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Students Look to the Future After Extraordinary 2020

Catholic secondary schools around the Far North will today host “Bump Up Day” events for scores of eager Year 6 students, giving them a glimpse of the exciting year to come following a challenging 2020.

Students will take part in a variety of informative and fun-packed activities as they get acquainted with their new surroundings, teachers and classmates.

Events have been organised to ensure compliance with COVID-Safe procedures, including hosting lunch outdoors with pre-packaged food and non-contact sporting activities.

“After the uncertainty and craziness of 2020, Bump Up Day gives the students something to look forward to, a sense of normality and that the usual rhythms of the school year can continue,” Cairns Catholic Education Services Director of School Effectiveness (P-12 and Secondary) Dr Andrea O’Brien said.

“Bump Up Day gives an opportunity for students to experience life in a secondary school - to become familiar with the physical environment of the college, to meet key staff and most importantly, to meet their peers.”

“It is so important that our new Year 7 students become familiar with their new schools before the 2021 school year begins.”

Students attending Bump Up Day can get involved in science, sport, cooking, music, art, woodwork and drama lessons as they are guided around the school, and meet key individuals, including principals and prefects.

St Mary’s Catholic College Principal Wayne Wood said Bump Up Day was important for “the newest members” of the Woree school’s community.

“They get to meet teachers and the student leaders who will support them in their transition into high school,” he said.

“It’s also a wonderful opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with College facilities and routines. And of course, the tuckshop!”

Aaron Hume, Head of Year 7 at Cairns’ St Augustine’s College, said Bump Up Day was a great way for students to meet others also moving up to secondary school.



“It promotes familiarisation of the College and enables students to make friends in preparation for the following year,” he said.

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