



## IMPORTANT DATES

**TUE 28 JANUARY 2020**

Term 1 commences 8.35am

## 2020 TERM DATES

### Term 1

Tue 28 Jan Thu 9 Apr

### Term 2

Tue 28 Apr Fri 3 Jul

### Term 3

Tue 21 Jul Fri 25 Sep

### Term 4

Mon 12 Oct Wed 2 Dec

*(Dates subject to change)*

## From the Principal

### Dear Family and Friends

As we approach the end of another school year and look forward to the Christmas season ahead, I also look back over an event-filled 2019 in the life of Emmaus. Established in 1979 as Bethesda Christian College, 2019 has seen us reflect on 40 years of Christian School ministry, one of the oldest distinctly Christian Schools in South Australia.



We have grown from a school of 29 students in 1979 to a forecasted 830+ in 2020 with continuing growth now possible through our newly opening campus in Brooklyn Park.

The mission however is NOT about growth or enrolment numbers but the perennial and uncompromising purpose of our College declaring **"Jesus Christ is Lord"** (pictured on the College founding plaque – now housed on my office wall following a few name changes!).

The establishment of our new Brooklyn Campus opening in 2020 has been a significant ministry for the College. At the time of writing approximately 50 new faithful families, ELC to Year 2, have already enrolled to start at Brooklyn Park at the beginning of 2020. Although there maybe two campuses we are one school, one community, and one Emmaus family. The photo below was taken a few weeks ago during an F-2 transition day of all 2020 F-2 Brooklyn Park students and families. A similar size matching photo will be taken mid-January 2020 of all new ELC students and families starting at our new campus. Together these photos will represent the Emmaus Christian College Brooklyn Park pioneers. We welcome and embrace you all as part of our family!



As we approach Christmas it is important we all take a pause and refocus from the ways of the world towards the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ. I leave you with words from a source I have long since misplaced, to set your heart and minds on the true meaning of the season.

### Just Call Him "Jesus"

*It was about to begin – God's plan for humanity, crafted in the halls of heaven and carried out on the plains of earth. Only holiness could have imagined it. Only divinity could have enacted it. Only righteousness could have endured it.*

*And once the plan began, there would be no turning back. The Creator knew it. The Son knew it. And soon, earth itself would witness heaven's majesty alighting on the planet.*

*When God chose to reveal himself to mankind, what medium did he use? A book? No, that was secondary. A church? No, that was consequential. A moral code? No. To limit God's revelation to a cold list of do's and don'ts is as tragic as looking at a Colorado road map and saying that you'd seen the Rockies.*

*When God chose to reveal himself, he did so through a human body. The hand that touched the leper had dirt under its nails. The feet upon which the woman wept were calloused and dusty. And his tears ... oh, don't miss the tears ... they came from a heart as broken as yours or mine ever has been.*

Weekly Coffee Connect  
Tuesday Morning  
8.45am - 9.45am

Weekly Prayer Connect  
Thursday Morning  
8.45am - 9.15am

*So, people came to him. My, how they came to him! They came at night; they touched him as he walked down the street; they followed him around the sea; they invited him into their homes and placed their children at his feet. Why? Because he refused to be a statue in a cathedral or a priest in an elevated pulpit. He chose instead to be Jesus.*

*There was not a hint of one person who was afraid to draw near him. There were those who mocked him, were envious of him, and misunderstood him. There were those who revered him. But no one considered him too holy or too divine to touch.*

*There was not one person who was reluctant to approach him for fear of being rejected.*

*Remember that the next time you find yourself amazed at your own failures.*

*Or the next time acidic accusations burn holes in your soul.*

*Or the next time you see a cold cathedral or hear a lifeless liturgy.*

*Remember. It is man who creates the distance. It is Jesus who builds the bridge.*

On behalf of the entire Emmaus staff I pray for a safe and joy filled Christmas season for you and your family.  
Blessings,

**Andrew Linke**  
Principal

## Awards & Competitions Results

### Special Awards

2019 Caltex Australia Medallion - Joyel Reji  
 2019 David Martin Memorial Award - Jack Cheesman, Benjamin Pruszinski  
 2019 Australian Defence Force Leadership & Teamwork Award - Sylvie Gomes, Kaitlin Turland  
 2019 Tabor Adelaide Award - Louisa Tedesco  
 2019 Nomination for Adelaide University Principal's Scholarship - Megan Monaghan  
 2019 Junior Outstanding Leadership Award - Isaac Baker, Sienna Folland  
 2019 Hindmarsh Shield Award - Sienna Folland  
 ATAR Dux Year 12 2018 - Mitchell Raw

### Dux of Year 2019

Year 6 Mahalia Coggins  
 Year 7 Sehreem Shirjeel  
 Year 8 Suyen (Lacey) Le Phuong Khanh  
 Year 9 Vanessa Ricks  
 Year 10 Kaitlin Turland  
 Year 11 Wenzhuo (Laura) Fang  
 Year 12 Megan Monaghan

### Sport - Individual Awards

2019 Senior Male Sporting Champion - Nathaniel Wood  
 2019 Senior Female Sporting Champion - Tamsyn Morriss  
 2019 Middle School Male Sporting Champion - Harrison Kiss  
 2019 Middle School Female Sporting Champion - Hayley Wellington  
 2019 Junior School Male Sporting Champion - Caleb Chua  
 2019 Junior School Female Sporting Champion - Madison Basset

### Music - Individual School Awards

2019 Most Improved Instrumental Senior Student - Manny Wicks  
 2019 Most Outstanding Instrumental Middle School Student - Caelin Corda  
 2019 Most Improved Instrumental Middle School Student - Yedam Choi  
 2019 Most Outstanding Instrumental Junior School Student - Belinda Xu  
 2019 Most Improved Instrumental Junior School Student - Hayden Latzel

### Adelaide Festival Centre Arts Award

Claudia Mesecke

### Vocation Education Awards

Abigail Haydon

In addition a number of students were presented with Character Awards (recognising integrity, the gift of encouragement, persistence and serving others).  
 Congratulations to all students on a great effort in 2019.