



Principal's Welcome

Term One 2014

Welcome to 2014

"Let us consider how to stir each other towards love and good works." Hebrews 10:24

Happy New Year and a blessed welcome to our Calvary College community for 2014. It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new students and their families to our vibrant and caring community. Thank you for choosing us to provide your children with a quality Christian education which seeks to maximise their potential to be the best that they can be.

We had excellent outcomes for our Year Twelve graduates of 2013. Through the dedication and commitment of our quality teaching staff and students, we achieved the highest OP 1-5 result on record for our College. Our students are well positioned to undertake further study, be it at a tertiary institution or within the vocational field, with 97% of those who applied through QTAC being offered a tertiary position (92% have been offered their first or second preference). We are proud of our 2013 cohort. They were a fine group of students.

Initiatives

We are introducing exciting new initiatives this year. Some of these are:

- The *opening of a second Pre-Prep classroom* located in the former C&K building. We are confident that the stimulating resources and facilities in this building will ignite children's passion and excitement for learning. We are reinstating the original name of this building - the Tim Rogers Building - to honour the contribution to the College of our founding Principal. Kingdom Kids and OSHC staff are eagerly anticipating the use of this marvellous facility.
- *Junior School* teachers are excited about the *deployment of new laptops, ipads and ipad minis* to students. This will give children a flexible choice of technology devices in their learning and assist them to build their ICT capacity.
- *Year Six classrooms* on both campuses are in the process of having a 'make over' providing more flexible learning spaces that can more suitably accommodate inquiry learning and the integration of ICT in teaching and learning
- Other initiatives include:
 - exciting *developments in learning enrichment and extension* across the three sectors;
 - the new Junior School *Student Wellbeing Centre* at Carbrook campus;
 - the introduction of the *Duke of Edinburgh program* for Year Nine students;
 - and the *introduction of the new bus route* from the Redland Bay area to the Carbrook campus. Extended bus routes have also been added to service the Ormeau and Rochedale/Rochedale South suburbs. Travelling to and from Calvary has been made easier. "Come to Calvary – Catch the bus".

30th anniversary

2014 will be a great year of celebration for the College. This year we will celebrate our 30 year anniversary and commemorate our historical achievements throughout the year. Keep an eye out for some exciting events and news snippets via the local media, our Facebook pages and E-Connections.

Term One is a ten-week term and is packed with activities starting with the MS/SS swimming carnival, parent information evenings, JS swimming carnivals, P&F meetings, Grandparents' Day, camps and many more exciting happenings. We are looking to your involvement and hope to meet you in the next few weeks.

We will endeavour to keep you informed via Parent Lounge, emails and College communications so please make sure you keep the office informed of any changes to your details. I look forward to your ongoing support of the College in 2014.

With sincere best wishes

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