

Congratulations



College Leaders of 2023



Top picture: 2022 College Leaders - Mia Egan, Ben Dezelak, Cirdan Peihopa, Lily Quinn

Bottom picture: 2022 College Leadership Team – Front Row L to R: Lily Quinn, Leah Henderson, Ava Knight, Edelle McCarron, Chloe Fabrikanov, Poppy Carter

Back Row L to R: Matilda Brown, Harry Roughan, Mia Bartley, Ben Dezelak, Tia Pezet, Cirdan Peihopa, Mia Egan, Lucas McIvor

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

It is an absolute pleasure to be able to recognise, commend and congratulate our 2023 College Leaders, each of whom has accepted a significant responsibility to embrace the role of a servant leader. Servant leadership is modelled on the leadership of Jesus. It is a vision of leadership that must be passionate about the quality of life and the development of people through leadership that is just and liberating for all, and gives life, hope and authenticity to our communal work.

How did Jesus' practice Leadership?

He listened, he empathised, he challenged, he exercised the power of love, and he was humble. This is what is demanded of our leaders. They are required to lead with purpose and credibility and their values must align with the community's values. A commitment to values-based leadership demands of each of them that they be self-reflective, that is - be able to identify and evaluate their own values; be balanced – that is, able to view situations from different perspectives; be self-confident and humble.

They need to understand that **leadership is an influence relationship** which, in the context of our culture, means influencing people through love and service. **The goal** of servant leadership is to care for people and the community we are called to serve. **The challenge** is to empower others and to promote the growth of people and our community.

The success of servant leadership will be measured in terms of the contribution each of these individuals make to her or his fellow students and the legacy that they build which demonstrates that their leadership truly was for others.

Their responsibilities and accountabilities are significant, and we ask for your prayerful support and encouragement of our young people who have had the courage to accept the challenge of servant leadership in our community in 2022-2023. I am certain you join with me in wishing them well in their leadership journey in 2022-2023.

Blessings

Larry Keating
Principal

Celebrating who we are as a Catholic School

Empowerment is central to our role as parent/teacher educators. We are called to develop the latent gifts, talent, and abilities of our young people. It requires patience, love, and hope. It also demands that we empower them by presenting them with opportunities to be the best versions of themselves. This was the case last Thursday when we were privileged to gather in community to celebrate the official opening of our new buildings. The occasion provided the opportunity to share in making and celebrating our history. Our students were magnificent in their respective roles.

The celebration showcased Catholic schooling at its best. This was so because community members honoured our mission, that is to give life to and receive life from others, through their steadfast and most generous commitment and readiness to be of service to others. They brought people together in a spirit of hospitality and in the process honoured their past and celebrated the future.

The celebration provided the opportunity to thank all who contributed in some way to the construction of the building. Particular mention was made of the architects (Quinn O'Hanlon), the builders (North Construction) and the extraordinary contribution of the Sisters of St Joseph, Lochinvar (see copy of Principal's Address attached).



Official Blessing and Opening of Buildings St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead

Good morning and welcome

St Paul in his writings to the people of Corinth reminds us that some of us plant seeds, then the next generation waters them and we all hope that the harvest is soon.

Today, we gather to celebrate “the harvest” with the Official Opening and Blessing of our new buildings. Today, as members of the diocesan community, we pause in the busyness of our daily lives to express our collective gratitude and thanks to those who have shared in gifting our diocesan and college community with such impressive facilities.

They stand as symbols of architectural and construction excellence. They also speak to an outstanding level of collaboration and cooperation between all stakeholders involved in the design and construction process, especially given the significant challenges posed by the site.

The capacity of the diocese (and schools) to undertake a project such as ours is dependent, in the first instance, on gaining the approval and support of the Diocesan authorities: the late Bishop William Wright and the Trustees of the Diocese, represented by Father Greg Barker and Father Gerard Mackie, and the provision of funding from the Catholic Block Grant Authority and the Diocesan Family School Building Fund. It has also required the ongoing support, guidance, and advice from Diocesan leaders: Mr Sean Scanlon, Chief Executive Officer, Maitland-Newcastle Diocese; Mr Gerard Mowbray, Director of Schools; and their respective teams. To all Diocesan authorities, I express our sincere gratitude and thanks.

The architects, Quinn O’Hanlon, represented by Catherine Walker, Catherine Steller, William Francis and Timothy Blackall and the construction company, North Construction, represented by Gareth Stevens, Peter Ives (Foreman) and Josh Sheather, are commended and sincerely thanked for their shared commitment in honouring their brief and striving relentlessly to do so within the bounds of a finite resource base.

Our fortnightly site meetings were characterised by robust discussions and a fervent desire to keep the project on time and within budget projections.

The best interests of the diocese and college were served so very well through the Project Management process provided by Callan Denney, “Principle Project Management” and Kurt Daley, Catholic Schools Office and I extend to each of you our gratitude and thanks.

Vital to the successful completion of any construction process is the provision of effective communication between the parties and monitoring progress according to an agreed timeline and budgetary considerations. The commitment of Peter Ives (North Construction – Foreman), William Francis and Catherine Stellar (Quinn O’Hanlon), Callan Denney (Principle Project Management), Kurt Daley (CSO) and Peter Antcliff (Assistant Principal) assisted by Christina Hookway, was absolutely first class. Honest, forthright and respectful discussions between passionate people committed to excellence within their areas of expertise ensured the success of the project. To each we extend our sincere gratitude and thanks.

Integral to the success of the project was the provision of space on parish land to house the many classes having to be relocated into demountables during the construction phase. On behalf of our college community, acknowledgement is made of the most generous support and assistance provided by Fr Tony Potts, PP, MacKillop Parish and Mr Greg Cumming, Principal, St Pauls Primary school in affording access to an area of St Paul's playground for the placement of the demountables and construction of a car park. We are most grateful and thankful for your generous support.

The management of the significant disruption to the routine of school life, over a period of 2 years, required ongoing dialogue and cooperation between North Construction and the college and the understanding, support and cooperation of staff, students and parents and my gratitude and thanks for this is immense. The highest standards of care, safety and consideration for respective needs ensured effective management of the disruption. The ongoing collaboration and cooperation between Peter Ives and Peter Antcliff was central to this outcome.

So often, it is a long journey to the construction of buildings which stand as symbols of progress. This has been our reality. It requires a vision and it takes initiative, creativity, boldness, courage, audacity, collaboration, cooperation, persistence and commitment to self-effacing service. We are able to gather here today, and it behoves us to give thanks for being able to do so, because of the tangible expression of these life forces at work in the ministry of the Sisters of St Joseph, Lochinvar.

The Sisters toiled relentlessly and with complete fidelity, immense generosity and at great personal cost to en flesh their vision for Catholic secondary education at Gateshead. In the early 1960's they "planted and nurtured the seeds" that grew into the Christ centred community we are so fortunate to have today:

On 13 December 1962 - MM Cletus and MM Pauline, supported by Milton Morris MLA purchased Crown Land at Gateshead for 20 pounds

On 13 February 1963 - Sisters purchased land and house, the property of Mr Bucton – 60 foot frontage to highway

On 27 March 1963 – Sisters made application to Mine Subsidence Board re approval to erect a brick veneer Convent and Catholic Girls High School

On 27 June 1963 – Doran's quoted for the construction of the Convent (17,680 pounds) and the school (17,323 pounds)

In 1964 – St Mary's High School was opened with a staff of 6 sisters: Sr Mary Joan (Principal), Sr Marie Craddock, Sr Miriam Nicey, Sr Maureen Idstein, Sr Bernadette Casey and Sr Lynette Pearce and an enrolment of 154 girls (the population today is 908 with a waiting list currently of 37).

On 15 October 1971 – The extraordinary generosity of the Sisters and commitment to the diocese was demonstrated yet again when the Certificate of Title to the land was transferred to the diocese for \$1.

Today, we gather to bless and officially open our new facilities on this land. Facilities which project an image of architectural and construction excellence. We live at a time where image is so important, however it is instructive to remember that the gift of new buildings, as impressive as they may be, is only as valuable as what exists within them.

In the early 1960's, the Sisters of St Joseph gifted our community/diocese with land and buildings but they gifted us with much more – "a spirit of community". A spirit embedded in compassion, love, justice, acceptance, service, inclusion, forgiveness, mercy, and like Jesus, a spirit prepared to challenge the falsities and injustices in our world which are not aligned with building God's kingdom of love and service.

Today we express our gratitude for the ministry of the Sisters, and those who have gone before us to share in their ministry and walk in their footsteps to provide the facilities and embed within them a “spirit of community”, a lived curriculum, centred on the person of Jesus Christ.

We are, especially blessed, and, for this we give thanks.

Larry Keating
Principal

Thursday 1 September 2022



VET Hospitality



Hospitality for the Official Opening and Blessing Ceremony

Supervised by **Mrs Fiona Edwards**, VET Hospitality Teacher, and **Mrs Chris Shaw**, Food Ops Manager, a wonderful smorgasbord of sweet and savoury dishes were prepared and served by the Year 12 and 11 VET Hospitality and a group of Year 9 Food Tech students.

Our guests thoroughly enjoyed their morning tea, the dishes were executed perfectly. The students were, quite rightly, very proud of themselves, they excelled in their hospitality knowledge. The students involved were: **Max Pavlidis, Noah Walker, Marli Smith, Saxon Jones, Madison Hatch, Alexander Jackson, Joseph O'Connell, Logan Cleary, Olivia Cullen, Aneise Rodwell, Kaitlyn Hall, Regan Dawkings, Rhiannon Hinchcliffe, Daniel Brien, Layla Coulton, Sunny Parker, James Bernasconi, Finn Callen, Zara Davey.** Thank you to everyone involved.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Larry

I just wanted to thank you so very much for showcasing Catholic schools superbly yesterday. It was such a fitting testimony to the maturing of St Mary's as a 7 – 12 college.

The meticulous care taken with the flower arrangements, setting of the sacred space and stage, the amazing choir and musicians and the presence of your student leaders was wonderful. We were, clearly, in a Catholic school: the ritual and culture evident had our catholicity embedded in it.

The new facilities are just wonderful for the school and really does bring it into the 21st century. I was seriously proud of being the Director of Schools yesterday. You and your team should be immensely proud. My best wishes. Gerard

GERARD MOWBRAY

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS, CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE

YEAR 12 NEWS

Year 12 have received their feedback from the HSC Trials. It is time to **ACT** upon this feedback. This means Year 12 students should be engaged in active revision of course notes each night.

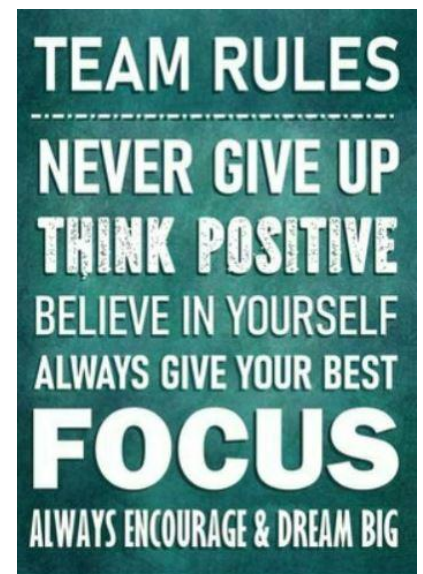
Year 12 students should be:

- Completing past HSC examination papers. That is an excellent way to actively revise and apply knowledge and skills to past papers. They can be found on the NESA website.
- Staying back Wednesday and Friday period 4 to study at school and seek out teachers for extra support.
- Accessing the Maths Tutoring that is now available every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon after school.
- Using the NESA HSC Multiple Choice Online revision tool accessed at <https://quiz.nesa.nsw.edu.au/home>
- Registering for the State Library of NSW free webinars to support HSC students preparing for exams in English, History and Society and Culture. The webinars will run from **Monday 12 September** to **Wednesday 14 September**. The link to these webinars has been emailed to all Year 12 students.

There is time to revise, it is never too late. A commitment to revision is not that hard. **You just have to do it.**

Come on Year 12 let's finish what we have started.

Regards
Mrs Murray



RUOK DAY

RUOK Day is happening at St Mary's on Wednesday 7th September. This is an opportunity to check in with those around you and ask the question – Are You OK?

By starting a conversation and commenting on the changes you've noticed, you could help that family member, friend or workmate open up. If they say they are not OK, you can follow conversation steps to show them they're supported and help them find strategies to better manage the load. If they are OK, that person will know you're someone who cares enough to ask.

On 7th September there will be time to come together as a community and engage in wellbeing activities. At lunchtime there will be a Sausage Sizzle \$2 as well as Just Dance on the COLA.

Thank you to the PDHPE staff who have supported the SPC in RUOK Day.

Remember, checking in with someone else can save a life.



GIFTED EDUCATION: ICAS

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools throughout August. ICAS is a school competition that inspires, celebrates and challenges millions of school students across Australia, New Zealand and the world. This year students from Years 7-9 have taken part in the competition. The questions are set in modern, real-world scenarios where school students are assessed on their ability to apply classroom learning to new contexts, using higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills.

The subjects span Literacy:

- English
- Spelling Bee and Writing

and STEM:

- Mathematics
- Science
- Digital Technologies

Think about taking up this opportunity to stretch yourself in 2023.

Mrs Louise Henderson
Gifted Education Mentor



Pat Conroy visited St Mary's Catholic College

Monday 22nd August

Hon Pat Conroy MP



Member for Shortland

Positions

Minister for Defence Industry

Minister for International Development and the Pacific

Party

Australian Labor Party

Chamber

House of Representatives

Audience

Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies

Year 11 and 12 Economics

Questions for the MP

- **Climate Bill 2022:** Please explain the details and what it means for our generation.
- **Women and Domestic Violence:** Outline what the Commonwealth Government is currently working on to reduce Domestic Violence and support women and children who are the predominant victims. Outline how the recent changes to workplace entitlements namely, 10 days DV Leave came about. (This will enhance students understanding of the law reform process.). National Discussion about Coercive Control held on 12/8/22. What were the outcomes of that discussion?
- **Peace in the Asia Pacific:** How does Australia play a role to ensure peace and security in our region of the world? (Importance of Australia's Sovereignty)
- **Parliamentary Process:** Anthony Albanese (PM) came to office stating that he wanted changes on how Parliament works. Explain one change thus far that has improved Parliamentary Processes (possibly with a focus on Law Reform and Passage of Bills).
- **Separation of Powers:** Why is this doctrine critical for the Rule of Law.
- **Economics:** Role of RBA. Other than changes to interest rates, what other Economic strategies can be used to lower the cost of living for our families?
- **Jobs of the Future for Legal Studies and Economics Students.** What advice would you give to 17-18 year old school leavers?

These questions plus more were answered by Pat and it was an informative one hour of learning for our Senior Economics and Legal Studies students.

Maryanne Murray
(Year 12 Leader of Well Being and HSIE teacher)



BYOD Purchase Portal

The BYOD Purchase Portal is now open. Please remember that this is an option only, if you wish to buy a device from a retail outlet please ensure the minimum specifications as outlined in our BYOD policy are met. This policy can be found on the school's website at:

<https://www.gatesheadsm.catholic.edu.au/media/lo2ldsiaq/byod-june-2021.pdf>

The link to the BYOD Purchase Portal is: <https://gateshead.parentpurchase.com.au>

This portal will remain open until 16th September 2022, to ensure devices are delivered in time for the start of the 2023 school year.

For those who may have missed our previous correspondence, the initial letter can be found here:

 [Next Technologies intro announcement.docx](#)

The recording of our on-line meeting with staff from NEXT Technologies can be found here:

https://mncatholic-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/g/personal/shane_abell_mn_catholic_edu_au/Eb8cwBpJhZVPrtYCsndJsYQBxgtkgb6DWlhUOt06YzAjFQ?e=3xLOkC

Some Important dates to remember as part of this program are:

Portal Closes on 16th September 2022

Last payment for any differed payments 6th January 2023

Devices shipped to St Mary's on 16th January 2023

With the recent government changes, the insurance and warranty costs are bundled into the total price, however, there is an option during the checkout phase to remove the 3-year Accidental Damage Protection. I would highly recommend this protection as it allows for up to 3 replacements over the 3 years for any accidental damage. As this is an insurance claim, evidence would be required to be submitted.

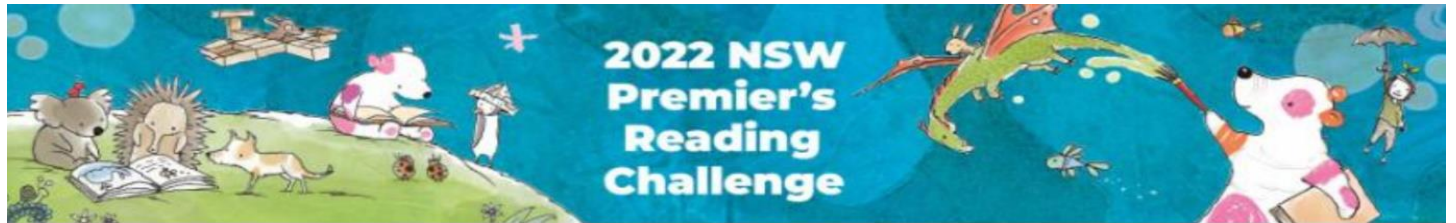
Please read the PDS forms that are linked on the portal, in reference to the ADP.

Regards Shane Abell



LIBRARY MATTERS

What a couple of weeks it has been! The St Mary's Library has been at a hectic pace with the end of the **NSW Premier's Reading Challenge** heralding in BOOK WEEK! I want to begin by congratulating our students who took on the PRC challenge this year and send out a special mention to those who completed reading all 20 books. Well done to **Willow Martin, Sheridan Owen, Kate Whitby, Harry Grady, Victoria Owen, Oliver Beath, Kate Erby** and **William Kuskopf**.



Book Week was a special time at St Mary's this year. Not only do we celebrate the announcement of the Young Adult Books of the Year, but we also took the chance to have a bit of fun with literacy. The Children's Book Council of Australia winners for Young Adult & Junior fiction, the Information Book and Picture Books of the Year are all available through the Library and via the SORA app. To find out more about these books visit : <https://cbca.org.au/winners-2022>



I would also love to thank **Ms Georgina Lindsay** and **Mr Kyle Clarence** who provided an amazing amount of support to make this year's Book Week Celebrations better than ever before. Ms Lindsay hosted Stories around the Campfire and coordinated and ran several other events, including Love stories and Ghosts stories. We also had a **6-word story challenge** which saw students writing a complete story in just 6 words. While the winners of the 6 Word Challenge will not be announced until the next Whole School Assembly, I would love to share some with you that I really enjoyed so far.

- "Goodbye" he whispered, floating into nothingness. By Chloe Griffen
- Malevolent glare straight through my soul. By Victoria Owen
- Baby farts in house. No Survivors! By Alex Wallwork
- Don't give up. Happiness is near. By Allirah Price

With around 60 students submitting multiple entries, I am composing an anthology which I look forward to sharing with you all soon.

With Mr Kyle Clarence's inspiration, the teaching staff came on board to have our own **Book Week Dress Up** day. Several students joined in the fun accessorising to highlight book characters while participating in the **Trivia Crack the Code Challenge** around the Library.



The image shows five book covers side-by-side. From left to right: 1. 'Trash' by Steve Millman, featuring a silhouette of a person with arms raised against a bright, hazy background. 2. 'Zachariah' by Robert C. O'Brien, with a black cover and a grid of circular patterns. 3. 'Little Brother' by Allan Baillie, showing a silhouette of a person in a field with a pagoda in the background. 4. 'Lord of the Flies' by William Golding, with a white cover and a detailed illustration of a pig's head. 5. 'Markus Zusak's The Book Thief', with a red cover and a silhouette of a person in a snowy landscape.



SPORT REPORT

Dio Basketball 2022 (7/8 boys and girls, 9/10 boys).

On Tuesday 23 August, St Mary's attended the 2022 Diocesan Basketball competition where three outstanding teams played their best to achieve amazing results. All teams collaborated and supported each other, upholding the school motto of being Ready to Serve. All teams representing the college played with great humility, heart and amazing sportsmanship, supporting not only their teammates, but cheering on other schools in separate games.

The college walked away with incredible results: the 9/10 boys team made it all the way to the semi-finals, where they were unfortunately beaten by St Pius X in a nail-biting game, the 7/8 girls played with great intensity and made it to the crossovers round where they were just beaten by St Pius X by only a couple of points. After playing so hard, the 7/8 boys' team achieved amazing results, finishing as the runners-up in the competition in their division!

Congratulations to all players and our three wonderful teams for such a great day with Miss Quiqueree and Mr Anderson.



St Mary's Biggest Morning Tea

On Wednesday 31 August, the Support Staff were excited to host the St Mary's Biggest Morning Tea. Australia's Biggest Morning Tea is a community event that raises vital funds to make a big difference for those impacted by cancer. After a break of over two years, we were ready to bake!



The Teaching and Support Staff came together during their lunch and raised funds through the purchase of a cuppa and tasty sweet and savoury treats, the "Guess the Teacher" competition from beautiful baby photos of staff members and a raffle with prizes kindly donated by community members. Huge thanks to **April Bisegna** for organising prizes from **Belmont Woolworths, Star Anise Belmont, Swansea RSL, Karcher, Café Macquarie, Chris Shaw** and **Gateshead Ultimate Auto Detailing**. Thank you to these wonderful community members for donating gifts.

A total of \$1,467 was raised on the day. Thank you to all those who took part in the spirit of the occasion. *"Ready to Serve"*



LEARN AWABAKAL / GATHUNG LANGUAGE

THROUGH
SONG, DANCE, PUPPETRY, AND
STRINGY BARK ROPE MAKING

Where: 1/6 Leo Lewis Close, Toronto NSW

When: 4.00pm - **21 Sept, 19 Oct, 16 Nov**

Who can come along: All children & young people aged 8-18 in the Hunter Region

Cost: \$0 free

Register: youthsupport@calm.org.au | 4950 3888 | 0473 222 268

Join Uncle Amos Simon from Murrumbidgee Mural for a post NAIDOC celebration with a series of fun sessions, learning about First Nations culture through local song, dance, puppets, and stringybark rope-making.

ABORIGINAL Cultural Workshop

SIGNIFICANT ARTIFACTS - CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE

School Holiday Program

11AM SEP 21

**SOUTHLAKE NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
143 DORA ST, AWABAKAL COUNTRY, MORRISSET
TO BOOK, CALL 02 4973 7000**

About the Facilitator: Kentan is a Conservation Land Management and Cultural Heritage Officer from Bahtabah Local Aboriginal Land Council. His passions lie within indigenous culture & the environment. He is always happy to teach and believes in using inclusiveness to close the gap of misunderstanding.

This program is brought to you by Hunter Local Land Services, Bahtabah Aboriginal Local Land Service and Southlake Community Services.



SENIOR THEATRE MAKERS 2022

ASPIRE's Senior Makers Ensemble is for students in Years 9-11. This initiative is all about the devising process.

Working as a company of theatre makers the group will create an original performance piece that will be shared at the end of the process at the Civic Playhouse in Newcastle.

As part of the program participants will be encouraged to evaluate their work and develop their own theatrical language of the program. They will also develop their acting skills and be challenged to keep experimenting with their voice and physicality. It's perfect for anyone studying, or thinking of studying HSC drama, as well as anyone who loves theatre and wants to learn more with like-minded peers.

The group will be led by ASPIRE's Artistic Director, Anna Kerrigan and ASPIRE Intern, Katie Matthews.

Senior Theatre Makers will take place from 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm at the Catholic Schools Office, Newcastle.

The schedule is:

Term 4

Tuesday 11 October 2022
 Tuesday 18 October 2022
 Tuesday 25 October 2022
 Tuesday 1 November 2022
 Tuesday 8 November 2022
 Tuesday 15 November 2022
 Tuesday 22 November 2022
 Tuesday 29 November 2022
 Tuesday 6 December 2022

Weekend Rehearsal 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Saturday 10 December 2022

Bump In and Rehearsal 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Monday 12 December 2022

PERFORMANCE DAY 10.00 am – 8.00 pm

Tuesday 13 December 2022 (*Performance at 6.00 pm*)

Senior Theatre Makers is open to all students in Years 9-11

Course Cost: \$150 (scholarships are available for those in financial need).

To reserve your place please complete a booking form online at the ASPIRE website <http://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au> or call Anne Atkins on **02 4979 1331** for more information.
 Closing date for registration is **Friday 9 September 2022**



HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

Please refer to the ASPIRE website for all ASPIRE information, forms, updates, photos and the newsletter from the Artistic Director.

<http://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au>

CREATIVE CHOREOGRAPHY

DATE: Tuesday 27 September 2022

LOCATION: To Be Confirmed

TIME: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm

COST: \$80.00

Join ASPIRE's Assistant Choreographer for this fun day of dance as you look at creating your own choreography and developing your skills in creating work. Whatever style of dance you enjoy this is a great opportunity to work with like minded young performers and pick up some new moves!

This workshop is open to students who are in Year 4 to Year 7.

PLAY IN A DAY

DATE: Wednesday 28 September 2022

LOCATION: Catholic Schools Office, Newcastle

TIME: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm

COST: \$80.00

Get ready to create an original piece of theatre in just a day!! Working with ASPIRE's Assistant Drama Director you will be challenged to work together to create a completely original story to be performed at the end of the day. Participants will develop skills in voice and character as well as learning about devising a piece of theatre.

This workshop is open to students who are in Year 4 to Year 7.

To reserve your place please complete the online registration form below or call Anne Atkins on **02 4979 1331** for more information.
<https://aspire.mn.catholic.edu.au/join-us/holiday-workshops/>

ASPIRE
MUSIC.DANCE.DRAMA

23RD ANNUAL

Mass Celebrating Diverse Learning



Fr Greg Barker, the community of Catherine McAuley Catholic College, together with The Federation of P & F Associations and The Special Needs Working Party warmly welcome all to join with clergy, students, principals, teachers, school staff, families and parishioners for this special celebration.

Sunday 18 September | 2.30pm

Catherine McAuley Catholic College, 507 Medowie Road Medowie

Followed by afternoon tea.

No RSVP required

For more information please contact

Catherine McAuley Catholic College on 4068 1000



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St Mary's Catholic College Uniform Shop

Year 10 Blazer Fittings



Dear Parents and Carers,

A friendly reminder to Year 9 boys to visit the Uniform Shop during Term 4 to be fitted for your trousers and blazer.

A friendly reminder to Year 9 girls to visit the Uniform Shop during Term 4 to be fitted for your blazer.

Blazers are required for all Year 10 students from the first day of Term 1, 2023.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

 0435 954 372

 stmaryshigh@alinta.com.au

 The Uniform Shop @ St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead - Pacific Highway, Gateshead NSW 2290



St Mary's Catholic College Uniform Shop

2023 Year 7 Uniform Fittings



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Uniform Shop will hold fittings for 2023 Year 7 students in the upcoming September/October school holidays.

During your 30 minute appointment we will guide you through the requirements for your child and provide you with all the information you need to place your order. Orders can be placed at the time of your appointment or online through our website. Layby is available with a 20% deposit.

We offer size exchange on any garments where needed.

Our online booking calendar will be open from Thursday 1st September. To book your appointment, visit www.alintaapparel.com.au and register an account.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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CALENDAR 2022 - TERM 3 - Week 8 (B Week)	
Mon 5 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Tell Them From Me” survey opens until 7 October 2022 • National Child Protection Week • Year 11 End of Course Examinations commence until Friday 16 September • HSC Music Marking
Tues 6 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U16 Knights Knockout – TBC • Year 11 Earth & Environment excursion • Year Assemblies
Wed 7 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccinations – All Year 7 – Gardasil9 (HPV) – 2nd (and final) dose • R U Ok Day
Thurs 8 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 8 Formation Day with Chris Doyle
Week 9 (A Week)	
Mon 12 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSC Music Exams • Week 2, Year 11 Exams
Tues 13 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Assembly • Extended Staff Professional Learning – school finishes at 2.40pm
Wed 14 Sept	Senior College Leaders Mass – Cathedral and Victor Peters Suite
Fri 16 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Last day of timetabled classes • Dio Golf - TBC • Newsletter 14/22 published
Week 10 (B Week)	
Mon 19 Sept	Year 12 “Service Day” (Giving back to the community)
Tues 20 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landcare • Year 12 Meeting with HSC Presiding Officer and Preparations for their Graduation Mass • Year 12 Graduation Mass – Students, Parents/Carers, Family members and Staff – St Paul’s Catholic Church, Gateshead at 6.00pm
Wed 21 Sept	Year 12 Final Assembly; Morning Tea; Formal Graduation Ceremony; “Clap-Out”; issued with Reports
Thurs 22 Sept & Fri 23 Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese excursion to Sydney • Year 12 Teachers will be available to assist students in preparing for HSC exams, during timetabled class time
Fri 23 Sept	Last Day of Term 3 – Spring Vacation
TERM 4 - Week 1 (A Week)	
Mon 10 October	Students return to school for Term 4
Mon 10 - Tues 11 October	Year 12 Teachers will be available to assist students in preparing for HSC exams, during timetabled class time
Wed 12 October	HSC Examinations commence – English Paper 1 (Exams conclude Monday 7 November)
Fri 14 October	Newsletter 15/22 published

Uniform – Year 10 2023

Uniform requirements change for students going into Year 10. Shirts and blouses change to white, formal trousers and belts are required for boys and blazers are required for all students from the beginning of 2023.

Fitting appointments can now be booked on the Uniform Shop website. Please go to alintaapparel.com.au to make your appointment. Please note, special size orders take longer to receive therefore please make your appointment at your earliest convenience.

If you have any queries, please contact Kylie in the Uniform Shop on 0435 954 372.

COMPLAINTS RESOLUTION

St Mary's Catholic College, the Catholic Schools Office (CSO) and Schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle are committed to providing a positive, safe environment for all staff and students. There are occasions however, when members of our schools and wider community are concerned about something happening at a school that appears to be unsatisfactory or unreasonable. If you have a complaint, please follow this procedure:

<https://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/complaints-resolution-and-feedback/>