



Issue 2 | Term 1 | 2020

# TRINITY TRIBUNE

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### New Initiatives in 2020

As mentioned last week, there are a large number of new initiatives that we are implementing in 2020.

In Primary, we are introducing two new subjects. The first is Physical Literacy for students from Prep to Year 3. In this class, students will be working on developing improved hand/eye coordination, learning about their own physical bodies and how to use them better. The second is Wednesday Afternoon Activities for students in Years 4, 5 and 6. Students will be able to select sports to participate in, in a similar way to Secondary do on a Friday afternoon.

Our staffing of the library has increased, allowing our Teacher Librarian, Mrs. Belinda Ferguson to increase the time students have with her developing their literacy skills.

Our Primary are also introducing typing skills from Year 2. Whilst the immediate need is ensuring that our students are able to complete NAPLAN online this year, the longer term goal is equipping our students with the ICT skills they need for tomorrow's digital world, and typing well is an important communication skill which can be taught from a young age.

In Secondary, the two week timetable allows the introduction of subjects which only run every second week. Two of those are Technology Skills, where the teachers will be equipping students for learning by using their Macbooks, software and other IT more effectively. The other of these new subjects is Study Skills,

where students will be learning how to study, revise their subject content, prepare for exams and sit tests more effectively. The two week timetable also allows subjects to have an odd number of periods every two weeks, such as 9 periods of English across the two weeks, which allows us to maximise learning time in the core subjects of Mathematics, English, Science and HASS (History and Geography).

We have also designed Year 8 Science, Year 9 and Year 10 to run as concurrently as possible. This means that both classes in their year group can combine for increased sharing of teacher expertise. This feature also allows classes to be customised to best cater to our student's individual learning, so they can be in a more challenging English class, but the Mathematics class that spends more time understanding the basics, for example. This feature is introduced in Year 9 as students begin to specialise their learning. It is shaping up to be an exciting year for Trinity College. Please pray with me that God will bless our plans for fantastic learning and development of all of our students.

Stephen Babbage.

### 2020 Student Leaders



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEEK THREE

#### GRIP PRIMARY LEADERSHIP DAY

Monday, 10th February

#### GRIP SECONDARY LEADERSHIP DAY

Tuesday, 11th February

### WEEK FOUR

#### COLLEGE PHOTO DAY

Wednesday, 19th February

### WEEK FIVE

#### SWIMMING CARNIVAL YEARS 4 - 12

Wednesday, 26th February

### WEEK SEVEN

#### YEAR 6 CAMP

Capricornia Caves  
Wednesday, 11th March  
to

Friday, 13th March

### WEEK EIGHT

#### NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING

Friday, 20th March

### WEEK TEN

#### CROSS COUNTRY YRS 4-12

Tuesday, 31st March  
8am - 11:30am

#### OFFICIAL OPENING NEW BUILDINGS

Friday, 3rd April  
8:40am - 10:20am

# INTRODUCING ESTIE MULLER



Hi Trinity staff, parents and students, my name is Estie Muller and I am the Librarian Technician. I work with Belinda in the Library as her assistant, lending out books and helping with the library lessons.

I am originally from South Africa, but in 2007 my family made the big move to Gladstone, and I am so grateful that we did. I met my husband at school in grade 3, we went to each other's graduations together in 2014 and 2016, and in May of last year we got married!

I attended Faith Baptist Christian School and enjoyed the ACE Curriculum and the fact that God was at the

center of everything we learned. Being in a comforting Christian environment was wonderful and helpful, especially after immigrating. My favorite part of each day at school was devotions every morning, where I could learn more about God's word and start the day off positively.

I really enjoy reading and doing administration related jobs, so when I saw that Trinity needed a Library assistant, I made sure to get an application form and my resume ready. I believe it was God's plan for me to work at this school, as He is continually providing for my husband and me.

I have really enjoyed my first three weeks at school getting to know the staff and students. Everyone is so kind and welcoming, and I look forward to seeing what God has planned for the students, staff and myself in the coming year.

# SPORTS UPDATE

## Mack Geiger brings home the Gold



During the school holidays Mack Geiger competed in the U17 State Decathlon Championships which consists of 10 events. This was Mack's first time doing the 100m hurdles with a new height and spacing, heavier discus, heavier shot put and pole vault.



The events and results included:

- 100m PB
- Long Jump PB
- High Jump PB
- 400m PB
- Shot Put (5kg) PB
- 110 Hurdles PB
- Discus (1.5kg) PB
- Pole Vault PB
- Javelin good throw
- 1500m good run

As you can see Mack competed strongly with many PB's to qualify for Nationals.

Mack has chosen not to attend the National Championships and is attending the Cowboys Touch Football development weekend which is on the same weekend.

Congratulations on this amazing result Mack. You are such an inspiration to your fellow students and peers. We are extremely proud of you.

Annie Grice  
Sports Director

# EXTENSION ART PROGRAM

Trinity's new Extension Art Program commenced on Monday with an excursion to East Shores with Mrs Ryan. Our talented Trinity art students creatively responded to the scenery at East Shores Using the medias of photography and drawing. Students will use their own personal inspiration, photographs and drawings from the excursion to inform their subsequent work as they work towards completing

an artwork for the annual art competition, "Paint the Port". We look forward in anticipation to the work that students will produce.



# BADGING CEREMONIES





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Outside School Hours Care



EXTENDED LEARNING ACTIVITY

# ZUMBA

## WHAT:

High-energy dance parties packed with kid-friendly routines. We break down steps, add games and include fun activities.

## WHEN:

**TUESDAY**  
**Week 3 - 7**

**3.30pm –**  
**4.30pm**

*Limited spaces available!*

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