



# TOGETHER WE GROW

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

**Welcome back**

It is wonderful to be back for this new school year even if it is a little different. We thank you for your patience and messages of support as we work together during this time.

It has been great to see our new Reception students begin their learning at Cardijn College Galilee and show their resilience with the way in which they have settled in. Their smiling faces have been a highlight of the first week. Our Middle School has also grown and we have welcomed our first ever Year 8 cohort of students. They have become our inaugural class as we are now officially a Reception to Year 9 campus of Cardijn College. The staff have done an amazing job organising the first two weeks for our hybrid model of learning via both Remote and Face-to Face learning. There has been lots of great learning taking place at school but also within your homes. I thank each of the teachers and support staff for their dedication to the learning and wellbeing of our students.



This new year has also seen the arrival of new staff at Cardijn College Galilee. Please join me in welcoming the following:



Sarah Wolverton Year 1



Jade Turner Year 3



Daniel Goode Year 5



Nathan Evans Year 6



Hannah O'Hagan  
Curriculum ESO



Liz Tate Administration ESO



Gabriele Catania Student Counsellor

**Building Update**

You would have noticed the ongoing groundwork for the new building over the holidays. The builders have made good progress, while we've been away, and as I write this, they are preparing the footings for the slab to be poured next week. Watch this space for photos and videos coming soon.

## COVID-19 update

Just a reminder of the current COVID-19 safe protocols that are still in place:

- All staff and students in Years 7 & 8 wear masks when they are at school. It is also highly recommended that children in Years 3-6 wear masks when on site.
- Hand washing is practised throughout the day and hand sanitiser is available across the school. We ask that students adhere to strict hygiene and physical distancing requirements to keep themselves and their peers safe.
- At this time, we are not permitted to have any external visitors onsite and for this reason any parent meetings will take place over the phone until the directive changes.
- Extra-curricular activities, excursions and camps are not taking place in the first four weeks of term but we are very excited to begin these programs as soon as the directive allows us to.
- Instrumental lessons and inter-school sports are not able to commence at this time.
- Masses, liturgies and assemblies are also postponed, and we will make alternative arrangements for these key events.
- Due to the limited space in the Piazza area outside the Front Office, the use of the Kiss and Drop is encouraged for drop off and pick up of students. If you are coming to the gate, can you please adhere to physical distancing requirements and wear a mask. Can I also ask that the walkway from the OSHC gate to the Kiss and Drop is kept clear so that the students are able to leave in a safe and orderly fashion.

We thank you for your cooperation with these protocols to help keep our community safe.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us at [info@galilee.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@galilee.catholic.edu.au) or 8557 9000.

We look forward to welcoming all year levels back next week. Have a great week everyone.

Nick Wright

Head of Campus





# Healthy, thriving learners

Welcome to 2022 and what a different start to the year we have had! We are all aware of the impact COVID has had on mental health and wellbeing in society. At Cardijn College the wellbeing of our students is a priority. We are committed to catering for the individual needs and differences of all students and to enhancing the opportunities for all students to achieve. Our students are supported to grow academically, emotionally, socially and spiritually.

Staff are trained in Berry Street Practices and teach circle time to develop students social and emotional learning. We have our Chaplain, Merenia Vince, who provides nurture and pastoral care for families and students. Last year we introduced student counsellors Emily and Anthony who each visited us once a week from the Noarlunga campus well-being team. This year I am excited to introduce Gabriele Catania who will be our student counsellor working at Galilee three days a week.

Gabriele will be working all day Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday and Merenia will be available on a Wednesday. If you think your child would benefit from a speaking with a counsellor or the chaplain please speak to your child's teacher, email me [kgould@galilee.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kgould@galilee.catholic.edu.au) or pick up a referral form from the front office.

## **How can counselling be helpful?**

Counsellors listen carefully to children to find out how they feel, what they think about, what they enjoy and dislike, and what they are confused about. They can help children to make sense of things that seem confusing or upsetting.

Counsellors can help children to feel better about themselves, build resilience and capacity and make changes in their lives. They assist children to find their strengths and help with solving problems.

Common issues students present with include difficulties with friendships, grief, assertiveness, and anxiety.

For more information about Gabriele and our other new staff, please keep an eye on our FB page. We trust that you will help us to make them all feel welcome to the Cardijn College Galilee community.

*"Happiness and well-being are actually best regarded as skills."*

— [Richard Davidson](#)

Blessing for the week,  
Kerri Gould  
Deputy Head of Campus



## Reconciliation Action

Did you know that Cardijn College Galilee has a Reconciliation Action Plan?

Throughout the year we will be sharing the goals and aims of this action plan and the ways we are working towards these goals.

One of our goals that we have been focusing on at the beginning of the year, is to ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, perspectives and histories are present in each room that our students visit.

Check out the spaces our staff have set up so far this year!

Georgia Parker, Cultural Diversity Coordinator







## SUMMER VACATION CARE

Our Summer Vacation care programme was filled with excitement, curiosity, adventure, the building of new friendships and the enthusiasm to live in the moment and 'PLAY'

In December we ventured out into the community for excursions to the Noarlunga Aquatic Centre and the Wallis Cinema.

Our in-house days included Nature play, Fidgets and sensory play, Music and movies, Crazy hair day and our Camp-In day which was so popular that the children's cubbies, mini houses and forts stayed up for 3 days.

Our Vacation Care Program was jam-packed with activities designed to stimulate inquisitive minds, get our children physically active and discover new interests.

Finally, I would like to thank our team of staff who worked with the utmost energy and enthusiasm to provide a stimulating and welcoming environment where children could,

**BELONG, BE AND BECOME!!**



If your child is going to be absent, late, or leaving early please notify the office by SMS on 0407761162 before 9am. Please provide the following details:

- Child's name
- Reason for absence/early departure/late arrival
- Child's home room teacher

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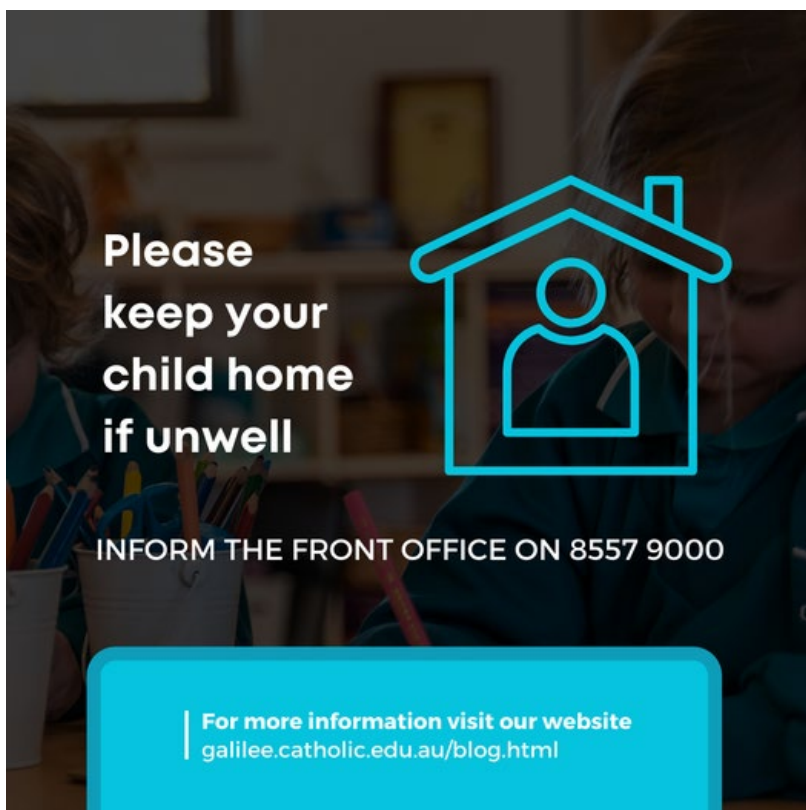
**Centacare**  
p 82156311

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**Galilee Playgroup**  
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**Second-hand uniform**  
Shop Wednesdays & Fridays &  
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