

From The Principal
Mr Mark Hodges



Dear Parents/Carers

*And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season;
his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he does shall prosper. Psalm 1:3*

Welcome to 2017! We trust that the holiday period was an enjoyable, restful and safe break for your family. We extend a very special welcome to all those who are new to our College. We trust that your year will be a successful one and that you are greatly blessed by being part of our College community.

On Tuesday, 6 December 2016, our College Board met to discuss strategic directions for the 2017 year towards 2020. We will be continuing to develop these strategies throughout 2017. The Board discussed a range of critical agendas for our College, with one area of focus being staff performance and development with ISQ and our ongoing involvement with the Self Improving Schools project with ISQ consultant, Mrs Pauline Kenzler. The Board also reviewed our vision, in line with our strategic objectives and affirmed the College's vision:

To be the Sunshine Coast's leading provider of quality, Christian education where staff and students flourish.

During the week prior to school, the College staff spend a significant part of the week preparing for the year ahead and participating in professional development activities. On Tuesday, 17 January, our College Executive and staff will participate in a series of workshops which include *Creating a Safe Staff Culture* and *Servant Leadership*, facilitated by Mr Ray Tiller from Equipping Christian Schools.

Some of the other aspects of the Professional Development Program for teachers will include, work health and safety, child protection training, professional boundaries, AITSL Professional Standards, and the new Secondary Discipline Program.

Key College Staff and their roles are listed below:

College Principal	Mr Mark Hodges
Head of Senior School and VET coordinator	Mr Andrew Priaux
Head of Middle School	Mrs Ceridwyn Bloxham
Head of Primary	Mrs Julie Lockyer
Business Manager	Mrs Beryl Hastie
Executive Assistant	Ms Donna Richards
Librarian	Mrs Allyssa Lofthouse
Early Learning Centre (Pre-Kindy and Kindy)	Mrs Nerida Fraser
Enrolments	Mrs Janine Gilchrist
Student Reception	Miss Nykala O'Farrell
Parent Reception	Mrs Leonie Stolz
Heads of Houses	
Bilyara	Mr Andrew McVittie
Matumba	Mrs Brenda Klein
Pinyali	Mrs Rebecca Spicer

We welcome in 2017, Mrs Ceridwyn Bloxham – Head of Middle School, Mr Ian McKellar – Grounds and Maintenance Officer, Mrs Bronwyn Crabtree – Primary Teacher Aide and Mrs Annette Dougherty – Year 5D. We extend a special welcome to these staff and we look forward to the contribution they will make in the life of the College.

The College will start the year with enrolment numbers of 408 (Pre-Kindy-12) made up of Pre-Kindy, Kindy, Prep, two Year 1 classes, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6, Year 7A, Year 7B, Year 8A, Year 8B, Year 9A and 9B, Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12.

This year, our College Term 1 start will be a split start with Prep – Year 9 and Year 12 students commencing on Monday, 23 January and Years 10 and 11 commencing on Tuesday, 24 January.

For the very first time, on Monday, 23 January we will be hosting a welcome to students on the small oval from 7:45am concluding at 8:20am. Students will be greeted by our student leaders and teachers – pancakes will be served. At 8:20am all new students will meet in the Theatre.

The College **Welcome BBQ and Prep – Year 9 Parent Information Night** will be held on **Tuesday, 24 January from 5:00pm**. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. The invitation for this event is available on our website under College Life > Letters Home > All School.

Tuesday, 31 January is the **College Commencement and Dedication Service** to be held in the Church, commencing at 6:30pm and concluding at 7:30pm. This is a formal, compulsory event for all students in Years 4 –12 and as such, is an important event in the College calendar – formal uniform is required. Information relating to this event can be accessed on our website under College Life > Letters Home > All School.

There are many ways parents can be involved in our College community. Last year, we launched our new Parent Ambassador Program – this is a very important role within our school and would like at least one House or Class Ambassador per year level. If you would like to contribute in this way, or to know more, please contact my Executive Assistant, Donna Richards via email ea@calcc.qld.edu.au or phone 07 5436 6729.

Coffee on the Deck is held on the first Thursday of the month in each term on the CCCafé deck – keep an eye out in the College calendar. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet other parents in our community.

Chapel is held on Wednesdays for Middle and Senior students at 8:40am, and Fridays for Primary at 8:30am (**please note change of time**). Parents are most welcome to attend.

Parents are advised that supervision of students before school commences, from 7:30am, is in the College Library. We operate After School Hours Care (Primary) until 6:00pm, with bookings to be made through Reception.

The College Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 27 January at Kawana Aquatic Centre for Prep – Year 12. Information regarding the carnival will be emailed next week.

Please note that the College emails fortnightly newsletters, so please ensure we have a current email address for you. Newsletters and College letters to parents, will also be available on the website. If your circumstances or contact details have changed over the Christmas break please take the time to advise us so that your details can be updated.

Please note we have a Facebook presence at www.facebook.com/CaloundraChristianCollege, which is used for keeping you connected with the happenings around the College. Check it out for regular updates and photos.

We wish to remind parents to be especially careful (even more so in the wet), during pick-up and drop-off times. Student safety is of paramount concern to us. Please speak to your child about the many road safety issues that are relevant to them. Additionally, we need all vehicles to travel at a snail's pace until you are past our Kindy and off the premises. We would also encourage as much traffic as possible to make a left turn at the end of Gregson Place as this helps to alleviate congestion. If you are able to delay your pick-up time by 5 - 10 minutes this also helps to spread the traffic congestion. Please note: the area in front of Admin and the bus shelter are 40 second (**STOP, DROP, GO**) pick-up zones. If no spaces are available, please park or continue and do a circuit. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Blessings for a great year in 2017!

Mr Mark Hodges
Principal