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Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome back to all students and their families for the 2017 College year. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces on Tuesday when the entire school returned. I am hoping you have had a restful break and have been able to stay cool during the warm weather.

This year marks the fiftieth year since MacKillop College, formerly the Diocesan Catholic Girls High School (DCGHS), was formed. There are many events planned to acknowledge this milestone and I encourage students and parents to be involved where possible. With the official opening of the DCGHS being on 26 February 1967, a "Back to '67" day is planned for Monday 27 February. More information will be available closer to the date.



With thirty one Band 6 results and a top ATAR of 96, achieved by Frances Orman, we are very proud of the achievements of the HSC Class of 2016. On Wednesday the Diocesan Awards Ceremony was held in Orange acknowledging students receiving Band 6 results and ATARS over ninety. Thank you to Mr Hughes, Miss Lynar, Mrs Auhl, Mrs Hangan and the students in the College Band who provided the musical entertainment for this evening.

On Friday we acknowledge our Top Ten ATAR achievements. It is also an opportunity to present past principal Mr John Bowie with the MacKillop Award for Distinguished Contribution. Latika Bourke (Class of 2001) is our special guest for the evening. As one of Australia's leading political journalists we look forward to her insights about her time at MacKillop College and beyond.



We farewelled Mrs Alice Mulligan and Mrs Sandy Bullock at the end of 2016 as their contracted roles were completed. We wish Mrs Mulligan well as she commences at All Saints College and will see Mrs Bullock around as she continues to be a part of the College on a casual basis. We also farewell Mr Grant Gunning this Friday as he moves to Queensland. Grant, performing the role of Finance and Facilities Officer, has made a positive impact on the College over the past two years. He will be sorely missed but is ably replaced by Ms Allison Newton who commenced in the role this week. We welcome Ms Carolyn Bennett, Mrs Sharon Davis and Mr Phillip Lyne to the teaching staff for 2017. We hope they enjoy their time with us.



Parents and students will have noticed that the trees have been removed from the busbay area. This was required to enable the perimeter fence construction that should be complete by the end of this week. It will provide better security for the school buildings.

Looking forward to a wonderful 2017, with best wishes for the week ahead.



ACKNOWLEDGING COUNTRY

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of our lands, Australia. We acknowledge the Wiradjuri Nation as the traditional custodians of these lands we now call Bathurst, and we pay our respects to their Elders.

