



TUCKSHOP



WED 30 JULY—JULIE, PAT & GLADYS
FRI 1 AUG—JULIE, LURL & ROSE
MON 4 AUG—JULIE, LINA & PAT

FLEXISCHOOL ORDERING CLOSING TIMES

WEDNESDAY - CLOSING AT 8:00AM FOR THE SAME DAY

THURSDAY—9:30AM FOR FRIDAY INCLUDES
ALL BROWN BAGS FOR FRIDAY

LATE ORDERS WILL SUBSTITUTED AS PER MENU

MONDAY—8:00AM FOR THE SAME DAY

TUCKSHOP TUBS ARE NO LONGER KEPT OUTSIDE THE
CLASSROOMS. ALL BROWN BAGS WITH CASH TO
THE TUCKSHOP BEFORE THE FIRST BELL.



UNIFORM SHOP

2025 OPENING HOURS

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
8:00—8:30am OR 11:00am—12:30pm



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

CATERING FOR CHILDREN - BIRTH TO 5 YEARS

FRIDAY MORNINGS 9:00 AM—11:00 AM

GOOD SAMARITAN HALL
(ACCESS VIA OWEN STREET)

COST: \$2.00 PER FAMILY

BYO: HAT, MORNING TEA & WATER BOTTLE

CO-ORDINATOR: ASHLEIGH GORDON-COOKE
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HAVE YOUR DETAILS CHANGED?

A reminder—if you have changed any of these details since enrolling your child/ren:

- A change of address
- A change of contact details
- Become an Australian Citizen
- Updated your Visa/Passport information

Please log onto the Parent Portal and click on 'Update Your Details', or send an email to secretary@gcps.qld.edu.au with relevant updated information.

REMINDER TERM FEES

Term 3 fees have now been issued.

Please check your emails and spam/junk folder and if not received, contact Admin.



BPAY is now available for fee payments and is our preferred payment method.

You will find the BPAY information relevant to your account on the Account Statement in the lower right hand section. BPAY assures your payments are allocated directly to your account avoiding any errors.

The remittance statement/payment screen shot should then be emailed to:
accounts.innisfail@cns.catholic.edu.au

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 27 JULY - 2 AUG 2025



Celebrating 50 years as
Good Counsel Primary School
1975 - 2025

We are recognising the change of name from
Sacred Heart Convent School to
Good Counsel Primary School

Thursday 30 October

8:35am - Assembly

9:10am - Official unveiling of Good Samaritan History Wall

9:20am - School tour / memorabilia display / sealing of the time capsule

10:20am - Morning Tea

RSVP due 16 October

Enquiries - secretary@gcps.qld.edu.au



Scan QR Code below or visit
<https://www.trybooking.com/DDWIV>
to make your booking



In Omnibus Glorificetur Deus - In all things may God be glorified.



GOOD COUNSEL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEEK, LEARN AND SERVE

29 JULY 2025

TERM 3 Week 3

With a sense of the First Nations country upon which Good Counsel Primary is situated, where learning and ceremony have taken place over many thousands of years, we acknowledge the Mamu People and pay our respects to all Elders—past and present.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we held our Southern Deanery Mass and associated events to celebrate Catholic Education Week. Students and staff from St Clare's Tully, St John's Silkwood, St Rita's South Johnstone, St Rita's Babinda and Good Counsel College joined GCP for mass, celebrated by Fr Kerry. We also had members from Catholic Education Services visit for the celebration. Catholic School Communities across Queensland have been preparing to celebrate the unique spirit and shared mission of Catholic Education.



This year's theme, Communities of Faith, Hope and Love highlights the values that shape Catholic schools and the diversity of the 313 school communities educating more than 162,000 students across the state. It is a time to bring students, staff and parents/carers together to acknowledge the contribution Catholic Education makes to the lives of young people and also the broader Queensland community.

This year the official launch will be on Wednesday 30 July at St Joseph's Cathedral, Rockhampton. Our Diocese will launch the week on Thursday with mass at St Monica's Cathedral, Cairns, which our School Captains will attend.

We conclude the week with the Docemus Awards that recognise the contribution of staff and volunteers for their outstanding service within our school communities. Nominations for people's contribution to learning and teaching, school leadership and administration, volunteer assistance in schools and life long dedication to

schooling are all recognised. A record number of nominations in all categories were received this year. In 2025 four staff were nominated for their special contribution to the life of GCP.

Mrs Andrea Devaney in the Primary Teacher Category, and Mrs Kylie Scullen, Mrs Jade Grimaz and Mrs Tori Franco in the School Learning Officer Category. All four ladies deserve special recognition for the amazing work they do for our students here at GCP. The winners of the Docemus Awards will be announced at St Mary's College, Cairns, this Friday night. Thanks to all our staff who contribute daily to the lives of our GCP family.

Last week our Year 6 students spent 6 days in the outback visiting Charters Towers, Hughenden, Winton and Longreach, travelling over 2000km in total and visiting the many and varied attractions on offer. The experience of camping with classmates, learning about our inland history and viewing the sunrise and sunset will leave a lasting memory that has been shared with our senior students for over 25 years.

Each student will have favourite parts of the trip—whether it be the dinosaurs of Hughenden and Winton; Cobb & Co at Longreach; the QANTAS museum and light show; Waltzing Matilda museum; the Stockman's Hall of Fame or the Texas Longhorns at Charters Towers. 2025—a great experience with fantastic kids, parents, volunteers and staff.

The annual Student Wellbeing Survey will again take place during weeks 4-6 this term. The survey aims to gather student opinions about aspects of the school that relate to supporting student wellbeing and mental health over a period of time. A Parent Information letter is attached to the online newsletter for your perusal.

Please note—parents/carers and students, that it is not safe to cross Grace St at the intersection of Rankin St and Grace St beside the church. We have been advised by the local police that there have been several near misses after school when traffic congestion is at its peak. If wishing to cross Grace St, please use the supervised school crossing.

Regards Liam

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OFFICE HOURS
8:00 AM—3:00PM
Ph: 07 4063 0600

POINTS OF INTEREST

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The Life of the School

DIARY DATES 2025
MON 14 JULY -
FRI 19 SEPT

FRI 8 AUG
PRE-PREP DAY #1
8:35AM—11:00AM

THU 14 AUG
UNDER 8s DAY
PREP—YR 2

THU 21 AUG
BOOK CHARACTER
PARADE

FRI 22 AUG
FATHERS' NIGHT
P&F BBQ & STUDENT
COUNCIL GAMES
NIGHT



2025	Term 3 (10 weeks)
Thu 31.7	FUTSAL— U/12 BOYS
Fri 8.8	Pre-Prep #1 8:35—11:00am 3M Mary MacKillop Pr Assembly
Thu 14.8	Under 8's Day Prep—Yr 2 Activities Science Day Activities Yr 3-6
Fri 15.8	The Assumption BV Mary 9:30am
Thu 21.8	Book Week Characters Parade
Fri 22.8	Pre-Prep #2 8:35—11:00am Fowler's Cup Fathers' Night P&F BBQ & Student Council Games Night.
Fri 29.8	Pre-Prep #3 8:35—11:00am Father's Day Prayer Assembly
Mon 1.9	Yr 2 Liturgy of the Word 2:15pm
Thu 4.9	Ty Williams Cup
Fri 5.9	PUPIL FREE DAY (CTJ—STAFF)
Mon 8.9	Yr 5 Liturgy of the Eucharist 2pm
Week 9	GCPS NAIDOC ACTIVITIES
Fri 12.9	Pre-Prep #4 8:35—11:00am
Wed 17.9	Bike Safety Day Prep—Yr 2
Thu 18.9	Jim Graham Cup Innisfail
Fri 19.9	Sr Mary Mills Netball End of Term
2025	Term 4 (9 weeks)
Fri 24.10	SOCKTOBER MISSION DAY
Thu 30.10	GCPS 50th Celebration
Fri 31.10	WORLD TEACHERS' DAY
Tue 11.11	Remembrance Day



July 2025

Student Wellbeing Survey - Information for Parents

Your child has been invited to take part in a survey about student wellbeing and mental health. The survey will be completed online during school hours between 4/8/2025 and 22/8/2025. The survey contains between 23-55 questions (depending on the age of your child) and will take 10- 15 minutes to complete. The level of support provided to your child whilst completing the survey will vary depending on their age and support needs. All responses will be anonymous and confidential.

What is the survey about?

This annual survey is being issued to all students in the Diocese of Cairns by the Engagement Wellbeing and Learning directorate of Catholic Education Services. The survey aims to gather student opinions about aspects of the school that relate to supporting student wellbeing and mental health.

What is the purpose of the survey?

The survey will provide schools with student opinions on what the school is doing well and what they can improve to better promote and support student wellbeing and mental health. Long term this survey may be used to track student wellbeing and mental health over a period of time.

What personal information will be collected and who will it be disclosed to?

Your child's school email account will be used so that they can access the survey and information regarding your child's school, age, gender and ethnic background will be collected. Your child's email address will not be linked to their responses so all responses will be completely anonymous and confidential.

Your child's school will receive de-identified individual student, grade and school group data based on the survey responses of all students at that school. De-identified survey data will also be used by the senior leaders in Catholic Education Services Cairns to compare survey responses across all the schools in the Diocese of Cairns.

How is my child's privacy protected?

All responses are completely anonymous and it will not be possible to identify your child from their answers. As per Catholic Education Services Cairns Privacy Policy, your child's personal information will be managed in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles contained in the Commonwealth *Privacy Act 1988* and the *Privacy Amendment (Enhancing Privacy Protection) Act 2012*.

What choice do you and your child have?

Completing this anonymous survey is entirely you and your child's choice. Your child can choose not to answer some or all the items. You or your child will not be disadvantaged if you choose not to participate. It is hoped that all students will participate in the survey to help improve their school community.

What do I need to do to participate?

Please discuss the above information with your child and be sure that they understand what the survey is about. If there is anything you do not understand or if you do not want for your child to participate in the survey, please talk to one of your child's teachers.

Thank you for your support.