

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to 2017

Welcome to our Year 7 students and to all new students who have commenced this 2017. 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 2016. We achieved great learning gain, one of the best when compared to like schools. We rejoiced in the **All-round Achiever award to Khang Nguyen** who achieved Band 6 for each of his courses and he was placed sixth in the State for Music 1. Furthermore, ten percent of our students received ATARs over 90 and the students received 56 Distinguished Achiever awards (Band 6).

Congratulations to each student for achieving personal bests and gaining entry into their choice of university course, TAFE program, apprenticeship, traineeship or employment. We are very proud of all our students and look forward to hearing how well they achieve in their chosen direction.

Congratulations to our teachers 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.

During the summer holidays one of our students **Ti-Anna Horsley, Year 10**, competed in an international baton twirling competition in the USA. She was awarded a **gold medal** for her group performance and individually she was place 19th out of 300

competitors from across the world. Congratulations on a very fine achievement!

I warmly **welcome** to the College the following new staff: Ms Donna Sim (Drama and Entertainment senior campus), Ms Dominique Goldie (acting Leader of Learning PDHPE junior campus), Mr Jake Dowers (English senior campus), Mr Alex Gretchkosiy (IT trainee), Ms Maria Guion (Teachers Aide in Diversity Team); and welcome back to Ms Sidney Minhee Park, Ms Irene Clayton and Mr Ernesto Aaron all returning from various leaves. We hope that you all have a rich and rewarding experience at St Andrews College.

Our **Opening Mass for the academic year** is on Wednesday the 15th of February at 10.00am on the Junior Campus. Bishop Vincent Van Long Nguyen OFM cap, Bishop of Parramatta will be the main celebrant. While this Mass opens our scholastic year, we are commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the foundation of the junior campus by the Sister of the Holy Family of Nazareth. All parents are warmly invited to attend.

**God Bless you for 2017,
Nicholas Vidot
Principal**



Faith in Christ is the
College motto.

*Faith in Christ gives us our sense
of meaning and purpose.*

Coming Events

14th February Vinnies Roses	22nd March College Swimming Carnival
15th February College Opening Mass	6th-10th March Catholic Schools Week
20th and 21st February Year 7 Camp	6th-17th March Year 12 Mid Course Exams
27th February EM4 Lyn Sharrat Workshop	7th March Open Day Junior Campus
28th February Vinnies Pancakes	Year 11 Synagogue / Mosque Excursion
1st March Ash Wednesday	8th March Year 10 Reflection Day

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - STUDENTS

Dear Parents/ guardians

Welcome back to 2017

I hope that you enjoyed your Christmas Celebrations and had a great time with your children and your families during the summer break. I would like to take this opportunity to start preparations for another great year of learning.

Term 1 important dates

Wednesday 15 th February	Opening College Mass Whole College compulsory event
Wednesday 1 st of March	Ash Wednesday Junior and Senior Liturgies
Thursday 2 nd of March	College Swimming Carnival Whole College compulsory event
Monday 13 th of March	Student Learning Conference Year 7-10
Friday 7 th of April	End of Term 1
Wednesday 26 th of April	First day Term 2

Reminders for the students

Swimming Carnival

The College swimming carnival is on Thursday the 2nd of March this year. This is a whole College event and is compulsory for every student to attend this event. Student will attend the College for Learning Groups and will travel by bus to Blacktown Aquatic Centre for the day. They will return to the College by 3pm.

Opening College Mass

On Wednesday the 15th of February the Opening College Mass will be celebrated on the Junior Campus. This celebration will be shared with the Sisters of Nazareth, the founders of Holy Family school 50 years ago. Students from the Senior Campus will meet on the Junior Campus and return by bus to the Senior Campus after Mass. This is

a whole College event and is compulsory for all staff and students. The College office will be closed during this time.

Attendance

All schools in the Diocese have been set an attendance target of **94%**. This will mean that during a school year all students are expected to attend the College for 180 days out of 200 days. It is expected that there will be times that some students will be sick and cannot attend school. An acceptable absence rate for a term will be around 3 days.

Parents will be contacted by their child's Learning Advisor if the absent days go above this target rate.

Attendance Rate	Student Absence	Educational Risk	Cumulative Absence (10 years of school)
93% or more	Regular	Low-Zero	1 year or less
80 - 92%	Emerging	Medium	1 - 2 years
70 - 79%	Chronic	High	2 - 3 years
69% or less	Complex	Severe	3 year plus

There is a lot of potential damage to a student's learning and progress the more time they take off from school. It is important that each student is at school as much as possible to take advantage of every learning opportunity.

A reminder to families, if your child is late or absent they must produce a note written by the parent/guardian and signed by the parent/guardian. You have seven days to produce the note or the absence or lateness will be recorded as an unexplained. **If the reply is by SMS please enter the child's name, the reason for absence (keep it short, e.g. sick) and the date of absence.**

If you have a planned absence a written application must be lodged with the Principal before you are absent from school. With a change of legislation, there is more paper work that must be completed for absence. Families are discouraged from having family holidays

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during term time, however we are aware that there may be a few exceptions.

If there is a problem with attendance, the College will make contact with each family to develop an attendance plan to ensure classes are not being missed.



Lateness

As with absence, lateness to school has the potential to cause significant harm to the students learning. Parents are asked to ensure their child is at school on time every day. There will be times that are unavoidable but if a pattern of lateness is evident the families will be asked to attend a lateness meeting to address the problem.

Uniform

Just a reminder about the College uniform. St Andrews College has high expectations about the way each student wears the uniform. It is expected that each student is dressed according to the College Uniform Policy (which is in the student's planner).

The College uniform expectations were developed by the College community and represent what the parents, students and College expect to see a St Andrews College student looking like. I ask all families to work with their Learning Advisors and Leaders of Learning Pastoral as they keep the standards set for the College Uniform.

Each male student is expected to be clean shaven each day. If facial hair is noticeable, they will be asked to remove it.

No male students are to have earrings of any type including clear plastic ones. Females are allowed to have one set of earrings in their lobes that are simple gold or silver sleepers or studs with a small jewel in them. All other earrings will be asked to be removed. No nose rings, tongue rings or any other piercings are acceptable.

Hair should be one natural colour and neat and tidy. Girls are to have their hair tied back at school. Boys are to have short hair according to the College policy. If a student's hair is not acceptable, families will be contacted to have it rectified.

Communication

The first way to communicate with the College is through the Student Planner. Teachers will use the Planner to communicate small

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concerns or praises. If you have any concerns you can contact the students Learning Advisor who oversees a small group of students during the year or the class teacher of different subjects. If the matter is a major concern you can ring the College to speak to your child's Leader of Learning - Pastoral or Leader of Learning - KLA. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any concerns with your child's progress in class.

The College will start using the Skoolbag App this year for many of its notes and notifications. The App is free to download from the App store on either Apple or other devices. Search for "St Andrews College Marayong skoolbag" and install the app. If families do not have access to skoolbag they will be asked to notify the College early in the term.

Using the College car park

Parents are reminded that they are not to be using the College car park to drop or pick up students off unless they have permission from the College. There have been a number of times where students with disability have not been able to park because other parents are parking in their assigned spots. Please drop students off on Quakers Road or Benalla Crescent.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the College. I am looking forward to another wonderful year for the College and working with the great St Andrews College community.

God Bless
Nick Thrum
Assistant Principal - Students



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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - LEARNING AND TEACHING

Welcome to another busy and exciting year for learning. The **NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA)** replaced the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards NSW (BOSTES) on 1 January 2017. NESA is in the process of building its new website, which you can visit now at educationstandards.nsw.edu.au. This website will provide links for students to **Students Online**, the resource for all Year 10 to 12 students regarding senior schooling.

Year 11 Information Night – 6th February. Thank you to all the families who braved the heat and joined us for the Information Night. The Year 11 Assessment Booklet was handed out to students on the night and some valuable information was given regarding senior school, assessments, ICT, attendance and well being of students. Students should see Mr Bowd to collect their information booklets if they were unable to attend.

Year 7-10 Assessment booklets will be finalised in the next couple of weeks. All Assessments Booklets will be placed on DrewsLearning.

Subject Changes: Any requests for subject changes are to be finalised by week 4. Students must have approval from their parents for subject requests and signed off by the teachers affected by the changes. If a change is approved, students are expected to catch up on any missed work.

NUMERACY GOAL: The College sets a Numeracy goal each year. This year our goal is centred on student growth in Mathematics with a particular focus on Year 8 students. We will be building our understanding of mathematics and using problem solving skills to solve challenging tasks. Ask your children what they are doing in Maths and get them to teach you! Numeracy skills can be developed further at home through games and involving your child in everyday activities such as estimating the shopping, calculating speed or time when travelling, working out timetables for transport or predicting the outcome of an event.

Maths Puzzle of the week (EASY) – Place the numbers 1-9 into the boxes below to make all number sentences correct: 2 has already been given.

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Gabriela Osterlund
Assistant Principal - Learning & Teaching



FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith In Christ....

Formation Goal: To know and understand the person of Jesus Christ as the fulfilment of the Hebrew Scripture prophecies.

*Share with those in need and you will be rewarded.
Is 58:7-10*

It is in our first Sunday reading from Isaiah that helps to shed light on Jesus' meaning: 'Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn.' It's a message of justice and right relationship not only with God but with one another also. 'Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25

Opening Mass for Staff and Catechists of St Andrews Marayong

Staff from St Andrews Primary, College and Catechists of the Parish gathered on January 27th to celebrate Eucharist marking the beginning of the school year. Monsignor Ron led staff in understanding their role in Living by Faith crucial to our work in a Catholic community and the importance of developing their faith, many times learnt through modelling at school and at home.

Year 7 Commitment Liturgy

On the 30th of January Year 7 began their journey as students of St Andrews College. Year 10 and Year 7 students gathered on a very hot afternoon to celebrate the Commitment Liturgy. School captains Ebony O'Connor and Isaiah Lazaro led the students in the readings and reflection. The readings focussed on knowing that your path may not always be clear but knowing that God is always on the journey with you and that is where you will find strength and guidance in finding your path. Thank you to Year 7 for your willing involvement leading the prayers of the faithful and the outstanding singing of the School Song. *Welcome Year 7!!!*

Opening School Mass

The College Opening School Mass will be celebrated on the 15th February on the Junior Campus. The mass will mark the celebration

of the 50th Anniversary of the Sisters of Holy Family Nazareth. The establishment and dedication to education for the Quakers Hill and Marayong communities. The Eucharist will be celebrated by Bishop Vincent and Monsignor Ron. Parents are invited to attend with Mass beginning at 10am.

St Vincent de Paul

The St Vincent de Paul students are already fast at work promoting their first fundraising activity across the College, selling roses for Valentines Day. Roses can be ordered and paid for on both campuses. Your rose and message will be delivered to the recipient's learning group on the morning of the 14th February. Roses are \$4.00 each Please support this event with all money raised going to St Vincent de Paul.

Catechist Training

Year 10 students interested in being part of the Catechist program are reminded that training is taking place on the 17th February. Please ensure your paperwork is submitted with the Parish office and then to me via the front office on the Junior Campus.

Vinnies Van Training

Year 11 students have been offered the opportunity to receive the necessary training to go out on the Vinnies Van. A long standing tradition in the College, students are asked to register at the front office and return paperwork to be allowed to receive the training on the 20th February. Students who have already registered should have already received a letter please return this asap to the front office.

Holy Family Aged Care Centre

This year in line with the Social Justice Statement 'A place at the table' the College has set out to establish a partnership with the Holy Family Aged Care Centre. Twenty four Year 10 students have registered to be part of this exciting initiative. The role for the students is to develop relationship and companionship with residents through board games, craft sessions, bingo and bocci. This is part of a ten week program whereby students are leading this partnership with the direction of Alexander Davis the Director of the Aged Care Centre. Thank you to Year 10 students, Ms Becroft and Holy Family Aged Care Centre staff who are making this partnership possible.

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From The Parish

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

This Program will commence in Term 1 for children in Years 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Penance. Registration Forms may be collected from the Parish Office now. During the week and on Sunday 5th and Sunday 12th February between 9.30 and 11.30am

Registration Evening: Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 7.00pm in the Church.

Classes: Sundays 26th February & 5th March 2017 Classes begin with 8.45am Mass and conclude at approximately 11.30am Sacrament of First Holy Communion: Saturday 18th March at 6pm, Sunday 19th March 2017 at 8.45am or 12:15 pm

Facilitators required: Please contact the office. Meeting 7:00pm February 21st

Tania Melki
Religious Education Coordinator
Formation



Dates

Vinnies Van
20th February

Valentines Day Roses
14th February

Opening College Mass
15th February 10am

Catechist Training
17th February

Vinnies Van Training
20th February

Pancake Shrove
Tuesday
Vinnies Fundraiser
28th February

Ash Wednesday
1st March

Year 11 Synagogue/
Mosque Excursion
7th March

Year 10 Reflection Day
8th March

Year 11 Retreat
16th-17th March

Stations of the Cross
7th April

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LEADER OF LEARNING YEAR 7 REPORT

Year 7 Report

To the Year 7 students and families of St Andrews College.

For those of you who have been through this journey before and those new to our College a very warm WELCOME.

The students have settled in quite well considering the oppressive heat and humidity we all have felt over the last two weeks, without any complaints.

I cannot complain either in regards to how co-operative, courteous, well presented and behaved Year 7 are. They must have very good guidance/modelling from home.

The camp will soon be upon us at Collaroy and the promptness of returning notes on time was brilliant as it is a very short turn around arranging cabins, dietary and groups for the activities for the two days. I thank you for completing the note as returning to school is a busy time of the year.

Our Opening School Mass is this Wednesday and is a very special occasion as the whole College will be together for the first time this year, the seniors join us on the Junior Campus. It is a lovely sight each year seeing the students unite and the Year 7 students realising the scale of the community they are a part of now. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Everyone appears happy in the playground as I wander around but if there are issues your child has

mentioned, please don't hesitate to contact myself or their Learning Advisor so we can work together to alleviate any concerns you or your child has. There is nothing worse than to find out someone hasn't been happy with myself or the way things have gone way down the track.

Please let us know otherwise I can't help and I am here for Year 7 (2017) through to year 12 (2022) God willing.

Carol Martin
Leader of Learning Year 7



LEADER OF LEARNING — PASTORAL CARE

Year 12 Report

A very warm welcome back to Year 12! I do hope the Summer holidays were memorable and students were able to reflect on their successes in 2016 and set even more goals for 2017.

It is remarkable that this Cohort has only three terms left until their HSC Exams. I know the time will fly past and so it is important that priorities be set early in Term 1. Prioritising turns good intentions into positive actions. I am happy to help students discuss their action plans for HSC success before school, lunch or after school.

Learning Centre will be on Wednesday afternoons in the library from 2.45pm – 4pm. It is an excellent opportunity to discuss with the teaching staff questions that may need clarifying in terms of completing homework and or assessment tasks.

The Year 12 Mid – Course Exams begin Week 7, Term 1, Monday, 6th March. All students now have their Learning Planner and a copy of Term 1's Assessment task Schedule. The Exam Timetable will be published and issued very soon too.

Students and parents can access other effective ways to study on DrewsLearning. Mrs Cooper has read and posted articles that are very helpful in combating stress and gaining success in this HSC year. Just go to the Year 12 target icon and click for many practical hints to make 2017 the best year yet!

Congratulations to all Year 12 students who have passed their driving test; it is indeed a great accomplishment. However if a student intends to drive to and from the College and/or be a passenger in a student's car they must have completed a parent/guardian permission form. These forms may be obtained from the front office or from me. I then inform the teachers who are on afternoon duty.

Another administration and legal requirement is for parent/guardian permission for students to leave early in the afternoon if they have study periods. Once again the specific form can be obtained from the front office or by me.

Our first assembly, the High Achievers Assembly was held on Friday the 10th of February. It is always a thrill to celebrate academic success with students who have been so keen and conscientious throughout their school lives and share their excitement as their tertiary plans are fulfilled.

The 2017 Opening College Mass will be very special too. It is a great opportunity to give thanks to God for the sacrifices and hard work of the Holy Family Sisters as they made their dreams come true to establish a school where all could do more and go beyond! Their service is an inspiration.

Melissa Blackwell
Leader of Learning Year 12



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Hack in a box

In November last year, St Andrews College participated in an exciting new initiative by Inventium, called 'Hack In A Box'. We were among the first schools to be involved in this trial program – so there was a lot of excitement and anticipation. In fact, St Andrews College was the first school in NSW to be involved.

The premise for Hack In A Box, is that students work on a real life 'teenager relevant' challenge. For our students, the challenge was from Virgin Australia – 'How To Make Flying Fantastically Fun For Teenagers'.

One Year 10 class was chosen to be a part of 'Hack In A Box', and these students met with the Inventium presenters everyday for 60 minutes, for five days.

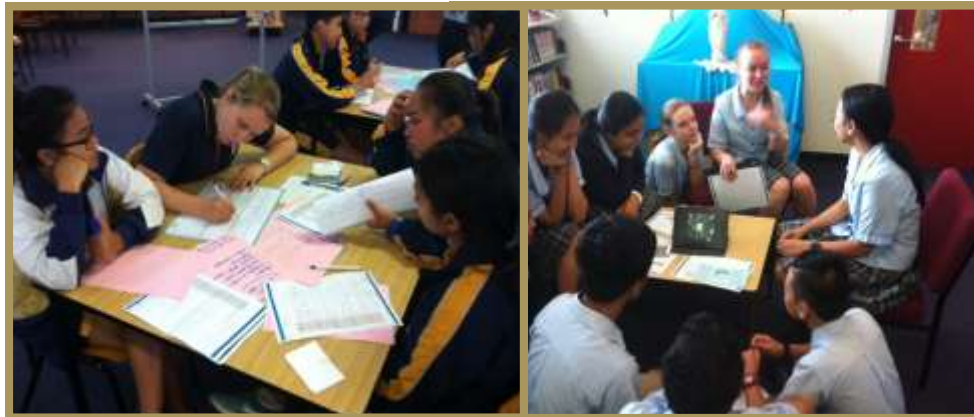
It was a fantastic experience for our students as they were guided through the process of turning their ideas into a final product. Students were encouraged to 'think outside the box', to seek feedback and to back their ideas. The culmination of Hack In A Box was to make a pitch to Virgin Australia with their ideas. We received a video from Chris Stubbs (Manager, Brand Development and Innovation at Virgin) with his feedback on our student's pitches & ideas.

The video can be viewed at:
<https://vimeo.com/195463787/55eb57d00d>

Hack In A Box was an incredible experience for our students - they were engaged, had fun, were creative, inventive, collaborative and basically had a ball.

St Andrews College has been invited to be part of the second phase of the Hack In A Box trial this term– so watch this space for updates!

Sue Cooper
Leader of Learning Pastoral Care



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Safer Internet Day 2017

Tuesday February 7 2017 was Safer Internet Day. It was an opportunity for us to get involved and unite for a better internet.

Why not look at the DIY esafety checklist to see how safe your internet habits and online behaviour really are.

For more information, visit the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner website at: www.esafety.gov.au

Sue Cooper

Leader of Learning Pastoral Care



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Every week in Term 1, Year 10 Peer Support Leaders meet with their Year 7 Peer Support Groups. We have had two sessions already this term. The first session was an information packed session - the Leaders showed Year 7 how timetables work and other important school information, such as the names of teachers and a few of the rules.

This week students discussed different scenarios relating to friendships – how to meet new friends; what happens if your friendship groups change; what to do if you are in a different class to your friends. It is great to have our wonderful Peer Support Leaders share their experiences as they help their Year 7 students settle in to high school.

Sue Cooper
Leader of Learning Pastoral Care



LEADER OF LEARNING — PASTROL CARE

2016 HSC STUDENTS ACHIEVE GRAEAT RESULTS



The first Senior Campus Assembly held on Friday the 10th of February celebrated the outstanding 2016 HSC results.

Ten St Andrews College students achieved an ATAR of over 90. Our ATAR Dux Khang Nguyen achieved an ATAR of 99.40, ATAR 2nd Place Marc Isakov achieved an ATAR 98.35, ATAR 3rd Place Katrina Quizon achieved an ATAR of 97.15. Khang also achieved sixth place in the State for Music.

The following students all achieved ATARs above 90 Jessica Hostiadi, Kenneth Samson, Shamjutha Vashanthan, Antonio Amoranto, Tayla Deverell, Emma Mulholland and Keshav Patel.

Three students were nominated for their Major Works. Khang Nguyen for his Music 1 Major Work in Encore, Safiye Semerci for her Design and Technology Major Work in the Shape exhibition and Rober Milazzo for his Industrial Technology Major Work in the InTech exhibition.

Nineteen students were listed on the 2016 HSC Distinguished Achievers List for achieving Band 6 in a course of study or a Band E4 in an extension course. In 2016 these students collectively achieved 54 Band 6 or Band E4 results.

Our 2016 HSC Distinguished Achievers were:

Ariik Ajak

Mathematics General 2
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Antonio Amoranto

Biology
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Senior Science

Alice Apalak

Biology
Legal Studies
Studies of Religion I

Roseanne Cruz

Design and Technology

Tayla Deverell

Food Technology
Mathematics General 2
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Matthew Duffin

Mathematics General 2

Desa Espiritu

Music 1

Erin Gray

Entertainment Industry

Jessica Hostiadi

English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Music 1
Studies of Religion I

Marc Isakov

Engineering Studies
English Advanced
Mathematics Extension 1
Physics
Studies of Religion I

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2016 HSC STUDENTS ACHIEVE GRAEAT RESULTS



Claudia Linares Motterle

Community and Family Studies
Studies of Religion I

Emma Mulholland

Community and Family Studies
Mathematics General 2
Hospitality (Food and Beverage)

Bayley Navarro

Information Processes and Technology
Music 1

Khang Nguyen

Chemistry
English Advanced
Legal Studies
Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematic Extension 2
Music 1
Studies of Religion I

Alec Palijo

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Studies of Religion I

Keshav Patel

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Katrina Quizon

English Advanced
Mathematics
Mathematics Extension 1
Studies of Religion I
Visual Arts

Kenneth Samson

Mathematics Extension 1
Mathematics Extension 2
Studies of Religion I

Shamjutha Vashanthan

Community and Family Studies
English Advanced
Mathematics

Major Works Nominations

Robert Milazzo

InTech—Industrial Technology

Khang Nguyen

Encore—Music

Safiye Semerci

Shape—Design and Technology

Khang Nguyen and Erin Gray encouraged students from Year 12, 11, 10 and 9 to stay focused and work hard. Khang also reminded students that the best results come from working with their teachers and fellow students. Whilst Erin highlighted that a Vocational Education and Training subject can lead to a successful university education.

The College Leadership Team extends their congratulations to the students and commends the teachers who mentored them along the way.

“Each student has enhanced their outcomes through participation in the full life of the College, Congratulations!”, said Mr Nic Vidot, Principal.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD



3 February 2017

Dear friends,

Re: Royal Commission Case Study 50 – Catholic Church Authorities

The final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse commences on 6 February 2017.

For the victims and survivors, for the Catholic community and for many in the wider Australian community, this hearing may be a difficult and even distressing time, as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand why and how these tragedies occurred.

Deeply mindful of the hurt and pain caused by abuse, I once again offer my sincerest apology on behalf of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Parramatta. I am deeply sorry for the damage that has been done to the lives of victims of sexual abuse and their loved ones. As Pope Francis said recently, "It is a sin that shames us".

Over the next three weeks, evidence presented during the Royal Commission hearings will be analysed, statistics about the extent of abuse will be made public, and the way forward will be explored. Many of our bishops - including myself - and other Catholic leaders will appear before the Royal Commission. They will explain what the church has been doing to change the old culture that allowed abuse to continue and to put in place new policies, structures and protections to safeguard children and vulnerable adults.

Pope Francis has urged the whole Church to, 'find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated'.

Our Diocese will continue working openly and transparently with the Royal Commission and other authorities in order to ensure our child protection policies and procedures are strengthened.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv STL DD
Bishop of Parramatta

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ROYAL COMMISSION INTO INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The Diocese of Parramatta is required to appear before the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Case Study 50. This public hearing is expected to begin on Monday 6 February 2017.

For more information please refer to the Royal Commission website

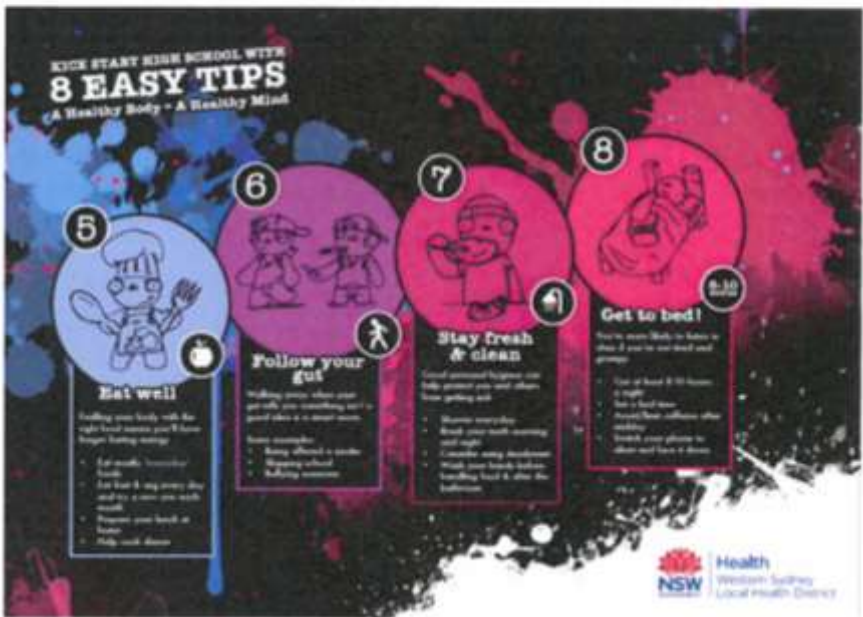
www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au/public-hearings/case-studies

For anyone needing information and support please contact the Diocese of Parramatta information line on **(02) 8838 3470**.

The Child Protection Information Line **1300 661 015** is available for families who would like more information about protocols or support services in Catholic schools run by the Diocese of Parramatta.

Concerns or allegations about any criminal offence should be reported to NSW Police on **131 444**. The Diocese of Parramatta is committed to continuously reviewing and improving its child protection policies and procedures. For more information please visit www.safeguarding.org.au

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Girl Guides NSW & ACT

Do you like being active and having fun outside?
Have you ever put up a tent or made an edible camp fire?
Adore arts and craft?

Join Blacktown - Marayong Girl Guides

5-10yrs join us on Wednesday nights 6:30pm to 8:00pm
10-14yrs join us on Friday nights 7:00pm to 9:00pm
14-18yrs join us on Friday nights 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Cnr of Gribble Pl and Kildare Rd, Blacktown.

For more information, contact Kerri via email: kerramg@hotmail.com
or Lisa Gross (3rd Guidees) blacktowngirlguides@gmail.com
We look forward to meeting all of you, Blacktown - Marayong Guide Leaders



GIVE HOCKEY A GO THIS WINTER
Local games for U7s and U9s
Mixed competition for U11s to U17s
Men's competition
Local fun, skills and fitness sessions for Women

TEMPTED?

Take part in a free come and try session;

Tuesday February 21 and again on the 28th 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Cavanagh Reserve Tennis Courts Northcott Road, Lalor Park

AFTER MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Lyn 9674 2876, 0421 798 242
Visit the website: <http://www.kingslangleyhockey.org.au>

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LEADERSHIP TEAMS 2017

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

Leader of Learning—Administration

Leaders of Learning—KLA - Senior Campus

Leader of Learning - English
Leader of Learning - Creative Arts
Leader of Learning - HSIE
Leader of Learning - PDHPE
Leader of Learning - Mathematics
Leader of Learning - Science
Leader of Learning - TAS

Leaders of Learning—KLA - Junior Campus

Leader of Learning - English
Leader of Learning - Creative Arts
Leader of Learning - HSIE
Leader of Learning - PDHPE (Acting)
Leader of Learning - Mathematics
Leader of Learning - Science
Leader of Learning - TAS

Leaders of Learning—KLA

Leader of Learning Support
Leader of Learning Technologies

Mr Nic Vidot
Ms Shauna Nash
Mrs Gabriela Osterlund
Mr Nick Thrum
Mrs Tania Melki
Mr Anthony Culbert
Mrs Melissa Welch
Mrs Julie Sabine

Ms Simone McKechnie

Ms Maria Kervin
Mr Antonio Chiappetta
Mr Alan Johnson
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TO THE FAMILIES WHO HAVE CHILDREN THEY WISH TO BE PREPARED FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE (RECONCILIATION), FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION IN 2017

In 2011, the Diocese of Parramatta released a revised *Sacraments of Initiation Policy* for children preparing for the above mentioned sacraments. The process of preparation for these sacraments remains as a parish based, family centred program which creates particular opportunities for parents to continue sharing their faith with their child at the appropriate time. The sequence for the reception of these sacraments has returned to the order that you may remember as a child.

The *Sacraments of Initiation* are **Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation**. The Sacrament of **Penance**, sometimes called *Reconciliation* or *Confession*, is also an important part of the journey of faith for all of us. It is necessary to receive this Sacrament before you are able to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

As with all Sacramental Programs it is essential that parents and children are involved. While the students are supported by religious studies in the schools, the actual preparation takes place on a parish and home level. Parents and children are required to attend Sunday Mass and classes, and parents are helped by facilitators who conduct the sessions.

Each year there are opportunities for your children to receive the Sacraments of **Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation**. This is based on the presumption that they have already received the **Sacrament of Baptism**, as this is the pre-requisite for all other Sacraments. Usually the **Sacrament of Penance** is received in Year Two. **First Holy Communion** may be received the year after the **Sacrament of Penance** is received. Preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** may begin when your child has entered Year 5 or Year 6 and have already made their First Holy Communion.

Parents have an essential role in discerning when their children are ready to be prepared for the Sacraments. When they believe this is the case they should present the children for registration in the appropriate Sacramental Program.

There is a definite commitment required of families involved in Sacramental Programs. Parents will have to attend one or two *Parent Education Evenings* in regard to the Sacraments concerned. There will also be an *Enrolment Ceremony* conducted during Mass on a Sunday morning. **Attendance at the 8:45am Sunday masses and all classes during the Sacramental Preparation Program are compulsory.**

Please Note: What does 'Parish-Based Preparation Programs' mean?

What this means in practice is that families need to present their children to their own parish community for preparation.

In other words for people to be eligible to receive the sacrament in St. Andrew's Parish, Marayong, they need to fulfil one of the following criteria --

- » The family must live within the parish boundaries of the Parish and / or
- » The families need to have chosen this parish as their parish community and this is expressed by ...
 - their registering as parishioners of this Parish and
 - by their participation in the life of this parish community.

If you do not live within the parish boundaries of St Andrew's, or are not registered as a parishioner of the parish, you will need to explain why you are seeking the Sacraments here at St Andrew's. This should be done before the Registration Night. It will require an appointment with one of the Priests or the Sacramental Coordinator. Attendance at the schools in the parish does not automatically make one a parishioner of this parish. As all Sacramental Programs are parish based, it is normally the case that Sacraments are received in the parish where you live or the parish where you worship and are involved.

If your child was baptised at a Church other than St Andrew's Marayong, you will need to bring along the child's original Baptismal Certificate.

What should you do now?

The Program for 2017 is outlined below. Please note in your diaries the Registration Period for each Sacramental Preparation Program you wish to enroll your child for and register in person at the Parish Office during that period. **[Only PARENTS can collect a Registration form for their child / children.]**

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

[For children in Year 3 and above who have made their first Reconciliation.]

Registration Period begins:	Monday 30 th January, 2017
Registration Evening:	Tuesday 14 th February, 2017
Classes (Including Mass):	Sundays 26 th and 5 th March 2017
Date of Sacrament:	Saturday 18 th March, 2017 (6 pm) &
(Choose One)	Sunday 19 th March, 2017 [8.45am or 12.15pm]

[Please note – Allocation to the 6pm, 8:45 am or 12:15pm masses will be based on when Registration forms are collected from the parish office.]

Sacrament of Confirmation

[For children in Year 5 and above who will have made their First Holy Communion before the Confirmation Ceremony.]

Registration Period begins:	Wednesday 26 th April, 2017
Registration Evening:	Tuesday 9 th May, 2017
Classes (Including Mass):	Sundays 21 st and 28 th May, 2017
Date of Sacrament:	6 th and/or 7 th June, 2017 [7.00pm]
	[Note: Date of the Sacrament to be confirmed]

Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)

[For children in Year 2 and above who have been baptised.]

Registration Period begins:	Monday 18 th July, 2017
Registration Evening:	Tuesday 1 st August, 2017
Classes (Including Mass):	Sundays 13 th , 20 th and 27 th August, 2017
Date of Sacrament: [Choose one]	Saturday 2 nd September, 2017
(All at 9:30 am)	Saturday 9 th September, 2017 OR
	Saturday 16 th September, 2017

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