



Thriving, Christ-Centred, Learning Community

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Carlisle Family,

As we come towards the end of the term, there is a sense across the College that we are on the home stretch. Our senior students have been working through mock exams, students across the school are completing assessments, and classes are finishing the units they have been working on this term. Today's Sports Gala Day has also been an opportunity for students to give their best, support one another and enjoy being active together.

At this point in the term, it can be easy to become tired or lose focus. This is where grit matters. Grit is choosing to keep going, even when the work is difficult or we would rather stop. It is not about being perfect. It is about doing our best, asking for help when we need it and taking the next step.

I am reminded of Nehemiah and the people of Jerusalem as they rebuilt the city wall. The task was not easy. They faced criticism, opposition and tiredness, but they remained focused on what God had called them to do. Nehemiah 4:6 says, "The people worked with all their heart."

There is something powerful in that simple thought. They did not finish because the task was easy. They finished because they worked together, trusted God and kept going.

As we finish the term, I encourage each of our students to keep putting in the effort. Complete that assessment, prepare well for the next exam, stay engaged in class and encourage those around you. Small, consistent steps make a real difference.

Thank you to our staff and families for continuing to support our students. Let's keep working together and finish the term well.

Blessings,
Dale Skinner



Dale Skinner

Term 3, Week 8
11 September, 2026

IMPORTANT DATES

YEAR 12 FORMAL
Thursday, 17 September

LAST DAY TERM 3
Friday, 18 September

FIRST DAY TERM 4
Monday, 6 October

OFFICE OPENING HOURS
OVER HOLIDAYS
Monday - Friday 10 - 2PM

NOTICES

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT FOR 2027

We are pleased to share that the Northern Australia Schools Board has appointed Mr Daniel Spero as Principal of Carlisle Adventist College, commencing in 2027.

Daniel has served as Deputy Principal at Carlisle for almost two years. During that time, he has come to know our students, staff and families well and has made a strong contribution to our College.

Daniel brings experience in teaching and leadership, a genuine commitment to Adventist education, and a real heart for people. He shares our vision for Carlisle to be a thriving Christ-centred learning community and understands the important role our College has as a place of education, mission and ministry.

We are confident that Daniel, with the support of our staff, families and broader College community, will lead Carlisle well.

Please join us in congratulating Daniel on his appointment and praying for him and his family as they prepare for this next chapter.

*“Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and he will establish your plans.”
Proverbs 16:3*



NOTICES

ACCOUNTS OFFICE UPDATE

Please note that our Accounts Officer, Kerrilyn, is currently on long service leave.

Our office team is covering accounts during her absence. We kindly ask for your patience and understanding, as some school fee balances are not displaying accurate amounts.

We are working to have this issue resolved as soon as possible and appreciate your patience while we get everything sorted.

Thank you for your understanding.



Get to know your Bible!

**Have you ever wanted to read the Bible but don't know where to start?
Do your children come home with Bible questions you don't know how to answer?**

**Wednesdays from 2:20 – 3:00!
Chaplaincy Hub.**

Please sign in and out at the office.

Hosted by Arlene Jurello, local Seventh-Day Adventist church member and relief teacher.



Bring: notebook, pen and a Bible if you own one, but we have plenty to share if you don't.

FUNDRAISING



A promotional poster for a Krispy Kreme Doughnuts fundraiser. The top features the Krispy Kreme logo in red script with 'DOUGHNUTS' in a green box. Below it, the word 'FUNDRAISER!' is written in large, bold, green capital letters. A red circular badge on the left contains the text 'ORDERS DUE BY FRIDAY, 18TH OF SEPTEMBER'. The center of the poster shows an open box of plain glazed doughnuts, with a few chocolate-glazed and pink-glazed doughnuts visible in the bottom left corner. The bottom of the poster is a green banner with white text and icons. On the left is a calendar icon with a heart, followed by the text 'COLLECTION DATES 6TH - 11TH OCTOBER'. On the right is a circular icon with a grid pattern, followed by the text 'COLLECTION AT HAZEL'S KITCHEN (BACK OF SCHOOL)'.

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CARLISLE WAY



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Carlisle Way Awards – Week 7 & 8

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:32



CHAPLAINCY

BIBLE STUDIES

This term has been filled with opportunities for our students to connect, grow and explore their faith across our school.

We started the term with our school camps, along with our regular chapels and worship services. We also enjoyed our Year 3–6 MESH program and had the opportunity to lead the church program at Farleigh SDA Church.

One of the highlights for us in Chaplaincy this term has been starting Bible studies with both our Secondary students and our Primary students in Years 3–6.

Our Bible studies are kept simple and practical. Rather than making them too heavy, we focus on topics that our students can understand and relate to in their everyday lives. So far, we have looked at topics such as God's love, friendship, listening to God, temptation (secondary), and how our words matter.

Sometimes we will spend one session on a topic, and other times we might turn it into a small series so we can explore it a little more and give the students a chance to really understand what the Bible is teaching us.

The students have really enjoyed the Bible studies so far. We try to make each session fun and interactive with Bible games, discussion, reading Scripture together and, most importantly, looking at how what we learn from the Bible can help us in the places where we do life every day — at school, at home and with our friends.

It has been wonderful to see our students get involved, ask questions and enjoy learning more about God and His Word. As they continue to grow in understanding and faith, we look forward to exploring more meaningful topics and building on these Bible studies next term.

We are excited to see how God continues to shape our students' lives as they grow in faith, wisdom and confidence through His Word.



COMMUNITY

DONUTS WITH DADS!

Our Donuts with Dads afternoon was a great reminder of the importance of community and the people who help support our students along the way.

We started the afternoon with everyone gathering in the Quad to enjoy a donut with their dad or special role model. It was a lovely chance to slow down, have a chat and spend some time together before the afternoon activities began.

Students and their dads then headed out onto the field for some games, while others spent time together in the classrooms. There were plenty of smiles, laughs and some good-natured competition!

Events like this are a special part of school life. They give our families the opportunity to connect with one another and remind our students that they have a whole community of people around them who care, encourage and support them.

A big thank you to all the dads, grandfathers and special role models who joined us. We loved having you be part of our Carlisle community!

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Proverbs 27:17



COMMUNITY



SPORTS

FRIENDLY GAMES GALA DAY

We recently had a fantastic day of sport as Carlisle welcomed students from Whitsunday Christian College for our Friendly Games Gala Day.

We are always so excited to have the WCC students visit our College. It is a great opportunity for our students to come together, enjoy some friendly competition and build connections with students from another school.

Students competed across a range of sports throughout the day, including:

- Junior & Senior Girls Volleyball
- Junior & Senior Boys Volleyball
- Open Boys Basketball
- Open Mixed Touch
- Senior Boys Futsal
- Junior Boys Futsal

There was plenty of energy, teamwork and encouragement throughout the day, with students giving their best and enjoying the opportunity to play together.

A big thank you to Whitsunday Christian College for making the trip to Carlisle. We love having you visit and look forward to continuing this great connection and sharing more days of friendly competition in the future!



SPORTS



WHAT AN AMAZING DAY THE WALLABIES HAD!

We started our morning with a little visit to Kindy, where the children enjoyed exploring the big Kindy yard before transitioning back to Wallabies to discover the fun and inviting activities that had been set up for the day.

Sensory play was a big interest for our Wallabies, and Miss Hannah created a fun sensory experience using coloured pasta and shaving cream. The children used paddle pop sticks and spoons to scoop the shaving foam into cups and then added the coloured pasta as toppings to create their very own pretend ice creams. There was lots of creative imagination and wonderful sensory exploration throughout the morning.

The children also enjoyed exploring the sandpit, playing with trucks, moving bricks from one end of the yard to the other and testing their balancing skills on the obstacle course.

After morning play, we transitioned inside for worship. Our worship focus has been on God's Ten Commandments, which we have been learning about as God's ten rules. Today, we learnt about keeping God's day special and loving and obeying our parents.

These lessons helped the Wallabies understand that God has rules for us, just as our parents and teachers have rules to help keep us safe. We also talked about how, as we grow, there will be rules we need to follow in different parts of our lives. It was a wonderful opportunity to help the children understand the importance of following rules and showing love and respect to others.

After worship, it was time for Active Squirts! This was sadly our last session for the term, but the Wallabies still had so much fun with Ms Kim. They moved their bodies, danced to music and tested their muscles and strength.

We also had a very special visitor for our final session... Barry the Broccoli! The children were so excited to welcome Barry into the classroom. Miss Hannah asked the children what colours they could see on Barry, and they excitedly identified green, black, red, pink and blue. They even showed Barry just how big their broccoli muscles were!

We were sad to say goodbye to Barry, but thankfully, he will be back to visit us next term.

The Wallabies had an amazing day filled with sensory play, creativity, movement, learning and lots of smiles!



OSHC *Outside School Hours Care*



LEARNING THROUGH INSTRUCTIONS

The children had a fun and engaging literacy lesson exploring how to follow and give clear instructions. They had two goes at getting the instructions in the correct order, which resulted in plenty of laughter along the way! One group had everyone giggling when they decided the honey needed to go on Miss Sky's arm first.

The activity gave the children an opportunity to practise listening carefully, following steps and understanding the importance of giving clear instructions in the correct order.

There was certainly plenty of laughter in the classroom, and as they say, laughter was good medicine!



PRIMARY

YEAR 2'S SWEET ADVENTURE!

Our Year 2 students had a fantastic day visiting the Sarina Sugar Shed! They enjoyed learning all about sugar cane and discovering how it goes from the cane fields to the products we use and enjoy.

The students loved seeing the machinery and learning about the different stages of the sugar-making process. It was a great opportunity to take their learning outside the classroom and connect it to something that is such an important part of our local community.

And, of course, the best part was getting to try some fresh cane juice and delicious fairy floss!

There were plenty of smiles, lots of questions and some very happy Year 2 students. It was a fun day of learning and exploring, with a little sweetness added in!



PRIMARY

YEAR 3 ANIMAL EXPERTS!

Our Year 3 students have been proudly presenting their Animal Informative Report PowerPoints to their classmates!

It has been wonderful to see our students put their research and learning into action as they share fascinating facts about their chosen animals. From discovering where their animals live and what they eat, to learning about their unique characteristics, there has been plenty to learn!

One of the animals we've been learning about is the Komodo dragon! Did you know that Komodo dragons are the largest living lizards in the world and can grow to around 3 metres long? They are also excellent swimmers and can travel between islands in search of food!

Even more impressive has been watching our students grow in confidence as they stand in front of their classmates, speak clearly and share what they have discovered.

These presentations have been a fantastic opportunity for our Year 3 students to develop their research, technology, communication and public speaking skills, all while learning more about the amazing animals that share our world.

We are so proud of the effort, creativity and confidence our Year 3 students have shown. Well done, Year 3!



SECONDARY



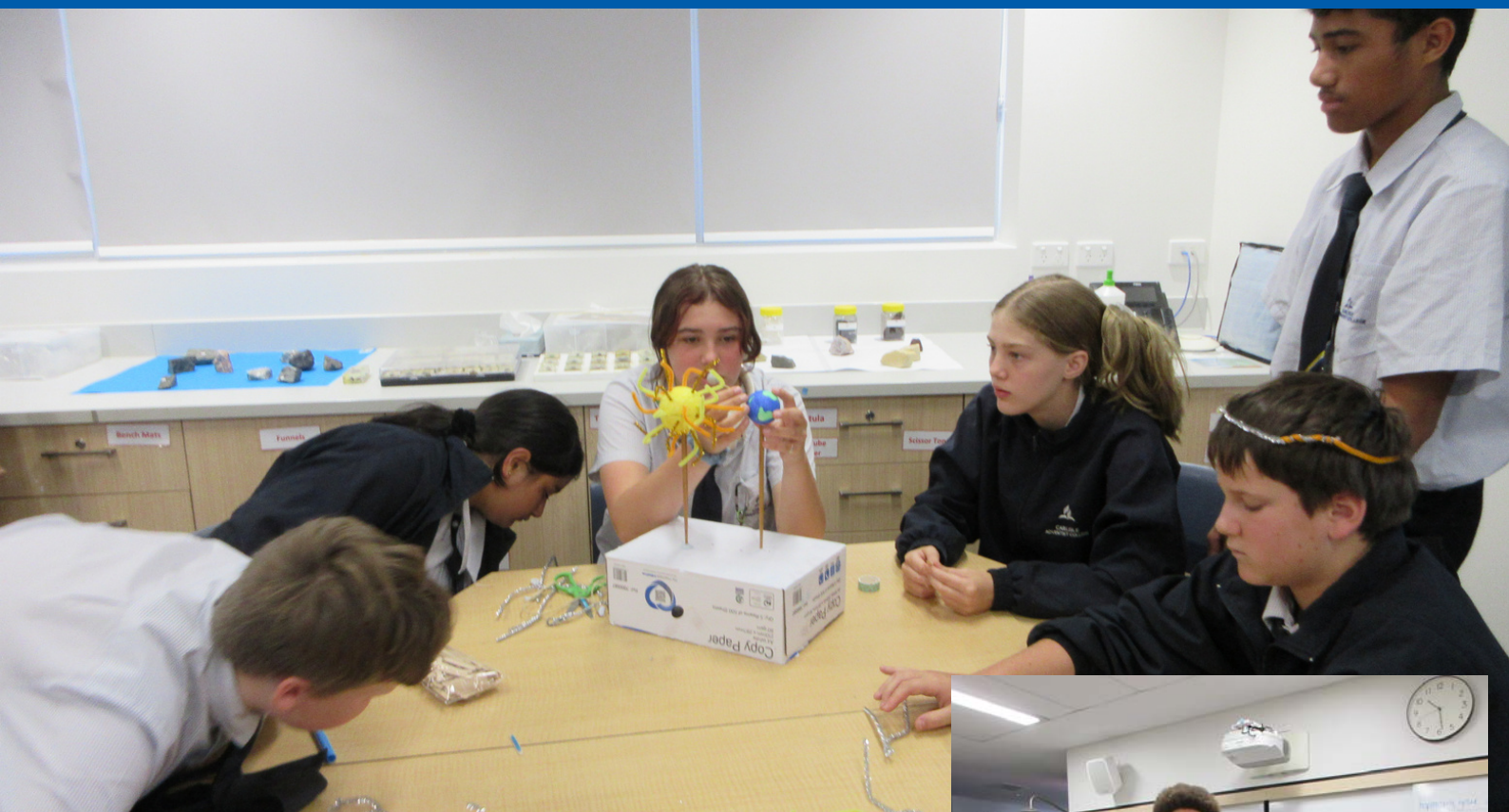
YEAR 9 CAMP

Our Year 9 students had an action packed adventure at Camp Fairburn! From navigating their way through orienteering challenges and taking on the high ropes course, to canoeing and working together through team building activities, there were plenty of opportunities to step outside their comfort zones.

The camp was a great chance for students to build confidence, develop teamwork and encourage one another along the way. There were plenty of laughs, challenges and memorable moments, making it a fantastic experience for our Year 9 students.



SECONDARY



YEAR 7 SCIENCE

Our Year 7 students have been exploring the fascinating relationship between the Moon, Earth and the wider solar system in Science.

They have been learning about the different phases of the Moon, gravitational pull and how the Moon's gravity influences the movement of the ocean tides. Students have also been exploring the Moon's relationship with Earth and the other planets in our solar system.

As part of their practical learning, students created their own Moon and Earth diagrams, helping them to visualise the position of the Moon, Earth and Sun and demonstrate how the Moon's movement and gravitational pull affect what we observe from Earth.

It has been great to see students getting hands on with their learning and bringing these scientific concepts to life!



WELLBEING MATTERS

CYBER SAFETY

Staying Safe Online

Online safety is everyone's responsibility. As social media age restrictions continue to protect Australians under 16, it is important that young people develop safe and respectful online habits.

Remember:

Think before you post: your digital footprint can have lasting consequences.

Protect personal information and keep passwords private.

Pause before responding to harmful or upsetting messages.

Block and report cyberbullying, threats or inappropriate content.

Antisocial behaviour online has real-world consequences and can negatively impact the safety, wellbeing, and relationships of others.

When to Seek Help

Speak to a trusted adult, parent, teacher or school staff member if you experience or witness cyberbullying, threats, inappropriate contact or content that makes you feel unsafe. For serious safety concerns, contact police. In an emergency, call 000. Support is also available through Kids Helpline (1800 55 1800) and the eSafety Commissioner.

Together, we can help create a safer, kinder and more respectful online community.

Before You Post

THINK

T - is it True?

H - is it Helpful?

I - is it Inspiring?

N - is it Necessary?

K - is it Kind?



WELLBEING MATTERS



CARLISLE
ADVENTIST COLLEGE

SAFE CHILDREN. STRONG COMMUNITIES. BRIGHTER FUTURES.

Child Safe Incident or Concern Reporting

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and protection of every child and young person at Carlisle Adventist College.

If you have a concern, incident or behaviour that may place a child or young person at risk of harm or adversely impact their wellbeing, please use our Child Safe Incident or Concern Reporting Form.

**IF YOU SEE SOMETHING,
SAY SOMETHING.**

THE FORM IS AVAILABLE TO:



Parents &
carers



Staff
members



Volunteers



Contractors



Visitors



Members of the
wider community

Reports may be submitted anonymously. However, while anonymous reports will be taken seriously and assessed appropriately, anonymity may limit our ability to investigate a concern fully or provide feedback regarding the outcome.

All reports are managed in accordance with our Child Safety Policies and Procedures.



FOR STUDENTS

An Anonymous Submission of Concern Form is also available. You can access this form via SEQTA Learn, in hard copy in Dem 1 corridor.

HOW TO ACCESS THE FORM:



Via the school website



Through SEQTA Engage



Scan the QR code below



Through direct links
provided by the College



Scan here to report
a concern

**Together, we can help ensure Carlisle Adventist College remains
a safe, supportive and respectful environment for every student.**



RECIPE OF THE WEEK

STRAWBERRY & YOGHURT ICE BLOCKS

With the weather warming up, why not make a delicious homemade treat for the family?

These Strawberry & Yoghurt Ice Blocks are quick, easy and refreshing, and a great way to enjoy some beautiful local produce.

Ingredients

- 2 cups strawberries, hulled
- 1½ cups Greek or natural yoghurt
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- A splash of milk, if needed

Perfect for: An after-school treat, weekend picnic or cooling down after a day at the beach!

Family tip: Let the kids choose their own fruit combination. Try mango, banana, blueberries or raspberries for a different flavour.

Method

1. Add the strawberries, yoghurt, honey and vanilla to a blender.
2. Blend until smooth. Add a small splash of milk if the mixture is too thick.
3. Pour into ice-block moulds and insert sticks.
4. Freeze for at least 4-6 hours, or until completely frozen.
5. Remove from the moulds and enjoy!



Support Local: Why not try some delicious local strawberries from Fresh As Sweet As? Using locally grown produce is a wonderful way to support our local growers while enjoying fresh, seasonal ingredients.



APPRECIATION

CELEBRATING OUR LEARNING SUPPORT STAFF

This Learning Support Officer Day, we want to take a moment to celebrate and thank our wonderful LSOs for all that they do.

Our LSOs are an important part of our classrooms and our Carlisle community. Each day they work alongside our teachers and students, providing encouragement, support and a helping hand when it is needed.

It is often the little things that make the biggest difference, a word of encouragement, helping a student work through something tricky, celebrating a small win, or simply being there to listen. Our LSOs build genuine relationships with our students and help them feel valued, supported and confident to give things a go.

We are incredibly grateful for the patience, care, compassion and dedication our LSOs bring to school each day. Thank you for the difference you make, often in ways that may not always be seen, but are certainly felt.

Thank you for helping our students grow, flourish and believe in themselves. We appreciate you!

Thank You

**“Encourage one another
and build each other up.”
1 Thessalonians 5:11**

Miss Jodey	Mrs Stephan
Miss Tyler	Miss Lauren
Mrs Abell	Miss Alayne
Mrs Cochran	Miss Elizabeth
Miss Rosie	Mr Hunter
Miss Natikka	Miss Melanie
Miss Loree	Miss Martha



WHATS ON AROUND MACKAY

DISCOVER MACKAY'S BEAUTIFUL BEACHES

With the weather warming up, there's no better time to get outside and enjoy some of the beautiful beaches right on our doorstep!

Mackay is blessed with a wonderful coastline, with plenty of places for families to enjoy a picnic, explore the shoreline, collect shells, build sandcastles or simply slow down and enjoy the ocean breeze.



 Eimeo Beach is a favourite for families, with beautiful views across the water and plenty of space to enjoy a relaxed afternoon. Grab some fish and chips, watch the sunset and make an evening of it!

 Bucasia Beach offers a long stretch of sandy coastline perfect for a morning walk, beach games or a family picnic. It's also a lovely spot to simply sit back and listen to the waves.

 Lamberts Beach is another beautiful spot to explore, particularly around sunrise or sunset. Take a walk along the shoreline and enjoy the spectacular coastal views.

 Blacks Beach stretches for kilometres and is a wonderful place for a family stroll and some fresh air. Keep an eye out for shells and marine life as you explore the beach.

 Harbour Beach provides a different coastal experience, close to the city and surrounded by the Mackay Marina precinct. It's a great place to combine a beach visit with a family outing.

 And keep your eyes on the horizon! From around June through to September, humpback whales make their annual journey along the Queensland coast. You might even be lucky enough to spot one breaching, splashing or showing off its tail from the shoreline.

Whether you're swimming, walking, fishing, building sandcastles or simply enjoying a picnic together, Mackay's beaches provide the perfect opportunity to put the phones away, breathe in the fresh sea air and spend some quality time together.

So this weekend, why not pack the esky, grab the sunscreen and head to the coast? You never know what you might spot!

STAFF

EMPATHY STARTS WITH US

On our recent Student Free Day, our staff came together for professional development focused on empathy and the important role it plays in our school community.

We explored what it means to show empathy not only towards our students, but also towards ourselves, our colleagues, our families and the wider community.

In a busy school, it can be easy to focus on what needs to be done and forget that everyone we meet is carrying their own experiences, challenges and emotions. Taking the time to listen, understand and respond with kindness can make a real difference.

We were also reminded that empathy starts with how we treat ourselves. Giving ourselves grace, recognising when we need to pause and allowing ourselves to be human helps us create a healthier and more compassionate environment for those around us.

As a school, we want empathy to be something our students experience and see modelled every day — in our classrooms, playgrounds, staffroom, homes and wider community.

When we choose to understand before we judge, listen before we respond and show kindness in the little moments, we help build a community where students, families, staff and colleagues feel known, valued and supported.

Because a thriving Christ-centred learning community is built on how we care for one another.





"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9

