



From the Principal



We have already reached Week 5 of Semester Two and I am confident that study is very much to the fore, despite the hectic sporting, cultural and social calendar and, of course, the dreaded 'flu. We welcomed eighteen students this semester and it certainly seems that they have settled in well already. The Student Executive got us off to a good start with the events they organised for O₂ Week. Once again, Trivia Night was a great success; many thanks to all the Exec and in particular to Kathleen and Jess for the time they put into preparing the questions.

We have farewelled two members of staff this semester, Clyne and Nadine, both of whom have taken up positions at UQ for career development. They gave a great deal to the college in their time here, for which I am grateful. We are in the process of appointing new staff to fill their positions.

August is a busy month in terms of preparing for next year. UQ Open Day on 5th August was a fantastic day: we had 33 students who volunteered to act as guides, four students who completed the Bridge to Brisbane Fun Run, two soccer matches and rehearsals for One Act Play and Dancefest. The large majority of Duchesne students were actively involved in some way, quite a number in more than one activity. The

atmosphere in college was great and many of our visitors commented on this. Days like this can have a significant impact on applications so I am grateful for your contributions.

As I mentioned at our last Formal Dinner, I am undertaking school visits in August and September. So far, I have been to northern NSW and up the Sunshine Coast as far as Bundaberg. Next week, I head off to Emerald for a day, with further visits to Central and Northern Queensland and Toowoomba and Warwick. Interest in the college is very strong and the number of applications received is higher than at this time last year. I am enjoying my visits, in particular the opportunity to see prospective students in their own environment and to learn a bit more about Australian life. There are many talented, gifted and enthusiastic students just waiting to join our ranks!

This is a nail-biting time in terms of cultural and sporting activities. Rehearsals are well under way for One Act Play but it is a little daunting to realise how close we are to the competition. We have a great script and I am looking forward to seeing the performance. Of course, with Dancefest, we have a lot to live up to but I have great confidence in our choreographers and in our many dancers. I look forward to hearing Lou Wagner in the Oratory competition. I am sure her speech will be well-crafted and delivered with panache as it was last year.

As I write, our sports teams are doing incredibly well at this critical time. It was a shame that we suffered a few injuries on the first day of soccer but at least we don't have as many problems as the Broncos in that regard. The team worked incredibly hard during the soccer camp and your determination deserves to be rewarded. We need total dedication in all our sports in these last few weeks to maintain our position at the top of the league and ensure that Duchesne carries off the trophy (for the first time!). I hope Laura can withstand

the tension.

On the day you returned for Second Semester, we held an Alumnae Luncheon, which was attended by about 150 'old girls'. It was wonderful to see that so alumnae many wished to return and to hear them talk so fondly of their time at Duchesne, whether it was in the 50s, 60s or only a couple of years ago. Many of them commented that the physical changes in the college were evident but that the spirit of Duchesne remained unchanged. It is that same spirit in you which ensures the continued success of the college. I thank each of you for the part you play in the life of Duchesne.

With best wishes
Mrs Nanette Kay
Principal

From the Sports Convenor

Semester two sport is well underway and Duch is still continuing its fine form. So far the tennis team consisting of Laura Greenhalgh, Lizzie Oliver, Carly Greenhalgh, and Natalie Greenwood remains undefeated. The girls all report they feel like they're on centre court at the Australian Open when they play on St Leo's court. With six out of the seven basketball matches completed for the semester, Duch looks to be the favourite to win the competition with their undefeated record. Mondays match against St Johns was particularly thrilling. Alicia Daws has been a fantastic coach for the girls.

After finishing the competition in last place in 2006, the soccer girls were keen to improve their form. The soccer girls played spectacularly in their first

two games recording wins over Emanuel and IH. Unfortunately Leo's recovery happened to be on the same day of their next match and they were defeated by Cromwell. The soccer girls' good form can be largely attributed to an intense 3 day camp held over the last three days of the holidays, organised by soccer convenor Jacinta McDonald. The squash girls have also won 3 out of the 4 games of the competition and look set to win the remaining three weeks of the competition. Athletics carnival is to be held on Sunday the 2nd of September and the fate of the team is unknown as we are riddled with injury and illness.

Yours in sport,
Laura Greenhalgh



From the Cultural Convenor

It's time for Duchesne to take to the stage. The year's final cultural events are almost upon us and that means getting out act together for one act play and getting into step for Dancefest. So much hard work has gone into rehearsals for both events and will definitely be worth it on the big nights.

Public speaking is also approaching. We're hoping last year's winner, Lou Wagner, will be able to defend her title. She is already getting ideas together for next month's competition.

Duchesne's chess team may not have been the sharpest but was definitely the brightest in this year's ICC lightning chess competition. The team, Jean Hamilton-Smith, Kaye Ormsby, Gen Dunn and Zenetta Burger, were decked out in yellow costumes for the day and Gen even won one of the games.

Best of luck to all the dancers and dramatists!

Monique Vandeleur
Cultural Convenor



College Maintenance Notice

"WEMP" (Water Emergency Management Plan) has been conducted by the College and this has been checked and signed off by the authorities controlling the WEMP scheme. Most taps and showers throughout the College were tested and averaged from 10 to 18 litres per minute. 9 lpm or less is the criteria set by the water authorities and the College has to plan and work towards achieving this limit. Some taps/showers can be easily and economically altered whilst others

need replacement or plumbing work done.

A successful exercise was recently conducted out of necessity on a shower arm and rose. This shower had a high pressure 18-20 lpm and if turned on past gentle, the force of the water flow created a perimeter mist and draught. The shower arm and rose was replaced with a new one rated at 9 lpm. and it gave a great shower as well as restricting the flow.

Taps and fittings rated less than 9 lpm are now available and the College will strive to achieve 6 to 7.5 lpm in many areas. Our WEMP project will come at a cost and will be phased in over a period but in some instances it will be a blessing e.g., a number of shower arms have reached their use-by-date and are due for replacement. The new compliant ones are better engineered/constructed and should give longer and more reliable service.

Duchesne Conquers Bridge to Brisbane!

The 10th Annual Sunday Mail Suncorp Bridge to Brisbane 2007 Fun Run was held in the early hours of Sunday morning the 5th of August. with thousands of people running, jogging or walking the 12km (11.83km) main event from the Gateway Bridge to New Farm Park and the 4.5km short course from Breakfast Creek. Counted amongst the many keen and enthusiastic runners were four intrepid Duchesne residents. Laura Greenhalgh, Felice Caffery, Jacinta McDonald and Susan Tannock were fit, primed and prepared to run for glory, and they didn't let their college down. Amid the swarming masses these four athletes powered through the pain to record fantastic times and set the standard for future generations of aspiring Duchesne runners. Their times were as follows:

Susan "Typhoon" Tannock

- 0:59:50

Laura "Greased Lightning" Greenhalgh

- 1:05:47

Jacinta "Motor" McDonald

- 1:18:02

Felice "Catch me if you can" Caffery

- 1:18:02

This years major Beneficiary was Surf

Life Saving Queensland in view of 2007 being The Year of the Lifesaver. Over the past 10 years the event has raised over \$1.93 million for charity. This year the milestone will be smashed with over \$2 million raised since the event started in 1997.



"Motor" and "Catch me if you can!" relive the glory and magic of the 10th Annual Bridge to Brisbane Fun Run.

Staff Profile: Mr Charles McKeown

Charles McKeown was born at Dinmore, Ipswich in 1927. Happily married to wife Heather for many years, he and Heather are proud parents to son Cameron, who is currently working for the world famous London Cab Company and daughter Andrea who is a travel consultant with QANTAS.

From humble beginnings as a clerical officer, Charles has had a broad and varied working life with stints at Martin Wilson Brothers (Salesman), Drug House of Australia (State Marketing Manager), Woolworths (Safety Manager), Ray White Real Estate (Salesman), Cleaner at Graceville State School and, as we all know, Security Guard at Duchesne College.

Charles has been at the College for almost 20 years on both a full and part time basis.

An avid squash and tennis player, Charles also manages to get to the gym four times a week. Having worked for many years in Youth Ministry with the Uniting Church, Charles is also a lifetime member of the Advertising Institute of Australia. Not wishing for much in life, Charles looks forward to one day retiring to the coast and long walks on the beach.



Charles celebrating his 80th birthday at a staff morning tea earlier in the year.

From the Service/Liturgy Convenor

Duchesne College *in conjunction with the University of Queensland Multi-Faith Chaplaincy Service invites you to*

An ecumenical evening of Taize Prayer



"Prayer expressed in song remains one of the most essential expressions of our search for God. Short chants, repeated over and over, emphasize the meditative quality of prayer. They express in a few words a basic truth which is quickly grasped by the mind and gradually penetrates into one's whole being."

- Brother Roger (founder of Taize prayer)

**In the Duchesne College Chapel
commencing at 7.30pm on
THURSDAY 20th SEPTEMBER**

A light supper will follow the service

Please indicate your attendance for catering purposes by calling Duchesne College 07 33772333 or email duchesne.college@uq.edu.au by Tuesday 18th September

From the Vice Principal

In my previous article I referred to the arrival of the first five Religious of the Sacred Heart on the SS Orient 125 years ago.

On 26 July I had the privilege with many other Religious of attending a moving and memorable Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Anthony Fisher in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

The Mass was beautifully prepared by the staff and students of Kincoppal-Rose Bay School to mark the 125 years of the Society of the Sacred Heart and Sacred Heart Education in Australia.

Bishop Anthony Fisher was the main Celebrant, and Father Frank Brennan SJ gave an appreciated homily. The Cathedral was packed, not only with current students and staff of Kincoppal-Rose Bay and their families, but with Alumnae and friends of the Society of the Sacred Heart from down the generations. The joy evident in the huge congregation brought to mind the words of Sister Clare Pratt, Superior General of the Society of the Sacred Heart, writing to the Society:

Our spirituality is very much alive, and we came to realize that our lives poured out in love are its best expression. It is this love that is the transforming power of the educational mission that the Religious of the Society of the Sacred Heart and lay collaborators are engaged in together As St Paul says,

without love at the heart of it all, it is nothing (1Cor.13)

On 23 August the special Cross and Icon which are to feature during next year's World Youth Day in Sydney were welcomed officially to Queensland, as part of their journey around Australia. I was delighted to receive an invitation to the Official Reception from the Premier of Queensland, the Honourable Peter Beattie MP. Archbishop John Bathersby and Bishops Finnigan and Oudeman attended, as did the Anglican Archbishop Peter Aspinall, Members of Parliament and representatives of religious bodies, schools and other organizations in the community. Speakers included the Premier, Archbishop Bathersby, and Father

Chris Riley who is accompanying the Cross and Icon on its journey around Australia. This gracious and dignified reception at Parliament House was much appreciated by the Catholic community, and Duchesne was honoured to be represented.

Second semester began well and the students continue to be very busy with their studies and other areas of involvement. This week we are looking forward to the One Act Play and the annual Duchesne-At-Home.

I wish each one a very successful and rewarding semester.

Sister Kathleen Muirhead
Vice Principal



Mrs Kay and Sr Muirhead with a beautiful bunch of roses
- a gift from the Principal for the Feast of the Sacred Heart on 15 June.

2007 National Association of Australian University Colleges (NAAUC) Report

Duchesne girls mixed it with the best in the field of college leadership at the National Association of Australian University Colleges conference in Melbourne. The intrepid trio, Kate Cranney, Monique Vandeleur and Gen Dunn, set off at the start of the June holiday. But they only just got there, thanks to Mon's airport anxiety attack. A timely voiceover announced that the plane was boarded and ready to go, putting an end to Gen's insistence that Mon was having unnecessary kittens. The second-years, were soon acclimatising to Melbourne's blistering cold, checking out the Queen Victoria Markets and city sites. They arrived at Mannix College within Monash University to a warm NAAUC executive team and quickly met with other delegates, from all over Australia. It was then down to business, getting started on the academic program.

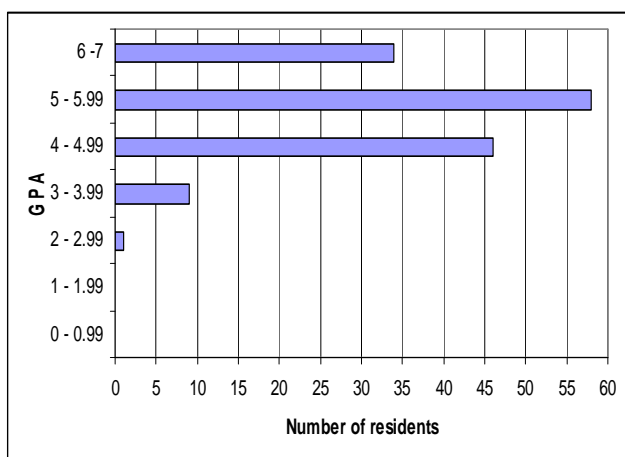
The program was packed with professional development seminars on event management, sponsorship and legalities. There was an inspirational line up of guest speakers, including Red Frogs Hotel Chaplaincy founder, Andy Gourley, environmentalist Ian McHugh and motivational speaker, Jeff Kegolis. The delegates also learnt from each other, discussing topics such as O-week, social events, non-alcoholic events, IT for student clubs and integration of all collegians in interactive workshops. Even with the busy timetable, there was plenty of time for socialising.

A semi-formal at Mannix College bar broke the ice on the first night. But it was hips that were breaking on the second night, with a retirement-themed party. A trivia competition, café crawl and parliamentary debate kept everyone busy through the week. The grand finale was the glamorous, Annual NAAUC ball, a fitting way to celebrate the week and say goodbye to new friends.

Kate Cranney
 Monique Vandeleur
 Genevieve Dunn

From the Dean of Students

Overall, the results from first semester were very pleasing to say the least. The combined college GPA was 5.14 which was an outstanding effort from all concerned. At the top end of the range we had 34 residents achieve a semester GPA of 6 or higher. Five of these residents achieved a perfect GPA of 7. Inevitably, there was also a group of students who did not perform as well as might be expected. Ten residents achieved an overall GPA of less than 4. The graph below outlines the number of residents who achieved GPAs in the indicate bands.



Reflecting on the results from first semester I had cause to wonder about why it is some people are more motivated to study than others. Some people are achievers in the sense that they love racking up points or grades for the simple sake of achieving itself. Other people enjoy the learning experience and final grades are inconsequential in view of the broader educational experience. Vocationally minded people concentrate on the end

point and see prestige or find satisfaction in being able to say at the end of their degree, "I am an engineer/physiotherapist/accountant/etc. Still others are motivated by the obvious financial rewards which jobs in their chosen career will bring. Whatever our motivation, it goes without saying that if we enjoy doing what we do then success in our endeavours is almost a natural corollary.

Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ was the head of the Jesuit order, a Catholic order of priests and brothers, and his experiences led him to discover what it was that motivated him. Residing in Hiroshima at the time the atomic bomb was dropped, Fr Arrupe utilised his skills as a doctor in the service of the wounded and the dying, transforming the small novitiate into a make-shift hospital for over 200 grievously scarred human remnants. Later in life Fr Arrupe had cause to reflect on his motivations to which he commented, "nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in a love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the mornings, what you will do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything."

Needless to say, a little reflection on what draws us to love will, at the very least, go some way to improving a GPA and, hopefully, a lot towards finding our true passion in life!

Matt Downey
 Dean of Students

Newsletter Compilation

Thank you to all those who help make the newsletter happen. Hopefully we can get some continuity with these newsletters so that in ten years from now you can come back and be reminded of what your time at Duchesne was like.

If you would like to contribute photos or written material please send them to:

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or phone (07) 3377 2325 for more information.

This newsletter is also available electronically at: www.uq.edu.au/duchesne



The World Youth Day Cross atop Mt Cooth-tha. Several Duchesne residents braved the elements on the dawn pilgrimage up the mountain along with Archbishop Bathersby and a host of other people from around the Archdiocese of Brisbane. World Youth Day will be held in Sydney on the 20th of July, 2008.