From the Principal

Transitions
Last Saturday, the Year 10 Lunch was held with parents and girls. Organised and led by the students themselves, this lunch at Victoria Park Golf Club is just one of the transition activities which we see in school at this time of the year. The girls are looking forward to Years 11 and 12 and what was apparent was that they were more than ready to finish Year 10 and start working on their senior studies. Last Monday, was a transition day for Year 6 students; an important day, part of which is focussed on preparing the girls leaving a primary school environment for the secondary school experience.

From the Deputy Principal

I have been having many meetings with students about their subject selections over the last few weeks, from both the end of last term and into this term. It has been wonderful to get to know your daughters better, what they enjoy doing at school and what their academic goals are.
Chaplain

20 dogs, 4 guinea Pigs, 2 brave cats and Amigo the lizard!

Rain didn’t dampen our collective Spirits on Sunday for the Annual St Margaret’s Pet Blessing! All creatures of our God and King certainly lifted their voices in song as we gave thanks for all creation and asked for peace and love and blessings to shine upon and through our beloved pets.

BOARDING
Deputy Head of Boarding

This week’s eNews from Boarding comes directly from Emily Curr in Year 9. I sat opposite Emily at the Year 8 Formal dinner last year when she asked Ms Curtis, sitting alongside her that night, if St Margaret’s could introduce ‘Camp Drafting’. I am proud to say she has succeeded in her pursuit and if you’re anything like me, I was keen to know more!
Dean of Pedagogy

Embedding Excellent Learning

I have written about learning and how it is best facilitated many times in this publication over the last (almost) five years. These pieces have covered topics such as the importance of mindset, the necessity of grit, the role of failure and the need for students to be given opportunities to develop their thinking rather than remaining at the level of surface learning. *Our Framework of Quality Teaching and Learning* is founded on these core ideas, which are based firmly in educational research.
I have a confession to make. As a teacher, one of the things I dread the most is handing back assessment to students. It sounds silly now that I have written it down. I mean, I only literally have to hand the paper to the students whose name is at the top. But I know how disheartening this act can be. Assessment results are inherently linked to many outcomes in education, such as final results when you finish school, academic awards, GPAs and reports.
Dean of Students
Dealing with Disappointment

“The size of your success is measured by the strength of your desire; the size of your dream and how you handle the disappointment along the way”

Anonymous
Head of Primary

Last week, students in the Primary School had the opportunity to listen to the Year 11 girls shortlisted for 2018 School Captains. It was reaffirming that four of the eight girls selected, had started their St Margaret’s educational journey in the Primary School. All girls were impressive by virtue of the content of their speech, the passion and sincerity in which they delivered it and their self-assured confidence.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM
On Friday 20 October, Wind Ensemble will be competing in Music Fest 2017 to be held at Calamvale Community College Performing Arts, 11 Hamish Street, Calamvale. This is a valuable experience for the girls where they will receive feedback on their performance and have the opportunity to hear similar ensembles from other Brisbane schools.
Head of Sport

Vicki Wilson Cup

The Senior Netball Team played in the finals at the Carrara Indoor Sports Stadium last weekend. It has been wonderful to watch this squad of players develop their skills throughout the year. They finished 21st at the Queensland Independent Schools Carnival in June and fought hard to win a tough match against St Rita's to just qualify for the Vicki Wilson Finals.
Visual Art News

Congratulations to Georgia Campbell for Artwork of the Month - October 2017. Georgia’s artwork is both beautiful and interesting, displaying her obvious talent with sculpting. The different size voids within her artwork serve as different focal points for the viewer to observe, their continuity creating balance within the piece. Her use of line and texture is proof of her incredible attention to detail, all the way to the very top of the artwork. We congratulate her on her wonderful sculpture.

GENERAL NOTICES
School Supplies Shop

2018 Book Lists

Book lists for 2018 are now available on the St Margaret’s website (Admissions - School Supplies Shop). Access for ordering on-line through Sequel Bookstore is also open for first and second rounds. If you have any queries, please contact the School Supplies Shop on 07 3862 0776.

DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY
CAREERS

Director of Philanthropy and Stakeholder Engagement
ST MARGARET’S P&F ASSOCIATION

P&F General Meeting

The P&F invites the school community to share their views and ideas at the General Meetings. Our next meeting will be held in the Arts Centre Foyer, Monday 30 October from 6:30 to 8pm.

CAREERS
Your Future in STEM - Uni and Career Pathways

What are the most sought-after STEM skills? What can students be doing right now to further their passion and skill-set for STEM? Which universities can best help students unleash their potential?