From the Principal

Welcome back to all our continuing students and families and a very special welcome to students and families commencing in 2016. This is a special year for our College community as we celebrate 50 years of Chanel College. We have many special events planned and I look forward to sharing details in the coming weeks. Our College theme for 2016 is “Rejoice and Be Glad” reminding us to be grateful for all that we, the Chanel Community of 2016, have and to acknowledge the contributions of all students, staff and parents that established and fostered our Community.

Our grounds have physically changed a lot over the holidays. Turf for the multipurpose oval was laid last week. Works on the Industrial Design and Technology building, Chapel Extension and Administration building are progressing well, however we have experienced some delays due to late arrival of building materials. We look forward to moving into these new facilities later in Term 1.

We were pleased with the OP results of our graduating class of 2015. There were 87 students in this cohort with 67 that were OP eligible. Congratulations to Morgan Lewis who achieved an OP 1. There were 11 students ranked in the OP range 1 – 5 (16.42 % of the student cohort), 32 students ranked in the OP range 1 – 10 (47.76% of the student cohort) and 53 students ranked in the OP range of 1 – 15 (79.1% of the student cohort). These results are testament to the hard work of the students and the dedication of their teachers. Congratulations and well done! We are so proud of you.

This newsletter includes details designed to facilitate a smooth start to the College year. It is accompanied by the 2016 Chanel College Calendar and a number of separate requests for information for return to the College that are vital to the provision of a safe educational environment for all learners. The 2016 Student Organiser will be distributed on the first day of school.

If parents have any areas of academic concern regarding their child, I encourage you to contact the subject teacher in the first instance. Any pastoral concerns should be directed to the student’s Pastoral Care Teacher in the first instance.

The Pastoral Leaders for 2016 are:
- **Futuna** – Mr Glenn Galea
- **MacKillop** – Mrs Jo Sheather
- **Marcellin** – Ms Jess Ryan
- **Acting Marcellin** - Ms Sonya Logan (25 Jan - 12 Feb)
- **McAuley** – Mrs Sophie Kenny
- **Stella Maris** – Mr Mark Hayes

Other significant areas of life in the College also have Leaders.
- **Sports Program** – Miss Kylie Kickbusch
- **Co-curricular Program** – Mrs Wendy Marsh

Miss Milena Barbagallo moves into the position of College Counsellor.

2016 also brings a number of new staff who will be joining the College in the coming weeks. I look forward to introducing all new members in the next newsletter. I look forward to seeing all our students next week.
Welcome Back
By now you will be thinking about your first day at Chanel College. The following information will assist you in having a smooth start to the year.

On the first day Wednesday 27 January, Year 7, 12 & New Students will commence at 8.30 am. Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 commence at 10.30 am. Students will assemble at 8.40 am in Lavalla Court. Parents are welcome to stay with their children until the start of Pastoral Care. Between 9.00 am and 10.00 am students will meet in their Pastoral Care classes where they will be involved in orientation activities designed to help them get to know their teachers, classmates and daily procedures.

All students are expected to be in full formal uniform on their first day back at school. Please ensure that the College Uniform Policy is followed with particular attention to shoes, hair and jewellery. School shoes must be black leather and lace up. Laceless slip ons, buckle-up and canvas shoes like volleys are not permitted.

On the first day students need to bring morning tea and lunch or money for the tuckshop which will be open. Students must also bring all stationery and text books and ensure that all their equipment and belongings are clearly labelled. All students will be allocated a locker for their belongings.

Students will be dismissed at 3.20 pm.

If a student is ill on their first day and unable to attend school, parents must phone the Absentee Hotline on 49734791 to let us know.

If you need information about public transport arrangements contact Buslink by phoning 49721670 or exploring the Buslink website: www.buslinkqld.com.au/your-bus-service/gladstone/

We are very much looking forward to making your first day a pleasant experience.

Timetables
All students will receive their individual timetables on the first day of school.

Prayer Families
In the first week of school you will have the opportunity to participate in the tradition at Chanel of prayer support for our Year 12 students. Prayer Support Families forms are included in this information pack and are to be completed and returned, if you wish to support our Year 12 students in this special way. Each Year 12 student is then given a Prayer Support Family/Person whose only commitment is to offer prayers regularly for that student. We encourage you to be part of this program.

Year 7 & 9 Retreats
In the first few weeks of term students in Years 7 and 9 will also be bringing home Permission Forms for their Retreat for you to complete and sign. Year 7 & 8 students will be attending a 1 day retreat in their core class groups at Calliope in Week 5. Year 9 students will be travelling to Riverside Retreat near Bundaberg in Week 6. As you know Retreats are a compulsory activity for all students. It would be greatly appreciated if Retreat forms could be completed and returned promptly as Term One promises to be busy for everyone.
Welcome back to 2016 and a special welcome to our new families.

This year we see the introduction of a whole approach to curriculum at the College. As a learning community we are looking forward to implementation of the Art and Science of Teaching. This is a whole school approach to teaching. The benefits of a common whole-school approach is that our students will have a common understanding of the learning expectations and we will be equipping our students with an attitude towards life-long learning that will assist them in futures.

To support a smooth start for our students in 2016, the following are important:

Technology at Chanel College
To commence the year with all the IT tools needed for learning, our Year 7 – 11 work with their BYODD [Chromebooks] and our Year 12 students work with College issued Laptops. Year 7 students may purchase their Chromebooks from the Finance Office and then present their receipt near Bookhire to receive their Chromebook in the week leading up to the beginning of the school year. Any students in Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 who require a new Chromebook you may follow this procedure also.

Year 12, please ensure your laptop is in good working condition. If your device is faulty can you please ensure that it is the first week of school you return it to IT Services to have it replaced.

Parent and Student Information Evenings
Parent and Student Evenings are held to ensure that all the necessary information regarding your child’s education is communicated.

Year 7 Parent and Student Information Evening - 28 January 2016 6.30 pm
Year 10 Information Evening – 10 February 2016 6.00 pm
Year 11 Information Evening – 10 February 2016 7.00 pm

Assessments and Exam Weeks
It is important to consult the College Calendar and the Student Assessment Calendars when planning family holidays, attending concerts, etc as assignments and exams are unable to be rescheduled for these reasons. Please ensure that College Assessment Policies are read at the start of the year. I seek your continued cooperation and support in adhering to these policies and having the minimal disruptions to your child’s education.

I wish you all the very best for the year ahead.

Welcome both new and returning families to Chanel in 2016. An exciting year lies ahead for our College as we celebrate our 50th year. Over the first few weeks, Information Evenings for parents & students in Years 7, 10 & 11 will be held. I encourage you to attend these evenings as very important information is shared.

Student Attendance
Research shows that higher rates of attendance at school are related to higher achievement. To maximise opportunities for learning, students at Chanel College must attend school regularly and punctually. Any requests for extended absences or early term departure must be addressed in writing to the appropriate House Pastoral Leader.

1. School Hours:
Students are to arrive at the College by 8.30 am (some students on buses may arrive at 8.35 am) and report to their Pastoral Care class by 8.40 am. Punctuality is an aspect of self discipline and is expected at all times. The College’s supervision of students begins at 8.15 am and ends at 3.30 pm. Once a student enters the College grounds in the morning they cannot leave for any reason eg to go to the Mall (see #4 below for exceptions).

2. Student Absence:
Students who will be absent from the College, should arrange for the College office to be notified by telephone on the morning of their intended absence (no later than 8.40 am) by phoning 0749734791. Students must produce a written note signed by their parents and addressed to the Pastoral Care teacher on the day they return to the College. If a student is absent for more than three days a Medical Certificate is required. Extended absences for non-medical reasons need to be negotiated with the relevant House Pastoral Leader.

3. Student Lateness:
Parents are required to notify the College by telephone (by 8.40 am) if a student is going to be late for school and provide the student with a written, signed note. Students who are late will report to the office and register their lateness electronically with their student ID Card. The automatic student register will produce a late slip which a student must hand to the teacher when entering class, or Pastoral Care teacher for recording. Lateness without a reasonable excuse is unacceptable and consequences will be addressed by the Pastoral Leader. Students must also produce a written note signed by their parents.

4. Leaving College grounds during school hours:
No student is allowed to leave the College grounds during the day without written permission from parents/caregivers that has been endorsed by the Pastoral Leader. This permission note must be presented to the House Pastoral Leader who will provide the student with a Pass Out. The Pass Out must be presented at student reception when the student leaves and the Leave Book must be signed. The student retains the Pass Out as proof that they are legitimately absent from school. If the student returns before the end of the school day, they must report to the Office and sign the leave book before returning to class.

5. Compulsory Attendance:
Attendance at organised College events such as sporting carnivals, retreats, Chanel Day celebrations, special Masses, etc. is compulsory. Attendance at ALL exam sessions and other assessment due dates is also compulsory (see Assessment Policy for clarification).

SMS Notifications of Student Absences to Parents
Students who are marked absent each day are checked off against the messages left on the Absentee Hotline 49734791. Those parents who have NOT left a message on the hotline advising that their child/children are absent will receive a text message from the College advising that their child is absent. The message will ask parents/carers to telephone the College Office on 49734700 to clarify the absence of their child. A return text message will not be sufficient.

I look forward to working with you and your families this year. Best wishes for 2016 and may this year bring new experiences and greater knowledge.
Notices

Your enquires to Mrs Leigh Clarke on 49730711 or payment plan or to discuss options for payments. Deduction. Please contact the Finance Office if you wish to arrange a account. This can be set up either weekly, fortnightly or as a monthly preferred option is BPay which can be set up through your bank or post. The College offers a variety of options for payments, with our Accounts are issued each term, usually around Week 2 or 3, via email year.

School Fees Information
Family Discount forms for 2016 are included with this newsletter. A family discount form MUST be completed and returned by returned by 29 January 2015 to attract a family discount. If this form is not returned the discount will not be applied. Please note Year 7 families have completed the confirmation form as part of their enrolment package, however they are required to return the family discount form. This is an annual process and a new signed form is required each new school year.

Accounts are issued each term, usually around Week 2 or 3, via email or post. The College offers a variety of options for payments, with our preferred option is BPay which can be set up through your bank account. This can be set up either weekly, fortnightly or as a monthly deduction. Please contact the Finance Office if you wish to arrange a payment plan or to discuss options for payments.

If you have any queries in relation to your fee statement please direct your enquiries to Mrs Leigh Clarke on 49730711 or Email: finance@chanelcollege.qld.edu.au

Tuckshop
How to order from the Tuckshop
The pre-ordering of food is encouraged. This can be done by seeing the Tuckshop staff before school and lunches may be collected from the side door instead of lining up.

Direct counter sales are available at each break. The new canteen menu and pricing is included with this newsletter. We rely on our volunteers to keep the canteen running. I’m sure that you are well aware of the many benefits derived from volunteering - and we can certainly add friendship and fun to that list. Please phone or email the College office if you would like to assist.

Return of Forms Checklist
Enclosed with this newsletter are several important forms and responses for parents to complete and return to the College. Please check to ensure that all the appropriate forms have been completed and returned to the College by Friday 29 January 2016.

- Confidential Parent/Student Information Update Form
- Prayer Support Families Form
- Family Discount Forms
- Dental Form

Please check information on the Parent/Student Information Update form and detail any changes as required. As newsletters are produced electronically, please provide us with your current email address.

Please contact the office if your current medical conditions have changed. A medical form can be collected from the office.

Uniform Shop Hours
The Uniform Shop is located in the downstairs Stella Maris wing. Entrance from the driveway.

The Uniform Shop will be open at the following times during the remaining holidays.

- Monday 18 January 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
- Thursday 21 January 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm
- Friday 22 January 7.30 am - 10.30 am
- Wednesday 27 January 7.30 am - 12.00 pm

We have EFTPOS and Credit Card Facilities.
WE DO NOT ACCEPT CHEQUES. We also offer no-deposit lay by.
Credit card orders can be taken over the phone. I can be contacted at the College by phone 4973 4705 or by email: chanel@wearitto.com.au

MICHELLE OVEREND
Uniform Shop Manager

Chanel College Music Ensembles 2016
Starting Term 1, Week 2

REHEARSAL TIMES
Monday: 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm Concert Band - Marian Centre
Tuesday: 7.30 am - 8.30 am Chanel GIRLS Choir - Music Room
Wednesday: 7.30 am - 8.30 am Woodwind (Auditioned Group) Please see Mrs Sheather if you are interested
Friday: 11.00 am - 11.30 am Drumline - Music Room

BOYS Choir - Rehearsal time TBA
Any enquiries to Mrs Jo Sheather JoAnne_Sheather@rok.catholic.edu.au

ABSENTEE HOTLINE
Students who will be absent from the College should notify the College Office by telephone on the morning of their intended absence no later than 8:40 am by phoning 49734791
Tuckshop Menu

Orders must be in by 8.30 am for 1st & 2nd Break

Sandwiches & Wraps

- Wraps - Ham & Salad: $4.50
- Wraps - Chicken & Salad: $5.50
- Egg & Lettuce: $4.00
- Chicken & Mayo: $4.00
- Salad Sandwiches: $4.00
- Ham, Cheese & Pickles: $4.00
- Ham & Salad: $4.50
- Chicken & Salad: $5.50

Toasted or Extra Fillings: $0.50

All sandwiches are made on white or multigrain.
Other combinations of sandwiches, made to order

Salads

- Garden Salad with choice of: $4.00 to $5.50
  Ham, Chicken, Egg or Low Fat Cheese

Pastries

- Meat Pies: $3.00
- Potato Pie: $3.50
- Sausage Rolls: $2.50

Snacks

- Muffins: $3.00
- Tasty Cheese & Biscuits: $2.50
- Potato Chips: $2.00
- Piece of Fruit: $1.00
- Ice Creams & Ice Blocks: 50c to $3.50

Drinks

- Water, Poppers, Juice, Flavoured Milk, Ice Tea: $1.50 to $3.50

Tuckshop Contact: Ph: 4973 4707

Tuckshop Volunteers are always welcome.
It would be lovely to see some new faces.
If interested, please contact the Office Manager on 4973 4714.

Everyday Menu

Pre-ordering is preferred to avoid disappointment

Please advise us of any food intolerances that you may have and we will do our best to cater for your requirements.

Monday

- Honey Mustard Chicken Subs: $4.50
- Lasagne Beef or Veg: $4.00
- Works Burger - Meat Pattie, lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Beetroot Chicken Chips: $3.00

Tuesday

- Sweet Chilli Wraps: $4.50
- Sushi - Meat Balls in Tomato Salsa Sauce, Cheese Roll: $4.50
- Rock n Roll Sub: $4.50
- Chicken Wedges & Fried Rice: $5.00

Wednesday

- Nachos: $5.00
- Chicken Parmigiana Burger: $4.50
- Mac Cheese: $4.00
- Potato Gems: $3.00

Thursday

- Volcano Burger: $4.50
- Hot Spicy Chicken Breast Lettuce, Cheese & Tomato: $4.50
- Hot Dogs - Plain: $3.00
- Hot Dogs - With Cheese: $3.50
- Quiche: $3.00
- Quiche with Salad: $4.50
- Chicken & Gravy Roll: $3.50

Friday

- Fish Burger - Lettuce & Mayo: $4.50
- Sushi: $3.00
- Chicken Stir Fry with Veg & Noodles: $4.00
- Potato Wedges: $4.00

With Sour Cream & Chilli Sauce or Avocado & Sour Cream