

The Dry season must be with us again because we have been very busy with an increasing number of visitors and an increase in Indigenous student enrolments. For both, we are very thankful.

This year, Kormilda has embarked on a new venture in its Spiritual Direction with two chaplains, Rev Salomo Bangun and Rev Margaret Black working in partnership to minister to staff and students, teach Religion and Philosophy and take Chapels in order to fulfil our Mission Statement. The Religious and Values Education program (RAVE) continues to evolve and develop as more and more students engage with the message inherent in such a program. RAVE is now being delivered from the Primary years through to Year 12 in some form or another, and as Rev. Margaret is heard to say, "We have reason to feel blessed at Kormilda College".

We also conduct meetings of the Spiritual Directions Committee, a sub-committee of the Kormilda College Board, on a regular basis a few days prior to each Board meeting. Please feel welcome to attend these meetings and offer your thoughts and ideas.

The worth in having Chaplains within a school is beyond description. Day School services and three Boarders' Chapels a term are conducted in an appropriate language and manner for our student cohort, with them all being well supported by staff and students. We could not do this without the support of our ministry volunteers, I thank you very much.

One of the delights of being Principal of a fantastic school, such as Kormilda College, is seeing how the various parts of the educational delivery come together to develop the whole child. I am particularly pleased with the regular community service, or as we call it now, service learning, that occurs in the Boarding part of the College. Almost every weekend the Head of Boarding informs me of students attending a variety of events around Darwin, in a voluntary capacity. If you have ever visited 'Frillies café' in the breezeway at the front of the Nightcliff Uniting Church on a Saturday, you will have seen our students waiting on tables and washing dishes, as well as assisting in the Op Shop and the Mulch Pit community food garden.

I am very proud of our students and the way in which they grasp opportunities to work together and help one another within a Christian context.

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