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

Wisdom more than knowledge

Welcome to another great year. To our new families—great to have you join our wonderful learning community. To our continuing families—thank you for your trust, encouragement and prayers.

There is a huge difference between providing an education and preparing a young person for this life and the next. It is worth the investment.

The staff of our college seek to be guided daily by God's wisdom, rather than acquired knowledge. Collectively, and individually, we have learned that God's wisdom is best. We want wisdom for your children, not just knowledge.

We have come together to work with you and your family. We desire the best for your children and we will continue to encourage them and pray for them. For your encouragement and edification I provide some words of wisdom from the book of Proverbs, chapter 3.

“My son, don’t forget my teaching. Remember what I tell you to do. What I teach will give you a good, long life, and all will go well for you.

Don’t ever let love and loyalty leave you. Tie them around your neck, and write them on your heart. Then LORD God will be pleased and think well of you and so will everyone else.

Trust the LORD completely, and don’t depend on your own knowledge. With every step you take, think about what God wants, and he will help you go the right way. Don’t trust in your own wisdom, but fear and respect the LORD and stay away from evil. If you do this, it will be like a refreshing drink and medicine for your body. Honour the LORD with your wealth and the first part of your harvest. Then your barns will be full of grain, and your barrels will be overflowing with wine.

My son, don’t reject the LORD’S discipline, and don’t be angry when he corrects you. The LORD corrects the one he loves, just as a father corrects a child he cares about. Those who find wisdom are fortunate; they will be blessed when they gain understanding. Profit that comes from wisdom is better than silver and even the finest gold. Wisdom is worth more than fine jewels. Nothing you desire has more value."

The challenge for all staff and parents in the Staines community remains to help our young people gain wisdom. I look forward to working with you in this challenge.

Mr. Norton Sands
Principal

Some Prayer Points

- Please pray for the children in the Hostels in Orissa that we support – for their health and education. Give thanks for their carers.
- Pray that we would together, parents and educators, raise young people of strong Christian character.

Update details

As it is a new school year, please update your family details including email addresses and emergency contact details.

Information is primarily communicated by email. If you haven’t received an email from the College in the last week, please contact us to provide your email address.

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.

Diary Dates:

4 Feb - Welcome BBQ
8 Feb - Leaders Induction Ceremony
11 Feb - Volunteer Induction
16 Feb - Yr 3-6 Swimming Lessons
23 Feb - Yr 3-6 Swimming Lessons
1 Mar - Yr 3-6 Swimming Lessons
2 Mar - Open Day
2 Mar - FIA Tuckshop Day

Keep your eye out for more...
Absentee Line

When your child will be absent from school please call or SMS the Absentee Line. Please state your child’s name and class and a brief reason for absence. The phone number is 38148606 or SMS a message to 0438 593 239. An SMS will be sent if notification of absence is not received by 9am.

Uniform Shop—2016

Regular hours for the Uniform Shop during term time are:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
8am to 9am

Thank you to the families who placed uniform orders last year. Miss Bonita is finalizing the collection of these parcels this week. Any items not collected by the end of this week will be re-shelved.

Building Plans

The build from last year finally finished last week. We are blessed to have a new classroom, a locker area, some more undercover spaces and, most importantly, a Drama space – suitable for classes and small performances. Three of our Chapel services will be conducted in SLC 3.10.

In 2016 we plan to build another Primary Learning Centre (PLC A), which will become a hub of learning for Preps and Year 1. The building will be placed between the Kindergarten and D block. The existing PLC will, in time, be for middle primary.

During this year we are applying for funding to build a Primary undercover sporting facility.

Your prayers for safety, efficient build and wise use of resources is valued.

Staff News

We welcome Mrs Janeska Marshall (Yr 1), Mrs Meagan Casey (Yr 4), Mr George McClelland (English, Humanities) and Mrs Jaclyn Webb (Drama) to our staff. Mrs Webb with Mrs McClelland will help lead the development of our Arts program.

Our Sports Coordinator for 2016 is Mr Nathan Sands. All queries about representative sport should be directed to him on a Monday or Friday.

Welfare Coordinators for Term 1 are:
- Lower Primary – Miss Pratt
- Upper Primary – Mrs Abbott
- Jnr Secondary – Mrs Coulter
- Srn Secondary – Mr Volschenk

The role of these Coordinators is to provide additional encouragement to students in the development of good behaviours and attitudes. They look forward to having opportunities to celebrate achievements with you and your children.

Sporting Opportunities

This year we have a number of sporting opportunities our students to be involved in. To begin the year we have our Primary (9th Feb) and Secondary (10th Feb) District Swimming Carnivals. If you would like your child to be nominated to represent SMC at these upcoming carnivals please contact Nathan Sands (nathan.sands@staines.qld.edu.au) by Thursday 4th February.

Please include your child’s name, age, the events they would like to compete in [50m & 100m Freestyle, Butterfly, Breaststroke, Backstroke events and 200I.M.] and list their swimming experience/times for these events.

I look forward to celebrating with you all the sporting successes of our students in the year to come.

Nathan Sands (Sports Coordinator)

Good Stewardship

I thank each family who finished the year with fees entirely paid off. Being wise in our financial practises remains essential. I, therefore, ask each family to continue to pay by direct debit and talk to us when there are financial challenges. Avoiding responsibility places a burden on everyone else which is something we don’t want. Families who leave with little notice place a financial burden on the rest of the college families: hence we apply a fee and, if necessary, use debt collectors. Please help us to ensure all our resources are looked after.

I also want to express my appreciation to a number of companies for the quality cost effective work completed in the vacation. Thanks to Steve from TAC Signs, Garry from Mercantile Plumbing, Eugene from Kopas Earthworks, Jason from Trusted Communications, Ollie from Devine, Roger for his painting and Colin and his grandson for carpentry work. Other workers and companies will be recognised throughout the year.

Christianity Explained

Do you have some questions about the Bible or Jesus or God or the Holy Spirit?

The College is again running a Christianity Explained course starting Monday 8th February. You are invited to attend a weekly one hour session for six weeks. The course is run by our Chaplains. Participants will not be put on the spot (asked to read out aloud or to pray). There will be an opportunity to take part in discussion and ask questions.

You are welcome to come for a trial to see if you’d like to continue.

Contact Chaplain Peter Jenyns on 3814 8611 by 5th Feb.
Recognising Student Leaders Induction

Our badge ceremony to recognise our College Captain, Year 12 leaders and Student Council will be held next Monday morning. For the first time we will have representatives from Year 6 on the Council. Mr Coluccio, Head of welfare, (assisted by Mr Makin) will lead the training and supervision of the Student Council projects.

Any member of our community is welcome to share this event with us. Special invitations to families for children who have been appointed were emailed this week. If you did not receive an invitation and should have, please contact our office.

Welcome BBQ

THIS Thursday, 4th February, a Welcome BBQ and information sessions will be held.

Primary classes commencing at:
4:15pm Kindy, Prep, Years 1 & 2
4:30pm Years 3 & 4
4:45pm Years 5 & 6

5pm—6pm SAUSAGE SIZZLE in the undercover area near the flagpoles. Sausage on bread (free) and drinks for sale ($1.50).

Secondary Classes:
6pm Years 7—9
6:15pm Years 10—12

A note with further details was emailed home.

Swimming Lessons

Please be advised that the Year 3-6 swimming lessons begin in Week 4 (16th Feb). These lessons will be held every Tuesday throughout Term 1. Students will travel by College bus to the Goodna Aquatic Centre. They will be required to bring a water bottle, towel, plastic bag for wet clothes, spare underwear, and sunscreen. An information letter will be distributed in the coming week with further details.

Statements

Statements of fees for 2016 have now been sent either by email or, for those without email addresses on record, by regular post. If you have not received yours or have questions regarding the statement, please call the office between 8am and 12pm.

It is very important that all your details with the College are kept current. This includes home address, phone numbers, emergency contacts and email addresses. Most of our communication occurs through text messages or emails.

Volunteer Induction

We have a great bunch of parents and guardians who volunteer at our College on a regular basis. If you would like to join our Volunteer team please come along to our Volunteer Induction session. This will be facilitated by our Principal, Mr Norton Sands, and will be held on Thursday 11th February from 2pm—3pm. Please RSVP to the College administration by Wednesday 10th February. (Ph 3814 8600.)

Father Son Camp

Date Claimer: 17-19th September

Put the date in your diary for September 2016. The Father Son Camp will again be held at Lake Somerset Holiday Park and will cost $40 per person which covers all meals and camp site costs.

For details, see Chaplain Peter or keep your eye out for information in future Newsletters.

College Newsletters

Newsletters will be sent home by email and will be available on the College website. If you would like a paper copy, they will be available from Reception.
District Sport Trials

Please find listed the dates for the Primary (CD) and Secondary (IID) district trials in Term 1. Students will need to ensure they have collected paperwork from Mr Nathan Sands at least one week before the trial or paperwork due date. Please note that some Secondary (IID) trials are a paper nomination only. Students will not compete in a district trial but will automatically go through to the Met West trial. Students selected for a Met West trial will be notified of those trial dates in due course.

Week 3
19 February: IID Trial Paperwork Due for 15 BOYS/16 GIRLS AFL, 18 BOYS & GIRLS Basketball, 19 BOYS & GIRLS Football, 19 BOYS & GIRLS Hockey, 15 GIRLS/19 GIRLS Netball, 15 BOYS/18 BOYS Rugby League, 18 BOYS Rugby Union, 15/19 BOYS & GIRLS Squash, 18 BOYS & GIRLS Touch Football, 15/19 BOYS & GIRLS Volleyball

Week 4
22 February: CD 11/12 Basketball Trial
26 February: IID 15/19 Netball Trial

Week 5
29 February: CD 11/12 Football (Soccer) Trial
3 March: IID 15 Rugby League Trial, 15 BOYS Volleyball Trial

Week 6
7 March: CD 11 Netball Trial
10 March: CD 12 Netball Trial

Week 7
14 March: CD 11/12 AFL Trial; IID 15 BOYS & GIRLS Touch Football Trial
18 March: IID 19 BOYS Football Trial, 19 BOYS Hockey Trial

Week 8
21 March: CD 11/12 BOYS Rugby League Trial

Community Notices

Are you storm, flood and disaster ready?

On Saturday 13 February 2016, at the Ipswich Showgrounds, Emergency Services and Disaster Agency Displays will be exhibited to provide the Ipswich community with vital information to ensure you and your family are safe this storm season.

FREE ENTRY

For further information contact www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/emergency