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LEARNING HAPPENS IN

*Community*



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Carinya acknowledges the Gamilaroi people who are the traditional custodians of the land on which the School is built. We recognise their continuing connection to this land and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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# from the Principal

## LEARNING IN COMMUNITY

**For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

Colossians 1:16-17



I am constantly amazed by the way that God makes us. Our capacity to learn, as human beings made in the image of God, is seemingly endless. In a single lesson I have seen students become fully engaged, memorise definitions and a range of facts, then successfully apply them to a problem. Although our memory and capacity to learn changes with age, we all have the ability to keep on learning.

Learning is seen as *any enduring change in the way a person responds to something, based on experience*; it is so much more than striving for the best possible academic achievement. Learning involves competing agendas and relationships, as well as a range of biological and economic factors. We all learn in different ways, at variable rates, for different reasons, and education, as we all know and have experienced, is far more than just academic results.

Throughout the year students are presented with, and engaged in, a range of experiences which help them achieve that *enduring change*. For us at Carinya, Jesus provides the platform for that change, for we acknowledge that all things come from him and are for him. Yet we still need to keep asking, *how can we as a school work together to help students learn the best that they can?*

### HOME AND SCHOOL TOGETHER

It's not just a tag line or a fly away statement. *'Home and School Together'* is our declaration that we believe in teachers and parents working in partnership in the education of children. **Schools are known to function best when the community has mutually supportive relationships.** Each of us works with the same objectives of helping children understand what it means to live in the world made by Jesus. Our focus, therefore, is not just *what* we teach, but *how* we teach; reminding students that while we are all different, we can each be faithful with the gifts God has given us.

*Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.*  
Proverbs 22:6

### SHARED PURPOSE

Upon enrolment parents agree with the common purpose of the school. As a Christian school, this means recognising the authority of Jesus and that it is his world we are discovering. It also means recognising that every person is "fearfully and wonderfully made", created in God's image with the amazing capacity to think, reason and learn, and that shapes how we believe we should be treating each other as a community.

At Carinya we believe we should never lower the bar because people fail to raise theirs. Learning happens in community and everyone has a responsibility to help make it work.

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## The Waratah Project



In the last week of term we were treated to a visit from four other schools involved in the AISNSW Waratah Project. Principals and supporting staff from St Andrew's Cathedral School in Sydney, Wellington Christian School, Narromine Christian School and Namoi Valley Christian School in Wee Waa, met to share their progress.

It was a wonderful time to hear what was happening in the different schools and the topics included:

- Strategies for literacy and numeracy
- Engaging the whole school community in Indigenous perspectives
- Understanding intergenerational trauma
- Building capacity in staff to teach Indigenous perspectives
- Methods to support Aboriginal students in the school

The presentation from Mr John Raph, from St Andrews, was sobering as he shared statistics showing the gap that exists between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Australians. Besides the lower levels of literacy and numeracy, the high rates of suicide, poverty and imprisonment reflect the need to try and do something to make a difference. As a Christian school we are called upon to love our neighbours as ourselves and creed, skin colour etc. should not make a difference to how we care for those in need.

The project has provided us with an opportunity to build greater capacity in our staff and build stronger relationships with other indigenous organisations in Tamworth. Through the help of some of our indigenous parents and Bonnie Cochrane from TIPIAC (Teaching Indigenous Perspectives In the Australian Curriculum) we have been privileged to make some great connections. We look forward to developing these relationships more in the coming months.



As children grow we want to help them accept this responsibility and, in their learning, be concerned with others as well as themselves. Working together to put other people above ourselves is a major focus for us as we seek to build our learning community.

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.*  
Philippians 2:3

In an ever increasingly complex world, it is good to remember:



We hope that by working together, united in our shared purpose, we can make the difference not only to your child's learning but for them as young men and women made in the image of God, to bring Him glory.

# Term 1 Sport

Charles Bickersteth  
Sport Coordinator



## Sport is back and Carinya has hit the ground running!

The School swimming carnival was once again a great success. Kindy to Year 4 had a great day enjoying the slip-n-slide, water slide, pool races and a BBQ lunch. The Twilight Carnival began with competitive races and culminated in the return of the Carinya Cup.

Weekly sport is an important part of the life of many Carinya students. We have 17 teams playing throughout the week and on weekends in cricket, basketball and Oztag. With restrictions easing, it is lovely to see spectators back at our weekly sport, cheering on and supporting our teams. Basketball has risen in popularity and we are now fielding 8 teams on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, double the number of last year.

It is a great help having some senior students volunteering their time to help coach the younger teams, and the impact this service has on the younger students is not underestimated.

Cricket also continues to be on the rise at Carinya, with 6 teams entered, including an all girls team in the women's competition. It was great to see all our students participating faithfully and using their gifts to glorify Jesus. Although we always welcome rain in Tamworth it meant that unfortunately there was a fair amount of games unplayed. A shout out to our Year 4/5 team who won their competition!

Many representative teams travelled away from home, representing Carinya in various Christian Schools Sport Association (CSSA) competitions. Our swimmers represented us strongly in the Hunter Zone carnivals with some great times. Some of our students then progressed through to State and CIS carnivals. Our hockey teams competed in Sydney at the State CSSA Gala Day, with our senior team making it to the Semi-Finals.

We had 3 cricket teams competing in various representative competitions - Primary Super 8s, U15 and Opens Knockout Teams - and they all progressed through to semi finals in the CSSA State Knockout Competition.

Football is already up and running, with the Open Boys team hosting Trinity Grammar in the CIS Football Cup here in Tamworth. The boys played incredibly well, however Trinity were just too strong, and took the win. Our Open Girls team defeated Bishop Tyrrell Anglican School in the first round of the CIS Football Cup and will now face Central Coast Sports High early in Term 2 - Good luck girls!

As always, our sporting teams have shown strong teamwork skills and continued to build community and skills with one another, as is so important in school sport. There have been wins and losses, but our students have always used their gifts faithfully in matches. Term 2 will be busy again with lots more sport on offer. We are particularly looking forward to heading straight into our cross country and athletics carnivals, as well as netball, football and numerous other sporting opportunities where students can represent our school.



# TERM 2 CALENDAR

More info at [www.carinya.nsw.edu.au/events](http://www.carinya.nsw.edu.au/events)

|        | MONDAY                 | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                             | THURSDAY                   | FRIDAY   | SAT/SUN               |
|--------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| WEEK 1 | 19<br>Term 2 Commences | 20      | 21<br>Carinya Cross Country           | 22                         | 23<br>Year 12 Half Yearly Reports posted                                 | 24<br>ANZAC DAY<br>25 |
| WEEK 2 | 26                     | 27      | 28                                    | 29<br>Under 5s Storytime   | 30<br>K-2 Infants Athletics Carnival<br>Secondary Zone Football Gala Day | 1 MAY<br>2            |
| WEEK 3 | 3                      | 4       | 5                                     | 6<br>Year 10 Immunisations | 7  | 8<br>9                |
| WEEK 4 | 10                     | 11      | 12                                    | 13<br>Under 5s Storytime   | 14<br>Year 11 Half Yearly Reports Posted                                 | 15<br>16              |
| WEEK 5 | 17                     | 18      | 19<br>Northwest Regional Careers Expo | 20                         | 21   | 22<br>23              |

|        | MONDAY                                      | TUESDAY                                | WEDNESDAY                  | THURSDAY                                      | FRIDAY   | SAT/SUN               |
|--------|---|--|----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------|
| WEEK 6 | 24  | 25<br>Secondary Zone Netball Gala Day  | 26                         | 27<br>Under 5s Storytime                      | 28<br>CSSA State Cross Country                                 | 29<br>30              |
| WEEK 7 | 31<br>Primary Athletics Carnival            | 1 JUNE<br>Secondary Athletics Carnival | 2<br>Primary Metro Cup     | 3   | 4<br>Years 7-10 Half Yearly Reports Posted                     | 5<br>6                |
| WEEK 8 | 7<br>CSSA Secondary Girl's Netball Gala Day | 8                                      | 9<br>Secondary Zone Futsal | 10<br>Under 5s Storytime<br>CIS Cross Country | 11<br>Gumnuts - Yr 4 Grandparents & Special Visitors Day (TBC) | 12<br>13              |
| WEEK 9 | 14<br>Public Holiday                        | 15                                     | 16                         | 17<br>CSSA Secondary State Football Gala Day  | 18<br>Pie Day!   | 19<br>School Holidays |

## 2021 TERM DATES

### Term 2

Monday 19th April - Friday 18th June

PUBLIC HOLIDAY - Monday 14th June

### Term 3

Monday 12th July - Friday 17th September

### Term 4

Monday 5th October - Tuesday 7th December

## 2022 TERM DATES

### Term 1

Monday 31st January - Friday 1st April

### Term 2

Tuesday 26th April - Friday 24th June

### Term 3

Monday 18th July - Friday 23rd September

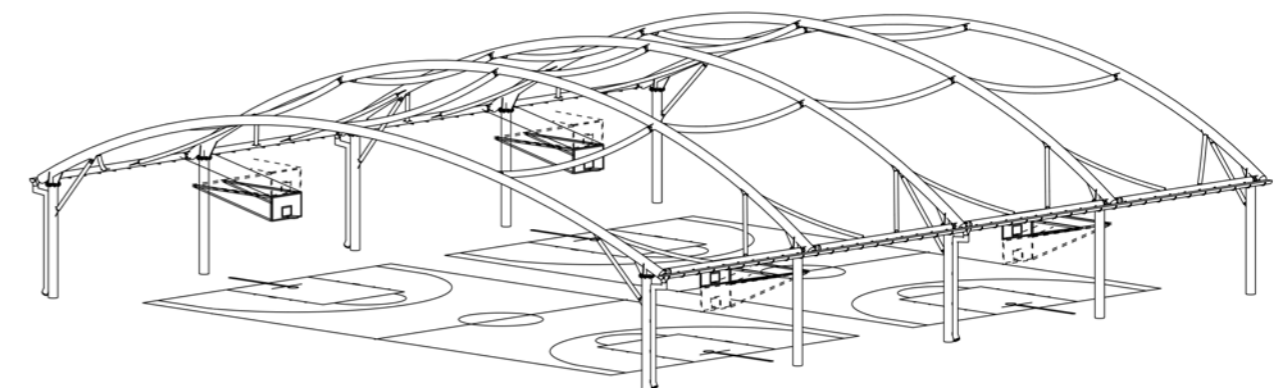
### Term 4

Monday 10th October - Thursday 8th December

## TERM 2 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

### Basketball Courts

During Term 2 a barrel vault cover will be constructed over the existing basketball courts. The steel structure will be covered with a PVC membrane which will provide protection to the courts from both the sun and rain. Works commenced during the April school holidays, and it is expected that the structure will be installed by mid May, with works completed before the end of Term 2. Once the weather warms up, the basketball courts will be resurfaced and line marked. It is expected that this project will create a fantastic sports facility for the school community for years to come.





## STAFF PROFILE

*Sarah Taylor*  
Psychologist

**Where did you grow up?** Tamworth (the best town!)

**How long have you been at Carinya?** I have been the school Psychologist for 4 years.

**What is the best thing about working in a school?** I love the community feeling and belonging, seeing students learning and having fun with their teachers.

**What other job have you done in your life and what did you enjoy, or not enjoy, about it?** I went cotton chipping. I thought I was going to die!! It was hot, long days and paddocks for kilometres! I laugh now thinking about it.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?** Play guitar and make up annoying songs then sing them to my kids. I also like a “dance off” on Just Dance, hanging around with my family playing games and cleaning the house (haha!).

**If you could instantly learn a new skill, what would it be?** Guitar. I’m still learning and that B chord is hard!

**What is a book you would recommend everyone read?** World’s Worst Children by David Walliams.

**What is your favourite TV show / movie?** Fave TV show is Parks and Recreation, and my fave movie is Twister (I love end of the world movies!).

**What is your favourite meal?** I love baked chicken with roast veggies and gravy.

**If you had 1 million dollars to spend in 24 hours, how would you spend it?** I would give it all away to my friends and family.

**If you had to live in another country for 12 months, where would you choose and why?** I would live in Canada because the scenery is amazing from what I have seen on TV.

**What is one practical way that Jesus has made a difference in your life?**

Jesus has brought my family closer together. When things get tough, we pray, and when things are going great, we pray. It helps me to have perspective and keeps my world centred and on track with Jesus.



## CARINYA ALUMNI

*James Williams*

**When did you finish school?** I finished my two years at Carinya back in 2016.

**What was your favourite subject at school?** SOH-CAH-TOA! You guessed it, Mathematics!

**What was your favourite excursion when you were at school?** The Year 12 Physics excursion was an awesome experience. We got to visit the University of Sydney and a few hospitals, plus a night at ABC studios for an episode of Q&A.

**What was your dream job when you were at school?** Up until when I discovered my fear of blood and needles, I had an ambition to do medicine. From that point on, I knew I wanted to do either Biomedical or Civil Engineering.

**What are some of the things you enjoyed about your time at Carinya?** Having moved from a really big school in Thailand to study in Tamworth, what I enjoyed most was Carinya’s warm sense of community and the variety of events that give the opportunity for students of all ages to come together. I will always remember the day I dressed up as the old grandpa selling balloons from the movie ‘Up’ as part of a fundraiser event for the Redkite Foundation.

**What did you do when you left school?** I moved to Sydney to do my undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering at UNSW. I have since graduated with First Class Honours. As part of my degree, I conducted an Honours Research Thesis on the impacts of climate change on bushfires in Australia which will hopefully be published this year!

**Did COVID-19 affect you much last year?** 2020 was definitely full of unprecedented circumstances, the transition to online learning being the most challenging of all. Despite the new reality, it undeniably brought out the best in everyone. Thanks to our cooperation and support for one another through these difficult times, this made 2020 a much better year than it could have been.

**What is your job now?** I recently started working as a Flood Engineer at a small company in the Sydney CBD. My job basically involves proposing mitigation strategies to lessen the impacts of future flooding events.

**What advice do you have for Year 12 students as they think about life after school?**

Always follow your dreams and give it your best shot, and with a bit of luck things will fall into place. It is okay if you are still unsure of what you truly want to do after school. Although life will become busier and full of responsibilities, doing what you love will give you a sense of purpose, which will make everything else worthwhile. You will be really thankful for the efforts you put in once you get to where you want to be, whatever it may be.

# junior school

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## THINKING ABOUT THINKING

All Carinya teachers seek to be outstanding at their craft and as such are committed to continual learning with the aim to become better teachers. Best practice in education is constantly changing as new research leads to a better understanding of how children learn.

Most children need to learn to learn. That is, they need to become aware of the strategies for learning so that when they are presented with new skills or knowledge they have a set of rules or strategies for dealing with this. Carinya teachers aim to teach children *how* to learn, not just *what* to learn. "Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for life." With the rate of technological change it is impossible to predict what jobs will be in demand in the future. Our children need to be good thinkers, critical and creative. They need to be able to adapt and change, ready to learn new things.

In the early years of schooling we teach children lots of the basic skills of reading, writing and mathematics that they will need to be successful learners. Children are taught to think, through teachers asking creative questions that help develop an inquisitive mind. As children's cognitive abilities develop, our teachers aim to teach further strategies. Children start note taking, drawing more complex diagrams, making connections, applying knowledge, using implied understandings, discussing, arguing, explaining, justifying, questioning, predicting, visualising and monitoring their own understanding.

Whilst good teachers everywhere will do this, Carinya is committed to providing high quality Christian education based on solid educational research and practice. This means constantly reviewing, adapting and changing our practice to best meet the learning needs of our students. Personally, having been in this role for a term, it has been a privilege to look, with fresh eyes, at the Junior School's teaching and learning environment. It has been encouraging to see the safe, caring, purposeful classrooms where your children are learning. It has also been great to collaborate with teachers and plan for any changes to further improve our academically robust classrooms.

## Dates to remember...

**Carinya Cross Country**  
Wednesday 21st April

**K-2 Infants Athletics Carnival**  
Friday 30th April

**NAPLAN Online (Year 3)**  
Tuesday 11th - Friday 21st May

**National Simultaneous Storytime**  
Wednesday 19th May

**Primary Athletics Carnival**  
Monday 31st May

**Grandparents and Special Visitors Day**  
TBC - Friday 11th June

**NAIDOC Week Celebrations**  
Tuesday 15th - Friday 18th June

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**THRASS**

*Kindergarten*

Kings, queens, doctors, chefs, zebras and tigers came to school instead of Kindergarten students for their special THRASS Dress Up Day. It was quite the scene as they all enjoyed playing lots of games and making crafts with some older student helpers.



**THE OLDEN DAYS**

*Year 1*

What was life like in the Olden Days? Well, Year 1 found out that there was no electrical lighting or smart boards, and they could only write using chalk or feather and ink! On the upside, freshly baked scones with hand-churned butter were a huge hit.



**WHEELCHAIR ROADSHOW**

Wheelchair Sports NSW visited Carinya on Monday 22nd March, providing a unique experience for students in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4. Rick Engles, who was born with spina bifida and has represented Australia in para-badminton, tennis and rugby league, talked to the students about road safety, disability sports and awareness, and living an unlimited life despite being in a wheelchair.

Students then had the opportunity to play a game of wheelchair basketball in the Performing Arts Centre, taking to their new modes of transport with surprising ease. The highlight of the day, however, was the joy on Year 2 student, Raphael Plummer's face, as he got to play sport alongside his peers on a 'level playing field' for the very first time.



**ONCE UPON A FAIRYTALE...**

*Year 3*

We all have a special place in our heart for a fairytale or two, including Year 3! Fairytales teach us story structure and language, give us important moral lessons, and provide epic costume inspiration!

**HEALTHY HAROLD**

Our favourite ageless giraffe, Healthy Harold, came back to Carinya in Term 1 for his annual visit to teach students in Kindergarten to Year 4 about looking after their bodies, healthy eating, physical activity, and how to keep themselves and their friends safe. Students always enjoy the fun, interactive experience, not to mention the novelty of being taught by a giraffe!



**HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!**

*Year 4*

Students loved discovering the culture and history of China! From learning about different versions of fairytales, to the impact of Chinese migrants in Australia, then celebrating with a Dress Up Day!



**CRICKET BLAST**

Carinya was visited by the Woolworths Cricket Blast team who spent a day with students in Kindergarten to Year 6. Students were taught cricket skills, including catching, throwing and teamwork, through a range of fun games. They were challenged with activities like catching a ball with their non-dominant hand, and balancing a ball on a cricket bat while walking to a marker and back.



**WATER FUN!**

All of Junior School enjoyed a day in the water at Scully Park Pool at the beginning of Term 1. They zoomed down the slip and slide, jumped through hoops in the little pool, had races with the Senior students in the big pool, cruised down the waterslide, and ate sausage sandwiches. Most importantly, they enjoyed each other's company, laughing together and making wonderful memories.



# middle school

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As we approach Term 2 in Middle School, I trust you have all enjoyed a refreshing break, having been reminded of the saving work Jesus has done on the cross for those who are his people.

An integral part of Carinya's educational philosophy is getting kids out of the classroom and into natural places. The evidence for benefits to mental and physical health of getting outside and 'doing stuff' is well documented. Year 5 is the starting point in the Excursion Program journey with an overnight stay at Lake Keepit Sport and Recreation Centre, and this year, they shared the camp site with Year 5 from Carinya Gunnedah.

Year 6 forged the way for a new adventure at Glenrock Scout Camp in Newcastle. Excitement reigned as they experienced the wonders of coastal landscapes, go-karting, swimming in the ocean and a high ropes course.

Year 7 once again went to Camp Elim at Forster and enjoyed stand-up paddle boarding, the giant swing, the high adventure tower and time at the beach. Year 8 braved the wet conditions at Scotts Head to participate in surfing lessons, bushwalking at South West Rocks and an afternoon at the Big Banana in Coffs Harbour.

Why do we believe our Excursion Program is so important? **Education always works better, for both students and teachers, when relationships are strong.** Going away together at the beginning of each year gives everyone an opportunity to get to know each other. Because we are a Christian school, we study the Bible every day when we are away together, pointing students to the truth that Jesus is the king of the world and that we are created by Him and for Him. Some other benefits of the Excursion Program are:

- students learning to be responsible for their belongings;
- growing independence as students learn to 'be away' from family;
- the opportunity to serve each other, either at mealtimes or in group activities;
- having fun, exploring new places and having new experiences; and
- building community.

**"Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea -  
the LORD on high is mighty."**

Psalm 93:4

## Dates to remember...

**Carinya Cross Country**  
Wednesday 21st April

**NAPLAN Online (Year 5 & 7)**  
Tuesday 11th - Friday 21st May

**Primary Athletics Carnival**  
Monday 31st May

**Secondary Athletics Carnival**  
Tuesday 1st June

**NAIDOC Week Celebrations**  
Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th June



### KING TUT ROADSHOW

*Year 7*

Year 7 from both Tamworth and Gunnedah got to experience the wonders of our annual visit from the King Tut Roadshow in Term 1. Students were immersed in ancient Egyptian history and culture, and got to participate in a number of incredible, hands-on and interactive activities. They made their own stamped seals, examined (fake) human remains, learned about hieroglyphs and cuneiform, heard the mysterious story of King Tutankhamun and saw both real and replica artefacts from thousands of years ago!

# YEAR

# 5

## LAKE KEEPIT



# YEAR

# 6

## NEWCASTLE



# YEAR 7

CAMP ELIM, FORSTER



# YEAR 8

SCOTTS HEAD



# senior school

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From the start of Term 1 schooling was 'back to normal' - don't mention the mice - which meant a busy term full of all the extra things that we had missed in 2020. Fortunately, excursions were able to go ahead (with Year 11 and 12 eagerly awaiting their turn in August), sporting teams were travelling across the state, parents were able to come into the school and assemblies were back on.

While I may not ever fully recover from the roller coasters at the Gold Coast, it was great to be able to see students enjoy God's world and use the gifts that God has given them, both in and out of the classroom.

And yet, excursions weren't the only highlights of Term 1. We hosted our annual mental health presentation and parent dinner, a study skills night, enjoyed numerous careers events from open days to forums, had special assembly appearances from our very own 'modern day heroes', and had, perhaps the biggest event of the entire school year, the Carinya Cup.

It certainly was a busy term, but after a holiday break we look forward to Term 2 and the opportunity to help your child continue to develop their gifts and skills. It is our desire for each student to understand that all things were created by Jesus and under His Lordship. We hope that as your child enjoys their learning, they will also develop an eagerness to serve others and Jesus through what they learn. In the end, whatever they pursue in the future, we want students to know that they were made by Jesus and for Him.

"Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting  
you are GOD."

Psalm 90:2

## Dates to remember...

**Carinya Cross Country**  
Wednesday 21st May

**Secondary Zone Football Gala Day**  
Friday 30th April

**Year 10 Immunisations**  
Thursday 6th May

**NAPLAN Online (Year 9)**  
Tuesday 11th - Friday 21st May

**Northwest Regional Careers Expo**  
Wednesday 19th May

**Secondary Zone Netball Gala Day**  
Tuesday 25th May

**CSSA State Cross Country**  
Friday 28th May

**Secondary Athletics Carnival**  
Tuesday 1st June

**CSSA Secondary Girls Netball Gala Day**  
Monday 7th June

**Secondary Zone Futsal**  
Wednesday 9th June

**Year 10 Work Experience**  
Monday 7th - Friday 18th June

**NAIDOC Week Celebrations**  
Tuesday 15th - Friday 18th June



## STUDENT LEADERS

The Student Leaders had the opportunity to make an impact in assemblies across the whole school. One of the themes for the term was 'Modern Day Heroes' and a couple of students, who go by the less-than-creative name "Joel and Sam Are Awesome", entertained students as they showed how real heroes can be identified through the characteristics of **service**, **sacrifice** and **selflessness**. The Bible shows that there is only one true hero, and that is Jesus; perfect in humility and obedience, even to death on a cross.



## PARENT NIGHTS

Dr Miriam Grotowski spoke at our Year 12 Parent Dinner on the topic of 'Anxiety and the HSC'. With great knowledge and expertise in the area of mental health, Miriam provided practical strategies and ideas to parents and students coping with the stress of the HSC. The Year 7-12 Study Skills Night was also a great event, where parents were able to spend time exploring a variety of strategies and habits that will assist students to do their best in Senior School. We also explored some of the key concepts in the 'Write That Essay' program.

## CAREERS EVENTS

A vast array of Careers events took place in Term 1 including The University Showcase, Meet a Scientist Event, Health Career Forum, and University Open Days. The Port Macquarie trip to Charles Sturt University was a particular highlight for some Year 12 students.

A lot of time and energy is devoted throughout the year to helping students in Years 9-12 explore possible career pathways for the future, and there are many more careers events to look forward to in Term 2, including:

- the Northwest Regional Careers Expo - parent and student sessions
- the University of Newcastle Schools Visit
- the ADF (Australian Defence Force) Recruitment presentation
- plus a variety of zoom seminars run by universities!



### STAY UP TO DATE WITH CAREERS:

[sites.google.com/carinya.nsw.edu.au/careersdepartment/home](https://sites.google.com/carinya.nsw.edu.au/careersdepartment/home)

[www.facebook.com/CarinyaChristianSchool](https://www.facebook.com/CarinyaChristianSchool)



## STUDY WEEK

While Years 7 to 10 left the classroom behind in pursuit of outdoor adventure, Year 11 and 12 put coffee in their veins and donuts in their mouths. Oh, and they also studied!



## YEAR 10 AGRICULTURE

Students paid a visit to the Elsley Farm in Spring Ridge where they learned about crop production in the sorghum paddock then completed a case study for their assessment afterwards.



## SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

In March, Year 10 joined with other schools from the region to participate in the annual Science and Engineering Challenge, conducted by the University of Newcastle, at the TRECC.

Students experienced a variety of activities and challenges that required the applications of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) to simulate and solve current and future energy and environment issues. They worked creatively and collaboratively in groups of four to design and build various systems and structures such as hovercrafts, bridges, earthquake proof structures, power and transport networks, water turbines, bionic hands and coding for communication systems.



The students displayed great teamwork and perseverance throughout the day to use the gifts God has given them to solve problems, construct and test their models, make improvements and then submit their best effort for assessment at the end of the time period.

One of the exciting outcomes of the day was that our Year 10 team scored enough points to be awarded the Champion School team and now eagerly await the possibility of qualifying for the State Final to be held in Newcastle in August.

# Work Experience

# YEAR 9

# BLUE MOUNTAINS

Work experience placements are a valuable avenue through which students can learn about the workplace, gain skills and confidence in the adult world of work, as well as gain first hand ideas about occupations they are considering pursuing. The Work Experience Program has been in operation for many years at Carinya, and each year there are students who gain employment through their placement; those who clarify their post-school step; those who realise more about themselves and the work they enjoy; and those who realise that the full-time work life is hard, and consequently have renewed commitment to school and study.

Year 10 have been preparing for their Work Experience placement throughout Term 1. They completed the My Future Finder Questionnaire, which is a career inventory that seeks to identify student skills, interests and abilities and matches them up with potential careers and courses that they could pursue post-school. A representative from UNE (University of New England) then led a workshop with Year 10, so that they could understand and maximise their results. It is hoped that as students discover more about themselves and the world of work, they will be empowered to make informed decisions about their future.

Mrs Davis spent a lesson with each Year 10 class explaining the process of organising work experience placements. Whilst students are expected to make a plan and approach employers on their own, in order to gain confidence in the process of speaking to employers and gaining employment, they are encouraged to ask Mrs Davis for help, while at school or via email if they are uncertain, anxious, or need assistance.

Mrs Davis will check in regularly with Year 10 throughout the term and will conduct a Work Health Safety Session with Year 10 prior to their placement. A Year 10 teacher will call and visit students (Tamworth placements only) while on Work Experience.

It is very common for students to feel anxious about approaching employers and going into unfamiliar places, and we are eager to support students who are experiencing enhanced levels of anxiety. Parents are encouraged to work through the process of applying for placements with their child, while encouraging them to take ownership of their future by tackling as many of the steps of application as possible. Parents are also encouraged to make contact with Mrs Davis if they have questions or concerns.



Mrs Davis is available for appointments on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays**, or by email throughout the week.

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# YEAR 10

## The Gold Coast.

BY SARAH HARGRAVES



The Year 10 Gold Coast excursion had been in the works for a long time, the teachers had simply been waiting for the perfect year group to take away. Obviously, that group was us.

As our year rocked up to school the morning of February the 23rd, we prepared ourselves for the mammoth task that awaited; a 10 hour bus trip. By 7:30, two full coaches departed Tamworth and we began our long journey north. Camp bus trips are always expected to be legendary. Memorable conversations, laughs, debates with Mr Hampstead, Truth or Dare games, and watching movies were some of many highlights. Finally, at around 4:30pm we pulled into Mt Tamborine Conference Centre and enthusiastically unpacked the bus, found our cabins, and settled in.

A local restaurant was responsible for supplying us with mountains of pizza and pasta for dinner; this was delivered in three waves. By the end of the second wave the majority were absolutely full, so we packed up, cleaned and relaxed in the lounge to see what the teachers had in store for us. We split into several groups, ready to compete in some intense rounds of trivia. By the end of the night we were all spent. Off to our cabins we went to get some sleep and prepare ourselves for the enjoyment tomorrow would bring.

Many couldn't contain their excitement, anticipation almost tangible, and were up at the crack of dawn. Once everyone had enjoyed breakfast, we gathered in the main hall for our first Bible Study with Mr Davis. This talk - on Luke 9:23-26 and 1 Peter 1:22-25 - emphasised the importance of following God. It is only through Him that we may find eternal peace. His word endures forever. With this message in mind, we were back on the bus headed for Movie World.

This day was full of fun! Roller coasters, stunt drivers, and the ability to purchase one's own cape (and other merchandise) were a few of many opportunities for laughs to be had and memories to be made. D.C Rivals, aka the Joker, was one ride that had a great impact on many. Friendships new and old were strengthened, fears of height were tested - some conquered, some fainted - and screams left throats hoarse. A funny memory saw Mr Davis get a leg cramp on the ride before its first drop - particularly unforgettable for Jess Mair who he was seated with.



For dinner this night we went to Cavil Avenue in Surfers Paradise where we were able to walk around and find meals ourselves. Despite all the options available, some decided to make use of their 20% Macca's discounts from work. At least the majority chose to eat actual food.

After breakfast the next morning we settled again in the lounges for Mr Maxwell's Bible Study. We considered Matthew 6:19-34 and its message; not to be bound to Earthly things and to devote ourselves to God rather than objects. Life on Earth is temporary, Heaven is forever.

On our arrival at Wet n' Wild sunscreen was applied and recess eaten before we were finally let loose. Another day of bonding, laughter and adrenaline rushes.

That afternoon we were taken to Broadbeach with its beach volleyball courts. Bets were made between opposing teams in very competitive games. Another popular choice involved a football; an intense game of girls vs boys 'keep offs'. Others simply enjoyed the atmosphere, sand, and water, as well as talking with their friends. For dinner and a chance to shop we got back on the bus and went to Pacific Fair. Whilst some decided to just walk and joke around, others took advantage of the opportunity, turning their money into clothes, shoes, games, music and many other things.

To save time in the morning, we had our last Bible Study that night. Mr Davis interviewed the 'teacher's panel' who answered questions on their life experiences and relationship with God. For many students, this was enjoyable as they got to see a more personal side to their teachers. It allowed more understanding about them and God's positive impact on others' lives.

Our last day started early, allowing enough time to pack, get ready, eat breakfast and load the buses before 8:00. Around 8:30 we farewelled Mt Tamborine Conference Centre, along with the rest of the Gold Coast, and began the lengthy journey home. The same sorts of activities were partaken in as the way down, just more sleeping and watching movies. It had been a great few days, but the trip home revealed how tiring all the excitement really was.

We are so grateful for this amazing world God has made for us and the opportunities that allow us to explore it. On behalf of my peers, thank you Mr Davis, Mrs Lukins, Miss Jones, Mr Maxwell, Mrs Batley, Miss Sullivan, Mr Hampstead and Mr Hutchison for such a great time away! You each had your own way of making this camp special. We also wish to pass our gratitude onto Macphersons Coaches for driving us to, around and home from the Gold Coast. Last, but not least, thank you to all of Year 10. In the wise words of Mr Davis, "A good camp doesn't depend on what you are doing and where you are going, it depends on the people and their attitude towards it. Camp is as good as you make it." Let us say Year 10, it was a really great camp that'll be hard to top!



REGRETS

# Duke of Edinburgh Award

In early March a group of 9 students ventured into the depths of Gibraltar Range / Washpool National Park. The hike was part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice / Qualifying hike.

Students set the pace and made decisions about the best routes to take before arriving in Mulligans Hut and setting up camp. It was then off for another 6km walk to Murrumbooee Cascades where we enjoyed a beautiful swim in the crystal clear water.

Upon arriving back at our campsite we cooked a range of delicacies for dinner in our cooking groups. The rain dampened the fire, however we were still able to enjoy a Bible Study together under the picnic shelter.

The next day we walked to the Needles, overlooking the Mann River. Unfortunately the thick fog meant we saw very little. We then continued to walk into Washpool National Park, enjoying the beautiful rainforest along the way.

What a great opportunity it was to enjoy God's creation. The mountain streams, towering trees and flowers were majestic! It was also lovely to see the students cope so well, despite the rain, leeches and heavy packs! All up we hiked about 30km over the 2 days. Well done kids!

**David Jones**  
*Principal*







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For in him all things were created:  
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visible and invisible, whether  
thrones or powers or rulers or  
authorities; all things have been  
created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:16

