



# Lighthouse

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Greg Ptolemy

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students and Friends of SFX

Term 2 has commenced with a typically industrious schedule for staff and students alike at the College. The scope of these events has been quite diverse, and I would like to take a few moments to share some reflections on a few of these activities.

### STAFF SPIRITUALITY DAY

The first day of term saw the staff engage in Professional Development with a focus on Spirituality. This is a core aspect of our commitment to Catholic education at the College and we were delighted to be able to spend the day with Mr Paul Harris from the Mission and Life Marist Formation Team.

Paul shared many stories and reflections with us, but there was one tale that I had not heard for a while that captured my attention. The story is attributed to American author Terry Hershey and is entitled The Cup is Full. Hershey writes:

*An important and hurried and stressed businessman visits a Zen master, seeking guidance. (It seems that these days, to look important, you have to appear hurried and stressed.) The Zen master sits down, invites the businessman to sit, and pours the visitor a cup of tea. But even after the tea fills the cup, the Zen master continues to pour, allowing the tea to spill, now running over the entire table. The businessman is taken aback, "Stop! Please stop pouring the tea! Can't you see the cup is full, and obviously can't hold any more." The Zen master replies simply, "Yes. So, it is with you. And you will not be able to receive any guidance unless you make some empty space first."*

I think that this simple story is a message for each of us. In particular, our students can be overwhelmed by the noise around them, and it can be difficult for them to know what is actually important.

It is why Year 12 are offered the opportunity to Retreat in the next few weeks. I had one Year 12 student ask me the other day if they could be excused from attending Retreat because they had important things to focus on like assessments. They were stressed and anxious, which I understood. Yet, the Retreat experience is designed to provide the students with space to breathe, to prioritise and ultimately become more effective at what they really need to do.

Terry Hershey in his reflection on the story notes that “...there is something alluring about filling empty space. And something very unnerving about being asked to empty (or let go of) whatever I’ve stockpiled to fill that space.”

Year 12 are being invited to do just that...to let go of that which is unnecessary, to refocus, re-energise and recommit – we are looking forward to the experience with them.

## ANZAC DAY

Our students and staff have been involved in a number of ANZAC Day memorials over the last few weeks. We were represented at the Newcastle Hunter Combined Schools ANZAC Day service by students who had worked on the committee to create the event, as well as members of the ASPIRE program who brought to life a meaningful and powerful dramatisation of the life of 104-year-old veteran Alf Carpenter. We also had students contribute to the day by assisting with front-of-house activities at the Civic Theatre.



Our students also led our reflective College memorial, while many more also participated in a multitude of other services throughout the city and surrounds. I was thoroughly impressed by the commitment of so many of our students to be active in these events, and I was equally proud to witness the solemnity and respect displayed by our entire community in marking this significant day.

## DOMINIC HOUSE CELEBRATIONS

Our house structure at the College is centred around four significant religious and educational figures. St Dominic de Guzmán, the founder of the Dominican Order, is the patron of our 'Red' House and last week saw us recognise his contributions with a celebratory festive occasion. Our special celebrations incorporated learning about his life and contributions to society, intermingled with some fun community building activities. There were some wonderful moments that added to this sense of occasion by both students and staff, perhaps highlighted by the lunchtime karaoke – the talents on display were exceptional as was the overwhelming sense of community life. Thank you to everyone for choosing to be involved.

## YEAR 12 REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS

Year 12 reports are about to be released for students and families. These documents should provide important feedback regarding progress and will hopefully provide momentum for the next stage of the HSC journey. To compliment these documents, our Parent – Teacher afternoon/evening is scheduled for Wednesday May 12 in the SFX College Hall and we look forward to these conversations in support of the students.

May God bless.

Greg Ptolemy  
Principal

65th Annual Newcastle & Hunter Combined Schools  
**ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE EVENT 2021**  
Alfred Clive Carpenter OAM ED 'A Man of Many Parts'

Last week, our Anzac Committee told the incredible story of Alf Carpenter, on the last day of his 103<sup>rd</sup> year. As he was welcomed to the stage, there was barely a dry eye in the theatre, and he was greeted with a well-deserved standing ovation. During WW2, Alf fought in several of the major conflict zones and his life story is one of great service in war and peace as well as his many other remarkable abilities. Alf's amazing stories were presented in an integrated drama-narrative form which has been in the making since December 2019, having been interrupted last year but completed for 2021. It is with endless gratitude I commend the contributions of Angus O'Connor and Lachlan James who represented SFX superbly, tirelessly researching, developing, and working on staging this unique event. Many months of team effort was the real reward for their commitment in bringing these stories to life and this occasion was exceptional.



The ASPIRE Drama Ensemble included Year 11 students Emma McNamara, Hayden McDonald and Xavier Fogarty who displayed tremendous creativity in the dramatic re-enactments of some of the important episodes of Alf's life providing the audience with a thought-provoking insight into his extraordinary journey. Joshua Breeden laid a tribute on behalf of 321 Squadron: Air Force Cadets.

I also wish to thank the Year 11 Tutor Group Representatives and leaders who volunteered to assist Civic Theatre staff in the ushering of guests, the storing of bags and the triaging and escorting of primary school students from King Street and through Wheeler Place. All students were impeccably dressed and responsible which was noted by staff and officials on the day.

I was very proud of what was achieved and the support our wonderful students offered without hesitation.







## THE LAW SOCIETY OF NSW

### Mock Trial Competition

**Friday 23 April 2021**

*Newcastle University NuSpace Building*

Round 2 of the Mock Trial a Success! In the Newcastle University NuSpace building on the 23rd of April, we went head to head with HSPA fighting a fraud case, where our defendant was accused of making a dishonest statement that would grant her a financial advantage or cause a financial disadvantage. After countless objections and a strong case put forward by the prosecution, we inched ahead to acquit our defendant of her charges. Our team consisted of our Barristers, Catie Whitehead and Emma McNamara, instructed by Solicitor Declan Aislabie. They questioned their two witnesses, played magnificently by Brigitte Davis and Kade Cameron, with the court running smoothly thanks to Court Officer, Macie Ellen.

In a very tight case, with the Barristers examining our witnesses, and cross-examining the other witnesses, who also had great acting skills, we came to our closing statements. We, the defence, argued that our defendant's statement was perfectly honest, and she did not intend to cause any disadvantage, granting us the acquittal. The Mock Trial scores revealed a 260-257 win over the opposition, affirming how good both sides presented that day.

Huge thanks to Mr Stone for helping us out and get excited for round 3 later this term!!

Declan Aislabie, Year 11



### ASPIRE 2021 NEWS

The Diocesan annual music, dance and drama production for 2021 will be titled **"The Masked DJ"**. As part of this ASPIRE production students can compose and submit entries into the **ASPIRE Song Competition**.

It is with great excitement that we received the news that three of the entries from music students here at the College have been 'shortlisted'. The composers of these songs will now be able to workshop their songs early in May to ensure that they have appropriate accompaniment and are able to be performed in the style intended. The students then rehearse their songs more formally and perform them mid-May for judges who will select the winner. In the senior category, the winner's song would be incorporated into the ASPIRE production.

Congratulations for their solo shortlisted entries go to **Jordan Snowden – Year 12** for his song titled **"Happy as Larry"** and to **Leianna McCloy – Year 12** for her song titled **"Someone Else"**. Congratulations also go to one of our Year 11 bands **Xavier Fogarty, Elijah McNamara and Rylan Thompson** for their shortlisted group entry titled **"Asking For Change"**.

We wish these talented and creative musicians best wishes for the competition workshops and performances in the competition.



## WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE WATTLE!



Here are our Wattle seeds onboard the International Space Station, circling the Earth every 90 minutes. They will be back from their Space holiday in July, and we will receive our share of them and our control seeds soon after.

## From the Student Representative Council



On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of April, the college captains and vice captains along with Mr. Ptolemy and Mrs. Lederwasch attended the 65<sup>th</sup> annual Newcastle and Hunter combined schools ANZAC service. The service, which told the story of 104-year-old World War 2 veteran Alfred Clive Carpenter OAM, was one of great reverence and inspiration.

Last Friday students from the Dominic House recognised and celebrated the life, work and dedication of St Dominic de Guzman, the founder of the Dominican order and patron saint of the Dominic house. For the day students from the Dominic house dressed in red, participated in activities such as Karaoke, purchased food from food stalls run by Dominic Tutor Groups and were informed of Saint Dominic and his work by drama performance and slideshow. The SRC would like to thank Ms Beletich, Ms Scully, Mr Kakavas and the students involved for their assistance in getting the day organised and participation on the day.

The SRC would like to acknowledge and congratulate Beau McGregor, Saxon Coates, Kurt Murphy and Eliza Johnson for their amazing achievements at the Surf Lifesaving national championships on the Sunshine Coast over the past week. This group of students came away with medals in 11 events and top 10 finishes in many others. The results are as follows: **Saxon Coates:** 1<sup>st</sup> Under 19 Male Board Race. **Eliza Johnson:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Under 19 Female Single Ski, 1<sup>st</sup> Under 19 Female Taplin Relay, 2<sup>nd</sup> Under 19 Female Ski Relay and 3<sup>rd</sup> Under 19 Female Board Rescue. **Kurt Murphy:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Under 17 Male Board Race, 1<sup>st</sup> Under 17 Male Board Relay, 1<sup>st</sup> Under 17 Male Board Rescue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Under 17 Male Taplin Relay and 2<sup>nd</sup> Under 17 Male Ski Relay. **Beau McGregor:** 1<sup>st</sup> Under 17 Male Board Relay, 1<sup>st</sup> Under 17 Male Board Rescue, 1<sup>st</sup> Under 19 Male Board Relay, 2<sup>nd</sup> Under 17 Male Taplin Relay and 2<sup>nd</sup> Under 17 Male Ski Relay

Finally, the SRC would like to wish all of year 11 the best of luck for their upcoming assessment block and encourage them to continue to study hard in preparation for these assessments.



## 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

This term in the library we are knitting scarves which we will donate to the needy to help keep these vulnerable people warm this winter. Students can pop into the Library and do some knitting before school, during break times and during study periods. These short bursts of knitting can provide a much needed short brain break. COVID safety measures include students washing and sanitising hands before knitting, and knitting needles are sanitised between users. If you have never knitted before the library staff are available to offer advice and a helping hand to get you started. Knitting is a great mindfulness activity and is something you can do whilst having a chat quietly to friends.



### CAN YOU SPARE 10 MINUTES ON WEDNESDAYS?

Reading has many great benefits, including helping students improve their own writing. To support students to become more habitual readers, we are running the 30-Minute Club, encouraging students to read for 30 minutes, five days a week. If you check your screen time report, you will probably find you have got more spare time than you realised. We are meeting weekly in the library on Wednesdays to keep each other on track—and this check-in meeting is just for 10 minutes. Getting into a reading habit is one of the best things you can do for yourself, so why not join the 30-Minute club.

### PRINTING IN THE LIBRARY

The library can be a busy place on the morning an assessment is due. While the library staff members are always happy to help with printing woes, we remind students that we cannot guarantee your assessment will be printed on time. Our resources do not provide capacity for all students to print within limited time frames, and as such any issues with printing in the library are not considered adequate reasons for late submission. We encourage students to print assessments at least the day before they are due.





Celebrate and Reflect

**DOMINIC DAY**

**FRIDAY 30 APRIL**

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE**

# CAREER NEWS

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Please remember to check  
your emails  
on a regular basis!

## What is coming up at SFX?

Event	Date	Time	Where	For whom
Law student for a day	5 <sup>th</sup> May	9am- 3pm	NUSpace	Year 12
Careers EXPO	13 <sup>th</sup> May	10am- 11.15am	Broadmeadow Jockey club	Year 12
SFX information day at University of Newcastle	21 <sup>st</sup> May	9am – 2pm	Both Nuspace & Callaghan Campus	Year 12
RSA / RCG	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May And Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Starts at 3pm – till approx. 8.30pm	Theatrette	Open to Students in YEAR 12 only (You do NOT need to be 18 to complete the course)
YES Program	Various throughout Term 2	All day sessions	Across all TAFE campuses	Open to Students in YEAR 11 and 12

## ELEVATE for PARENTS

The 2021 Parent Webinar Series is back again this Term. ELEVATE had over 5,000 parents tune into the series last term and many were from St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton.

They have curated a series this term to address the most common parent concerns.

### Upcoming dates

- May 5<sup>th</sup> - **Time Management** techniques to align the family expectations on homework and achieve school-life balance.
- May 19<sup>th</sup> - **Memory and effective revision.** Why rote learning is ineffective and our top strategies for effective revision.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Exam Preparation** to ensure students are prepared and confident going into the exam room.
- June 16<sup>th</sup> - **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](#).

Hope that this proves to be helpful once again.



## ATAR explained without all the jargon

It is important to remember that the ATAR tells you about where you're placed among your cohort (your rank); it's not a mark out of 100 or a percentage.

Of the 54,894 NSW students who received an ATAR in 2020:

only 46 students (less than 1%) received an ATAR of 99.95

50.3% received an ATAR of at least 70.00

65.6% received an ATAR of at least 60.00.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNx5NVFPQk&t=1s>

# ATAR

## Macquarie University Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Program

You could be rewarded with an early offer to study at Macquarie University in 2022 if you have been performing well at school in Year 11 and if you can demonstrate initiative and commitment through leadership, community, sport, or casual work activities.

Who can apply?

To apply for Macquarie Leaders and Achievers, you must be:

- completing the HSC
- performing consistently well at school
- can demonstrate leadership qualities and commitment to community

Register your interest

To stay updated about the Macquarie Leaders and Achievers Early Entry Scheme, including when it opens, register your interest below.

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions/entry-requirements/domestic/macquarie-entry/macquarie-leaders-and-achievers>

## University of Newcastle Parent Information Webinar

Tuesday 8 June. 6pm to 7pm

Sam Doherty, the senior manager of Admissions, will be running a live University of Newcastle Parent Webinar, covering key topics such as how to apply to university and the various entry schemes that are available for your child.

This session will go for roughly 45 minutes, with plenty of time for questions.

Future Students Team - [futurestudents@newcastle.edu.au](mailto:futurestudents@newcastle.edu.au)

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/future-students/2021-parent-webinar>

## Applying to the Australian Defence Force Academy

Applying for ADFA is a competitive, dual application process that can take up to 12 months. It's preferable you apply in Year 11, but you can still apply in Year 12.

To start the ADF application process, use the [degree and job match tool](#) to explore the courses through ADFA, and the careers they can lead to. You can choose from a range of [UNSW degrees](#), each of which leads directly to an officer role in the Navy, Army or Air Force. You will also need to [ensure you are eligible](#).

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/australian-defence-force-academy/how-to-apply/>



**MACQUARIE**  
University

## UTS Engineering Webinars

During the months of May, UTS is hosting a series of live webinars with a team of academics, staff and current students to answer all your engineering questions.

These live webinars are a great opportunity to learn more about different areas of engineering and related undergraduate courses with a dedicated session for each course area.

Registrations are now open

[UTS Engineering Webinars – Register today](#)



## CU Star Early Offer Program 2021

The STAR program allows you to secure your place in a Southern Cross University degree before your ATAR results are even released. .

It's free to apply through STAR and it's a simple online application.

STAR - What can I study?

<https://www.scu.edu.au/star-early-offer/>

<https://www.scu.edu.au/media/campaigns/star/STAR-Early-Offer-2021.pdf>

## Avondale University College

### Important Dates

Important dates for Early Admission to Avondale in 2022 are as follows:

**10 May 2021** - Early Admission applications OPEN

**30 July 2021** - Early Admission applications CLOSE

**15 November 2021** - Early Admission offers released

#### Applying for Early Admission

To be eligible for Early Admission in 2022, you must be:

- In Year 12 in 2021; *and*
- Eligible to be awarded the HSC, International Baccalaureate, or an interstate equivalent at an Australian high school; *and*
- Eligible for an ATAR; *and*
- Able to demonstrate that you achieved an average percentage mark of no less than 70% (or a B-Grade average) across all subjects in Year 11.



## Traineeship and Cadetship from Transport for NSW

Transport for NSW is running various traineeship and cadet-ship programs throughout the year where they target school leavers and mature candidates who love to join their road design, survey and civil construction space. Traineeships are run in conjunction with TAFE and Western Sydney University, where successful trainees will complete their Certificate III, IV and Associate Degree as required



<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/about-us/careers/how-to-apply/entry-level-talent-programs>

### RSA Online NSW

This course offered by BarMax, and fully accredited by both ASQA and Liquor & Gaming NSW provides guidance in responsible behavior to maturing adolescents and includes the cost of their Photo Competency Card allowing your students to work on completion.

Download the online flyer.



[https://barmax.com.au/wp-content/uploads/BarMax\\_2020-RSA\\_Online.pdf](https://barmax.com.au/wp-content/uploads/BarMax_2020-RSA_Online.pdf)

or contact Kane Ph: 02 9211 4110,



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# THE SPORT CORNER

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Amy Bruniges  
Rosemary Wilkinson  
Sports Coordinators

## CROSS COUNTRY

After a chilly and foggy start to the day, our small but talented Cross Country team competed admirably at the Diocesan event at Lake Glenbawn. Conditions were perfect for a morning run. With their events scheduled first for the day, they were straight into warm up mode and at the start line. Benjamin Doran in the U18 8km boys race came third in a strong, competitive field. Next up, our U18 girls raced 6km with fantastic results – Molly Breasley coming in first making her Diocesan champion and Amy Borquin coming in second. Ella Barradeen competed in the U16 Girls race but unfortunately had to pull out with an ankle problem – alas, the downside of cross country running. I thank the students and their families for accommodating the early start and late finish and also their camaraderie and good company throughout the day. The students were a credit to the College and our three place getters now qualify for the CCC Cross Country event at Eastern Creek later this term. The college wishes them well for this competition. I would also like to thank Mr Justin Welbourne for accompanying us on the day and giving his support to students at the tricky “gully checkpoint” and a special thanks to Mrs Monique Williams who was our driver for the day.

## CHESS

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March, the College Chess Squad played valiantly against a very experienced Hunter Christian College in drawing the best of 4 matches at 2-2. From here, we unfortunately proceed in the 'plate tier' of the competition due to the '1 & 2' seeded games going the way of the visitors. This was enough to see them progress in the Championship Tier. Whilst it was not the result we were after, it was great to see sport return to the College and the squad members were great in representing the College with great sportsmanship, support for one another and respect for their opponents.

Squad members include:

Ryan Blake, Lucas Bortolotto, Blake Brien, Michael Malloy, Daniel Manning, Jackson McDougall, Brooklyn Scarlett, Christopher Wood.



Thanks to Mr Mitchell, Mr Dan and all teachers and students who came up and became part of what was a large but very quiet crowd... It was so nice to see so many kids come up in their recess to support the squad. They were all extremely quiet and respectful of the players and their need to concentrate.

## NSW ALL SCHOOLS MIXED TOUCH CHALLENGE

The NSW Year 11 and 12 Mixed Touch Challenge was held at Doyle Ground, Parramatta on Friday 23 April.

The College team performed very well and improved with each game. Although we lost our 1<sup>st</sup> game against an experienced Holy Cross Ryde/Marist Sisters team 5-3, we managed to win our other 3 pool games convincingly and progress to the quarterfinals.

Despite scoring first in the quarterfinal, our opponents, Freshwater High, proved to be too good for us on the day.



Congratulations to all our students who participated. They represented the College with distinction. Special mention must go to Maddi McArthur, Tom McTaggart and Reid Aland (self-appointed captain) who were outstanding.

Thanks to Ms Mossman and our trusty bus driver Mr Hall for their assistance and support.

Mark Wright

PS the team from Holy Cross/Marist Sisters went on to win the title.

## DIOCESAN FOOTBALL

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 26 students trialled for the Diocesan Football team. The following students were selected to represent the Diocese in the All Schools Football Championships in Sydney on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of May.

DIOCESAN FOOTBALL SELECTIONS	
Girls	Boys
Ally Boertje	Max Bailey
Taylah Gray	Dominik Brymora
Riley Gardner	Michael Byrnes
Mona Walker	Lachlan Griffiths
Miah Threlfo	Aswin Gurung
Lacey McLean	Kierry James
Leah O'Hagan	Kyle McSeveney
Ellen Hughes	George Scorer

## SPORTING SPOTLIGHT



**Michael Walker - Basketball**  
**Year 12 College Vice Captain**

**Michael Walker** started playing basketball at 7 years of age and first represented the Newcastle Hunters at the age of 11.

**Hot off the Press:** Michael has been selected in the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges team which will compete at the All Schools Championships Monday 31 May.

One could say that Michael at 6 ft 7 and still growing is well suited to the game of basketball. But what has maintained his interest all these years is the fast-paced nature of the sport. He sees the game as constantly changing and keeps one engaged for the entirety of the contest.

Michael has been a Newcastle Hunters representative every year since 2014 and first represented NSW in 2017 when he was selected in the U16 NSW country team. Since then, he has been selected in the State team every year. He has also been part of the State performance program since 2017 and graduated in 2020. Michael's talent as an Australian representative was recognised at a young age. He has attended multiple Australian developmental camps at the Australian Institute of Sport. His major accomplishment to date was when he was selected in the U15 Australian team in 2018 and won gold in the Oceania championship. Michael was then selected in the U16 team the following year and named in U17 squad that was training for the U18 World Championships to be held in Lebanon. Unfortunately, COVID-19 put a stop to all sporting activities including basketball and eventually the world championships were cancelled. Michael still is hopeful of representing his country and currently trains 6 days a week, completing over 20 hours weekly. His training consists of multiple on court sessions with various teams, as well as multiple gym sessions and personal cardio.

Like all elite athletes Michael must balance his sport and school commitments. He is able to do this by following a strict weekly plan. He always plans ahead by organising the scheduled activities for each day to maximise time efficiency. However, not all goes to plan and sometimes he will need to put in late nights to complete homework and assessments tasks.

2021 looks promising for Michael. After a rough start to the year, dealing with an inflammatory bowel disease, Michael was selected in the under 20's NSW State team that will compete at the Australian Championships in Mackay commencing from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Along with this he has also earned a place on the roster for the Newcastle Hunters championship men's team in his first year in the senior program. His short-term goal is to perform well at the upcoming Under 20' nationals as this is a gateway into future pathways such as American College and the Australian National Basketball League 1 (NBL1) opportunities. Following this, and in the next few years his goals are currently centred around playing NBL1, however if the COVID-19 virus situation continues to calm down in America, he would still like to pursue a College Basketball Scholarship in a Division 1 College.





## SPORTING SPOTLIGHT



**Jemma Lucas**  
**Netball**

**Jemma Lucas** has been selected in the NSW Regional Emerging Talent Team for Netball.

Jemma began playing netball at 6 years of age and first represented Lakeside at the age of 12. Jemma grew up watching her parents play netball and wanted to follow in their footsteps. She loves meeting new competitors and she also loves the friendships she has made over the years from all over Australia.

Jemma has been a Lakeside representative every year since 2015 and has represented Newcastle in 2020 and 2021. She was also invited to the Hunter Academy of Sport in 2018 and 2019 and was chosen to join the Metro League in 2018, 2019 and 2020. This year Jemma has been accepted into the Central Coast Metro League and is a training partner for the U23 Premier League on the Central Coast.

Jemma's selection into the NSW Regional Emerging Talent Team for Netball has been an ongoing process since last November with her initial selection in the NSW Emerging Talent Squad. She has continued training in Sydney with the Talent Squad through February and March and then final selection into this team which was announced last Friday.

This NSW Regional Emerging Talent Team will play against the NSW Metro Emerging Talent Team at the Australian Institute of Sport in July.

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April Jemma Lucas travelled to Homebush and was also selected in the NSW CCC Netball team.

Jemma's goal is to perform well at Homebush as this is a gateway into futures pathways such as the Sydney Swifts and perhaps one day the Australian Diamonds.

Congratulations Jemma on your commitment and selection into these teams! Keep it up and we look forward to hearing more.





# VINNIES DAY

**TUESDAY 11 MAY**

Do you live in Cardiff, Wallsend, Merewether or Charlestown? Do you live in Adamstown, Jesmond or Warners Bay Newcastle? Well, it's time to check out the op shop stores near you.

On Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, you will get the chance to put together an outfit and show off your style. St Francis Xavier's College is going to have a fashion parade where you will get to see each other's great finds. Because next Tuesday is Vinnies Day.

Through your gold coin donation and purchasing hot chips, (\$2.50 a cup), pizza (\$1.50 a slice) and coke (\$2 a can) we can assist needy young people. Some of the money raised will go to La Valla in Cambodia as well as a Marist school for disabled children. We also support Marist school projects in developing Asia-Pacific countries.

Come out of uniform, relish the time to have some fun with your friends and look forward to putting together a fun group of clothes for Vinnies Day. Have fun searching and bring some money on Tuesday, 11th May.



Susanna Caruana, Year 11

## COLLEGE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - EASTER EGG APPEAL

Many thanks to all students, staff and families who supported this appeal so generously during the last couple of weeks of last term with so many donations. Thanks also to our members for all their work in promoting the appeal, collecting the Easter Eggs in TG rooms each day and sorting and unpacking them.

Because of Covid-19, instead of our members giving the eggs to individual residents as we usually do, Br David delivered them to reception at the nursing homes on Tuesday, 30 March. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we were able to cheer up about 360 residents, including 46 diabetics, at Fronditha Aged Care at Mayfield, Bethel Aged Care Facility at Waratah, St Martin de Porres Hostel at Waratah, Charles O'Neill Hostel at Mayfield West, BUPA Care Services at Waratah, St John's Villa at New Lambton and Mayfield Aged Care.

Br David - SVDP

# ENROLMENTS FOR YEAR 11, 2022

## *Now Open*

### St Francis Xavier's College Hamilton



Year 11 2022 enrolments are now open and enrolment packages were posted from Monday 29 March 2021. Please email [admin@hamilton.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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**
- ✓ **Parent/s, Carer/s email address**





## 2021 Term 2 Important School Dates

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Wednesday, 12 May	<b>Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews commencing at 1:30pm in the SFX College Hall</b>
Thursday, 13 May	<b>Main Photo Day</b>
Friday, 14 May	<b>Year 12 Awards Ceremony</b>
Monday, 17 May until Friday, 21 May	<b>Year 11 Mid-Course Assessments</b>
Monday, 17 May until Wednesday, 19 May	<b>Year 12 Retreats</b>
Thursday, 27 May	<b>Catch Up Photo Day</b>
Friday, 4 June	<b>Champagnat House Day Celebration</b>
Monday, 14 June	<b>Queen's Birthday Public Holiday</b>
Thursday, 24 June	<b>Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews commencing at 1:30 pm</b>
Friday, 25 June	<b>Term 2 concludes</b>

### YEAR 12 RETREAT WEEK ACTIVITIES

<b>Monday May 17 – Wednesday May 19</b>	Year 12 Retreat
<b>Thursday May 20</b>	No formal Year 12 classes. Students may decide with individual teachers to undertake project or catch-up work at the College as required.
<b>Friday May 21</b>	Open Day for SFX students at University of Newcastle. As a result, there will be no formal Year 12 classes. Students not attending the University day may decide with individual teachers to undertake project or catch-up work at the College as required.



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### Student Services

Hours: 8:00 am until 3:10 pm  
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If the phone is unattended please leave a message.*

### Switch/Reception

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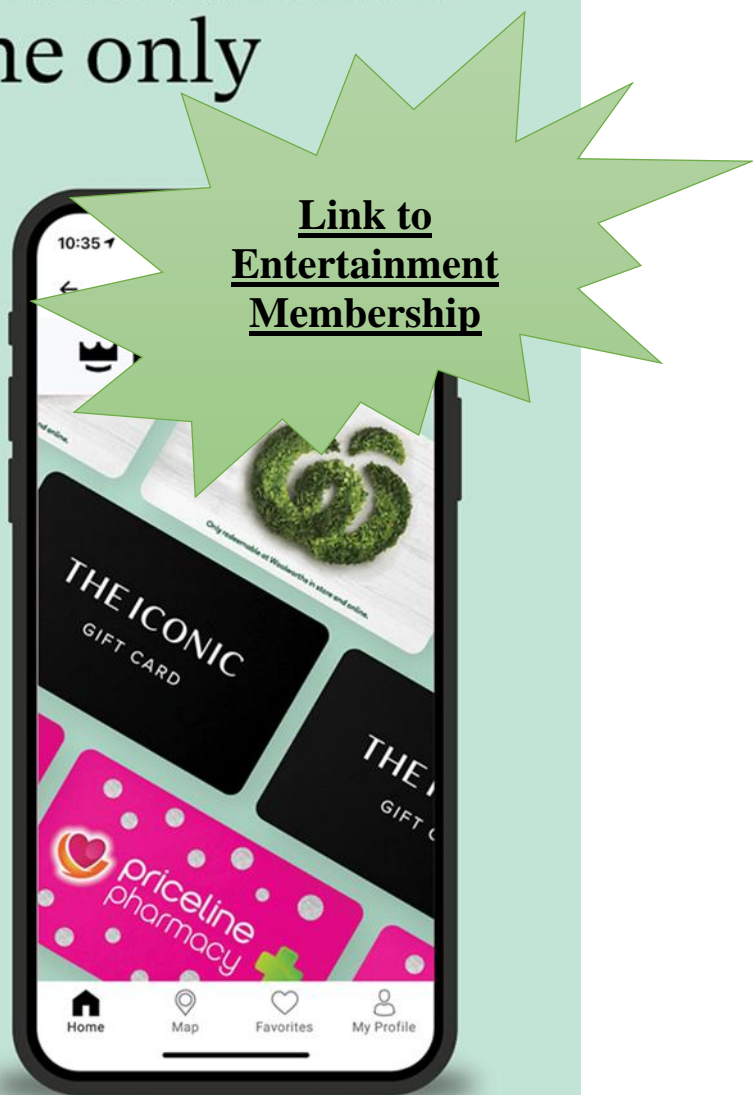
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