REDLANDS COLLEGE

REDLANDS COLLEGE *Reflections*



As we enter our 38th year, Redlands College comprises of 1450 students, 220 staff, 2000 parents, 3838 alumni and many grandparents, church members and supporters who join together to live out our calling to be a Christ-centred learning community.

This year our College theme draws from 2 Cor 3:3 to explore what it means to be a “Living Letter of Recommendation” for Jesus Christ. When Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, he encouraged them with the words ”You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.”

Each week, College staff are encouraging each other with practical examples of being a visible testimony of God’s transformative power. Our purpose as staff members transcends the particular role we have and embodies the larger concept of contributing to a Christ-centred education that will prepare the young people entrusted to our care, to serve God and influence the world.

A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dr Andrew Johnson

This newsletter provides the opportunity to reflect on the experiences of formation and education that students have enjoyed this term. We also look forward to the academic year ahead, as we partner together in the significant role of writing on the hearts of young people.

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STARTING OUR NEW COLLEGE

The 2025 school year began with a memorable Commencement Service, celebrating student leaders along with community support from Henry Pike MP, Cr Wendy Boglary & the Hon Amanda Stoker.



JUNIOR SCHOOL



Preps

This year, Prep students welcomed a new tradition, receiving Muddie the school mascot, from Principal Andrew Johnson—a meaningful keepsake symbolizing their journey until graduation in 2037.







During the first week, our two Prep classes explored the College, beginning with Dr. Johnson's story time. They visited the Staff Common Room and Executive Offices, including the Head of Junior School's office.

JUNIOR SCHOOL *Highlights*









The Junior School leadership assembly celebrated new leaders comprising of Bridge Builder Peer Mediators, Junior School Councillors, and House Captains. Constable Corey Dean presented the Peer Mediators' badges, while Ms. Smith awarded badges to the Councillors. Mr. van Rensburg and Senior House Captains also presented badges to the House Captains.

JUNIOR SCHOOL *Events*

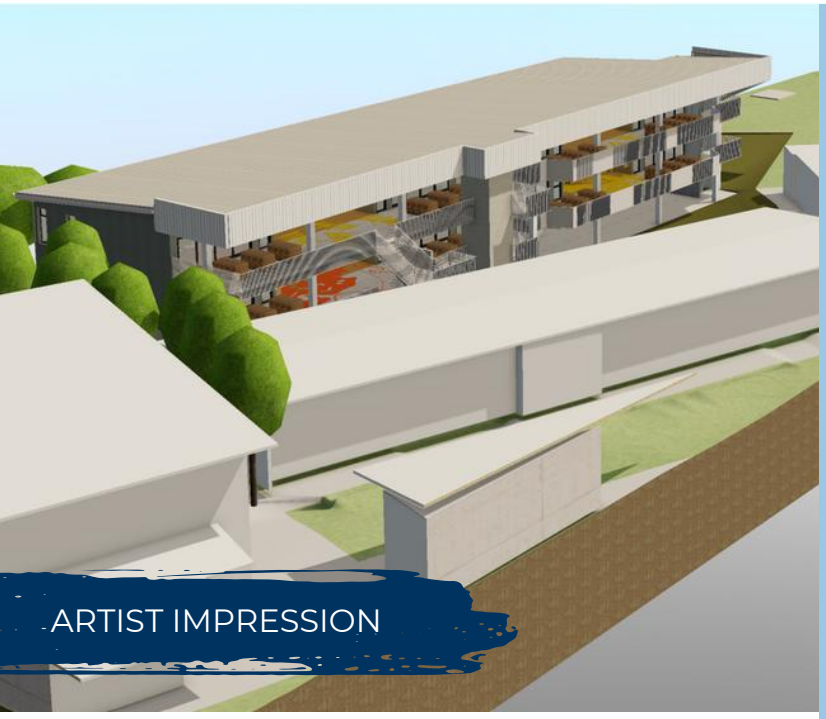


TEDDY BEARS *Picnic*

Our Prep students had a beary special afternoon, bringing their favourite teddies to our annual Teddy Bears Picnic! Families joined in the fun with a sing-along, a teddy bear hunt around College Heart, and a delightful afternoon tea.
A huge thank you to our amazing teachers and staff for their passion, creativity, and dedication in making learning such a wonderful experience!



JUNIOR SCHOOL *Redevelopment*



ARTIST IMPRESSION

Construction got underway on our Junior School Redevelopment project! Phase 1 commenced during the summer holidays, and we are excited to see significant progress already. This redevelopment marks a key step in providing our community with enhanced learning spaces, and we look forward to the transformation ahead.







LIFE IN THE Middle @ REDLANDS





INFORMATION SESSION



FRIENDS



FAMILY EVENT

At the start of the term, we were thrilled to welcome new faces at our **2025 Welcome to Middle School Twilight Event**. This significant milestone in our College calendar benefited both staff, students, and parents, offering valuable and inspiring insights for all.







"AS 1" IS OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL MOTTO FOR 2025

MIDDLE SCHOOL *Camp*



The term began with an unforgettable YR7 Camp, brimming with adventure and fun. Highlights included thrilling challenges like high ropes, flying fox, and crate climbing, alongside sun-filled beach days. Evenings were packed with laughter, stories, games, and songs, leaving us with lasting memories.



HIGH ROPES



BEACH FUN





GROUP CHALLENGE

"Camp was full of adventure, laughter, and memories I'll never forget!"

MIDDLE SCHOOL *Highlights*









MIDDLE SCHOOL *Leaders*

We had the privilege of celebrating our Middle School Leaders with their parents, fellow students, and staff. Cr Wendy Boglary presented leadership badges, and Mr. Luke Ralph, Head of Middle School, delivered an inspiring speech on the power of unity and leadership, wishing them a legacy of purpose and impact.

MIDDLE SCHOOL









Adolescent Success STUDY TOUR



As one of Adolescent Success' Middle Years Schools of Excellence, we were delighted to welcome 50 middle school educators to experience "Life in the Middle" at Redlands. Guests were guided through our campus by Middle School Leaders, heard from our passionate staff about the heart of our Middle School program.

COLLEGE *Faces*











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CONGRATULATIONS

COLLEGE *Leaders*


2025 JS CAPTAINS



2025 MS CAPTAINS



2025 SS CAPTAINS

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Tate Hemelaar, Georgia McKergow, Georgia Robertson & Noah Robertson

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Nate Rehrl & Evangeline Burns

Vice Captains
Jessica Saunders & Elliot Gabb

SENIOR SCHOOL CAPTAINS
Ezra Clamp & Alexandra Rees

Vice Captains
Eli Bastow & Emma Mossop

SPORTS CAPTAINS
Benjamin Iedema & Shaniah Ferguson

House Captains

Finnegan
Mihir Pingle, Chloe Nott, Delilah Page-Hanify & Lara Randles

Pamphlett
Benjamin Iedema, Shirah Badrick, Lila Chapman & Jasmine Parker

Parsons
Daniel Berry, Shaniah Ferguson, Rhianna Thompson & Kristiana Velkov

Thompson
Luzelle Carney, Lucinda Gabb, Mikka Hattingh & Zoe Woods

MS DRAMA CAPTAINS
Isabella Loader, Aleks Rode-Bramanis, Harrison Bridges & Billie Werninghaus

SPIRITUAL CAPTAINS
Sophie Kirk & Caleb Robertson

CREATIVE ARTS CAPTAINS
Savannah De Lile & Emma Ralph

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

YR10 Reps
Josiah Beavers, Ruby Cullen, Diya Rajeev & Joshua Read

YR11 Reps
Dhanya Abeysinghe, Ella Budden, Kara Evans, Joshua Ingram & Montana Slatter

JAPANESE *Week*

Redlands College recently hosted 18 YR9 students from Kanagawa Gakuen High School. The week included Japanese language, cultural activities, and origami sessions with YR2 and YR4 students. A standout moment was their heartfelt performance at the Senior School Assembly, singing *The Ode of Springtime and When Tenderness Embraces Me (from the film Kiki's Delivery Service).*







This term, YR6 students from Chiben Gakuen Nara College (our sister school in Nara) visited for a day of cultural exchange, featuring music, activities, food and lively interactions!



SENIOR SCHOOL *Snapshots*





The YR12's began their first week of term with an assembly, receiving senior badges and letters-to-self. They ended the week with a sunrise devotion at Wellington Point, marking new beginnings. Guided by the words in Philippians 4:13, the YR12s step into their final year with faith and courage.









FIRST YR12 *Assembly*

SENIOR SCHOOL *Snapshots*



Compass CONFERENCE



During the Compass Student Leaders' Conference in Canberra, our leaders, accompanied by Mr. van Rensburg (Dean of YR12) and Ms. Grounds (Head of Senior School), connected with other Christian school leaders, explored Parliament House and prayed both in the Senate and on its rooftop. What an inspiring experience of faith and unity.

SENIOR SCHOOL *Features*



WORKPLACE SKILLS BUSINESS SEMINAR (VOCED)



USE OF VR HEADSETS IN VIRTUAL INTERVIEWS



CERTIFICATE II IN ENGINEERING (PATHWAYS COURSE)



YR10 DRAMA WORKSHOP



YR11 AND YR3 BUDDIES PROGRAM

SENIOR SCHOOL Duke of Ed





YR11 & YR12 students completed a four-day, 56km practice hike through D'Aguilar National Park and Mt Coot-tha. This is to prepare for their Camino trek in Spain. They hiked from Ferny Grove to Enoggera Reservoir and explored Northbrook Gorge. Last December, YR9 students completed their Bronze Practice Journey at Lamington National Park with a two-day hike and camp.

SPORTS News

ISC
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP



REPRESENTATIVES OF REDLANDS COLLEGE, BRISBANE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CITIPOINTE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE & MORETON BAY BOYS COLLEGE KICKED OFF THE 2025 ISC SEASON







HOUSE Spirit

CONGRATULATIONS

SENIOR SCHOOL Sport



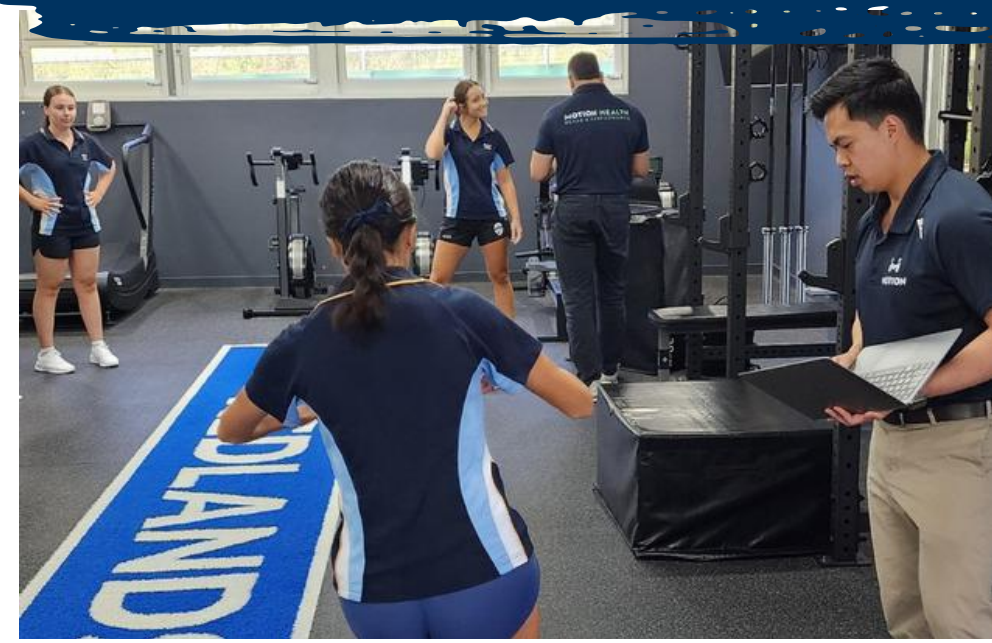








THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT PARTNERED WITH MOTION HEALTH REHAB TO DELIVER EXPERT SESSIONS ENHANCING OUR STUDENT ATHLETES' STRENGTH, CONDITIONING, AND PERFORMANCE.



CONGRATULATIONS

Jordan: Jordan and his teammate delivered an outstanding performance at the Queensland Open Junior Tournament, securing their best finish yet! With the Australian Youth Beach Volleyball Championships in March, they're building great momentum.

Zoe: YR12 student Zoe returned strong from injury, winning her division, Overall Best Lifter, and qualifying for potential Oceania selection! Championships

CSSAQ Futsal: The Senior Girls and Senior Boys teams recently claimed Gold at a CSSAQ event, triumphing over a competitive field of strong schools.

CONGRATULATIONS

JS&MS SCHOOL Sport













CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES!
After delivering outstanding performances at the regional championships, six of our talented students have earned a place at the State Little Athletics Champions!



CONGRATULATIONS

JS&MS SCHOOL Sport



JAMES, GRACE & ISABEL AT THE QLD SCHOOLS AQUATHLON/TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS



SCARLETT WON GOLD IN THE U15 TRIPLE JUMP AT THE QLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS



LIAM & HIS TEAM THE RUNCORN ROCKETS TOOK OUT THE U14 DIV 1 CHAMPIONSHIP



ELLIOT WON A SILVER MEDAL & WAS PLACED 4TH IN THE 1500M IN THE STEEPLECHASE AT THE QLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS



PATRICK MOVED UP IN HIS NATIONAL TAEKWONDO GRADING

PERFORMANCE Music







Get to Know You CONCERT



The Junior School **Get to Know You Concert** featured wonderful performances from Little Voices, Junior Guitar, Con Brio Band, Junior Strings, and Junior Choir. This annual event showcased students' talent, dedication, and love of music. Guided by dedicated tutors, their hard work and passion created a joyful celebration of their God-given gifts and musical growth.

CHAPEL News





Prayer & Pancakes BREAKFAST

We began the term with an early morning Prayer & Pancakes breakfast, bringing students and staff together in faith and connection. Beacon Youth Leaders served pancakes as prayers were shared through reflections and small group discussions. We also welcomed Jordan House from the US, whose passion for student ministry, worship arts, and Bible education inspired many through chapel and meaningful conversations. His encouragement left a lasting impact on students and staff. What a fantastic start to the term—we can't wait for Term 2!





Community REDLANDS





Mini Reunion

CLASS OF 2024

We loved welcoming back the Class of 2024 for a mini reunion at the end of term! There were plenty of smiles, laughter, and great conversations as students caught up with teachers, reminisced about their final year, and picked up a copy of the Harambee. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces enjoying pizza and reconnecting.

Be The Difference Podcast **OUT NOW**

This term's episode is packed with highlights, including:

- Playground Diaries on the recent tropical cyclone
- Connor, our new Chaplain-in-Residence
- Curious Minds trivia
- Alumni Reunion glimpses
- Comments about our Easter service
- Our guest from the US, Jordan House

All episodes are available on **Spotify**



WHAT'S COMING UP IN *Term 2*



COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

- **LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
  5 May
- **YR12 LADIES HIGH TEA**
  24 MAY
- **YR12 MEN'S SHED**
  31 May
- **ALL ENSEMBLE CONCERT**
  7 June
- **MS/SS TRACK & FIELD CARNIVAL**
  16 June
- **JS TRACK & FIELD CARNIVAL**
  17 June

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