Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Supporters of St Joseph’s College,

A sincere welcome to everyone for 2006. The staff began yesterday where we initially attended Mass along with the staff of St James and St Joseph’s Primary. At the Mass all staff were commissioned to the church ministry of education. I commend the staff of our College to you as a committed and dedicated group of professionals who see the importance of each individual student achieving their potential.

Welcome to new staff at St Joseph’s College in 2006:

- Mr Tom Nethery teaching in the Religious Education and HSIE Faculties.
- Mrs Kylee Gelkov teaching in the English and Creative and Performing Arts Faculties.
- Ms Erin Gallagher teaching in the PD/H/PE Faculty.

We hope the new staff members feel welcome and enjoy their time here at St Joseph’s College.

A sincere welcome back also to Mrs Danielle Young who returns to the College from maternity leave.

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs McLaughlin on the birth of Phoebe on 17 January.

Our condolences to Mr Lyon whose father passed away and to Mrs Jennings whose mother passed away during the holidays. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mr Lyon’s father and Mrs Jennings’ mother.

2006 has begun with the tragedy of bushfires in Victoria and South Australia. The significance of the loss of one’s home cannot be underestimated. The riots at Cronulla in December are a real sign that we really need to live by Jesus’ teaching of, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” (Matthew 7:12).

This is our ongoing challenge at St Joseph’s College – to commit to community, care about others and treat others how you would like to be treated. It is very important for all of us to see 2006 as a fresh start with new opportunities to achieve our potential. Positive feelings and a positive outlook can be a great base for a good year.

Congratulations go at this time to the class of 2005 who achieved very good HSC results. Five students achieved a UAI over 90 and nearly all students who applied for university courses were successful in gaining their first preference. On top of this they are a wonderful group of young men and women ready to take their place as responsible members of our society.

May the spirit of St Joseph be with you all this year and best wishes to the entire St Joseph’s community for 2006.

Best wishes and God bless,

Mr Peter McLoughlin
Principal
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The School Calendar contains year group events, assessment schedules and term dates.