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Greg Ptolemy

A Message from the Principal

YEAR 12 RETREATS

I would like to commend the Year 12 cohort on their exceptional participation across the College Retreats last week. I would also acknowledge the generosity of staff who facilitated this core aspect of the spiritual dimension of our College. I was fortunate to be able to travel between almost all of the venues and I was overwhelmed by the positive energy and enthusiasm at each place. The space to breathe, refocus, reflect and recommit was certainly appreciated by all. One of the important teachings on Retreat is the importance of every story, and the extensive collection of photos appearing later in this newsletter captures some moments of these stories – enjoy!

200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

This year marks 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia and the diocese marked this event through a special liturgy last Monday. The absolute highlight of the liturgy from my perspective (slightly biased) was in hearing four of our students leading the singing for this event in the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Maia Cosgayon, Leianna McCloy, Carl Regencia and Isaac Ta'avale were wonderful in leading this joyous celebration.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Our Drama students are currently working industriously to prepare for their Civic Playhouse performances of *Twelfth Night* on June 10 and 11. Further details are provided later in the newsletter, and I am hoping that you might be able to join me in supporting the creative pursuits of our budding thespians.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Success has many measures in the sporting domain, and its greatest value is often measured in the qualities that it can imbue in our young. I have had the opportunity to see our students in a number of sporting pursuits recently, and I am pleased to acknowledge the wonderful attributes of fair play, support of others, commitment, perseverance and dedication on display. We have also been fortunate in these recent ventures to attain a number of victories across a range of sports. More details are provided later in the newsletter, but I would like to congratulate our participating students not just on their success, but for their excellent approach to each 'game' – you have been wonderful ambassadors for our College.

YEAR 11 ASSESSMENTS

Congratulations to Year 11 on successfully navigating your way through your first major assessment block. This period of time provides a multitude of learning opportunities, so I hope that your own reflections and the feedback provided by teachers become important tools for your ongoing commitment and development as senior students.

May God bless.

Greg Ptolemy
Principal

YEAR 12

2021 SEMESTER 1 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the ceremony.

- **Jack Hartigan** who read 'Acknowledgement to Country'.
- **Jordan Snowden** who sang and played guitar in a piece named "Bow River" by Ian Moss.
- **Charlotte McKie** who performed "Who's Lovin' You" by William Robinson Jr.

The Award's Ceremony is an opportunity to recognise those students who have been placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in a subject or who have been awarded Academic Achievement due to being ranked in the top 5% of the course cohort. The Semester 1 Awards are based on the combined assessment tasks completed over the first two terms of Year 12.

Congratulations to the College students who received Awards

SIX AWARDS

Presented by Greg Ptolemy, Principal

Charlotte Dever

Modern History	Third Place
Mathematics Extension 1	Third Place
Biology	Second Place
Chemistry	First Place
English Advanced	First Place
Studies of Religion 2U	First Place

FIVE AWARDS

Presented by Greg Ptolemy, Principal

Leah O'Hagan

Studies of Religion 2U	Third Place
English Advanced	Second Place
Society & Culture	Second Place
English Extension 1	First Place
Modern History	First Place

FOUR AWARDS

Presented by Greg Ptolemy, Principal

Jessica Gaudion

Studies of Religion 1U	Second Place
Visual Arts	First Place
Biology	First Place
Earth & Environmental Science	First Place

FOUR AWARDS (continued)

Bryce Ham

Mathematics Advanced	Third Place
Science Extension	First Place
Software Design & Development	First Place
Economics	First Place

Hannah Neville

Mathematics Advanced	Third Place
Earth & Environmental Science	Third Place
Physics	First Place
Chemistry	First Place

Angus O'Connor

Mathematics Standard	Academic Achievement
Legal Studies	Second Place
English Extension 2	First Place
Drama	First Place

Ella Stabler

Biology	Academic Achievement
Studies of Religion 2U	Academic Achievement
English Standard	Third Place
Mathematics Advanced	Third Place

Amy Theacos

Biology	Academic Achievement
English Advanced	Academic Achievement
Mathematics Extension 1	First Place
Mathematics Extension 2	First Place



THREE AWARDS

*Presented by Mrs Julia Lederwasch
Assistant Principal – Dean of Students*

Estelle Carmichael

English Advanced	Second Place
Studies of Religion 2U	Second Place
French Beginners	First Place

Amelie Connell

Studies of Religion 1U	Second Place
Modern History	First Place
German Continuers	First Place

Charlotte Dick

English Standard	Academic Achievement
Mathematics Standard	Second Place
Exploring Early Childhood	First Place

Jacqueline Dorian

English Advanced	Second Place
Economics	First Place
Legal Studies	First Place

Annika Stewart

Biology	Second Place
Geography	First Place
PDHPE	First Place

Jayden Wright

Chemistry	Third Place
Studies of Religion 1 Unit	Second Place
Physics	First Place

TWO AWARDS

Presented by Cassie Mowbray, Ministry Coordinator

Mia Atherton

English Standard	Academic Achievement
Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation	Second Place

Molly Breasley

Studies of Religion 2 Unit	Academic Achievement
English Standard	Academic Achievement

Mikayla Burford

Business Studies	First Place
Studies of Religion 1 Unit	First Place

Logan Crozier

Studies of Religion 2 Unit	Academic Achievement
Ancient History	Second Place

Ava Gidley

Biology	Academic Achievement
Community & Family Studies	First Place

Ellie Giles

English Standard	Second Place
Industrial Technology	First Place

Jodi Govender

English Advanced	Academic Achievement
Studies of Religion 2 Unit	Academic Achievement

Grace Hewitt

Studies in Catholic Thought	First Place
Food Technology	First Place

Lani Holz

Studies of Religion 2 Unit	Academic Achievement
Mathematics Standard	First Place

Harry James

Mathematics Extension 1	Third Place
Music 1	First Place

Thomas Licata

English Advanced	Academic Achievement
PDHPE	First Place

Krystal Lowe

Mathematics Standard	Academic Achievement
Studies of Religion 2 Unit	Academic Achievement

Maya Lowe

PDHPE	Academic Achievement
Studies of Religion 2 Unit	Academic Achievement

Leianna McCloy

Drama	Second Place
Music 1	First Place

Alexandria New

Hospitality	First Place
Studies in Catholic Thought	First Place

Tara O'Connor

English Advanced	Academic Achievement
Business Studies	Second Place

Angus Read

Industrial Technology	Academic Achievement
VET Construction	First Place

Kadel Snaddon

Mathematics Extension 1	Second Place
Physics	First Place

Charlotte Smith

Studies of Religion 2 Unit	Academic Achievement
Community & Family Studies	First Place

Laura Vico

Legal Studies	Academic Achievement
Mathematics Standard	Academic Achievement



RELIGION STUDIES AWARDS

Presented by Jane Rees, Coordinator

Studies of Religion 2 Unit

Academic Achievement

- Charlie Bray
- Amy Chomyn
- Emily Vidler
- Georgia Wall

Studies of Religion 1 Unit

Second Place

- Laura Thomas

Studies in Catholic Thought

First Place

- William Delizzotti
- Samuel Freire
- Laura Malone
- Eleanor Neville

ENGLISH AWARDS

Presented by Mary Picton, Coordinator

English Standard

First Place

- Hannah Brennan

Second Place

- Olivia Eve
- Grace Middleby

Academic Achievement

- Emily Bramble
- Tamsyn Capararo
- Mae Fletcher
- Beau McGregor
- Amelia Raidaveta

English Studies

First Place

- Lily Duggan

Second Place

- Sophia Pratten

Third Place

- Laura Robinson

MATHEMATICS AWARDS

Presented by Andrew Middleton, Coordinator

Mathematics Advanced

First Place

- Mila Maretich

Second Place

- Jordy Coyte

Third Place

- Ellen Hughes

Mathematics Extension 1

Third Place

- Emily Holford

Mathematics Standard 1

First Place

- Amelia Crane

Mathematics Standard 2

Academic Achievement

- Abbey Cave
- Gabrielle Dent
- Vivian Do
- Oliver Pearson
- Liam Ptolemy
- Benjamin Standing
- Joseph Howlett

SCIENCE AWARDS

Presented by Vina Gibson, Coordinator

Biology

Academic Achievement

- Hannah Geering

Chemistry

Third Place

- Joseph Fraietta

Earth & Environmental Science

First Place

- Poppy Bailey

Investigating Science

First Place

- Angelina McGrath

Second Place

- Kai Thompson



HSIE AWARDS

Presented by Tony Stone, Coordinator

Geography

Second Place

- Tallyn Quarles

Ancient History

First Place

- Miriam Newman

History Extension

First Place

- Eliza Gray

Legal Studies

Second Place

- Samuel McCarthy

Aboriginal Studies

First Place

- Jessica Burns

Society & Culture

First Place

- Taylah Gray

Business Studies

Second Place

- Zachary Williams

Academic Achievement

- Michelle Tapera
- Charlotte Thomas

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARDS

Presented by Chris Henry, Coordinator

Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

Academic Achievement

- Bianca Payne

First Place

- Saxon Coates
- Ellie Lambkin

Sport Lifestyle & Recreation

First Place

- Albey Winning

Second Place

- Ally Boertje
- Saxon Grubb
- Patrick Hagan

Community & Family Studies

First Place

- Chenoa Pinney-Elkington

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

Presented by Mr Patrick Campbell, Coordinator

Music 1

First Place

- Lucy Briggs

Photography

First Place

- Jasmine Hole

Visual Arts

Second Place

- Mila Knight

TECHNOLOGICAL & APPLIED STUDIES AWARDS

Presented by Nicolee Hodges, Acting Coordinator

Textiles & Design

First Place

- Casey Taggart

Design & Technology

First Place

- Ruby Edwards

Engineering Studies

First Place

- Jeremy Stewart

Information Processes & Technology

First Place

- Noah Schumacher

Industrial Technology

First Place

- Owen Lonergan-Mckenzie

Academic Achievement

- Oscar O'Connor

VET AWARDS

Presented by Rosemary Wilkinson, Coordinator

Hospitality

First Place

- Belle Amos
- Clare Webber

Construction

First Place

- Layton Bush

Business Services

First Place

- Moreen Dushime

Retail

First Place

- Patricia Simpson

Entertainment

First Place

- Jordan Snowden





SFX RETREAT 2021



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Over the past two weeks, Year 12 Studies of Religion 2 Unit students have been learning about the significant practice of Hajj from the depth study of Islam.

Once again, our students were in action in the main yard as visible learning came to life. Students from 12SRE3, 12SRE9 and 12SRE11 took part in a short re-enactment of Hajj.

Hajj is one of the 5 pillars of Islam. Hajj is a pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca which is undertaken by Muslims at least once in a lifetime for those who are fit enough and can financially afford it. In summary, it is a six-day spiritual journey whereby adherents follow in the footsteps of the prophets Abraham and Mohammad and perform different ritual practises.

Students first enacted the purification rites and cleansed themselves and put on the Ihram clothing worn by pilgrims (white seamless cloth) which is symbolic of human equality and unity before God.

Our journey then began and finished at the Kab'ah (the house of prayer) whilst students performed the ritual of Tawaf, that is circling the Kab'ah seven times in an anti-clockwise direction. This ritual signifies the importance of strengthening the bond of attaching the individual to a community. Subsequently, individuals feel connected with like-minded adherents and their universe.

Following on from Tawaf, students performed the ritual of prayer twice called Rakat where students perform the action of prostration which reinforces and renews the importance of submission to Allah. The action of bowing during Rakat also promotes calmness and inner peace for adherents.

Students went on to perform Sa'y, the hurrying 7 times between the hills of Safa and Marwah in search of water and then the students took on a journey around the school before arriving at the destination overlooking the entire school Mt Arafat otherwise known as the Mountain of Mercy. It was at this location students undertook the high point of Hajj, the ritual of Wuquf. This ritual is where adherents perform prayer and seek forgiveness from noon until sunset. Adherents are reminded through this ritual of the Day of Judgment (their belief in Akhirah) and the need to repent. As a result of being forgiven, adherents are spiritually transformed and their faith, trust and love of God are increased. Subsequently, adherents will strive to follow a more ethical life when they return to their everyday life and thus providing adherents with meaning and purpose.

Students also took part in throwing pebbles (woodchip) at Jamras (which are normally stone pillars but, in our case, Bamboo representing Satan). This ritual allows adherents to experience the power of forgiveness and to resist temptation thus providing purpose in one's life.

After experiencing Hajj, students were able to deepen their knowledge of the practice and develop a better understanding of key beliefs expressed in Islam. They were able to construct new knowledge by building on their current knowledge and therefore, being able to make more sense of the practice. It was a high-quality learning experience as the lesson was inclusive of all students, and they were able to increase their own social and cultural capital. More significantly, through this realistic experience, students hopefully will reflect on it later on in their own life beyond the school gate.

Mrs Monique Williams
On behalf of Ms Jane Rees & Ms Cheryl Rawson

Studies of Religion Faculty





THE LAW SOCIETY OF NSW

Mock Trial Competition

Thursday 27 May 2021

Newcastle University NuSpace Building

Round 3 of the Mock Trial was intense! In the Newcastle University NuSpace building on Thursday, 27 May we went head to head with Lambton High School defending a civil action for nuisance brought by a local resident. We were required to defend Mayor, Kade Cameron appearing on behalf of Burwood Council. The matter arose from damage to property caused by a number of mature fig trees that, it was claimed, the Council should have managed.

Our team consisted of:

Barristers: Catie Whitehead and Declan Aislabie

Solicitor: Freya Bond

Witnesses: Kade Cameron and Georgie Spyrdz

Court Officer: Alex Hankin

The case was intense, with the advantage shifting on a number of occasions. In the end, we lost to Lambton High 280-279, the closest of margins.

Well done team, as we prepare for our final round in a few weeks.

Huge thanks to Mr Stone for helping us out. We are now preparing for our final round in a few weeks' time.



200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN OUR DIOCESE

Four of our College music students formed a vocal ensemble to sing parts of the Liturgy on Monday, 24 May at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. The Liturgy celebrated 200 years of Catholic Education in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese.

Maia Cosgayon, Leianna McCloy both from Year 12 along with **Carl Regencia and Isaac Ta'avale** from Year 11 performed to lead the congregation in voice at this wonderful celebration.

Congratulations to these generous and committed students for representing our College and contributing significantly to the Liturgy.

HOARDERS REUNITED AND REVISITED

The Diocesan ASPIRE Music, Dance and Drama production organisation celebrates its 10 Year Anniversary this year. To celebrate, students who were involved in the Hoarders Production from 2017 were asked to revisit scenes and the music to recreate this favourite and highly successful 2017 show. Some ex-SFX ASPIRE students were also involved in recreating selected scenes. Some current SFX ASPIRE students were asked to rehearse and workshop during the day and then perform for a live audience at the Civic Playhouse on Monday, May 24.

Congratulations to the following students for their involvement and their ongoing commitment to the overall success of ASPIRE.

Leianna McCloy – Voice; Benjamin Doran – Drama; Katie Matthews – Drama; Jordan Snowden – Guitar and Zack Forsythe – Drumkit and Percussion



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	8:10 – 4:15
Tuesday	8:10 – 3:30
Wednesday	8:10 – 4:15
Thursday	8:10 – 4:15
Friday	8:10 – 3:30

The library is open for after-school study on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday

KNITTING IN THE LIBRARY

The scarves are growing longer every day! Many students have been contributing a few rows of knitting here and there, including whilst at Bonny Hills Retreat. We don't mind mistakes and have a link to a knitting tutorial site to get you started on the road to this new skill. Remember next time you are in the library grab a scarf and add a few rows.

CLICKVIEW

A reminder that all SFX students have access to ClickView. This has great video content to support and enrich your studies, as well as content on other topics like mental health & wellbeing, applying for jobs, interview techniques, and more. Go to online.clickview.com.au and log in with your school email address.

THE 30-MINUTE CLUB

We have a small handful of students taking 10 minutes out of their Wednesday lunch break to attend the 30-Minute club. The aim: to encourage each other to read regularly, find and suggest great books, and check in with each other. Reading has many great benefits and getting into a reading habit is one of the best things you can do for yourself. Why not join the 30-Minute club?

BOOK REVIEW: THE TRUTH HURTS, BY ANDREW BOE

"Criminal justice systems have not been designed to seek the truth. In places like Australia, it remains an adversarial blood sport often distracted by smoke & mirrors. Navigating through it is difficult and uncertain for any one of us but more so if you are poor, not white or not white enough, not a straight male or have no formal education...*The Truth Hurts* is an unflinching exploration of the fault-lines in our justice system by an outsider who found his way in. With forthright and uncompromising focus, Boe, now a barrister, spares no one, including himself, in this thought-provoking and at times brutal account. He argues that to give each other 'a fair go', we should all first acknowledge the flaws in the system, address our collective weaknesses and contribute to a real conversation about the human cost of not getting to the truth."

Mrs Hoey's review: *The Truth Hurts* is an important book to read. There's a lot of food for thought, but for the most part it's written in an engaging style. It certainly kept me turning the pages.



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION TRAINING



WORKPLACEMENT

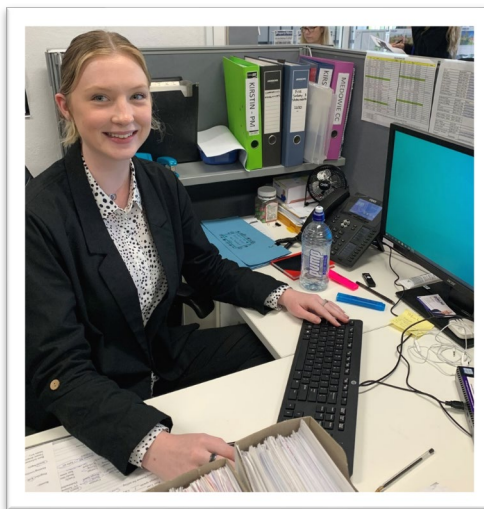
BUSINESS SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION

The first group of Business Services students attended work placement from Monday, 26 to 30 May. The students attended businesses ranging from Real Estate offices, schools, small offices and physiotherapists. Students were provided with the opportunity to undertake a range of tasks including entering data into a range of software programs, filing, answering the telephone, dealing with customers/client's requests at reception and attending property inspections.

Construction students gained valuable experience at a range of construction sites in the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie area. Students had the opportunity to observe numerous aspects of the trade.

One student comment "..... this work placement has definitely increased my interest in pursuing a career in a trade....."

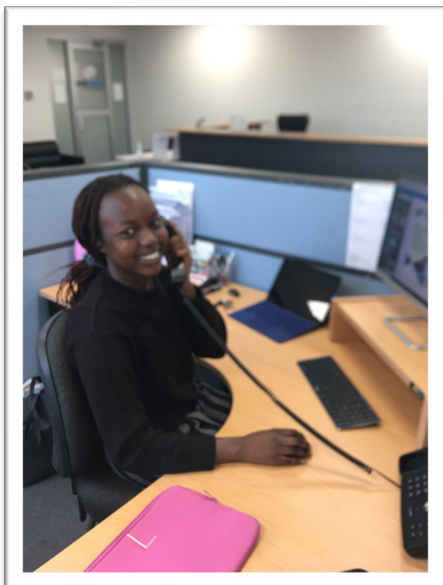
Madeline Steel



Jenis Mehla



Amok Masibier



Hayden Ward





Year 11 Hospitality students have been particularly busy during terms one and two with both the theory and practical components of the course. During the recent Assessment period they completed their first practical demonstration for competency in Hygiene, Cleaning and Use Food Preparation and Equipment. In this Assessment they prepared and presented nine precision cuts for marking before preparing Burrito Bowls to industry standard. Their hygiene, cleaning, equipment usage and preparation also formed part of the Assessment. All students should feel proud of their efforts as they performed in all areas to a high standard.



On Friday, 14 May the Year 12 Visual Art students visited the Maitland Regional Art Gallery (MRAG). Students were there to see two exhibitions: The 2020 Visual Art Express Students works who were nominated and selected and another exhibition entitled: This is not Australia. A controversial yet insightful series of works from Contemporary Australian Artists making comments about social, political and ideological viewpoints in

their varied artworks. The students all enjoyed the experience and found the case study most interesting. Thank you to Mrs Beletich for coming along to assist on the day.

Cormac O'Riordan, Visual Arts Teacher

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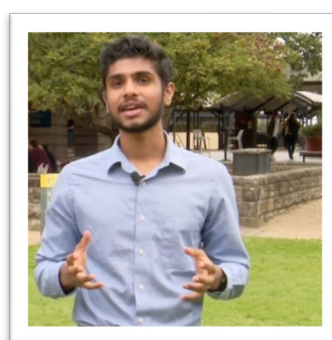
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your emails
on a regular basis!**

UNSW Scholarships



2022 Co-op Brochure

The 2022 Co-op Program scholarships brochure is now available for download. You'll find all the critical info, dates and requirements for 2022 Co-op scholarships. [Download here](#)



The Co-op Advantage

Current Co-op scholars Aditya (Business Information Systems) and Clare (Mechanical Engineering) share a brief introduction to the Co-op Program, outlining why it's so much more than just a scholarship. [Check it out](#)

UNSW'S REGIONAL DEGREES & SCHOLARSHIPS ONLINE INFO EVENING

Wednesday 16th June 6pm-7pm

UNSW teams will give you the full picture of university study – starting with finding and getting into your dream degree and exploring the important student services that will shape your experience while you study.



UNSW FACULTY OF ENGINEERING ADMISSION SCHEME UNDERGRADUATE ALTERNATE ADMISSIONS PATHWAYS

FEAS is an alternative pathway for students who want to study at UNSW but don't meet the Guaranteed Entry Rank (GE). You should apply for the Faculty of Engineering Admissions Scheme if you're expecting an ATAR between 83.00 and 90.95 and want to study at UNSW.

<https://www.unsw.edu.au/engineering/study/alternate-pathways/faculty-engineering-admission-scheme>

ELEVATE FOR PARENTS

ELEVATE had over 5,000 parents tune into the series last Term and many were from St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton. They have a series this term to address the most common parent concerns.

Upcoming dates

June 16 - Stress and Wellbeing. How parents can support their child in tougher periods and manage school-related stress

The webinar registration page for SFX can be [accessed here](#).

MACQUARIE LEADERS AND ACHIEVERS' EARLY ENTRY KEY UPDATES

Applications open: Tuesday 1 June.

Applications close: Friday 20 August, 2pm.

Offers: Students can only receive **ONE** offer through this Scheme.

Offers released in September.

Courses: All courses are available except our Co-op degrees.

Leadership activities/roles: Students need to list at least **two** activities/roles.

Student webinar: Tuesday 1 June, 5pm.

Register at mq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/events



HSC GEOGRAPHY ENRICHMENT DAY

Macquarie's leading geography lecturers will share case studies and research insights directly relevant to the curriculum to help prepare students for the HSC Geography exam.

When: 9:30am – 12:30pm, Friday 4 June

Mode: On-campus or online

Who: This event is for students and teachers in stage 6 geography studies.

Cost: \$40 per person for on-campus attendees (includes catering).

\$20 for online attendees.

<https://event.mq.edu.au/hsc-geography-day/registration/Site/Register>



SYDNEY UNIVERSITY - VISUALS ARTS AND MUSIC STUDENTS

The Creative Arts Special Admissions Scheme (CASAS) offers talented Year 12 students a chance to receive an early offer to study music or visual arts based on their audition or portfolio and their academic performance in Year 11 and 12 so far, prior to getting an ATAR.

Find out more about applying to the [Conservatorium of Music](#) or the [Sydney College of the Arts](#)



WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Western Sydney Campus Tours kick off on 17 June. Students and parents can view state-of-the-art facilities and hear from current students and staff about courses and degrees Western offers. Visit here for dates and campus locations:

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/student-life/events/campus-tours.html?cid=em:EGMT-CAA-newsletter-CT-page_May21

CHARLES STURT PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

All our Parent Information Sessions will be evening events. Times will be confirmed closer to the dates.

- Albury-Wodonga – Tuesday 7 September 2021
- Bathurst – Tuesday 14 September 2021
- Orange – Tuesday 7 September 2021
- Port Macquarie – Tuesday 14 September 2021
- Wagga Wagga – Monday 13 September 2021

<https://study.csu.edu.au/life/events/parents>



Charles Sturt
University

THE AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL RESEARCH

Learn more about careers in a Health or Medical field

Australian Society for Medical Research
Medical Research Week®
June 4th - June 11th 2021



High Schools Career Evening



Tuesday 8th June 2021
6:30 – 8:00pm AEST

Presented virtually via ZOOM

Please register [here](#)

Registrations are essential and close at 2pm 8th June

Please forward any queries to emily.colvin@sydney.edu.au

ADF Chefs

Gain skills to prepare and cook a delicious meal for an entire team. These roles offer opportunities to travel, make friends for life and get a nationwide culinary accreditation



If your students are interested in becoming future Military Chefs, learn more about life and roles in the ADF [here](#).

DEFENCE FORCES ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE INFORMATION SESSIONS

There are regular meetings held across NSW on all areas of the Defence Forces. Keep a watchful eye on this site for events closest to your town or city.

ARMY GAP YEAR PLACES

An [Army Support Gap Year](#) role is a unique opportunity for students to experience life in the Army, without needing to make a long-term commitment. In an Army Support role, recruits will learn logistic and task management skills to ensure the Army has the necessary supplies for exercises and humanitarian operations. Gap Year recruits can experience what life in the Army is like in one of three rewarding Army Support Gap Year roles. They may assist in the movement of supplies as a Driver, manage logistics as a Warehouse Coordinator, or become the point of contact within a unit as an Administration Assistant.

Gap Year applications are closing soon. Explore more about the [Army Support Gap Year](#). Click a role below or contact Defence Force Recruiting on [13 19 01](#) for more information.



STEMstart

Registrations are now open for the 2021 STEMstart.

Lockheed Martin Australia, Regional Development Australia (RDA) Hunter and TAFE NSW North have partnered to develop a unique 18 month Vocational Education Training (VET) program to provide students with the high value, job ready skills needed to create and sustain advanced technologies for the Defence industry.

The initiative offers a vocational pathway for technical training that will include critical skills in ICT, cyber security and programming. Industry site visits and potential work placement opportunities CIII, CIV and Diploma qualifications

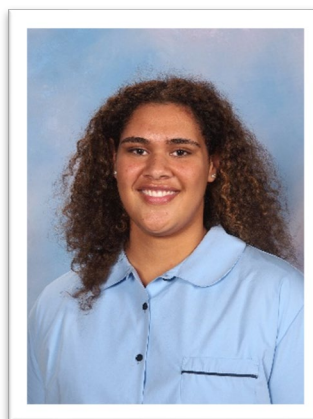
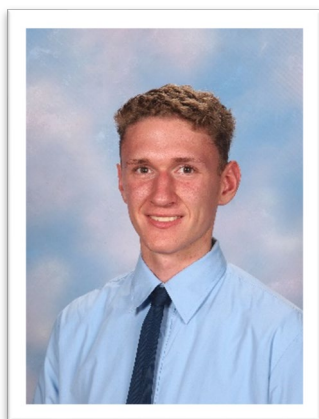
Register at: [STEMstart – Regional Development Australia STEM – Hunter \(rdahunterstem.org.au\)](https://rdahunterstem.org.au)

THE SPORT CORNER

Amy Bruniges
Rosemary Wilkinson
Sports Coordinators

COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to - Michael Walker, Jude Jennings, Amelia Raidaveta (Year 12) and Emily Foy (Year 11) who have been selected in the **NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Basketball teams** after selection trials on Monday, 3 May. Both teams will compete at the NSW All Schools Championships on Monday, 31 May. Michael and Amelia were also members of the NSW team that competed at the Under20 National Championships in Mackay.



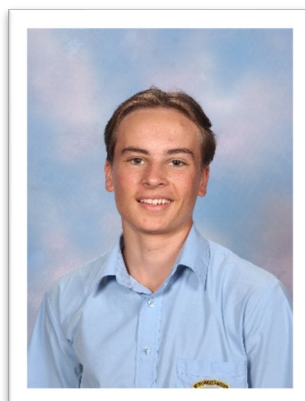
NSW COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES RUGBY 7'S

Congratulations to Imogen Hope (Yr 11) who was selected in the **NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Rugby 7's team** after selection trials on Wednesday. The team will compete at the NSW All School Championships in Sydney on Saturday, 22 and Sunday, 23 May.



RUGBY UNION

Congratulations to Reid Aland and Brendan Palmer who were selected in the Country U18 and U16 Rugby teams.



RUGBY LEAGUE

Congratulations to Reegan Glover, Travis Peterson and Aajay Watts who were selected in the Northern Country Open Rugby League team. The team competed at the CCC selection trials held in Sydney on Thursday, 20 and Friday, 21 May. As a result of the trials, Travis was selected in NSW CCC team that will play in the ALL Schools Championships to be held in Sydney on Tuesday, June 8. Aajay Watts was selected in the Presidents XX team. Well done Travis and Aajay



DIOCESAN FOOTBALL GALA DAY

GIRLS FOOTBALL

It was great to resume after an absence due to the pandemic and restrictions for 2020. This year the senior girls were once again outstanding. We had four games and won all of them comprehensively. The girls showed great respect for their competition and as they progressed through the tournament they seemed to gel as a well organised outfit. Unfortunately, one of our speedy wing attack players, Bronte Roberts, went down with a knee injury in the final. We look forward to her speedy recovery. Our team captain, Mona Walker, led the girls well playing in a range of various positions gauging our best offensive and defensive strategies. We are looking forward to the next stage of this competition. I would like to thank all the girls for their hard work and commitment to this team. Finally, a huge thanks to Susan Bone, our team manager, for all the organisation for this squad. The girls will play **Mount St Benedict College** in the second round of the CCC knockout competition on Tuesday, 1 June. Best of luck girls.

Cormac O’Riordan (Coach)



BOYS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The boy's football team made a successful return to competition with a hard fought yet comprehensive victory in the Diocesan Open Football Gala held at Speer's Point. Relatively convincing wins in the pool games against Saint Joseph's Lochinvar and Saint Catherine's Singleton paved the way for a semi-final against a both mobile and enthusiastic side representing St Pauls Booragul. Although possession and chances favoured our boys, a lone goal by Declan Hughes proved decisive. The final was played against long time adversaries, All Saints Maitland. They are a well credentialled side with threats both from the midfield and forward line. However, a sensational goal after just 7 seconds was the perfect opening. Two more goals before half time allowed the side to control the second half and a comfortable victory.

In all games our defence was dominant, countering every attack and maintaining a clean sheet throughout. The midfield was constructive and creative, maintaining possession, constantly probing and providing our strikers with chances. Up front, the strikers finished off opportunities with both long range strikes and subtle placement. The team played all games with tremendous spirit and displayed both the skill and temperament of seasoned veterans. All players represented the College with distinction demonstrating sportsmanship and camaraderie both on and off the field.

The victory sees the team advance to the next round of the CCC knockout competition, playing St Paul's Manly on Tuesday, 1 June. Best of Luck!

Results	
SFX v St Joseph's Lochinvar 7-0 win	SFX v St Catherine's Singleton 9-0 win
SFX v St Paul's Booragul 1-0 win (semi-final)	SFX v All Saints Maitland 3-0 win (final)
Coach: <i>Michael Kerby</i>	Manager: <i>Casey McCowan</i>



It is with great joy that the soccer coaches can report that both the boys and girls football teams will move into the **quarter finals** of the NSW Catholic Colleges Knockout Football competition after winning their 2nd round games on Tuesday, 1 June. Game reports next Lighthouse addition.

GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE

Our Girls Rugby League team had a successful Gala Day on May 12, making it through to the Regional NRL Grand Finals undefeated. The team played three games to qualify for the Semi-Final against Hunter River High School. After convincing wins against St Paul's Booragul (20-4) & All Saints College Maitland (16-4), the girls were tested on the field against Callaghan College Jesmond with an eight all draw. Luckily, the girls qualified with a better for and against, and Coach Kelly started preparing the team for the Semi. Ensuring they played to their strengths & worked together as a team, the girls were victorious against Hunter River High School winning 24-8.



The girls will play the Regional Grand Final at Cessnock Sportsground on Thursday June 17 against Hunter Sports High. The girls are very excited to play on the main stage. We wish them all the best.

Thank you to their coach & team managers, Mr Rowan Kelly, Mrs Amanda Corrigan & Mr Paul Dan. Also, a big thank you to parents & grandparents who supported the team on the day.

The girls Rugby League team consisted of: Stella Compton, Amelia Crane, Charli Donaldson, Anna Gleeson, Alexandra Holliday, Imogen Hope, Madison McArthur, Amelia Moore, Ebonie Moses, Chenoa Pinney-Elkington, Mia Pollard, Clare Webber, Sophie Wilson. **Amanda Corrigan, Manager**

BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE

On Tuesday, May 11 Mr Dan, Mr Kelly and Mr Dalton took the SFX boys rugby league team to Raymond Terrace for the NSW CCC Gala Day.

In our first game, we got off to a slow start in some wet weather going down 2-0 early in the first half against an enthusiastic St Mary's Gateshead. However, as the boys settled into some structure, we managed to pull the game back to win 3-2.

Next, in a must win match we had to beat St Joseph's Aberdeen to make it into the final in June. We won this one convincingly, putting on several tries against a depleted side.

To finish the day, we played a match against a strong and fresh All Saints' College Maitland side. We started well scoring the first try, however due to their strong roster and lack of earlier games we ended up losing.



Despite this we still made it through to the next round of the NRL Schoolboy Trophy and had a very enjoyable day. The boys will play the Regional Grand Final at Cessnock Sportsground on Wednesday June 16.

Zac Williams, Year 12

SPORT SPOTLIGHT



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Chenoa is a multiple talented sportsperson. She is currently involved in Rugby League, Rugby Union and dancing. At a younger age Chenoa participated in gymnastics at an elite level competing at both state and national championships. At 4 years of age, Chenoa was the youngest ever Australian gymnast to train and start competing at such a high level.

Her involvement in Rugby League happened by chance. She wanted to try a different sport so in Year 7, 2016 she trialled and was selected in the St Pius school team. She enjoyed it so much that she and a few other girls formed a team and entered a Women's 9 competition with West's Newcastle. However, she now plays First Grade with Central Charlestown Butcher Birds. Chenoa also started playing Rugby Union at 14 years of age. She loves both sports equally and still manages to be involved in dance classes focusing on the disciplines of jazz, contemporary and tap. Chenoa was in the development squad for the NRL Newcastle Knights Women's team and played in a Newcastle junior representative team in 2019. She has represented the Hunter Wildfires in 7's, 10 's and 15 aside in the NSW State and country teams from 2017 to present and is also a member of the University of New England Lions Women's Rugby program, competing at various 7's tournaments throughout NSW.

Chenoa has become a master of time management skills as she dances twice a week and trains for and plays Rugby League and Rugby Union across 4 days of the week. Keeping organised is an essential tool for staying on top of her schoolwork and sport, and when it comes to exam periods, she spends a lot of time in the school library at lunch and recess catching up on work. She then squeezes an hour or so in after school, before heading off to training. Then it's back into the books before she retires for the night. She still finds time to catch-up with friends at training and at school.

Chenoa would like to perform well in her HSC Examination in order to go to University, while maintaining her involvement in her sporting activities as she believes staying active keeps her motivated and helps her to perform well in school.

R. Wilkinson
Sports Coordinator





VINNIES DAY

COLLEGE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – VINNIES DAY

Many thanks to all students and staff who supported our recent Vinnies Day, especially all those members who did so much work for a great cause. Particular thanks to Ms Mowbray and Mrs McNaughton who helped with the food stalls and the fashion parade. The total amount raised was \$898.90. This money will be used to finance the education of 2 students from the Asia-Pacific region through the St Vincent de Paul Assist-a-Student Program, to assist the Marist Brothers' school for disabled children at Phnom Penh in Cambodia, which, prior to COVID-19, some of our students visited each year during the Term 2 school holidays and to provide "seed money" for some of the 80 or so projects sponsored by the Marist Asia Pacific Solidarity program.



Jack Burke TG62 won the \$10 tuckshop voucher for his Grandpa outfit in the fashion parade. Other prize-winners were: Jenna Marley TG43 – Best Women's Outfit; Jewelín Jijo TG21 and Mitchel Tapera TG16 – Best Couple; John Maker TG31 and Jaydon Warner TG36 – Best Team and Molly Drinkwater TG22 – Most Enthusiastic. Br David - SDP



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To apply for
2022 Enrolment
into Year 11

Year 11 2022 enrolments are now open and enrolment packages were posted from Monday 29 March 2021. Please email admin@hamilton.catholic.edu.au with the following information.



- ✓ **Student's Name**
- ✓ **Student's Date of Birth**
- ✓ **Student's Current School**
- ✓ **Parent/s, Carer/s Name/s**
- ✓ **Parent/s, Carer/s mailing address including post code**
- ✓ **Parent/s, Carer/s mobile phone number**
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Twelfth
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William
Shakespeare

JUNE 10TH – 11TH
CIVIC PLAYHOUSE
7:30 PM

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2021 Important School Dates

Term 2

Friday, 4 June	Champagnat House Day Celebration
Monday, 14 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Thursday, 24 June	Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews commencing at 1:30 pm
Friday, 25 June	Term 2 concludes

Term 3

Monday, 12 July	Term 3 begins
Friday 23 July	MacKillop Day House Celebrations
Monday 26 July	Year 12 Trial HSC begins
Friday 20 August	McAuley Day House Celebrations
Monday 30 August	Year 11 Final Assessment Period
Friday 10 September	Year 12 Awards Ceremony
Thursday 16 September	Year 12 Farewell Day
Thursday 16 September	Year 11 Last Day Term
Friday 17 September	Year 12 Graduation Mass



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Aspire Intern – Paid Internship 12 months (approx. 2 days per week but also including extra rehearsals and the entirety of Production Week)

ASPIRE is offering one paid internship to a student from our Diocese interested in learning more about the Creative Arts industry and the management of a Creative Arts Program. This position is suited to students considering a career in the arts industry, whether it be, theatre, music, visual arts or theatre production.

As part of the ASPIRE Internship the successful candidate will:

- Support the Artistic Director through preparation, planning, rehearsal, and performance of the ASPIRE 2022 production.
- Assist in the preparation of major ASPIRE events such as the Song Competition, Senior Theatre Makers and DRAMA FEST.
- Maintain a fortnightly blog about their experiences.
- Have their own individual self-developed project, created in discussion with the Artistic Director and based on their area of interest.
- Attend ASPIRE committee meetings.
- Attend industry meetings and gain insight into working with creative organisations such as Australian Theatre for Young People and Catapult Dance.
- Be part of a minimum of one ASPIRE In Schools collaboration.

The salary for this position will be \$26,000, commencing the week of 24 January 2022 and concluding in week beginning 20 December 2022 with 4 weeks annual leave available.

Position Requirements

- Good verbal and written communication skills
- A genuine interest in the Creative Arts with a particular interest in Production, Theatre, Music or Visual Art
- Initiative and an ability to work independently.
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Be a current Year 12 student attending a Diocese of Maitland - Newcastle Catholic School or be a former student of a Diocese of Maitland - Newcastle school and be under 20 years of age.

Applicants are invited to forward their CV, and an expression of interest addressing the position requirements outlining why you are interested in the position and a written reference to **Anne Atkins** (anne.atkins@mn.catholic.edu.au) by **Monday 12 July 2021 (Week 1 of Term 3)**. Shortlisted applicants will be invited to interview with members of the ASPIRE committee.