



# ASSUMPTION NEWS

January 21<sup>st</sup> 2009

## *Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of our Assumption community,*

Welcome to the start of another school year which I hope proves to be a happy one for all members of our Assumption Community. I offer an especially warm welcome to our new students and their families and wish them well for this exciting new year at school. In addition, there are a number of new staff members joining us and we look forward to their contribution.

### **Staff joining the College in 2009**

Brett Benkenstein	House Coordinator
Megan Burns	English/Religious Education
Madeline Salkeld	Dance
Nick Compton	French
Terry Cooney	Yr 7/8 Inquiry Learning
Stephen Davis	Accounting/Business
Constantino Di Biase	Laboratory Technician
Lynne Falzon	House Coordinator
Darin Frankpitt	Visual Art
Jane Goddard	House Coordinator
Bernard Green	House Coordinator
Samantha Healy	Drama/English
Peter Hope	Music/Gym Instructor
Tracey Kift	House Coordinator
Eugene Lock	LAC - Religious Education
Marc Merigan	Sport's Coordinator
Anthony Montemurro	House Coordinator
Angela Narayan-Butler	Science
Robin Panousieris	LAC - Design Technology
Rob Ware	Boys' Boarding Supervisor
Sara Warner	LAC - Visual Arts

We also welcome back Julie Fitzgerald from leave. We anticipate starting 2009 with 1070 students which is an increase of 40 students from the same time last year.

### **Grooming and Personal Presentation**

It is my expectation that our students will present themselves well at all times and wear the full College uniform with pride and in an acceptable manner. I ask for parental support to ensure that the high grooming standards of our College are maintained. I would like to mention specifically:

#### **Girls Shoes**

Our female students are expected to wear black leather flat-heeled shoes. The T-bar sandal with buckle and the slip on jiffy style shoe are no longer acceptable footwear.

#### **Jewellery**

Apart from watches and a chain with a small crucifix no other jewellery is to be worn to school. This include rings, bracelets etc.

#### **Body Piercings**

Students may wear one plain earring per ear in the ear lobe. No other objects are permitted in the eye brow, nose, lip etc.

#### **Hair**

Extreme hair styles are not permitted. These include dreadlocks, Mohican style cuts, extremely long or short styles and non-natural hair colourings.

Once again I ask for your assistance in these matters and thank the many students and parents who faithfully support us in meeting these expectations.

### **AGSV/APS Sports**

The summer sporting competition resumes on the second Saturday of the term and I encourage all students to try out for the various sporting teams on offer. Students are reminded that only ACK sports uniform is to be worn whilst representing the College (this includes the College cap/hat). Please contact our new Director of Sport Marc Merigan if you have any queries.

### **College Grounds**

Once again much work has been done around the College during the holiday break. We are most fortunate to have such wonderful facilities and grounds. Thank you to our Business Manager Joe Feery, Chris Byrnes and the IT staff and the Maintenance & Grounds staff for their work.

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## Opening School Mass – Fri 13/02

The celebration of the Eucharist is central to the life of a Catholic College. Parents are very welcome to attend our Opening School Mass which will be held in the Gonzales Centre commencing at 9.00 am on Friday February 13<sup>th</sup>. At this Mass the members of the Student Leadership Team will be inducted into their office and we will acknowledge the achievements of our 2008 year 12 student cohort.

## Year 7 Parent Information Evening 11/02

We will be holding a "Welcome Evening" for our year 7 parents in the Montagne Centre on Wednesday February 11 commencing at 7.00 pm. Not only is it an information session, but also an opportunity to meet your child's House Coordinator and Homeroom Teacher. Your attendance is a significant statement to your son/daughter that they matter.

## New School Year 30/01

All classes resume on Friday January 30 at 8.45 am. We look forward to seeing all our students embrace this year with its challenges and opportunities, and let us give thanks to God for God's many gifts.

Kind Regards,

**Michael Kenny**  
Principal

## From the Deputy Principal

### House meeting areas for the first day of the 2009 academic year.

Welcome back to the ACK for 2009 and the introduction of the House based Pastoral Care system! Please refer carefully to the enclosed letter, with your daughter or son's House details, e.g. House Pastoral code, room location, and Pastoral Care teacher. By 8.45 am all students will be required to be in the House areas stated below.

1. All year 7 & 8 students = Montagne Centre

All other students are to make their way to the following House areas:

**Drama Room** – all yrs 9 to 12 Austin students

**Theatrette** - all yrs 9 to 12 Damian students

**Gonzales Centre** - all yrs 9 to 12 Frayne students

**Shandon House Common area** - all yrs 9 to 12 Hilary students

**Raised grass area** (in between Daly & Arts building) - all yrs 9 to 12 La Valla students

**Refectory dining area** - all yrs 9 to 12 Marcellin students

**Kenneth Wing** - all yrs 9 to 12 Marian students

**Outside the Le Rosey Chapel** - all yrs 9 to 12 McAuley students

2. Please be aware that House lists will be posted around the College to assist with students knowing where their House meeting area will be.
3. Any new students to ACK are asked to go to Student Reception where a Student Leader will assist you.
4. Students will then be involved in a variety of House Based activities and Year level assemblies for the first 3 periods of the day, with formal classes commencing period 4.

An exciting new innovation this year will be the introduction of House Twilight BBQ's: Austin, Damian, Frayne, Hilary, will have their special event on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**, and La Valla, Marcellin, Marian and McAuley Houses having their BBQ's the following week on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**. More specific details will be following via the House Coordinators.

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Deputy Principal



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