?

I love everything about working at Corpus. I feel like I’m part of a caring, nurturing team. The students are wonderful and their curiosity and eagerness to learn invigorates me.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLLEGE EVENT? WHY?

Mass at the end and beginning of each year. It just seems like the right way to start and finish, sharing the Eucharist with colleagues and friends.

HOW DO YOU LIKE TO SPEND TIME OUTSIDE OF WORK?

I read up on new developments in the field of Physics. I like to stay abreast of break edge discoveries and learn new things.

NAOMI LARSEN | HEAD OF YEAR 7



When it comes to building a strong sense of community, Head of Year 7 Mrs Naomi Larsen is a trusted team player. The Corpus alum (Class of 1993) returned to the College in 2015 as a PE teacher and Head of Year, and since then has been involved in all facets of College life. She has helped coordinate numerous events in her capacity as a Head of Year, from the Year 7 Quest Retreat to the Year 9 Personal Project to the Year 12 Ball. She coaches Netball, Touch, Basketball, ACC Athletics and ACC Swimming, and was part of the successful 2019 Gold Coast Netball Tour. Whether it’s positive education or health & wellbeing, Naomi is here to work with students and staff to ensure our minds and bodies are in good shape for the road ahead.

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO BECOME A TEACHER?

A love for learning and a desire to share that with others influenced my decision to become a teacher. This, as well as supporting students to recognise their own passions, strengths and talents enabling them to achieve and succeed is one aspect of teaching I really enjoy.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE COLLEGE EVENT? WHY?

College events such as Corpus Christi Day, Retreats and Immersion programs are my favourite. They provide students and staff the opportunity to develop respectful relationships and positively contribute to the community.

DO YOU HAVE ANY ADVICE FOR NEW STUDENTS STARTING AT CORPUS?

Get involved! Take advantage of the many opportunities available at the College, there is something for everyone.

EVENTS & NOTICES



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Year 7 2021 - Save the Date

Thursday 15 October 2020 | Time TBC
Mathematics Acceleration Testing

Thursday 19 November 2020 | 4.00-5.30pm
Ignite the Spirit Fun Day

Tuesday 24 November 2020 | 9.00am-2.00pm
Orientation Day

Wednesday 25 November 2020 | 6.00pm
Parent Information Evening

Enquiries
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**These dates are subject to change, pending the latest advice from the Department of Health regarding Covid-19.*

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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