Welcome to 2017 at William Carey Christian School! I would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and families. I hope you settle in smoothly over the coming weeks - please feel free to ask for help at any point.

Year 12, 2016
I would like to congratulate our 2016 HSC students on a wonderful set of results. In comparison to the state average marks across all courses, 2016 was our best year to date! Our students achieved 29 band 6 results (90% or more) across 16 subject areas. All of our students need to be acknowledged for their performance and approach to the HSC. In particular we should note some of our highest ATAR achievers, including Hope S. (94.2), Millicent R. (93.5), Ruth P. (93.2), Vishant P. (93.05), Elizabeth H. (91.9), Brian B. (91.8), Ethan J. (91.6) and Kyra L. (91.05).

Vishant’s major work for Visual Arts, *Neighbourhood*, has also been selected for display at the ARTEXPRESS exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW. Our thoughts and prayers are with all our 2016 Year 12 students as they commence a new and exciting phase of life.

New Staff and Roles
I would like to take his opportunity to introduce our new Director of Teaching and Learning, Mr Michael Nightingale. Mr Nightingale has moved to William Carey from Mount Annan Christian College. In his role as Director of Teaching and Learning, Mr Nightingale will be taking responsibility for the ongoing development of excellence in teaching practice from Prep through to Year 12. He will also be involved in aspects of compliance for our school. As a highly experienced teacher of Mathematics, Mr Nightingale will be very much involved in the development of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) plus the integration of ICT into our classrooms. I am looking forward to working with Mr Nightingale and seeing what the future holds for learning at Carey.

The Primary School leadership team is also experiencing change. Mrs Michelle Shaw and Mrs Janice Post are taking up the role of Assistant Deputy Principals. Their roles will be to lead K – 2 and Years 3 – 6 respectively and also to lead development in Primary ICT, and to develop a smoother continuum of literacy and numeracy through the Primary years.

Schools are places of constant change and 2017 will be no different. Some changes will be very noticeable while others will be more gradual but no less significant to the life of our school community. As our school changes and improves I would like the community to know that William Carey is a school that the students are happy to attend, knowing that we are investing in their individual learning and growth.

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*
Lamentations 3:22-23 (ESV)

Keith McMullen
Principal
Welcome to William Carey for 2017 and a particularly warm welcome to all the new students and families. I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce the new High School staff, Mr N. Gabin (HSIE), Mr T. Champion (TAS), Mrs E. Fuller and Miss A. Benisch (English).

Please partner with us as we continue “Transforming lives by the proclamation of the gospel and the delivery of an excellent, affordable Christian education; accessible to the whole community” (WCCS vision statement).

Meet the Teacher Nights
These nights will occur in either Week 2 or 3 of this term, depending on your child’s year group. Please plan to attend this night and meet with your child’s subject teachers face to face. Planning for a successful year for your son or daughter can begin at this point. Remember to book your appointments using your Parent Teacher Online (PTO) account as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. Year 7 parents (only) can also meet their child’s Pastoral Care teacher in a small group session on the night. These small group sessions will be held at 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm in addition to the other interviews you may book. These group meetings are planned to last for fifteen minutes. No bookings are required for the parents of Year 7 students to attend either of these informal sessions. The school’s ICT staff will also be on hand at both evenings to assist families with any Edumate related enquires.

Stepping into Senior School and the VET Information Night
Stepping into Senior School (Year 10) and the VET Information Night (Year 11) will be incorporated as part of the running of the respective Meet the Teacher Nights. These breakout sessions will both occur from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm and, while your attendance is required, booking is not needed to be a part of these presentations.

Parent Seminars
Our first Parent Seminar will be a motion picture with the title *Screenagers*. This seminar will take place on Monday, 6th March at WCCS – see Page 6 for details. *Screenagers* probes the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director’s own interactions with her family. It depicts the messy struggles that occur within social media, video games, internet addiction and academics. Through surprising insights from authors and recent scientific research, solutions emerge on how we can empower our children to best navigate the digital world.

This commercial documentary is easily previewed on the internet with trailers and reviews readily available. Please make it a priority to attend this very important night.

Upcoming Events

**Week 2**
- Meet the Teacher Night: Years 7, 10 and 12
- Stepping into Senior School: Year 10
- Careers Day: Year 12
- HS Swimming Carnival: Years 7 – 12
- Blazer Fitting: Year 7

**Week 3**
- Meet the Teacher Night: Years 8, 9 and 11
- VET Information Night: Year 11
- Review Meetings: Years 7 – 9

**Week 4**
- Year 11 Camp
- ESU camp
- Review Meetings: Years 10 – 12

**Week 5**
- Vaccinations: Year 7

**Week 6**
- Parent Wellbeing Seminar – all parents/carers welcome. See Page 6 for details.

**Week 7**
- Science Camp: Year 7
- Review Meetings: Years 7 – 9

**Week 8**
- Review Meetings: Years 10 – 12

**Weeks 9 and 10**
- 1/2 Yearly Exams: Year 12

In His service,
Brad Milburn.
Deputy Principal Welfare.
(On behalf of the High School Deputies)
Welcome to 2017 at William Carey. I would like to extend my welcome to families joining us this year; it is great to have you in the William Carey community. If you have any questions or concerns as your children settle in, please come and see me.

Prior to Term 1 commencing, staff spent a busy week preparing for the school year. Amidst programming, planning and class preparation, we also began studying an excellent book about prayer – “A Praying Life” by Paul Miller. This provided lots to think about in our busy lives.

Sport Information
As usual, the term starts with numerous activities (see dates below). Of particular note is the Primary Swimming Carnival, which is on Thursday, 9th February. Students in Years 3 to 6 will have received a note about this (as part of the big Sport note) requesting swimming ability and transport information. Please return this promptly. Students in Year 2 are invited to attend, only if they are squad swimmers. If this is the case, please contact Mr Burgess ASAP to discuss. As always, parents are welcome to attend.

The sport note for Years 3 to 6 also contains information about other sporting events for 2017, as well as general permission for students to participate in IPSSO. Please read this carefully and return all signed sections as soon as possible.

Primary Information Evening
The Primary Information Evening is being held on Tuesday, 7th February. This is a great opportunity for parents (no children, please) to find out what is happening at William Carey this year. There will be some whole school information, as well as an opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and find out more specific information. You will also get to hear from our Principal, Mr McMullen.

New Staff and Roles
There are some exciting staff changes at William Carey for 2017. These include:
- Mrs Beth Newman, new to William Carey, teaching Kindergarten.
- Mrs Joanna Hingston moving from casual to full time staff, also teaching Kindergarten.
- Mr Matthew Burns, our new Stage Three Coordinator (Years 5 and 6) and teaching Year 5.
- Mrs Amy Lewis returning to teach in our Prep School.
- Mrs Lorraine Davey, Mrs Sarah Costa and Mrs Debby Elachy, who work as LSAs (Learning Support Aides) throughout Prep – Year 6.

As announced last year, Mrs Michelle Shaw and Mrs Janice Post are jointly moving into the ADP (Assistant Deputy Principal) role in Primary. You will have already seen the fruit of their work, with the smooth start to the school year.

Upcoming Events
Tuesday 7th February
Primary Information Evening
Primary Super 8s Cricket

Thursday 9th February
Primary Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 15th February
First IPSSO Match
New Parent Breakfast
Prep welcome Morning Tea (1)

Thursday 16th February
New Parent Breakfast

Friday 17th February
Prep welcome Morning Tea (2)
K-6 Assembly 2PM in the hall

Monday 20th February
Zone Swimming Carnival

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23-24

In His service,
Robert Burgess
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

School Nurse

WCCS currently has a position available for a registered nurse to join the Health Care team. This permanent part-time position is for three days per week, Wednesday – Friday, during school terms (38 weeks per year).

Please direct any enquiries and requests for a full role description to clinic@wccs.nsw.edu.au.

All applications must be submitted on the Non-Teaching Application Form (available from wccs.nsw.edu.au) and should be sent to antakleys@wccs.nsw.edu.au.

Applications close at 9:00 am on Monday, 13th February, 2017.

Music Teacher (Secondary)

This role is a full-time teaching position for 12 months, with the possibility of extension. The preferred candidate will have experience in teaching Stage 6 Music Course 1, Stage 4 and 5 Music. Experience in coordinating extracurricular music programs (e.g. Concert Band) is desirable. The successful candidate will commence in March, 2017.

All applications must be submitted on the Teaching Application form (available from wccs.nsw.edu.au) and should be sent to antakleys@wccs.nsw.edu.au.

Applications close at 9:00 am on Wednesday, 15th February, 2017.
UNIFORM SHOP
Blazer Fitting

Blazer fitting for Year 7 will take place on Thursday, 9th February, 2017 from 9:00 am. Any students from other grades who still need a blazer should also visit the Uniform Shop on this day.

Opening Hours
After these dates, the Uniform Shop has returned to the usual opening hours of Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

IMPORTANT HEALTH NOTICE

A student in our school community is currently receiving treatment which results in a lowered immune system, which means the student is more prone to getting ill from infections. As the student has a chronic illness, it is important that the student be able to participate actively in the day to day school program. A major concern is that if this student develops measles, chickenpox or influenza, the student may become seriously ill. We seek your cooperation in preventing this situation.

If your child has or may have measles or chickenpox, we would ask that you please:

1. Do not send your child to school.
2. Notify the Senior School Nurse as soon as possible via –
   email: clinic@wccs.nsw.edu.au
   phone: 9608 2277

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe for all students, and especially for our students with special health needs.

Mrs Anna Huynh,
Senior School Nurse
20th-Century Germany and Roman History Study Tour 2018

Tuesday 7th February
From 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in R block

Still haven’t decided if you would like to come along?

Would you like to learn more before making a decision?

On the above date, Academy Travel will be running an information night for all parents and students who have registered interest.

The evening will provide information about the tour including booking, insurance and payment options. A representative from Academy Travel will be there to answer any questions that you may have.

If you haven’t yet registered your interest, but would like to learn more before making a decision, feel free to RSVP and come along.

Please RSVP by emailing Miss Catherine Smith at smithc@wccs.nsw.edu.au by Monday 30th January.

SCRENAgers

GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

HOSTED BY: William Carey Christian School
WHEN: Monday, 6th March from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
WHERE: Parent Seminar in R Block
WHO: All parents/carers, Prep – 12, are welcome.

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