

Newsletter No.10/22

Friday 22 July 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

"Its up to me and I can do something about it"

If a school report is to be of value it must support the learning process by asking questions which become the basis for dialogue between students, parents/carers and teachers. The Parent-Student-Teacher interviews held this week have been designed to focus on a consideration of questions which require each student to own **their** learning and the assessment of **their** learning.

The most significant question demanding students' attention **NOW** is the feed-forward question: **Where to next?** This requires the setting of a small number of agreed improvement goals (agreed between the student, parents/carers and teachers); a clear understanding of what is required to achieve the goal(s); how progress is to be monitored and where the student can go for help as they progress in their learning.

Self-attribution, ie. The attitudes and dispositions that students bring to the interviews make a real difference to their learning.

Dylan Wiliam, "Embedded formative assessment", second edition, 2017, p.134, states that, **"The best learners consistently attribute both success and failure to internal, unstable causes. They believe "It's up to me" (Internal) and "I can do something about it" (unstable)." In other words, a growth mindset is needed NOW** by our students.

Now is **NOT** the time for students to see their future potential limited by their current performance: Now is **NOT** the time to look for excuses for poor results.

Now **IS** the time for each student to take responsibility for THEIR learning. Now **IS** the time for each student to gain a clear understanding of what they can do, what they cannot do **YET** and, more importantly, what they have to do in order to progress in their learning.

Learning by every student will be considerably enhanced in each of their classrooms if they embrace the idea that:

"It's up to me, and I can do something about it"

Finally, parents/carers please remind your children of the words of Joan Chittister, "Between the Dark and the Daylight – Embracing the Contradictions of Life", 2015, p57:

"We are not born to win; we are born to grow, to develop, to become the best of ourselves."

Making a commitment to improvement is the critical first step in becoming "the best of ourselves" in learning, as it is in life. Rich blessings

Larry Keating
Principal

Term 3 – Staffing Changes

It is a pleasure to welcome the following people to our staff for the remainder of the year, and to wish them well in their ministry of service:

Mr Martin Francis has been appointed on a temporary part-time basis as a TAS Assistant. Martin is highly qualified for the position and has previously been an outstanding support to our TAS faculty during the absence of Mr Domanic Lieb who has completed teacher training and gained a teaching position.

Ms Celia Kemeny has been appointed on a temporary part-time basis. Celia will be taking Mrs Elisa Milajew's classes. Mrs Milajew is taking 6 months Long Service Leave. Celia is a highly experienced teacher, especially in Stage 6. She is an HSC marker in English and has a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Humanities and Social Science) with Distinction Averages from Sydney University. Celia has re-located from Sydney where she was teaching at Amity College, Prestons. Celia comes to our community with referees' reports as an outstanding educator.

Mrs Jacqui McInherny has commenced Maternity Leave. She is being replaced by **Miss Bronte Annis-Brown**.

Additional Courses of Study ON-LINE Session – Year 8

The Year 8 Parent/Student Information Evening in support of our Year 8 students' selection of their Additional Courses of Study for Years 9 and 10 (2023-2024) scheduled for Tuesday 3 August will be held on-line. **More details will be forwarded by Compass next week.**

This is an important information session covering RoSA and NESA requirements and the process to be followed by students in selecting their Additional Courses of Study.

Year 7 (2023) Interviews

Parent/Student interviews, for students accepted into Year 7 (2023), are scheduled to be held from Monday 1 August to Friday 12 August. Completed enrolment documentation is to be returned to the College prior to the interview. Parents/carers are requested to phone 4944 4800 to book an interview time.

The interviews will be with members of the College's Combined Leadership Team. Interviews for students with special needs will be with members of the College's Learning Support Team.

Term 3 Calendar

Please note the Term 3 Calendar of Events included in this Newsletter. The attention of Parents/carers of our Year 12 students is directed to the events scheduled for our Year 12's during Week 10 of Term.

Year 12 News

Dear Parents and Year 12 students,

It is hard to believe that you only have 8 weeks of school left. There is much to do!

A few reminders:-

- All Year 12 students were issued **last term** with a timetable for Trial HSC exams which commence Monday Week 3.
- All Year 12 students have been issued with a HSC timetable. If you have misplaced your copy the timetable can be found on the NESA website.
<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/key-dates-exam-timetables/hsc-written-exam-timetable>
- All Year 12 students were issued with **UAC books** and have been encouraged to start conversations regarding 2023 with their families.
- **Attendance** every day is critical. Listening to your teachers, seeking teacher support as you are learning in the classroom is so important for developing a deep understanding of course content.
- Please check your **emails** regularly. Miss Finlay is sending you information just about every day in relation to Universities, Scholarships, Apprenticeships, Traineeships, and so much more.
- **3 hours** of study/homework each night is required.
- If you have never been over to the University of Newcastle, I encourage you to go for a drive one weekend and take a walk around the grounds of the campus. This will give you an insight into what a University Campus looks like.
- Please ask your **teachers** for support when it is required and come chat if you have any concerns.

My main message to every Year 12 student is to **stay informed** and **take responsibility** for your learning. Remember, this is your HSC journey and you will get out of it what you put in. If you put in the **hard work now** it will pay off in the end and it is never too late to start revising.

Finally, please continue to take care of each other. I wish you a happy and memorable last term of school life. We are nearly there!

Mrs Murray
Year 12 Leader of Wellbeing

Please find below the Trial HSC Examination Timetable ↓

TRIAL YEAR 12 HSC TIMETABLE

YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2022



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Monday 1/8			Tuesday 2/8			Wednesday 3/8			Thursday 4/8			Friday 5/8			
Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	
AM	8:50-10:30 1½ Hours	English Advanced Paper 1 (31)	TJC	8:55-11:00 2 Hours	English Advanced Paper 2 (31)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Ancient History (6)	TJC	8:55-10:30 1½ Hours	Studies of Religion 1U (52)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Business Studies (30)	TJC
	8:50-10:30 1½ Hours	English Standard Paper 1 (49)	TJC	8:55-11:00 2 Hours	English Standard Paper 2 (49)	TJC	8:50-11:30 2 ½ Hours	Chinese Beginners Listening, Reading & Writing (5)	D8	8:55-10:30 1½ Hours	SICT (27)	TJC	8:55-11:00pm 2 Hours	Retail Services (1)	TJC
PM	12:25 – 1:30pm 1 Hour + 5 mins	Music Aural (8)	D8	12:25 – 3:05pm	Japanese Beginners Listening and Written (2)	D8	12:25-2:00 1½ Hours	Hospitality VET Theory	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Studies of Religion 2U (11)	TJC	12:55– 4:00pm 3 Hours	Chemistry (5)	D8
				12:30 – 2:30pm	Music Performance (8)	115 & 116	12:25-2:00 1½ Hours	Industrial Technology – Timber (8)	D8	12:55 – 2:00pm 1 Hour	PVDI (4)	D8			
										12:55- 3:00pm 2 Hours	Construction VET (6)	D8			

Disability provisions will occur in D7/D6/D5

TRIAL YEAR 12 HSC TIMETABLE

YEAR 12 TRIAL EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2021



	Monday 8/8			Tuesday 9/8			Wednesday 10/8			Thursday 11/8			Friday 12/8		
	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue	Time	Exam	Venue
AM	8:50-11:30 2½ Hours	Mathematics Standard 2 (41)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Modern History (15)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Biology (34)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	PDHPE (31)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Legal Studies (7)	D8
	8:50-12:00 3 Hours	Mathematics Advanced (27)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Physics (5)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Engineering Studies (2)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Information Processes and Tech (4)	TJC	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Mathematics Extension 2 (2)	D8
PM	12:55-4:00 3 Hours	Community & Family Studies (26)	TJC	12:55-3:00 2 Hours	Society & Culture (4)	D8	CATCH UP EXAMS	As per arrangement with APT&L		12:55-4:00 3 Hours	Food Technology (8)	D8	12:55-2:30 1½ Hours	Visual Arts (12)	D8
	12:55-4:00 3 Hours	Earth & Enviro Science (10)	TJC							12:55-4:00 3 Hours	SDD (1)	D8			

Disability provisions will occur in D7/D6/D5

TRIAL YEAR 12 HSC TIMETABLE

Monday 15/8			
	Time	Exam	Venue
AM	8:55-12:00 3 Hours	Economics (2)	117
	8:55-11:00 2 Hours	Business Services VET (4)	117
PM	12-3:00pm	Hospitality VET Practical	102
	12-3:00pm	Cath Up Exams	APT&L

NB Hospitality VET Practical Examination will take place across TWO days – Monday 15th August & Tuesday 16th August (7-10am).

Please see below Key Dates with regard to Year 12:

Key Dates for Year 12 2022	
Week 1 18 July 2022 to 22 July 2022	Normal Classes
Week 2 25 July 2022 to 29 July 2022	Normal Classes
Week 3 1 August 2022 to 5 August 2022	Trial HSC examinations
Week 4 8 August 2022 to 12 August 2022	Trial HSC examinations
Week 5 Monday 15 August 2022 16 August 2022 to 19 August 2022	Last Trial HSC examinations Back in class for normal classes, feedback from Trial HSC examinations
Week 6 22 August 2022 to 26 August 2022	Normal Classes
Week 7 29 August 2022 to 2 September 2022	Normal Classes
Week 8 5 September 2022 to 9 September 2022	Normal Classes
Week 9 12 September 2022 to 16 September 2022	Normal Classes Friday 16th September: Last day of Year 12 classes.
Week 10 19 September 2022 to 21 September 2022	Monday 19th September: Service Day (Year 12 Ready to Serve at school) Tuesday 20th September: Attendance at school for HSC Presiding Officers talk and practice for Graduation Mass Tuesday 20 th September Graduation Mass 6.00pm at St Paul's Catholic Church, Felton St, Gateshead. Wednesday 21st September: Final day at school for Awards and Graduation Ceremony and clap out. Issue of Annual Magazine to Year 12s. Year 12 Reports published.

Key Dates for Year 12 2022

22 September and 23 September	Year 12 Teachers available to assist students during timetabled class time
10 October to 11 October	Year 12 Teachers available to assist students during timetabled class time
Holidays 22 September 2022 to 11 October 2022	Time for Study and Preparation for HSC
HSC Exams Start:	Wednesday 12 October
HSC Exams Finish:	Friday 4 November
Graduation Formal:	Monday 7 November to be held at NEX, 309 King St, Newcastle West - 6.00pm-10.30pm You will be notified when tickets are available
HSC Results released:	Thursday 15 December
ATAR Results released:	Thursday 15 December
Breakfast to celebrate release of HSC results and ATARs at St Mary's Catholic College Café	Thursday 15 December

GIFTED EDUCATION ICAS ASSESSMENTS

We are delighted to inform you that St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments™ this year.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, and Digital Technologies. We encourage you to consider entering your child into ICAS this year. The assessments are suitable for students wishing to extend themselves academically and take up the personal challenge of competing in an international assessment, that has been running for 40 years. Every student will receive a printed certificate and an online results report. Top performers will be eligible for medals and are invited to attend special award ceremonies to have their academic excellence publicly recognised.

Learn more about ICAS here: <https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>

2022 Participation - Parent payment system

Our school has signed up for the ICAS Assessments parent payment system (PPS). Through this system parents can pay for ICAS directly online while tests will still be held at our school. Please use the following details to **register your child no later than Monday 1st August**. Also, complete and return the accompanying permission slip to school by the same date.

School Access Code: WCX927

Parent Page Link : <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>

If you have any questions please contact louise.henderson@mn.catholic.edu.au

Louise Henderson
Gifted Education Mentor

GIFTED EDUCATION

Virtual Academy – G20 Summit and Digital Tools Workshop

At the end of June **Jeremy Gocher** from Year 8 took part in the Virtual Academy G20 Summit. Students participated in debates and games throughout the day and heard from guest speakers.

At the summit, students chose to represent one of their G20 nation leaders, stepping into this leader's shoes to participate in discussions on a range of global topics from their perspective, whilst keeping their nations constituents in mind. They engaged in impromptu debates which centred on the topics of freedom, equality and injustice, and worked in teams to collaborate on commitments to the VA G20 Communique. Canada and France, for example, committed: "An increased number of refugee camps should be set up around the country that not only supply the refugees with housing but also supply them with education and mental and physical help", with Germany, the UK, Greece and India committing to sustainable, vertical housing projects that plant double the number of trees that may have been deforested to make way for the buildings.

Familiar faces from St Mary's included two of our Student Leaders, **Ava Traynor** and **Jack Griffiths** who held key roles in the Young Leaders Panel. The panellists were able to speak candidly about their experiences of being young leaders - what led them to being in such a position and what qualities and opportunities it provides them with. They spoke alongside **Aimee Blacker**, the co-founder and director of non-profit organisation Surfing the Spectrum. They also generously answered the Virtual Academy students' questions at the end of the panel.

Sheridan Owen in Year 7 took part in the Digital Tools Workshop where she learnt how to use new techniques and tools. Next term will bring opportunities for students to transform this knowledge in exciting ways. Students in the Virtual Academy have been attending weekly video conferences to get used to the platforms and processes needed to navigate the Virtual Academy, as well as discovering aspects about themselves as learners.



LEADERS: The students participated in debates and games and heard from Surfing the Spectrum's Aimee Blacker and St Mary's Gateshead school captains about leadership.



Aboriginal Education

Possum Skin Cloak

Recently St Mary's was very privileged to have a visit from local Aboriginal historian Dr Donna Fernando as a NAIDOC Week experience. Dr Fernando presented the Lake Macquarie Possum Skin Cloak to students from Years 7-10 and in a staff meeting. Students learned about the cultural significance and history of possum skin cloaks amongst Aboriginal people. Then then had a go at designing their own.



In the past all Aboriginal people would have been given a cloak at birth, which was added to as they got older. The cloak may have started with three skins sewn together and grown to forty or so skins. Amazingly there are only six original cloaks from the 1800s left which are in museums in Australia and around the world!

The number of Possum Skin Cloaks has now grown to over 200 as the practice is rediscovered and the knowledge of how to make them is passed on. The Possum Skin Cloak presented to us was a Lake Macquarie community project and created about 10 years ago. It is now used in ceremonies and special occasions.



University of Newcastle Visits – Wollutuka Institute

At the end of Term 2 students from Stage 6 visited Ourimbah and Gosford Campuses of the University of Newcastle. Students were able to experience the facilities of the Wollutuka Institute at the uni and join in a range of workshops. Congratulations to **Remy Lovett, Marni Roberts, Charlise Buddingh, Bailey Croft, Levi Briggs** and **Asha Maley** for engaging so positively in the experience and making St Mary's proud!



Paul McKay
Aboriginal Education Teacher

BYOD Program

Options for the BYOD Program

Attached to this newsletter is information regarding a new venture with Next Technologies to assist families with the purchasing of an appropriate BYOD device for students across all year levels. This information has previously been forwarded to our incoming Year 7 families and we would like to extend an invitation to the whole school community to partake in this offer if you wish. It will **NOT** be compulsory that devices are purchased using this portal, we are simply looking to provide an option for parents when purchasing a device. We are awaiting final pricing from the vendors before we decide on which devices we will offer through this program but we will keep the community updated as soon as we have this information.

We will be conducting a **parent information evening online, Thursday 4th August from 6pm** with representatives from Next Technologies to further explain this program. The 'Microsoft Teams' link for this meeting will be posted closer to the date via Compass and we will endeavour to record this meeting to share with families that are unable to attend.

You can also view a short introductory video using either of the links below or the QR Code.

Links:

https://mncatholic-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/shane_abell_mn_catholic_edu_au/EcFg3YARfBZFqra3qjcCp_UBqQNSd5T5_LT_3hMXgTrlQw?e=9FNNGJ

OR

<https://bit.ly/MarysBYOD>

QR Code



Shane Abell

Leader of Digital Innovation & Learning



Future Directions of our BYOD Program

St Mary's Catholic College is a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) school, where students attending are expected to have a laptop with them each day. This device needs to be charged and fully functional to assist the school in providing the best learning outcomes for your child.

Over a student's time at St Mary's, it is expected that a device suited to junior school (years 7-9) would initially be purchased and then possibly an upgraded device, more suited to a child's elective choices, would be required for senior years (10-12).

The experience of purchasing a device that meets the needs of your child can be a daunting process for many parents. Technology is constantly evolving, and the retail world can be a difficult place to navigate. We are aware of these issues and as such have begun negotiations with a company that aims to make this experience less troublesome. The partnership with Next Technologies will provide a facility where parents are able to purchase a high-quality commercial grade device that is appropriate to the needs of students at all levels in the school. Furthermore, these devices have access to accidental damage protection (optional), 3-year extended warranty, battery warranty and corporate grade hardware that is not available in stores.

The company, Next Technologies is based in Sydney and comes highly recommended by other schools within our Diocese. In partnership with Next Technologies a School Purchasing Portal will be prepared specific to the needs of our students.

It will **NOT** be compulsory that devices are purchased using this portal, we are simply looking to provide an option for parents when purchasing a device for their child.

We have spoken with several vendors who are in the process of preparing pricing guides of devices that we see best suit our learning requirements here at St Mary's. As soon as this pricing process is finalised, a Parent Information Evening (early August) will be conducted with representatives from Next Technologies in attendance. We are currently working on a timeline to ensure all stakeholders are well informed of the procedures and requirements of this program. A short introductory video is also being prepared.

Please understand that purchases will need to be confirmed by the end of August so that the vendors are able to ensure the delivery of devices for the beginning of the school year in 2023. ***This means that the portal will be open during the month of August for parents to view, make a decision and confirm their orders.***

PTO

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know what to buy for my child?

Everything you will see on the BYOD portal has been selected and approved by the school for your child's study.

Do I need to buy software?

As an enrolled student in the Diocese your child will receive, free of charge, access to the full Office365 suite. Virus protection software is NOT provided by the school and is a parental responsibility.

Do I need to buy insurance or warranties?

You can buy Accidental Damage (insurance) Protection (ADP) if you wish. All options will be clearly explained and made available on the portal. You are not required to have additional insurance; however, keep in mind that you will own the device so will be responsible for any damages or loss.

What payment options are accepted?

There are a range of payment options available:

- Credit Card (Visa and Mastercard)
- Staggered instalment plans.
- Third party payment.
- Interest free finance.

The logo for NEXT TECHNOLOGIES, featuring the word "NEXT" in a large, bold, white sans-serif font, with "TECHNOLOGIES" in a smaller, white sans-serif font directly below it. The text is set against a dark maroon rectangular background.

English Faculty

Paramatta Riverside Theatre 'Othello' Excursion

Last term on the 24th of June, Advanced English Students travelled up to the Riverside Theatre in Paramatta to watch a modern interpretation of Shakespeare's tragedy, 'Othello'. Upon arrival, everyone had the opportunity to get a bite to eat in the city before entering the theatre. The live play lasted over two hours and was a dramatic, dark brooding thriller. It gave students the chance to engage with the text they had been studying in class.

The production, delivered by a powerful and knowledgeable cast, provided textual clarity. Afterwards the audience were engaged in a Q&A with the cast. This provided alternative insight into answering student's questions developed over the course. Also present was the director who offered additional perspective on their modern interpretation of the film which captured the essence of Shakespeare's motives behind originally composing the play and further discussed important concepts which built upon and extended on 'in class' work.

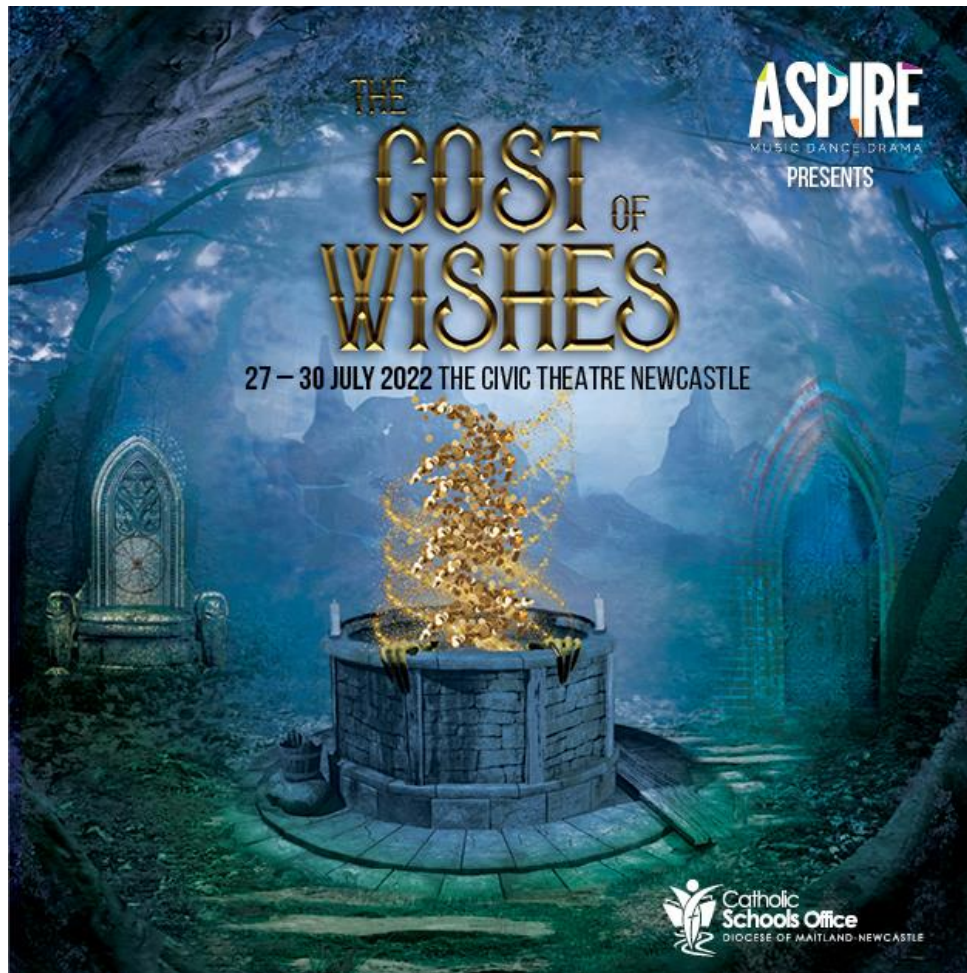
Overall, the day was a memorable experience providing an opportunity to learn unparalleled by conventional classroom learning and was of great benefit to all who went.

Report by Greg Fabrikanov – 11.6



ASPIRE

Rehearsals are in full swing for this year's Aspire production - "The Cost of Wishes". Please call 4929 1977 to book your tickets for next week's amazing production now!





Landcare News

St Mary's Landcare planted 250 native trees, shrubs and grasses into our creek site on the last week of Term 2.

Thank you to the 59 students who volunteered to weed and plant in very muddy conditions.



It was a great opportunity for students to reconnect with nature in a beautiful outdoor learning environment!

The Landcare dates for term 3 are:

Term 3



**Thursday 28th July
(Week 2B)**

National Tree Day



**Tuesday 20th September
(Week 10B)**

Any student wishing to be involved in our school Environmental Initiatives is invited to participate in our Landcare Days. Permission notes will be made available closer to the date.

Together we can make a positive difference to improve our natural environment.

Katrina Piper and Maryanne Murray

SPORT UPDATE

NSWCCC Swimming

Jacob Lynch in Year 7 competed at State NSWCCC for swimming on Friday 3rd June 2022. Jacob placed 4th in 50m Butterfly, 5th in 50m backstroke and 8th in 100m Freestyle. Congratulations Jacob on your outstanding efforts!



COMING SOON.....

ST MARY'S ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST – GLENDALE SPORTING COMPLEX

Dress in House Colours

Board the bus at St Mary's ready for a day of fun competition!

More details from Mrs Morgan nearer the date

upcoming sessions



Parents, Carers, and Community Members in Hunter New England are invited to attend a free mental health education session in Term 3.



The sessions aim to:

- Strengthen your understanding of mental health definitions.
- Enhance your conversational approach to mental health and well-being.
- Build skills and strategies to support young people, including transition to work and study.
- Build awareness of local, state and national supports available to young people.
- Increase your knowledge & understanding of the mental health challenges facing young people today.
- Introduce you to some of the skills and strategies to encourage and support help-seeking.



Connecting and communicating with young people

Date: Monday, 1 August 2022
Time: 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm AEST
Location: Online webinar
Registration: <https://bit.ly/3NDtX4G>



Navigating uncertainty and change

Date: Tuesday, 23 August 2022
Time: 6:30 pm – 7:45 pm AEST
Location: Online webinar
Registration: <https://bit.ly/3bBaxAd>



For more Information

Contact us at programsupport@headspace.org.au



Calendar 2022

TERM 2 - Week 2 (B Week)	
Tues 26 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Year 8 to distribute the Additional Courses of Study Handbook Year Assemblies
Wed 27 July	Year 8 Additional Courses of Study – on-line choices open
Week 3 (A Week)	
Mon 1 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations commence until Monday 15 August Year 7 (2023) interviews commence until Friday 12 August
Tues 2 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School finishes at 2.40pm – Staff Professional Learning. Student supervision provided College Assembly Year 8 Additional Courses of Study ON-LINE Information Session for parents and students
Thurs 4 August	Annual Athletics Carnival
Fri 5 August	Newsletter 11.22
Week 4 (B Week)	
Mon 8 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Week 2 of Trial HSC Exams Feast of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop Week 2 of Year 7 (2023) interviews
Tues 9 August	Year Assemblies
Wed 10 August	Year 8 Additional Courses of Study – Web Choices – close
Thurs 11 August	Final Year 11 (2023-24) Line Structure published
Fri 12 August	Spirituality Day (Pupil Free)
Week 5 (A Week)	
Mon 15 August	Last Day of THSC examinations
Tues 16 August	College Assembly
Fri 19 August	Newsletter 12/22 published
Week 6 (B Week)	
Mon 22 August	Visit by Mr Pat Conroy, Federal Member for Shortland, to speak to Senior Legal Studies and Economics Students
Tues 23 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year Assemblies Extended Staff Professional Learning – school finishes at 2.40pm
Wed 24 August	Year 10 Religious Literacy Test
Week 7 (A Week)	
Tues 30 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Assembly Teaching staff “twilight” Professional Learning – 3.30pm to 6.30pm
Fri 2 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 – Round 2 – Minimum Standards Testing Newsletter 13/22 published
Sun 4 September	Father's Day
Week 8 (B Week)	
Mon 5 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Child Protection Week Year 11 End of Course Examinations commence until Friday 16 September
Tues 6 September	Year Assemblies
Wed 7 September	Vaccinations – All Year 7 – Gardasil9 (HPV) – 2 nd (and final) dose
Week 9 (A Week)	
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
Fri 16 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Last day of timetabled classes 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"> 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 (time tbc)
Wed 21 Sept	Year 12 Final Assembly; Morning Tea; Formal Graduation Ceremony; “Clap-Out”; issued with Reports
Thurs 22 Sept & Fri 23 Sept	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 14/22 published

Please note any TBC dates – this is due to evolving COVID protocols. Arrangements will be continually updated on this page

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/>

Scouts is for everyone!

Scouting is a worldwide movement that has shaped the development of children and young adults for over 100 years. With over 18,000 youth and adult members from various cultural and religious backgrounds and with varying abilities, Scouts is one of the largest and most successful youth organisations in New South Wales!

Today's Scouts can take part in an extraordinary variety of outdoor activities, from 'traditional Scouting skills' such as camping and bush craft, through to more extreme challenges such as abseiling, overnight hiking, rafting, canyoning, rock climbing, sailing and even flying! Scouts also have the opportunity to become involved in performing arts, leadership development, community service, amateur radio operation, environmental projects and large-scale events.

scoutreach.org.au

To find your closest Hunter and Coastal Scout Group contact: **1300 858 464**



Joey Scouts (ages 5-8*)

Cub Scouts (ages 8-11)

Scouts (ages 11-14)

Venturer Scouts (ages 14-17)

Rovers (ages 18-25)

Leaders (ages 18+)

*A young person can join the Joey Section at any time after their 5th birthday provided they are attending school full time.



SCAN ME

"READY TO SERVE"

As the winter months set in and the weather takes a turn, it is more important for our families in need to receive assistance by way of regular, hearty, nutritional meals. We were able to help community members during Covid by supplying ready meals from our Ready to Serve café. However, now the College has returned to full capacity, this initiative has been scaled down significantly.

Our 'Pay It Forward' initiative is still running however – this allows the College to prepare and supply meals for families that need a little extra help. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of a meal, please do so through the Qkr! App, or give the Finance Office a call on 4944 4804.

Every donation is very much appreciated and we thank you, most sincerely, for your kindness and generosity.