

COLLEGE SONG

Bordered by blue waters splendid,
Flanked by the tree clad slopes,
Westward the dark green mountain,
School of our hearts and hopes.

(Chorus)

St Brendan's proudly we greet you,
Praise to the school we sing,
To hail our Alma Mater,
Loud let the chorus ring.

St Brendan's rampart of knowledge,
Shrine of the faith we hold,
Advance St Brendan's College,
Unfurl the Green and Gold.

Here we have found faith and virtue,
Friendship beyond all price,
Teachers we all revere,
Loyal sons of Edmund Rice.

(Repeat Chorus)

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**ST BRENDAN'S COLLEGE
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MISSION STATEMENT

Faithful to the Gospel and inspired by the life of Edmund Rice,
the community of St Brendan's College strives to bring Jesus' vision
of a world of justice, compassion and peace to reality.

We seek to fulfil our mission through providing an authentic education
that liberates the minds and hearts of all in our community.

We endeavour to be outward looking and engage in partnerships with others
beyond our community to advance our learning, transformation and growth.

We open our hearts to the poor and those at the margins
and desire to bring hope and change to our world
through prayer, formation and action.

We value and support the gifts of each member of our family
and celebrate our diversity as a source of strength and a sign of hope.

DO NOT DOUBT IT WILL BE GIVEN



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**St Brendan's College Yeppoon
is proud to be a member of:**



1940-1951



1952-1959



1960-2005



2006-2015



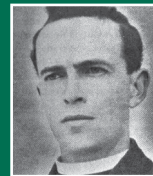
1908

Bishop Duhig of Rockhampton acquired "Coplands" Property.



1939

Foundation stone was blessed and laid by Bishop Hayes.



1940

First school Principal was Br J.B. Gettons.

First student to arrive at the College Joseph Hunt.

The school was officially opened on 18th August by Archbishop Duhig.
57 Enrolments.



1941

First year candidates were presented for public examination.

Debut year of sport against CBC, RGS and Technical College.

1942

Fear of Japanese invasion of coastal schools the College remained closed until 2nd March.



1944

Cadet Corps were formed with a strength of 73.

First year St Brendan's College had competitors in every division of inter-school athletics.



1945

New School building completed by contractors. The top was used for sleeping until new dormitory was completed.

Bishop Hayes (founder of the College) was killed when driving two of his parishioners home.



1946

2nd Principal Br Ignatius Jackson appointed.



1947

Swimming carnival at Rockhampton City Baths after training at Ross and Limestone Creeks.

First War Cry "Nullanulla, Boomerang, Wattle, Waratah, Currajong, Billabong, Emu, Coolabah, Yepoon! Yepoon! Barmoya! Barmaryee! Green and Gold! Green and Gold! S-B-C. B-R-E-N-D-A-N-S Brendans!"

Two buildings were built using American Army Huts (on site McKennariey Residence) and the road to main entrance bulldozed and graded.



1948

Br Kevin Street killed in a horse accident at St Brendan's College.

1949

Cyclone hit the coast with 24 inches falling in one day, causing damage and no lights for three days.



1950

Desmond McKenna was the first old boy to be ordained a priest.

Enrolment numbers rose to 200 which included 185 boarders.

The cadets travelled by train to Sellheim Cadet Camp in Charters Towers.



1952

3rd Principal Br Borgia Duffy appointed.

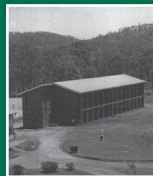
Second crest with motto "Ne Dubitur Dabitur" was introduced.



1954

Swimming Pool opened on the 14th March by Bishop Tynan.

Cadets won the Earl Roberts Trophy in shooting - 1st in Australia.



1955

Bishop Hayes Memorial Wing opened with stone blessed and laid by Bishop Andrew Tynan.

Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes erected.



1958

4th Principal Br Basil Gallagher appointed.



1959

Fire destroyed the Senior Dormitory. New senior classrooms were moved to the site of the destroyed building to become the Year 11 Dormitory.



1960

Jackson Dormitory opened.

The whole school travel by train to Rockhampton to attend the show.

New College badge introduced.



1961

5th Principal Br T. McSweeney appointed.

Jackson Building blessed by Bishop Francis Rush.

The original dormitory in the main building became the new chapel.



1963

New dormitory wing for seniors built in the old music rooms and infirmary.



1964

6th Principal Br Mervyn Ziesing appointed.

1965

25th Anniversary of the College opening.

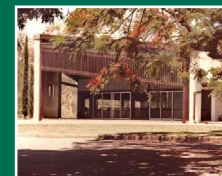
Plans for the new Jubilee War Memorial Chapel were completed.



1966

The 'old' chapel was moved to form the first manual arts classroom, laundry and garages.

Construction of the wall along the main driveway was completed.



1967

Opening of the New Chapel by Bishop Rush.

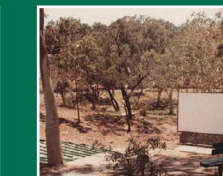
The first Junior classroom previously a dormitory was relocated to near the Hayes Memorial Classrooms.



1968

Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Science and Biology subjects were added to the curriculum.

O'Donnell Dormitory erected on the site of Br Gettons Junior Classrooms.



1969

Saturday morning school was discontinued.

Outdoor picture theatre was set up with a cinemascope screen, it seated 500 spectators.

Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme introduced to the College.

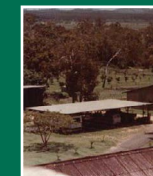


1970

7th Principal Br C. S. Wright appointed.

Enrolment numbers reached 373 students.

First Old Boys function was a dinner dance in Rockhampton.



1971

New Library and Science Block opened and Blessed by Bishop Rush.

1973

Log Cabin completed under the supervision of Br Frank Pottinger.



1975

Government made the decision to abolish cadets. The final passing out parade was held on the 14th September. Grade 6 and 7 were phased out.



1976

8th Principal Br Darcy Murphy appointed.

Cyclone David destroyed the parish church and ceremonies were held at St Brendan's College Chapel.

1977

Squash Courts opened.

The first Junior Rodeo was held offsite.

Manual Arts block was completed.

1978

Illuminated Cross was mounted on the recently renovated tower to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Our Lady being declared Patroness of the Christian Brothers.

1979

Manual Arts buildings were blessed by Bishop Wallace on 28th October.

1981

Edmund Rice Statue blessed by Bishop Wallace and erected 16th October (\$5100 Carrara Marble made in Italy).

1982

9th Principal Br R.M. White appointed.

Administration building moved to wooden building in front of science block.

26 hectares purchased at Byfield for outdoor education.

The Rainforest Project was completed.

A Murray Grey Stud was introduced with the view to showing cattle.

1983

Old Boys Manual Arts Centre opened.

1984

McKennariey Residence was opened and named after Br Bede McKennariey.

T.R.A.C.T. - Trade Reliance and Career Training introduced to Year 11 students.

The construction of a putting green with bunker and hazard mounds built at the northern gate entrance.

1985

Computer courses at St Brendan's began with the introduction of a new "access" memory computer.

New oval was opened in the presence of Wally Lewis and John Ribot.

1986

Edmund Rice Classrooms built.

Trees were planted around the College oval.

1987

First Confraternity Football Shield win, previously known as Canterbury Cup.

The piggery established in 1970 was closed down.

The Br Mark Murphy Memorial Drive from front gate to Main Administration was constructed.

1989

10th Principal Br Neil Langan appointed.

The St Brendan's College foundation was launched.

1990

50th Jubilee celebrations with the launching of the book 'A Dream Come True' by Father Noel Milner.

Totem Pole was donated by New Guinea boys and erected at the entrance.

1992

11th Principal Br Dan McMahon appointed.

1993

Big Brother Programme introduced.

Outrigger canoe racing was introduced.

1994

Official opening of Wallace building by Bishop Heenan.

1995

Opening of Fitzpatrick Residence.

College Rodeo held for first time on the College grounds.

1996

O'Donnell Technology Centre opened with 130 computer stations.

1997

Learning Support established.

Br D. White died suddenly while at a cricket game with students in Rockhampton.

1998

12th Principal Br Steve Grundy appointed.

New sporting complex opened.

1999

Edmund Rice residence opened.

2000

First lay person Acting Principal Mrs Kerrie Tuite appointed.

The Chapel underwent restoration.

2002

The Log Cabin was demolished.

2003

New Waterford Dining Room, Library and Technology Centre opened by Br Luke Quinn.

2004

13th Principal Simon Dash appointed as first lay Principal.

2005

Introduction of the Instrumental Band Programme into Year 8 Curriculum.

2006

Old Boys Memorial Gardens completed.

New uniform introduced.

2008

Shooting Club commenced at the College.

Eddies Van established.

Fire destroyed the main building and damaged the Chapel.

2009

McKennariey Residence was given an overhaul.

Demolition of Hogan building began.

2011

Geoff McManus appointed Acting Principal Term 1-3.

14th Principal Nick Scully took over the reins in Term 4.

2012

Opening and Blessing of the 'New' Chapel & Performing Arts Building.

New Capricorn Coast Trade Training Centre opened onsite at St Brendan's College.

2013

Implementation of Personal Laptop Programme into the College.

Commencement of Transition Classes.

2014

Refurbishment of the Mango Tree area and Old Boys Garden.

Building of new Year 7 classrooms and an additional annex to Fitzpatrick Residence completed.

2015

Introduction of Year 7 to Secondary School.

New classrooms and residence opened.

Cyclone Marcia hit on the 23rd February causing damage and uprooting hundreds of trees.

Enrolment numbers reach 704.

Celebrations of 75th Jubilee year.

INTO THE FUTURE . . .

For over 75 years St Brendan's College has provided Catholic Education to boys in the Central Queensland Region and all over Australia. The voyage of our College will progress and change with time as we continue to aspire to be the best educator of boys.

We have set our sails to be faithful to the four touchstones of Liberating Education, Gospel Spirituality, Inclusive Community and Justice & Solidarity.

