



MATER DEI NEWS UPDATE

St Benedict Feast Day celebrations on August 2 began with the unveiling and blessing of our beautiful new statue Mary, Mother of God (Mater Dei). Sculpted by respected Australian artist, Linda Klarfeld, the statue was provided through the generosity of the other nine Good Samaritan Colleges, most of whom were represented at the occasion.

Congratulations to Mater Dei mum Trish Hedges and student Phoebe Said who were awarded the two major Benedictine awards for Community and Hospitality at our recent St Benedict Feast Day.

On August 31, nine Mater Dei students joined with their families, Bishop Peter Ingham, Father Michael Healy and a number of staff in the beautiful Mater Dei Chapel to celebrate the conferring of the sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Congratulations to Breeana Bruin, Nathan Channon, Reilly Galway, Dayna Myers, Anthony Pascucci, Michael Sahin, James Walsh, Luke Walsh and Charlotte Waters.

Our front cover shows a delighted James and Luke Walsh after the ceremony!