From the Principal

It is the season for subject selection in schools all around Queensland. At this time of year parents and students are trying match
ability, interest and some gazing into the future of potential tertiary study and work, with the subjects on offer. The good news is
that it is unlikely that a mistake will be made, particularly if one chooses a broader suite of subjects and keeps as many options
open as possible.

From the Deputy Principal
It is a busy time of the school term and I have noticed many tired looking girls at the moment. I’d like to ask this week, are our
students getting enough sleep each night?
Chaplain
Term 3 Prayer Space – Open to everyone! dadirri
Wednesday 23 August 23 – Thursday 31 August

From next week, the School Chapel will again be ‘hosting’ prayer spaces. All students, staff, family members and friends are welcome to come and enter into the spiritual activities.

BOARDING
Head of Boarding

Why we collect phones at night

In the Sydney Morning Herald, there was a very interesting article on the use of smart phones and the impact that it is having on people, particularly teenagers. In Boarding, it is our policy for the girls to hand in their phones at night to ensure they are getting the right amount of sleep.

SECONDARY LEARNING
Year 11 girls have 90 minutes a week devoted to Learning Development. As the name of this slot suggests, this is time spent in developing the beliefs and behaviours which will allow them to be successful learners as they progress through the school and beyond. The subject addresses issues relating to mindset and academic fitness, reflection and goal setting, and analysis and metacognition.
Dean of Students

Responsible Thinking – Developing the belief that you can make things better for yourself

“In order to have a ‘good life’, youth need to have a positive view of the future. Researchers at Search Institute have found that a positive view of one’s future is a protective factor. This protective factor can guide youth in a positive direction and help them avoid negative influences.” (Teaching a Positive Attitude, 2014)
Head of Primary

This week, the school held an Open Morning. It was so affirming to watch the Year 6 tour guides speak confidently to the visitors and share so positively their experiences of being a St Margaret’s student. I am often asked by parents of potential students “what type of school is St Margaret’s, is it sporting, cultural etc.?”

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM
Head of Performance
Classics in the Cathedral

Once again Classics in the Cathedral was a very special event. Approximately 150 students from across the Primary and Secondary schools performed in the spectacular setting of St John’s Cathedral last Tuesday evening. There were many beautiful performances from our school ensembles and the evening culminated with a special performance of Leonard Cohen’s Hallelujah which involved all ensembles along with our community choir.

GENERAL NOTICES
Outside School Hours Care

School Holiday Program - Bookings are now open, secure your spot!

The school holidays are just around the corner and we can’t wait to show you the fun-filled and exciting activities we have planned in our September School Holiday Program.

DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY
Director of Philanthropy and Stakeholder Engagement

ST MARGARET’S FOUNDATION

Professional Women’s Network Breakfast – Featuring Julie McKay

7am arrival on Wednesday 23 August 2017. Join us for breakfast and hear one of Australia’s leading advocates for the social and economic empowerment of women who believes that the key to success will be converting awareness into meaningful change.

CAREERS
Careers

Griffith Criminology Careers Evening Event

You need to know why crime happens to understand how to prevent it. Come along to the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Careers Evenings:

- Gold Coast - Wednesday 30 August, 6-8pm
- Mt Gravatt - Thursday 31 August 6-8pm