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Fresh Starts
CHALLENGES AND
opportunities



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Under the rule of our sovereign God, Carinya acknowledges the Gamilaroi people as the traditional custodians of the land on which the School is built.

As we engage as a community to discover a world made through Jesus for His glory, we recognise the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this land.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation as we enjoy God's grace to us through Jesus.

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from the Principal



Fresh Starts CHALLENGES AND opportunities

What opportunities a new year brings. For the children at Carinya it means learning new things about God's absolutely amazing world. It also means meeting new people, strengthening friendships and developing new relationships. All of these things come with challenges, through which come our best learning opportunities.

Every challenge you face today makes you stronger tomorrow. The challenge of life is intended to make you better, not bitter."

- Roy T. Bennett, 'The Light in the Heart'

Over the last couple of years we have been faced with unusual and new challenges. Yet through them we have made some incredible discoveries and been made to look at life in different ways. It is important for children to see challenges as a natural part of life and an opportunity for growth.



Children need to see challenges as part of everyday life. Adolescent psychologist Andrew Fuller says fears loom larger when we try to avoid them, leading to a loss of motivation. In his book 'Tricky Teens' he provides ways of reframing thoughts, so that negative ideas become positive ways forward. For example a comment like "I'm not a good drawer" can become "I'm going to take an art class to learn how to draw." Or we might rephrase this again to "Being a good drawer is not important to my future, I will focus on being faithful with the gifts that I have."

The Bible gives us an even greater reason to work through the challenges we face. God used difficult times to bring His people back to Him. The apostle Paul writes in Romans 5:3-5 -

We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Rebecca McLaughlin in her book, 'Confronting Christianity', says we laugh with anyone but cry with those closest to us. We have a habit of trying to hide our failures when we should be sharing them and learning together, seeing challenges as opportunities to learn and grow. She goes on to say that suffering is the greatest apologetic for Christianity there is and that it is the thread with which Christ's name is stitched into our lives. This is a beautiful way to reframe the challenges we all face.

I hope with the fresh start a new year brings that we can help the children we love and care for, meet the challenges that they face and through it they can grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus, through whom we were created.



..... faces of Carinya



Peter Spence
Head of Junior School

Peter Weary
Deputy Principal

Josh Davis
Head of Senior School

David Jones
Principal / CEO

Bron Larkin
Head of Middle School

Stephen Carter
Business Manager



Katrina Telfer
Registrar and
Office Manager



Robyn Peterson
Receptionist



Connie Peet
Office Assistant



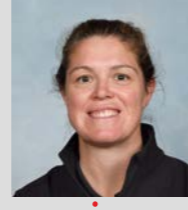
Shirley Phillips
Office Assistant



Trudy Seaton
Office Assistant and
CEO Admin Support



Emma Gower
Student Health
Care Coordinator
(Sickbay)



Joanne Sullivan
Student Health
Care (Sickbay)



Katie Cook
Uniform Shop
Manager



Meet

Alex Wharton

PRINCIPAL OF CARINYA GUNNEDAH

The Carinya community joins together in celebrating the appointment of Alex Wharton as the next Principal of Carinya Gunnedah.

Alex grew up in the eastern suburbs area of Sydney and was impacted by Christian education as a student in his teens. Characterised by a love of learning, Alex completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Sydney where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education with first class honours. Alex has over a decade of teaching experience having taught primary and secondary students at a number of faith based schools in Sydney. As well as teaching experience, he has held a number of leadership positions within schools including Middle School Chaplain, Head of House (welfare) and Head of Department roles. Alex also holds a Masters of Educational Leadership from Macquarie University and a Preliminary Theological Certificate from Moore College. He was appointed as the inaugural Head of Middle School at Carinya Gunnedah, leading the development of Secondary school there from 2019.

Alex is an active member of Gunnedah Anglican Church where he attends with wife Jenny, daughter Evelyn and son Ezekiel.



NEW STAFF AND APPOINTMENTS

Andrew Brechin
Projects and Facilities Manager

Michael Barlow
Promotions and Events Support

Trudy Seaton
CEO Admin Support

Rebecca Dye
Acting Coordinator,
Lilly Pilly Cottage

Anna Lyne
Lilly Pilly Cottage Aide

Faith Longmire
Lilly Pilly Cottage Aide

Owen Silvester
Learning Support

Philip Mattheus
K-6 Teacher

Nerida Whalley
Year 1 Teacher

Michael Ross
Year 6 Teacher

James Newman
Secondary Teacher

TERM 1 CALENDAR



More info at www.carinya.nsw.edu.au/events

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 1	31 Term 1 Commences (Week A)	1 FEBRUARY	2	3	4	5 6
WEEK 2	7	8	9 Twilight Swimming Carnival	10	11 CSSA Tennis Trials	12 13
WEEK 3	14	15	16 Primary Super 8s Cricket	17 Prep - Year 4 Picnic Primary Zone Swimming	18	19 20
WEEK 4	21 Middle/Senior School New Families Welcome Night	22	23	24	25	26 27
WEEK 5	28	1 MARCH UNDRH Health Forum (Year 11 and 12)	2	3 Secondary Zone Swimming	4	5 6

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 6	7 CSSA Primary State Swimming	8 Year 10 Minimum Standards Test (English)	9 Year 10 Minimum Standards Test (Maths)	10	11 U16s Boys CIS Football Trials	12 K-6 P/T Interviews 13
WEEK 7	14	15 K-6 P/T Interviews Year 10 Work Experience Talks	16	17	18 Opens CIS Football Trials	19 20
WEEK 8	21 CIS Golf	22 King Tut Road Show (Year 7)	23	24	25 Year 4 Chinese New Year Dress Up Day	26 27
WEEK 9	28 da Vinci Decathlon (Years 7 and 8) Yr 12 Mental Health Dinner	29 Year 3 Fairytale Dress Up Day	30 Secondary Schools Cup Netball	31	1 APRIL Puckapunyal	2 School Holidays! 3

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

EXCURSIONS

There are many excursions which occur throughout Term 1, providing valuable learning opportunities as well as time for students and staff to get to know each other better. If the excursion is overnight, or involves travelling a distance from Tamworth, then written notification is sent home with a Reply Slip attached. For excursions which occur during the school day (Year 7-12 only), a text message is sent home at least 24 hours prior to the excursion.

It is essential that your child's details in TASS Parent Lounge are correct and kept up to date if anything changes, as excursion coordinators use this information for first aid and organising any relevant risk management, such as allergies and medications. Excursions are a compulsory part of our school curriculum and students are required to attend.

REPORTS + PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Reports are sent to families throughout the year and contain information regarding your child's academic progress and application in class.

In **Kindergarten to Year 6**, parents will receive two reports across the year, in Terms 2 and 4. Parent/Teacher Interviews are held in the middle of Term 1 and Term 3.

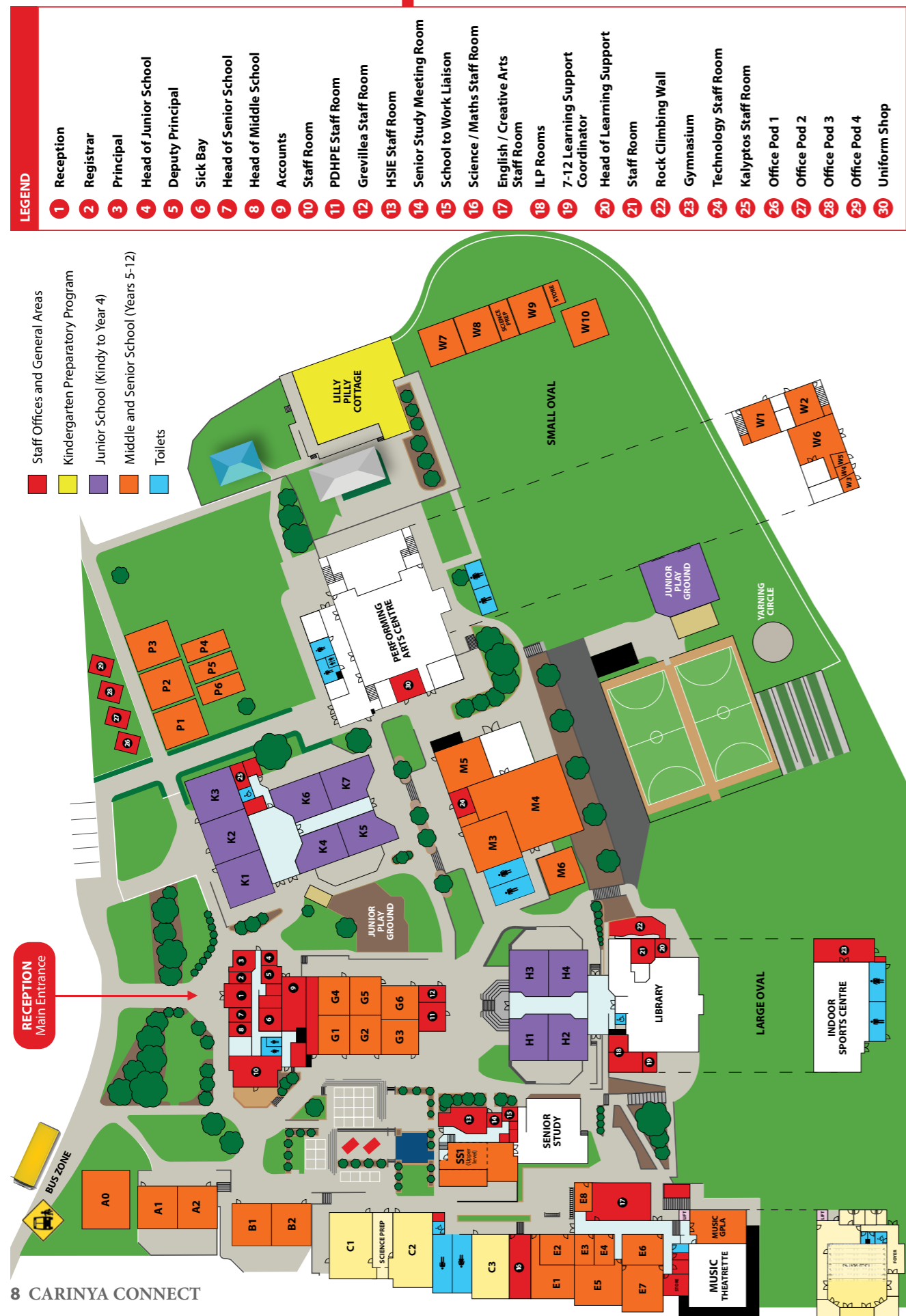
In **Years 7 to 11**, parents receive three reports across the year (Terms 1, 3 and 4), and **Year 12** receive two reports (Terms 2 and 3). Following the reports in Terms 1 and 3, Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held at the start of Term 2 and middle of Term 3.

Parents can book interviews via TASS Parent Lounge (the link to Parent Lounge can be found in the top red menu bar on our website).

EXCURSIONS + EVENTS

The events in this calendar were correct at the time of printing, however the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the way that we run events and activities within the school. Some of the excursions and events listed may not go ahead or allow for parents to attend. Teachers will communicate all important excursion/event information and changes separately.

school map



Waratah Project

Last year Carinya was involved in the Waratah Project, through the Association of Independent Schools NSW. This project allowed us to strengthen our capacity to embed Indigenous perspectives into the curriculum and build connections throughout the school community, providing opportunities to experience Aboriginal culture through a range of activities and workshops. The highlight was the cultural workshops where Middle School students enjoyed weaving, art and making didgeridoos and clapsticks.

We are very pleased to announce that the Waratah Project has been extended for another four years. Knowing that we now have a further four years helps us to plan more intentionally as we continue to strengthen the connection to, and understanding of, Australia's indigenous culture and heritage across the whole school.

Mrs Amy Allerton and Mrs Esther Fotheringham will work together to support and promote all our students and teachers in their knowledge of Aboriginal culture. We will continue to focus on our local Gamilaroi culture and include some excursions where our students can go "on country" to help understand how our First Nations people lived.

God made each of us in the most amazing way. Through the project we hope that we can continue to enjoy, appreciate and respect these differences as we get to know more about Australia's First Nations history, people and culture. In the first week of Term we were excited to launch the Gamilaraay Word of Week, where students across the whole school will be learning the local Gamilaraay language in Pastoral Care every week. We hope that this will be a great inclusion of the program over the next 12 months.

David Jones
CEO / Principal Carinya Tamworth

GAMILARAAY

WORD OF THE WEEK - Term 1

WEEK	WORD	MEANING
1	gulbiyaay	welcome
*Pronunciation: <i>gool-bee-eye</i> Welcome to a new year!		
2	gali	water
*Pronunciation: <i>gully</i> Students are having fun in the water this week at the Twilight Swimming Carnival!		
3	guuma-li	gather
*Pronunciation: <i>goo-mully</i> Junior School are gathering this week for the Prep - Year 4 Picnic!		
4	nhuubala	new
*Pronunciation: <i>noo-bah-lah</i> This week we welcome new Middle/Senior School parents and carers to Carinya!		
5		
*Pronunciation: <i>wull-eye</i> Years 7-10 are heading to camp this week!		
6	maliyaa	friend
*Pronunciation: <i>mully-aah</i> Years 5 and 6 are enjoying time with new and old friends on camp this week!		
7	garra	gap
*Pronunciation: <i>gah-rah</i> (roll the 'r') National Close the Gap Day is this week		
8	gaba binaal	peaceful
*Pronunciation: <i>gah-bah bin-aah-l</i> Harmony Day is this week		
9	walaay	camp
*Pronunciation: <i>wull-eye</i> Years 7-10 are heading to camp this week!		

2022 Teachers

JUNIOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

Kindy Red	Sonja Bajema
Kindy Black	Markos Misikos
Kindy White	Meredith Hutton
1 Black	Nerida Whalley
1 Red	Trish Martin
2 Black	Jill Bowd and Louise Flanagan
2 Red	Nicole Trickett
3 Black	Yvonne Abey
3 Red	Grant Sproats
4 Black	Larissa Thistle
4 Red	Emily Lanham

5-12 PASTORAL CARE TEACHERS

Pastoral Care Teachers meet with students each morning and are available to provide additional support to students. Notes regarding absences or uniform can be made directly to the relevant Pastoral Care Teachers, or to the front office via TASS Parent Lounge, SMS, email or written note.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

5 Black	Karen Ambler (Assistant Head of Middle School)
5 Red	Belinda Back
6 Black	Tom Babicci
6 Red	David Paterson
6 White	Michael Ross
7 Black	Sam Chiswell & Esther Fotheringham
7 Red	Kylie Turnbull & Jenny Speer
7 White	Charles Bickersteth & Lauren Ferguson
8 Black	David Weekes & Bron Larkin
8 Red	Jim Lamrock & Phoebe Stace
8 White	Jono Norton & Ruth Adusu

SENIOR SCHOOL

9 Black	Aaron McDonald, Reanna Byrnes & Leona Erasmus
9 Red	Brett Jarrett & Rebekah Lukins
9 White	Steve Nott & Sue Woods
10 Black	Pete Maxwell & Zac Lukins
10 Red	Deb Batley & James Newman
10 White	Sean Gosson & Laura Jones
11	Robyn Harvey, Neil Seaton, Peter Weary & Kate Hampstead
12	Josh Davis, Rachael Porter, Peggy Maxwell & Alan Hutchison

HEADS OF SCHOOL

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FACULTY COORDINATORS

If your child has issues that arise within a particular subject, please feel free to contact the relevant coordinator via the Front Office. This could include matters regarding homework and assessments.

Please note Mark Hampstead will be in Gunnedah in Term 1 and will return as English/Visual Arts Coordinator from Term 2 onwards.

English/Visual Arts (Curriculum)	Jane Carter (Term 1)
English/Visual Arts (Welfare)	Charles Bickersteth (Term 1)
Mathematics	Brett Jarrett (Term 1)
Science	Robyn Harvey
HSIE/LOTE	Sean Gosson
PDHPE	Peter Maxwell
TAS	Jim Lamrock
Music	Peter Weary
Sport	Charles Bickersteth
Admin/Timetable	Kylie Turnbull

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh Program is an international award designed to help 14-24 year olds develop unique skills and opportunities to serve others. To achieve an Award, each young person must learn a skill, improve their physical well being, volunteer in their community and experience a team adventure in a new environment.

The key elements of our program are:

1. Open to all young people aged 14 to 24.
2. Three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold – each progressively more challenging.
3. Four Sections (Five for Gold):
 - i. Physical Recreation,
 - ii. Skills,
 - iii. Voluntary Service,
 - iv. Adventurous Journey plus,
 - v. Gold Residential Project (Gold Level only)
6. Achieving an Award recognises individual goal setting and self-improvement through persistence and achievement.
7. Time requirements:
 - Bronze – minimum 6 months
 - Silver – minimum 6 months if completed Bronze otherwise 12 months for direct entrants
 - Gold – minimum 12 months if completed Silver otherwise 18 months for direct entrants

Through this challenging journey of self-discovery, our Participants:

- Are equipped and empowered to achieve their personal best
- Learn to take responsibility for their goals and choices
- Become connected to and actively engaged within their immediate community
- Make a real difference to society through their positive contributions and involvement
- Learn to persevere and overcome barriers to success
- Learn important life skills
- Increase their career opportunities.

Today more than 130 countries have adopted The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award program with over 8 million young people having participated worldwide. Locally over 775,000 young people have participated in the Award in Australia in the past 58 years, with on average 40,000 very diverse participants annually working towards achieving an Award.

At Carinya we offer the Duke of Ed program to students in Years 9-12. Through it we have enjoyed seeing students grow in their confidence, willingness to serve and relationships with each other and the wider community. Please consider the Duke of Ed Award for your child.

Rachael Porter (Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator)

2021 Barrington Tops Gold Medal Expedition





STAFF PROFILE

Andrew Brechin

PROJECTS AND FACILITIES MANAGER

What is your job in the school and how long have you been doing it for?

I will be working across all Carinya Campuses helping the facilities staff, running various building projects and assisting with Master Planning. For Carinya this is a new position, but I've been doing this type of work for the past 10 years.

What is the best thing about working in a Christian school? Although I have never worked in a school that is fully staffed by Christians, I believe it gives us the best chance to present the fullest representation of Jesus as possible. I think I might be excited at the prospect!

Name one other job you have done in your life and what did you enjoy, or not enjoy, about it? Once upon a time I was travelling home from Sydney to Tamworth after finishing a period of contract work and as I passed through Cessnock, I remembered that a Tool Maker I admired lived and worked there. So I tracked him down and rocked up to his door. Long story short, I worked for him for about six months and learnt how to make really cool woodworking squares and marking gauges out of brass and beautiful hardwoods. But I got sick of being away from home so much and my wife was pregnant, so we pulled the pin on that one.

Where did you grow up? My dad was a Bank Manager so we moved around a fair bit. I was born in Sydney, then moved to Cooma, then Canowindra, then Condobolin, then to Bougainville Island in PNG and finally back to Kingsgrove in Sydney where I did my High School years.

What do you like to do in your spare time? In my spare time I like to keep up my woodworking skills, skate and ride my OneWheel.

Name one book (other than the Bible) you would recommend everyone to read?

I would recommend everyone reads the Building Code of Australia (BCA). After that everything you read is riveting and uplifting.

If you had to live in another country for 12 months, where would you choose and why? I think I would like to live in some mountain village in Canada. Nice cool to cold climate and hopefully get to make furniture.

Name one practical way Jesus has made a difference in your life. Jesus has given me the freedom to know and understand myself and the capacity to enjoy Him.

ALUMNI PROFILE



Naomi Robertson

When did you finish school? 2013

What was your favourite subject at school? Legal Studies

What was your favourite excursion when you were at school? Year 9 Blue Mountains trip. I loved going canyoning and Mr and Mrs Martin catered with home cooked meals the whole week, no typical camp food in sight!

What was your dream job when you were at school? It was actually to be an Occupational Therapist, which I went on to study and work in!

What are some of the things you enjoyed about your time at Carinya?

I'm someone who loved school, so I enjoyed pretty much every aspect of being at Carinya. I loved that I knew the names of everyone in my year as our class sizes allowed that to happen. I also loved that my teachers loved Jesus and that was displayed in their lives and as they taught. When my friends didn't share my beliefs, I knew I wasn't the only Christian and that was really helpful during later years of high school.

What did you do when you left school?

I went on to study Occupational Therapy at The University of Newcastle. I worked as an OT for a year and then worked as a ministry apprentice for 2 years (2020 and 2021) at Hunter Bible Church in Newcastle. In 2019 I married Marcus who I had met a few years earlier through church.

Where do you live and what is your job now?

Marcus and I have just moved to Sydney (January 2022) and we are both about to start studying at Moore Theological College to be further trained in ministry.

What church do you go to?

I have been going to Hunter Bible Church in Newcastle since finishing school, but I've just moved to Sydney and am now heading to St George North Anglican Church.

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

Year 12 seems huge! In a way, it is - lots of reading and learning to do - but it's not as huge as the rest of your life or eternity. I think working hard and doing the best you can is important, but considering what your life is all about and why you're here, considering the claims Jesus makes in the Bible and what impact that has on your life, is more important. I don't really like change, and waiting for my HSC results was a time of anxiousness, and then change as I moved to uni, but I'm so thankful that I trust in a God who never changes, who shows me there is more to life than a HSC mark, and who I can rely on when life is unknown because of the assurance I have of an eternal future with Him.

junior school

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Head of Junior School

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nurturing



Welcome back to another year! I hope your break was an enjoyable one.

2021 was a year full of surprises for us all. Whilst we do not know what 2022 will hold, we are hopeful, after a long period of event cancellations and postponements, that our regular school events can begin again. It is such a special time when we are able to be together as a community; when home and school are working together the benefits for children are evident.

Despite our uncertain times, I always enjoy the beginning of new terms, as new things often bring with them excitement, joy and hope as we look forward to what is to come. This term looks to be filled with many wonderful learning experiences and activities - from regular classroom learning to the beginnings of clubs, excursions and carnivals.

As we start a new school year, it is important for children to be reminded that they did not create themselves. At Carinya we teach children that Jesus made us, giving us all of our gifts and abilities. Our right response to this is to be faithful to God. This means rather than *being the best*, we *do our absolute best*, with our classwork and in our relationships with peers, teachers and parents. Faithfulness matters most!

When travelling teachers or professionals visit the school (sports coaches, life education van, story tellers, etc), we often get comments about how amazing our students are. This attitude of faithfulness shines brightly and I'm confident it will continue in 2022.

Dates to remember...

Twilight Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 9th February

Parent Teacher Interviews (K-6)
Saturday 12th March

Parent Teacher Interviews (K-6)
Tuesday 15th March

Prep - Yr 4 Picnic
5:30pm - 7:00pm, Thursday 17th March
Come and enjoy a wonderful evening for all the family, with classroom activities, fun games and a sausage sizzle.

Year 4 Chinese New Year Dress Up Day
Friday 25th March

Year 3 Fairytale Dress Up Day
Tuesday 29th March



DON'T FORGET

COVER ALL BOOKS & RETURN ASAP!

BRING WATER BOTTLE + FRUIT / VEG EVERY DAY

LABEL ALL BELONGINGS CLEARLY

YEARS 1-4 DON'T FORGET YOUR ART SHIRT!



Meet Nerida Whalley

What is your job in the school and how long have you been doing it for?

Teaching Year 1 - just starting at Carinya after teaching in the Public School system for 20+ years.

What is the best thing about working in a Christian school? Being able to talk about Jesus with students.

Name one other job you have done in your life and what did you enjoy, or not enjoy, about it? Working in vocational play centres for Department of Sport and Recreation - experiencing new places and meeting new people.

What part of your own schooling do you think had the most significant impact on your life? My teachers.

Where did you grow up? Grenfell and Gunnedah.

What do you like to do in your spare time? Garden.

What is your favourite food? Italian.

Name one book (other than the Bible) you would recommend everyone to read? The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren.

If you had to live in another country for 12 months, where would you choose and why? Canada - for the scenery. I have always wanted to visit in Autumn.

If you had 1 million dollars to spend in 24 hours, how would you spend it? Tithe, pay off mortgage, book a trip around the world, buy a holiday home and give to charities.

Name one practical way Jesus has made a difference in your life. He is changing me to be more like him.



Getting to know our Student Leaders



Meet Ellie Cook + James Hutton

Why did you become a Student Leader?

ELLIE: To have the opportunity to represent the school, mentor younger students and act as a good role model for them.

JAMES: I saw it as an opportunity to serve the community and develop relationships with other students.

What activities would you like to be involved in as a Student Leader this year?

ELLIE: Really keen to be involved in activities like fundraising with younger students. Through this I hope we can form better relationships with them and make a greater difference.

JAMES: Helping younger students through activities like training them in sport, helping in Homework Club and leading assemblies would be fun.

What impact would you like to leave the school community with at the end of the year?

ELLIE: I want to impact younger students by being a good role model for Christian values and serving faithfully.

JAMES: Helping students to know what it means to follow Jesus because at the end of the day that is what life is all about.

What is your favourite takeaway food?

ELLIE: KFC.

JAMES: I love fruit and veggies, so it would have to be Farmer Bobs.

What is your favourite movie?

ELLIE: Not too sure but when I was young it was The Little Mermaid.

JAMES: How to Train Your Dragon.

What is your favourite school subject?

ELLIE: Food Technology.

JAMES: PE

What do you want to do when you leave school?

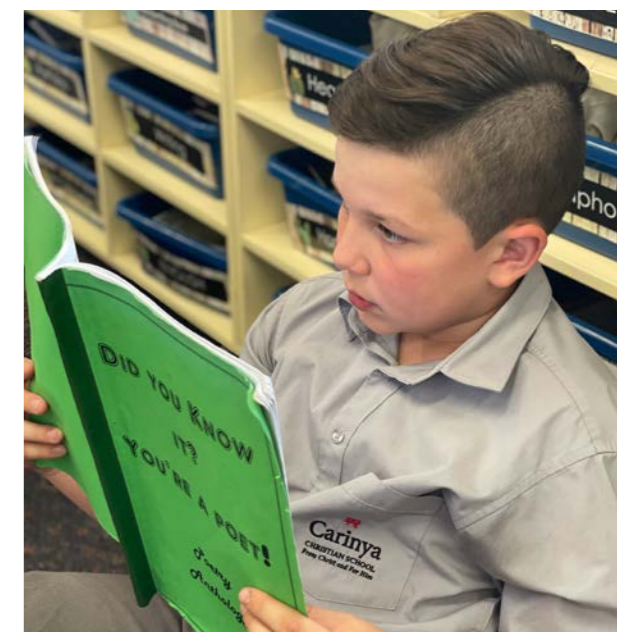
ELLIE: Be a Primary School Teacher.

JAMES: Not too sure yet.



YEAR 3 SCIENCE

In Term 4 Year 3 got their science on with some exciting practical experiments! Students observed and engaged with the principles of magnetism, armed with a magnet on a string and a classroom full of potentially magnetic items! Once they had uncovered the mysteries of magnetism, they investigated how different objects move when placed on an incline by creating their own cardboard ramp and sending down some toy cars!



YEAR 4 POETRY CAFE

Every year, Year 4 learn about different styles of poetry then write their own literary masterpieces, experimenting with structure, rhymes, metaphors, repetition, alliteration and (sometimes outrageous) imagination!

Some of the themes that Year 4 wrote about included friendship, bullying, Australia, colours, and their own identity. We hope you enjoy some Year 4 poems from Term 4 last year titled "I Am" on the next page!

I AM

Poems by Year 4 (2021)

I am Australian and I'm indigenous
I wonder why I don't like Vegemite
I can hear the red dust in my mind
I want a pet snake
I am Australian and I'm indigenous
I pretend I am a snake slithering
I feel like my country
I barely think of spiders
I worry about bush fires
I cry about the massive bush fires
I am Australian and I'm indigenous
I understand snakes and why they protect
I say no more Aboriginal hate
I dream about snakes biting me
I try to take care of Australia
I hope no more bush fires destroy Australia
I am Australian and I'm indigenous.

by Jaxon Young

I am creative and unique
I wonder if I'll go to heaven
I hear Snowball and Sunflower
I want to see Jesus
I am creative and unique

I pretend I am in America
I feel sad at the thought of the
world ending
I touch my birdies
I worry when I lose something
I cry when Cooper hits me with a
mandarin in the face

I am creative and unique
I understand Snowball will die one day
I say some weird things
I dream of having lots of animals
I try to save my money
I hope to go to heaven
I love piano
I am creative and unique

by Isabella Wall

I am active and artistic
I wonder if I'm going to get a farm when I'm a adult
I can hear the sound of war
I want to be a good Christian
I am active and artistic

I pretend I'm on an adventure
I feel worried about everything bad people tell me
I touch imaginary people in games
I worry about war
I cry when people die
I am active and artistic

I understand why we sin
I say that Jesus died on the cross
I dream about a happy life
I try to be kind
I hope that I will go to heaven
I am active and artistic

by Tabitha Gosson

I am sporty and kind.
I wonder how many planets there are in every
universe combined.
I hear cars driving by.
I want the world to live in peace.
I am sporty and kind.
I pretend to believe in the tooth fairy.
I feel excited that it's nearly Christmas time.
I touch my pillow as I wake up in the morning.
I worry that I will get kidnapped.
I cry when my pet dies.
I am sporty and kind.
I understand that I will die one day.
I say Penrith is the best NRL team.
I dream that I will play for Penrith one day.
I try to do well in school to get a good job.
I hope that I will have a good day.
I am sporty and kind.

by Gilbert Riley

middle school

Bronwyn Larkin
Head of Middle School

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Welcome to a brand new school year, one where uncertainty continues to dominate our society. For those who trust in the saving love of Jesus, we need not fear uncertainty. As we are reminded in the Bible:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." - John 14:27

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9

There will be some significant changes in Middle School in the next 2 years as our main intake, after Kindergarten, moves from Year 7 to Year 5. The first step in this process is to add a third Year 6 class this year and we are delighted to welcome Mr Philip Mattheus as our third Year 6 teacher. Mr Mattheus has been teaching at various schools in the Tamworth region for the last number of years and it is lovely to have him starting with us in 2022.

Finally, a community with more than 700 students and their families presents all sorts of challenges. We are excited to partner with you in the education of your children. If you have any concerns, I would encourage you to contact your child's Pastoral Care teacher by email or phone and talk through any concerns. We find this is the best way to resolve difficulties and preserve relationships. We look forward to getting to know our new families and renewing relationships with returning families this year.

Meet Philip Mattheus

Hi, my name is Philip Mattheus and I will be teaching Year 6 at Carinya this year. I am a husband and father of 3. I have been married to my wife for 21 years, and we have a boy aged 15, and two girls aged 13 and 9. Plus a staffie. I have been working in Tamworth schools for the last 6 years after being a soldier in the first chapter of my life. I believe children need to be heard, be supported to develop into well-adjusted adults, and feel connected to their community. I intend to continue this philosophy in my classroom. I am looking forward to being part of the Carinya community!



Dates to remember...

Twilight Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 9th February

Middle/Senior School New Families Welcome Night
Monday 21st February

K-6 Parent Teacher Interviews
Saturday 12th March

Parent Teacher Interviews (K-6)
Tuesday 15th March

King Tut Road Show (Year 7 HSIE)
Tuesday 22nd March

da Vinci Decathlon (Years 7 and 8)
Monday 28th March

da Vinci Decathlon (Years 5 and 6)
Tuesday 29th March

Year 7 Excursion - Camp Elim, Forster
Tuesday 29th March - Friday 1st April

Year 8 Excursion - Newcastle
Tuesday 29th March - Friday 1st April

growing

senior school

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Welcome to 2022! After a couple of years of uncertainty, hopefully, schooling can return to some form of normality this year. Either way, recent events have been a good reminder to live in the light of eternity. Keeping in mind that this life is short helps us to focus on serving Jesus in everything that we do. It also helps us to trust in Jesus and rest in the knowledge that he is in control of all things. Because Jesus is King, we want to make 2022 another year where we strive to put Him at the centre of all we do. Our purpose is to see students grow, develop, and change the world through Him; what a privilege to serve the creator God who holds all things together.

We look forward to welcoming new families and students into Senior School and continuing our partnership with existing families.

YEAR 12 GRADUATION

2021 Year 12 students certainly had an interesting year. They had examinations rescheduled, school extended and even floods to deal with during their HSC exams. They showed great resilience, patience and perseverance, demonstrating they really were mature and ready to move onto their next season of life.

Wonderfully, we were able to celebrate Year 12's efforts using live streaming technologies for their Final Assembly, and then met together at Tangaratta for the Graduation Dinner. It was a great chance for our Year 12 students to reflect on their schooling with their parents, teachers and classmates for the final time.

**See photos on next page.*

Dates to remember...

Twilight Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 9th February

Middle/Senior School New Families Welcome Night
Monday 21st February
Details TBA

Year 10 Minimum Standards Test - English
Tuesday 8th March

Year 10 Minimum Standards Test - Maths
Wednesday 9th March

Year 10 Work Experience Talks
Tuesday 15th March

Year 12 Mental Health Dinner
5:30pm - 7:15pm, Monday 28th March
Featuring Dr Miriam Grotowski, talking on the subject of 'Coping with anxiety and stress related to the HSC'.

Year 9 Excursion - Blue Mountains
Tuesday 29th March - Friday 1st April

Year 10 Excursion - Gold Coast
Tuesday 29th March - Friday 1st April

Year 11 and 12 Study Week
Tuesday 29th March - Friday 1st April



preparing

Year 12

CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 2021



FRONT: Brooke Bailey, Ainslee Thompson, Jaydah Timmins, Isabella Bonnell, Samara Bovis, Hayley Beck, Lilliarna Ferguson, Taryn Ortiger, Precious Aguwa, Zhuoya Huang, Julia Jones, Tahlia Fox, .
MIDDLE: Thomas Mair, Brock Sharp, Joel Carter, Chloe Thompson, Eaden Maslen, Lara Hewitt, Mia Burrows, Zoe Whalley, Sarah McIlveen, Rachael Seaton, Abbey McGrath, Alivia Graham, Samara Doody, Thomas O'Neill, Harrasyn Wright, Joshua Bajema.
BACK: Masa Akioka, Charlie Lowe, Callum Henry, Samuel Clark, Thomas Keys, Tully Munro, Isaac Thomason, Ben Halliday, Mitchell Clark, Joshua Parker, Matthew Spence, Ben Ansell, Alex Sproats, Ryan Faulks.



School to Work



Chris Davis
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The School to Work Liaison role at Carinya is a multifaceted role encompassing Careers Advising, External Education and Work Experience Coordination. Mrs Chris Davis is our School to Work Liaison and will be available for appointments on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, or by email throughout the week. Mrs Davis is the person to contact if you have queries regarding external education (Distance Education and TAFE courses in Years 11 & 12) and our Year 10 Work Experience Program which will be running in the last two weeks of Term 2 (14th - 17th June; 20th - 24th June). **Please note 13th June is a public holiday.*

Students and parents are able to access the latest Careers related information any time via the Careers Department Google Site. The site contains information about the latest careers news and events, positions vacant, how to get an apprenticeship, applying to university, colleges and TAFE, as well as a range of career exploration tools and tips for writing resumes and cover letters. Careers appointments can be booked via the Site, and students and parents may also care to 'like' the Carinya Careers Facebook page and the 'Careers@Carinya' Instagram page in order to receive reminders and careers news as it becomes available.

Mrs Davis will spend time during Pastoral Care with Senior School students, advising on important and current careers news. She will advertise via email to students and parents the Careers related events that are on throughout the year. Key events to add to the calendar are:

- UNDRH (University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health) Health Forum**
 - For interested Year 11 students - Tuesday 1st March
- Live, Train, Work in Tamworth Community Event**
 - Wednesday 9th March
- Defence Force Information Session**
 - For interested Years 10-12 students - Wednesday 30th March
- NWRCE (North West Regional Careers Expo)**
 - Parent Evening - 7pm Tuesday 17th May
 - School Visit (Years 10 & 12) - Wednesday 18th May



Meet James Newman



What is your job in the school and how long have you been doing it for? I am a High School teacher and this is my first year here with you guys at Carinya!

What is the best thing about working in a Christian school? We get to freely chat about the most important thing ever - Jesus!

Name one other job you have done in your life and what did you enjoy, or not enjoy, about it? I was a Carpenter. I enjoyed the tools, problem solving and figuring out how houses are built. I didn't enjoy being on a tin roof in 38 degree heat so much.

What part of your own schooling do you think had the most significant impact on your life? My senior years when I had finally gotten over the fact that School was mandatory, I discovered that when I put effort in I actually enjoyed learning. I think it began to teach me that you can gain immense satisfaction when you put your mind to something and work hard to do it well. It was a good lesson to begin learning heading into adult life.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Glen Innes till I was 12, and then here in Tamworth till I finished school.

What do you like to do in your spare time? Play Guitar, go for a run, get thrashed by Mr Chiswell in a round of golf (ask him about his 30m chip in for par - he loves talking about it).

What is your favourite food? You can never go wrong with a chicken parmy with salad and chips.

Name one book (other than the Bible) you would recommend everyone to read? I'd love to say something grown-up like ***insert grown-up book title here***, but I think the Harry Potter books are at the top of my all time favourites.

If you had to live in another country for 12 months, where would you choose and why? England. I've never actually been there but I have watched a lot of British crime shows. I love all the old buildings, the scenery, the moody weather and British accents.

Name one practical way Jesus has made a difference in your life. I have hope when I get up each morning knowing that Jesus loves me and he is in control of everything that happens. I don't have to cross my fingers and hope everything goes ok because he promises that even when things feel awful, he is always working for the good of those who trust him.



What it means to be a STUDENT LEADER

For even the son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
- Mark 10:45



Everyone knows Carinya is a little different in the way we do things and our model of student leadership is no exception. Instead of electing school captains or prefects, being a Student Leader at Carinya is a choice, one that every Year 12 student is offered regardless of academic achievements, popularity or personality.

But *why*?

The answer (as it often does), lies in the Bible and in the life of Jesus. We see him leading through service and selflessness, healing the sick, feeding the poor, and most importantly, offering salvation and a personal relationship with God. He transformed the lives of his disciples and all those who lived around him by putting their needs above his own.

Through Jesus, we see the epitome of leadership centred on service, selflessness and sacrifice, markers of character rather than personality.

So why is being a Student Leader at Carinya a choice?

It's because, at its heart, student leadership is all about being a positive role model, and this isn't limited to the 'best and brightest' of our year, but open to all those who are willing. Everyone is 'fearfully and wonderfully made', each with their own unique talents and abilities to help those around them. Student leadership offers those opportunities to serve our school community, whether it be through leading assemblies and organising a fundraiser, or just lending a helping hand in the playground.

As Student Leaders, we will strive to live a life of service, selflessness and sacrifice. We encourage other students to do the same thing because you also can make a difference in our school community. Think about someone who might look up to you. They might be a younger student, a sibling, a friend or even a family member. All of us have a choice in how we treat them. It would be great if our school community was full of students displaying the characteristics of integrity, kindness and selflessness - students who are willing to sacrifice their time to offer help to others.

As fallible human beings, we often get things wrong and our shiny student leader badges aren't going to somehow stop that. But we can promise that we will always keep trying to improve and strive to be more like Jesus, serving our school in whatever capacity we can.

by *Miya Law*
Year 12 Student Leader





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

Colossians 1:16