Dear Parents, Staff and Students

The celebration at St Stephen’s Cathedral of the 175th anniversary of the arrival of the Sisters of Charity in Australia was a joyous occasion. Over 40 Sisters of Charity joined a vast congregation who filled St Stephens; people of all ages who gathered to celebrate being a part of a wonderful story. The thanksgiving mass was celebrated by Brisbane Archbishop Mark Coleridge.

We have received so many emails of thanks for the tremendous contribution made by members of staff and the students of Mt St Michael’s. The Congregational Leader Sister Annette Cunliffe, a former Principal of Mt St Michael’s has similarly expressed her heartfelt thanks for the commitment of the College to this important occasion.

I have spoken with many students who were part of the prologue, a dramatization of the arrival of the Sisters on the Francis Spaight, or members of the choir who joined with the St Stephen’s Choir to lead the beautiful singing. Overwhelmingly they have said that they were honoured to be part of such an important and wonderful celebration. Some even reflected that they wanted to be present for the 200th anniversary celebration!

Their gratitude is in itself a story and a reflection of the very spirit that inspires the Sisters of Charity. It speaks to the heart of how important it is to give back to others. Caring for, and serving others, is a pathway to true happiness. The Archbishop reflected on the work of the Sisters of Charity particularly obvious in schools and hospitals, but ultimately “at the heart of it all, the Sisters have done only one thing for 175 years. What they have done is charity, self-sacrificing love. They have ‘done’ God.”

We are proud to be part of this great story and we understand that we carry the responsibility, not as a burden but with joy, to ensure that this mission remains active and alive through our words and our actions.

Alison Terrey
Principal
Parents - come along and catch up with friends or meet some new friends Thursday morning from 8.40am 31 July 2014 at the Garden Wall Courtyard

For information please call Jenny Kemp on 3858 4946 or email: jkemp@msm.qld.edu.au

Thank you to:
Lauren Stronach, Georgina Devenish-Meares and Annabel Wallace for handing in lost items to the College reception.

Let's catch up over coffee...

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Congratulations

**Emily Pilgrim and Rachel Franzmann** who have been successfully nominated for the Queensland Conservatorium State Honours Ensemble Program for 2014.

**Elizabeth Baldwin, Anastasia Little, Cynthia Webb, Chloe Lucas and Audrey Warren** on receiving a High Distinction in the Australian Geography Competition. This is an outstanding achievement for all of these students.

**Georgia Atcheson** competed in the Rostrum Voice of Youth competition. The competition is aimed at developing the communication skills of the youth of Australia. It provides the opportunity for our future leaders to hone their public speaking skills. Georgia was selected as reserve for the State Finals as she was runner-up in her heat on May 31. She was a wonderful ambassador for the College and should be congratulated on her efforts and commitment to the competition.

**Sophie Strickland** on competing in the State Age Netball Championships in Townsville over the last weekend. This was following Sophie’s representation of the Queensland Catholic Netball 14A’s. Her team was placed third in Division 2 out of a total 14 teams, with only 6 points between the team placed 1st and 3rd.

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**Uniform Enhancements from 2015**

As notified through Parents and Friends meetings and the College website, we are making some adjustments to the College uniform particularly with reference to the College blazer and hat.

A new light weight blazer will be compulsory for all students in Years 10 and 11, optional for students in Year 12, 2015. It will be optional for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 but we will be encouraging the wearing of the blazer across all year levels as we think it will significantly enhance the uniform. We will be requiring students in all levels to wear a blazer when representing the College. The price of the blazer will be approximately $150. We know that this compares most favorably with the current heavy winter blazer which has been priced at the $250 mark and above for some years. The blazer will retain the gold crest to reflect Mt St Michael’s traditional colours.

The hat will be changing to a navy colour primarily for practical purposes. The hat band will remain the same. In the transition period the current white hat can be worn by students until it requires replacement. The white hat will no longer be sold in the second hand uniform shop.