From the Counsellor’s Desk.....

Term 3 2012 – Newsletter Information Inserts
Mr Mark Jabore

Welcome back to everyone after the winter break to what appears to be another very busy and exciting term for all involved with our College community. It's great to see that the rain has finally cleared away enabling us to enjoy some wonderful sunny and warmer days. I have quite a lot of topics to cover today, so read on and if you require any information on any of the following please contact me.

Year 10-11 Transition Process

Term 3 is always a big time for our Year 10 group, as they focus their thinking on what pathway they would most like to traverse following the end of their compulsory years of education at the end of this year. To enable this process, we will be committing all of our time in Life Skills classes this term to allowing students to continue the investigation and exploration journey that we have been engaging in over the last couple of years in the hope of equipping them and their families with as much information to foster the very best decision making regarding their future both after this year and beyond.

To support both students and families even further in this process, we will again be staging our Senior Subjects Expo for our Year 10s. As part of the Expo students will have the opportunity to hear staff outlining the range of subjects available for study next year to gain a sense of what this means for them and also to have any relevant queries answered. This process will be followed by the Parent Information Evening whereby families can discuss subjects with teachers.

These efforts culminate this term in the SET plan interviews in which students and their families meet with staff to discuss how to ensure that they have the best opportunity to achieve their goals in the coming years. This may be solely through their academic studies or through a combination of learning experiences both in and outside of the College. Families will be able to book a suitable time for this interview when attending the Information Evening mentioned above.

Our Year 10s will also have the chance to visit the Careers Expo being held at the Pavilion of Friday 27 July. This provides another excellent opportunity for them to continue their investigations into what they might like to do post school. Information and permission notes for this excursion will be sent home next week, so I ask families to keep an eye out for these and have your child return them to the Office as quickly as possible.

As you can see, there is a lot on for our Year 10s this term let alone them continuing to focus on their daily learning activities encountered at school. We wish them and their families all the best for this.
Cooloola Careers Expo: Friday, July 27 – 11.15am to 12.45pm

Senior Subjects Expo: Core Subjects (Eng, Maths & R&E/SOR) – Friday, 17 August, Period 1
Elective Subjects – Wednesday, 29 August, Periods 4 & 5

Parent Information Evening: Wednesday, 29 August commencing at 7.00pm in CM14 & 15

SET Plan Interviews: Afternoon/Evening - Wednesday, 5 September & Tuesday, 11 September

Year 12 Futures Planning

This week, I have commenced discussions with this group about where they are planning to head next year and beyond. As always this is a very informative and exciting process for me as I am fortunate enough to have the students share with me their dreams and goals for the future. This is especially fulfilling for me as it really brings into focus the culmination of a lot of time and effort put in by all involved in fostering the productive development of all of our young people over a number of years. I look forward to the many wonderful stories and plans that I know are in store for me as I get the chance to speak with all members of this group in the coming weeks.

For those students wishing to continue with further study in the years after their graduation the QTAC application process is very relevant. I will be working with those students eligible to complete an application both during our individual discussions as well as time spent together in small groups and whole class activities. Should families like to be involved in these discussions, please contact me.

Year 12 Futures Planning Discussions with Me: Weeks 2-6 this term

QTAC Applications: 
Open – Wednesday, 1 August
Close – Friday, 28 September

Putting Youth in the Picture

We continued the delivery and perusal of this resource with our Year 11s this week. Feedback continues to be positive.

As we approach the completion of this program early in Term 4, we will host a Community Forum focusing on this. We hope the students will be able to come with their families to discuss the program and what they thought was most beneficial about it. Parents will also have the opportunity to view specific parts of the program and gain further understanding and awareness
about the content and goals. Please watch out in future newsletters for confirmation of the date for this forum.

**Proposed Dates for Year 11 Viewings:** Wednesday, 29 August & 24 October

**Proposed Dates for Year 12 Viewings:** Wednesday, 1 & 15 August & 10 October

**Year 11 Monitoring & Support**

Early in Term 4, I will be meeting with Year 11 students to take some time out to reflect on how their 2012 school year has progressed and then to use this feedback to start some forward planning for Year 12 that will hopefully support their ongoing efforts thorough to the end of Senior.

However, please remember to contact me any time during the year should there be concerns. Experience has shown that the sooner any issues are raised and resolved, students are better able to achieve their goals. We can work together to ensure our students are happy and successful.

**Year 11 Reflection Discussions with Me: Weeks 2-5, Term 4**

**Residential Living at University of Queensland**

For those students considering further study at UQ in the coming years, an area of great importance to them and their families is where they will safely reside while completing their studies. While there is a range of options available, feedback from past students indicates that one of the best and most preferred is to stay in a Residential College on campus.

Each year, representatives from university colleges provide information. Unfortunately this year we will not be receiving a visit from Duchesne but they have passed on information regarding the college and the application process for me to disseminate to interested families. They have suggested that once interested families have had a chance to peruse this information and their website that they should contact the College to arrange an interview if they wish to proceed with an application. They have suggested that due to the travel, the September school holidays might be a good time to make an appointment but they are more than happy to meet with families on the day of the UQ Open Day to further discuss applications. Please see me for further info.

The Head of St Leo’s College, Brother Vince Skelly will be visiting us on the morning of Wednesday 1 August to meet with any interested male students. An information brochure for the College is available from me. Students wishing to meet with Brother Vince are asked to let me know before this date so that he can ensure that he has sufficient resources to share.
Submission of Applications to Duchesne: As soon as possible

Visit from St. Leo’s College: Wednesday, 1 August at 11.30am in the Interview Room

Submission of Applications to St Leo’s: As soon as reasonably possible after this date

Phone or Face to Face Contact

As always, I encourage all families to contact me regarding anything relevant to the development of your child, so that we can have a chat either over the phone or meet.

From the Counsellor’s Desk 3rd August, 2012

Mr Mark Jabore

Upcoming University Open Days

University of Queensland (UQ)

S. Lucia Campus: Sunday, August 5 9.00am-3.00pm
Ipswich Campus: Wednesday, August 8 2.30pm-6.30pm
Gatton Campus: Sunday, August 19 9.30am-3.00pm
Engineering & Technology Department: Thursday, August 30 5.30pm-8.00pm

University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

Hervey Bay Campus Sunday, August 5 10.00am-1.00pm
Toowoomba Campus: Sunday, August 19 10.00am-3.00pm
Springfield Campus: Sunday, August 26 10.00am-2.00pm

Central Queensland University (CQU)

Noosa Campus: Sunday, August 5 10.00am-2.00pm

University of the Sunshine Coast (USC)
Sippy Downs Campus: Sunday, August 12 10.00am-3.00pm

A free express bus will be running to and from the Sippy Downs Campus on Open Day for the benefit of interested Gympie and Cooloola residents wishing to attend.

Departs from the Gympie Centro Shopping Centre Bus Stop on Excelsior Street at 8.45am, returning at 4.15pm. Bookings are essential and if you require more information, please see the College website or contact the office.

From the Counsellor’s Desk 10th August, 2012

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Year 12 Futures Planning

Discussions with these members of the College relating to their preferred pathway and endeavours post the end of school this year have continued over the past fortnight. The content of these discussions continues to be very informative and entertaining for me, as the students have the opportunity to verbalise their dreams for the future. Hopefully, I will have been able to catch up with all Year 12s by the end of next week but in the meantime if there are families that also wish to be involved in these discussions please contact me at school to arrange an appointment.

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SET Plan Interviews

Afternoon/Evening Wednesday, September 5 & Tuesday, September 11

Years 8, 9 & 11

While the Year 10s and 12s are actively engaged in the above processes, the rest of the students at the College have settled in to the term and are putting their best foot forward regarding their studies. However, if there are any concerns regarding your child’s progress, please contact me so that we can discuss your concerns and work together to create relevant solutions to these.

From the Counsellor’s Desk 17th August, 2012

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## Year 12 Futures Planning

As mentioned in previous newsletters, I have been very fortunate this term to have the opportunity to meet with all of our current Year 12s to discuss their plans for the future. As in past years, this has again proven to be a most interesting and informative process and I thank all of the students for being willing to share their hopes and dreams for the future with me.

As their graduation comes closer, preparations continue to ensure that each is best positioned to move into the next stage of their life along their chosen pathway. To ensure a successful transition for all, I will be continuing to work with this group both as a whole year level and individually as required, right up until their last day of school this year and beyond where necessary.
Again, if families have any queries or require any support or information in helping their son or daughter towards a successful graduation, please contact me so that we can together ensure that this outcome becomes a reality for all.

Year 10 SET Planning

Thank you to all members of this year level for the way in which you engaged the recent Senior Subjects Expo held at school. Enthusiasm in the process appeared to be the order of the days and a range of positive feedback was forthcoming from students, parents and staff. On behalf of our whole community, I would like to thank all staff who played a role in ensuring this process reached a successful conclusion. Your additional efforts are much appreciated by all.

Thanks also to those families who attended the Information Evening last Wednesday. It was great to be able to meet all who attended and to have the time to commence and continue many conversations about how we can assist our young people towards their goals.

A key part of this process is the interview that culminates in the completion of each student’s SET Plan and the first stage of these was held on Wednesday afternoon/evening. The second stage of these interviews will be held next Tuesday afternoon after school and I would encourage those families who haven’t yet secured a time for this to contact me through the office or your child as soon as possible. If this time does not suit any family, an alternative can be arranged.

If, either before or after your interview, you feel that you require more clarification or information about the options available, I would again encourage you to contact me so that we can ensure the progress of this process.