

STRENNNA 2019

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Principal

There is so much to be grateful for as we begin this new year. The College extends a special welcome to all Year 7 students and the boys who have chosen to come to St Joseph's College in other year levels.

Our new College Rector is Father Chris Ford sdb. Fr Chris is part of the Lysterfield community of Salesians. As well as working here, Fr Chris will also be Rector of the Lysterfield Community and Director of the Retreat Centre.

We have a number of teachers joining our team this year for the first time:

- Mr Paul Angus
- Ms Audrey Atkinson
- Mr Craig Buys
- Ms Adriana Efthimiadis
- Ms Georgia Nixon
- Ms Hannah Mole
- Ms Nelushka Sendapperuma
- Ms Emily Watchman



Fr Chris Ford sdb

Mr Chris Williams is replacing Mr David Vascon during Term 1. We have have one new trainee on staff this year. Ben Anderson (Class of 2018) has joined our staff as part of 'AFL SportsReady'. Ben is completing a Sport and Recreation Traineeship.

The Rector Major, Fr Ángel Fernández Artime sdb, in line with the Pope and the whole Church, has presented the 2019 Strenna for us to reflect upon throughout the year – "So that my joy may be in you" (Jn 15:11). Holiness for you, too!" At a recent staff gathering, Father Elio Capra sdb presented a session to assist us in understanding the Strenna so that we can use it more effectively in our work with the students. The title of the Strenna is taken directly from the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis on the call to holiness in today's world *Gaudete et Exsultate*.





We have continued to receive positive news about the tertiary offers which have been made to our Class of 2018. Thanks to Mrs Vivienne Egan, Head of Pathways, who has worked closely with students to assist them to secure university places, apprenticeships and work.

The College *Newsletter* is one of our main ways of communicating with families so I encourage you to make reading it part of your routine. It will be published each fortnight.

We acknowledge and farewell Br Silvio Quaranta sdb who leaves the Lysterfield community to go into care.

As per my previous *Newsletter* articles and the 2019 Commencement letter sent out by our Deputy Principals, important information regarding the uniform is as follows:

The Uniform for Term 1 for students Years 8–12:

- College summer shirt (short sleeved with College crest embroidered on the pocket)
- College trousers or shorts with black leather or leather-look belt
- Grey College socks
- Lace up leather or leather-look polished black school shoes
- If an outer garment is needed, the outermost garment should be the College blazer

Combinations of the old and new uniforms are not permitted. There is a three-year transition period after which all students are required to be wearing the new uniform. Students in Years 8 to 12 may purchase the new uniform from 2019, but must purchase the entire new uniform e.g. the entire sports uniform; the entire summer uniform; the entire winter uniform. Students remaining in the old uniform can purchase items of the old uniform during the transition phase.

With every blessing for the year ahead.

(Ms) Cathy Livingston
Principal



First day for Year 7s 2019

Deputy Principal (Years 10–12)

Back to School

There is nothing quite like the appearance of *Back to School* catalogues and TV advertisements to strike a chill in the heart of teenage boys. They are a reminder that what to this point has felt like an endless summer of sun-dappled days, are not as eternal as they seemed and will soon come to an end to be replaced by the classroom. Indeed, such is the power of the *Back to School* wake-up call, that there are many adults, 10, 20 even 30 years after they were last school students, for whom these advertisements momentarily transport them back to that moment of cold realisation. Mostly though, the *Back to School* sales are a reminder that the holidays are almost over and that the new school year is about to begin.

For parents, the beginning of the school year also signals the Information Evening season, something that can strike almost as much dread into parents as the *Back to School* sales do to their offspring. As a parent myself, I know the feeling of getting home after a day at work to be reminded of the information evening that night. There is a sinking moment of dread that is quickly replaced by acceptance and then determination.



Even though they can be inconvenient, these nights are important. Sometimes their content being presented isn't, but the night themselves are. They are a visible and symbolic reminder to our children that we are deeply involved in their education. Even though we're busy, tired or facing numerous deadlines, we turn up. By doing this, we are telling our kids, *Your schooling matters to me. We are also saying, The school and I are on the same page when it comes to your education.*

If only just for these messages getting through to our children, attending information evenings is essential.

As a bonus, the St Joseph's College information evenings also provide excellent information and advice.

In the first week, we held the information evening for Year 10 which incorporated the rollout of the students' learning devices for the next three years – the Apple MacBook Pro. We were able to welcome the Leadership Team at Year 10 led by Mr Tom Fay and Ms Ashleigh Fleming, as well as the Homeroom team. Parents were provided with information about Year 10 which, along with Years 7 and 12, is one of the great transitional years of schooling, and the boys received their MacBooks.

On Thursday 7 February from 7pm to 8.30pm, the Year 11 and 12 information evenings for VCE and VCAL parents and their sons will be taking place. Both information sessions will allow us to introduce the new Leadership Teams at Years 11 and 12: Ms Alexandria Bantock and Mr Dylan Price are the Year 12 and 11 Level Leaders, while Ms Carmel Lardner is the VCE Leader. Others such as Director of Students, Mr Liam O'Keefe, Head of Pathways, Mrs Vivienne Egan and Head of Counselling Services, Mrs Tracey Ashton, will also be present and share their wisdom, insight and experience.

The Year 11 Information Evening will present an outline of the VCE and VCAL programs for the year, new to most Year 11 parents, and a discussion of some of the opportunities and traps of Year 11.

The Year 12 session will be a little different, beginning with the usual information but then giving way to a panel of Year 12 Experts. Made up of former Year 12 parents and students, the panel will explore many of the issues around Year 12 and share tips, strategies and warnings to help both parents and students successfully navigate this all-important year. The evening will end with a light supper in the Senior Courtyard where parents and students have the opportunity to interact with staff to further discuss the year ahead.

I would like to thank all those families who joined us on the recent Year 10 evening and strongly encourage all Year 11 and 12 families to attend the Information evening on Thursday 7 February, so that you can continue to be active and present in your son's education at St Joseph's College.

Mr Guido Piotti
Deputy Principal (Years 10–12)

Deputy Principal (Years 7–9)

"The Greeks gave us the most beautiful word in our language: the word 'enthusiasm' – from the Greek En Theo which means 'inner God.'" Louis Pasteur



Another wonderful word of the English language is 'beginning'. It has its origins in the old germanic '*in-ginnari*' meaning to 'open up' and is a word associated with opportunity and hope. As the new school year commences, I invite every student to unveil their true potential by opening themselves up to the many opportunities available at St Joseph's College in 2019. The curricula and extra-curricula opportunities are many and varied but all share one key characteristic: they are all formational; they all contribute to developing student potential.

Our students are challenged to consider what great heights they can reach in their learning in 2019 and to plan to not only reach these heights but exceed them. These goals should not be simply about achieving a certain grade (an outcome) but, more importantly, about changing and improving 'work habits'. In the coming weeks, teachers and Level Leaders at each year level will assist your son in the development of these goals and work habits.

For parents and staff, our collective role is also to encourage and support our students towards reaching their goals, maintaining a balance between praising performances and challenging them towards further improvement. Praise that equips students to try new things, to attempt new tasks, that recognises that mistakes are simply a part of trying new things is praise that is most likely to result in improving student outcomes.

It is with great optimism and enthusiasm that the staff members of St Joseph's College begin the new school year. The planning and preparation for a smooth transition for students has been undertaken and we are excited to collaborate with you once again towards achieving student excellence.





Upcoming Events

Year 7

- Monday 4 – Wednesday 6 January: Year 7 Orientation Camp One
7 Cantamessa, O'Sullivan, O'Mara, Ledda
- Wednesday 6 to Friday 8 January: Year 7 Orientation Camp Two
7 Edwards, Prest, Chambers

Year 8

- Thursday 14 February – Four Seasons Program Commences
'Life-Saving' Lysterfield Lake (P1-6) 8 Ledda and 8 Cantamessa
- Tuesday 19 February: Whole School Assembly (11.10am – 12.30pm)
Presentation of the **Year 8**, 10, 11 and 12 Leaders
(Year 7 and 9 Leaders presented 5 April)

Year 9

- Friday 8 February: Camp Prep Activity Day #1 (details to follow)
- Monday 11 February: 'Year 9 Expedition' Parent Information Evening 7pm Valdocco

Year 9 2018 Principal's Academic Excellence Awards

The following is a list of the Principal's Academic Excellence Award Recipients for Year 9 2018. Due to a computer error, a small number of boys were originally omitted from the published list. Congratulations, once again, to all our Year 9 Academic Excellence Award Recipients for 2018.

- Tommy Judd
- Joshua Hardman
- Lachlan Johnson
- Spencer Richards-West
- Charles Massey
- Ryan Walton
- Liam Trichias
- Chris Kirk

Mr Andrew Cooper
Deputy Principal (Years 7–9)

Prayer

Father,
as we gather at the beginning of this new school year,
we ask you to send your Holy Spirit among us:
may your Spirit of knowledge and wisdom
guide and enlighten us as we accompany our boys;
may your spirit of good judgement
enable us to work cooperatively and collaboratively;
may your Spirit of courage
help us to promote what is right and just;
may your Spirit of awe
empower us respect each other and see you in the face of our neighbour.
May your Holy Spirit enable us to live the Salesian charism of Don Bosco with creative fidelity,
as we strive to follow in the gospel way of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**



Religious Education

Welcome to 2019

We begin the New Year with a wonderful list of opportunities for students at St Joseph's College to participate in.

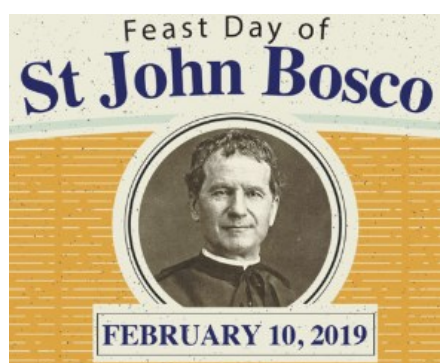


Cagliari 2019 to Cambodia

Senior Students (Years 11 and 12) are reminded this Immersion is for them and they need to submit their application to Ms Pagon by **Wednesday 6 February** for consideration. Application forms can be downloaded by clicking on this [link](#).

Don Bosco Feast Day

The Church celebrates Don Bosco in the first month of the year and, in Melbourne, we have a Feast day on **Sunday 10 February**. Ms Bronwyn Dean will be coordinating this event – any interested students please let Ms Dean know.



Don Bosco Feast Day

SYM • YOUTH • FESTIVAL

Sunday February 10, 2019 at 10:30
for Mass, followed by lunch and
festivities.

St John the Baptist Parish,
Clifton Hill
Cost: FREE!!



College Parish Masses

Our first of six College Parish Masses will be at St John the Baptist Parish on **Sunday 24 February at 11am**. Student Leaders are reminded that they are expected to attend at least one of these Masses throughout the year.



Fundraising

—FOUR— NATION FUND

After the successful introduction of the 'FOUR Nation Fund' in 2018, we are starting up again to follow the whole year's fundraising efforts. We will begin with Project Compassion as a whole College during the season of lent which starts **Wednesday 6 March** and continues until the end of term

Yingadi

Year 10 Yingadi Immersion to Lake Mungo will be happening in Term 1 in 2019 from **Monday 25 – Friday 29 March**. More information will be made available in the next week.



OzBosco 2019

OzBosco 2019, a Salesian Youth festival for Years 10 – 12 students, will be held at Don Bosco Camp Dromana this year, **Friday 3 – Sunday 5 May**, More details are to come but save the date.

The latest Salesian Bulletin (Summer 2018) can be read by clicking on [this link](#).



Ms Ann Maree Pagon
Director of Religious Education



**Do you have the
desire to work with
those less fortunate?**

**Are you looking for
an overseas Mission
experience?**

Over the age of 16?

WHO: If you are aged 16 years or older, this mission trip is an opportunity for you! There are 12 available places for young people from Australian Salesian works.

WHEN: The immersion will take place from Friday, June 28th – Sunday July 14th, 2019. These dates fall around the school holidays between Term 2 and Term 3.

WHY: This is an opportunity to contribute to an overseas Salesian community while learning about Khmer culture.

APPLICATION: An application can be obtained by seeing your Principal or the person in charge at your Salesian work. Or email the Cagliero office: LHichaaba@salesians.org.au

FORMATION: If you are accepted to join us on our mission, we will be having a formation weekend on Friday, May 17th – Sunday May 19th, 2019 at Don Bosco Camp, Safety Beach.

COST: \$2700.00 plus spending money. This includes airfares, accommodation, transport, most meals and travel insurance. This excludes personal expenses, airport taxes and some meals.

QUESTIONS: For more information please contact Lauren Hichaaba, the Director of The Cagliero Project. (03) 9377 6000 or LHichaaba@salesians.org.au

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE?

Year 8

Welcome to Year 8

Your son has now entered Year 8 as he journeys on his 'boy to man' transition at St Joseph's College. As the year progresses, we will try and improve your son's independence. Students are encouraged to write down homework from the class board each day and keep track of due dates. This will be a big step for some boys so please gently remind them and ask them about it.



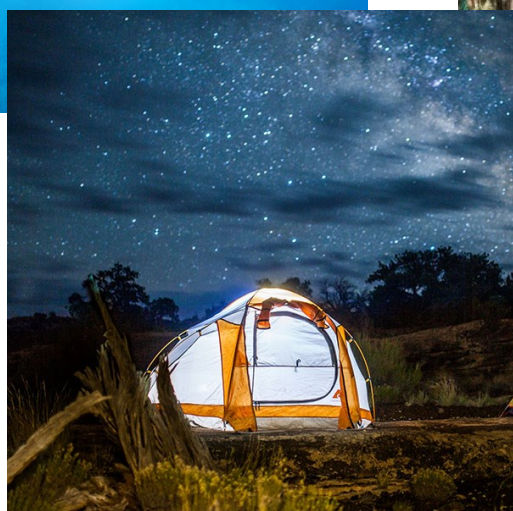
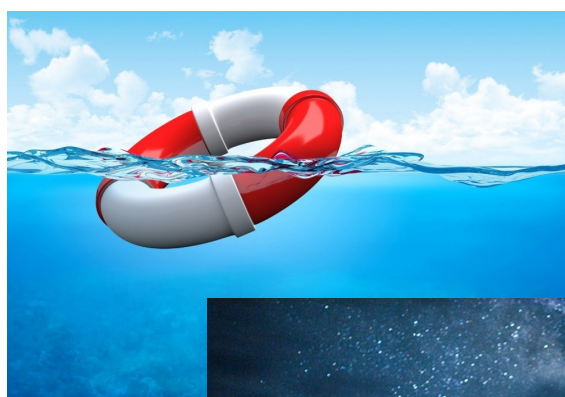
Homework Club runs every Monday to Thursday night in Room 2 until 4pm and students are always encouraged to ask teachers for extra help. Many students like to take the opportunity to get work completed going coming home.

In Year 8 your son will have a much greater number of teachers than last year but the person who has the biggest global picture of your son's schooling is the Homeroom Teacher. Please keep the Homeroom Teacher up to date with any issues that might affect your son's schooling. Also email your son's teachers with specific concerns relating to that subject. Even though your son has a number of teachers, we all work in a team to ensure the best outcomes.

Over the course of Year 8 students participate in a wide variety of programs. This includes, Lifesaving, Trees Adventure, Bike Riding, Overnight Hike and Camp, Mission to Mars, Medieval Day as well as the whole school activities such as Swimming, Athletics, St Joseph's Day and Salesian Action Day. Some students find these events a little overwhelming but we ask for your support in helping your son participate as these are all milestones that will help him grow his resilience and confidence, which is so important for navigating his later teenage years.

In my role as Learning Leader, I will be working with Homeroom Teachers and subject teachers in overseeing your son's progress. I look forward to getting to know him and yourselves. If you have any questions, please email me and I will see what I can do.

Mr Carl Di Stefano
Year 8 Learning Leader





Community



JUNIOR

REGISTRATION DAY

U8 - U17



BORONIA HAWKS FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB
YOUR LOCAL FAMILY CLUB
Enquiries: boroniajnr@efl.org.au

SUNDAY 10TH FEB

10am - 11am Tormore Reserve

MEET THE 2019 COACHES

REGISTER ON THE DAY TO GO INTO THE DRAW FOR A \$100 2XU VOUCHER OR A \$50 REBEL VOUCHER !

Free Clinic held 10am - 11am

NEW IN 2019
U8'S
U12 GIRLS & U16 GIRLS
REGISTER NOW TO SECURE YOUR PLACE !

10% OFF FEES ON THE DAY



College Calendar – Upcoming Events

Monday 4-Wednesday 6 February	Year 7 Camp (Cantamessa, O'Sullivan, O'Mara, Ledda)
Wednesday 6-Friday 8 February	Year 7 Camp (Edwards, Prest, Chambers)
Wednesday 6 February	Cagliero Applications 2019 Due
Thursday 7 February	Years 11 and 12 Information Evening 7pm
Friday 8 February	Year 9 Camp Preparation Activity Day 1
Sunday 10 February	Youth Mass – Don Bosco Feast Day Clifton Hill Parish 10.30am
Monday 11 February	Year 9 Expedition Parent Information Evening 7pm
Tuesday 12 February	House Assemblies
	Open Evening 6pm
Thursday 14 February	Year 8 Four Seasons (Ledda, Cantamessa)
Friday 15 February	VCE Creative Showcase Burrinja 7pm
	Year 9 Camp Preparation Activity Day 2
Tuesday 19 February	Whole School Assembly, 11.10am
Wednesday 20 February	Year 8 Four Seasons (O'Mara, Prest)
Thursday 21 February	Year 8 Four Seasons (Edwards, O'Sullivan)
	St Joseph's College Past Pupils Concert 7pm
Friday 22 February	Year 9 Camp Preparation Activity Day 3
	Grade 4/5/6 Day 9am-12.30pm
	ACC Swim Carnival MSAC 7pm-10pm

College Calendar – Term Dates

Term 1

Thursday 31 January until Friday 5 April

Term 2

Tuesday 23 April until Thursday 27 June

Term 3

Monday 15 July until Friday 20 September

Term 4

Monday 7 October until Tuesday 22 October (Year 12s)
Friday 29 November (Year 11s)
Friday 6 December (Years 7-10)

Noone – Uniform Shop

All required uniforms are available from our Uniform Shop, located on property. Summer uniforms are required during Terms 1 and 4 while Winter uniforms are required for Terms 2 and 3.

2019 Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Monday 8.15am-2.00pm
Tuesday 12noon-4.00pm
Thursday 12noon-4.00pm

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