
St Mary's Catholic College Gateshead

BE SAFE, BE A LEARNER, BE RESPECTFUL

Newsletter 6.23

Friday 28 April, 2023



Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers and Community Members

Our Call as Educators to Love and Create

*"That which is Christ-like within us shall be crucified.
It shall suffer, and be broken. And that which is Christ-like
within us shall rise up. It shall love and create."
(Michael Leunig, "A Common Prayer Collection")*

On Easter Sunday we celebrated the joy of Christ's resurrection. It is a celebration reminding us, as Christian people, that the despair and abandonment experienced by Jesus' followers on Good Friday became the source of life, liberation and "new life" for them on Easter Sunday.

The glory of Christ's resurrection should be a reminder, to each of us, that we are called to rise to "new life" as we cope with and face the incessant demands, challenges and pains of each day.

It should also be a reminder to us that we are called to be authentic images of God's love. That is, to be people who have a personal attitude to life that sustains rather than defeats us in our life's challenges and pain, and that is focussed on loving and creating.

If as parent and teacher educators, we live our lives in this way, then there is a greater likelihood that our young people will embrace it in theirs. The following are practical suggestions for achieving this outcome:

- Promoting right relationships between people
- Bringing them into a deeper appreciation for their humanity
- Encouraging them to oppose what destroys and diminishes life
- Striving daily to be a family and College of care, compassion and hope, that is a community where God's love is truly manifest
- Promoting activities which are life-giving

Blessings

Larry Keating
Principal

A REFLECTION ON THE ‘SPIRIT OF ANZAC’

Last Tuesday, staff and students, accompanied by parents/carers and family members, attended and actively participated in ANZAC commemorative services held in various suburbs within the Eastlakes region. Particular thanks extend to our students, attired in our College uniform, who represented our community, at the Charlestown service. The quality of their representation was absolutely first class. Grateful thanks extend to parents/carers for supporting your childrens’ involvement and to Ms Louise Hatcher on account of her attendance and excellent coordination of our students.



On Wednesday, 26 April, students, and staff gathered to participate in the communal College ANZAC Day Commemorative Service.

The service was led by our College Leaders and members of our Student Pastoral Council. The splendid quality of their leadership and the reverence and respect demonstrated by our students for the solemnity of the occasion was a credit to all and another reminder of the splendid qualities possessed by our students, your children.

The central message of each ANZAC Commemorative service is a call to keep the “Spirit of Anzac” alive in our daily lives. This begs the question: How do we do this?

The spirit of Anzac is embodied in the lives of ordinary women and men who in the ordinariness of their daily lives demonstrated incredible strength of endurance. Our challenge is to honour their legacy, in the ordinariness of our daily lives, by also accepting the challenge to be there for each other. We have to support each other, especially in times of need. Like the Anzacs we also have to be brave in the face of the demands, challenges and sorrows that are integral to personal, family and communal living.

In a practical and real sense we embody the “Anzac spirit” by:

- being people of bravery who are prepared to bear with the pain of life’s daily struggles and challenges;
- being people of tolerance and compassion who are responsive to those in need;
- being people of hope and optimism who are prepared to lead dignified lives despite the cynicism, pessimism, apathy and despair of our times and, above all else, by
- being people who are prepared to look beyond our own throbbing needs in order to give service to and make sacrifices for others in order to make our world a better place.

When we do these things we remain faithful to and honour the ‘spirit of Anzac’ and simultaneously honour our humanity as a gift from a loving God.

Larry Keating
Principal

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*



EASTER LITURGY AND FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

Our Feast Day celebrations were an expression of all that is good and enlivening about our Catholic College community. The day commenced with our Easter Liturgy which was a time to gather to celebrate service at the heart of our tradition as a Catholic school, centred on the person of Jesus Christ, and founded in the finest traditions of the Josephite sisters. The Liturgy of the Word related the story of the last supper when Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. His last act of service, before giving himself over for death for us. The liturgy included the Induction of the SPC and College Leaders called by our community to the service of Leadership.



The message emanating from the liturgy was a powerful reminder of the need for ALL of us to be “ready to serve”, just as Mary was ready to serve when she was asked to be the Mother of Christ and as Jesus was when he washed the feet of the disciples.

The liturgy was followed by a delightful Talent Quest. It provided a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to enjoy the richness and depth of creative talent in the College, and appreciate the splendid manner in which it is being nurtured by our outstanding Music teachers. The performers in the Talent Quest were:

Year 7

Justin Davey, Maggie Hardie

Year 8

Allirah Price, Lilly Moore, Hayley Cummings

Year 9

Hannah Dezelak, Georgie Matthews, Keira Watts, Beah Ronji, Wendi Harris, Chloe Griffin

Year 10

James Bernasconi, Macy Nash, Phoebe Duffy-Smith, Kate Erby, Adam Turner, Tobin Blackwell, Dylan Dunkley, Luke Reiss, Amber King, Ben James, Finn Callen

Year 11

Hayley McDonald, Molly McKay, Elleni Pedonese, Kane Roberts

Year 12

Poppy Carter, Lucy Wallace, Paige Allen, Amelia Corrigan, Beth Urquhart, Mia Egan, Tia Pezet

Following the Liturgy and Talent Quest, community members answered the call to serve the poor of our world by enthusiastically embracing the many activities prepared to raise funds for Caritas Australia's 2023 Project Compassion Appeal.

Community members' enthusiasm for the day's activities, their preparedness to be of service and to exercise most generous hearts witnessed to a wonderful capacity to be giving of self and their financial resources for those with greater needs in our world. Their actions in support of the Project Compassion Appeal affirmed the dignity of all human beings and were a wonderful reflection of their inherent goodness, their preparedness to serve and to be other-centred. Their actions also affirmed the good works of parents and teachers in developing the compassionate instincts of our adolescents and enlivening them with a desire and capacity to care for others and work for justice.

The Feast Day activities ended with a "Colour Run" which was enthusiastically embraced by all participants. The photos (page 20) "paint the picture" and "tell the story".

The day enabled a deepening of community spirit. There was a most generous giving of time, effort and finances for the good of others; a wonderful sense of fun and celebration and public expression of the **shared commitment** of students and staff to be as one in honouring our College motto: "Ready to Serve".

I commend and sincerely thank all who brought such a wonderful spirit of generosity, care and support to the day. Our students were exemplary in their conduct and preparedness to give and share. Grateful thanks similarly extend to parents/carers for your support of your children in this respect. Final thanks extend to staff who were absolutely tireless in their support for the activities; in the encouragement they gave to students to be involved, and in witnessing to selfless giving. As always, I am so very proud and grateful to each of them for this.

Larry Keating
Principal

ANZAC DAY 2023

Each year around ANZAC Day we gather as a college community to commemorate those Australians who have served, and are currently serving, in the defence of this nation and its global allies. This year it was wonderful to see the 15 students who gave their time on ANZAC Day to represent St Mary's at Charlestown Lion's Park. When we returned to school on Wednesday the Student Pastoral Council lead the college community in a meaningful assembly. This event was rich in symbolism and tradition as the importance of servant leadership was modelled.

Congratulations to those who spoke from the heart, acknowledging ancestors past and family members today; musicians who made links with our past through 'The Last Post' and looked towards the future with 'We Are Australian'; those who laid symbols with reverence; and everyone who took time to show respect and thanks to those who have served this country so that we can live in peace and freedom.



Newcastle & Hunter Combined Schools ANZAC Commemorative Event

On Tuesday the 4th of April, the students of the SPC and Year 9 Drama class were invited to the Civic Theatre to attend the 67th annual Newcastle & Hunter Combined Schools ANZAC Commemorative Event. The theme of this year's event was "Families of those that served and sacrificed" which shone a light on how hard it was for the families of loved ones who were away at war.

There were many moving speeches, these included Councillor Peta Winney Baartz, and Bree Till and her family. The event focused on the different wars we have seen over history including the most recent war in Afghanistan. Together with these speeches were great performances from the Aspire students.

St Mary's students would definitely like to attend next year's event and will continue to spread the messages passed on during the ceremony.

Sonny Matzen – Year 8 SPC



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – LEARNING & TEACHING

Dear Parents/Carers

YEAR 10 (YEAR 11 2024) INFORMATION EVENING – The Josephite Centre Tuesday 2 May 2023

On Tuesday evening 2 May you are invited to attend an information session with your child addressing the following topics:

- **RoSA – Record of School Achievement**
- **Minimum Standard Testing**
- **HSC Requirements**
- **The Link Between Year 10 and Year 11**
- **Timeline of Course Preferences & Selection Process**

The session will commence at 7pm and be held in The Josephite Centre.

Our evening will be chaired by our Assistant Principal - Learning and Teaching, Mrs Cathy O’Gorman, joined by Mr Daniel Beckett, Year 10 Leader of Wellbeing and Mr Keating, Principal. The evening will provide valuable knowledge pertaining to the year ahead, the HSC and the Timeline of Course Preferences & Selection process. We encourage all parents and carers to attend as we commence this significant transition process into Stage 6 Senior Studies.

I look forward to your attendance.



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE YEAR 10 (YEAR 11 2024) INFORMATION EVENING 7PM 2ND MAY THE JOSEPHITE CENTRE

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Cathy O’Gorman
Assistant Principal – Learning & Teaching

St Mary's Catholic College
Year 10 2023 Timeline
Course Preferences & Selection Process for Year 11 2024



	Week	Date	Day	
Term 2	Week 2	May 2	Tuesday	Year 10 (Yr 11 2024) Information Evening
	Week 6	May 30	Tuesday	Handbooks and Course Preference process out to students
	Week 7	June 6	Tuesday	Year 10 (Yr 11 2024) Course Preference & Selection Evening 6.00pm
	Week 7	June 7	Wednesday	On-line preference nominations OPEN
	Week 8	June 16	Friday	On-line preference nominations CLOSE
	Week 10	June 30	Friday	Draft of line structure prepared.
Term 3	Week 1	July 18	Tuesday	Year 10 meeting to explain line structure.
	Week 1	July 19	Wednesday	Second round of on-line course preference nominations OPEN (If required)
	Week 2	July 28	Friday	Second round of on-line course preference nominations CLOSE
	Week 4	August 10	Thursday	Final line structure published.
Term 4	Week 7	November 20 & 21	Monday & Tuesday	Last Round of MS Testing for 2023
	Week 7	November 24	Friday	All My Own Work & Picnic Day
	Week 8	Commencing Nov 27	Monday - Friday	Course Preference Interviews (parents and students) NB Year 10 Reports released Wednesday 29.11.23
	Week 9	Commencing December 4	Monday - Tuesday	Alternative Timetable – Stage 6 Introductory Courses
	Week 9	December 6	Wednesday	Year 10 Awards – Last Full Day
	Week 9	December 7 & 8	Thursday - Friday	AMOW and MS Testing Catch-ups

IMPROVING HANDWRITING

Most tests and examinations still require students to handwrite. To improve your handwriting, first consider how healthy you are in the four elements of legible handwriting: letter formation, sizing, alignment on the line and spacing between words. Then use the steps below to start to improve your handwriting:

- **FIND THE BEST PEN FOR YOU:** Experiment with different pens to see which is the easiest to write with and which one gives you the neatest handwriting. Use the same pen all the time.
- **GOOD GRIP:** Hold the pen/pencil gently and do not grip too tightly or push too hard on the paper.
- **USE ARM MUSCLES:** Always write with your forearm and shoulder NOT with your fingers or wrist. This way your strokes will flow much better. It may take you some time to retrain your arm and hand but be aware of these movements when you practise. The muscles in your forearm and shoulder tire less easily than your fingers.
- **BEGIN WITH LARGE STROKES:** practise initially on a whiteboard (or even tracing letters in the air) using large strokes until you feel comfortable with using your forearm and shoulder muscles. When you feel you have conquered this, it is time to begin practising on paper. Keep using large strokes, gradually reducing them in size as your control of the muscles increases. Once you have accomplished this it is time to begin practising in your exercise book forming normal sized letters.
- **POSTURE:** Ensure you practise your handwriting skills at a desk or table. Sit up straight using a good chair.
- **RULED LINED BOOK:** Buy a ruled exercise book (like a primary cursive pad) for practice use. Always write on lined paper and take note of how you are writing and how your work looks on the page.
- **COPY STYLE:** Look for an example of a handwriting style that you like and can use to copy from. Keep this in front of you at all times to inspire you towards improving your style.
- **INDIVIDUAL LETTERS:** Begin with individual letters and practise writing at least one letter per day concentrating on the four elements of legible handwriting.
- **WHOLE WORDS:** Once you have worked your way through individual letters in the alphabet practise writing whole words. Be aware of the flow from one letter to the next as well as spacing between each word.
- **TEST SENTENCE:** Choose a test sentence for yourself and write it at the top of your first practice page. Each week write this sentence at the top of a new page to check for improvement in your writing.
- **SPECIAL SENTENCE:** Frequently practise writing the sentence 'the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog' in small and capital letters. This sentence contains all the letters in the alphabet and gives you good overall practice of each letter.
- **WRITE SLOWLY TO START:** Write slowly when practicing until you are happy with the quality of your handwriting. Then increase the speed.
- **REALISTIC GOALS:** Don't set impractical goals for improvement. Improvement will take time and is a matter for persistence – it all comes down to practice, practice and then more practice!
- **LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO WRITE:** Try and handwrite whenever possible.

Once your handwriting style has improved, you can then focus on improving the speed of your handwriting. Every day, practise writing at speed. Choose a particular passage and write it out neatly. Time yourself. The next day write it out neatly again but try and speed up a bit and time yourself again. The goal is to get to the point where you can write the passage out quickly but still maintain neat handwriting. Doing this for just 5 minutes every day will really help you to improve your handwriting. If your cursive (running) writing is really bad, you may find it easier to learn to print really fast in exams rather than focus on improving your cursive style.

You can also try writing with a pen that is weighted on the end to build up the muscles in your hand used for writing. When you get to the exams take the weight off the end and feel the benefits of a lighter pen! And for people with serious handwriting issues, check out the special pens in the handwriting section of the Writing Skills unit.

Our school's subscription details to www.studyskillshandbook.com.au are -
Username: stmarys
Password:106results

Careers Corner

- **White Card**

On Thursday 4th May from **8:15am** till **3:15pm**, registered students in year 10 and 11 will be completing the Work Health and Safety Induction Certificate (White Card) at school via an external provider. If you have registered, please ensure that you arrive on time as it is a requirement to complete the mandatory hours. The course will allow many to gain their first external unit of competency with which they can take into the workforce.

- **Careers Expo**

This year the *Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Career and Training Expo* will take place at Newcastle Jockey Club at Broadmeadow on **Thursday 18th May**. The expo is hosted by *Careerlinks*. It is a great opportunity for students to become more aware of their future options and speak with those in different industries directly. This expo allows high school students in the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie area to meet major employers in the area, TAFE, and Universities across the state, Private Colleges and Local Training Company representatives. For more information you can visit <http://www.newcastlecareerexpo.com.au/>. We have been allocated a morning session (from 10am till 11:30am) at the expo. The session includes a general introduction on arrival and an allotted hour and a half to move through the expo.

This is a compulsory excursion for our Year 10 and 12 students.

- **University Information Sessions**

Please note the upcoming information sessions during May from the **University of Newcastle and the University of NSW, Sydney**. Term 2 is the ideal time to do your research and gather information.

University of Newcastle

Webinars For Students

HSC Support Webinar - Preparing for University and Beyond, Wednesday 3 May, 7pm- 8pm

[Register](#)

The Preparing for University and Beyond online session is the perfect opportunity to equip yourself with the necessary knowledge and skills to make informed decisions about your future. The webinar will also feature a University of Newcastle Student Ambassador who will share details about the University's new Early Entry Program.

TAFE To Uni Webinar, Tuesday 9 May, 5pm - 6pm

[Register](#)

Are you looking at studying a University degree after completing TAFE or are on a VET pathway at school? We invite you to join us for our TAFE to Uni webinar recorded via zoom and hear why TAFE is a popular pathway into University.

2024 Joint Medical Program Info Session Webinar, Wednesday 10 May, 6:30pm – 7:30pm

[Register](#)

The Bachelor of Medical Science and Doctor of Medicine (The JMP) is an innovative five-year degree delivered jointly with the University of New England and supported by Hunter New England Local Health District and Central Coast Local Health District. Join us for an info session to hear from Joint Medical Program academics and current students about the program, admission requirements and much more.

HSC Support Webinar - Taking Action Towards Your Career, Wednesday 17 May, 7pm – 8pm

[Register](#)

The taking action towards your career session is specifically designed to provide you with invaluable insights on how to set yourself up for success in your future academic and professional pursuits. The webinar will also feature a University of Newcastle Student Ambassador who will share details about the University's new Early Entry Program.

Year 10 Subject Selection Webinar, Wednesday 31 May, 6pm – 7pm

[Register](#)

Our student ambassadors will share key subject selection information and share their stories and experiences with subject selection and transition to University studies.

Mid-Year Info Session 2023 Webinar, Thursday 1 June, 5pm – 6pm

[Register](#)

Coming from TAFE, a different career or just wanting to give Uni a go? Join us as our Student Ambassadors share their stories and experiences of studying at the University of Newcastle. We'll cover what Uni is like, how to balance work and study, different support services available, how to get in and more. This session includes an opportunity for you to get your questions answered

Parents and Carers Info Sessions

Newcastle - NUspace, City campus, Tuesday 2 May, 5:30pm – 7pm

[Register](#)

If you have a child who is currently completing Y12 we invite you to join us at our Newcastle Parents and Carers Info Session on 2 May. This event will also be live streamed.

Central Coast - Ourimbah Campus, Monday 1 May, 5:30pm – 7pm

[Register](#)

If you have a child who is currently completing Y12 we invite you to join us at our Central Coast Parents and Carers Info Session on 1 May.

Parents and Carers Info Session Webinar, Year 10 Subject Selection, Wednesday 31 May, 6pm – 7pm

[Register](#)

Our student ambassadors will share key subject selection information and share their stories and experiences with subject selection and transition to University studies.

University of NSW, Sydney

Webinars For Students

Year 10 Information Evenings: Subject Selection

Year 10 Information Evenings is a fantastic resource for your Year 10 students to learn about subject selection! Join us online on **Thursday, 11 May** or **Tuesday, 23 May** to hear from our UNSW experts, learn how UAC works, and understand how students can prepare for university.

[Register here](#)

Arts, Design & Architecture Information Evening

Year 12 students can join us online on **Thursday, 27 April** to learn about our redesigned programs as well as our expansive suite of degrees and study areas. Our Dean, Claire Annesley, as well as expert academic staff, current students and advisers, will be participating to answer your questions.

[Register here](#)

LAT Information Evening – Law Admission Test

Join UNSW online to hear about the Law Admission Test (LAT) on **Wednesday, 3 May**. The LAT is an entry requirement for domestic students for all undergraduate law double degrees at UNSW.

[Register here](#)

- **UAC reminders**

Year 12 - reminder to review the UAC website, particularly the [Key dates](#) page to keep yourself up to date with the webinars and application information.

Ms Paula Finlay (Careers/VET Advisor) & Mrs Vanessa Dews (Acting)

MARINE STUDIES

Year 11 and 12 Marine Studies classes ventured to Sydney on Wednesday 5th April to visit the highly acclaimed Shark Exhibition at the Sydney Museum and it certainly didn't disappoint. The highly interactive and very informative display was followed by a trip to Darling Harbour Sea Life Aquarium. At the aquarium students got up close to a diverse range of marine life with the highlight being the Grey Nurse Sharks, Dugong and large rays. The excursion added a great deal to the learning outcomes being studied in class.

Mr Abell



Mathematics class changes 2023

Throughout Term 1, the Mathematics Faculty has monitored student learning in the Maths classroom for each year level. They have administered class tasks as well as common tasks for each cohort. From the demonstration of skills and knowledge, as well as achievements in these tasks, teachers are able to assess each student. From the results, there will be some class changes in Term 2 to allow for students to be better placed in streamed classes. Please be assured that all students have the same opportunities as their peers in following the curriculum with a variety of strategies for each student to learn and progress.

Tania Eastcott
Leader of Learning - Mathematics

Science

How is Luna Park relevant to physics? What are the forces behind the fun? 🤔😄😁

It was such questions that 170, year 10 students puzzled over on Monday as they explored how the laws of physics apply to 12 of the park's most popular rides — from the stomach-churning dips of the Big Dipper to the more gentle motion of the historic carousel.

Prior to the excursion, students spent time conceptualising and analysing Newton's laws. Luna Park then provided the opportunity to experience these motions in extreme conditions. Upon their return, students reflected and carried out a written analysis based on their experiences.

It was a great time for adventure, learning and bonding as a group. Special thanks to the Science staff (and Mr Knight) for a memorable day!

Tracey Flack
Event Organiser – Science Teacher



SPORT

School footy is finally back 😊.

On the 5 April, the U14 boys travelled to Aberglasslyn to compete in the 2023 NSW CCC Cochrane Cup.

After being drawn in a tough pool, the team showed great determination and teamwork throughout the day, narrowly missing out on progressing to the semi-finals. The day began against St Bede's Chisholm. In what was a tightly contested game, the team demonstrated their skill and teamwork with several exhilarating attacking plays and hard-hitting defence.

The team then played St Pius where unfortunately they were unable to continue their unbeaten streak, eventually going down in the final minutes of the game. The team then rallied themselves for St Joseph's Lochinvar where, after some strong runs and bone crunching defence, the boys pushed their opponents all the way to the final siren, but unfortunately were unable to come away with the victory.

The day ended with our final game against Catherine McAuley Medowie. What followed was a high intensity game filled with fast paced action and attacking flair. Unfortunately, we were unable to secure the victory, going down in a hard-fought loss.

All players should be proud of their achievements throughout the day and are to be congratulated for their efforts as they played with great commitment and sportsmanship. Notable mentions go to **Henry D**, **George K**, and **Chayce A** who featured in several highlight plays throughout the day. With a little more practise and fine tuning, the boys will now begin their preparation for their next tournament in Term 4.

Thank you to Mr Meagher for acting as assistant coach and high-performance sports trainer today.

Kieren Knight
Organiser





Seasons for Growth

Young People’s Program:

fostering resilience and wellbeing in children and young people.

Life is like the Seasons

Seasons for Growth is an evidence-based change, loss and grief education program that uses the imagery of the seasons to illustrate the experience of change, loss and grief.

Children and young people can experience grief following significant changes and losses:

- ◆ Someone they love dies
- ◆ Separation and divorce
- ◆ Friendship changes
- ◆ Illness impacts their life
- ◆ Relocation
- ◆ Natural disasters

Seasons for Growth aims to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of young people by:

- ◆ Exploring the impact of change and loss on every-day life
- ◆ Learning new ways to respond to these changes.

Program Structure

The *Seasons for Growth* Children and Young People’s Program is a small group program which runs for 45 minutes over eight weeks.

Level 4: 13-18 years

Each session explores a theme using the seasonal imagery:

- ◆ Life is like the Seasons
- ◆ Change is Part of Life
- ◆ Valuing My Story
- ◆ Caring for my Feelings
- ◆ Making Good Choices

The program provides a safe space for young people where they can give voice to their experiences, understand their feelings, learn problem-solving and decision making skills, develop friendships, and recognise they are not alone.

A *Seasons for Growth* journal is provided to each participant to document their learning journey.

“I would say that it was an amazing experience and that I got a lot out of it. I would definitely recommend it.”

YOUNG PERSON

Contact Us



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CHAOS

“In the midst of chaos, there is also opportunity” Sun Tzu

Decathlon resources
www.davincidecathlon.com

Further details will be published on Compass

Tuesday 9 May 2023
Years 7 and 8

Wednesday 10 May 2023
Years 9 and 10

Thursday 11 May 2023
Years 5 and 6

Proudly hosting by Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College





The Place: Charlestown Community Centre and Well Education have partnered together to create a program for young men aged 12-14. The aim of this program is to focus on encouraging resilience, confidence, mate ship and self-worth through various games and activities in a collaborative and welcoming environment where you are encouraged to bring your friends along and make life long mates with the other people involved.

The program will be running on a Thursday night from 4pm - 6pm beginning on the 11th of May - and will be running for 8 weeks, until the 29th of June. All refreshments will be provided and the program is completely FREE!

To book, please give us a call on (02) 4032 5500 or email youthprograms1@theplacecharlestown.org.au



- 29** [Justin Coulson - Anxiety and Resilience strategies for parents and carers to assist their children](#)
MAR 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- 23** [Getting the most out of gaming - Parent education webinar](#)
MAY 7:30 PM - 8:15 PM
- 15** [Parent education webinar - presented by eSafety](#)
AUG 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
- 9** [Parent Education webinar -eSafety](#)
NOV 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

<https://www.ccsp.catholic.edu.au/upcoming-webinars>

ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



**Are you between the age
of 12-24?
Have your say on issues
that matter to you.**

Have your voice heard by government.



Share your views about the issues facing children and young people in NSW.

**Scan the QR
code to
complete the
survey**



vaping

a webinar for parents and carers



There's a lot of discussion about young people and vaping at the moment. headspace

Newcastle presents this FREE webinar to help sort the fact from the fiction.

We'll be joined by vaping experts Mel Jackson and Dr Krista Monkhouse from Hunter New England Health

Mel Jackson is a Clinical Research Coordinator at Hunter New England Health Drug and Alcohol Clinic.

Dr Krista Monkhouse is a paediatrician, Youth Drug and Alcohol at Hunter New England Health.

Wednesday, May 3rd @ 730pm-830pm

Online

Registrations via Eventbrite



Hunter
PRIMARYCARE



St Mary's Feast Day



Term 2 Calendar 2023 - Week 1 – Term 2 (A Week)	
Fri 28 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter 6.23 • Year 8 Formation Day • Dramafest - UON
Week 2 – Term 2 (B Week)	
Tues 2 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 (2024) Enrichment Day – St Francis Xavier's Belmont and St Paul's Gateshead • Year Assemblies • PLM (Extended) – Students depart College at 2.40pm. Bus supervision as usual. • Year 10 Photography Excursion • Dio Junior Soccer Championships – Girls and Boys - TBC
Wed 3 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 (2024) Enrichment Day – St Patrick's Swansea, St Joseph's Charlestown, St Pius X Windale • Year 10 Meningococcal ACWY immunisations
Thurs 4 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 SPT Conference Bookings Open • Year 12 Reports published • Dio Cross Country – Aberdeen • WHS Induction Course (White Card)
Fri 4 May	Year 11 Geography Fieldwork excursion
Week 3 – Term 2 (A Week)	
Mon 8 May	Year 12 Retreat All Week – Group A on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Tues 9 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Assembly • DaVinci Decathlon – Years 7 & 8 • Year 12 Retreat – all week • Dio Tennis - TBC
Wed 10 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Retreat All Week – Group B on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday • DaVinci Decathlon – Years 9 & 10 • Year 8 Wellbeing and Teamwork Day • Raw Challenge – Year 11 and Year 7 • Year 9 Community Day
Thurs 11 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knights Knockout U15 Boys • Year 12 SPT Conference Bookings Close
Fri 12 May	Newsletter 7.23
Sun 14 May	Mother's Day
Week 4 – Term 2 (B Week)	
Mon 15 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Schools Week • Year 12 Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences – 3pm-7pm
Tues 16 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year Assemblies • Brainstorm Productions – Year 9 • PLM Extended – Students depart College at 2.40pm. Bus supervision as usual.
Wed 17 May	<p><i>St Mary's Open Day and Grandparents Liturgy and Morning Tea – 9am</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Open Day Tour 1 – 10.17am to 11.34am</i> • <i>Open Day Tour 2 – 4.00pm to 5.00pm</i> • <i>Open Day Tour 3 – 5.00pm to 6.00pm</i>
Thurs 18 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knights Knockout U13 Boys • Careers Expo excursion • Landcare
Week 5 – Term 2 (A Week)	
Mon 22 May	Catholic Schools Week Liturgy – Cathedral
Tues 23 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Assembly • The TUT Roadshow
Wed 24 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 7 (2024) Enrichment Day – Government Schools • The Tragedy of MacBeth theatre excursion

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Thurs 25 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OzTag Hunter Regional Champs Year 7 (2024) Enrichment Day – St Mary's Warners Bay, St James Kotara, St Therese's New Lambton
Fri 26 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Sorry Day Rising from the Embers Festival – Year 7, 8, 9 students Newsletter 8.23
Sun 28 May	Pentecost Sunday
Week 6 – Term 2 (B Week)	
Mon 30 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year Assemblies Landcare
Tues 31 May	Year 8 Religious Literacy Testing
Fri 2 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications for Year 7 (2024) Enrolment notified to parents Senior Geography Fieldwork excursion
Sat 3 June	MABO Day
Week 7 – Term 2 (A Week)	
Mon 5 June	World Environment Day
Tues 6 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Assembly Year 10 (Year 11 2024) Stage 6 Course Preference & Selection Evening – 6pm
Wed 7 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inquisitive Minds – Year 8 All Schools Touch Footie Competition
Thurs 8 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Schools Touch Footie Competition Diosounds
Fri 9 June	Newsletter 9.23
Week 8 – Term 2 (B Week)	
Mon 12 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tue 13 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year Assemblies Year 11 Biological Diversity Day PLM (Extended) – Students depart College at 2.40pm. Bus supervision as usual.
Fri 16 June	Final Day for Acceptance of Offer of Placement for Year 7 (2024)
Week 9 – Term 2 (A Week)	
Tues 20 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Refugee Day College Assembly
Wed 21 June	Year 11 Mid-Course reports published
Fri 23 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter 10.23 Next Stage Correspondence to Year 7 (2024) families
Week 10 – Term 2 (B Week)	
Mon 26 June	Year 9 Formation Day – details TBC
Wed 28 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 7 to 10 Semester 1 Reports published Years 7 to 10 Student Parent Teacher Conference Bookings Open
Fri 30 June	Last Day of Term 2
Sat 2 July	NAIDOC Week – "For our Elders"

