



St James Catholic College

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



Exciting times ahead

ALARA CHAWNER and JESSIE BURNETT

THIS year, St James Catholic College announced it will build a new multi-purpose school gymnasium with specialist learning rooms for drama and music.

This will be a positive addition for the school community, with construction taking place in the first two terms of 2013.

The gym will be built where the Drill Hall, music room and canteen currently are. These will be demolished to fit the full-sized gym, stage, music and drama facilities, along with storage and staff office space.

A new canteen and secondary toilet block will also be built. The school is finalising documents to have a builder start on the project in 2013.



PLANNED: The school's multi-purpose gym.

Principal Anne Foale said it was an exciting development for the school, while Grade 5 students came up with their own reasons why the new building would be a positive school addition.

Ella Brereton said having the new building on campus would save time.

"I think it's good because we don't have a gym and we would waste half our sport lesson walking up to the Cygnet Gym," she said.

Maddi Norris agreed that students would benefit from having a gym close to class.

"When we have sports we won't need to go to another school and there will be lots of equipment for us to use," she said.

Mitchell Innes said the new building would help students with their fitness.

"It is going to be good for our fitness and health and everyone will love our gym," he said.

George O'Neill looked forward to what could be done inside the gym. "It will be big, nice and there will be lots of room to do sport activities."

Life lessons from classroom to garden

ST James Catholic College is a K-10 school at Cygnet, filled with lots of activities and fun subjects.

We have three sections: Early Years, Upper Primary and Secondary.

We are a strong community that participates in many events where we get to meet new people. The best part about the school day is our option subjects.

Our primary classes offer music, drama and Japanese as well as the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program as options. Secondary options include cooking, woodwork, information technology, metalwork, vocational courses, music, drama, art and Japanese.

In many classes we get to use a range of different computer devices. Students in Grade 4/5 have their own iPads to use, while other classes have the opportunity to use laptop and iPad class sets.

These have been a great addition to the college. We get to use them in many subjects.

We get to compete in many sporting events, including cross country, athletics, triathlon, swimming carnivals, football and netball. We also get to try Active After School activities, such as Zumba, netball, yoga, and football and netball skills.

While learning new things in English, maths, history, science and religion, we continually try to act out



WIDE RANGE: St James Catholic College offers extensive options to students including Mitchell Direen, left, Thomas Wass, Cameron Slater and Samuel Brown.

our FLAMES motto—a series of goals for each student:

- F: stands for having faith;
- L: stands for being good learners;
- A: stands for having a positive attitude;
- M: stands for showing mutual respect;
- E: stands for being encouraging;
- S: stands for making a safe environment for everyone at St James Catholic College.

We are a friendly school that supports all of our students, parents and teachers.

● OUR college is also lucky enough to take part in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program.

Students in Grades 3 to 6 go to the garden each week, assisted by volunteers.

Through this program students learn how to grow, harvest, prepare and share some great food.

The kitchen is a great place where we work together to cook some delicious meals and then sit down to eat with our fantastic volunteers.

We are learning a lot about growing and cooking our own vegetables, fruits and herbs.

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School talk

What do you like most about St James Catholic College?



I like the oval because there's hideouts and it's fun.
Adele Lunden, Grade 1



Everybody is kind and the teachers and students are kind too.
Emma Haynes, Grade 2



The thing I like most is the friendly people.
Ebony Coulson, Grade 5



The thing I like most is the beautiful teachers and people.
Kaitlin Dillon, Grade 6



I like all the the sporting events.
Scott Blacklow, Grade 7

Class effort

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