



Holy Cross College

Office of the Principal

Holy Cross College, founded by the Patrician Brothers, 1891

1 February 2017

Dear Parents

I write to you for the first time as the newly appointed Principal of Holy Cross College.

Welcome to parents

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all of the new and continuing families for the 2017 academic year. We thank you for doing us the great honour of selecting Holy Cross College to educate your son. It is a sacred trust that you have placed in us and we will endeavour to work with you in partnership to ensure that your son grows into the man that God wants him to be.

The College was established by the Patrician Brothers in 1891 and has a proud tradition of educating young men of faith now extending 126 years. Holy Cross College is an authentically Catholic school that strives to take seriously the charism of the Patrician Brothers who make hospitality and welcome their special care. This central pillar of the Patrician Charism extends from the perspective that we see Christ in all those that we meet and is reflected in the prayer attributed to St Patrick the 'Breastplate of St Patrick.' From the start of Term 1 2017 the "Breastplate of St Patrick" will be how our community will start each day.

Those who are hospitable, by definition, put the needs of others before their own needs. It is this kind of other-centred man we seek to develop. I hope you see it reflected in our values, policies and procedures and that it supports your values at home.

A community built upon Jesus' radical message of inclusion...

At the heart of the Gospel story we encounter Jesus' radical message of inclusion, explicitly through his teaching and implicitly in his actions. The message is clear - there is a place for all in God's Kingdom and those on the margins deserve our special care.

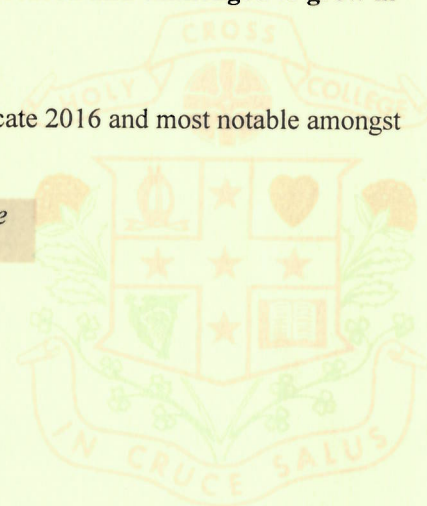
Holy Cross College is a genuinely catholic learning community in the true sense of the word. It is a place that welcomes students from across the educational spectrum: from the highest achievers to those who require the most support.

ALL have a place here and **ALL**, whatever their starting point, are appropriately **nurtured and challenged to grow** in their learning and achieve their personal best.

2016 HSC

A number of subjects achieved above the state average in the Higher School Certificate 2016 and most notable amongst them were;

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Percentage above State Average</i>
<i>Music</i>	7.89
<i>Construction Examination</i>	7.64
<i>Hospitality</i>	5.19
<i>Personal Development Health & Physical Education</i>	4.17
<i>Industrial technology</i>	3.42
<i>Mathematics General</i>	2.71



I congratulate the students and teachers who have achieved such great results and look forward to meeting the young men in person at the High Achievers Assembly on Friday the 10th of February.

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New members of staff

We welcome a number of new staff members to the College in 2017 in various roles. I am buoyed by the passion, experience and enthusiasm of the staff and believe that they will serve the college well.

Janine Blaine	Religious Education / HSIE
Mr Jerome Capistrano	Science Co-ordinator
Mr David Cobb	Mathematics
Mr George Harapa	Personal Development Health & Physical Education
Glynis Heydon	Student Services
Joyce Ison	Mathematics
Taran Kaur	Science
Victoria Keech	English Co-ordinator
Stephanie Llave	Mathematics / Youth Ministry Co- ordinator
Mr Michael Menniti	Yr 7 Co-ordinator
Mr Glenn Trevaskis	English

2017 College Leadership Team

Mr Phillip Stewart	Principal
Mr Michael Reid	Assistant Principal
Mrs Ivanka Rancic	Religious Education Co-ordinator
Mr Michael Croucher	Director of Learning and Curriculum
Mrs Virginia Reeves	Head of Diverse Learning
Mr Daniel Junge	Administration Co-ordinator
Mr Chris Whitty	Leader of Learning; Knowledge and Innovation
Mrs Jessica Janz	Executive Assistant

Your Contribution to maintaining the College's high standards

The College has the highest expectations when it comes to the standards of academic effort, uniform, grooming, courtesy and respect. These expectations are demanded of every student. I am confident that this is being well communicated to your sons and shared with you by other leaders of the College. High standards don't just happen, they are hard work, and they must be demanded by every adult member of the College community as an example to the youth for whom we care. Those 'youths' include your son and the 'adults' include teachers and parents alike. Your co-operation in reinforcing the expectation of high standards is necessary and important.

The College has two significant events occurring next week:

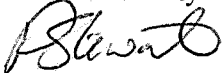
Tuesday, 7 February 9.45am – Opening School Mass to be held in the Patrician Centenary Hall.
Friday, 10 February 6.30pm-8.30pm – Compulsory Horizons Night for Parents.

I hope you share my enthusiasm and excitement for the year ahead. I look forward to working with you as we continue to see Holy Cross College grow from strength to strength. 2017 promises to be a great year for our community.

The Breastplate of St Patrick (Abridged)

Christ, be with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ where I lie, Christ where I sit,
Christ where I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.
Salvation is of the Lord.
Salvation is of the Christ.
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.

Yours sincerely



Mr Phillip Stewart
PRINCIPAL