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Graduation

On Tuesday 22 October, we celebrated Mass with the College community followed by the Year 12 Graduation. We were fortunate to have Fr Fr Jim Acreman celebrate the Graduation Mass. On behalf of the entire community, I extend best wishes to all students over the examination period.



As part of the proceedings this year, the inaugural presentation of the Old Collegian's Tie was made to Graduands. This silk tie came beautifully presented in a specially designed box.

During the week, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to present Jake Keogh with his Old Collegian's Tie.

Arts and Technology Evening

My sincere congratulations are extended to Ms Siobhan Duffy, Arts and Technology Leader, and her team for the successful staging of the Annual Arts and Technology Evening showcasing the work of students across a range of areas. Students are to be commended on their dedicated approach to producing work of a very high standard.

Reunion Class of 2009

On Wednesday 23 October, the Class of 2009 returned for its ten year reunion. My thanks to all the staff who came along especially Mr Tony Di Donato who led the tour, and Mr Chris Williams, himself a member of Class of 2009.



Mayor Jake Keogh receiving his Old Collegian's Tie



Class of 2009





Open Days

The next College Open Day is Tuesday 13 November at 9.30am and then in the evening at 6pm. Should you have friends or family members interested in attending St Joseph's College, the Open Day is a wonderful way to see what is on offer.

Musical

At the recent whole school assembly, it was announced that the combined schools' Musical for 2020 is 'We Will Rock You'. Please stay tuned to announcements regarding auditions and ways of getting involved. Both Mater Christi College and St Joseph's College are excited about 2020 with St Joseph's taking the reigns in 2020 through the overall leadership of the Director, Ms Sarah Elijah.

All the details are at <https://sites.google.com/view/wwry2020>



Baby News

Congratulations are extended to Ms Carmel Lardner and Mr Liam O'Keefe on the birth of Fletcher Howard O'Keefe. Fletcher is the little brother of Lenny.

All the best for the fortnight ahead.

Ms Cathy Livingston
Principal



Deputy Principal (Years 10–12)

Leaving Men

On Tuesday 22 October, the St Joseph's College community gathered in the Stadium to see off the Graduating Class of 2019 in a memorable and moving ritual. The day started with a beautiful Mass presided over by Salesian Fr Jim Acreman.



The Mass included some beautiful moments, such as four students reflecting on what St Joseph's gave to them, and wonderful musical accompaniment. During the Communion Reflection, Year 12 musicians gave their own send off to their classmates with two musical pieces: first Henry Bird, Jamieson Doyle, Billy Franes, Ben Harris, Campbell Stiff and Will Taylor presented a beautiful rendition of *You Raise Me Up*, followed by Henry, Billy and Campbell combining for the somewhat grungier *Live Well*.

As always, this important day in the College's calendar and in the lives of all our boys was one characterised by joy, gratitude and nostalgia. The entirety of the morning was about celebrating the young men about to graduate, and in doing so taking great pride in what a solid partnership between boy, parent and school could achieve.

In celebrating these young men and their six-year journey, we invariably celebrated the boys themselves. Following a mass in their honour, the Graduation Ceremony commenced and Principal Cathy Livingston described their character and achievements before leading them in a beautiful blessing. When it came the turn of Ms Alexandria Bantock, Year 12 Level Leader, the person who best knows this group, to talk about them, she painted a vivid picture of them in a memorable speech. Among other things, she noted:

I'm a strong believer in gratitude and in practicing, what I preach I want to thank you, the Class of 2019. You are a wonderful group of young men who are easy to get along with, funny and most importantly, honest.

What makes me the proudest though is you have said Yes: Yes to every task; Yes to every challenge; and Yes to every opportunity.

Your greatest strength is your goodness and character. Let that character be the greatest measure of success as you look back at your time at St Joseph's. There are three things I want you to know: First, that it is with sadness that we farewell you today. Secondly, I am proud of the way you have transformed what it means to be Year 12 students. And Finally, that no matter what, you will always be a Joey's boy

When it was the boys' turn to speak, their love of the school was there for all to witness. The Captains' words rang with deep love and affection for their school. One of the 2019 College Captains, Jack Moses, discussed the bittersweet feeling of being a Year 12 student at the end of their Year 12 journey.

It is fair to say that there are a lot of mixed emotions today. Happiness and relief at a job just about done, the inevitable sadness of saying goodbye to a cherished community, but also the excitement of a new beginning. It is sad to be leaving this community, but a new chapter in our lives begins. One where we pursue opportunities in our chosen fields, whether that be attending university, trade school, an apprenticeship or source casual work.



The other Captain for 2019, Alexander Giurini spoke about the boys' fondness and appreciation for their teachers, acknowledging their efforts and expressing gratitude on the part of the boys:

These amazing years were made possible by our teachers from this year and especially from previous years, many of whom may not get the praise they truly deserve. Hopefully they get the satisfaction from seeing us all here today and knowing that they played a massive part in us getting here. I urge all of you sitting here today to take a second to appreciate all of the hours of work put in by our teachers and the life lessons they have bestowed upon us. Thank you to every single one of our teachers, we wouldn't be here if it weren't for you.

Jack spoke with humility about the privilege of leading the students of St Joseph's College.

Throughout the previous five years of sitting down where you all now are, I never expected that I'd be up here, giving this speech to the whole school on behalf of the graduating class of 2019.

Both Alex and Jack took us through a humorous and nostalgic journey that mapped out the group's years through St Joseph's, ending with their Year 12 year. Alex pointed out in his speech that:

And, finally, Year 12, now we are the big fish that have outgrown even the big pond and are about to be released into the ocean, our biggest challenge yet. The comradery of our group is nothing less of impressive. I personally have never felt so accepted in my life and the blokes I have met will remain my friends even if I don't ever see them again. This year has been a hard yet rewarding one for us all, not only were we learning about abstract and difficult to understand topics, we were also slowly preparing for the life outside of school. In a way, Victor Frankenstein described Year 12 by saying "sorrow only increased with knowledge", this doesn't necessarily mean academically but rather as our knowledge of the world increased, the sorrow of leaving this place also increased. Year 12 was the best year of my life, from the relationships with teachers and students, to today, our final official day as high school students.

The boys didn't forget the impact their families made, and all of the support and sacrifice that involved. Jack noting:

To my family, and to the families of each of the graduating class of 2019 here today, I speak for all of the Year 12 students when I say that we would like to thank you for the endless support that you consistently provided us with throughout our lives. It was in no small measure that that unconditional support helped us arrive at this point where we stand here, at the threshold of the next phase of our lives.

I think it's fair to say some of us would be in some strife if it wasn't for our families. I know for a fact that I would have had a fair few late passes this year if it wasn't for mum flicking the lights on each morning or the phone call to make sure my lazy self had actually got up and ready for school. For the drop offs and pick-ups, for attending the school sports and College events, the parent teacher interviews and information evenings, for being present and interested and involved and a support – and, yes, even for occasionally embarrassing us – we say, thank you. Because I think it's fair to say that all the support you gave us, the big things, the small things, the noticed and the unnoticed, the wise and the stern made all the difference, and we will be forever grateful for this.



For all of this and more, we thank you.

The departing captains also had advice for the younger members of the student community, those coming after.

I challenge you to be the best person you can be, to always give your best. Whether it be in your next class, your next shift at work or even on the sporting field, just do your best... School isn't just about the learning, it's about developing yourself, making friendships that you will have for life and having fun. But what I challenge you all here today to do, is to keep working hard and trying your best, in everything that you do... If you can walk away knowing that you have done the preparation and given it 100% then you will be successful in this journey. As young men attending this college, we are here to learn and to develop, and transform ourselves into the best young men we can be.... Enjoy, lads and make sure you always hold your heads high and be proud to be a Joey's boy.

While Alex had this advice for the younger students:

For the younger year levels, I realise today may not mean much to you aside from having to listen to me blab on about things that don't seem to relate to you. But be assured that today does mean something for you. We were once in your positioning thinking the same thing, not really paying attention to what was being said, but please take note of this: enjoy each and every day you are here, grasp every opportunity that presents itself to you, study hard and with purpose and finally, and probably most importantly, build connections with your peers and your teachers. These are the people who will be by your side throughout your journey here and will be your lifeline.

After the graduands were presented to the community, they were given a gift – the alumni tie, a perpetual silk tie that all graduates will have and Ms Livingston led the boys and their parents in a beautiful ceremony where the boys' ties were replaced with the mens'.

After the bittersweet lighting of the 2020 Year 12 candle and the extinguishing of the 2019 one, the whole community erupted in a joyous rendition of the school song. When Year 7 student Gus Ryan, there giving a personal farewell to his older brother Darcy as well as a community farewell to the Year 12s, said, 'I arrive a boy', the whole Year 12 cohort of 2019 launched to their feet and announced 'And I leave a man!'

And they did.

Mr Guido Piotti
Deputy Principal (Years 10-12)

Deputy Principal (Years 7–9)



Congratulations Year 12 Graduands 2019

Recently, the St Joseph's school community gathered to celebrate the successful completion of thirteen years of schooling for this year Yr. 12s. It was a truly wonderful occasion and typically there were many proud smiles and thoughtful tears aplenty. Curiously, these tears come from the most unexpected of places, not just from proud parents but from proud teachers and from the students themselves. These are tears of joy. They reflect the recognition that the journey through schooling is not a simply a matter of turning up year after year, that there is much more invested, and by many, that culminates in some part at least, in the thirteenth year.

As each boy was presented as a graduand of St Joseph's, their stories come alive in the thoughts of staff, parents and of peers. Whilst we may be thinking of the same student, these thoughts no doubt varied greatly. We all experienced their journeys differently. What is unquestionable, however, is that no journey was without its challenges. Every single graduand had to deal with a plethora of experiences that shaped him into the graduand he is and undoubtedly into the man he will become. Many of the graduands have had more than their fair share of challenges to deal with, and for that we shed a tear. Others have caused more than their fair share of challenges, but have become better men for it, and for that we shed a tear. The journey of these graduands is far from complete, in fact it's just starting, however staff and parents will have great confidence that these young men are equipped and ready to excel at the challenges that lie ahead.

2020 Readiness

Readiness for 2020 is something that ALL students need to demonstrate. For our Junior School and Valdocco students, this readiness is reflected in the students growing maturity in and out of the classroom both individually and as a group. After three terms of support from teachers, learning tutors and parents, the expectation is that students have improved in all aspects of their schooling. The way students wear their uniform, how they prepare for their lessons (i.e completion of homework), how they interact with their learning teams (including classmates, teachers, learning tutors) should be significantly better today than it was January 31 2019. A quick visit to any classroom will attest to this improvement for most students.

Term Four is one of the final steps in '2020 Readiness' (holiday homework over the summer break being the last step!). Every student in Years 7 – 9 has the opportunity to ensure they are fully prepared for 2020 by finishing the term with momentum. Concentrating on the details of successful schooling: being punctual to class, respecting the learning space, being both respectful and friendly to staff and other students, meeting and exceeding the learning challenges set etc will help ensure each student completes a successful 2019 and is ready for success in 2020. Furthermore, the HeadStart Program (November 28 - December 6) and a modest (but necessary) holiday homework program will also contribute significantly in ensuring every student maintains this momentum into 2020.



Whilst Year 12 seems a long way away for many students, ask any of the Year 12 graduands and they will likely tell you how time flew. Further, if you listened carefully to the graduation speeches you should have gathered the key to school success, namely *"grasp each and every opportunity presented to you throughout your time at St Josephs"*.

Be 2020 Ready!

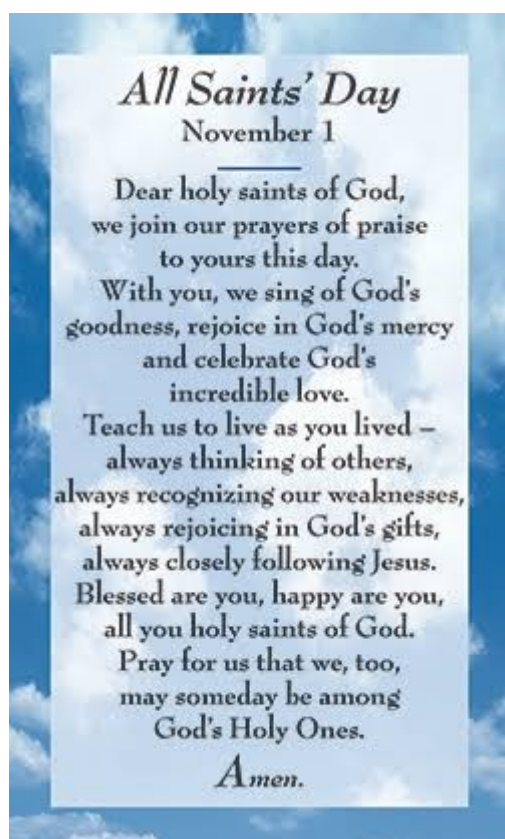
Upcoming Events Years 7 – 9

Week 6:	Year 8 Camps. Details to follow.
Week 7:	Year 8 Tests; Year 9 Exams. Details to follow.
21 November:	Year 7 Musical Soiree (6pm – 8pm)
27 November:	Staff Professional Practice Day (Pupil Free)
28 November – 8 December:	2020 HeadStart Program (all current Year 7s - 10)
7 December:	Final Day (for current Year 7 – 10)

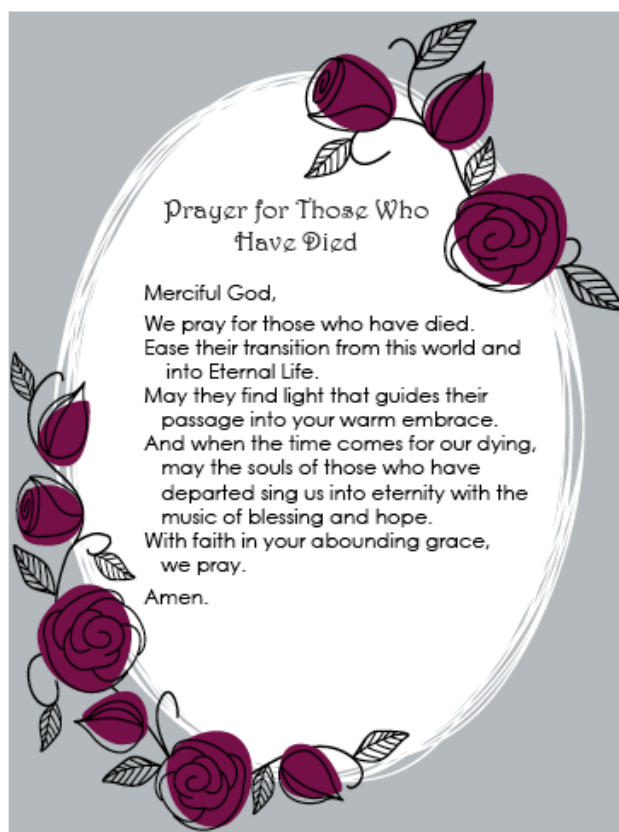
Mr Andrew Cooper
Deputy Principal (Years 7-9)

Prayer

All Saints Day—November 1



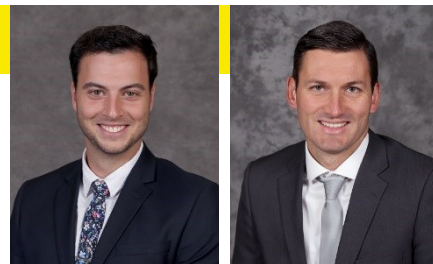
All Souls Day—November 2





Year 7

At the beginning of the School Year, our Year 7 students were welcomed to St Joseph's College by a Guard of Honour from the Year 12 students. At the Year 12 Final Graduation Mass and Assembly the Year 7 students returned the favour and formed a Guard of Honour for the graduating cohort. This is always a fitting tradition and one which makes for a very moving assembly.



Term Four always appears to fly by for the Year 7 group. There is plenty happening including the recent ACC Chess Championship, where numerous Year 7 students represented the College. Despite not winning the overall event, it certainly is a learning curve into the competitive world of Chess. Our ACC Sporting Calendar continues with Cricket, Tennis and Volleyball in Term Four.

In Science students are currently working on an Engineering Project that sees them designing a flood proof house out of varying materials. Students are studying resources and energy and their houses are required to be able to withstand 5cm of water in the final test in the Science Laboratory.

Some of our students recently attended the Music Camp at Salesians Lysterfield and it is great to see many getting actively involved in our growing Music Department.

One of our main foci at Year 7 in Term Four is ensuring the boys are Year 8 ready. While it seems like a natural progression for many, some students do struggle to transition from leaving Year 7 Becchi into becoming a Year 8 student. These are important conversations to have with your son. They should look to reflect upon their time at Year 7 and identify specific areas for improvement. Our upcoming Year 7 retreats will certainly provide us with an opportunity to do just this.



Year 7 Guard of Honour

Mr Brian Martin
Year 7 Leader

Mr Patrick van Dyk
Year 7 Learning Leader



Year 8

As an extension onto the Measurement unit, Year 8s have been learning how to formulate a business quotation. Students drew up a design that could be made into a stained glass window. They had to take into account what angles could maximise strength as well as being realistic about how many shapes would be feasible on such a piece of Art.



Next students calculated the amount of lead that was required for frame and the outline of each piece of glass. At this point some had to reevaluate their design for practicality. This was an important learning lesson.

Students then used their understanding of area to calculate how much glass of each colour they would need. Each colour of glass had a different cost, depending on the minerals required to make that colour.

A maths book might stop here but this task was designed to provide a quote for a customer so students had to calculate the costs of: the frame, the internal placeholders and each piece of glass. Students were asked to keep a record of the time they spent on this task and to charge an hourly rate for their labour as well. Finally, students looked at service tax and calculated the GST of their product.

The product was a quote for the customer that outlined the cost to make the product and how that cost was derived. Below are some comments from students about what they learnt.

This task brought calculating area into something I could do as a business (Roger Mazzone – 8 Prest)

We always complain about how expensive something with little materials is but suddenly when you work out labour costs it all makes sense. (Daniel Punturere – 8 Prest)

I never thought of doing maths from a customer's point of view before. (Jye Shoebridge – 8 Prest)

Mr Carl Di Stefano
Year 8 Learning Leader



Raine McLachlan (8 Prest) with Ms Maleah Gridley



Logan Lee (8 Prest) and Luke Gould (8 Prest)

Valdocco

As part of the Valdocco curriculum there are many opportunities for the students to learn outside the classroom and often away from the college grounds. Today I wish to highlight three recent examples of the opportunities for the Valdocco students to be engaged in learning in different environments.



Wandin/Silvan Field Days

The students in the year nine Agriculture class were accompanied by James Whiting, Deb Fowkes and myself on an excursion to the 50th Wandin/Silvan Fields Days event on Saturday 12 October. Meeting at Valdocco just before 9am, we boarded the College bus driven by James Whiting for the pleasant drive up the hills through Belgrave and Monbulk to the Wandin Football Ground.

Upon entering the ground we were able to wander around the extensive number of exhibits set up over the two fields. The boys had plenty of opportunity to learn about many aspects of farming and agriculture. Some of the favorites were the exhibits of huge farming machinery, the vintage traction engine displays and the snake and native animal show. Another interesting (and noisy) display was the portable wood milling demonstration where large timber logs were sawn into slabs.

One of the students, Jasper Breeden Walton (9 Chambers) was asked what he thought of the day. Here's some of what he had to say.

"The Wandin - Silvan market was pretty cool. There was a snake show where we got to see venomous snakes and learn what to do when we see one. We also got to see a lot of different farming machinery and tools. There was a portable sawmill there and the guy was cutting planks of wood out of logs. There was also a lot of food there like pasties, pies, snags and a lot of cakes."

Visit to the Queen Victoria Market

As part of the preparation of running our own market day at Valdocco, the year nine students and staff made a visit to the Queen Victoria Market on Friday 11 October. In a similar fashion to the My City program in Term Three, students independently made their way into the CBD in small groups and met their teachers at Flagstaff Gardens before walking as a year level to the market. Once at the market students had a variety of tasks to complete that were designed to allow them opportunity to learn about the setting up of stalls, marketing and sales techniques, product placement, and pricing. Working in small groups they made their way around all sections of the market and many took the opportunity to purchase a variety of items that were on sale.

Following the visit to the market, students were then required to prepare a proposal to present to their classmates for a particular item they thought might sell well at our Valdocco market. This item could be a food, a hand made item or a carnival type game. A variety of good proposals were presented to the various homerooms, many including free samples of the product. I was lucky enough to be in a homeroom where I had opportunity to sample some excellent chocolate and Tim Tam muffins and ANZAC biscuits. The next step for each homeroom is to decide which ideas to run with. I look forward to seeing these ideas in action at our market day on Friday 8 November.

"The Queen Victoria Market day was definitely a highlight of my city experience. It was great fun walking around with my friends looking at different stalls and seeing what people were selling from clothes and jewellery to hand cut crystals and gems and ornate wooden boxes. The experience and atmosphere was amazing and it is something I will not forget."

Josh Zealand (9 Chambers)



Visit to the Victorian Institute of Sport

Students in the Sport & Recreation class participated on an excursion to the Victorian Institute of Sport next to the Albert Park Lake. Upon arrival we were met by Carly, an elite female athlete who is a member of the Victorian hockey team and who is on a VIS scholarship. Carly spent two hours with us showing us around the amazing facilities at the VIS as well as engaging the boys in a number of practical exercises, showing videos of some of the elite athletes competing in various events. She also explained how sport science is helping to analyse aspects of athletes' performance with the view to enhancing physical conditioning and technical skill. While on our tour of the facilities we saw members of the Melbourne Vixens netball team, skiers, basketball players and a number of other athletes in training.



Mr Graeme Tucker
Valdocco Leader



Year 10



Year 10 Retreat

Year 10 Retreat Day greeted the group on the first Thursday of term. It wasn't the perfect day to head towards the beach but it was better than the winter chill. Usually thanks are kept until the end but thank you very much to Ms Ann Maree Pagon who set up the day. When we arrived at Don Bosco Camp there were a few brief introductions and then students had recess - that is a good start to the day. Footy, Volleyball, Gaga ball, food followed - these set the scene for an enjoyable day, so thanks again Ms Pagon.

From there, three groups were run which the boys rotated through. With the first group leader, Tegan, it was all about communication. Listening, explaining, understanding, repeating, saying what you wanted but in a different way.

Group two was about leadership and trust, and again communication with the group leaders John and Matt. There were different activities where blindfolds were used so teams had to work together to achieve their goal. There were a lot of challenges with blindfolds and trusting someone to not make a fool of you or get you hurt.

The third group was with Ms Pagon about the opportunities that are still available for students that are almost in Year 11. Cagliero was the major focus here, and hopefully students from this cohort will take up that opportunity next year.

A great addition to the day was the leaders from the Salesians. Tegan, John and Matt provided different voices than the boys have heard this year. It was just a little different and that provides engagement and a wonder of what happens next. A few highlights that weren't big parts of the day were the games Jockey Up (a version of Simon Says) where instructions were expertly followed and the group competition paper, scissors, rock was as fierce as any sporting contest this year.

From there was lunch and many of the boys made great use of the new indoor basketball ring, and then it was time to go home. Thank you to all the staff who helped make the day great, to Mr Liam O'Keefe who taught his Year 12 class and then came down to spend lunch with us, to Mr Paul Poutney who runs Don Bosco Camp who made us feel very welcome and could explain what happened to the big tree.

But a special thanks goes to the students who made a great effort with the day. It was a fun, enjoyable and engaging day for everyone.



Mr Tom Fay
Year 10 Leader

Year 11

National Gallery of Victoria

On Friday 18 October, all Year 11 students attended galleries at the National Gallery of Victoria. In their Religious Education classes, students participated in guided tours in both the NGV on St Kilda Rd and The Ian Potter Centre at Federation Square. The tours were focused on our studies in 'Religion and Society' and were a very engaging way to see the representation of Religion through art across many different faiths. Thanks to Ms Ann Maree Pagon for her efforts in organising the day.



"The RE excursion to the NGV has been an amazing experience. We had the opportunity to explore religion through Catholic and Indigenous Australian Artwork. Over the two tours, we received lots of insightful information regarding the spectacular history of each piece we saw. For myself, this experience has helped me to develop a stronger understanding of the spiritual values and beliefs of both Christianity and Aboriginals. I'm glad this excursion was organised to help discover spirituality through art."

Assante Seguin (11 Edwards)

"The Religious Education excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria was very enjoyable and informative. It was a great opportunity to learn about Aboriginal artworks which explain the history and the Dreamtime Stories of the Aboriginal culture. It was also exciting to see other artworks from other places like Kaws' sculpture of the 'BFF' which was very interesting to see."

Eshaan Muddagowni (11 Edwards)



Mr Dylan Price
Year 11 Leader



STEM Club - Using Technology

STEM Club - STEM Opportunity for Year 7 and 8 Students

During the holidays, year 7 and 8 students and their parents were emailed about an opportunity to participate in the STEM club, starting in Term 2. The club runs on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15 - 4:15 in Becchi North. Students will have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities such as the Science Talent Search and MAV Games as well as being extended in their understanding of Maths and Science.



Drones and Robots

St Josephs's College's STEM club students have recently taken delivery of some [Tello Drones](#) and [Edison Robots](#) to start learning about how these technologies work. Students unboxed the drones in our first class this term and learned about their safe operation as well as getting a chance to fly them using their devices. The drones capture 720p footage to their devices and have a number of automatic features. They can also be programmed using Scratch and can also be used with VR headsets.

In the second class this term, they unboxed and set up the robots. The robots can be programmed through using barcodes, or through Block code, Scratch and Python. They can be built into a range of different set-ups such as a printer or a crane. They also have a range of in-built sensors for sound, light and touch.

In the third session, we started to learn how to program these drones and robots, and are excited about the ways we can use the technology.

Mr Nicholas Harvey
Science Leader





Arts and Technology

St Joseph's College has marked another wonderful year of ongoing artistic success with the celebration of the annual Arts and Technology Evening.



The evening was not just a showcase of the exceptional talent of our students in a range of mediums and technologies, it was also an opportunity for the wider College community to gather together and experience what our subject areas have to offer, now and into the future. The evening was officially opened by local artist and mentor Dave Thompson. In his role as an Arts project officer for the local council he used his opening address as an opportunity to promote the arts and technology as a vital and growing career pathway. Dave also met with our Year 12 students to provide critical feedback on their creative folios and offer career support.

The exhibition contained the year's best in Art, Visual Communication, Media, Product Design, Cabinetmaking, and Food Technology. The food was a particularly delightful feature of the night, as guests were treated to a wonderful range of finger food.

The evening was also noteworthy for the presence of the STEM club. Thanks to Mr Nick Harvey and Mr Ranjith Dediwalage our guests were able to experiment and play with the college's new fleet of drones and robotic systems. A wonderful addition to the night's festivities.

The ambience of the evening was once again aided by the presence of the phenomenal St Joseph's college band members. With music floating above all these activities it was once again an incredibly affirming experience for our department.

Congratulations to all the students and teachers who made the 2019 Arts and Technology show one to remember. The team is now redirecting our focus on preparing works for next year's ACC Arts and Technology Show at Federation Square.



Ms Siobhan Duffy
Arts and Technology Leader



Sport

Champions Cup Basketball

Throughout Term 3, our Junior, Intermediate and Senior Basketball Teams competed in the Champions Cup State Basketball Tournament. As the most elite school's competition on the Basketball Victoria calendar, teams are required to qualify for this event, which brings together 16 highly talented squads in each age category to battle it out for the title of 2019 State Champions.



Our Senior Team entered the tournament with great expectations, having performed strongly at this event over many years. The boys comfortably advanced through the Preliminary stage with an impressive 3-1 record, which included wins over Luther College and basketball academy schools, Hallam and Box Hill 2. The Elite 8 stage is always a highlight, as the Top-8 teams compete in an action-packed day for a place in the State Final. Unfortunately, their 1-2 record following the group stage that included a convincing win over Wesley College, would not be enough to advance to the Semi Finals, resulting in a 5th place finish overall in the state.

The Intermediate Team had to advance through a Qualifying stage for this year's tournament, which they did comfortably following wins over St Ignatius, Melbourne High and academy schools, Templestowe College and Rowville 2. A 3-1 record in the Preliminary round of the tournament was enough to advance through to the Elite 8 stage, with impressive wins over a Penleigh Essendon Grammar, Melbourne High and a nail-biting come from behind victory over Doncaster Secondary College. Despite not advancing to the Final Four on Elite 8 day, a 3-point loss to the eventual Champions Marcellin College, was an indication of the competitiveness of this team.

The Junior boys also advanced through to the Elite 8 stage of the tournament with a 3-1 record in the Preliminary round, following wins against St Patrick's College, Ballarat, Lavalla College, Traralgon, and Templestowe College. The team narrowly missed out on a Semi Finals berth in the competition, finishing with a 1-2 record after the group stage following a strong win over Bendigo South East College. It was terrific to see the growth and development of this team as the tournament progressed.

Congratulations to all three teams for their outstanding performances in this elite competition and we look forward to their involvement in the Australian Schools Basketball Championships later this term.



Junior Team



Intermediate Team



Senior Team

Mr Paul Trubiani
Director of Sport

Music

Year 7 Soiree Performance

We are looking forward to seeing all Year 7 parents at the upcoming Year 7 Soiree on Thursday 21 November. The boys have been working on their Soiree performance in class time. The details of this evening are listed below.



Date: Thursday 21 November 2019
Uniform: Full summer uniform – immaculate appearances for this performance
Location: St Joseph's College. The performance will take place in our College Library known as 'Chieri'.
What students are required to bring: Instrument and music.

Please note: Students are required to be present for the entirety of Concert 1 or the entirety of Concert 2, depending on which class they are in.

The evening will be divided into two separate performances

Concert 1:

Student arrival time: 5:45pm
Concert time: 6pm – 7:15pm
Students from Homerooms: Edwards and Prest; O'Mara and Ledda

Concert 2:

Student arrival time: 7:15pm
Concert time: 7:30pm – 8:15pm
Students from Homerooms: O'Sullivan, Cantamessa and Chambers

We warmly invite your family to attend this event and support our young Year 7 musicians.

Two new initiatives beginning this term:

We invite all students to join the Year 7 Band, taking place each Tuesday from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. This band has been created for Year 7 students to assist them with their technique, skill and go through their Soiree pieces.



This term, we will also be running an Instrumental Music Competition in our efforts to further engage and encourage the students to play their instruments and learn about music theory.

Year 7 Instrumental Music Competition

A prize of a \$50 Rebel Sport Voucher and a \$50 iTunes Voucher will be awarded to two students from the 2019 Year 7 Cohort. This will be presented at the Year 7 Soiree.

Year 7 Instrumental: Practice Sheet

We feel that it is important for every young musician to practice their instrument for 70 minutes per week. There are 7 days in a week and that is equivalent to 10 minutes per day.



As an incentive, this term we will be running the Year 7 Practice Sheet Competition

So, what the students need to do?

- Practice their instrument: begin with a warm up and then work on your Soiree pieces
- Record the date and the duration of your rehearsal – e.g.: 20th of October, 20 minutes
- Ask a parent to sign off on your rehearsal

Practice Sheets can be picked up from the Music Office

Please note:

- A practice session must be between 15 and 20 minutes or longer
- Attending Year 7 Band, counts for 2 practice sessions and can be signed off by the teacher running the band:
3:30pm – 4:30pm every Tuesday

Year 7 Theory Book Challenge

The student who has completed the highest amount of lessons from their Theory Book from Book 1 or Book 2 will go into the running to win a \$50 iTunes Card. The Instrumental Staff can assist you with any questions that you may have about the theory.

It is important that all instruments are brought to school on a Thursday and taken home on the Friday.

Any questions regarding the Year 7 Instrumental Program, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone.

Recruiting for the College Drumline
Under the guidance of Mr Dayne Lawless
(please use photos in email)

We invite all students to join the College Drumline. The St Joseph's College Drumline is made up of ten students from Years 7-10 and, through rehearsing each Friday after school, they learn how to not only play the drums but play as a cohesive group. They practise marching on the oval and prepare routines for upcoming events. We encourage all interested boys to please come to a rehearsal on a Friday from 3:30pm – 4:30pm in the Music House.

Music Department: Open Lunch-Times

The Music Department is open **every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday** at lunch-time. We call this 'Open Lunch Time', and this is to encourage all students to come down for a 'jam' to simply have fun with music.

Music plays a integral part in the lives of our students

Music culture at St. Joseph's College is growing!

If your son is interested in being involved in any of our groups, please do not hesitate to contact me

Ms Bronwyn Dean
Music Leader



College Calendar – Upcoming Events

Wednesday 6 November—22 November	VCAA Exams Continue
Thursday 7 November	Mass for the Deceased Past Pupils and Staff Chapel and Lounge 7pm-9pm
Friday 8 November	Year 11 Exams Commence
	Year 9 Market Day
Monday 11 November	Year 11 Exams
	Remembrance Day
	Year 7/8 ACC Public Speaking and Debating at St Bernard's College
	Year 8 Camp: 8ED, 8LE
Tuesday 12 November	Year 11 Exams
	Year 8 Camp: 8ED, 8LE; Year 8 Camp 8OM, 8PR
	Open Morning 9.30am
	Opening Evening 6pm
Wednesday 13 November	Year 11 Exams
	Year 8 Camp 8OM, 8PR; Year 8 Camp 8OS, 8CA
	Smart Generation Evening 7pm Valdocco
Thursday 14 November	Year 11 Exams
	8 Camp 8OS, 8CA
Friday 15 November	Year 11 Exams End
Monday 18 November	Year 12 2020 HeadStart Begins
Tuesday 19 November	Year 12 2020 HeadStart
	Year 9 Exams Commence
Wednesday 20 November	Year 12 2020 HeadStart
	Year 10 Exams Commence
	Year 9 Exams
Thursday 21 November	Year 12 2020 HeadStart
	Year 9 and 10 Exams
	Year 7 Music Soiree 6pm-8pm Chieri
Friday 22 November	Year 12 2020 HeadStart
	Year 10 Exams
Monday 24 November	Year 12 2020 HeadStart
Tuesday 25 November	Year 12 2020 HeadStart

College Calendar – Term Dates

Term 4

Friday 29 November	(Year 11s)	Friday 6 December	(Years 7-10)
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Noone – Uniform Shop

2019 Uniform Shop Trading Hours

Monday 8.15am-2.00pm

Tuesday 12noon-4.00pm

Thursday 12noon-4.00pm

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.

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