



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

FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week commenced with the privilege of speaking at all weekend Masses in the St Andrew the Apostle Parish. Speaking about our **companionship** within the college, I was able to emphasise how our wonderful teachers **accompany** our determined students each day. Further I affirmed the way students accompany each other as they work together to “soar with their strengths”. All of this activity is underpinned by our faith which sees our students living “**Faith doing Justice**” in their daily lives.

This **companionship brings great results for our students**. These results are seen in their HSC results, in achieving personal bests, in their participation and success on the sporting fields and in their involvement in cultural pursuits. Our college is the students’ college. They form and mould the heart of the college each day. I am very proud of our students and staff. **#GoSAC!**

This opportunity to speak about our college was a great entre to Catholic Schools Week. On Tuesday we held our first **Open Day** when over two hundred people toured the Junior Campus led by our knowledgeable and hospitable SRC representatives from Years 8 to Year 10. We had the School Captains **Ebony O’Connor** and **Isaiah Lazaro** speak eloquently about their college and all that it offers. Our two Year 7 students, **Hailey O’Connor** and **Jayden Merhab** spoke movingly about how they have been welcomed into the college and given many opportunities to **soar with their strengths**, in **doing more and going beyond**. I thank all our students for being great ambassadors of St Andrews College.

Our first community event of the year was the **College Swimming Carnival**. The spirit of the college was magnificent and palpable on the day. **Bennelong House** won the overall **championship shield** and the **participation shield**. Congratulations Bennelong! Special mention must go to two fine swimmers, **Scott Anschau** (17 boys) and **Jayan Easton** (15 girls) who broke all five records in their respective age groups. Jayan’s effort broke records set twenty years ago, while Scott’s were ten years old. **Congratulations Jayan and Scott!**

Year 10 students experienced their annual **Reflection Day** last Wednesday. The focus of their discussion and collaboration was Social Justice. It was refreshing to hear their views so well articulated and debated in a spirit of pursuing understanding.

Lent hovers over us. Let this period be a time of deep personal reflection and silence so that we may hear God’s word and respond in action for good with His grace.

God Bless you,

***Nicholas Vidot
Principal***



Coming Events

13th March Coastal Field Trip Year 10 10.1; 10.2; 10.3	29th March Pre-enrolment Meeting Year 7 2018 3rd April Year 7 Vaccinations
15th March Coastal Field Trip Year 10 10.4; 10.5; 10.6	7th April Stations of the Cross Last Day of Term 1
16th - 17th March Year 11 Retreat	24th March Pupil Free Day
23rd March Project Compassion Mufti Day	25th April Anzac Day
29th March Open Day Junior Campus	26th April Students return for Term 2

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - STUDENTS

Student Learning Conference

Our College learning rationale states that our curriculum should ensure, "that all students develop ownership of their learning and through reflective practice continue to learn how to learn". Keeping this in mind the College will be holding a Student Learning Conference evening on **Monday the 13th of March from 3.15pm to 8pm**. The Student Learning Conference is a time to meet your child's Learning Adviser and have a discussion about their progress so far this year.

The night will take the following format:

- Parents will make one appointment with your child's Learning Adviser.
- The interview will be with the Learning Adviser and will run for ten minutes.
- The student will collect some work samples and prepare some responses to some questions about their learning which will prompt the discussion during the evening.
- The student will discuss their strengths and challenges.
- The Learning Adviser, parents and students will develop some learning goals and strategies to achieve their goals.

It should be noted that if you wish to speak to an individual subject teacher regarding your child's learning you are welcome to do that at any time during the course of the year by contacting the teacher directly or through the front office. There will be a formal Parent/Teacher/Student night with the subject teachers in Term 3 this year.

Booking an Interview:

- Open the St Andrews College website:
<http://www.standrewscmarayong.catholic.edu.au>
- At the bottom of the page is a section called "Announcements", open this section.
- Scroll down until you see the section "Year 7 to 10 Student Learning Conferences".
- There is some information regarding the night and a hyperlink called "click here" in the second paragraph.
- Click the button and it will take you to the Student Learning Conference booking page.

- Select your child's Learning Advisor and a time.
- The Leaders of Learning will also be available for interviews if you would like to speak to them.
- Ms May will also be available in the Year 10 space (Library)

Where to go on the night:

- Year 7 Learning Advisers will be located in the Drama room
- Year 8 Learning Advisers will be located in F1 - F2
- Year 9 Learning Advisers will be located in B2 - B3
- Year 10 Learning Advisors will be located in the Library

Attendance

College Target = 94% Actual Rate = 94.7%

Although as a College we are on target, only 83% of student are hitting that target. If a child is sick, they need to be at home but if there is no reason for them to be at home, they should be at school.

On the night of the Student Learning Conference all Year 7-10 students will have their last year's total and the total for the first term of 2017 for attendance. Attendance should be a point of discussion with the Learning Adviser as it can have a big impact on student grades during the year.

Travelling to and from School

I ask all students to be mindful of what happens on the way to school and from school. There are members of our society that may not have the best intentions with our students. Always be mindful of your environment and if there is a problem see the office or your Leader of Learning and report the incident.

If a student goes to Quakers Court, McDonalds or Blacktown in uniform they must be on their best behaviour as they are representing the College. If there is an issue please contact the College and the issue will be addressed.

Mr Nick Thrum

Assistant Principal- Students

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - LEARNING AND TEACHING

You may have noticed that there has been some media attention regarding the HSC. This is because new syllabi have been released in English, Mathematics, Science and History. These syllabus changes will be in place for the 2018 Year 11 cohort.

The other major change is the introduction of compulsory literacy and numeracy tests in order to obtain the HSC. Students will have many opportunities to sit the literacy and numeracy tests from Year 10. At a recent conference, the representative from NESA estimated that the majority of students in NSW will be successful in the literacy and numeracy tests before the end of Year 12. Students who attain a Band 8 or higher in the Year 9 NAPLAN will obtain an advanced standing and will not have to sit the literacy and numeracy tests in Year 10 and beyond.

Here are some links that may help you understand the above changes further:

[new-hsc-syllabuses-minimum-standard-of-literacy-and-numeracy--year-9-naplan](#)

A demonstration test can be found at:

<https://literacynumeracy.bostes.nsw.edu.au/>

Frequently asked questions:

[FAQ - Literacy and Numeracy Tests](#)

NAPLAN Dates:

Term 2, Week 3 – 9th, 10th, 11th May. The 12th May is set aside for catch up exams.

More information regarding NAPLAN can be found at:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/k-10/understanding-the-curriculum/naplan/naplan-parents>

Student assessment calendars are available on DrewsLearning. Years 10 to Year 12 should have registered for students online. Instructions on how to complete this can be found in the booklet.

HSC Personal Timetables will be available to students on the 26th of April via students online.

Gabriela Osterlund

Assistant Principal—Learning and Teaching



FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Formation Goal:

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

Isaiah 1:10. 16-20 God urges Sodom and Gomorrah to search for justice.

In our day of social services, it is difficult to imagine the vulnerability of those without protection in the time of Isaiah. Yet in our society many people are left susceptible and defenceless. In every locality, people suffer from poverty or abuse. We need to keep our eyes open that we may help those who have little or no resources. Jesus' teachings were all about connecting with the less fortunate in society and to be a voice for the voiceless.

Ash Wednesday Mass

The College marked the beginning of Lent with the celebration of the Eucharist on Ash Wednesday. Through this Lent we will walk with Jesus who encounters the Samaritan women at the well, heals the blind man, raises Lazarus from the dead, and finally enters the darkness of Calvary. These Gospel stories take us to the heart of what it means to be baptised into the Body of Christ. We immerse ourselves in the words and deeds of Christ who is the living water, the light of the world and the resurrection and the life.

St Vincent de Paul

The St Vincent de Paul students have done it again and this time it was selling pancakes on shrove Tuesday to fundraise for the St Vincent de Paul society. Another outstanding result was achieved for St Vincent de Paul. Thank you to Miss Pett for coordinating this on the Junior Campus.

Thank you to all College members in support of our fundraising efforts.



LIFTED! Breakfast with the Bishop

Our Senior students represented the College on Saturday the 4th of March by attending a Breakfast forum with Bishop Vincent. The Diocesan Youth Council provided the opportunity for our youth to share in dialogue of our church. Thank you to the students who gave up the time away from their studies to attend an equally important event.

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FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Caritas Australia's annual Lenten Fundraising and Awareness Appeal, Project Compassion came to life this week at our College....

We were privileged to host a Social Justice Forum with special guests Sr Louise McKeogh, Diocesan Social Justice Co-ordinator and this year's Caritas Ambassador, Semeti. Semeti was orphaned as an infant and grew up in a 'squatter' settlement in Fiji. He is now a United Nations Representative for the Pacific Island nations and Director of the People's Community Network, Fiji.

Semeti shared his personal story with our Year 10 and Year 11 students in a very engaging presentation which included student discussion and interaction. Semeti brought to life the day to day reality of many of our neighbours in Fiji - isolation, loneliness, hopelessness and internal struggle in recovering from Cyclone Winston.

Rich in natural resources, Fiji is one of the most developed Pacific Island nations. Yet many Fijians still live in poverty, and the country experiences serious political and social tensions. Caritas Australia is working in Fiji on peacebuilding, human rights, education and

employment. To find out more about Caritas Australia's work in Fiji go to <http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>.

Semeti reminded us in his presentation that we should always "be looking for windows of opportunity" in our local community and internationally to support those who are truly in need of the everyday comforts, social contact and opportunities that we generally take for granted.

Students were inspired by the forum and their comments included the following:

"Semeti's visit to our College enlightened me about the true hardships that Fijians have to face every day and made me realise how important our Project Compassion funds are." Isabella

"Listening to Semeti provided a great influence in my decision in relation to promoting justice." Maame

"It was such an eye opener to see where our Project Compassion funds go and the positive impact they have." Daniella

We thank students and families for supporting Social Justice initiatives within our College like Project Compassion. These offer students a way to deepen their spirituality and strengthen their commitment to living their faith in ways that build a more just world.

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FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



"One thing that my past taught me is to give back to the community what I have learned. I always tell them: I was once in your shoes." - Semit



Junior students with St Louise and Semit.

Project Compassion

On the 1st of March the College Project Compassion Campaign was launched for 2017. Project Compassion demonstrates how love for our neighbours can transform lives this year. Sharing stories from people in the Philippines, Timor Leste, Indigenous Australia, Vietnam, and Fiji.

Their stories humble and inspire us, and show how our contributions to Project Compassion help people build better lives for themselves, their families and their communities. Fundraising

for Project Compassion will be allocated to House groups and Learning Groups for the remainder of Term 1, lets get creative St Andrews College. Thank you to Mr McBride and Ms Becroft who will be promoting awareness across the College.

Vinnies Van - Parramatta and Mount Druitt Night Patrol



Year 10 and 11 students work with Semit during the forum



Many people living on the streets enjoy a hot drink and a visit from the St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol especially as our nights grow colder. Once a month, students and staff from St Andrews College join the night patrol run by St Vincent de Paul to help hand out hot drinks, food, blankets and sundry items such as toiletries and clothing.

Known as the 'Vinnies Van' this College ministry helps people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness with a warm drink, snack and conversation. This helps break through the barriers of loneliness and isolation that many living on the fringe of society experience.

For our students it is a rewarding and highly valuable experience in building connections, developing respect and compassion for those marginalised within our community.



FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Just Leadership Day 6 March 2017

A group of senior and junior students travelled to Parramatta recently to attend a Caritas Australia's Just Leadership Day. Key questions covered during the day included:

What is justice?

What is leadership?

How to be a just leader?

The day was a wonderful opportunity where students were encouraged to become leaders for justice, in their schools and in their communities, for both local and global change. Students worked together and with other schools to explore current faith, peace and development issues.



Year 11 Synagogue/ Mosque Excursion

This week Year 11 students attended an excursion to the Jewish Synagogue in Bondi and Turkish Gallipoli Mosque at Auburn. This excursion is important to their studies for Year 11 and 12. It is important that we promote tolerance in a society that is often inclined to stereotype rather than learn and be open to acceptance.

Central Jewish Synagogue, Bondi



Turkish Gallipoli Mosque, Auburn

Catechist

Our students trained as catechist had their first experience in the classroom this week. Over two days students visited Quakers Hills Public School and Marayong Heights Public School observing the many faces in a classroom and getting prepared for their time to deliver a religion lesson.



The St Andrews College students are super keen and excited to share their faith with the primary school students and most importantly build relationship in our Parish. The SRE program will run every week for the year and it is a real credit to our students and their involvement in the community.

FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

From The Parish

A LENTEN MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VINCENT My dear people, Lent is an important season for us Catholics insofar as it reminds us of the need for conversion. We cannot live life to the full if we gloss over the inconvenient truths about ourselves. We cannot grow to full maturity if we ignore the obstacles that prevent us from reaching our potential. Pope Francis always asks people to pray for him because he says he is a sinner. It is characteristic of a true Christian who recognises the darker side of himself and seeks metanoia, a change of heart. To read Bishop Vincent's Lenten Message in full & watch the video, please visit: <http://catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincent-longs-lenten-message-2017/>

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. 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.

Stations of the Cross During Lent

This will take place during Lent on a Friday evening following Mass. As we have done in the past we would like the groups in the parish to volunteer their services in leading this devotion. If your group is able to volunteer, please contact the office. The proposed leaders for the Stations of the Cross are as follows: Friday, March 17: The members of SAYWAT. Friday, March 24: Friday, March 31: Friday, April 7: The members of HJM as part of the Holy Hour. Good Friday, April 14: This year Good Friday falls in the middle of the school holidays so it is hoped that the

members of SAYWAT will be able to take responsibility for the Stations of the Cross.

Family Lenten Program

The diocesan Life, Marriage & Family Office has produced a Family Lenten Program as a support for families in their faith journey towards Easter. The program is based around the theme of Lead us to Living Water. It is based on the Sunday Gospel reading with reflections, colourful pictures, prayers and activities that the whole family can do together. Copies of this resource are available from your parish and for download at <https://parralmf.org.au/lent2017/>

St Patrick's Family Festival: 18 March

This festival is organised by the Life, Marriage & Family Office and will be held from 2pm—5pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. The Irish themed event will include live entertainment, food, rides for all ages and a historical display about the contribution the Irish have made to our Diocese. The event will also raise awareness about the World Meeting of Families taking place in Dublin next year and raise funds for families to be able to attend. All are welcome! For more information check out: www.parralmf.org.au/St-patricks-day Anyone interested in volunteering to help run stalls, prepare food, assist with crowd management and other duties tel (02) 8838 3441, lmf@parra.catholic.org.au

Tania Melki

**Religious Education Coordinator
Formation**

Dates

16th-17th March
Year 11 Retreat

20th March
Vinnie's Van

7th April
Stations of the Cross



Youth Mass and
SAYWAT

Friday 17th March

LEADER OF LEARNING - PASTORAL CARE

Year 7 Report

Year 7 camp has come and gone for 2017 and it was an absolutely enjoyable experience for all 184 students and 15 staff from St Andrews College. The name is highlighted as the students were a credit to us and of course you already know they are a credit to you – parents/caregivers.

We couldn't have asked for anything more in terms of great weather, venue, activities and food. The whole experience was wonderful and listed below are just some quotes from the camp.

- Got to know our peers better J
- Made new friends and met new people
- Kayaking and sleeping were the best – Tiannah
- Kayaking and the food was the best – Raphael
- I loved doing kayaking as I spent more time with others
- I loved the food
- I liked the dinner
- I liked all the activities
- I loved the activities
- There was a spider in my bedroom, I didn't like that
- I loved the sleeping part but my friend snored loudly
- I loved the drop pole - Mathew
- It was a nice trip - Mitchell S J
- The drop pole was my favourite – Thyrone O
- Activities for all – Viktoria
- Camp was a great experience for all ages – Joanna
- I loved everything it was the best – Christian V
- I loved drinking the iced water and sleeping – Jacob K

As you can see the experiences and thoughts are varied and I'm sure the spider didn't like the student when they saw each other.

I am so grateful to the staff who attended as they were superb as usual. Nothing was too hard or a chore and this was reflected in the students attitude to try new things.

Please don't forget the conferencing that is on this Monday the 13th of March.

Go online and make an appointment to see your child's Learning Advisor.



YEAR 7 CAMP



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OPEN DAY 2017

The College welcomed many Year 6 students and their families to Open Day on Tuesday the 7th of March.

Year 6 students and their families heard presentations from Nic Vidot, Principal, School Captains, Isaiah Lazaro and Ebony O'Connor and Year 7 students Jayden Merhab and Hayley O'Connor.

Members of the SRC and House Captains on the Junior Campus greeted guests and conducted tours of the Junior Campus.

Congratulations to all students for a wonderful job making our guests feel welcomed.



OPEN DAY 2017

YEAR 9 HISTORY

Year 9 have just completed a unit looking at various aspects of history including the Industrial Revolution and The Movement of People (convicts and slaves). In Mrs Martin's class we had discussions which were sometimes high powered as we were incensed at the thought of this occurring and we, the students could empathise with the forcible removal of loved ones from their homeland. Others could see a positive from their perspective, because if their family wasn't forced to a country they would not have benefitted from that. The example stated "if my family wasn't forced to go to Fiji all those years ago, the rest of the family later on would not have been as lucky"

From this came a piece inspired by the painting 'The Slave Trade' 1791 written by Francisco Leiaatimu of 9HS1

*Pulling the boat a poor young child
As the man in the back takes a man from the wild
The white raises his hand – he will not resist
When the black tries to get to his wife for one last kiss*



WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY FAST FORWARD YEAR 12 CONFERENCE



On Friday the 3rd of March several Year 12 students attended the Western Sydney University Fast Forward Conference held at Rooty Hill RSL.

Special guests included the Premier of New South Wales, The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian and Member for Lakemba and Shadow Minister for Education Mr Jihad Dib. Both politicians spoke about the benefits of education and how being true to yourself is important to success.

Mr Jim Micsko, Manager for the University's Office of Widening Participation said that the conference provided opportunities for students to explore the options available to them after they complete their HSC.

The conference offered information on scholarships offered by the university including the Fast Forward Scholarship worth \$20,000. Students were able to learn about Western Sydney University degrees and pathway programs and the UAC process.

Elizabeth Burns said she was grateful for the Fast Forward Program, which taught her valuable study skills and increased her motivation to do well in the HSC.

"I particularly liked the Year 10 University visit where we learnt about careers and our personality to find the best career options for us", said Elizabeth.

Students who attended were:

Angela Boustany

Elizabeth Burns

Tayla Chebli

Bercem Demir

Verina Gaid

Johaze Rindfleish

Georgia Topalovic

Therese May
Careers Adviser

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
FAST FORWARD YEAR 12 CONFERENCE

PDSSSC OPENS BASKETBALL GALA DAY

On Monday the 27th of February 2017, our senior students represented St Andrews College at the PDSSSC Basketball Gala Day. They showed great sportsmanship throughout the day and achieved their personal best on the court. Our girls came third in their pool, however came 6th, in the playoffs.

Boys Results:

- Won against Bishoy 37 – 14
- Won against Gilroy 36-17
- Won against St Marks 43- 22
- Won semi final against Loyola 37- 20
- Won grand final against St Marks (Gold) 37 – 20

This is our 4th year in a row winning this championship! Fantastic effort Boys! Well Done!

Open Girls Basketball Team	Open Boys Basketball team
Isabella Hart Isis Martierz Kathleen Carrero Guet Mac Acuek Yom Deng Ashley Fronteras Emily Badelles Raga Maragan Jamielhea Bernado Serena Pohiva	Hilary Zakria Christian Cabellon Anthony Monanaroa – Taylor Michael Sevilla- Doria Justin Espino Nathan Tagle Raghav Dhiman Martin Milazzo Jimmy Hokafonu Marcus Felizardo Isaac Gundi
<u>Score Bench Helpers</u> Krichelle Adams Vincent Badelles Sienna Fernandez	<u>Score Bench Helpers</u> Gilbert Bautista Matthew Pereira

Thank you to Miss Pett for attending the Gala Day and Mr Gillogly for the organisation of this event and their continuous support of the basketball program.

Cassandra Knezevic



PDSSSC OPENS BASKETBALL GALA DAY

COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday the 2nd of March students and staff traveled to Blacktown Aquatic Centre for the annual College Swimming Carnival.

It was another great day in the swimming pool with ten records broken.

Year 12 student Scott Anschau and Year 10 student Jayan Easton broke five records each in the 100m freestyle; 50m freestyle; 50m backstroke; 50m breaststroke; and 50m butterfly.

The Carnival Shield and the Participation Shield went to the Bennelong House – **well done Bennelong!**



Congratulations to all students who participated in the pool and to those who cheered from the stands.

Congratulations, also goes to Miss Cassandra Knezevic, her team of teachers: Mrs Nicole Lovern; Miss Claudine Desira; Mr Nick Thurm and Mr Chris Anschau, PDSSSC Co-ordinator for their organisation of a wonderful Swimming Carnival.

Miss Knezevic extends her thank you also to the PDHPE staff: Gary Boardman; Dominique Goldie; James Aronis; and Mr David Frankham who assisted with the early set-up of the carnival and the 100m races.

Boys 12 Years

- 1st Marcus Domingo
- 2nd Paaras Singh
- 3rd Zackary Kleinig
- 4th Eric Modaffari
- 4th Jonathon Orlowski
- 5th Henry Wu

Boys 13 Years

- 1st Marvin Mateo
- 2nd Joshua Gesilva
- 3rd Neeraj Naidu
- 4th Caleb Lowe
- 5th Ethan France

Boys 14 Years

- 1st Andrew Easton
- 2nd Miguel Tuazon
- 3rd Vinaal Lal
- 4th Luke Ward
- 5th Elijah Balobalo
- 5th Ethan Wong

Boys 15 Years

- 1st Oscar Housego
- 2nd Daniel Taylor
- 3rd Clayton Bonello
- 4th Gene Tibig
- 5th Luke Kalogjera

Boys 16 Years

- 1st Liam Gleeson
- 2nd Marcus Felizardo
- 3rd Ryan Oxley

Boys 17 Years

- 1st Scott Anschau
- 2nd Michael Mateo
- 3rd William Lu
- 4th Jason Taylor
- 5th Charkrit Atherton

Girls 12 Years

- 1st Jasmine Zolerick
- 2nd Hailey Magat
- 3rd Katelyn Calima
- 4th Millie Crook

Girls 13 Years

- 1st Georgia Green
- 2nd Viktoria Vidovic
- 3rd Christine Kom
- 4th Giselle Cazar
- Tie 5th Arabella Gutierrez
- Tie 5th Caitlyn Xerri

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COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Girls 14 Years

- 1st Stephanie Out
- 2nd Crystal Slater
- 3rd Joanne-Marie Cooke
- Tie 4th Teghan McHugh
- Tie 4th Laney Shephard

Girls 15 Years

- 1st Jayan Easton
- 2nd Anna Kravtsova
- 3rd Daenya Simpson
- 4th Sylvia Musel
- 5th Chloe Riley

Girls 16 Years

- 1st Olivia Lindsay
- 2nd Freedom Lowe
- 3rd Jemma France
- 4th Centaine O'Donnell

Girls 17 Years

- 1st Kaitlyn Green
- 2nd Madeline Hosego
- 3rd Alyssa Seccull
- 4th Ashley Naing
- 5th Amy France



COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

BLACKTOWN CITY SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

In October 2016, I had the privilege of receiving the Junior Sportsperson of the Month award.

On February the 11th, 2017 I was awarded the Junior Sportsperson of the Year for 2016!

The feeling was so surreal! My initial dream of spreading Jiu Jitsu to my school, St Andrews College Marayong, has now spread through the whole city of Blacktown! Getting the award was amazing, but getting Brazilian Jiu Jitsu in the mainstream was even a better reward.

I share this award with my family, relatives, friends, everyone at St. Andrews College Marayong, the St Andrews Marayong Parish community, the Filipino Chaplaincy, the whole Jiu Jitsu community and all of my supporters who have been with me since the beginning.

I will always be an advocate for this fantastic sport. Let us grow together and join me in this journey. Thank you all again! We did it!

To GOD be the glory!
Isaiah Lazaro



BLACKTOWN CITY SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR

CAREERS

Preparing for Tomorrow's World of Work

Career opportunities are evolving at a rapid rate. Many careers in the future will be in the STEM area. Students are encouraged to consider studying subjects in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to ensure that they are prepared for the jobs of the future.

English is the language of discourse, philosophy, friendship and politics. Mathematics is the language of science, engineering, technology, ITC, health, commerce and more.

By preparing yourself well in your secondary education in mathematics and English you can aspire to any university course and career you choose.

Careers that require strong skills in Mathematics include:

Bioinformatics	Finance	Statistics
Business	Forensics	Teaching
Computing	Game Design	Transport
Criminology	Health	Web Analytics
Data Analysis	Insurance	
Defence	Logistics	
Economics	Market Research	
Energy	Psychology	
Engineering	Science	

Changes to UAC

Students are advised that UAC has changed the procedures in the University Admissions process.

Significant changes are:

- Five Preferences instead of nine
- Most offers will be in the first round which will be late December
- There will be offers in subsequent rounds in January
- On-time applications will close 29 September

University of New South Wales

Co-op Scholars Program

The UNSW Co-op Scholars Program offers:

- Networking and mentoring
- Leadership Training
- Professional Development
- Industry Experience
- Finance Support

The Co-op Scholarship not only produces graduates, the program produces professionals ready to contribute to industry and the workplace.

The University of New South Wales is looking for outgoing students who get involved in a wide range of activities.

Along with a strong academic record the university is looking for students who demonstrate significant and sustained achievements outside of the classroom and have the ability to balance their academic, extracurricular and social pursuits. Prospective Co-op scholars care about what is happening in their community, country and the world at large.

Co-op scholars make a significant contribution to school and/or their community. They show initiative and leadership, communicate well, enjoy working with other people and they want to be active within the university and Co-op community. Co-op scholars have a real and genuine interest in a career in industry or a government enterprise in their chosen program. Co-op scholars are ambitious and keen to contribute.

Co-op Scholars Programs are available in:

Business
Technology
Engineering
Science
Mathematics
Building and Construction

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CAREERS

Key Dates:

Applications Open – 1 May
Create your career evening – 11 May
Scholarships and Co-op Information Evening – 7 June
Applications Close – 30 September
Interview offer notification - 9 November

For further information visit <https://www.coop.unsw.edu.au/future-students>

Data Science – The job of the 21st century

We live in an age where we have unprecedented access to knowledge and data. The increasing need for people who can interpret and understand data means that **Data Scientists and Analysts** are in very high demand across a range of industries.

Abundant opportunities across a variety of fields make data scientist not just a high-growth job, but also one of the most lucrative.

The University of NSW offers a degree in Data Science and Decisions. This degree will enable graduates to work in the growing Data Science industry with specialist skills in mathematics, computer science and business.

The **Bachelor of Data Science and Decisions** will train graduates to meet the growing demand for Data Scientists and Analysts in the Sydney region, nationally and internationally.

Criminology at UNSW

Criminologists work to reduce crime by better understanding it. Criminologists look at the bigger picture, drawing from disciplines such as psychology, sociology, law, philosophy, cultural studies and history. As a student of Criminology and Criminal Justice you will learn about crime and social harm, and how society responds to it through social control and the criminal justice system.

During your study you will learn to tackle real world issues such as victimisation, drug related harm, organised crime and community safety. Key study areas include the nature of crime, what is defined

as crime and how crime is measured, media reporting and portrayal of crime, why people commit crime and how societies respond.

UNSW offers the following courses:

Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice/Bachelor of Laws
Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice/Bachelor of Social Work (Honours)

Other courses where you can study criminology:

Bachelor of Arts
Bachelor of Arts and Business
Bachelor of Psychological Sciences

Optometry at UNSW

Students wishing to study Optometry at UNSW in 2018 will need to sit UMAT – the Undergraduate Medical and Health Science Admission Test.

Law at UNSW

Students wishing to study Law at UNSW in 2018 will need to sit the LAT – Law Admission Test. The LAT will consist of two questions requiring written responses. It is designed to assess aptitudes and skills that are critical to success in the Law program including critical thinking and analysis, as well as organising and expressing ideas in a clear and fluent way. You will have two hours to complete the test.

Interested students should visit <http://www.law.unsw.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/law-admission-test-lat> and register for further information.

Registrations open in May. The Law Admissions Test (LAT) will be held in September.

Therese May
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24th October, 2016

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

Parish Sacramental Team
Parish of St Andrew the Apostle, Marayong