



eCollege News



'Faith in Christ' expresses what the school is based in. It is our Faith in Christ that gives us our sense of meaning and purpose"



FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to 2014

Welcome to our Year 7 students and to all new students who have commenced this 2014. It is a privilege to have your education and learning entrusted to us by your parents. We wish you blessings in your studies and in all you do during your time and presence at St Andrews College.

The College's year has begun well with the celebration of our outstanding results attained during 2013. We achieved great learning gain, one of

the best when compared to like schools. Our courses above State average improved markedly and we rejoiced in our first Alrounder (Premier's Award) for some years – Erika Cabral. Erika also achieved second place in the State in Legal Studies. Furthermore, ten percent of our students received ATARs over 90.

Congratulations to each student for achieving personal bests and gaining entry into their choice of university course. Congratulations to our teach-

ers who continue to provide the best learning for our students from Year 7 through to Year 12. The work the college has been doing to bring about greater precision and engagement in students' learning is proving instrumental in these fine outcomes.

Our learning goal for 2014 will continue to focus on literacy, reading comprehension and writing. I invite you to ask your children about the learning intention and language focus for each class, about three tiered vocabulary, thinking note keys and gradual release of responsibility. These small but effective learning strategies are proving to be invaluable in assisting our students to improve their learning outcomes.

The College's Formation goal for 2014 will focus on the Social Teachings of the Catholic Church.

I warmly welcome to the college the following staff: Ms Lisa-Maree Browning, Assistant Principal Pastoral Care and Student Welfare; Mr

Andrew Kuchappan, Leader of Learning English (HF campus); Mr Peter Bowd Leader of Learning Year 8; Liam O'Kane Acting Sports Coordinator Mrs Maria Kervin, teacher of English; and welcome back to Mrs Amy Wallis and Mrs Nicole Lovern, both returning after parental leave; and welcome to Ms Jessica Shnoudi, Ms Emily Pett, Ms Jessica Bisazza, Mrs Ruth De Rooy and Mrs Rita Obeid who are continuing with us this year. We hope that you all have a rich and rewarding experience at St Andrews College.

Our Opening Mass for the academic year is on Friday 7 February at 10.30am in the St Andrews Hall. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

God Bless you for 2014.

Nicholas Vidot

Coming Events

10TH FEBRUARY

Year 11 Assessment
Evening 6pm

10TH FEBRUARY

Yr 12 E&E Collaroy/
Long reef Exc

14TH FEBRUARY

Valentine Rose Day

P1-P2 Y9 Pastoral :
Elevate Study Skills

17TH FEBRUARY

Year 10 Assessment
Evening 6pm

24TH FEBRUARY

College Staff Meet-
ing - 1:00pm

27TH FEBRUARY

College Swimming
Carnival

4TH MARCH

Year 11 Synagogue
Excursion

5TH MARCH

Ash Wednesday

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS 2013

St Andrews College Ambassador Awards

Year 7: Nicolas Menouhos
Year 8: Vincent Badelles
Year 9: Alice Apalakis
Year 10: Loujunior Go
Year 11: Marilyn Bellett & Lewis Manalili

Year 7

Dux Larissa Isakov
2ndPlace Alyssa Seccull
3rd Place Mouriya Senthilkumar

Year 8

Dux Alyana Cabral
2ndPlace Christian Canete
3rd Place Isis Martirez

Year 9

Dux Jessica Hostiadi
2ndPlace Khang Nguyen
3rd Place Katrina Quizon

Year 10 :

Dux Joanna Chapko
2ndPlace Allison-Chloe Shepherd
3rd Place Scott Hall

Year 11 :

Dux Nicolas Canete
2ndPlace Lewis Manalili
3rd Place Sebastian Duhau & Gavin Pereira

Year 12 Accelerated

Mathematics – Year 12 : Nicolas Canete
Mathematics – Extension 1 – Year 12 : Nicolas Canete

Sportsmen of the Year

Year 7: Hamish Ram
Year 8: Scott Anschau

Year 9: Patrick Estrada
Year 10: Julian Felizardo
Year 11: Edoba Osariemen

Sportswomen of the Year

Year 7: Teliha Mahood
Year 8: Tyra Olsson
Year 9: Tayla Deverell
Year 10: Madelaine Hudson
Year 11: Stephanie Mulholland

Most Improved in Learning Award

Year 7: Dylan Espiritu & Nicolas Sciarra
Year 8: Sean Cordoba
Year 9: Joseph Petersen
Year 10: Ketan Singh
Year 11: Zina Saleh

Leadership Award :

Kristen Hombre & Dustin Jusay

Commitment to Study – The Reuben F Scarf Award

Year 10: Andrew Santoso

Best All Rounders

Year 10: Ann Sy
Year 11: Stephanie Mulholland

Rotary Award for Citizenship

Year 10: Chanae Ince

Outstanding School Service

Year 10: Ketan Singh
Year 11: Ryan Mahon

Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Awards

Year 10: Kristen Hombre
Year 12: Dwayne Siniska

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARD WINNERS

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP TEAM 2014

Executive

College Principal
Assistant Principal Learning Communities
Assistant Principal Learning & Teaching
Assistant Principal Leading Learning
Leader of Learning Religious Education
Leader of Learning Religious Education
Business Manager
Executive Secretary

Mr Nic Vidot
Ms Shauna Nash
Mr Michael Hall
Ms Lisa-Maree Browning
Mrs Tania Melki
Mr Anthony Culbert
Mr Sean McNally
Mr Julie Sabine

Leaders of Learning—KLA

Leader of Learning - English HF
Leader of Learning - English JP11
Leader of Learning - Creative Arts HF
Leader of Learning - Creative Arts JP
Leader of Learning - HSIE HF
Leader of Learning - HSIE JP11
Leader of Learning - PDHPE HF
Leader of Learning - PDHPE JP11
Leader of Learning - Mathematics HF
Leader of Learning - Mathematics JP11
Leader of Learning - Science HF
Leader of Learning - Science JP11
Leader of Learning - TAS HF
Leader of Learning - TAS JP11
Leader of Learning Support
Leader of Learning Technologies

Mr Andrew Kuchappan
Mr John Morrissey
Mrs Pauline Ryan
Mr Antonio Chiappetta
Mrs Helen Sobiesiak
Mr Alan Johnson
Mr Nathan Weaver
Miss Claudine Desira
Mr David Carey
Ms Tracey Thomson
Mrs Wendy Rudman
Mrs Caroline O'Hare
Mr Michael Said
Mr Scott McLeod
Ms Karen Smith
Mrs Sarah Anzellotti

Leaders of Learning—Pastoral Care

Leader of Learning - Pastoral Care
Leader of Learning - Year 7
Leader of Learning - Year 8
Leader of Learning - Year 9
Leader of Learning - Year 10
Leader of Learning - Year 11
Leader of Learning - Year 12

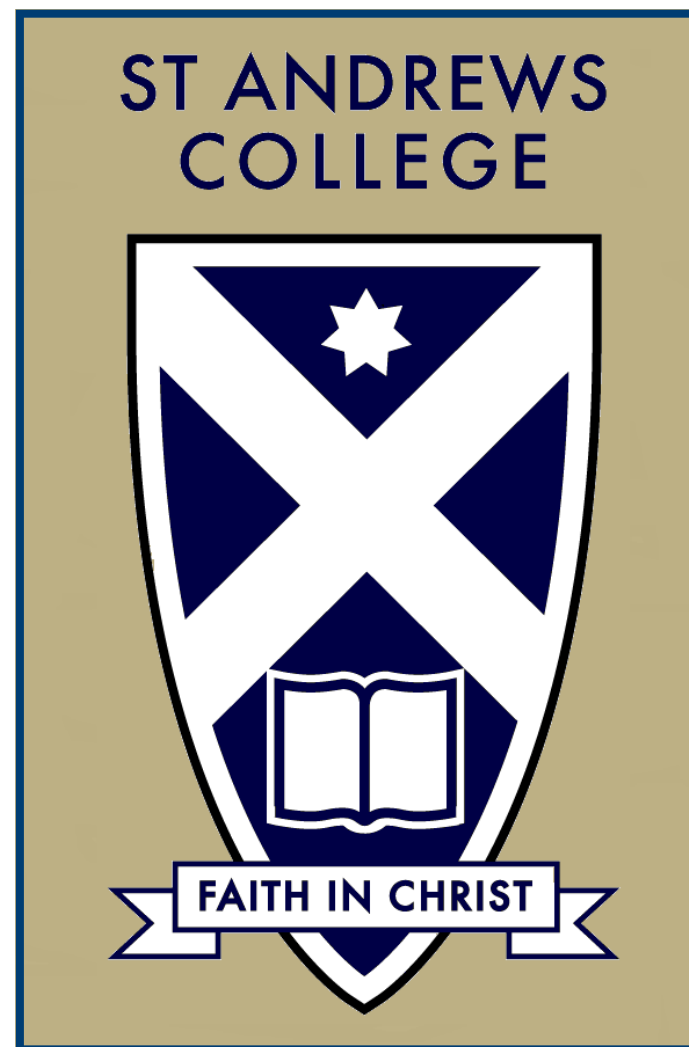
Mrs Sue Cooper
Miss Andrea Mansfield
Mr Peter Bowd
Ms Melissa Blackwell
Mrs Carol Martin
Mr David Frankham
Mrs Dianne McKinnon

School Counsellor HF (Tue, Wed and Friday)
School Counsellor JP11 (Mon and Tues)

Mrs Anne Ross
Mrs Anne Bezzina

Acting Leader of Learning - Sport

Mr Liam O'Kane



“Doing More Going Beyond”

COLLEGE LEADERSHIP TEAM 2014

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL LEADING LEARNING

As we begin 2014, I would like to welcome back returning students and their families and extend an especially warm welcome to our Year 7 students and all students new to St Andrews College. Despite the extreme heat of last week, students and staff all demonstrated great enthusiasm for continuing or beginning their learning journey at St Andrews. I encourage all students to take advantage of the wisdom and experience that their teachers offer. The staff is absolutely committed to helping all students achieve their goals. For many, these goals will include improving marks or grades that were achieved last year. This will require determination, hard work, practice and perseverance. As the year progresses, it is important that we try to maintain the enthusiasm and energy of our first week as this will contribute towards achieving a positive year.

As we begin the year, a reminder to all students and their parents or carers that the college uniform requirements are clearly spelt out in the student diary and on the website. While the majority of students adhere really well to the expectations, there is a need to remind some students of the College requirements. In particular, girls

are reminded that skirts must cover the knee and no make up is to be worn. Boys are reminded that they must be clean-shaven.

Students should have all their equipment, including uniform items, clearly labelled.

As communicated separately last week, the Opening School Mass is on Friday. Students from Holy Family campus will be transported by bus to the St Andrews Parish Church. Full school uniform is to be worn.

The energy and anticipation of a new year is an exciting time. As I join St Andrews College, I look forward to working with students, parents and the staff to continue building a great learning community.

Lisa-Maree Browning
Assistant Principal Leading Learning



□“Being a Person For Others”

FROM THE LEADERS OF LEARNING - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Combined Staff Mass

Every year the St Andrews Community gathers to celebrate Eucharist, marking the beginning of the school year. Welcoming new and returning staff from: St Andrews Primary School, St Andrews College and Catechists of the Parish.

This year's theme was 'School Community as Family'. The Gospel challenged us to recognise that in our daily work we carry on Jesus' ministry, that we are all truly family in doing God's work. Fr Ron expressed that we as educators continue the work and enrich the lives of all students we work with academically, socially and spiritually. As a Community we join together to really build a better place for our students to learn and grow with a strong sense of conviction.

We welcome the following staff: Jessica Bisazza, Lisa-Maree Browning, Ruth De Rooy, Rita El-Azzi, Michael McLoughlin, Ruth Salonga, Emily Pett, Peter Bowd, Maria Kervin, Andrew Kuchapan, Andrea Mansfield, Liam O'Kane, Jessica Shnoudi and Amy Wallis.

Annual fundraising events:

Vinnies:

Every year the St Vincent de Paul Chapter has a strong commitment to raising awareness but also to raise funds. Our major fundraisers are coming up and we would like you to support our cause. Years 7 to 12 on the 14th February support our fundraising for Valentine's Day and buy a rose, all money raised goes to St Vincent de Paul. All roses must be paid for by 13th February, receive a card, write a message and let us do all the work for you and deliver your rose personally on Feb 14th. It's that simple. So start thinking who would you like to buy a rose for and support the St Andrews, St Vincent de Paul chapter.

Shrove Tuesday:

We hope you like Pancakes, you can never stop at one, so order a stack!! Early March Pancakes will be on sale to raise funds for St Vincent de Paul. Order your pancakes on the JP Campus and let us cook them for you. Don't forget to choose from a variety of toppings available and most importantly enjoy!!!!



Ash Wednesday 5th March

Students will begin their preparations for Lent. The College will have 2 masses for Ash Wednesday. Years 7 to 10 will gather for mass at 10am in the Holy Family Hall, on the Holy Family Campus. Years 11 and 12 will join the Parish Mass at 12 noon. All are welcome to attend.

Year 11 Studies of Religion Excursion

All year 11 students should have received an excursion permission note. Every year as part of our studies we attend The Central Jewish Synagogue in Bondi and The Turkish Galipoli Mosque at Auburn. Presentations are given at both

venues and time allowed for students to ask questions. Always a worthy excursion, one that students reference to throughout Years 11 and 12.

Year 11 Retreats

Coming up on the 20th and 21st March Year 11 students will be attending the Year 11 Retreats. Students will be divided up into house groups and sent to four different sites for the retreats. I ask that permission and medical information is returned quickly.

Mrs. Tania Melki
**Leader of Learning
Religious Education**

St Andrews College is part of St Andrew the Apostle Catholic parish, Marayong, and offers religious education, liturgical and spiritual opportunities for students to develop an understanding and appreciation of Catholic faith

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER



Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

School Fees

Term 1 School Fees are due by, 7 March 2014 – please ensure that any arrears are paid immediately. If you wish to discuss your future payment options, please telephone Linda Hardy – Student Accounts on 9626 4006.

Supervision

The college provides supervision on the Holy Family Campus from 8:30am Monday to Friday.

Parking

I remind you of the need to keep vehicles out of College grounds between the following times: 8am to 9.15am and 2.45pm to 4pm. Only those who display their authorised parking letter signed by myself will be permitted to enter the college grounds. Students can be safely dropped off and collected on Benalla Crescent. Parents wishing to make a purchase from the College Shop or pay school fees may enter the main parking area. However, these

spaces are limited and you may be best parking on Quakers Road. If you are entering the college grounds you are reminded to 'slow down'.

Furthermore, great care is required when students cross Quakers and Breakfast Roads. Make sure students use the appropriate crossings. Quakers Road has a lights crossing.

Thank you, for your cooperation regarding this important matter.

Sean McNally
Business Manager

SCHOOL FEE DUE DATES 2014

Term 1

Friday, 7 March 2014

Term 2

Wednesday, 7 May 2014

Term 3

Tuesday, 22 July 2014

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday

8:30am—9:30am

Thursday

8:30am—9:30am

FROM THE LEADERS OF LEARNING

Year 7

A huge WELCOME to St Andrews College to our new Year 7 students for 2014!

And what a fabulous start to the year they have had already...

Arriving on the first day of school, most students looked very nervous but also delightfully excited as they embarked on their new surroundings here at the college. We began with our transition program, which meant that the students got to meet their learning advisors, class teachers, peer support leaders and each other. They were also introduced to a practice assessment task and iPad training so that they felt prepared for the following week of normal class routine. All students thoroughly enjoyed these three days and felt comfortable with the daunting idea of starting high school by the end of week one.

I'd like to personally thank all our Year 7 learning advisors for their assistance with the transition program. We have a wonderful team here in Year 7 who will assist the students every step of the way during their high school years.

And lastly, a huge congratulations to the following students who have been elected learning group leaders for their houses –

B2 – Mrs Bradford / Miss Pett
Meryem Sonmez
Andrew Girgis

B14 – Mr Weaver
Jemma France
Joshua Garland

C4 – Ms Montano
Gilbert Bautista
Isabella Santos

C6 – Ms Youssef
Ryan Richardson
Ella Kumpulainen

F4 – Ms Lipec
Irene Baik
Tyson Stone

F6 – Miss Simmonds
Allison Futialo
Tom Kalemusic

G10 – Mr Lenehan
Ti Anna Horsley
Dylan Butler

GB15 – Mr Kuchappan
Janayah Ferguson
Ethan Sibucac

I am delighted to be the students' leader of learning and look forward to many successful times with them throughout their time here at St Andrews.

Kind regards,

Andrea Mansfield
Leader of Learning - Year 7

Year 8

Year 8 has returned full of enthusiasm for an important year in their secondary education. At our opening Year Meeting the Year 8 students were challenged to make this a year of making smarter choices with regard to all facets of their schooling life. In addition Year 8 were reminded that at all times they should strive to produce their best work and let nothing stand in their way of achieving. This is a year to concentrate on building and maintaining good working relationships with peers and teachers alike that will serve the Year 8 cohort well now as well as into the future.

I would like to congratulate the following Year 8 students who were elected by their peers to be Learning Group Leaders for Semester 1:

B3 Suzie Lipovac and Shania Perera
B8 Emily Badelles and Patrick Balilo
C1 Kate de Guzman and Jonathan Tan
C3 Erin McKinlay and Jan Vallar
F1 Larissa Isakov and Thomas Bienasz
F2 Anshu Sahai and Amon Kalekuri
G1 Isabella Hudson and Josh-Miguel Florentino
G9 Mouriya Senthilkumar and Kye Walter-McArdle

Mr Peter Bowd

Leader of Learning - Year 8



FROM THE LEADERS OF LEARNING

Year 9 Report

Greetings and a very warm welcome to all the students and their families to Year 9, 2014!

We have the following new students:

Krichelle Adams CB7
Nicholas Carroll CB7
Manpreet Kaur CB7
Angad Singh B12
Nathan Tagle F5
Diana Zerafa B5
Benjamin Greenup B12

May your time at St Andrews be wonderful filled with many blessings.

At last Friday's Year 9 Assembly the Learning Group Leaders were presented with their badges of responsibility. I know they will be excellent role models for the Cohort and valuable assistants to the Learning Advisors. These students are as follows:

Bennelong

B5
James Xuereb
John Sudario

B12
Griffin Reynolds
Martin Ibrahim

Chang

CB6
Jonathan Caalim
Stephanie Magno

CB7
Zac Allan
Manpreet Kaur

Frances

F3
Helen Logali
Angela Boustany

F5

Christine Maran
Nancy Akol

Gould

G7
Chetna Jangra
Taraswin Maynoor

G8

Jeric Gould-Matienzo
Karishma Singh

May God bless you all in your leadership roles.

Last week the Year 9 lockers arrived and are placed behind the Chang classroom block. All students have an allocated locker to put their iPad and other valuables into when they are at Sport/ P.E. lessons and any other times when the learning device is not needed. However students are reminded not to leave their iPads in their lockers overnight. They need to be charged each night, ready for the next school day.

In the safety of all students, I remind parents that Harvey Park at Benalla



Crescent is the best place to drop off and pick up your children each day. The staff car park at the front of the College is for teachers or for parents that have an appointment in the office or are buying some item from the school shop. Please do not drop off students in the drive way – it is far too dangerous.

Assessment booklets will be distributed to all students within a next few weeks, outlining the different assessment tasks for each subject. It is important that all students understand the expectations and procedures of the College, as clearly outlined in the Learning Planner.

I will leave you with the wonderful thoughts Hilary Zakria of CB6

shared at the Year 9 Assembly last Friday, the Prayer meant so much to all of us.

“All of us experience change in our life, change that will empower us and teach us lessons. What are your goals for the New Year? Good grades? Less detentions than in Years 7 and 8? To join a sporting team in 2014 or even to pay attention in class?”

There are people dying for an education and you are being educated now! The question is, what are you going to do with it? And remember do more and go beyond. “

Ms Melissa Blackwell
Leader of Learning -Year 9

FROM THE LEADERS OF LEARNING

Year 10

Welcome to 2014. I hope you had a Merry Christmas and that the new year has been kind to you and will continue to be. The students have returned with a positive attitude and have settled into their classes quite well. As we lead into the last year of Stage Five it is vital to tone up the study regime so as not to become overwhelmed as assessments/examinations and Stage Six draw closer.

During our pastoral lesson last week, the students watched "Surviving Student Stress", where a discussion/worksheet was completed on what study stress is, the causes and some typical signs/symptoms to be wary of. We all experience stress but it is essential the students recognise this and have practical ways to ease the stress load including:

- good time management and planning of studies
- physical body care – diet/exercise
- good relationships with friends
- a balanced social life
- outside school interests – sports/hobbies

- value of supportive parents, siblings, teachers and friends

By now the Year 10 students have set goals for term one which should be written in their Learning Planners. Please view these and support your son/daughter in their desire to achieve their goals.

A goal is a way station on the road of life

The Learning Group Leaders were chosen for semester one and I have great trust that these students will carry out the role superbly.

Bennelong

B9 Mr Hazzaz
Laura Egalla & Tyrell Gutierrez
B13 Mrs Borg/Mrs Lovern
Jade Crocker & Tomas Honey

Chang

CB4 Mr McBride
Dana Gwyther & Noah Krivokapic
C5 Mrs May
Earvin Lualhati & Carlos Quintana

Frances

F7 Mr Roseby
Joseph Macaraeg & Raeval Milo
F8 Mrs Rudman
Jacinta Crowley & Deniz Fuad



Gould

Mrs Welch
G2 Brittany Fletcher & Madison Franklin
G5 Mrs Kramer
Keshav Patel & Ancilla Toenroe

Year 10 have been very fortunate in retaining most of their Learning Advisors but also we welcome Mrs Nicole Lovern and Mrs Therese May to the Year Ten 'family'.

Carol Martin
Leader of Learning Year 10

FROM THE LEADERS OF LEARNING

Year 11 & 12

Welcome back to school to Year 11 and Year 12 and especially to those students who are new to our College. All students are to be commended on the start they have had so far. Time will pass quickly, Year 11 will move into Year 12 and Year 12 will be sitting their HSC exams.

Senior students must remember that to be successful and achieve their personal best their studies should be their main priority. They need to be organised, always prepared, complete all work and assignments, be punctual and have a positive attitude. They also need to have balance in their lives, which can be achieved by getting involved in other activities the college offers. This will also help to broaden their learning.

All students are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the College Expectations found in the Learning Planner regarding:

- Uniform: skirt is to the knee, NO make-up, No nail polish or acrylics, boys clean shaven, clean shirt, use deodorant

- Attendance: everyday is compulsory including half-days and all sports carnivals
- Punctuality: arrive before 8:35 for morning Learning Group, at the end of recess and lunch move to class quickly.
- Assessments: are to be submitted on the due date.

Year 11 Assessment Meeting
Year 11 and their parents will have the opportunity to have the Preliminary HSC Assessment Programme and Policy explained on **MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY** in the student common room on the JP11 Campus. The meeting will commence at 6:00pm and ALL students and at least one parent are expected to attend. The Preliminary Assessment Booklet will also be distributed at this meeting.

Thursday Afternoon

On Thursdays Years 11 and 12 have a normal school day, periods 1 – 6, finishing the day at 2:45pm. They do not participate in the sport and activity program that runs on the junior campus. The students are still permitted to wear their sports uniform.



Year 12 Learning Advisors

B3 - Travis Kolek
B4 – Jason Lucia
C7 – Lyndal Dennis
C9 – Beatrice Chung
F13 – Scott McLeod
F16 – Claudine Desira
G19 – Rita Obeid
G31 – John Morrissey

Year 11 Learning Advisors

B1 – Liliane Pracey
B14 – Dianne Williams
C10 – Carmen Barbara
C20 – Alan Johnson
F28 – Raj Jayaratna/Caroline O'Hare
F29 – Henri Stathopoulos/
Antonio Chiappetta
G30 – Maria Kervin

G32 – Mark Dito

Drivers

Students eligible to drive to school must first complete a Driver Contract before driving to school. Drivers can only carry a maximum of two passengers. Passengers are to complete a Passenger Contract prior to being in the car.

We wish each and every student success throughout 2014.

Mrs Dianne McKinnon
Leader of Learning – Year 12
Mr David Frankham
Leader of Learning – Year 11

LEADER OF LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

A new school year brings a new set of IT successes and challenges. For some of our students this journey began last year with our "Year Nine 2014 iPad Bootcamps". These were run in the final weeks Term 4 and introduced the then Year Eights to the idea of using an iPad as a tool for learning. We also introduced them to the new IT contact form and to the diocesan google apps platform of Classm8. As the year unfolds I'm hoping to use the newsletter to record elements of our 2014 IT journey which includes DrewsLearning, iPads, Classm8 and the continuation of using technology to enhance the learning of our students.

SkoolBag

Last year St Andrews College launched an app which we will be using it to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. To put it on your smartphone just search for St Andrews College, Marayong and download it. It is available for download via the



iTunes Store or the Google Play Store.

IT Assistance

There are two ways students can access IT assistance. The first way is to complete the IT contact form that is found on the front page of DrewsLearning. Once a student completes the form it generates an entry and one of the IT team looks at solving the issue. Students will either receive an email to their school email address or a note will go on their Learning Group role. The great thing about this form is that it is accessible 24/7 even if the IT staff are not.

The second way is only currently available to students on the Holy Family campus. Our School Technical Support Officer Mr Silveri and/or our IT Trainee are in the library at recess and lunch time on Monday to Thursday and at lunch time of Friday. If the library is closed then an announcement with an alternative venue will be made.

It is hoped that students use one of the above methods when they are having issues connecting their device or with their user name and passwords for any of the IT services provided at St An-

drews College. The IT contact form is checked by Mr Silveri, Miss Halls or myself and responses are usually received by students within 24 hours Monday to Thursday. If forms are completed over the weekend it is usually Monday before students receive a response.

About DrewsLearning

In 2011 St Andrews College introduced our own learning management system which we call DrewsLearning. All students have a login to our DrewsLearning site which is accessible via the url <http://www.drewslearning.net>. Their user name is the same as the one that they use to access the computers at school. In 2014

the focus of staff is to ensure that each course our students are enrolled in is populated with information such as copies of assessment tasks, worksheets, urls that can be useful in the study of course content. In

future newsletters look for example of what some of our pages look like.

About student iPads

This year we have expanded our iPad program to include Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9. As mentioned previously we ran an iPad Boot Camp in 2013 for Year 9 to ensure their iPads were set up for our system. Last week I worked with Year 7 to enrol their iPads and connect them to our network. In upcoming weeks students are encouraged to visit their self service app and check out some of the apps we have added to our suite. They will also find a copy of their assessment booklet under ebooks in this app.



About Classm8

In 2013 the Parramatta Catholic Education office launched their branding of Google Apps for

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Education. They have branded it as Classm8. It means that all our students now have cloud storage for all their documents, an email address that can be used to communicate with staff which is a controlled environment. What this means is who they can email is restricted to other students, staff members using their College email address and organisations like the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards. Classm8 accounts are accessed using the same username and password that are used for the computers. There are other restrictions placed on students by the diocese.

To access classm8 students need to visit <http://classm8.parra.catholic.edu.au>

I wanted this newsletter article to provide you with a brief overview of some of the technology initiatives at St Andrews College. I'm a firm believer that technology isn't the "be all and end all" of the 21st

century but feel it is becoming increasingly necessary to spend time informing our staff, students and parents of the many pros and cons of technology use. I especially think it is important that our students make personal and informed decisions about how they use technology both at school and outside school.

I am always happy to discuss any

issues that parents have with regards to technology use and can be contacted either via email as sarah.anzellotti@parra.catholic.edu.au or on the College number.

Mrs S Anzellotti



CAREERS



The University of Notre Dame

Logos for Schools

It is the intent of the University of Notre Dame Australia School of Philosophy and Theology to offer a version of the Logos Programme to secondary education students. The aim of the programme is to provide interested Year 11 students with an opportunity to undertake introductory study of philosophy and ethics within the framework of a tradition that emphasises the importance of metaphysical investigation and which is open to religious faith and to the integration of faith and reason.

The advantages of taking the Logos programme:

- Students develop higher order thinking and communication skills including the ability to analyse, think critically, engage in reasoned argument, synthesise, and evaluate;

- The skills fostered and promoted may assist students in their HSC studies;
- Upon successful completion of the two Logos units, students will be eligible to apply for advanced standing for two core curriculum units in any undergraduate degree offered by the University of Notre Dame Australia;
- The fees for the Logos programme for secondary students are less than the equivalent fees at university level.

The two units will be offered during school holidays:

- Logos I – Philosophy – Monday June 30 – Friday July 4
- Logos II – Ethics – Monday December 15 – Friday December 19

Logos I introduces students to basic philosophical questions and arguments regarding the nature of thinking, reality, truth, and the human person spanning the entire history of the tradition of philosophy.

Logos II introduces students to the discipline of ethics, the key ethical theories (especially natural law theory, virtue ethics and deontology), practical decision-making and moral evaluation.

Assessment:

Upon completion of each unit, students will be asked to submit an assessment. Logos I will require a 1500 word philosophical essay. Logos II will require a 1500 word ethical case study.

Fees:

Cost per unit is \$600.

Application Process:

Logos for Schools Programme is open to Year 11 students, who demonstrate a genuine interest in philosophy and ethical questions. Students need to complete a Logos for Schools Application Form and have it signed by a parent/guardian. Students need to write a 500 word statement outlining why they would like to complete the

Logos for Schools Programme. Applications Forms need to be supported by a letter from Mr Vidot.

Interested students should see Ms May for further details and an application form.

Ms Therese May



JUNIOR JUDGES EXCURSION 10-12-2013

“The Library tour was a great excursion that enhanced my understanding of the various services and resources available to me.” – Student

On the 10th of December 2013, a group of Year 10 students led by Ms Lipec travelled by train to the State Library of New South Wales and the City of Sydney Library. This excursion allowed students to explore the various resources and services available to them for their future academic use. The students toured the City of Sydney Library located in the renowned Customs House in Circular Quay. With a collection of over 50,000 items, the 40 minute tour consisted of visits to the Reading Room, exhibitions, internet and computer facilities, cultural collections and a selection of local and international newspapers and magazines.

and manuscripts. The Mitchell Library opened in 1910 and contains Australia’s greatest documented collection of our cultural heritage. The library was named after David Scott Mitchell, a collector who donated his entire collection of books to the library. Overall, the day provided the students with an opportunity to acquire an understanding of dynamic and resourceful learning.



“On behalf of all students that attended this excursion, we would like to thank Ms Lipec for the organisation of this event”

JAPANESE IMMERSION WORKSHOP @ ANU, CANBERRA DECEMBER 2-3, 2013

We embarked on our journey to Canberra at 4am from Sydney. It was too early but we were all already excited to see what was in store for us during the two days.

The moment we set foot on the Australian National University (ANU) grounds, we were already amazed at how big it was! It was like we walked through a neighbourhood with buildings, dorms, parks, etc. Nathania, being the loudest and excited, said she would love to attend ANU if she was allowed.

The first day of the Asia Immersion Workshop was quite interesting and nerve wracking. After registration, we were all separated and put into different groups that we were to stay with for the two days. The fact that we were separated made us feel intimidated. Nevertheless, after a few sessions, we all made a handful of friends and it was enjoyable communicating with other students in Japanese. Although the Japanese teachers during each session talked at a fast pace in Japanese, it was quite difficult yet understandable. However, it really did help us a lot.

Other than learning more Japanese, there was also a session when we learned about the Humanitarianism in the region. The purpose of this session was to raise the awareness about countries that suffer from natural disasters and informing us that today, there are still people striving to live with the help of AID workers. It actually became a useful two and a half hour session learning about how survivors react in these situations, the roles of AID workers and journalists.

Day 2 at ANU was an opportunity for us to learn more about Japan and their culture although a lot of the sessions we had were simply recaps of what we had already studied in our four years of studying Japanese. Although a lot of the contents we'd gone through had already been taught to us by Miss Mizukami, it was refreshing to cover it again.

Although it was very informative towards the end of day two, it was interesting hearing the many stories and experiences about the many opportunities that ANU students were given. Travelling, learning and teaching overseas were just the few of the opportunities the students were able to experience! Just the fact that you're travelling into a different country and experiencing things out of your comfort zone is amazing! I'm sure we all want to experience those opportunities while studying at university.

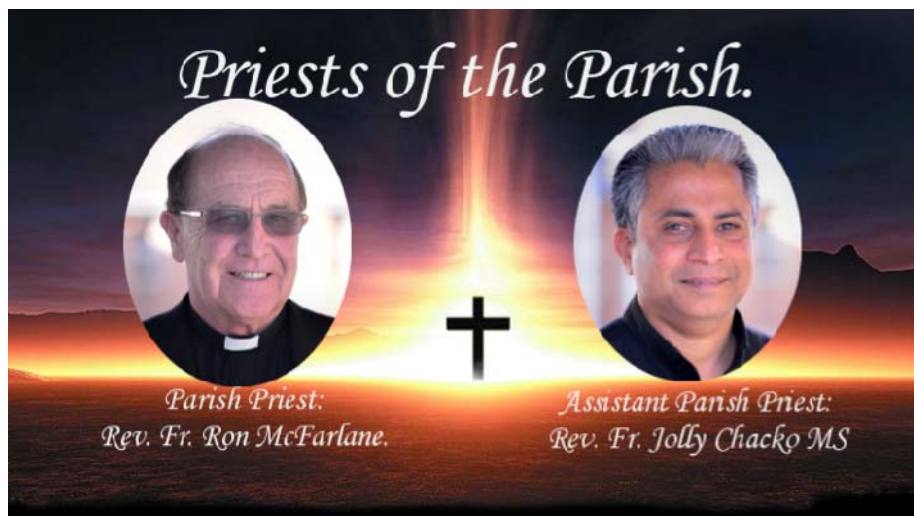
Overall, it was fun-filled two days full of learning, communicating, presentations and making new friends! In fact, we were all astounded at the fact that the University was so big and offered so many studying opportunities that we all started thinking of studying at ANU.

We'd all like to thank Miss Mizukami for giving us this opportunity that has helped us in our Japanese studies and for Mr. Roseby for coming along to help supervise and also share with us some of his experiences in Japan!

Year 12 Japanese Continuers
Kaysey Del Rosario & Isla Martirez



ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC PARISH



Sunday Masses: Saturday 6.00pm (Vigil Mass) Sunday
7.30am, 8.45am, 10.30am

Weekday Masses Monday to Wednesday 9:00am Thursday
8:00am Saturday 9.00am

Novena Mass: Wednesdays 7.00pm

Mass for the Sick: 9.00am - 4th Saturday of the month

Visitations and Communion to the Sick and Housebound:
Please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Days of Obligation and other special Feast Days:
7.00am, 9.15am, 12 noon and 7.00pm

Sunday School: Every Sunday morning after 8.45am Mass

Holy Hour: Every 1st Friday 7.00pm to 8.00pm

Sunday School: Every Sunday morning after 8.45am Mass

Youth Mass: Every 3rd Friday 7.00pm - Followed by SAYWAT
program. (Saint Andrews Youth Word and Teaching).

Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 10:30am on First Weekend of
each month



Upcoming Events

Term 1, 2014 Annual General Meeting - Mon 3 March 2014, 7pm - iPad Awareness

Diocesan Assembly Centre(DAC) Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St Blacktown
27/10/2013 04:00 PM until 3/3/2014

Term 2, 2014 General Meeting - The Most Reverend Bishop Anthony Fisher - Mon 2 June 2014

Diocesan Assembly Centre, Cnr Flushcombe Rd and Marion St, Blacktown
12/11/2013 until 2/6/2014

PRC Reflection Day - Rev Fr Richard Leonard - Sunday 18 May 2014

"Winbourne", Edmund Rice retreat * Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa
12/11/2013 until 18/5/2014

Term 1, PRC Presentation: The Transition to High School: Helping your child to build resilience & navigate change - Wed 26 Mar 2014

St Paul's Catholic College, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes
12/11/2013 until 26/3/2014

Term 2, PRC Presentation: Senior Subjects & UAC Choice Selections - Help for Senior Students - Tues 17 Jun 2014

Loyola Senior High School & Trade Training Centre, 91 North Pde, Mt Druitt
21/1/2014 until 18/6/2014

FROM THE BISHOPS OFFICE

Diocesan Positions

Administration Assistant: Holy Spirit Seminary. Closes 9 February.

Parish Secretary: St Joseph's Parish, Kingswood. Closes 9 February.

CCD Regional Coordinator: Holroyd/Parramatta Region. Closes 14 February.

Youth Minister: St Bernadette's Parish, Castle Hill. Closes 28 February at 5pm.

Full details of these roles and position descriptions are available in the Employment section of the Diocese of Parramatta's website: www.parra.catholic.org.au

Fr Wim Hoekstra Pilgrimages Information Afternoon: 9 February

Fr Wim Hoekstra, Parish Priest of St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is organising two pilgrimages in 2014: 7-23 July taking in France and Italy (Paris, Lisieux, Lourdes, Rome, Assisi, Siena, Florence) and 19 September – 4 October (September school holidays) for Israel and Jordan. Information afternoon on Sunday 9 February at St Finbar's Parish Hall, 46 Levy St, Glenbrook: 2.15-3.30pm for the France & Italy pilgrimage; 3.45-5pm for the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Limited places available. For flyers and booking forms, click on News and Events at www.stfinbars.org.au or contact Fr Wim tel (02) 4739 8928, wim@stfinbars.org.au

Volunteers needed for Chisholm Cottage, Westmead

Chisholm Cottage provides 'a home away from home' for country families attending hospitals and clinics in Westmead. This low-cost, short-term accommodation is managed by Sisters of Charity Outreach and owned by the Catholic Women's League (Aust), Diocese of Parramatta Inc. The Cottage needs volunteers who assist with house duties, answer the phone and provide a welcoming presence to residents. For more information, please contact Maria McNuff, Volunteer Coordinator & Educator, tel (02) 8382 6437, 0404 861 523, mmcnuff@stvincents.com.au

The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel

The inspiring insights in this publication put forward by 12 prominent Australian Catholics follow the release of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*. Published by Catholic Mission and Catholic Religious Australia, *The Francis Effect: Living the Joy of the Gospel* is available free online and in book form.

Contributors to the *The Francis Effect* include: Fr Noel Connolly SSC, Head of Mission Studies at the Columban Mission Institute; Fr Tim Norton SDV, Australian Provincial of the Society of the Divine Word Missionaries; Julie Edwards, CEO of Jesuit Social Services; and Joe Moloney, Research Officer with the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office.

To read *The Francis Effect – Living the Joy of the Gospel* free online visit www.catholicmission.org.au/thefranciseffect

To order a print copy call 1800 257 296 or visit www.catholicmission.org.au

Holy Spirit Mission: 14-16 February

'Have Faith in God' (Mk 11:22) presented by Br Lalith Perera, international speaker and founder of the Community of the Risen Lord. Catholic Charismatic Renewal Diocese of Parramatta is hosting a program that includes Br Lalith speaking on: Receiving powerful faith is a gift from God (Fri); Sickness and problems can be overcome by truths revealed by faith (Sat); Faith and the Holy Spirit bring the Kingdom of God into the here and now (Sun). There will be Sunday Mass, Reconciliation, Prayer Ministry, Children's Ministry. Times: Fri. 7.30-9.30pm; Sat. 9am-4pm; Sun. 11am-5pm. Free entry, donation appreciated, coffee & tea provided, BYO lunch, package meals for purchase. Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills. Details: Gerard 0404 093 118, Ansela 0400 280 886, Charles 0425 840 362.

Christian Meditation: 16 February

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction & Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery at Arcadia. Program includes presentations, Introduction to Christian Meditation, two periods of meditation, Eucharistic Celebration and information exchange. Arrive 10am for 10.30am. Concludes about 3pm. BYO picnic lunch. Tea & coffee provided. Books & CDs for sale. Monastery is at 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, tel (02) 9653 1159. Self-catering accommodation may be available in the monastery guest house. Contact Br Terry 0438 282 318. Inquiries: Ann Bergman (02) 9498 2625, anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas (02) 9456 4775, alomas@bigpond.com

Beliefs and Practices of Australian Catholics – what we know and why it matters: 19-22 February

This conference is an initiative of the Pastoral Research Office of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC). It will be an outstanding learning opportunity for clergy, diocesan personnel, parish leaders, parish staff and others in the Catholic community. Presenters include: His Excellency Archbishop Paul Gallagher, Apostolic Nuncio to Australia; Dr Mary Gautier, senior research associate at the Centre for Applied Research in the Apostolate in the US; Dr Bob Dixon, Director of the ACBC Pastoral Research Office. Bob has a PhD in sociology from Monash University as well as degrees in science, theology and education. Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. Program and registration: <http://www.pro.catholic.org.au/node/56> For more information: tel (03) 9953 3457, office@pro.catholic.org.au

Holy Hour for Vocations: 20 February

Everyone is welcome to join the Holy Hour for Vocations at 7pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month for an hour of adoration, prayer, music and quiet time. Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. To find out more about priesthood in the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta contact Fr Warren Edwards – Vocations Director: tel 0409 172 700, vocations@parra.catholic.org.au

LENT 4 REAL: Join the Journey! 28 Feb-2 March

Inviting young men and women (18-35) to a Lenten retreat at Mount Schoenstatt. This weekend aims to help young adults make the most of their Lent. Begins 7pm Friday 28 February; concludes 4pm Sunday 2 March. Venue: Mt Schoenstatt Retreat Centre, 230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. For further details or to register, contact Sr M Julie Bracar 0408 738 334, juliebracar@gmail.com

Tour of Elizabeth Bay House: 4 March

Enjoy a day out with the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Built for the Colonial Secretary, Elizabeth Bay House is a superb example of colonial architecture and is elegantly furnished with the interiors representing 19th Century life. Cost: \$35 includes entry and morning tea. Lunch at Doyle's at Watsons Bay (own expense). Bus departs 8.45am at 20 Virgil St and 8.50am opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes.

Book early to avoid disappointment – deposit of \$20 required. Marie (02) 9896 7046, 0414 782 358 or Frances (02) 9636 5548, 0421 027 119, francesgrima@optusnet.com.au

Sisterhood Conference: 7-9 March

Sisterhood is a national Catholic women's movement that seeks to support women from all walks and stages of life. Sisterhood operates under the banner of the St Benedict's Eucharist Centre in Canberra and Fr Ken Barker MGL is the spiritual director. The conference draws together women of all ages for a weekend of prayer, reflection, formation and fellowship. The program includes keynote speakers, workshops, the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, adoration and prayer.

Speakers: Sr Mary Rachel OP, Katie Kobler, Anna Krohn, Patrick Langrell, Karen Doyle, Fr Steve Fletcher MGL, Francine Pirola, Trish McCarthy. Venue: The Tops Conference Centre, Stanwell Tops. Cost: \$225 includes meals & accommodation. BYO sheets, towels, toiletries, etc. Further information and registrations: Felicity Pollard tel 0420 541 772, info@sisterhood.org.au

Faith at the Fiddler: 13 March

A forum for young people aged 18-35 to gather together to discuss issues of faith and spirituality in the friendly and warm atmosphere of Sydney's most famous pub. Speaker: Dr Ryan Messmore, President of Campion College, Toongabbie. Topic: Theology of the Body – Answering the Deeper Questions; the Meaning of Sex and the Body. Time: 5pm-7pm. Venue: The Greenway Room at the Mean Fiddler, cnr Commercial & Windsor Rds, Rouse Hill. Details: Steven Buhagiar – Catholic Education, Parramatta sbuhagiar@parra.catholic.edu.au

Australian Catholic Historical Society Colloquium: 16 March

God in the Lodge: The religious beliefs of Australia's Prime Ministers. Speaker: Roy Williams, lawyer and author of the international best-seller God, Actually. Starts 2.30pm, admission free, no membership required. Crypt Hall of St Patrick's at Church Hill, Grosvenor St, The Rocks.

Inquiries: Dr John Carmody, President ACHS, (02) 9417 2082, john.carmody@sydney.edu.au

Central Coast tour with pelican feeding: 1 April

Enjoy a day out on the Central Coast with the social group from Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes. Cost: \$30 includes morning tea and pelican feeding. Lunch at Digger's at The Entrance (own expense). Bus departs 8.30am at 20 Virgil St and 8.35am opposite OLQP Church, 198 Old Prospect Rd, Greystanes.

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ADVERTISING

SOCCER REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

St Patrick's Soccer club is now open for registrations for boys, girls, men and women of ALL ages. Located at Harvey Park, Marayong, St Patrick's offers a great environment for everyone to play this great sport.

To play for St Pats you can register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au or you can attend one of our information days:

When: Friday 31/1/14 from 3pm to 5pm and Saturday 1 February 2014 and Saturday 8 February 2014 from 9.00am to 1.00pm;

Where: St Patrick's Church Foyer, 51 Allawah St Blacktown

For more information about registration please go to our website www.stpatssoccer.com or call Silvana Martignago on 0422 747 235.

The 2014 season is starting soon so register early to secure your spot at St Pats.

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