



Weeks 1 - 2 | Term 4 | 2021

# TRINITY TRIBUNE

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As I type, our Year 12 students have only 11 days of classes left before they enter the External Examination period (it may be less by the time you read this).

I liken the Year 11 and Year 12 journey to a long distance cycle race like the "Tour De France". There are stages, and it is a team sport.

Like a long distance cycle race, it is important that where this makes sense, to work together to lighten the load. Long distance cyclists do this to 'break the headwind' and the rest of the team ride behind the leader in their 'slipstream'. When the lead cyclist is tired from breaking that headwind, they peel off, and join the line at the back, benefitting from the rest of the team.

One of the key benefits our students have is being with their peers at Trinity College. Our student culture (developed, in no small part, by having excellent parents) means they are focused on their learning and keen to do their best in their school tasks. Our students should, where it is of mutual advantage, work together. This could be in class. This could be studying together and encouraging each other, giving feedback on each other's work for assessments, where that is appropriate to do so.

But long distance cyclists don't always work as a team. At the end of each stage, there is the sprint stage, where it is everyone for themselves and they all pedal as fast as they can to get to the finish first. Exam periods are those 'sprint' stages of learning, where it is every person for themselves.

This time period for Year 12 is time for them to apply the teaching Paul wrote to Christians about how to live their lives:

1 Corinthians 9:24-26

*"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. they do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last for ever. Therefore, I do not run like someone running aimlessly..."*

This is the final 'sprint' stage, in their secondary journey, for our Year 12's – it is their final stretch before the finish line. Please pray for them as they finish classes, do final study and preparation, then 'compete' in their External Exams.



Stephen Babbage

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEEK THREE

#### PREP INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, 20 October

#### YEAR 7 2022 INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, 20 October

### WEEK FOUR

#### KINDY & PRIMARY GRANDPARENTS DAY

Friday, 29 October

#### WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Friday, 29 October

### WEEK FIVE

#### YEAR 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP - CURTIS ISLAND

1 - 3 November

### WEEK SIX

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Thursday, 11 November



#### Parents in Partnership AGM

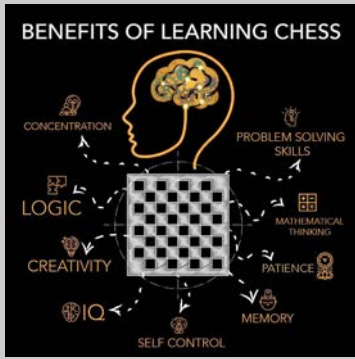
Wednesday 10th November

5:30PM in the Atrium

All welcome - come and learn about what PiP has been doing, and our plans for 2022. Childminding available.

Nominations sought for executive positions, especially Secretary role, please email [pip@trinitygladstone.qld.edu.au](mailto:pip@trinitygladstone.qld.edu.au)

## CHESS CLUB



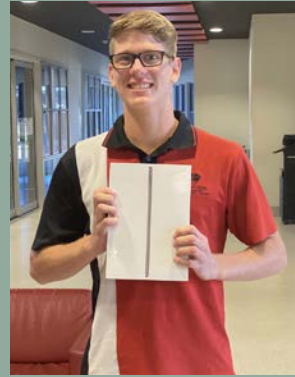
Chess Club has been very busy of late, with so many students coming in that we are needing to get more chess boards out of storage. It is so exciting to see students learning from each other and enjoying challenging their friends to a match. This week we even had a special guest, Mr Babbage, who dropped in to challenge our Secondary students to a match. Chess Club is on every Wednesday at 1:00 in L1.



## CAREERS SPOTLIGHT

Startup Gladstone held the Youth Innov8ors Program in Term Three which saw thirteen students from all different schools participate in the workshop. The Youth Innov8ors Program aims to encourage innovation in young people by encouraging them to develop ideas and create solutions to problems.

There were four students from Trinity College involved in the program including Farida Radwan, Youssef Ellakkani, Kallem Renshaw and Samuel Barton. Samuel Barton won a tablet for his exemplary design as part of the workshop and Farida Radwan was part of the winning team.



## STATE FUTSAL TITLES

On Monday, 11 October Trinity College had three teams represent the school at the State Futsal titles at the Nissan Arena in Brisbane. This included two under 19 teams and one under 14 team.

All three teams represented the school proudly with one of the two U19's sides making the semi-finals and finishing in the top four teams in Queensland.

There were some star performances and goals scored. Most notably the students showed excellence, integrity, courage, determination and selflessness as players. Congratulations boys, we are proud of your effort and sportsmanship as a group.



## GARDENING CLUB

Our Gardening Club members were on the hunt for tomatoes this week. Special thanks to Mrs Christine Webster for her enthusiasm and dedication to overseeing this very popular club at Trinity.

