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# Rejoice!



Chairo  
Christian School

*Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.*

**Psalms 96:11 NIV**

## MUCH TO CELEBRATE

Welcome to a new school publication called *Rejoice!* Regularly sharing information in this way is part of our ongoing commitment at Chairo to effectively and efficiently communicate with members of the school community.

If you are a parent or guardian with children at Chairo, you will also understand that this digital dialogue complements Linc News and our newly launched Chairo App—another means by which we aim to easily share important information in a timely manner.

Until you joined our school community, you may not have known that Chairo is a Greek word meaning ‘to rejoice’. In its wider form, it relates to ‘being filled with joy, and taking pleasure in something’.

How appropriate to use the name *Rejoice!* for a publication that we will use at Chairo to share things that we can celebrate, rejoice and take pleasure in! And at the start of this new school year, we have much to celebrate.

I trust that, like me, you have had some opportunity for rest and renewal over the break, and have arrived at this point in the year with a sense of excitement and anticipation.

I hope that your children are looking forward to the school year ahead with a sense of intent and desire to give themselves fully to the task of learning and growing.

As a school, we have the joy of welcoming a large number of new students, families and staff members to our community. We hope that there is much reason, in the opening weeks of the school year, for them to celebrate becoming a part of this community.

We have returned to clean and well-prepared classrooms and campuses. Many people (cleaning teams, maintenance workers, teachers) have worked hard in our absence to ensure that we have inviting and stimulating environments to return to. We can rightly be thankful for each of these folk.

We have also returned to a variety of new things across our school—buildings, playgrounds, carparks, computers, books, furniture and more. Again, these just didn’t appear, but were thought about, planned, ordered, paid for, prepared and set up by a team of people who could see the benefit of such resources for the quality teaching and learning that has already commenced at Chairo.

We also have teachers who have worked long and hard to plan programs, prepare resources and experiences, and organise camps and activities for the year ahead. For all of this, and so much more, we can rejoice.

I commend to you our new publication *Rejoice!* and trust that it serves well in giving you a clear sense of how at Chairo we provide excellence in Christ-centred education, in partnership with families, within a caring Christian community.

**Simon Matthews, Executive Principal**

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM UPDATE

For families who were part of the Chairo community last year, you will recall that I was able to communicate regularly about some political matters that we faced as a Christian school.

With a new school year now underway, I would like to share with you about an issue that is likely to continue to take up airtime this year for our school—the issue of religious freedom.

This topic of religious freedom was a challenging one for schools like ours in 2018 and it will probably continue to challenge us in 2019.

At present, the Australian Parliament is looking at the Sex Discrimination Act and trying to determine whether there should be changes made to the law, which would make it harder for faith-based schools to hold to traditionally held beliefs regarding sexuality and relationships.

The reason this issue is important to us is twofold. On one hand, we think the issues of gender and sexuality in contemporary culture are complex and require prayerful, faithful response that may not always be identical to the responses that secular culture would make.

Secondly, we believe that Australia needs a diverse range of schooling options for families to choose between. Even those who do not agree with the Christian faith, or any faith, are arguing with us on this point.

We are not sure exactly how this debate will play out in the coming year or what implications it may have for Chairo, but we will keep abreast of developments and share our views with the appropriate people at the appropriate times.

The Christian community has a range of responses to these matters and the ways forward are not uniform. However, we do believe there are important principles about freedom of religion and diversity in education that we want to speak up for as this debate carries forward.

We are represented at a federal level by AACS (the Australian Association of Christian Schools). As members of AACS, we are represented alongside well-over one-hundred other Christian schools that are seeking to provide a high-quality, distinctive education to the children in their care.

AACS is regularly meeting with members of parliament and senators to help explain why religious freedom is important for schools like ours.

As always, I ask you to join us in prayer, that God would provide wisdom and insight for those seeking to make just and fair laws, and that any representation we make would be gracious, gentle and considered.

Thank you for your ongoing support for Christian education through your specific support of Chairo.

**Simon Matthews, Executive Principal**



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

**Marcus van Heijst – Board member**

**Q.** Why did you choose to serve at Chairo in this way?

**A.** For fifteen years, we have been blessed by the generosity of others within the school community. Our three kids have had their complete school education at Chairo and Michelle has been employed at the Pakenham Campus for the past thirteen years. With Michelle's support, I felt that it was time for me to help out at the school that has been such a big part of our lives.

**Q.** What can you tell us about your family?

**A.** I met Michelle in New Zealand, where I was completing a Master's degree in Horticulture Science and she was studying for a Diploma in Early Childhood Education. We married in Wanganui in 1991 and moved to Pukekohe a year later, where I started my first job as a sales representative and Michelle taught in a childcare centre.

We started a business in greenhouse technology in 1999. More and more of my work was in Australia, so we made the decision to move here in 2004. We chose Pakenham as it then had a similar feel to Pukekohe and was about the same distance from the city. Chairo stood out as the school for our kids because it was small (then!) and set in the country, and the staff members who greeted us were incredibly welcoming.

Kristen and Delane were both born in New Zealand, while Caeden was born in Warragul in 2005. We built our home in Lakeside Pakenham in 2006.

**Q.** What do you do to earn a living?

**A.** I am an Account Manager for Priva, a Dutch horticultural technology company. I am responsible for Priva's business in Australia and New Zealand, which means I frequently need to travel.

**Q.** What do you do in your spare time?

**A.** I played volleyball in my younger years, but these days my main exercise is walking the dog! I've enjoyed watching our boys play sports over the years and being involved with them through coaching and other forms of participation. I also like to occasionally go for a motorcycle ride and enjoy the amazing Victorian countryside.

**Q.** What are your favourite travel/holiday destinations?

**A.** We've enjoyed camping at different locations throughout Victoria. As all our family is in New Zealand, we've made an effort to spend time there and explore different parts of the country most summers. Now we plan to start exploring other parts of this amazing country that we live in.

**Q.** What are your favourite foods?

**A.** I love all different types of food. A benefit of having to travel for work is that I eat out a lot and get to try different styles of food. I particularly like Asian (Thai, Vietnamese), Indian and Japanese food.



**Q.** Who is someone that you greatly admire or who inspires you?

**A.** I admire anyone who makes a difference in society — someone who stands up for what's right, who chooses the hard option and doesn't follow everyone else, who makes personal sacrifices for the greater good. My father set a great example to me by putting family before himself through both good and hard times. Also, my wife has been my greatest support and together we've raised three children who we're immensely proud of.

**Q.** Do you have a favourite Bible verse?

**A.** Romans 8:28 says: *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* For me, this simple verse really sums up who we are as Christians.

**Q.** What is something that a lot of people might not know about you?

**A.** I was born in a city called Tilburg, in the region Noord Brabant in the Netherlands. Before the age of fourteen, our family had moved country five times and we lived in nine different homes before settling New Zealand in 1981. I'm still fluent in Dutch, which comes in handy when you're working for a Dutch company!

## NEWSLETTERS IN 2019

If you have been a member of the Chairo community in recent years, you will be aware that each fortnight we produced and distributed four different campus newsletters.

However, coinciding with the release of the Chairo App and commencing with this first edition of *Rejoice!*, all families and staff members will now receive a whole-school publication on three occasions each term.

*Rejoice!* will not generally include campus-specific information about upcoming events and activities. Such time-sensitive 'need-to-know' information will be shared via the Chairo App, Linc News, other Linc features such as class pages and groups, email, SMS, Parent Lounge, etc.

We trust that you will find each edition of *Rejoice!* to be interesting, helpful and encouraging, and that it will complement the more immediate flow of information via multiple other electronic means.

## CHAIRO APP

Have you got the Chairo App yet? It can be downloaded at no cost from your App Store and works on Android and iOS devices.

The Chairo App is a convenient way for parents and guardians to access information, notify the school about absences, update contact details and medical information and provide approval for camps and excursions.

While anyone can download the Chairo App, only Chairo parents and guardians will be able to see information relating to their children, classes or groups.

Technical support for those using the Chairo App is available on 5625 0118 (8.30 am – 4.30 pm, Monday to Friday) or at support@chairo.vic.edu.au.

To help streamline access to multiple school systems, including the Chairo App, we have set up a new method for logging in that allows parents and guardians to use their school username to access all Chairo systems. All families should have recently received an email explaining how to set up a new password and providing the Parent Quick Start Guide.

## PARENT LOUNGE

All Chairo parents and guardians now have access to Parent Lounge via the Chairo App and Linc.

It is through Parent Lounge that families will be able to update contact details and medical information, and also provide approval for camps and excursions.

A module within Parent Lounge will now also replace the old PTO (Parent Teacher Online) booking system for parent/teacher interviews. Details and instructions will be distributed closer to scheduled interviews.

### Camps & Excursions

As previously announced, we will be using a fully automated, paperless process for all camps and excursions occurring from Monday 11 February onward, with parents and guardians required to give permission through Parent Lounge.

While the Chairo App will present parents and guardians with convenient online access to information and permissions for each camp and excursion that their child is involved in, it will also be possible to access camps and excursions via Linc.

To access camps and excursions via the Chairo App:

- select Parent Lounge in Quicklinks; and then
- view Tours/Excursions from the Parent Lounge home screen.

To access camps and excursions via Linc:

- select Parent Lounge from the left side menu; and then
- view Tours/Excursions from the Parent Lounge home screen.

## BIBLICAL CHARACTER TRAINING

'The Bible teaches that God gives us more not so that we can *have* more but so that we can *give* more.'

### David Platt, Counter Culture

One of the pillars of Chairo is Clay, our biblical character training program for classroom devotions.

We want to not only teach our students Christian doctrine but Christian *character*, and our devotions program takes students through the Bible's teaching about two aspects of Christian character each term.

This term we are starting with *generosity*. Why should we be generous? Because God himself is generous in His very nature.

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.*

### 2 Corinthians 8:9 NIV

When we are generous, we are reflecting God's character—we are being who we are meant to be, made in God's image. Generosity results in blessings not only for the receiver, but also for the giver:

*Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

### 2 Corinthians 9:6–8 NIV

Another pillar of Chairo is partnership with families. As the school seeks to partner with you in cultivating Christian maturity, will you partner with the school in teaching generosity to our students?

As parents, there are two things we can do. Firstly, as much as we can, we can model cheerful generosity ourselves as a pattern of everyday Christian character. Secondly, we can support our own children in their attempts to be generous.

May God equip us all to be cheerful givers!

### Medon Loupis, Senior Chaplain



Watch this video about Clay: [youtu.be/1cataDxcitc](https://youtu.be/1cataDxcitc)

## DUXES OF 2018

Congratulations to all students who completed Year 12 at Chairo last year. We pray that each one will have a successful 2019, whether that involves study, work, travel or other pursuits. Daniel Patchett and Emily Lowe were the duxes of 2018 at Drouin and Pakenham respectively.

### Daniel Patchett (Drouin)

Daniel, a student at Chairo since Year 6, achieved an outstanding ATAR of 99.10 and was pleasantly surprised by his results. With excellent study scores of 48 in Chemistry and 46 in English, he also successfully completed Maths Methods, Physics, PE and Indonesian.



'I am hoping to study biomedical science at Monash Clayton', Daniel explained, 'with the ultimate aim of getting into medical research.'

Some of the things that helped Daniel enhance his studies and final score included finding the most effective way to study for individual subjects, doing plenty of practice exams and taking opportunities to relax and have breaks. He also believes that it's important to have a decent balance between study and other activities, such as sport.

'I would recommend establishing good habits before Year 12, such as studying for SACs well in advance', said Daniel. 'Also try to make sure that study consists entirely of working, while breaks are free from thinking about school work.'

### Emily Lowe (Pakenham)

Emily was very excited to receive the good news that she had topped her class with an ATAR of 92.70. She plans to pursue a double degree in Business and Accounting at Monash University.



Emily commenced at Chairo in Kindergarten before her family left the area to serve as missionaries in Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory and then overseas in East Timor. This meant that she had several years of homeschooling and only returned to Chairo for VCE.

Upon returning, Emily had to fit in and make friends in a new community and culture. However, her experience of other communities helped her to see what a privilege it is to have an education, and she wanted to make the most of it.

One of Emily's tips for other students coming through is to buy a whiteboard for your bedroom and use it for revision, making study active rather than passive. And, don't leave things until the last minute!

## CHILD SAFETY

### Child Protection Officers

At Chairo, we have nine Child Protection Officers (listed below). They are available to staff members, students, families and external agencies to discuss concerns for the safety and wellbeing of any of our students.

They support the person disclosing the concern and the student involved, and also assist agencies as requested during any investigation. It is not the job of a Child Protection Officer to investigate allegations and determine outcomes, but rather to report concerns to the appropriate agency.

Any member of the Chairo community who has concerns relating to the emotional, physical or sexual abuse or neglect of a Chairo student should make contact with any one of our Child Protection Officers (regardless of the campus at which they work). If the first one you attempt to contact doesn't answer, please try another. Note: if a child is in immediate danger, please call the police immediately on 000.

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|                     | Mandy Smith     | 0427 003 345      |
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|                     | Di McAllister   | 0407 287 643      |
| <b>Drouin East</b>  | Anthony Collier | 0412 490 724      |
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|                     | Peter Wells     | 0484 081 805      |
| <b>Leongatha</b>    | Di McAllister   | 0407 287 643      |
|                     | Peter Stebbins  | 5942 5632 ext 367 |
|                     | Keryn de Bruyn  | 0408 527 027      |
| <b>Pakenham</b>     | Di McAllister   | 0407 287 643      |
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| <b>Traralgon</b>    |                 |                   |
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### Volunteers

People who volunteer within the school in any capacity are required to complete an application process, which includes providing a Working with Children Check card and details of referees to be contacted. This is part of our commitment to do all that we can to ensure the safety of Chairo students.

We value the involvement of a wide range of volunteers within the life of the school and therefore encourage anyone who wishes to work as a volunteer at some stage to complete the process as soon as possible. This way, everything will be in place when an opportunity presents. Please speak with your child's Head of School or Campus Reception if you would like to begin the process.

### Policies

Our relevant child protection policies are found in our Child Safety booklet, which can be found on Linc and the Chairo website.



## DEEPER LEARNING

Research confirms that the most significant factor in the education of children is the quality of teaching. Professional learning workshops for teachers are an effective and efficient way to deliver programs to teachers to ensure that their knowledge and skills are up-to-date in order to deliver best practice teaching across the school.

For schools to be as effective as possible, teachers are encouraged to expand their knowledge and skills to implement the best educational practices. Educators need to continually build their knowledge in order to provide engaging and authentic learning experiences for students to enable them to learn at the highest levels.

Chairo staff members are involved in a wide variety of professional learning opportunities throughout each and every year. At times, we organise internal speakers to challenge colleagues to engage with each other and to think more deeply about the content that is delivered.

We never stop learning! Our teachers are dedicated to their craft and are passionate about serving God in the Chairo community.

At the start of 2019, teachers from across each Chairo campus participated in a workshop entitled Classrooms and Deeper Learning. This was presented by Fiona Partridge (South Australian State Executive Officer for Christian Education National) and focused on how teachers can build experiences into their curriculum that will provide opportunities for students to engage in learning about God's world on a deeper level.

Each teacher spent time considering their deep hope for 2019 and discussing how they could carry out the purpose that God had called them to. Teachers at Chairo care deeply about their God-given responsibilities and take seriously the partnership with parents as they educate the young people that attend the school.

It is our deep hope that Chairo will be a shining light and demonstrate God's love to the community—that we will be united in our vision and mission to provide excellence in Christian education that sees students transformed, graduating with capability, character and commitment, ready and willing to serve God and follow his purpose for their lives.

**Jane Ward, Head of Teaching & Learning (Pakenham)**



## BEING ESMART

Have you heard that Chairo is an eSmart School and wondered what this really means?

An eSmart School is a school community where the smart, safe and responsible use of information and communications technology is a cultural norm. All community members are equipped to embrace the best of what these technologies can offer, while learning how to handle the possible pitfalls associated with them.

eSmart is an initiative of the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. It helps teachers, librarians and the wider community to manage cyber risks and issues so that students feel supported and are educated about how to be a responsible user of technology.

The framework for eSmart schools is organised into six domains:

1. Effective school organisation
2. School plans, policies and procedures
3. A respectful and caring school community
4. Effective teacher practices
5. An eSmart curriculum
6. Partnerships with parents and local communities

Our focus at Chairo is clear: the transformation of students so that their capability, commitment and character may reflect Christ.

Transformation involves shaping the desires of students towards God's kingdom in a way that pursues 'shalom'—the integrated wholeness, wellbeing, harmony and purpose in every dimension of life. As such, it is important that throughout their years at school, students are supported in their technology journey.

Our eSmart Parent Resources have recently been updated on Linc and have valuable information about how to navigate the complexities of the digital world.

As we work in partnership, we ask that you take the time to check out these resources as you endeavour to raise your children to think biblically, and to act with discernment when it comes to the use of technology.

## BOARD NEWS

Our elected Board members for 2019 are Jeff Calway (Chairman), Rob Bruce (Vice Chair), Louise Hood (Secretary), Christopher Dean (Treasurer), Mark Cutchie, Melissa Rumble, Allan Piening and Marcus van Heijst. Also serving as ex-officio, non-voting Board members are Simon Matthews (Executive Principal) and Roger Simons (Business Manager).

Thank you to each of these parents. Being a Board member is a significant commitment and it is essential that we continue to have a small group of Board members who are committed to Chairo, and to the cause of Christian education. They would value your prayer support.

## Linc News

Stay informed by checking Linc News each day for important information. The most convenient way is to use the new Chairo App.

## Outlook Magazine

Every family will receive a copy of *Outlook 2018* some time next week. Watch out for it to come home via a school bag.

## Contact Details

Has your address or any other contact details changed? It's important that the school has current information for all families.

## Canteen

Menus and price lists for 2019 for our canteens at Drouin, Drouin East and Pakenham are available at [chairo.vic.edu.au/canteen](http://chairo.vic.edu.au/canteen)

## Chairo App

Have you downloaded the Chairo App from your app store yet? It's a great tool for families.

## Calendar Magnets

Do you have a Chairo 2019 calendar magnet? Would you like another one? We have spare magnets available at each campus.



## Facebook

Are you following us on Facebook? We have pages for each campus, and regular posts provide a bit of a window into the school.



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[facebook.com/chairo.pakenham](https://facebook.com/chairo.pakenham)

[facebook.com/chairo.traralgon](https://facebook.com/chairo.traralgon)

## Buy and Sell

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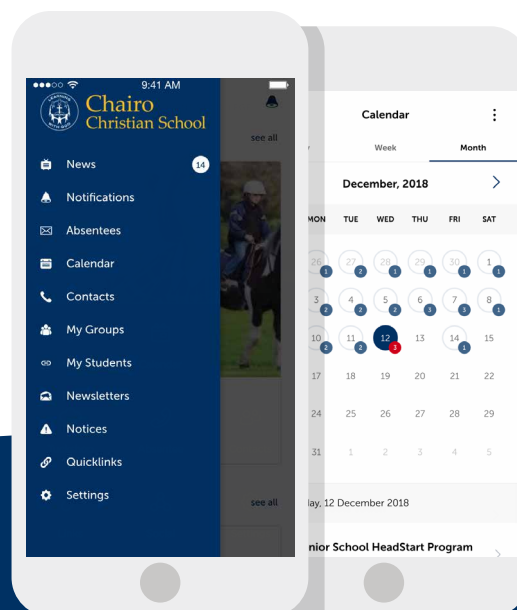
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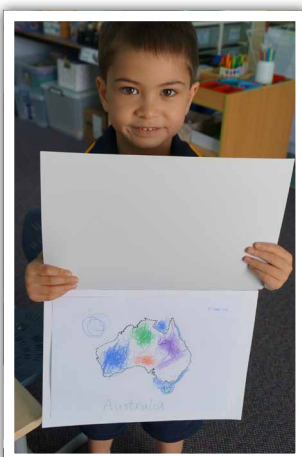
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## TRARALGON

Welcome to 2019; it is exciting to begin a new school year. I hope all families had the chance to stop and spend some time together over the holidays.

As a school, Chairo highly values student transformation—developing character, commitment and capability throughout life. In our curriculum and extra-curricular activities, we seek to help students explore and discover their gifts and talents, and help them consider how they can use these in service of others and glorifying God.

When looking at concepts in class, students are encouraged to see what they are doing through a biblical lens. The structure and pattern in Maths is amazing, Science shows how intricately God has woven this world together, and Literacy enables us to marvel at how communication is so important in expressing who we are and developing a deeper understanding of those we share life with. What a privilege to teach!

We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with families and encourage you all to 'get involved'. We look forward to sharing many activities throughout 2019.

We are enjoying the hard work of our wonderful maintenance staff who have been busy over January. The lovely big trees outside D Block have been removed due to the seed pods that cause such difficulty each Spring. They will be replaced with something more suitable. The portables have also been removed, leaving a wonderful open space that will be redeveloped into an engaging student space.

On a sad note, we were shocked by the passing of Priscilla Vodden in January. She was a wonderful mum to Jack and loving wife of Dan. Our love and prayers go out to the family, including newborn son, Henry. It is times like this that show the culture and character of the school community. We are grateful for your support.

**Keryn de Bruyn, Principal (Traralgon)**







## PAKENHAM

Welcome back! I find it hard to believe that we're approaching the end of the second decade of the century and that all current Chairo students were born in the twenty-first century!

This presents an interesting challenge for parents and educators: to prepare students for lives that might even reach into the twenty-second century.

While it might seem daunting to prepare them for all of the possibilities of a world that we can't yet fully imagine, I am confident that we are building lives on strong foundations.

At the heart of our vision is student transformation. It's more than just 'getting better at stuff'; it's actually about a thoroughly biblical concept of becoming a new person.

Paul teaches consistently in the New Testament about transformation and renewal. In Romans 12, we are taught to 'not conform to the pattern of the world, but to be transformed by the renewing of your mind'.

In Ephesians 4, we are taught to 'put off your old self' and to be 'made new ... putting on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness'.

This notion of transformation is a very special Chairo distinctive. Yes, we're serious about readin', 'ritin' and 'rithmetic, and about the Australian Curriculum, NAPLAN and the things that fill our calendar, but I'm pleased that we have an even deeper hope and higher calling.

We want to see each student become a new person, equipped with the capability, character and commitment to live a vibrant life that honours the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you to all parents and guardians for partnering with us in this joyful calling.

Our campus continues to grow, with new students, new buildings and new programs. We thank God for so many blessings and dedicate 2019 to doing the work of student transformation.

**Pete Wells, Principal (Pakenham)**







## LEONGATHA

Welcome to the 2019 school year. I trust that the summer holiday period was an enjoyable and special time for you. Holidays are excellent. It's important to stop, take a break from the busyness of life and reflect.

I spent the holidays enjoying the outdoors, camping with the family and thinking about things. One thing that I spend a lot of time pondering is how unique and precious Christian education is. Forty years ago, people had a vision for distinctively Christian education in South Gippsland. We have been entrusted with this, and it's now our responsibility to be good stewards of what God has given.

Some core convictions that we hold dear are as follows:

- **God's truth.** Christian education invites students to see and understand all things through the lens of God's truth. Everything was created by and is sustained by God. He has acted to deal with the distortions caused by our rebellion and we look forward to a time when all things are reconciled to God through Jesus.
- **God's ways.** Christian education is not just about head knowledge, but about a whole new way of living. We don't just want students to learn about stuff; we want them to be transformed. At the heart of this is our desire to build a community that characterised by love, respect and care.
- **Partnership with families.** It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to raise and educate their children. At Chairo, we want to work with you and share our vision for Christian education.

As the school year gets underway, there is much to look forward to. I encourage you to get involved in school life, and to join me in praying for our community—that we may be faithful to God and committed to His ways.

**Anthony Collier, Principal (Leongatha)**







## DROUIN & DROUIN EAST

Welcome to the new school year! I trust that you had an opportunity to rest and spend time with family and friends over the summer break. It has been lovely to catch up with some of you already and to hear of your holiday adventures.

We extend a special welcome to our new staff members and students, and we trust that everyone is already feeling very much part of the school community at Drouin and Drouin East.

In order to prepare well for the year, the members of our teaching staff started back at school the week before students returned. All teachers across our five campuses participated in a day of professional learning at Drouin, with the focus on exploring learning activities and practices that seek deeper learning—learning that sees students as participants rather than recipients.

We were reminded that 'learning' in a Christian school setting is much more than the transfer of information between teacher and student, and much more than teachers shaping the thinking of students. Christian education embraces participation in God's story.

In addition, our new staff members participated in two days of induction that included teaching from a Christian worldview perspective, caring for students and caring for each other, as well as some training in the use of Linc.

We are thankful for the partnership of parents and guardians that has already been expressed through attendance at events such as the cyber-safety presentation by Brett Lee at the Drouin Campus and the Family Picnic at the Drouin East Campus. We look forward to your continued partnership this year.

It is our hope that 2019 will be a year in which all members of the Chairo community will flourish. Please join me in praying that as we seek to please and honour God in all that we do, he will be glorified.

**Judy Linossier, Principal (Drouin)**

