



'Ain't No Mountain High Enough' at St John's

This year our Year 12 students adopted the song 'Ain't no Mountain High Enough' because it is the epitome of their achievements at St John's. A place where impossible doesn't exist!

The 2014 Prefects developed a united goal to climb a mountain through their 'Reaching New Heights' initiative. They used each term for a period of focus on these goals, united and as individuals. At the recent Night of Celebration Lachlan Nuttall, College Captain explained this during his Captains address.

"Through our 'Reaching New Heights' program over this year, as a team, we have aimed to prepare the students for the years ahead by teaching them the simple concepts such as putting in that extra 10% along with achievement through goal setting. This figurative mountain was the perfect analogy to convey this throughout the year. Every year whether you are an adult or student you are faced with a mountain and just like a mountaineer we need to have a plan or a chosen route on how to conquer it. For St John's this was our personal goals. We continued this analogy by naming each phase of the climb: preparation, determination, supporting others and celebration which were in line with each school term. Beginning the year with preparation we needed to define what our goal was, create a chosen route and begin the climb. As we steadily approached the first base camp we realised that often you look up and recognise there is still a lot to go and you begin to question whether you will survive this journey. Along the journey we need to remember what we are motivated by and what makes us determined. After showing numerous examples on assemblies we were able to realise that everyone is motivated in different ways. As we reached the half-way point the summit was in sight and our focus was stronger than ever, ready and raring to take on the 'big term', Term Three. When climbing our mountain we all went through different phases of mental strength and weakness. This term we focused on helping those around you stay focused and remain a strong team. As we reached the final base camp the culmination of what we had learnt throughout the year was put into effect. We knew that the summit was near and we only needed to get through some final obstacles.

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From the Head of College

We conclude the 2014 school year on very positive note reflecting on the importance of the College community and the quality of the relationships within, articulated this year by both students and parents.

Our students tell us, through surveys and presentations, that they value belonging to an enabling community that supports their learning and achievement and their personal growth. Students have said that community really matters. They like the way they are encouraged and supported to try new things, to develop their potential, to reach their goals and to take opportunities presented. This optimum learning environment motivates them to rise to the high expectations set in both curricular and co-curricular activities, to have the confidence to succeed,

to participate fully in teams and enthusiastically embrace the College's service life.

Parents tell us that the relationship between St John's students and staff is unique. The friendliness is genuine from both parties however the respect is evident and students understand that fine line. The positive learning environment in which our students are immersed each day is one of the keys to the excellent achievements demonstrated by St John's students at our recent Nights of Celebration and Valedictory events.

Parents and teachers alike want the best for their students; that is to fulfill their potential academically, socially and emotionally to enable them to have opportunities for meaningful work to do and fulfilling lives to lead. As we celebrate the achievements of our students at the end of the year and in this final edition of Footprints 2014, we realize that the engagement of many people within our College community working together building the confidence in our young people to achieve their goals is of great value - unique and precious. We are also reminded that College culture must be deliberately shaped and then upheld by all in the community.

Congratulations to all involved on a very successful and rewarding school year. I hope you enjoy reading about College life at St John's this term and wish you a blessed Christmas season.

The Rite Journey - Homecoming



The transition from childhood to adulthood is a challenging time for young people. It is a unique and special experience for each young person and The Rite Journey Program has been a time for the students to reflect on who they are and who they want to become.

What is a Rite of passage? Well Google describes it as a ritual event that marks a person's transition from one status to another. Unfortunately these rites of passage have slowly been disappearing from our culture. Far too often we allow young people to have adult freedom without giving them adult instruction.

The Rite Journey has been a program which has been respectful of student individual needs and experiences. Many of our students have had some very positive experiences with the mentor program.

We have heard stories of kart construction, learning to crochet and knit, cooking and karate lessons just to name a few. Spending time with older role models of the same gender is a very important part their development and learning to know what it means to be a man or a woman. I encourage students to continue this relationship with their mentors and to continue to develop new found skills or activities.

The challenges were an integral part of the Rite Journey program. Challenging the students to realise their potential, experiencing new things and learning to manage anxiety and the fear of the unknown.

The final stage of the Rite Journey program is the Homecoming ceremony or graduation at the end of Term Four. Each year the Rite Journey students will receive a pin to commemorate their graduation and each year the pin will be designed by the students. This year the pin was designed by Alexandra Zeh.

Congratulations to those of you who have achieved this.

Mrs Roborn Hinchliffe
Deputy Head of College – Pastoral Care





Year 12 Graduation

Year 12 Graduation... we have been privileged to have them in our care.

Each year, staff and fellow students farewell a graduating class of Year 12 students. This annual event at the College is steeped in much tradition but each year it is no less emotional for the graduates and their families (and some staff members...Mrs Hinchliffe!) It is a time of reflection on just how far this wonderful group of young people have come and it is also a time to give thanks for the short while we have been privileged to have them in our care.

The year has seen the 15th Year 12 graduation ...well done Class of 2014.

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Early Years Night of Celebration

2014 was the second year, the College Auditorium was filled to capacity for the Early Years Night of Celebration. Staff, parents and extended family enjoyed a night of beautiful music and dance performances as students in Prep to Year Three entertained the audience. The gathering recognised the wonderful effort of all students during 2014 as each year cohort was presented. From the quality of performances St John's has a lot of talent coming through the year levels.



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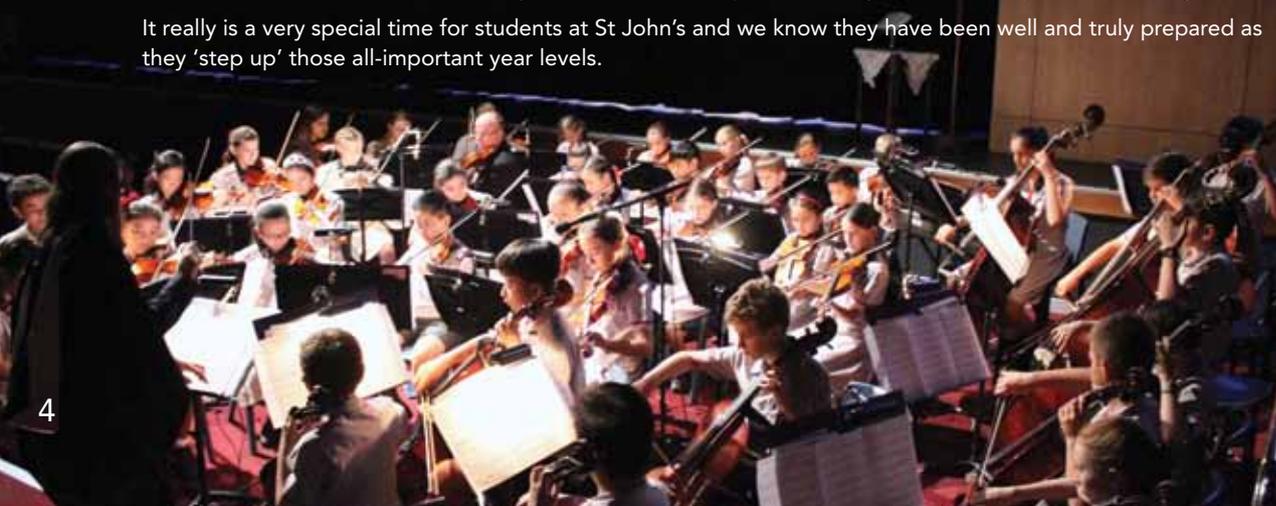
Stepping up the year levels

As with the Year 12 graduation traditions, St John's celebrates other year level milestones with graduation ceremonies. Our Year Nine students not only celebrate the completion of the Rite Journey program but also mark the occasion of moving from Middle school to Senior school with a Middle School graduation ceremony on the last day of school. They are farewelled by Middle School Coordinator, Mr Wayne Pascoe and welcome to Senior school by Mrs Robern Hinchliffe, Deputy Head of College – Pastoral Care.

Our Year Six students celebrate the transition from Primary to Secondary schooling with their graduation ceremony and Valedictory dinner. The Year Six cohort also spend two days of orientation at the secondary school as part of this transition.

Our Little Saints also celebrate their graduation from Kindy into the 'big school' as they prepare to begin Prep in 2015.

It really is a very special time for students at St John's and we know they have been well and truly prepared as they 'step up' those all-important year levels.



Primary and Secondary



First week back for Term Four saw the College Creations event come together with the first event at the Primary school on Sunday evening, 12 October following on with the Secondary event on Monday 13 October and then annual Prep Art show on Tuesday 14 October. The Secondary evening was officially opened by College parent and founder of Brilliant Branding, Mr Les Hannaway.

The quality of the artwork and technology used across the school was amazing. The creativity was boundless right from the Kindergarten student art pieces to the construction and electronic pieces created by secondary students. A video of the night can be viewed on YouTube via the Video tab on the St John's App.

Across the three evenings families enjoyed browsing the work and some were even able to bid on some of the pieces.

The College Creation will now become a permanent event of the College Calendar and will be open to the broader community.

"Creativity is contagious...pass it on" – Albert Einstein

College Creations...



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As we reflect on the year and the great view from the summit, even this view right now, we all have that sense of accomplishment whether we received that academic award or improved that PB, whatever our goals, we are able to see now, take in the view and celebrate. This year we truly were able to 'reach new heights'.

For those who weren't present during our assemblies the mountain dance was a time where the students and staff could relax and present some interesting dance moves. This themed dance to the music of "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" was the embodiment of what our school is about. No matter whether we had assignments or exams on that day we were all able to get up, have a laugh and dance with our friends. This will certainly be one of the most memorable features to 2014. When trying to explain that everyone, including students and teachers, got up and danced was a hard point to prove to other college leaders. This instilled confidence to let go of your troubles and have a few minutes of fun just reinforces that this culture, our culture, is something that separates us from other schools."

Lachlan also spoke about that extra 10% and gave some advice to fellow students. "To the students here today I offer a piece of advice. I expressed earlier the lesson I learnt about the extra 10%. This extra 10% is something that has changed who I am. I'm sure you've heard the quotes about having talent and that without commitment, hard work and dedication your talent will fail you. If you don't study, if you don't work hard, if you don't dedicate yourself to being better every day you will never make it to where you want to be. Often people talk about the fast lane to success, I don't believe in these ideas, if you work hard, every day, and are constantly driven to become more, then you will be where you want to be. It truly is that extra 10%."

Adding to Lachlan's words of encouragement, Head of St John's Anglican College, in her Night of Celebration address said, "This year I talked to students in a variety of settings about what makes St John's unique. One of the questions posed a hypothetical situation, where they had been given the opportunity to design an advertisement for the Ipswich Road billboard. What was their key message they wanted everyone to know about the College?

Students said that the community really matters. They like the way they are encouraged and supported to try new things, to develop their potential, to reach their goals and to take opportunities presented.

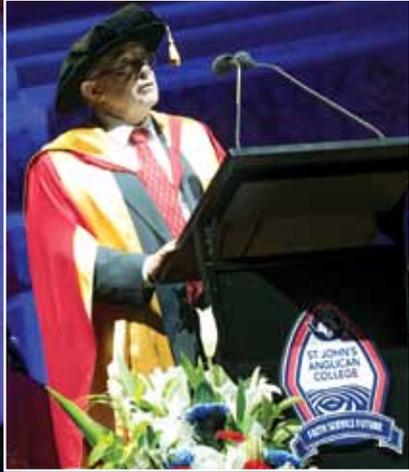
Here we have an example of the St John's culture in action – it is the anchor which gives students the confidence to rise to the high expectations set in both curricular and co-curricular activities, to participate fully in teams and enthusiastically embrace the Colleges' service life program. Culture in schools must be deliberately shaped and then upheld. Our students have articulated the type of learning culture we have.

Sitting quietly in the background is the Anglican Ethos which we don't talk about a lot. You don't need to say a lot about it when your work is immersed and grounded in it. As the foundation of our school culture we are focused on living by gospel values, educating the whole person, appreciating diversity, respecting and fostering educational excellence and intellectual endeavour, maintaining tradition and dignity in school life and worship, living with a sense of social responsibility and focusing on social justice."



As we celebrate the achievements of students we also begin to farewell some. The 2014 graduating cohort of St John's are preparing to take on this new chapter in their lives I believe they are all equipped with three things. As heard repeatedly and stated in the school motto, "Faith, Service, Future". Faith, in God, but also in one another and the belief in oneself to accept new opportunities and challenges. Service, from the teachings of Jesus who taught us the traits of servant leadership, someone who serves before leading. Future, in the new environment we are about to enter we are faced with decisions which will impact on our lives and as we approach these with the knowledge to make the right choices. These graduates have certainly played a role in making this experience more than just school.





CAMPS & EXCURSIONS

Year 2 – Caboolture Historical Village

At the start of the Term Four, Year Two visited the Caboolture Historical Village. A visit to the Village focuses on changes to our lifestyle, transport, communication and industry as a result of technology and innovation. Students learnt about the origins of some of today's most popular items (e.g. mobile phones and iPads) and also about what it was like to live like in their Grandparents time.



Year 6 – Camp Somerset

The bus was packed and we climbed aboard, eager to grab the back seats! After the two hour ride, we arrived at Camp Somerset. Fifty-seven excited children tumbled from the bus, keen for morning tea. We were certain to have the best camp ever!

We climbed hills, fired archery arrows, paddled canoes, built rafts, swam in the pool, completed orienteering activities and tree and rope climbs! After a scrumptious dinner we watched a movie. We had great fun dragging our doonas and pillows to the movie room! Finally, we hauled our weary bodies to our cabin beds where we flopped down and fell asleep – eventually.

Before we knew it, we were back on the bus and heading home. We could hardly stand as we walked the final fifty metres back to the classroom.

Our fantastic final primary camp will be remembered for many years to come! Thank you everyone who helped to organise this magnificent event.

By Jessie Ha and Erin Le.



Year 11 – Evans Head

In Week Two the Year Eleven students went to Evans Head for their leadership camp. At the College we are passionate about the benefits of the whole school camping program. The experiences that student participate in at camp promote resilience and the related promotion of “protective factors” enhances academic success and decreases problem behaviours. The students also get the opportunity to challenge themselves. Students are empowered to select their own level of challenge assisting in developing their self-confidence.





Year Six Prayer Space

Part of the Year Six transition this year has been the development of a Prayer Space by the College Chaplain, Reverend Susan Crothers-Robertson. Prayer Spaces in Schools is the brainchild of Phil Togwell who lives in England. A few months ago Rev'd Susan had a Skype meeting with Mr Togwell to discuss how she could bring the concept to Australia and in particular create Prayer Spaces at St John's. The Prayer Space, created for the Year Six students as they transition from Primary to Secondary, is one of the first in Australia.



Past Mothers

Looking Back
Moving Forward



Past Mothers' Luncheon

St John's Anglican College Foundation has numerous events every year to reconnect with our Parent Alumni. One such event is the Past Mothers' Luncheon which was successfully established just this year. Thirteen past mothers joined together for a beautiful lunch in the courtyard of the secondary school. They reminisced about their time as College Mums and updated everyone about their children and what they had gone on to do post St John's.

We are very excited about the Past Mothers' Luncheon which is now included on St John's calendar and we look forward to welcoming our past mothers back to the College in October. If you would like more information about the Luncheon please contact Mandy Willemse – mwillemse@sjac.qld.edu.au



Welcome back to our 'People of Influence'

Re-union Weekend at the College is always an exciting time with past students reconnecting with the College for their ten, five or one year reunion.



The day began with morning tea for our newest graduates where they chatted over coffee and cake. Lunch overlooking the courtyard was enjoyed by the 2009 graduates who are making their way in the community through study and work. In the evening as the sun went down over the cross and fountain, those from the 10 year re-union reminisced about their life at the College and shared about their study, work, marriages and children.



Past and present teachers attended all three functions and many Old Collegians travelled from interstate to attend. It is wonderful to see so many of our Old Collegians being part of our College community.



Primary Sport



Thank you once again to all students, staff and parents, who helped in some way during 2014 in providing the Primary students the opportunities to participate in Sport.

Thanks too to the continued support of the Supporters of Sport (SOS) during 2014. Both

Primary and Secondary parents are encouraged to get involved in the activities of SOS in 2015, as all sport at the College benefits from their fundraising and support.

Term Four – Primary Sport

We had three Primary students participating in the Qld Schools Track and Field competition and all three produced their personal best performances and all set new school records.

Lauren Richardson ran a time of 2:32.18 in the U11 Girls 800m, beating her own school record by 8 seconds. **Lara Roberts** threw the Discus in the U11 Girls Discus event 25.59m, beating the school record by 6m which has stood since 2007. Brother **Benjamin Roberts** participated in 2 events, putting the shot 10.12m improving on the school record, and then also threw the Discus 33.18m, beating the school record by a massive 10m, and in so doing ended in 3rd place overall in Queensland, which qualified him for the State team. When Ben Roberts competed for Qld at the National Schools Track and Field Championships in Tasmania he ended 8th overall in the U11 Discus event, recording a best throw of 32.11m. Congratulations on a fine achievement.

Our students continue to achieve outside of school sporting activities.

Congratulations to **Cameron Mitchell**, on his selection into the Queensland Diving Elite training squad which will allow him the best coaching and preparation for the next National competition.

Congratulations too, to **Jack Waldock** and **Mason Broom** who have been selected by the Qld Lions Football Club to represent them in the U12 Super League Tournament in 2015. This is after a very intensive selection process involving many aspirant footballers.

Lauren Richardson competed in the Qld Athletics 1500m Classic at UQ recently and ran her personal best time of 5:30.75 which gave her 3rd place in her Age Group.

A number of Primary athletes participated in the recent Regional Little Athletics championships, and the following have qualified to now participate at the State Level in early December. (Some in more than one event).

Lauren Richardson, Alyssa Pascoe, Makayla Magro, Cody Rosazza, Cooper Blake and **Kobe Blake**. We congratulate them all and wish them well for the State Championships.

Lachlan Cooper in Year Four has played Representative U12 Basketball matches over the last two months, and his team remains unbeaten, and he continues to dominate in the individual number of points for his team. This is a fine achievement as he is competing against boys two or three years older than he is.

Cooper and **Kobe Blake**, U8 Year Three students participated in the recent Ipswich 5km Park Run. Both ran well on a tough course, with Cooper finishing 11th overall and 1st in the U10 Boys category in new record time of 23.53min, and Kobe came second in the U10 Boys category in a time of 27.19min. Congratulations to both of them.



2014 Sports Awards Dinner

A record number of guests attended the annual 2014 Sports Awards Dinner held at the end of Term Four at the St Lucia Golf Club.

PERPETUAL SPORTS AWARDS

Male Swimmer Of The Year	Keegan Jenkins
Female Swimmer Of The Year	Sarah Fordham
Female Xc Runner Of The Year	Richa Patel
Male Xc Runner Of The Year	Grayson Jenkins
Male Athlete Of The Year	Trae Williams
Female Athlete Of The Year	Demi Wynyard
Middle School Team Of The Year	Year 9 Rugby
Middle School Sportsman Of The Year	Mark Dunkley
Middle School Sportswoman Of The Year	Sara Nayar
Senior Team Of The Year	Open B Hockey
Senior Sportsman Of The Year	Trae Williams
Senior Sportswoman Of The Year	Samantha Formby

2014 RECORD BREAKERS

There were seventeen records broken this year which is testament to the quality of sportsmen and women in the College. Congratulations to all the students listed below.

Student	Event	Old Record	New Record
Tonisha Morrck	Swimming – 50m	30.45	29.00
Keegan Jenkins	Cross Country	15:08 min	14.45 min
Grayson Jenkins	Cross Country	18:45 min	18.11 min
Harry McKenzie	T&F – Triple Jump	7.82m	7.97m
Demi Wynyard	T&F – Long Jump	4.83m	4.99m
Rhys Gerathy	T&F – Triple Jump	10.27m	10.46m
Kourtney Thompson	T&F – Discus Throw	22.52m	28.00m
Emily Dyer	T&F – Shot Put	10.48m	10.54m
Thomas Freestone	T&F – 400m	55.67	55.12
Michael Ellwood	T&F – Triple Jump	11.02m	11.76m
Samantha Formby	T&F – 200m	27.55	27.07
Samantha Formby	T&F – 400m	1:05.57	1:05.48
Samantha Formby	T&F – Long Jump	4.68m	4.79m
Grayson Jenkins	T&F – 1500m	4:26.16	4:24.14
Trae Williams	T&F – 100m	11.50	11.09
Delbeta Open Boys - Aaron Yusia-Maricic, Liam Dixon, Jake Forrest and Carlos Zurcher	T&F – 4 x 100m Relay	50.26	49.51
Braithwaite Open Girls - Emma Scott, Kelsey McCosh, Georgia Strong & Samantha Formby	T&F – 4 x 100m Relay	58.39s	57.86s



St John's

2014 Secondary Sports Highlights



Track and Field News

St John's had a number of students compete at the Queensland Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships at QSAC. This brings together the top athletes from around the state. Our top performers were:

Grayson Jenkins* Gold 17/U 1500m
Trae Williams* Gold and new State 17/U record 10.54s

Demi Wynyard* Silver 14/U Triple Jump, Long Jump, and Hurdles

Alexandra Roberts* Silver 13/U Javelin

**Denotes State selection for National Secondary Schools Track and Field*

Well done to all these athletes and also **Liam Dixon, Keegan Jenkins, Richa Patel, Michael Ellwood,** and **Mark Dunkley** who were also part of the Met West Team competing at the Championships.

National Track and Field

A number of students are competed at the National Track and Field Championships. The students involved are:

Benjamin Roberts – Discus 8th
Alexandra Roberts – Javelin Bronze
Grayson Jenkins – 1500m 8th
Trae Williams – 100m Bronze, Silver in the relay

- St John's first full year of inclusion in the top tier of TAS
- Second place in TAS Track and Field (from last in 2013)
- Increased participation and success of teams across the year
- Our first Blue Division Premierships (Year 9 Girls Tennis, Year 9 Boys Volleyball, Year 9 Boys Rugby, and Year 7 Touch Football)
- The largest Sports Awards Dinner with 470 guests
- Record numbers of students being selected in Representative teams (28 Met West)
- A high number of Record Breakers across the Carnivals (17)
- Students and Old Collegians earning International honours
- Capital improvements and programs. These have included the Dome Score Boards, Cricket Practice Net Wickets



Girl's Tennis

The Girls' Tennis Team won the Met West Regional Championships and competed at the Queensland State Finals in Rockhampton where they finished in 4th place. Great effort Girls! (Danika Haseler, Sune Joubert, Sara Nayar, Uma Nayar)

The Australian Volleyball School Cup

The atmosphere inside the David Beard Arena (Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre) was electric as both St John's Volleyball Teams stepped up to clinch the Bronze Medals. The Girls won in a nail biting 2 sets to 1. The boys winning in consecutive sets 2 to 0. Well done!

REPRESENTATIVE STUDENTS

REPRESENTATIVE NEWS	
Cooper Weeks	Australian Futsal Team
Mark Dunkley	Met West Cricket
Keegan Jenkins	Met West Triathlon
Julia Lewis and Isabelle McKewen	State Ice Skating Team
Tonisha Morricks	QLD Indoor Netball Team



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