From Your School Principal

Over the past few weeks I have had the opportunity to speak with a number of past William Carey students. During those conversations, they have spoken with great fondness of their time away on school camps. These trips away with their peers and teachers were pivotal times in their school life.

School camps are still, very much a part of our school calendar. So far this term, Year 6 have visited Teen Ranch, Year 11 have taken time out together to reflect on their leadership role as senior students and build study skills, ESU visited the Wedderburn camp site, while Year 5 are visiting Hill End and Year 7 are heading down to Canberra to enjoy a number Science related experiences, to hang out with their Year Advisors and get to know each other better. Plus the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme have run their Bronze level test hike. While that list sounds quite a lot, that’s not the end of camps for this term, let alone the year.

A school camp program like this, involves a great deal of work in preparation, plus long days for the staff and parents who run and attend the camps. However, a camps program is worth the effort. I believe these camps add to the richness of our students’ educational experience. Many of the camps do address curriculum content directly, but their value is much greater than just achieving these outcomes.

Attending camps allow students to have fun together as they learn in a much larger ‘classroom’. It provides the environment for their learning to extend into many new directions. They learn to appreciate a much bigger world, to experience living alongside others, sharing the benefits and responsibilities of being in a large group for an extended period of time. The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme hikes also provide the opportunities to develop team skills, perseverance and appreciation of creation which speaks of God's majesty. Our school camps also often provide the space and time for students to learn more about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is my hope that the school camps run this year, will be fun for our students and form part of the positive, formative experiences of their time at William Carey.

Principal’s Blog

I am now officially a blogger! I would like to invite you to check out the updated Principal’s blog as a page on which I will be sharing some of the topical news for our school life and education in general. Visit this blog at http://blogs.willcarey.nsw.edu.au/principal/ or go to the WCCS portal and check out the range of other WCCS blogs.

Southwest Brickfest

Planning is coming together for William Carey’s Southwest Brickfest community event on Saturday 4th of June. Whether you are a Lego enthusiast or not, this day will be a great outing for the family with lots of fun in store. Make sure you put this event in your calendar!

Psalm 6:1-4 (ESV)

Keith McMullen

Principal
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and the 22 staff who attended our presentation on “Navigating Teenage Depression” held on Monday 29th February. It was a great night and well worth the time that people committed to the event. Mr Dan Sanders from the Black Dog Institute was the guest presenter for the evening. He was a fabulous mix of accomplished author and successful IT executive (his day job). Dan was able to overlay his own family narrative across a sensitive topic. His presentation was informative, professionally presented and delivered with passion. His firsthand account of dealing with life as a parent of a child who suffered from chronic depression and suicidal ideation was very insightful and promoted much discussion amongst the families that were present on the night.

Dan left us a wealth of resource materials that can be sent to you even if you did not attend the seminars. Notes include: Understanding “Bite Back”, Helping someone with a Mood Disorder, Depression in Adolescents and Young People, Treatments for Depression, Finding a Mental Health Friendly Doctor, Bipolar Disorders in Young People, and where to find help and information. This material can be received in hard copy or electronically. Please contact my PA - Ms J Nicholas via email on nicholasj@wccs.nsw.edu.au if you would like to receive this information.

Our next staff / parent seminar will be held on Monday 14th March. It will be held in R block from 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm. Please see the full flyer included later in this Newsletter. Whether you’re a parent of Prep, primary or secondary aged children, these seminars are an invaluable resource and you’re more than welcome to attend. Please consider bringing a friend or neighbour, as these seminars are also open to the community.

The topic we will be considering on this occasion is “Body Confident Children and Teens”. Again, we have engaged a guest speaker, this time from the Butterfly Foundation. The message of the night is not about eating disorders (although these will be addressed) but more about promoting a positive body image and a positive body satisfaction. We will be looking at the dangers of “fat talk”, as well as the dangers and warning signs of having a poor or unhealthy concept of self. We will also consider the importance of role modeling positive body image and healthy behaviours in your family. This seminar is equally relevant to both males and females and will hopefully prove to be another very successful night.

A question that is commonly posed at this time of the year is “what are the home study expectations that students are required to meet in the high school at William Carey?

The School’s Parent Carer Handbook sets out the following schedule of homework requirements.

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Obviously this schedule is a guide and will vary from week to week as students work through the peaks and troughs of assessment tasks and exam periods. However, if your son or daughter is not in the habit of completing regular and planned home study they may well struggle with the rigors of school life.

If you are concerned that your child’s homework requirements are outside of this guide you can talk to your child’s year adviser about your concerns.

In His service,
Brad Milburn
Deputy Principal Student Welfare
(On behalf of the High School Deputies)
We are currently in the middle of school camp season. Year Six has enjoyed three days at Teen Ranch recently. Many students commented that the activities pushed them out of their comfort zone and made them try things they normally wouldn’t, with very positive results. Two of our Year Five classes have enjoyed their time at Hill End, with two more still to go. A big “thank you” to the parents who attended Year Five camps. Your help is greatly appreciated. As mentioned previously, there has been a change to how we are running Year Four camps and each class received information about this last week.

Parent/Teacher interviews are coming up soon and we would love to see as many parents as possible attending. You will receive a detailed letter outlining the booking process, including the username and password required. Please note, we use an online system known as PTO, which is different to the Parent Portal.

There is an article later in this Newsletter regarding Working With Children Checks (Page 5). This article outlines a change to our current procedure, so please read it carefully. If you have any questions, please come and see us in the Primary Office.

If you have children involved in any William Carey sporting activities, I would encourage you to register on the Primary Sport Blog. This is the fastest way to gain information about upcoming events. It is also the easiest way for us to communicate any change of plans, which can happen from time to time. The blog can most easily be found by searching “WCCS Portal”, select the “Blogs” option and then “Primary Sport”.

Do you have any good condition WCCS uniform items that you no longer require? If so, please send them in to the Primary Office, as we keep a supply on hand for various reasons. You might be surprised how often it is required.

In the most recent Newsletter I mentioned the need for more canteen helpers. We still need you! Please drop in and see Kylie or Caroline in the canteen, and they will be happy to discuss how you can help.

Upcoming Events

Friday 11th March          K-2 Dance 4:30 pm to 6 pm in the Hall
Wednesday 16th March      IPSSO Bye
Thursday 17th March        HICES Debating
                            “Bullying, No Way!” day
Friday 18th March          Prep Family Fun Day (1)
                            Business Studies Market Day
Tuesday 22nd March         3-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews (NOT 5HD)
                            Prep Family Fun Day (2)
                            CIS Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 23rd March       K-2 Parent/Teacher Interviews (Plus 5HD)
                            IPSSO St Marys vs. WCCS

16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

In His service,
Robert Burgess
So many things have been happening in and around the school so far this year. J Walk is just one of these many exciting events. J Walk was on Thursday, the 3rd of March. It was so encouraging to see the number of people, all the way from Years 7 - 12, that came and heard about God’s word together. It was a beautiful day to all be gathered on G Block quad, worshipping and singing together while enjoying fellowship over God’s word. J Walk is held once a term and is a perfect opportunity for people to bring their friends to know God.

The Peer Support Program started up this week for Year 7 students. Peer Support involves a group of three Year 11 students mentoring a certain year 7 PC group, two mornings a week for the term. This is such a great experience for the Year 7s and 11s as they are able to learn about empathy and dealing with the stresses of high school together. The Year 7s have loved getting to know their leaders and are looking forward to being encouraged by the others in their PC more and more throughout the term as they discover how to work well as a group.

AUSLAN is now into its fourth week running and has been a major success! Each week at Monday lunch, people come to B4 to learn the language of the deaf in our community. This is such a valuable skill as it allows the communication between deaf and hearing people. Come give it a go!

Uprising, a group who join together on Wednesday lunchtimes to be encouraged by God, has started up in H1. It is worth going to for heaps of encouragement in your faith and fellowship with boys and girls across all years.

The Zone Swimming Carnival for High School was on Friday the 26th of February. It was a great day for all those who attended. William Carey obtained some outstanding results, coming second to Inaburra overall for the whole day! Congratulations swimmers!

KYCK is a Christian convention that is run each year in the April holidays up in Katoomba. It is a wonderful opportunity for Christians and non Christians to come along and learn more about God’s word. This year, Dave Jensen and Sam Chan are speaking. There are over 2,000 youth that attend each weekend for three weekends and are motivated by the amazing fellowship and worship over the six talks. If you’re interested in going to KYCK, talk to Mr Jackson to find out more.

Galatians 6:2 says ‘Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.’ This verse is really important for us as Christians to be reminded of. We often forget to look out for other people’s struggles as we are too busy focussing on our own. This verse tells us that we should always be looking to support others, no matter how small the act is. God wants us to love others just as he loved us. God took our burdens away from us when he sent his perfect son to die on the cross. We too should share in the comfort and distress of others, being an imitator of the way God so loved us.

For God’s Glory,
Elizabeth Ross and Lucas Mushahwar
At William Carey Christian School, we are committed to taking all steps necessary to ensure the safety of the children in our care. There are various organisations that oversee child protection in NSW, and they operate under specific legislation. We engage with these organisations, as well as with the Association of Independent Schools, for advice and guidance.

As part of our ongoing review of policy and procedure, we recently met with our Police Liaison Officer to discuss Working With Children Check practice at William Carey. While we have had no incidents in this area in the past, from this consultation has come a change to our practice.

From this time forward, parents wishing to assist at the school will be required to have a NSW Working With Children Check number. If you are planning to assist with major activities such as camps, excursions or driving students, we will require the WWCC as soon as possible. For other activities, we will be phasing them in over the year.

So how does this work?

1) Many parents will already have a WWCC, either through their workplace, Church or sport club. If this is the case, please provide a copy of your WWCC verification (the email you received with your WWCC number – not just the number please) to the school for confirmation.

2) If you don’t have a WWCC, they are free and very easy to get. To obtain one, please follow this process:
   - Select the “Start Here” Icon
   - Select “Apply For Your Check”
   - NOTE: The next thing you will see is a banner explaining why some parents don’t need a WWCC. While this is true under the legislation, schools are still within their rights to require one from their parent helpers. According to our Police Liaison Officer, it is standard practice for schools to request a WWCC.
   - Be sure to select the volunteer option
   - Work through the process and print off the confirmation at the end
   - Take the confirmation, as well as whatever ID you used in the process, to your local RMS/Service NSW office
   - They will process your check, and email you a verification
   - Print a copy and bring the verification to school, or forward the email if you prefer

The school recognises that this can take some time, and we appreciate your cooperation as we work together for the safety of the children at William Carey Christian School.

(This information accurate at February 2016.)

Service NSW centres are open from 7 am to 7 pm Mon-Fri and 8:30 am to 3 pm Saturday. They are located at:

Liverpool  Liverpool Megacenta, Shop R19, 2–18 Orange Grove Road, Liverpool NSW 2170
Wetherill Park  Greenway Plaza, Unit 72, Cnr The Horsley Drive and Elizabeth Street, Wetherill Park NSW 2164
Macarthur  The Home Centre, Steer Road, Gregory Hills NSW 2557

You can find others by searching for “Service NSW” or use an existing RTA/RMS office.
Body Confident Children and Teens

Every year, since its inclusion in 2006, body image has been one of the top three areas of personal concern for young people. (Mission Australia, Youth Survey)

You are invited to an interactive presentation from The Butterfly Foundation for Eating Disorders, that aims to equip parents with knowledge, information and tips to better support their child’s or teenager’s body confidence during puberty and adolescence.

Parents of children in Prep, Primary or Secondary school will find this seminar an invaluable resource. WCCS parents and parents in the wider community are welcome to attend.

WHEN: Monday 14th March 2016
WHERE: R Block at William Carey Christian School
TIME: 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm

IMPORTANT NOTE:
The presentation and discussion is for parents and carers only.
Children are not invited and should not attend.

For more information about the seminar and what it will cover, please head to our website: www.wccs.nsw.edu.au
Teddy Bears Needed

On March 30th, our Kindergarten teachers are inviting Prep families and Kindergarten 2017 families to peek inside the Kindergarten classrooms.

Part of this event will be a Teddy Bear’s Tea Party. We are aware that some children may arrive without a teddy bear and would like them to be able to borrow one. If you have a teddy bear you would be willing to donate, please drop it off at the Enrolments Office, next to the Uniform Shop.

After the event some teddies will be donated to a charity and some retained for future similar events.

Mrs Anderson’s Retiring Art Show

Many parents have asked about acquiring art and now is the time! Mrs Anderson will be retiring at the end of Term 1. She will display her artworks in S Block (look for the signs) in Week 9 whilst the Primary School Parent/Teacher interviews are taking place.

Many paintings will be on sale, with a variety of sizes. A donation of 20% of sales to Maphutseng will be given.

Dates: Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March 2016

Making Music!

If you pass by N block on a Thursday or Friday you may hear some of our primary students heartily singing, playing percussion instruments or practising their new glockenspiel and recorder repertoire. This is part of a new program put in place to further support the musical development of our primary students at William Carey.

Together with music specialist, Mrs Shenouda, Years 2, 3 and 4 have been enjoying moving to music, singing and learning to play musical instruments as part of their regular music lessons.

Beyond the immediate enjoyment and musical skills gained, learning a musical instrument has further reaching benefits. Extensive research, conducted by James J. Hudziak, highlights the links between learning an instrument and the development of the brain. The study concluded that learning an instrument can help children to control their emotions, reduce anxiety and boost attention. His research highlights that, “Along with parents, teachers and friends, learning a musical instrument has a vital role to play in children’s psychological health”. It also noted that “children who study the piano or violin might also find it easier to control their emotions, focus their attention and reduce their anxiety.” Stay posted for some musical performances later in the year!

Reference:
Year 12 Information

Applying for Medicine or Health Sciences?
You need an Undergraduate Medicine and Health Science Admissions Test (UMAT). This is a compulsory component of your application.
Register by: Friday 3 June 2016
Test date: Wednesday 27 July 2016
For information contact UMATumat@acer.edu.au

Cochlear Autumn School of Engineering
The program is for students who have a desire to pursue engineering as their future career. Throughout the program students will meet and interact with professional engineers employed by government, private companies, researchers and academics in a wide range of engineering disciplines.
Monday 11 April to Friday 15 April 2016
Applications open now, and are accepted on a “first in, first served” basis. Applications must include your most recent School Report. Forms are available on the ASE pages of Sydney Division’s website.
www.engineersaustralia.org.au/sydney

Year 12 visits University of Wollongong

Year 10 Work Experience blue forms are due Week 1 Term 2
Need help? See Careers staff

Experience one extraordinary year in the Australian Defence Force
Unsure of what to do after Year 12? Gap Year opportunities are available in the Navy, Army and Air Force. The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians, who have finished Year 12 and are aged between 17 and 24, to experience military training and lifestyle whilst gaining new skills and pay over their gap year.
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Money whilst studying? YES PLEASE

Applications open:
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Applications close:
11 May 2016
For more information
www.businesscadetships.com.au

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Engineering Business & Technology Cadetships
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VET Hospitality at Cucina 105

For the last three years Cucina 105, a restaurant in Liverpool, has allowed the Hospitality students from William Carey Christian School to take control of their venue for a day as part of the Class Chef’s Program. Our Year 12 students stepped into the kitchen to prepare and cook a three course meal for 80 guests, while a number of the Year 11 class formed the Front of House team, waiting on tables and serving beverages.

On reflection of the experience at Cucina 105, Year 12 student Tamara Bogicevic shared “It was really good to learn how to work under pressure. We felt like we were part of the staff. It was really full on. I’m so glad I was involved.” Her classmate Aiden Randall shared, “I enjoyed making the entrees and the challenge of working in the kitchen.”

Natasha Gumunyu commented “It wasn’t as hard as I thought it would be.” One of her peers elaborated by saying “We worked on tasks in pairs, so it spread the responsibility and helped us to work with less pressure”. Students enthusiastically shared about learning new skills in the kitchen and related their experience to content that they had learned in the classroom.

Members of the Year 11 class were responsible for arranging tables and setting up before guests arrived. As service started they managed greeting and seating the guests, taking customer orders, delivering food and beverages and clearing tables. A number of these students proudly shared that this experience had enabled them to master the challenge of carrying three plates of food to guests through a crowded dining room. Further to this Caitlin Rinos said “I was really thankful for the owner of the restaurant Angelo, the front of house manager AJ and the chef James...they were very patient and answered any questions we had.... I was also thankful for the staff members and parents who came along, it helped us learn how to serve a large number of guests.”
In the days since this event, students have been overwhelmed by comments received from staff, expressing their enjoyment of the atmosphere, service and quality of the food. Many of these customers are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to join us again next year. Amongst the many positive reviews received from our guests:

“Well done... Another great night, amazing food- well prepared and served. Book me in for next year.” Mrs H Rushton

“What an awesome job by the Hospitality team last night- Great food, great atmosphere, 5 star presentation.” Mr A Athavle

“The food was superb...I was so impressed...” Miss C Smith

“Thank you for a lovely evening and great food... the hard work through a long day really showed in the final product” Mr K Mc Mullen

“Thank you so much for such an enjoyable evening. The meals were of an exceptionally high standard, delicious & well presented....All of the VET students conducted themselves in a professional manner...” Mrs C Smith

The TAS faculty are proud of the students who participated in the Class Chef’s program, for their outstanding work ethic and attitude throughout the event. 1 Peter 4:9 exhorts us to “Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling”. Once again we have seen our students serve the broader school community well, with their God-given gifts and talents.

Ms T Webster
Halogen Young Leaders Day
Allphones Arena, Homebush.

By Sophie and Ella

On Monday we represented our school at the Young Leaders Day. Over 6000 Year 5 and 6 students from all over Sydney attended.

The day started when we met Mrs McGrath at 7:30 am, ready for the drive to Homebush. On arrival, we were greeted by Sam, the manager and given VIP treatment.

The first speaker was Nathan Dubsy. His main focus was on “mastering the little”. As leaders, we need to think of every element of a task. All the little things add up to make the task work well.

Melanie Lee was the second speaker. Melanie is the author who wrote, *A Girl in the World* and *A Boy in the World*. As young adults, many of us are under pressure to achieve. Melanie encouraged us to set goals and be well prepared for the changes that come with moving to high school. She encouraged us to listen to each other and value each other’s opinions. She also talked about letting go of things and moving on.

Andrew Scipione (NSW Police Commissioner) spoke about his role as leader. He encouraged us to always push ourselves and to aim to do our best. He said, “You are tomorrow’s leaders”. He also spoke of having integrity in all we do. The actions and the choices we make define us as leaders and can impact the future. We were amazed when he told us that each day as an individual, we make over 2500 choices. That is a lot of chances to make the right decision!!!

Ben Ostin is a Paralympian. He also spoke about having integrity and not lying. He said that as young people, we are more powerful than we think. He had an amazing belief in himself and his abilities.

During the day there was a panel which included Scotty from Prank Patrol. They talked about being prepared and organised and about problem solving. Breaking down a problem into small parts makes it more achievable to solve.

We had a great day, learned lots and were challenged to be good leaders and role models in the Primary School.
HICES Debating

Last Thursday, our Junior (Year 6) debating team travelled with Mr Cooper and Mrs Darby to Arndell College for our first debate for 2016. Our team was the affirmative and our topic for debate was, “Australia should become a republic.”

First speaker was Anuva. Anuva opened our case by explaining how becoming a republic would impact all Australians. Our team line, “Our people, our identity, our head of state,” was introduced by Anuva. The second speaker was Abhishek. His main point was that Australia now leans more to the Asia/Pacific region and Britain has closer ties with Europe.

The third speaker was Hayley. It was Hayley’s job to wrap up the team’s arguments and push our case. Jack was our team advisor. His important job of rebutting meant that he had to listen carefully as both teams presented their case and quickly write notes for our speakers.

We had a great day, especially when the adjudicator announced that we had won the debate. The adjudicator commented that Hayley had done an excellent job rebutting the negative team’s arguments. She also said that we were a well organised and well prepared team. Thanks to Mr Cooper and Mrs Darby for being excellent coaches. It was a great day for the Junior HICES debating team!

What’s happening in Primary at WCCS!

All students K-6 will be given a “Bullying. No Way!” wristband to wear. Students may wear these all week from Monday March 14th to Friday March 18th.

Prep – Year 2.
Our P-2 students will be watching “The Allen Adventure”. Allen is a visitor from another planet. He has just started at school and he is working out how to get on with kids on Earth. Parents can download The Allen Adventure free app for Apple iOS and Android devices. It is suitable for children from 3 to 8 years of age.

Years 3 and 4
Our Stage 2 students will be watching a video called, “She’s Mean to Me”, which encourages class discussions and problem solving activities. Students will also be writing chalk messages against bullying around our school.

Years 5 and 6
Stage 3 students will be creating their own avatar and adding an anti-bullying message to the National Day of Action gallery. They will also watch “They’re Bullying my Friend,” which encourages class discussion and problem solving.

Parents and Carers
You can log on to the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence website. Here you will find helpful resources and ideas.
I just can’t believe how much fun I had at teen ranch. It was so great just being able to spend time with other classes and get to know other kids in grade six. At camp we got to do all sorts of things but canoeing was my favourite activity. Emma

I really liked the giant swing. It was very exciting. The marshmallows were really good too. Rupert

My favourite was the horse riding. We also had some really delicious food. On the first night, we had a bonfire and roasted marshmallows, everyone got two marshmallows; one of mine burnt my tongue when I ate it. Thomas

Year 6 camp made me challenge myself, especially when I did horse riding. At first I was really scared. It turned out to be so much fun and I wanted it to last longer. Gabrielle

Year 6 camp was the best camp. It was about pushing you to outside of your comfort zone. I thought canoeing was going to be boring but with my great group, I had fun and in the games. Emalee

One of the best things at camp was the giant swing. It was big and a little scary. The main reason it’s scary is because you are strapped into the harness and you have a free fall but at the last second the harness and rope save you. Mitchell

One of my favourite activities at the camp was canoeing. We started by racing out to a buoy in the water called Bob, then to a beach where we went swimming. Hayden

My year 6 camp was awesome. I loved the giant swing, I went to the top and pulled the rope it felt like I was falling. By lunch I was starving, I ate so much food. Jordan

When we first got to camp at 9:30 am we ate morning tea, we had vanilla cake and peaches and it was delicious. Soon after we played a game called pizza tray. We had two activities, dinner and then it was bed time. Trent

On the first night of camp, we walked to the camp fire spot, which was kind of far. We got marshmallows to roast on the camp fire. The second night of camp, we had trivia games and a building contest. Joshua

The food at Teen Ranch was great. We had a bonfire where we cooked marshmallows. My favourite activity was canoeing and getting to swim in the river at the beach. I wish I could go again. Anthony

When we arrived, we couldn’t wait until our first activity. We were separated into five different groups. My first activity was the Challenge Course, we had to work together as a team to complete certain tasks we were given. The Giant Swing was my favourite activity in camp because it was very thrilling. For Towers, I managed to make it all the way up the logs. Jessica

Teen Ranch was bigger than I thought. I looked to my right and saw the giant swing and I couldn’t wait to go on it. We had about half an hour of free time on the logs, playing volleyball, soccer and running around crazy. Then I went on the giant swing and the challenge course. Horse riding was easy for me. Joanne

When I went to Teen Ranch for Year Six camp, I had so much fun. We got to play games together. My favourite thing was playing with the pizza trays and the balls. I also liked horse riding and swimming. It was great!! Jamison
My favourite activates were Horse Riding and the Giant Swing. When we had to go to sleep the teachers walked past our cabins and said to be quiet. As much as my cabin tried to be quiet we couldn’t be quiet because of the awesome activities. Adam

Teen Ranch was greener and bigger than I ever thought. We had an activity, a break, ate food and went for a swim. On the second day we did the same thing and ate even better food. We had a trivia night and heard a talk about God. On the last day my group got to go swimming in the lake when we went canoeing. Amber

Camp was the best! My favourite activity was the giant swing. I had lots of fun with the people in my cabin. We laughed at funny things at night and we couldn’t sleep because there was so much chatter. I didn’t want to leave. Kayla

When I first arrived at Teen Ranch I was a bit nervous because I didn’t know what to expect. I walked through the gate and the first thing I see is the pool in front of me, then I look to the right and I see all of my friends. We were all curious to find out what our first activity was. In the middle of our conversation the teacher blows the whistle and we all sat down. Cindy

It was the best time of my life. I shared a cabin with my friends and the giant swing was the best activity. I would love to go there again. Matthew S

The Giant Swing was my second activity and I was the third person to go on the swing. I was so terribly nervous that I was walking up and down and in circles but as I soon got on it and pulled the rope I dropped and I realized it wasn’t that scary anymore. After that I wanted more turns!! Jasmin

It was the best camp. Once it got dark, we went through the bushes to a camp fire. We cooked marshmallows in the fire. Afterwards, we went to bed and it was the best camp ever and I slept so well. Matthew Y

On the first night at Teen Ranch, we walked to a campfire where you get to cook marshmallows. On the second night, we did mini challenges. I slept in a room with nine other people. My favourite activity was the giant swing because I got to go up really high. My least favourite activity was canoeing, because I was scared that the canoe would turn over. Lydia

My first activity was the GIANT swing but unlike everyone else who was happy, I was a little bit annoyed because I didn’t want to go on it. When I got to the giant swing I told myself that I was going to have a go at it. It was finally my turn. After my two swings I really wanted another go, and to think I didn’t even want to go on it in the first place. Lara

On the first night, we did the night walk around Teen Ranch to a bonfire where we roasted marshmallows. Marijuana

My favourite activity was canoeing because I got to go with my friends. It was also fun when we got to the bank where we pulled up and had a swim in the river. Cohan
Kindergarten love their Year 6 Buddies.

KS have settled in to school well in these first six weeks and they would like to thank their Year 6 buddies for helping them find friends, play games and know their way around the playground at William Carey.

Here are some watercolour artworks of their buddies playing with them in the Kindy Triangle and on Turner Field.
Thank you for your leadership and kindness, buddies!
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 10/3: Year 7 Science camp
Friday 11/3: MISA debating
Year 9 - 12 Visual Arts excursion
K-2 Dance
Monday 14/3: Parent Seminar - Body Confident Children and Teens (see page 6 for details)
Wednesday 16/3: Year 10 PASS camp
Friday 18/3: Prep Family Fun Day
Monday 21/3: CSSA Swimming Carnival
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Tuesday 22/3: 3-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 23/3: K-2 Parent/Teacher Interviews
Year 9 Commerce excursion
Thursday 24/3: Primary Easter Assembly (9:00 am in the hall)
High School Easter Assembly (2:30 pm in the hall)
Friday 25/3: Good Friday
Monday 28/2: Easter Monday

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Term 2 is blazer season! If you have not already purchased, or paid a deposit for, a blazer please see the Uniform Shop immediately.
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