

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to term three!

This is the "final stretch" for our Year 12 students. They are entering the straight with the finishing line in sight. The race is not yet finished, so our Year 12s are bracing themselves to keep their form through to the end. Let us pray for their continued diligence and dedication in their studies and trial examinations.

The end of an era in the finance office of the College comes with the retirement of Mrs Bev Chalmers, our finance secretary. Mrs Chalmers has the served the college with distinction for over 25 years and for 17 years as Finance Secretary. Her loyalty, personal and professional integrity, dedication, commitment, organisational skills, attention to detail and leadership have been outstanding in every way possible. Mrs Bev Chalmers will be greatly missed. The College is most thankful for her outstanding and exemplary service. We wish "Bev" every Blessing and joy in her retirement.

Debating has finished for another year. Our Year 9A team reached the semi-finals of this prestigious debating competition. They debated the topic "That our lives have become too complicated". After a very tightly argued debate from both sides our team were very narrowly defeated. We are very proud of Jan Vallar, Nupur Makwana and Larissa Isakov. They excelled throughout the season. Congratulations. I thank all the staff who coached, all the students who debated, chaired, time kept and assisted with

hospitality. Another great debating season for St Andrews College!

At the beginning of the term we hosted a Night of Excellence in the St John Paul II Centre on the senior campus. This was a wonderful evening where parents experienced the outstanding work of our students. Even though the evening was cold many of the community attended. I thank the following who organised and helped with the production: Mr Scott McLeod, Mr Antonio Chiappetta, Ms Henri Stathopoulos, Mrs Michelle Trefler, Mr Jason Lucia, Mr Javier Araujo, Mr Michael Said, Ms Cassie Knezevic, Ms Jessica Bisazza and all other staff who made it possible. I thank our VET Entertainment and Hospitality students who assisted on the night and in its preparation.

We are called to be Shepherds. We are called to be Eucharistic. Let us witness to "Eucharist" in how we live inclusively.

God Bless you. Nicholas Vidot Principal



Faith in Christ is the College motto. Faith in Christ gives us our sense of meaning and purpose.

Coming Events

27th July -	12th August
10th August	Student Forum
HSC Trials 28th July	Mufti Day Sport Jersey
Year 10 Mass	13th August
Years 7-10	Year 7 Science
A-K	Australian Reptile
Parent /Student/	Display
Teacher Interviews	Incursion
29th July Activity Photos	14th August Athletics Carnival
30th July	17th August
Australian Maths	Year 10
Competition	Brent Saunders
4th August	Guest Speaker
Years 7-10	18th August
L- Z	Year 8 Mass
Parent/Student/ Teacher Interviews	Year 8 into Year 9 Electives Due
10th—11th August Staff Professional Learning Days	18th August Year 8

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Year 8 into Year 9

Elective Information

Evening

Reflection Day

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL STUDENTS

Absence

I have recently checked the absences of the students in the College. As part of the process we need to be able to have all student absences explained. The following points outline the procedures that the college will take to address absence rates of students:

- During the year, if a student is absent more than five days the Leader of Learning - Pastoral will contact the family to discuss the pattern of absence. Absence will be monitored and intervention will occur if the rate of absence continues to rise.
- If a student accumulates more than seven unexplained days absent, a letter will be sent requesting an interview with a parent/guardian, the College Counsellor and the Leader of Learning – Pastoral, to discuss this matter and develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.
- 3) If a student accumulates 12 unexplained days absent in a year, a second letter will be sent to the family and the Catholic Education Office Wellbeing Officer and Director of School Performance. An interview will be organised with the College Counsellor and either the Assistant Principal—Students or the Principal. The Attendance Improvement Plan will be revised and support structures put into place.
- 4) If a student has over 20 days unexplained absent a Case meeting will be organised with the Catholic Education Office to discuss the educational risk and future plans.

We understand that sickness, family commitments and other events may increase the number of absent days and this will be taken into consideration in the process. The purpose of this is to ensure that students are in the classroom as much as possible to take care of their learning needs.

The accumulation of absent days has the potential to have a big effect on the learning of a child.

The more a child is in the classroom the more chance they have at success at school. The College will work with families to ensure that every child has the best chance for success at school.

Over the next few weeks families may be contacted by the College to discuss the attendance of their children at the College. This is a process to work with families whose students have accumulated a number of absences.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me during school hours.

Uniforms

The new bags have started to arrive for the Junior Campus. The bags are larger and more suitable for carrying i-pads and heavy books. All students should now be using the correct bag with the only exception being some of the Year 10 students who have been given the special privilege of using the senior bag.

The St Andrews uniform is a smart looking uniform and should be worn appropriately at all times. With the cold temperature at the moment many students are looking for ways to keep warm. Wearing thermal under garments, singlets etc. under the uniform is the best way to keep warm.

A student should not be wearing hoodies or other non-school jumpers and jackets on top of their uniform. Scarves either black or navy may be worn around the neck to help students keep warm.

Junior Reports—Years 7 to 10

Students received their Semester One Reports on Friday 24 July.

Parents are encouraged to make appointments for Parent/Student/Teacher interviews to discuss their child's progress.

God Bless

Nick Thrum Assistant Principal - Students

FROM THE LEADERS OF LEARNING: PASTORAL CARE

Year 10 Report

Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 10 Students,

Despite the blustering winds and cold temperature, the Year 10 students had a most informative morning at the Careers Market last Friday, 17th July. I did feel sorry for the stallholders that were outside but they were ever the professionals and were most helpful answering questions from students despite the gusts of winds that made conversations nearly impossible to hear.

I was stunned by the amount of career choices available to students in the 21st Century. I do hope your daughter or son has shown you all the brochures that she or he collected at the Market. It must be amazing to discuss future adult plans with your teenager, as it probably seems like yesterday that they were babes in your arms!

I congratulate all the students on their behaviour on Friday as they represented the College with great dignity. I would like to thank Ms May, (she is truly a living College Treasure) who organised the time slot, buses and permission forms. Without her administrative skills the morning would not have run so smoothly.

Wednesday, 22nd July was the Subject Selection Interviews for Year 11 2016. This event was also very well organised and now the College Administrators have a clear idea of the student choices for the 2017 HSC.

Dates of important future events for Year 10 are as follows:

28th July – Year 10 Mass as well as A - K Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

4th August L – Z Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews I am looking forward to seeing you all there! At school this term dents are required to wear full winter uniform. The Uniform Shop is open on Monday and Thursday mornings if you require any items of clothing. Please contact me if there are difficulties obtaining any winter items for your teenager.

The last reminder is to contact the College if you have changed residential address, mobile phone numbers and/or email addresses. The College needs to be able to contact you in case of emergency and/or send out vital information regarding the education of your teenager.

Lastly, I wish everyone a great Term 3, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you need to.

Yours in the service of Christ Jesus

Melissa Blackwell Leader of Learning Pastoral



WHAT IS SCHOOLBAG

What is Skoolbag?

Our skoolbag app provides St Andrews College with an easy way to tell parents/carers that notes are coming home, to provide access to the school calendar and to send reminders of upcoming events. It also allows you to complete e-Forms with Change of Details and an Absentee Form.

Skoolbag is a school Mobile App that communicates directly with iPhones, iPads, Android devices and Windows 8.1 devices.

If you have any feedback on the Skoolbag App please feel free to send an email via the app.

How do you install our skoolbag app on an iPhone or iPad?

- 1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
- 2. Type St Andrews College Marayong
- 3. If you have an iPhone, you will see our app appear, click "Free" then "install".
- 4. If you have an iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", our app will then be visible, click "Free" then "install"
- 5. When installed click "Open"
- 6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
- 7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- 8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

How do you install our skoolbag app on an Android device?

- 1. You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
- 2. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device

- 3. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in St Andrews College, Marayong
- 4. Click our school name when it appears in the search.
- 5. Click the "Install" button.
- 6. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
- 7. Click "Open" when installed.
- 8. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
- 9. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

How do you install our skoolbag app on a Windows 8.1 device?

- 1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Device
- 2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
- 3. Install the Skoolbag app
- 4. Find your school either by using the keyboard search or location service
- 5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen
- 6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
- 7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch

Leader of Learning Technologies Mrs Sarah Anzellotti

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DEBATING

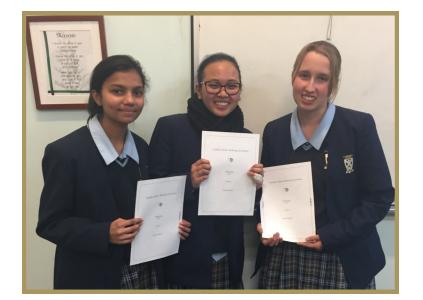
Over the past three terms, St Andrews College has been competing in the 2015 CSDA Debating Competition. It has been a phenomenal season with our debaters going above and beyond by giving up their Friday nights to travel to different schools across Sydney to compete in each round of the competition.

Debating uses the skills of argument to debate and discuss important issues about our beliefs, government policies and proposals on how to improve the world or face up to problems in society. Debating builds a unique set of skills, helping students to analyse problems, think critically, synthesise arguments and present these ideas in a clear and convincing manner. Most importantly, it is a fun and enjoyable experience for all students involved!

Our debaters have shown tremendous skill and dedication throughout the competition and they are all to be commended on a wonderful season of debating.

The 2015 Debating Teams consisted of the following students:

- 7A Shreya Bhaskar, Cinthia Thind, Jerica Cabanit
- 7B Anok Angok, Sonali Singh, Rachel Khalil
- 8A Ebony O'Connor, Sarah Wonson, Jordan Williams-Reynolds
- 8B Abigail Danao, Riddhi Gupta, Mickaella Douglas
- 9A Larissa Isakov, Jan Vallar, Nupur Makwana
- 9B Jamie Bernado, Nathanael Chilcott, Nicholas Menouhos
- **10A** Jonathan Koong, Abbygale Garcia, Mikie Mouxouris, Nicholas Carroll
- **10B** Ysabelle Garcia, Christian Falconer, Joel Mathias, Simranjit Singh
- 11 Marc Isakov, Khang Nguyen, Thomas San Pedro, Anthony Perera, Erin Gray, Emma Mullholland



9A Semi Finalists

Senior Opens Al Fernando Altobano, Jonathan Cabanit, Scott Hall, Jason Depamaylo

Every single team debated to the best of their ability and it was fantastic to see them all improve each week. It was a very successful season for the College with the 8B, 9A and Year 11 Debating teams making it through to the Elimination rounds. Our 9A team also won their Quarterfinal round and finished the competition as Semi-Finalists, which is an amazing and hard-earned achievement.

During the season St Andrews College hosted three rounds of the debating competition and it was amazing to see so many students volunteer their time to act as chairpersons and timekeepers. Thank you so much to every single student who was involved and offered their assistance – particularly those students who helped out all three times! Also I would like to thank Mr Javier Araujo and his Hospitality students for providing the catering for each of these rounds.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS DEBATING

St Andrews College would not be able to enter the Catholic Schools Debating Competition if it wasn't for the wonderful staff at the College who gave up their time each week to support the students. Firstly I would like to thank the teachers who came to show their support throughout many rounds; Miss Andrea Mansfield, Mr Nathan Weaver, Mr John Morrissey and Ms Mary Lipec, the students greatly appreciate having you there to support them in the audience.

I would also like to thank Mr Andrew Kuchappan who volunteered to adjudicate some debates which is an integral part of the debating process. Another integral part of the debating process and a part that the students most value is the time that staff members have taken to coach teams throughout the season and act as a source of support and guidance.

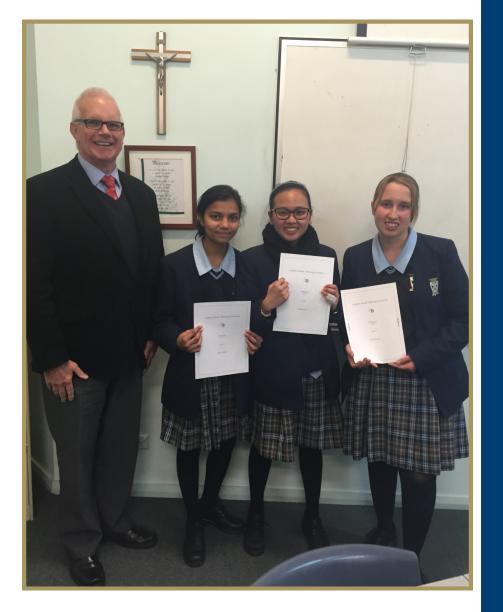
I would like to thank Miss Jessica Bisazza for coaching the Year 7 teams, Mrs Anita Weaver for coaching the 8B team and Mrs Frances Kramer for coaching the 9A team.

I would like to especially mention Mr Travis Kolek who not only coached the senior teams but also adjudicated debates and drove students in the school bus to all the venues around Sydney each week.

Another special mention goes to Miss Lyndal Simmonds who not only coached the Year 10 teams but also provided all debating teams with weekly seminars in order to refine their skills.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr Vidot for his continuous support of the Catholic Schools Debating Competition; all teams appreciate and value his support and guidance across the season.

Thank you once again to all students, staff members and parents for your support of the 2015 CSDA Debating Competition. It has been a wonderful season and I am immensely proud of the entire St Andrews College community.



Miss Emily Pett Debating and Public Speaking Coordinator

YEAR 9 JAPANESE COOKING LESSON

On Monday 22nd of June, Year 9 Japanese class had a cultural lesson with our teacher Miss Mizukami and also with the help from Mr Kau. In this lesson we learned how to make an easy Japanese meal.

Firstly, we watched a video showing how to make "*Onigiri*". *Onigiri* is a Japanese styled sandwich made with cooked rice (*gohan*), salt and *nori* (edible seaweed paper). Miss Mizukami prepared tuna and mayonnaise to put inside the *Onigiri*. She also let us try some Japanese side dishes called *umeboshi* (Japanese salted plums) and *tukemono* (Japanese pickles). We also had miso soup that contained *tofu* and *wakame* (seaweed).

To make the lesson more exciting Miss Mizukami organised an Onigiri Beauty Contest to see which student could make the cutest *Onigiri*. We all had a great time and made very cute *onigiri*, which tasted so yummy.

Overall, it was a great learning experience and I can't wait until our next cultural lesson.

Year 9 Japanese Brianna Deverell





YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY SOUTH COAST FIELDWORK

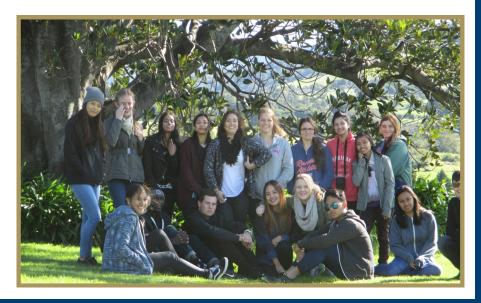


On the 1st and 2nd of June Year 12 Geography students boarded the bus for a two day fieldtrip. The first part of our journey focussed on the spatial patterns of urban dynamics. The group viewed market gardens at Marsden Park; large mansions complete with two tennis courts, circular driveways, landscaped pools, lakes and gardens near Annangrove; the global arc of Sydney at Macquarie Park, the secondary business districts of Chatswood and North Sydney; the culture of places at Kings Cross; examples of urban renewal at Woolloomooloo; urban consolidation at Bondi and finally the older industrial suburbs to the south.

After lunch we travelled to the south coast via Stanwell Tops. By late afternoon the group arrived at Shellharbour to observe the changes to this sleepy coastal town as a result of suburbanisation. There is now a sprawling array of suburbs that have displaced many dairy farms and changed the rural landscape forever. A visit to the very active Kiama blowhole in the late afternoon sunshine left everyone in awe of nature. An overnight stay in Kiama and an excellent Mexican feast followed.

Early the next morning a few members of the group undertook a brisk walk along the shoreline. All joined in for a delicious breakfast at the Amaki Cottage Café. The cold weather ensured that most of the group ordered the 'big breakfast'! After attempting, in gale force winds, to complete a line sketch of the hill overlooking Gerringong we arrived at Crooked River Wines. There was much to learn about the operation of the vineyard and the challenges of producing high quality grapes when the weather is so variable. In January 2013 a heat wave resulted in a day that recorded 47.5°C. Many of the grapes looked like sultanas and 100% of the crop was lost. Although there were some serious setbacks the harvests for 2014 and 2015 were 100% successful and produced quality grapes that are carefully being transformed into beautiful wines. The new manager, Godwin Felice presented a fascinating insight into the challenges confronting this local enterprise with significant impacts from the major upgrade of the Princes Highway. We learned about the high level of technical expertise required as well as the application of the most recent technology. We returned to Sydney having enjoyed a fantastic time away and gaining great insight into the economic activity of wine production. We thank Mr Johnson for driving the bus and Ms Smith for sharing her knowledge of this economic activity.

The Year 12 Geography Class of 2015



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CAREERS

University Open Days

Australian Catholic University

Canberra - 29 August North Sydney Campus 5 September Strathfield Campus - 12 September

Australian National University - 29 August

Central Queensland Sydney Campus - 13 August (2pm—6pm)

Macquarie University - 12 September

University of Canberra - 29 August

University of Newcastle Newcastle Campus - 22 August Central Coast Campus - 15 August

University of Sydney - 29 August

University of Technology Sydney - 29 August

University of Western Sydney Parramatta Campus - 30 August

University of Wollongong Wollongong Campus - 15 August Sydney Campus - 29 August

University of New South Wales Australia Kensington Campus - 5 September ADFA Campus - 29 August

The University of Notre Dame Australia - 29 August

Private College Open Days

APM College of Business and Communication - 1 August

Billy Blue College of Design - 1 August

International College of Management Sydney - 16 August

Macleay College - 22 August

National Art School - 29 August

SAE Creative Media Institute - 8 August

William Blue College of Hospitality Management - 1 August

Automotive Apprenticeships

MTA Apprenticeship Plus is seeking students who wish to pursue a career in the Automotive Industry.

Apprenticeships are in the following trades:

- Light Vehicle Mechanics
- Heavy Vehicle Mechanics
- Plant and Farm Machinery Mechanics
- Spray Painting
- Panel Beating
- Parts Interpreting
- Tyre Fitting
- Transmission Specialist

Interested students are encouraged to see Ms May for an Expression of Interest form.

Blacktown City Council Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Blacktown City Council invites students who are pursuing an Apprenticeship or Traineeship for 2016 to visit their website at <u>www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/careers</u>

Apprentice opportunities maybe offered in the following:

- Carpenter
- Electrician
- Gardener Heavy Vehicle Plant Mechanic
- HVAC Technician (Air Conditioning and Refrigeration)
- Auto-Electrical
- Plumber
- Painter

CAREERS

Trainee opportunities maybe offered in the following:

- Arts and Cultural Development (Arts Centre)
- Corporate Planning
- Blacktown City Information Centre
- Records Management
- Civil and Open Space Maintenance
- Financial Services
- Learning and Development/Human Resources
- Public Relations
- Children's Services

As part of the selection process applicants are required to undertake an aptitude test and a medical examination.

Students are encouraged to see Ms May for assistance with their application.

Day in the Life of a Designer

Billy Blue College of Design and CATC Design School will be holding a Day in the Life of a Designer on Saturday 26th September.

The workshops give students an opportunity to explore their design interests. The day provides students with an insight to what it would be like to work in the field of design or photography.

During the sessions lecturers and Think Education staff will give students information to discover more about the course offerings at Billy Blue and CATC.

Students can choose to attend either a morning session commencing at 9.30am and concluding at 12.30pm; or an afternoon session commencing at 1.00pm and concluding at 4.00pm.

Students can choose from the following workshops:

- Graphic and Communication Design
- Interior Design
- Branded Fashion Design
- Digital Media Design (3D Design and Animation; Interaction Design; Motion Design)
- Photography

Workshops will be held at Think Education – Sydney Campus, 46-52 Mountain Street Ultimo.

Cost is \$20.00

Registration is essential at <u>www.billyblue.edu.au/events</u>

UWS Parent Information Evening

Parents and students are invited to an Information Evening at the University of Western Sydney to learn about the university, UWSCollege and course information.

The evening is an opportunity to ask questions and meet current UWS and UWSCollege staff and students.

Information Evenings will be held on:

- Tuesday 28th July at the Penrith Campus
- Wednesday 5th August at the Parramatta Campus

To find out more information and register visit <u>www.uws.edu.au/parentinfoevenings</u>

Ms Therese May College Careers Adviser

LEADERSHIP TEAMS 2015

College Leadership Team

College Principal Assistant Principal Staff Assistant Principal Learning & Teaching Assistant Principal Students Leader of Learning Religious Education Leader of Learning Religious Education Business Manager Executive Secretary Mr Nic Vidot Ms Shauna Nash Mrs Gabriela Osterlund Mr Nick Thrum Mrs Tania Melki Mr Anthony Culbert Mrs Melissa Welch Mrs Julie Sabine

Leader of Learning—Administration Senior Campus Ms Tracey Thomson Leader of Learning—Administration Junior Campus

Ms Simone McKechnie

Leaders of Learning—KLA - Senior Campus

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Leaders of Learning—KLA

Leader of Learning Support Leader of Learning Technologies Mr John Morrissey Mr Antonio Chiappetta Mr Alan Johnson Miss Claudine Desira Ms Tracey Thomson Mrs Caroline O'Hare Mr Scott McLeod

Mr Andrew Kuchappan Mrs Pauline Ryan Mrs Helen Sobiesiak Mr Nathan Weaver Mr David Carey Mrs Wendy Rudman Mr Michael Said

Ms Karen Smith Mrs Sarah Anzellotti

Leaders of Learning—Pastoral Care

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Leader of Learning - Year 12
College Careers Adviser
School Counsellor

Mrs Sue Cooper Miss Lyndal Simmonds Miss Andrea Mansfield Mr Peter Bowd Ms Melissa Blackwell Mrs Carol Martin Mr David Frankham Ms Therese May

Mrs Anne Ross

Leader of Learning—Sport Coordination Mr Liam O'Kane



"Faith doing Justice"

"Doing More Going Beyond"

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



Blacktown City Cricket Club 2015/16 Registration

Registrations are now open for all age groups U10's through to Seniors.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT

www.blacktowncitycricketclub.com.au

or at our **Registration Day & Sausage Sizzle**



10am - 1pm, Sunday 9th August, Marayong Oval, Davis Road, Marayong



Any inquiries please call Amanda 0417256088

Held every 3rd Friday of the month at 7.00pm and Holy Hour every 1st Friday of the month at 7.30pm at the St Andrews Parish Church.



Due to the historical matters raised by the Royal Commission, if you have been affected you are invited to contact Safeguarding. See below.

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to hear from you

If you or someone close to you has suffered **ANY** abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic group) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options.

You can contact us on:

Phone: (02) 9933 0233 Web: www.parra.catholic.org.au/safeguarding Email: safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au Mail: PO BOX 3066 North Parramatta, NSW, 1750

For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police on 1800 333 000

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