



The Spirit

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The Good News of Christmas

is that our God

is not a God of the heavens,

but God-with-us

present in everyone

and everything.



Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students

We are entering into the final hours of the 2018 College year, and what a wonderful year it has been. I am sure that everyone has their own special recollections of life at MSM this year. Some of my most treasured memories of this year include:

- Sharing morning teas with the Year 12 students
- The chats with students around the school grounds
- The voices of girls singing
- Acknowledging and celebrating the many, many amazing student achievements
- The Arts Festival
- Supporting the netball team in the Vicki Wilson Cup
- Dropping in on the students and staff who were running Claire's Cottage in the Home Economics Kitchens
- Our Masses and Liturgies
- Enjoying the student performances at The Catholic Schools' and Colleges' Music Festival
- The Year 10 "Dress Up for Drought" Fundraiser
- Lunchtime activities that bring the College together, for example "Dancing with the Staff"
- And most recently judging the Year 7 Christmas Tree competition.

This list is not exhaustive - the special and treasured moments come in the simple encounters each day. The College Magazine will be distributed tomorrow and is a more formal record of the activities of the 2018 year. Thank you to all who have contributed articles. A huge thank you to Miss Kelly for the countless hours that she has spent on this project all year. Thank you also to Ms Ahern and Mrs Lee for their assistance.



Term 1, 2019 commences
Wednesday, 30 January

BOOKLIST 2018

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parent-resources/](http://www.msm.qld.edu.au/parent-resources/)

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Condolences to Bella and Hannah
on the recent passing of their father
Andrew Dredge. Our thoughts and
prayers are with them and their
mother Helen at this sad time.

Our condolences and prayers also go
out to Claudia Legge and her family
on the passing of her grandmother.



As I reflect upon the year, I think of the countless opportunities that have been provided to our students to develop their own special gifts and talents; many of these would not be possible without the support of our staff. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, both teaching and non-teaching, for your dedication to our students.

I am also grateful for the support of our parents who volunteer their time to support the College in various capacities, for example as P and F Members, Board Members, Music Support Group, Dad's Army, volunteers who assist at the various College and sporting events.

Thank you also to Ms Keleisha Rigby-Smith and the Alumni Committee for your contributions throughout the year.

Tomorrow we celebrate our Advent Liturgy, the final community event of the College year. As we journey towards Christmas we prepare our hearts for the arrival of the Christ Child.

If we were to put into "ordinary terms" the meaning of Christmas, perhaps it might look something like this:

"It's sharing your gifts, not purchasing gifts.



It's not wrapping presents, it's being present and wrapping your arms around the ones you love.

It's not getting Christmas cards out on time, it's sending any card, anytime, at the right time.

It's not having the best Christmas light display, it's displaying the Christ light that comes from your heart.

It's not Santa coming down the chimney, it's Jesus coming down from heaven and giving us the gift of Himself." AUTHOR UNKNOWN

May the blessings of Christ be on you and your family this Christmas. I look forward to seeing everyone when school resumes on Wednesday 30 January 2019! Have a safe and happy holiday.

In faith and love

Sharon Volp