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In work it is fairness;
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Toward the wicked it is resistance;
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Toward the penitent it is forgiveness;
Toward the successful it is congratulation;
And toward God it is reverence and obedience.
AMEN.

Details of the Retreats:
Year 11: 7 - 8 October
- The retreat is compulsory
- It will be run by the Passionists from Brisbane
- It will be a one day retreat
- The year 11 cohort will be split into two groups; one group will be on retreat in non-uniform while the other group will work on QCS, wearing their full academic uniform. The next day will be reversed, if you were on retreat on the Thursday, you will be doing QCS on the Friday and vice versa. When attending the retreat day wearing non-uniform, make sure that you wear appropriate casual clothes and shoes (Thongs are not allowed).
- The retreat and QCS practice will be held at school and in normal school time.

Year 12: 7 – 8 October
- The retreat is compulsory
- It will be run by Michael Fitzpatrick
- It is a two day retreat
- Students are to wear non-uniform, which are appropriate casual clothes and shoes (Thongs are not allowed).
- Please bring a cushion to sit on
- Bring some pens

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Exams Procedures - Students

1. Read your exam timetable carefully and note all exams. This is YOUR responsibility.
2. Turn up in plenty of time – half hour before most exams or at 8.25 am for morning exams.
3. Wear full academic uniform.
4. Phone the college if you are going to be late or are ill. Illness will usually require a medical certificate to be presented when you return to school. You will still be required to complete the exam.
5. Bring all necessary equipment – spare pens, calculators, rulers, erasers, extra batteries etc in a clear container. You will not be allowed to borrow anything during the exams. Do not bring other materials into the exam.
6. When called over the PA, line up in classes in alphabetical order so that rolls can be marked. This order is also the order that you will sit in for the exam. Follow teacher directions.
7. Dispose of any study notes before you enter the exam room.
8. Once you enter the exam room you must remain silent and not communicate with any other student in any way. TO DISRUPT AN EXAM IS A SERIOUS BREACH OF THE COLLEGE BEHAVIOUR CODE.
9. During perusal, you may not write your answers, but, in some subjects, you may be able to write notes on the exam. Remember perusal means read thoroughly, not skim.
10. Read the whole paper during perusal and ask questions at that time.
11. Do not ask teachers how to answer questions – they cannot tell you and it wastes your valuable time.
12. At St Patrick’s you may not leave the exam room until the set time, ie the end of the exam.
13. No food is to be taken into exam rooms and water bottles must be kept on the floor.
14. If you wish to speak to a supervisor you must stand in your place. Do NOT raise your hand.
15. MP3s, I pods, Mobile phones etc are strictly forbidden in the exam room at all times.
16. We are under State and National requirements for the qualifications gained by senior assessment including exams – these require the college to conduct exams under strict, secure, ethical conditions.
17. Rearranging an exam can only be done under very exceptional circumstances which MUST be disclosed to the Administration of the college – it is not desirable because of the reasons stated above.
18. SCHOOL NOTICES will be posted on noticeboards each day. Please check these for any important information.
rehearsals. These rehearsals are compulsory. Students are required to wear formal school uniform to these rehearsals. Please ensure you attend rehearsals as stated below.

- **Wednesday 8 September:**
  - 7:10 am – 8:20 am Percussion Ensemble
  - 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm Handbell Ensemble
- **Thursday 9th September:**
  - 7:00 am – 8:20 am Stage Band
  - 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Choir (Novelty and sectionals)
- **Friday 10th September:**
  - 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Folk group
- **Monday 13th September:**
  - 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Folk group
- **Tuesday 14th September:**
  - 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Choir (Novelty)
- **Wednesday 15th September:**
  - 7:00 am 8:20 am Percussion Ensemble
  - 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Choir
  - 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm Handbell Ensemble
- **Thursday 16th September:**
  - 12:45 pm – 3:00 pm Choir workshop with Julie Christensen
- **Friday 17th September:**
  - 9:00 pm – 11:30 pm Handbell Ensemble

All rehearsals will recommence as usual in the first week back of next term.

- Choir (Tuesday 7:00 am)
- Percussion (Wednesday 7:10 am)
- Handbells (Wednesday 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm)
- Stage Band (Thursday 7:00 am)

During the first few weeks of term 4, there will be extra sectional and group practices for each ensemble. Please watch this space for details.

We thank you in advance for your talent, commitment and support to the Co-curricular Arts Program at St Patrick's College. We wish all the groups all the very best for the upcoming Eisteddfod.

**CO-CURRICULAR PERFORMANCE UNIFORMS:**

As the Eisteddfod commences week one of next term, it is important that students and families have organised performance uniforms. Below is a list of uniform requirements.

**Choir and Handbell Ensemble:**

**Female choir students** are required to wear:

- **Blouse** - Poly-Shantung (Rich Red). Covered buttons down the centre front. Lining not necessary, however the garment will keep its shape better if lined. Perspiration shield essential.
- **Skirt** - Micro crepe – navy. Darts or elastic-waisted. Lining not essential but definitely preferred. Kick-pleat high enough to allow movement. Comfortable fit. Must NOT be tight! (Length – 10 cm from the floor with shoes on)
- **Accessories** - Shoes - black with low heels (school shoes are fine). No high heels or strappy sandals, black stockings (essential), gold jewellery only and black or red hair accessories.

(Patterns are available for loan at reception. Female Choir uniform material available at Needleworx, corner Sams and Willets Roads, North Mackay. Ph: 49421644)

**Male choir students** are required to wear:

- long black dress pants,
- a white long sleeve collared business shirt (with school tie),
- a school blazer with polished black school shoes and black socks.

**Stage Band, Percussion Ensembles and Handbell Ensemble:**

Students are required to wear long black dress pants, a long sleeve collared black dress shirt with enclosed black shoes and black socks. Performance accessories will be supplied if required.

**SPORT**

Mr Brendon Brauer

**St Pat's Open Touch**

The third round of the Open schools competition was played on Monday afternoon with all four St Pat's teams in action. The St Pat's ABC's were up against Ying & Yang (Mackay North SHS) with the game ending in a draw 3-3. The team was not complete with a number of players unavailable due to work experience commitments.

Patty's Penguins were defeated 6-2 by the Untouchables (Pioneer SHS) and will need to bounce back from this defeat with a likely showdown against St Pat's Destroying Divas certain in the coming weeks. The Destroying Divas fought back from a half time deficit and managed to remain undefeated in the competition after levelling the game 4-4 against 'The Real Good Team'.

St Pat's Cat's were drawn against an open men's team to give the schoolboys some experience against older opponents. The boys accepted the challenge and it didn't take long for Matthew Surha to stamp his authority on the game eventually finishing with 7 tries in a 16-2 demolition of the opposition. The St Pat's boys were in awe of Surha as he broke down the defence with his acceleration, agility and individual skills that were exciting to watch. He was well supported by Tim Davidson, Ryan Jones and Harrison Khalu who also caused many headaches for their older opponents. Brenton Benson was well organised in his defence and Jarryd Lawton's effort also deserves praise.

**St Pat’s Cricket teams progresses to area final**

St Pat's entered a team in the inaugural Super 8 cricket competition this year. The matches have been played on Monday afternoons against North Mackay High School and Mirani High.

The matches are using a new format - all eight players bat in pairs for two overs, with each wicket lost subtracting 5 runs, and the last four overs are a power play during which batsmen may be dismissed. Wides and no balls are worth two runs and are not rebowled unless it is the last over.

St Pat's played Mirani at Mirani on Monday 6 September and used the match as part of the Interschool limited overs competition. St Pat’s won well. We batted first and made 88. All players contributed, with Luke Podsky batting particularly well, supported by Kyle Leeson and Elliott Ames.

Mirani replied with 76. Luke Podsky completed a good double by bowling accurately and taking a vital wicket. Other very effective bowlers were Ryan Casey (2 wickets), Andrew Herbert, Kyle Leeson and Ryan DiFilippo. Lian de Waal bowled a great last over.

The full squad was: Ryan Casey (c), Corey Everson, Kyle Leeson, Ryan DiFilippo, Lian de Waal, Elliott Ames, Luke Podsky and Andrew Herbert.

St Pat’s will now play North Mackay State High in the area final.
McDonalds Donation
St Pat’s has recently been donated a 3m x 3m marquee by McDonald’s family restaurants, Mackay. The college would like to thank Mrs Lisa Jamieson for organising this donation for the college which will be very useful for our college rowing team and any other college sporting team that the marquee may be of use to. McDonald’s have provided a number of these marquees to various sporting clubs throughout Mackay.

Important Dates
October 20  Mackay District Trials (Waterpolo, Softball)
November 12  St Patrick’s College Sports Dinner

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**CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY**
Sunday 12 September 2010
At the conclusion of Child Protection Week

The theme for this year is **WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

We fly white balloons to acknowledge what our school is doing to provide a safe environment. Joining with others in this awareness raising campaign we proclaim to our school and to society at large our determination to protect young people and to stop child abuse wherever it occurs.

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**BUS FARE ASSISTANCE & STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**
Semester 2, 2010, direct line applications for the Bus Fare Assistance Program and the Students with Disabilities Scheme will be accepted from:

1st October until 31st October 2010

Online applications for both these programs can be accessed via the following website: www.schooltransport.com.au

Further enquiries to: 3336 9192 or schooltransport@qcec.catholic.edu.au

Applications received after 31st October 2010 cannot be processed.

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**DOES YOUR TEENAGER DRINK ALCOHOL?**

Alcohol use is common amongst teenagers and, as a parent, there are things you can do to reduce the risk of alcohol-related harm.

Project SHEILD assists parents to work out how best to deal with teenage alcohol use. The program is free, confidential, and involves a consultation with a registered psychologist (by phone or visit). If you are a parent of a teenager aged 13–17 years, this program could be of benefit to you.

To find out if Project SHEILD is right for you, please contact Dayna Smith at The University of Queensland or T: (07) 3345 4553 or E: projectshield@eq.edu.au

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**Term 3 2010 Year 11 & 12 Exam Timetable**

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