MISSION STATEMENT
The aim of Staines Memorial College is to provide Christ-centred schooling in an atmosphere of love, respect, peace and discipline which will encourage students to achieve their potential for God.

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Principal’s Message

Families—Part 1

God made families of all shapes and sizes with similar needs

The Bible is a series of stories of people. It does not hide from telling us about the problems common to families. It provides us with life lessons that when applied will help us reduce / eliminate problems. A key message is that God loves us and has a plan for our lives. God knows what is best for us, individually and collectively.

In the beginning God made man and woman, each were created to complement the other, help each other and build a family. Children feature in many biblical families. Some families have a Mum and Dad and children, some consist of just a Dad and children and others a Mum and children. There is no ideal family in the Bible, problems are exposed—problems that arose either due to inaction or stepping outside of Gods instructions. These features make the Bible different to other writings.

Sin, our Bible tells us, is our deciding to ignore God and decide things for ourselves. Since He made us, He knows what is best. God wants the best for us but allows us the choice to do as we please. When we do as we please, sooner or later, that selfish attitude causes problems for others and for ourselves. Just think about what happens when we allow our own children to do as they please.

The Bible tells us about generational bad habits that were never addressed and so the poor effects continued in successive generations. The warning is recorded, ‘the sins of the fathers if not addressed, follow to the third and fourth generation’.

(No: Sins are the actions / inactions that cause hurt. It includes our actions and attitudes.)

While the focus of the Bible is on Jewish families, when Jesus, God’s son, came to earth, He made it abundantly clear that His message was for everyone. Jesus Christ made it clear that He did not want us to erect barriers to exclude people. His message of love is inclusive.

I love the diversity of the families in the SMC community. Most of our families are two parent families, and blended families, single parent families and children with amazing carers complete the mix. We have people from a diversity of cultural backgrounds. We have an above average percentage of Indigenous families and a high proportion of people who have lost their homes and had to relocate. Our families come with a range of needs: medical, financial, and relational. The diversity adds a richness to our learning.

One thing that is common is that all in our community come with a spiritual need. Another is that all our ‘parents’ want the best for their children and are making sacrifices to ensure that their children are given every opportunity to succeed.

It is truly a privilege to get to know each family. Your ongoing involvement is so important. Every time you stop, listen and talk to another member of our community you help to make our community better.

Each time you help out, you help our community to be stronger, more effective and productive, as our God intended.

The next opportunities for involvement include attending a volunteers training session, helping at a tuckshop day, helping fund raise, working in the classroom, helping around the grounds, inviting others to an Open Day, and attending parent-teacher events.

I look forward to what we can become: families seeking and following God’s plan together – showing other communities the strengths of unity in diversity.

Mr. Norton Sands
Principal

Some Prayer Points

- Please pray for all the SMC families.
- Please pray for the children in the Hostels in Orissa that we support – for their health and education. Give thanks for their carers.

Congratulations

Random Acts of Kindness recipients:
- Week 4—Alex S
- Week 5—Imogen D

No Cards Term 1—Spin the Wheel Winners:
- Week 4—Nicki M
- Week 5—Eddy, Samuel A, Ellen

Diary Dates:
- 3 Mar - 3D-6H Swimming Lessons
- 5 Mar - Immunisation Clinic
- 5 Mar - Twilight Tours & Movie Night
- 9 Mar - School Banking Launch
- 10 Mar - 3D-6H Swimming Lessons
- 19 Mar - Yr 10 Excursion
- 24 Mar - 3D-6H Swimming Lessons
- 25 Mar - Photo Day
- 31 Mar - 3D-6H Swimming Lessons
- 1 Apr - Cross Country Carnival
- 2 Apr - Last Day Term 1
- 20 Apr - First Day Term 2

Keep your eye out for more...
Uniform Shop—2015

Regular hours for the Uniform Shop during term time are:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
8am to 9am

Stock Update: More stock has arrived. Please enquire at the Uniform Shop during opening hours.

We have started taking orders for Winter Uniforms. Order now and pay when you pick up. Avoid the crowd and secure a uniform for your child.

House shirts are also available and orders being taken. New students have been advised of their sporting house. (Enquire with your child's teacher or Reception.)

Working Bee

Thanks to everyone who came and helped our Property team make the grounds even better on Saturday. We are blessed to have the experience of David, David, Bonga and Ashleigh as our core Property Team.

Peanut Free School

Staines Memorial College is a peanut free school. Please do not send peanut products in lunches as we have students who are highly allergic to peanuts.

Staffing Update

On Friday we farewelled Mrs Ferres. She is now on maternity leave. We pray God's blessing on her and Mr Ferres as they await the arrival of their first child. We welcome Mrs Rebecca Coulter who is replacing Mrs Ferres during maternity leave.

School Banking

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is being launched at the Primary Assembly on the 9th March at 2:30pm!

The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives a commission on every new bank account opened and every deposit made through the School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy. You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at the school banking launch or at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 2221, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access. Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver's license and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. (School Banking will be Friday's.) If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one after the school assembly or from the local branch.

Tobacco Laws in Qld

From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

More information is available on Queensland Health’s website (http://www.health.qld.gov.au/public-health/topics/atod/tobacco-laws/schools/default.asp) or by calling 137468.

Snakes

As we live in the bush, having snakes and other wildlife is to be expected. If you see a snake, keep an eye on where it moves, help keep others away from danger and send another person to alert one of the Property team who will act, as always, to keep us safe. The weather conditions at the moment make it ideal for extra activity.

Volunteer Induction Update Session

With changes to the Child Protection Policy, we will be conducting an update session for all existing volunteers. (IE those who have done Induction in the past.) This session will be held early next term. Please give your name and a preferred time to Judi Coleman. She will contact you when a date has been set. You may continue to volunteer in the classroom for this term.

We love the way so many of you help out around the College. Thank you.

If you have recently attended an Induction session but have not been contacted to start helping, Judi will be contacting you this week.
Safety in the Carpark
Thank you to everyone who exercises care when driving and parking in the carpark. Reverse parking is appreciated. Remember —please only park in the designated areas, otherwise you create a potential safety problem.

School Hours
The School Day is 8:30am to 3:00pm. The College Office is open from 8am to 4pm every school day.

Supervision of students starts at 8:00am and concludes at 3:15pm. Please ensure your child is dropped off no earlier than 8:00am and collected by 3:15pm.

Student Absences
It is a requirement of the College and our government that ANY student absence is explained by an adult who enrolled the child. This can be done by telephone, text or email. Prompt attention to this requirement is very important. It is preferred that you advise us by 9am.

Edumate
Edumate is the new customised software that helps us keep track of everything and enables us to keep you informed. In time, parents will have access in the same way you can access some data on the College website. In time, you will be surprised and encouraged by the information you can discover about your child’s learning. To maximise our shared communication, it is ESSENTIAL that you keep us informed of any contact detail changes—especially mobile numbers and email addresses. To access the data you will need an active email address. More details will come later in the year. We are still setting things up at the moment.

Year 10 Careers Day
Year 10 students will be attending the USQ Careers Day on Thursday 19 March. Students need to wear formal uniform. Please be on time to school as the bus will be leaving at 8.30am.

Admin Team 2015
The following staff are here to help you:
- Mrs Christine Hoerlein manages the operations of our team and coordinates HR and PR.
- Mrs Laura Hopkins is our Registrar. She helps all new families get settled and she is the person you MUST advise whenever you have a change of details.
- Mrs Debbie Price is our Finance Office. She prepares your statement of accounts and processes your payments.
- Mrs Jenny Houwen is the admin support for our Kindy and for all the teaching and learning coordination—school reports, parent teacher interviews, scheduling of assessment etc.
- Mrs Marcie Millerick works predominantly in Student Services. She supervises all student absences including late entry and early exit. Her responsibilities also include first aid and helping students with changing behaviours.
- Mrs Amanda Magee assists with Reception, Finance and Student Services responsibilities.
- Mrs Judi Coleman assists with Reception, helping students and parents with fundraising and food events and processes the mail.

Movies on the Lawn
This is a College and Community event. All are welcome. 2 movies will be playing in 2 areas of the College as well as a family BBQ. The only cost of the evening is any food you choose to purchase.

The movies are: Despicable Me 2 and Tin Tin.

Chaplain’s Spot
I've been thinking a lot about thankfulness lately and seeing how a grateful heart and attitude is the doorway to a blessed life. And as I listen to many conversations I've come to realise how easy it seems to be for people to focus on what they don't have instead of being thankful for what they do have.

So, I would like to share a little of what I read recently from a devotion by Max Lucado, he put it this way:

The grateful heart is like a magnet sweeping over the day, collecting reasons for gratitude.

A zillion diamonds sparkle against a velvet sky each night! Thank you, God.

A miracle of muscles enables your eyes to read these words and your brain to process them! Thank you, God.

Your lungs inhale and exhale 11 thousand litres of air each day. Your heart will beat about 3 billion times in your lifetime! Thank you, God.

And of course the list goes on.

Gratitude gets us through the hard stuff. Reflecting on your blessings will help you discover God's heart, and when you discover His heart, you will not only find good gifts but a Good Giver.

Gratitude always leaves us looking at God and away from dread. It does to anxiety what the sun does to mist in a valley. It burns it up.

"In all things give thanks to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20

- Mrs Green

Enrolments for 2016
We are now taking enrolments for all grades for 2016 and beyond. If you are interested in enrolling siblings for future years, you can start this process now. Limited places available, some levels filling fast.
Open Day—5th March

Our first Open Day for the year is a “Twilight Tours Open Day” and includes “Movies on the Lawn”.

Date: Thursday 5th March
Tours: From 3:30 to 5:30pm
Movies: Movies on the lawn start at 4pm. ALL WELCOME!

BBQ: Sausage Sizzle, Ice Creams and Drinks available for purchase.

If you have friends or family considering enrolling at Staines, please invite them to come along for a Twilight Tour and stay for a movie and something to eat.

Faith in Action News

“People who practically want to make a difference”

Ice Block Days

Ice Blocks and ice creams are being sold each Friday at first break for all of Term 1. A variety of ice blocks are available for purchase from 50c to $2.

Soft Drinks are for sale to the Secondary students each Friday for $1.50. All funds raised this term go towards FIA and student projects.

Tuck Shop Day—11 March

The first Tuckshop this year is coming up on WEDNESDAY 11th March. The Tuckshop Day Meal Deal is a Subway 6” sub, drink and cookie for $6. All orders must be pre-paid. An order form is attached to the Newsletter today. Additional forms are available from Reception. Orders and money must be returned by this Friday, 6th March.

Next Meeting—3rd March

The next meeting will be Tuesday 3rd March at 2:30pm in the Resource Centre. Please come along and share some fundraising ideas for 2015. Please contact Christine Hoerlein in the College Administration for further details.

Father Son BBQ

With Nerf Battle
An opportunity for Fathers and Sons to get together for good food and some fun

Due to the weather on the 21st February, the Father Son BBQ and Nerf Battle was post-poned. The new date is 28th March.

When: Saturday 28th March from 4pm for an early dinner
Where: ‘River Heart Parklands’
Address: 20 Bremer Street, Ipswich.
We will be in the ‘Discovery Forest’ section of the parklands. Car park is where King Edward Parade turns into Blackall Street

What to bring: Nerf guns.
BBQ food is provided (no cost) but participants can contribute with salad, drinks or snacks if desired.

For catering purposes please RSVP to Chaplain Peter Jenyns by 2pm Friday 27th March on 3814 8611.

Resource Centre

The Resource Centre is open at first break for students to enjoy reading, playing games and completing work. We have appreciated the help of some keen students who regularly help with various jobs. Mrs Harris keeps the centre running each morning. The Resource Centre is also a valuable space for various groups and classes to meet.

There are still some books showing on our system as not returned. We are checking shelves as some may have been misplaced in the move. Letters will be sent home about books still recorded as overdue. We would appreciate a response letting us know if books were returned.

With thanks,

Resource Centre staff

Careers Corner

Tax File Numbers

In the past you could obtain a Tax File Number (TFN) Application Form from the College. Since 1 January 2015 a new application process is required. This process consists of three steps:

1. Complete an online form
2. Print a summary of your application
3. Attend an interview to present your proof of identity documents within 30 days at a participating Australia Post office.

Visit the Australian Tax Office website at https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/ for more information. Year 12 students intending to apply for tertiary study in 2016 should apply for their TFN this year to avoid a panic early next year.

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22604’

Australian Defence Force (ADF) Gap Year

The ADF Gap Year program provides an opportunity for young Australians who have completed Year 12 and are aged between 17 and 24 years to experience military training and lifestyle and to get paid for it. Placements are available in the Army, Air Force and Navy. Applications open at 9 am on Monday 2 March 2015. This is a very popular program, so interested students should apply early. Visit http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/ for more information and to register your interest.
Community Notices

Speech and Occupational Therapists

Staines Memorial College has access to a Speech/Language Pathologist and an Occupational Therapist for sessions at our College. If you have related concerns they may be able to assist. Individual and some group sessions can be offered. As they are private companies, there are costs involved.

Speech/Language assistance involves articulation and language difficulties. Occupational Therapy services include handwriting, social skills, behaviour, attention, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, hand eye coordination, visual perception and sensory processing.

For more information, contact the College office.

Sensory Movie Day

"Sensory Movie Day" is specially designed for Families who have children with Special Needs. Children are free to try every seat, flap or stim and lighting stays on dim. Fire exit doors are monitored for those escape artists.

The sensory movies are run once a month on a Sunday at 11am. Tickets $6 each @ Ipswich City Birch Carroll & Coyle.

The next movie is “Penguins of Madagascar” showing 11am on Sunday 15th March.

For more information, contact: sensorymovieday.ipswich@hotmail.com

Mater Little Miracles 5K Walk

This event is back again in 2015 for the 4th year! Over the last four years, over $100 000 was raised for Mater Little Miracles and the premature and seriously ill babies cared for at Mater Hospital. This year, it is hoped to take that total to over $150 000!

When: Sunday 22 March from 9am
Where: Robelle Domain, Southern Cross Circuit, Springfield Central
How to register and for more info: www.materlittlemiracles.org.au
Look forward to: Meeting Dora the Explorer, Miracle Max, jumping castle, face painting, petting zoo, live cheerleading performance and much, much more!

Tuckshop Day—Term 1

Subway 11th March (First Break)

Each Subway Meal Includes:
One 6-inch Sub
One Drink

Drinks: P-6—choose from a popper or water on the day
7-12—choose from a can of soft drink or water on the day

$6.00

Please return below order form with correct payment to the FIA locked box in a clearly marked envelope by Friday 6 March. No late orders can be accepted.

*Please note: If orders are not picked up by 11.00am and other arrangements are not made, the product will be disposed of and will not be refunded.

Subway Order:

Circle selections below. Return order with payment to the FIA locked box in a clearly marked envelope by Friday 6 March. No late orders can be accepted.

Endorsed by Norton Sands, Principal

Student Name: _____________________________ Class: ____

Total enclosed: $___________

One form per student
Photo Day—25th March

The photography company we are using this year is Queensland School Photography. Photo Day is **Wednesday 25th March**. Envelopes for orders were given to students today and are to be returned to the photographer on Photo Day.

If you would like sibling photos, envelopes can be collected from Reception. **Sibling** photos will be taken on photo day at the **Trade Training Centre** from **7:30am until 8:30am**. Kindy children will have group photos later in the year, but are permitted to be involved in sibling photos if desired.

Secondary photos will be printed slightly differently this year. This is noted on the photo envelope.

**Students are to wear their complete formal uniform.**
(Prep—SMC sports uniform. Years 1-12, Formal Uniform. Boys in Years 10-12 must also wear their tie.)

Follow these steps to order:

1. Complete student details on the order envelope—**one envelope per student**.
2. You may pay by cash, cheque and credit card, or online order. If you have two or more children attending you may include the payment in one envelope. Please note clearly on the outside of all envelopes that you have paid in one envelope. (Do not seal envelopes inside each other.)
3. Online Orders - visit [www.qldschoolphotography.com.au](http://www.qldschoolphotography.com.au) to order. Reference number must be recorded on the envelope and handed to the photographers.
4. Cheques are to be made payable to Queensland School Photography Pty Ltd with your name, address and phone number written on the back.
5. Tick the box for the package required.
6. Enclose the correct payment (change not given) Please also don’t ask the administration for change.
7. Each student is to hand their individual envelope to the photographer.
8. Parents wanting to have their children photographed together, please collect a sibling envelope from Reception and bring the completed envelope along with your children to the **Trade Training Centre** from 7:30-8:30am on photo day. Please note if you are ordering sibling photos online, online orders for sibling photos **close at 4pm on 24th March**. Alternatively, hand the envelope to the photographer on the morning.

If for any reason you are not satisfied with the photos taken of your child, Queensland School Photography will provide a full refund.

Queensland School Photography will accept late orders for individual and group photographs, a late fee to cover postage and handling will apply.

If you have any questions, or wish to place a late group order, please feel free to contact Queensland School Photography customer service department on 3807 9601.

Kind regards,

Queensland School Photography Pty Ltd