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Focus on Chinese prowess

By Kealey Richardson and Jack Costa, Year 7, St Andrew's College

ON June 18, St Andrew's Catholic College held a ceremony and officially opened the Confucius classroom.

It is the third Confucius classroom in Queensland, established with the Confucius Institute at the University of Queensland.

Mr Lee MacMaster, principal of St Andrew's Catholic College, and Professor Ling Li, deputy director of the Confucius Institute, unveiled the Confucius classroom plaque.

This historic moment was witnessed by a number of guests, including Mr Diarmuid O'Riordan, deputy executive director Catholic Education Services, Cairns; Mrs Linda Cooper, councillor Division 6 Cairns Regional Council; Mrs Clare Manning, wife of Cairns mayor Bob Manning; Mr Craig Crawford, state member for Barron River; and David Trethowan, business manager of the Confucius Institute.

Mr MacMaster talked about the importance of language learning and the opportunities students can have by learning Chinese.

Professor Li shared his second-language learning experience.

The Chinese Consulate General in Brisbane also sent the school a letter to congratulate it on the opening of the Confucius classroom.

The language department of St Andrew's put up a great performance for the opening ceremony including lovely French poems, Italian songs,



GRAND OPENING: David Trethowan, Linda Cooper, Craig Crawford, Professor Ling Li, Lee MacMaster, Clare Manning and Diarmuid O'Riordan with the Confucius classroom plaque.

Japanese dance and the amazing Chinese Tai Chi performance.

The opening of the Confucius classroom means that St Andrew's will continue to support the understanding of Chinese language and culture among students.

"The classrooms will ideally encourage students to both pursue their interests in these areas and to open more doors for higher learning and career choices beyond high school graduation," Mr Trethowan said.



IN STEP: Performing at the opening of the Confucius classroom.

Happy trails for intrepid trek

By John Vasta, school captain, Tully State High School

RECENTLY, 15 brave Year 12s, two teachers and one parent braved the Thorsborne Trail on Hinchinbrook Island.

Carrying everything on their backs walking over some extremely steep and challenging terrain for four days definitely pushed everyone.

Everyone met the challenge with a smile and appreciation of what an accomplishment completing this trail truly is. Highlights for students included the view from the top of Zoe Falls, swimming at Mulligan Falls, and being responsible for cooking their own meals.

A massive thank you to our parent helper, Ms Bevan, Tackleworld Tully, and Hinchinbrook Ferries for discounting equipment and ferry costs.

This is always a wonderful experience and the students definitely walked away with an appreciation of the environment we live in and their strength of character and determination.

Thanks for a great trip!



GREAT HIKE: Tully State High students enjoyed their trip to Hinchinbrook Island.



WINNING ART: Jonathon Bramich and Ben May.

Cafe in top campaign

By Jonathon Bramich and Benjamin May, 4C, Whitfield State School

YEAR 4 students at Whitfield were asked to plan and design posters as a part of their technology assessment.

The posters promoted the Peak Café (our tuckshop) and healthy eating.

We had an amazing time acting as digital graphic designers to promote the Peak Café and its delicious, healthy food.

We had a blast advertising the Peak Café, and all posters looked fantastic! Come and see why Whitfield State School has the best tuckshop ever - the Peak Café!