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Principal

As we approach the season of Advent and with the final term drawing to a close, many activities remain to round out the year.

Recently, the ACC Leadership Launch was held for Student Leaders from the 12 ACC Colleges. Alex Giurini (11 Ledda), Jack Moses (11 Ledda) and Campbell Stiff (11 Ledda) attended the event held at Salesian College, Chadstone. Mr Guido Piotti, Mr Liam O'Keefe and I were delighted with the way in which the boys represented our College. The purpose of the evening is to promote the relationship between the Colleges and depth the understanding of the opportunities which exist within the ACC Competition, as well as what it means to be involved in representing one's College.

The Headstart Program continues and pictured below is Mrs Vivienne Egan addressing students enrolled in the vocational pathway program known as VCAL.



The Year 12 Valedictory Dinner was held on Friday 23 November at the newly named 'Marvel Stadium'. It was a wonderful turn out of students and their families and a lovely way to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2018. Teikarawa Tekinene is pictured with me. He is one of our Kiribati sponsored students and recipient of our St Joseph's College Koubwere Cross Cultural Award, who sadly leaves us to return home after his time here.

Mrs Diana van Eck has been working with us in Student Reception for a number of months. We acknowledge her support and dedicated work as she moves on from St Joseph's College.

Our condolences are extended to Liam (8 O'Sullivan) and Bayleigh (Class of 2016) Dickinson and their family. Sadly, their mother, Mrs Kylee Dickinson, died recently.

All the best for the fortnight ahead.

Ms Cathy Livingston
Principal



Deputy Principal (Years 10–12)

HeadStart Year 12 and Rollover

As part of the Year 11 Retreat late last term, all Year 11 students were introduced to a truncated version of Stephen Covey's *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. Focussing on character traits rather than personality traits, Covey postulated seven desirable habits that successful leaders possessed. The second of those habits was *Begin with the end in mind*.



It is in the spirit of this habit, of beginning with the end in mind, that these same students, Year 11s no more, started undertaking the College's Headstart Program. During these days, students participated in their 2019 classes with, wherever possible, their 2019 teachers and their 2019 classmates. During the Headstart Program, students are introduced to the subjects they are undertaking, the required tasks for assessment and the expected outcomes for those subjects. In many respects they are provided with a roadmap for success.

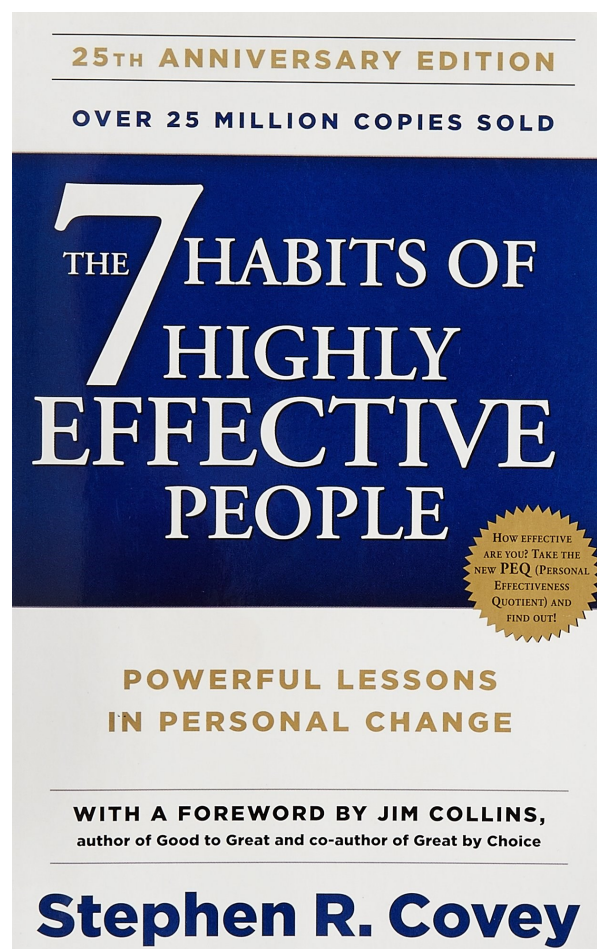
The Year 12 Headstart Program started on Monday 19 November, with Year 11 students meeting their 2019 Year Level Leader, Ms Bantock, and then moving on to their classes. One of the focusses during this time has been to dispel some of the stress that naturally comes with a year as important as the Year 12 year. Students were taken through the positive aspects of the coming year, and advised that thorough preparation and organisation would dissolve much of the stress.

The remainder of the College commenced its Headstart Program on Thursday 29 November, with the entire school rolling over into 2019 mode. We did this for the first time last year with enormous success and have done the same again this year.

As with the Year 12s, the students from Years 8 to 11 are attending their 2019 classes alongside their 2019 teachers and classmates. This is an opportunity for them understand the requirements of the coming year and to be comfortable with the inevitable changes of that year.

With the mystery of the coming year stripped away by the Headstart Program all students should be able to begin the 2019 school year in a solid and confident manner, able to focus on their successful completion of that year, whether it be Year 8 or Year 12, thus following Stephen Covey's advice and beginning with the end in mind.

Mr Guido Piotti
Deputy Principal (Years 10–12)



Deputy Principal (Years 7–9)

Final Day of School 2018 – Friday 7 December

The final day of classes for all students (excluding Year 12 2019 students) is Friday 7 December. Students will be dismissed following afternoon Homeroom at 2.30pm.



A complimentary sausage sizzle lunch will be provided on this day. Vegetarian options will be available.

It is expected that ALL students attend school on this day to collect information vital for studies in 2019, as well as to help celebrate the school year in our Catholic tradition. The 7 December is a compulsory school day.

Students are required to wear their College Blazers with the summer uniform on this day.

Thanksgiving Mass and Awards Ceremony – Friday 7 December

In past years, the Mass and Award Ceremony have taken place in the evening. This year, however, to involve a broader segment of the student population, the ceremony will be undertaken as part of a Whole School Assembly commencing with Mass at 12.30pm, followed by the Awards Ceremony. Students will be dismissed after a brief homeroom at 2.30pm.

Parents of Award Recipients (including Years 7 – 11 Excellence and Endeavour Medal winners as well as Major Sport Award recipients and year level Duxes) will be alerted by Monday afternoon via email of the impending award and invited to attend the assembly.

All students are required to attend in full **summer** school uniform (including College Blazer as outer garment). Award recipients will be seated separately and are required to assemble in the stadium by 12.10pm.

Parents are most warmly invited to attend this celebration of our school year. Parking will be limited on school grounds so we would suggest parking across the road at Wally Tew Reserve.

Holiday Homework

The holidays have been well-earned by students, teachers and parents. The last thing staff would wish to do is burden students with unnecessary holiday homework. Maintaining a routine of reading and completion of a moderate holiday homework program, however, is considered necessary to ensure students are well prepared for the academic year ahead. To this end, students from Years 8 to 10 (2019) have been provided with a study program and English text to be completed over the break.

Text, Novel Resources and Stationery for 2019

With the exception of VCE, VET and VCAL studies, all students' texts (including eTexts and apps) will be provided to the student either during HeadStart or the start of the school year. English novels will remain the property of the student at the conclusion of the school year however the Mathematics and Language Text Books/Dictionaries etc. (hard copies provided for 2019) will be returned by students to the school at the conclusion of the 2019 school year. Students have the responsibility for maintaining these books throughout the school year.

Purchasing stationery items is the responsibility of families. Campion provides a resource list as a guide to what is required by students in each year level. Parents are welcome to purchase stationery from Campion or from any other





provider of their choosing. The Resource List is available for download from the St Joseph's College Website (<http://stjosephs.com.au/our-school/>) in the 2019 Information Packs or the Resource List in the *College Information and Forms* section under *About St Joseph's*.

Starting Date/Uniform 2019

Classes commence for Years 8, 9 and 10 students on **Friday 1 February 2019**. New students to the College including Year 7 students for 2019, commence a day earlier on Thursday 31 January.

All students are required to wear summer uniform on their first day of school. Students who have Sport (Year 7 – Thursday 31 January) or Health/PE are required to bring their sport uniform to change into for those classes (on these days only).

Thank you all for your support throughout the year. I wish you and your family a safe and joyous Christmas break.

Mr Andrew Cooper
Deputy Principal (Years 7–9)





Prayer

Prayer Christmas and Summer

Advent – Waiting for the Lord

During Advent, we not only prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but also check in to see if we are doing all the things that will keep us ready to receive Jesus when he comes again.

Pray together through this Advent season with your family.

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
as we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.
Amen.



Religious Education

Opportunities to Learn, Travel and Grow

Cagliero Immersion 2019 – CAMBODIA

This opportunity is available for current Year 11 and Year 10 students to join with the Salesians and participate in an Immersion to Cambodia. Following is the application form and process for selection.



Please contact me if you have any questions.

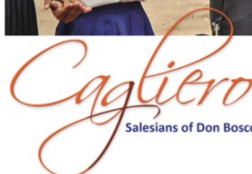


The latest Salesian Bulletin (Spring 2018) can be read by clicking on [this link](#).



The latest Salesian Mission Newsletter can be read by clicking on [this link](#).

Ms Ann Maree Pagon
Director of Religious Education



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

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

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

Over the age of 16?

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE?



The Cagliero Project:
CAMBODIA IMMERSION
Application for 2019

A) Personal Details

Name	
Address	
Email Address	
Home Number	
Mobile Number	
Sex	
Date of Birth	
Salesian Affiliation	

B) Education and Work History

1. Occupation History: list employment, starting with the most recent.

Employer	City/State	Dates	Nature of Work

2. Community Service Involvement: list any volunteer work you have undertaken.

Organisation	City/State	Dates	Nature of Work

3. Education History: list all schools attended, beginning from secondary school.

Name of Institution	City/State	Dates	Course	Completed: Yes/No



C) Medical History

Please list any current or previous medical conditions

D) References

Please list two people below who we can contact for a reference. Choose people that are able to address your faith life, personal qualities and work ethic.

1. Name: _____
Phone number: _____
Email address: _____

2. Name: _____
Phone number: _____
Email address: _____

F) Questions

Please answer the following questions:

What are your reasons for wanting to participate in this mission?

What attracts you to going on an immersion with the Salesians?

What qualities will you bring to this mission experience?

How do you think this experience will relate to your spiritual journey?

Director of Students

I would like to congratulate our Year 12 students who, last week, completed their end of year exams and have now formally concluded their time at the College. The way they conducted themselves during this stressful time is a compliment to them and their families. The future is bright for these young men as they enter further studies, apprenticeships or full-time employment in 2019.



In the blink of an eye we already have a new group of Year 12 students as the Class of 2019 have begun their final year at the College with their HeadStart classes commencing last week. This is a very exciting time for these boys who are already starting to imagine what life looks like for them in 12 months' time. However, it is also a critical time for them, as whilst a successful Year 12 cannot be achieved during this short two week period, it can be lost if students do not make a positive start.

All other year levels at the College have completed their exam periods and now will be in the midst of the 2019 HeadStart period which commenced on Thursday 29 November. Whilst this period is only for a short seven days it plays a vital role in student achievement as our boys get the chance to settle in with new classes and teachers before their school holidays, in turn allowing for a much smoother transition in the New Year.

I want to wish every student a successful HeadStart period. As is the case throughout the entire school year, this period will be a positive experience for all students who put in the work required.

Mr Liam O'Keefe
Director of Students

Year 8

Year 8 Camp

There is a saying that outside your comfort zone is where the true learning begins. Over the space of Week 6, Year 8 students went to Kuth Kiln Park to spend two days of hiking, camping and abseiling.



The camp began with instructions on how to pack a backpack. It might sound easy, but issues of waterproofing, priority of access and of course balance distribution are things that are learnt, not innate. And then there were issues like, *"if I plan to sit on the backpack, where do I put the breakable and squishy stuff"*.

Abseiling may sound scary but the boys embraced it heartedly. There were options to go down the rock, off an overhang and for those learning, abseiling with the aid of a ladder.

After walking, we set up tents. Those students who had the drop toilets nearby were initially relieved but soon felt that maybe this wasn't such a bonus. Students cooked dinner, ate marshmallows over a fire and eventually fell asleep.

The next day was a full day of hiking which challenged many but very rewarding to make it back to the bus.



Many thanks to Mr James Whiting for his organisation and the staff who joined the boys and me for this adventure: Mr John Dixon, Ms Jacqui Cooke, Mr Rob Huxtable, Ms Elizabeth Isaacson, Ms Dominique Pringle, Ms April Rogers, Mr Sean Bickers, Mr Peter Wright, Ms Moe Osugi, Ms Vikki Anderson and Mr Justin Barr.



Mr Carl Di Stefano
Year8 Learning Leader

Music

“A school without music is a school without a soul” Don Bosco

Music plays a integral part in the lives of our students.

Term 4 has been jammed packed, full of excursions, concerts and assessments. The boys involved in the music department have worked hard and represented the College in a positive manner on all these occasions.



The St Joseph's College Drum Line has Arrived

It is with great excitement that we announce the introduction of our official St Joseph's College Drum Line. We have had two rehearsals and looked forward to our first performance at the Ferntree Gully Village Fair last weekend. Our first rehearsal involved learning the part on the practice pads and then moving to the oval to practice the drumming. We have begun to develop drum etiquette and even beginning to involve movement. At our second rehearsal, we completed a two minute drum routine with movement and basic tricks. We look forward to seeing this group develop.



Music Department – Open Lunch Times

The Music Department is open every Monday and Friday at lunchtime. We call this 'Open Lunchtime', and this is to encourage all students to come down for a 'jam' to simply have fun with music.

Private Instrumental Lessons for 2019

Students have the opportunity to learn from one of our highly skilled instrumental teachers. Students experience a 30 minute lesson in a shared or individual environment.



If your son is interested learning an instrument for Term 1 2019 please fill in a Music Form and hand it into Student Reception. Or alternatively speak with me.

<i>Instruments for Private Lessons</i>			
Guitar	Piano	Bass Guitar	
Voice	Drums	Flute	
Saxophone	Clarinet	Trombone	
French Horn	Violin	Trumpet	Tuba

Year 9 Music – Noiseworks

Last week the Year 9 Music students performed their 'Two Song Challenge'. This involved preparing and performing two contrasting pieces to a judging panel. We were very impressed by the progress that the students have made this term.



Excellence in Music

During Week 5, our Year 11 VCE Unit 1 and 2 music students prepared and performed a 20 minute program of recital works. This took place at an evening concert to a supportive audience of staff, family and friends. The six students who performed were examined by a panel of six musicians who deliberated on the students' final marks, worth 50% of the overall semester grade. The students received immediate feedback in the form of a masterclass directly after their performance, challenging them to further develop one area of their instrument technique and one area of the overall program. This evening was focused on creating an authentic learning experience that closely mirrored the Year 12 Unit 3 and 4 Performance Exam. The Unit 3 and 4 Performance exam is quite an impersonal experience, where students are



referred to as 'the applicant' and perform to a panel of two judges who give no indication of whether they are enjoying the performance, nor do they clap between the pieces. We hope that through these performance experiences and masterclasses, we can provide the students with authentic experiences which mirror what they may face next year.

Congratulations to the following Year 11 students who performed on this evening:

Ben Harris	Clarinet
William Taylor	Flute
Benito Seguin	Piano (Year 10 student studying accelerated music)
Noah Kondis	Bass Guitar (Year 10 student studying accelerated music)
Josh Hill	Guitar
Jamieson Doyle	Clarinet

Liturgical Music Excursion

In Week 6, students attended a liturgical workshop organised by the Catholic Leadership Centre. We learnt about the correct order of the mass and appropriate pieces that could be used for each part of the mass. Liturgical Musician, Genevieve Bryant, led the students in her original pieces as well as putting a modern feel to classic church hymns. The last workshop of the day involved a number of students volunteering to lead the group as a cantor, singing the solo section and then inviting everyone to join in the next refrain. We hope to take these ideas back to our choir and band rehearsals and imbed them into our upcoming liturgies. Congratulations to all boys who attended with special mention to Jett Kondis (7 Prest), Charlie Eames (7 Ledda) and Sev Dixon (9 O'Sullivan) who volunteered to act as cantors during the workshops.

Vale Richard Gill

Australian renowned artistic director, conductor, music educator and music advocate, Richard Gill, recently passed away after a battle with cancer. Richard Gill has been a vocal and practical advocate for music education all around Australia. I have been a very big fan of Richard's work, his attitude and his enthusiastic approach to music. Richard was an influential music advocate who I saw on TV and due to this, idolised him. In 2008, I first met Richard after auditioning for the Victoria Youth Opera Company. I then continued my involvement with Victorian Opera over a four year period. I have his signed autobiography on my piano at home and he was a reference for me for my interview at St Joseph's in 2012. He is one of the reasons that I decided to become a music educator.

Richard's passing made me reflect on the concept of a 'role model'. It is so important that young people feel inspired and are surrounded by figures in society who allow them to stand on their shoulders and feel tall. Understand that, whilst we are a small fish in a big pond, we are surrounded by a wealth of knowledge and, in Richard's case, an energetic and eccentric zest for music education. I challenge every musician to find their 'Richard Gill' – a local or Victorian-wide influential figure who inspires them to be a better, wiser and more knowledgeable musician. I challenge you to meet that person and create a plan to one day work them. It is due to these stewards, that music is an accessible language for all young people across Australia.

Our Term 4 Music Groups

- College Choir
- Year 7 Junior Band
- Senior Band
- Chamber Orchestra
- Open Lunchtimes

Year 7 Concert Band – Please Come Along to Our Next Rehearsal

Students interested in joining the Year 7 Concert Band are invited and encouraged to attend the recruiting rehearsals every Friday lunchtime in the Music House. We are currently looking for four students from each of the instruments listed over the page to spend a lunchtime working with Mr James Ferguson, our Instrumental Teacher. We hope to see you there.



Violin	Trombone	Drums	Clarinet
Trumpet	Flute	Percussion	

Music culture at St. Joseph's College is growing! Thank you to all the students for their ongoing support and commitment to our program.

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



Miss Bronwyn Dean
Music Leader



Community

Freshly Cut Christmas Trees

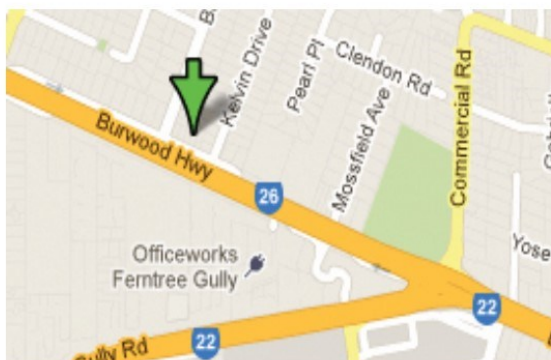


**1st
Ferntree Gully
Scout Group**



**Local Area
Delivery \$10**
**Christmas Tree
Stands from \$25**

Cnr Burke Rd and Burwood Hwy—Opposite Knox Ford

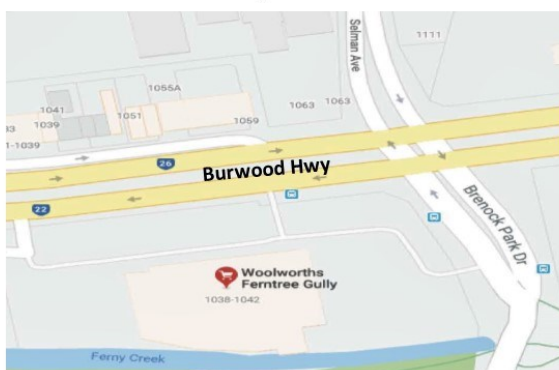


Selling 9.00 am - 4pm

(unless sold out prior)

Sat/Sun 1st & 2nd Dec
Sat/Sun 8th & 9th Dec
Sat/Sun 15th & 16th Dec
Sat 22nd Dec

Ferntree Gully Woolworths - Cnr Burwood Hwy & Brenock Park Drive



Selling 9.30 am - 4pm

(unless sold out prior)

Sat/Sun 1st & 2nd Dec
Sat/Sun 8th & 9th Dec
Sat/Sun 15th & 16th Dec

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Cost based on tree height

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Club Rooms / Head Office Details - Carrington Park Reserve, Knoxfield Victoria 3180

For further information, please email: president@scoresbymagpiesjuniors.org.au or
registration@scoresbymagpiesjuniors.org.au



**New Players Auskick to
U/17 Welcome**

College Calendar – Upcoming Events

Friday 30 November	Final Day Year 11 2018
Tuesday 4 December	Year 7 2019 Orientation Day and Information Evening
Friday 7 December	Mass of Thanksgiving and Awards Ceremony 12.30pm
	Final Day Years 8-10
Friday 21 December	Office Closed for Christmas Holidays

Further events on the St Joseph's College Calendar can be found on our website at the following link:

<http://stjosephs.com.au/events/>

College Calendar – Term Dates

Term 4

Monday 8 October until	Friday 30 November	Year 11
	Friday 7 December	Years 7-10