Greetings and welcome to all in our Saint Mary’s Catholic College community for 2013,

I would particularly like to welcome any new families who are joining our community for the first time. I hope that you and your family experience the same friendly welcome and genuine hospitality that I received when I joined the Saint Mary’s community last year. In our school’s Benedictine tradition we talk about a “Welcome of the heart” and this certainly was my experience.

We also welcome a number of new staff to our community this year:

Angelique Cook (Drama / Dance teacher)
Jenny Cran (Middle Years teacher)
Allan Medlen (HPE / Sports Coordinator)
Kaitlyn Tucker (Maths, Home Ec teacher)
Sonia Robertson (English, SoSE teacher)
Peter Tosi (IT Support)
Amanda Jensen (Uniform shop convener)

We welcome back Sarah McCarthy and Shelley Weier (teachers) who return to our community after maternity leave. We also have a new Area Supervisor, Mr. Peter Stower who has replaced Michael Kearney after his move to the position of Director – Administrative Services within Brisbane Catholic Education.

I would like to encourage everyone in our community to join us at our major College events throughout the year. There are a number of these major events over the coming weeks:

- Return to school assembly and Parent Morning tea (Wednesday, 30th Jan): Students are to wear their formal uniforms.
  - Prep students: Go to the Prep room (see map on reverse) to meet staff and other parents and students.
  - Year 1 – 12 students: Go to the Mary Knoll Centre (see map on reverse), the Multipurpose Hall at the back of the College for Welcome Prayer and Assembly.
  - String Orchestra: please bring your instruments to school on Wednesday, 30th Jan.

Parent Welcome Morning Tea: Following assembly at about 9:15am in the Mary Knoll Centre. All welcome. This is a great chance to meet other parents and the College’s Leadership team.

- College Swimming Carnival: Thursday, 14th Feb at the Kingaroy Pool, Alford Street.
- College Opening Mass: 9:15am Tuesday, 5th Feb at the College’s Mary Knoll Centre.
- P&F Meetings: 7:30pm every third Tuesday of the month in term time.

Our new Year 3/4/5 Adventure Playground and cricket nets are currently under construction. I am hoping that both of these will be ready for use by the start of term.

In a number of discussions with our P&F last year, the need for all students to have a formal uniform was raised. For some reason, the P-5 boys formal uniform had slipped off the College’s radar over the past couple of years. We are keen that all students have a formal uniform for assemblies, excursions, school photos, Awards Night and other special events and occasions. I would ask parents of all students to make sure that their child/ren have both sport and formal uniforms. Because of the P-5 boys’ past situation, we will give families a few weeks to allow time to purchase the required maroon College Rugger shorts. We may look at our reviewing our current uniform over the next couple of years. Any eventual changes would be phased in and not imposed in one fell swoop.

Yours in Christ

Mr. Michael Nayler
Principal
From the Deputy

Formal Uniform is to be worn by all students, including correct shoes. Please ensure students have a College hat (clearly labelled with their name) for playtime. Any issues please contact me at the College on 4162 2011.

Lockers

All students in years 9 to 12 have the option of using a locker for the school year. If you would like a locker you need to provide your own lock with two keys. One key will be left at the student reception in case the other is misplaced. Lockers will be allocated by the Deputy Principal once two keys have been produced.

God bless

Sean Erwin

Deputy Principal

Uniform Shop

During the School Term, the Uniform Shop operates on Wednesdays from 8:00am to 11:00am.

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