

WHOLE SCHOOL



From the Acting Principal

Last week, I wrote about building academic resilience and the importance of teaching our students how to have a growth mindset, learn from their mistakes and develop 'grit'. Our brains respond to the information around us, so resilience can be taught, modelled and nurtured at any age. It should be addressed both with families and through guidance at school. Therefore, this week I thought I would share with families something I read recently from Dr Rangan Chatterjee, author of the Stress Solution, about six ways to raise a resilient child.



From the Acting Deputy Principal

Last Friday night I attended the Commissioning of the Reverend Canon Nicki Colledge at St Mark's, Clayfield. It was a lovely celebration and during the service Ros Curtis and Karen Gorrie officially handed Rev Nicki to the St Mark's Parish. The school has advertised to fill this position and seeking an appropriate person is ongoing. Therefore, we have had to look at how we continue to keep the faith life of the school living while we look for a new Chaplain. One way we are doing this is using Student Voice to add to the development of the School's and Sisters' values. The Prefect body has been asked to lead the reflection at each Assembly and this week was a Prefects Assembly where Isabelle (Bella) Perrin and Tessa Sprott delivered the following reflection to the student body:

BOARDING



Head of Boarding

Emily Curr is in Year 11 at St Margaret's and a Boarder who has shown an outstanding ability to bring a community together. The below email is testament to Emily's determination to help those in need.

SECONDARY LEARNING



Dean of Pedagogy

Trends in Education

Our first Trends in Education seminar for 2019 will be taking place on Wednesday 5 June at 5:30pm in the Arts Centre Foyer. A presenter from the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) will be speaking about the following topics:



Acting Dean of Studies

School of Life Club

An important part of a well-rounded education is a focus on the link that exists between school and the wider world. We are proud to present to the St Margaret's community a new club: School of Life.



Dean of Students

St Margaret's vs Churchie Netball game

Last Thursday afternoon, St Margaret's Year 7 to 12 students enjoyed a social Netball game between the schools' senior students held at Churchie. Events such as this are very much encouraged as this give our students an opportunity for both Anglican schools to interact with each other, as well as continuing with our strong collegiality.

PRIMARY



Head of Primary

NAPLAN

Once again, we are fortunate to have a specialist Mathematics teacher and a writing coach. The introduction of a reading coach this year has enabled the focus of cluster to be on guided reading which has enhanced the girls' reading comprehension skills. These teachers, in collaboration with the classroom teachers, have supported students in developing their literacy and numeracy skills. These skills will be tested next week in the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

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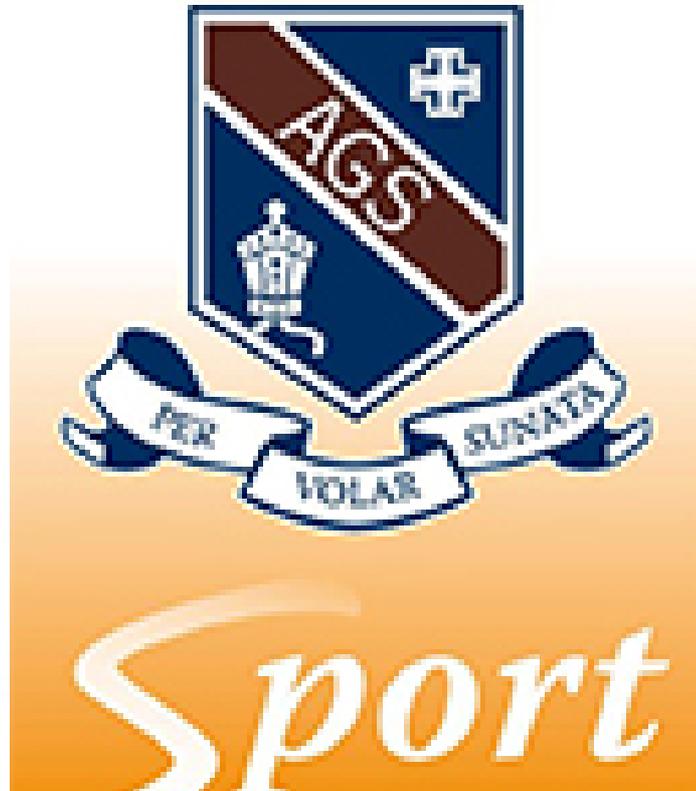


Head of Performance

Exultate contribution to The Reverend Canon Nicki Colledge's Commissioning Service

Thank you to Exultate for their contribution to The Reverend Canon Nicki Colledge's commissioning service held last Friday evening at St Mark's Anglican Church, Clayfield. It was a very special service and wonderful to have so many from the St Margaret's community in attendance.

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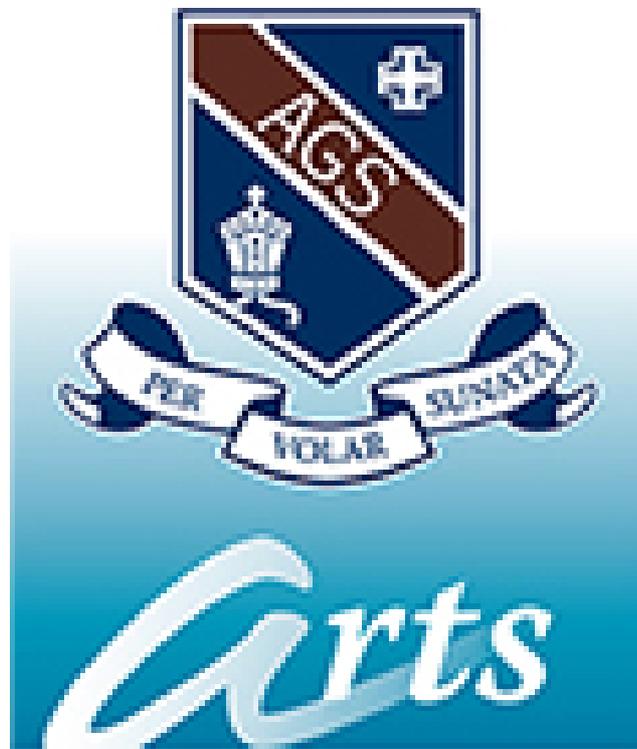


Head of Sport

QGSSSA Cross Country

The Cross Country team will compete at the QGSSSA Championships on Saturday 11 May at Rivermount College. The team have been training since the beginning of Term 1 which has included hundreds of repetitions around Oriel Park, Queens Road, Bartley's Hill, as well as 3km, 5km and 8km runs all in the quest for doing their best for St Margaret's. We wish all girls the very best in this endeavour.

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Visual Art News

Congratulations to Gabrielle Agnew (Year 10), on her selection as our May *Artwork of the Month*. **Gabrielle is pictured (attached) (PDF 233.3KB)** with her surreal composition rendered in liquid graphite and pencil.

DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY



Director of Philanthropy and Stakeholder Engagement

Past Student Awards Dinner

The Past Student Awards Dinner, to be held this Friday evening, is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow Old Girls and parents and to hear from this year's amazing award recipients, while enjoying premium canapés, a sumptuous two course dinner and drinks. We are pleased to announce our 2019 recipients:

CAREERS



Careers

Careers Week for Year 10 Students

The *Broadening Horizons Conference* has been designed to further engage Year 10 students to think broadly about their future careers and be excited about what lies ahead. Students will experience a variety of lectures from experts in the areas of career development, networking and philanthropy; information sessions to further prepare students for upcoming subject selection; reviewing and using their AAS Career Profile to learn more about themselves; and, most excitingly have the opportunity to experience a panel of recent St Margaret's Old Girls discussing their career journeys so far.