

Newsletter No.16/22

Friday 28 October 2022

Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Carers and Community Members,

Teachers as Learners honouring Students as Learners

Last Tuesday afternoon, the teaching staff shared in another extended session of Professional Learning. On this occasion the focus was on the integration of digital learning into pedagogy. The presentation, which was outstanding, was led by 3 members of the teaching staff (Mrs Nikki Williams, Mr Cameron Anderson and Mr Shane Abell), who shared some of the key learnings emanating from 2022 Edutech Conference which they recently attended in Melbourne.

Professional learning sessions involving all the teaching staff are of significant value because they require the teaching staff to assume a collective responsibility for building their professional practice, which, in turn, builds our professional capital and makes a positive difference to students' growth in learning and their level of academic attainment.

It is important to recognise that these sessions of professional learning are **NOT** one-off learning opportunities. Professional learning is integral to the daily practice of our staff, and this is as it must be because ***the research evidence "points conclusively to the fact that teaching expertise is not a matter of innate qualities, but of learning and growth."*** (Stephen Dinham, "Leading, Learning and Teaching" 2016, p.202).

The commitment of the teaching staff of our college to learning and growth is first class. There is a fervent desire to listen, observe, discuss, and learn from each other's perspectives. That is, to learn from their daily practice; to learn from their failures and mistakes; to learn from evidence of research and from reflection on their practice.

The quality of their collective effort is characterised by mutual trust and support; a genuine desire to learn from each other; to draw on individual strengths and show respect for differing perspectives. It is these qualities which reflect the commitment of staff to continuous improvement; underpin the effectiveness of students' engagement, growth and achievement in learning, and are contributing in a significant way to realising our aspiration to build a school culture characterised by continuous improvement in community members' learning, leading and wellbeing.

It is a joy to be able to recognise this and share in the learning and growth process with them. Our teachers are continually open to the possibilities of learning, growing and sharing in and about their practice and as a consequence, their impact on student learning is profoundly positive. Furthermore, their spirit of curiosity and desire to learn and grow is integral to who they must be, as members of a Christ-centred community, answering Jesus' call to "fullness of being".

Blessings

Larry Keating
Principal

YEAR 11 AWARDS

On Monday, 24 October, we celebrated with Year 11, their parents and carers and staff of St Mary's, the Year 11 Awards ceremony. The Major Awards (listed below) were presented to the following students:

Year 11 Major Awards 2022

SMCCG Sporting Excellence Award - Lachlan McNamara

The sporting excellence award recognises a student who has achieved across a range of sports, demonstrating a personal dedication toward the development sporting skill and the achievement of excellence. This year's recipient has participated at every swimming and athletics carnivals from 7 –11 achieving athletics age champion 13 years and 14 years. He has participated in representative basketball, soccer, futsal and touch football in years 7-10. He has represented the College at Diocesan basketball in years 7-10 and on three occasions Diocesan athletics and cross country. He was selected to represent our Diocese in years 7, 8 & 9 in both athletics and cross country. He was set to trial for NSW AFL at the NSWCCC in Sydney 2020 & 2021 but unfortunately both were cancelled due to Covid. He was selected from Diocesan level to NSWCCC Cross Country at Eastern Creek in 2019 – 20.

He plays AFL for the Cardiff Hawks where he has played over 180 games. He was selected into the Academy of Sport for AFL across the metro and country areas and from that selected in the top 24 players. Whilst playing for the Hunter Region, he was invited to trial for the Sydney Swans where he once again was selected in the top 24-man squad out of 100 nominated players. At 17 years of age, he was one of only two Swans players to be named in the under 19 NBA league. Subsequently he may participate in the professional AFL draft for the 2023-24 season. Congratulations Lachlan!

SMCCG Citizenship Award – Matilda Brown

The College award for citizenship is presented to a student who is friendly and approachable, who has been involved in a wide range of school activities to assist in the building of the St Mary's Catholic College Community and who has an exemplary attendance and behaviour record. During the nomination process, College staff had the following to say about this year's recipient:

She is a diligent student, always giving of her best. She applies herself with goodwill and determination in all situations, tirelessly giving of her time through participation in the SPC, supporting both the social and cultural life of the College. Congratulations Matilda!

SMCCG All Rounder Award - Bronte Carrigan

This award recognises a student who has participated in a wide range of activities and achieved excellent results in academic, sporting and community service fields. The recipient of this award possesses characteristics that the College strives to instil in all its students because they are the cornerstones of success and the hallmarks of a richly integrated life. During the nomination process, College staff had the following to say about this year's recipient:

She is always in her correct uniform, is respectful, kind, and supportive of her peers. She supports the College through work in the SPC, her participation at sports carnivals and her contribution to the ASPIRE. She represents the College at the Anzac Day Marches, in public speaking events, library activities and initiatives, always modelling excellent behaviour and engagement to junior students. She is a committed student, diligently working to achieve estimable academic results. She demonstrates humility in her achievements and generously shares her knowledge and skills with others. She is truly an all-rounder in her many academic, cultural and leadership pursuits. Congratulation Bronte!

SMCCG Principals Award – Eliza De'Lore

The Principal's Award is presented to students who enhance the culture of our College by their actions and attitude. These students have lived the values and ideals of our community, quietly giving life to the College motto, Ready to Serve. With humility and grace, they go about making St Mary's Catholic College a better place for others. Our recipient this year is a student who is kind and generous with her time, placing the needs of her peers and the broader College community before her own. She is a quiet young lady who does not seek attention or validation for her good deeds, she wears a smile on her face every day, she is approachable and kind. She effortlessly living out the College Motto *Ready to Serve* in her everyday actions. Congratulations Eliza!

The recipients of the Academic Achievement Awards were as follows:

11RC01	Charlie Barnett	Industrial Technology - Timber	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC01	Mia Bartley	Geography	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC01	Marshall Blanch	Studies Of Religion 1 Unit	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		English Standard	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Mathematics Standard 2	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Business Studies	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC01	Annelise Jeske	Earth & Environmental Science	FIRST IN COURSE
11RC01	Jordan Pitt	Industrial Technology - Timber	FIRST IN COURSE
11RC01	Elizabeth Walker	Mathematics Standard 2	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Exploring Early Childhood	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC02	Drei Afa	Studies in Catholic Thought	FIRST IN COURSE
11RC02	Matilda Brown	Mathematics Advanced	FIRST IN COURSE
		Biology	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Visual Arts	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Chemistry	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Studies Of Religion 1 Unit	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC02	Nathan Cooper	Information Processes & Technology	FIRST IN COURSE
11RC02	Caleb Lane	Information Processes & Technology	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC02	Sarah Le Guier	Food Technology	FIRST IN COURSE
	Lachlan		
11RC02	Macnamara	PDHPE	FIRST IN COURSE
		Community & Family Studies	FIRST IN COURSE
11RC02	Edelle McCarron	Biology	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Studies Of Religion 1 Unit	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC02	Flynn O'Connor	English Standard	FIRST IN COURSE
		Business Studies	FIRST IN COURSE
		PDHPE	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC02	Lily Quinn	Legal Studies	FIRST IN COURSE
		English Extension 1	FIRST IN COURSE
		Biology	FIRST IN COURSE
		English Advanced	FIRST IN COURSE
		Studies Of Religion 2 Unit	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC02	Riley Vale	VET - Constuction	FIRST IN COURSE
11RC03	Bronte Carrigan	Mathematics Extension 1	FIRST IN COURSE
		Drama	FIRST IN COURSE
		Studies Of Religion 1 Unit	FIRST IN COURSE
		Chemistry	FIRST IN COURSE
		Physics	FIRST IN COURSE
		English Advanced	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Mathematics Advanced	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC03	Shauna Clarke	English Standard	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Mathematics Standard 2	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC03	Olivia Cullen	Exploring Early Childhood	FIRST IN COURSE
11RC03	Joseph Hogan	Sport Lifestyle & Recreation Studies	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC04	Ava Benson	VET - Business Services	FIRST IN COURSE
11RC04	Samuel Collins	Studies Of Religion 1 Unit	FIRST IN COURSE
		Modern History	FIRST IN COURSE
		Mathematics Standard 2	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Marine Studies	TOP 10% IN COURSE

11RC04	Jack Hogan	Studies Of Religion 1 Unit	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Engineering Studies	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		English Standard	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC04	Maddison Lobach	Industrial Technology - Multimedia	FIRST IN COURSE
11RC04	Cirdan Peihopa	Sport Lifestyle & Recreation Studies	FIRST IN COURSE
11RC04	Emily Russell	English Standard	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC05	Amelia Corrigan	Business Studies	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC05	Ben Dezelak	Studies Of Religion 2 Unit	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Biology	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Mathematics Advanced	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC05	Mia Egan	English Standard	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC05	Connor Farrell	Marine Studies	FIRST IN COURSE
11RC05	Reuben Hatcher	Studies in Catholic Thought	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC05	William Hooper	Business Studies	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Industrial Technology - Timber	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC05	Jack Johns	Sport Lifestyle & Recreation Studies	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Community & Family Studies	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC05	Saxon Jones	Studies in Catholic Thought	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC05	Tia Pezet	Society & Culture	FIRST IN COURSE
		Mathematics Standard 2	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Legal Studies	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Studies Of Religion 1 Unit	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		PDHPE	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC05	Lucy Wallace	Music 1	FIRST IN COURSE
		Community & Family Studies	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Mathematics Standard 2	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC06	Greg Fabrikanov	Engineering Studies	FIRST IN COURSE
		Studies Of Religion 2 Unit	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Mathematics Advanced	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Physics	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		English Advanced	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC06	Madison Hatch	VET - Hospitality	FIRST IN COURSE
11RC06	Lachlan Huolohan	Studies Of Religion 1 Unit	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC06	Ava Knight	Mathematics Standard 2	FIRST IN COURSE
		Ancient History	FIRST IN COURSE
		Japanese Beginners	FIRST IN COURSE
		Studies Of Religion 2 Unit	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Biology	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		English Advanced	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC06	Paddy Layton	Work Studies	FIRST IN COURSE
		Numeracy	FIRST IN COURSE
		English Studies	FIRST IN COURSE
11RC06	Kayla Penfold	Visual Arts	FIRST IN COURSE
11RC06	Sharlah Ticehurst	Studies Of Religion 2 Unit	FIRST IN COURSE
		Mathematics Extension 1	TOP 10% IN COURSE
		Legal Studies	TOP 10% IN COURSE
11RC06	Noah Walsh	Geography	FIRST IN COURSE

The recipients of the Diligence Awards are as follows:

11RC01	Mia Bartley
11RC01	Marshall Blanch
11RC01	Beth Urquhart
11RC01	Elizabeth Walker
11RC02	Matilda Brown
11RC02	Nathan Cooper
11RC02	Caleb Lane
11RC02	Edelle McCarron
11RC02	Lily Quinn
11RC02	Beau Wasiak
11RC03	Bronte Carrigan
11RC03	Isobel Negus
11RC04	Samuel Collins
11RC04	Sienna Curry
11RC04	Lainie Morrissey
11RC04	Zane Pitt
11RC05	Ben Dezelak
11RC05	Mia Egan
11RC05	Tia Pezet
11RC05	Lucy Wallace
11RC06	Greg Fabrikanov
11RC06	Madison Hatch
11RC06	Ava Knight
11RC06	Sharlah Ticehurst

Congratulations extend to all recipients.

**Join us for the
Parent Engagement Group**

**on
Tuesday 8 November 2022 – 6.00pm – St Mary's Café**

Guest Speaker: Tracy Carpenter, Leader of Learning, St Mary's

**“How Literacy Changes Learning”
(see further information in this newsletter)**

2022 School Leadership Team

On Tuesday 25 October, the college formed for a whole school assembly to officially welcome our Student Leadership Team for 2023.

The moment was elevated with performance of “A Million Dreams” provided by the Year 11 music class, led by Stephen Walter, with a solo by Lucy Wallace.

The leaders themselves stood up, participating in a creative item based on a Ted Talk about leadership delivered by Pope Francis.

“To Christians, the future does have a name, and its name is Hope. Feeling hopeful does not mean to be optimistically naïve and ignore the tragedy humanity is facing. Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn’t lock itself into darkness, that doesn’t dwell on the past, does not simply get by in the present, but is able to see a tomorrow. Hope is the door that opens onto the future. Hope is a humble, hidden seed of life that, with time, will develop into a large tree. It is like some invisible yeast that allows the whole dough to grow, that brings flavor to all aspects of life. And it can do so much, because a tiny flicker of light that feeds on hope is enough to shatter the shield of darkness. A single individual is enough for hope to exist, and that individual can be you. And then there will be another “you,” and another “you,” and it turns into an “us.” And so, does hope begin when we have an “us?” No. Hope began with one “you.” When there is an “us,” there begins a revolution.” – Pope Francis (2017)

The leaders for 2023 are as follows:

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

2022 College Leadership Team: Leah Henderson, Ava Knight, Edelle McCarron, Chloe Fabrikanov, Poppy Carter, Matilda Brown, Harry Roughan, Mia Bartley, Tia Pezet, Lucas Mclvor

As Acting Ministry Coordinator, I congratulate everyone in the team. The College community eagerly anticipates the positive change that awaits us in 2023.

**Thank you kindly,
David Luschwitz**



Port Stephens Koala Hospital & St Mary's Landcare

With the Landcare Activities of 2022 drawing to an end, it was by special invitation that 40 members of the Landcare team were selected to participate in a very special Landcare activity. This event had the double benefit of not only being a way of the college to reward and recognise the hard work these students have shown with their work in Landcare throughout the year, but also to contribute to one of the most amazing facilities in our region that is working towards saving our local Koalas – **The Port Stephens Koala Hospital**.

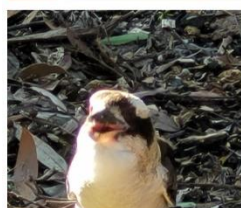
The Koala hospital is currently caring for 29 sick or injured koalas and one feisty young wombat. The hospital relies on the grants, donations and fundraising. Over the years it has become a state-of-the-art facility and has treated a range of wildlife, in the majority of cases returning the animal back to good health and releasing them back into the wild.

While in care the koalas need a steady stream of fresh new leaf and it was an absolute privilege for the Landcare team to help out the Koala Hospital by planting approximately 100 trees in the grounds of the hospital which, not only will add to the already spectacular grounds of this sanctuary, but in time will be able to provide a source of food for the koalas in care.

St Mary's Catholic College is the first school to have had the opportunity to plant for the Koala Hospital and we recognise and thank Mr Ron Land, Aaron and Pierre for their support in making the day a huge success. Once planting had been completed the team was able to walk the Skywalk of the Koala Sanctuary visiting those koalas whose injuries mean that they will no be able to be released into the wild - Blinky and Jax being the favourites for many. The day was topped off by the most unique opportunity of being able to view the Hospital facilities and visit some of the koalas are under rehabilitation and medical care. We saw the beautiful old lady koalas, Murphy and Harriet and the tiny Latty and Lemon Tree Peter, just to name a few.

We thank Port Stephens Koala Hospital for giving the St Mary's Landcare Team this unique and amazing opportunity, in putting the Landcare teams skills into a practice, and in a manner where we can see that our contribution will make an impact in supporting the local koalas of our region.

Mrs Piper, Mrs Murray and Mrs Dunn



Careers Corner

Year 12:

UAC Please be aware of key dates for crucial deadlines during the offer rounds. https://www.uac.edu.au/key-dates	
Schools Recommendation Scheme	<p>Students have a little more time to consider their preferred courses but must meet the <u>change of preference deadline</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>deadline for changing SRS preferences – 11.59pm on 3 Nov 2022</u> • <u>SRS offers released – 7.30am on 11 Nov 2022.</u> <p>Some students may be contacted by an institution and advised that they need to have that institution's course at the top of their preference list in order to receive an offer. Please assure your students that they will receive an offer to the highest course preference for which they are eligible and competitive enough. If they don't receive an offer to their highest preference, they will be considered for their second preference, and so on down the list.</p>
ATAR release date	<p><u>HSC results and ATARs</u> will be released on time on 15 December.</p> <p>You will be able to access your ATAR via the UAC website from 9am.</p>
UON	<p><u>Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS)</u></p> <p>Students will receive communications during the HSC period to provide them with information to maximise their chances of receiving an offer from the <u>University of Newcastle</u>.</p> <p>Please note key dates for the process:</p> <p>Wednesday 2 November – Thursday 3 November: Ahead of the November Round 1 major SRS Round, the University will be contacting applicants regarding their eligibility under the Schools Recommendation Scheme via email, phone call and SMS.</p> <p>Thursday 3 November: To be considered for an SRS offer, students should have the University of Newcastle as their 1st preference in UAC by midnight on 3 November 2022.</p> <p>Friday 11 November: The University of Newcastle will make <u>unconditional</u> SRS offers in November UAC Round 1 on Friday 11 November.</p>

Paula Finlay
Careers Adviser

Parent Engagement Group (PEG)

On Tuesday 8 November, we welcome parents back to the Parent Engagement Group (PEG). This will take place in the Cafe at 6.00pm.

We will welcome guest speaker, Tracy Carpenter - Leader of Learning (English) who will share with us **"How Literacy Changes Learning"**. The focus group for this talk are parents/carers of students in years 7-12. Tracy explains:

Understanding how Reading Literacy Changes Your Child's Learning

Reading isn't reading. There are FIVE different levels of comprehension for our brain to work through before we really understand something in a way that makes it valuable for use and application in our modern world. Surprisingly, most students are stuck at the second or third level, blocking them out of deep comprehension and connection with their new learnings. Come along to learn how to recognise where your child's comprehension level sits and what can be done to move them deeper into 'real understanding'.

We look forward to seeing you on the 8 November.

Write on Track

Writing support for all
Stage 6 students.

What is it?

ONE-HOUR TUTORIAL SESSIONS / WORKSHOPS THAT FOCUS ON HOW TO WRITE ACADEMICALLY.

Will it be the same thing each week?

NO! EACH WEEK WILL LOOK AT A DIFFERENT STRATEGY TO IMPROVE THE WAY YOU ARE READING / WRITING IN ALL SUBJECTS.

What subjects will it help in?

ALL SUBJECTS THAT REQUIRE YOU TO WRITE – SHORT ANSWERS, LONG ANSWERS, ESSAYS – AND ALL SUBJECTS THAT REQUIRE YOU TO READ. (I GUESS THAT 'S EVERY SUBJECT 😊)

When is it?

EACH FRIDAY IN PERIOD 4. 1.45 – 2.50PM

SESSIONS WILL FOCUS ON SKILLS SUCH AS:

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| – NOMINALISATION | – SENTENCE CONSTRUCTION | – USING <u>CONNECTIVES</u> AND <u>PUNCTUATION</u> FOR PURPOSE |
| – PACKED NOUN GROUPS | – PURPOSEFUL PARAGRAPHS | – HIGH ORDER COMPREHENSION |
| – ACTIVE VOICE | – SUBJECT VERB AGREEMENT | |
| – GRAMMAR | – EVALUATIVE LANGUAGE | |

SPORT

On Friday 14 October, the Under 13 boys Rugby League team competed in the NRL Blues 9's Tournament at Raymond Terrace.

After being drawn in a tough pool and having our team reduced to only 9 players before the day even began, the team showed great determination and teamwork throughout the day, coming away with 2 wins and 1 loss.

The day began against San Clemente, in what was a tightly contested game. Starting strong, the team opened the scoring through a skilful attacking play and try. For the remainder of the game, the team was tenacious in their effort, with the boys securing their 18 – 15 victory through a game winning 50m runaway try to Henry D in the final seconds of the game.

The team then played Warners Bay High. Unfortunately, they were unable to maintain their unbeaten streak, going down in what was an exhilarating game filled with bone crunching defence and powerful attacking runs. The boys then rallied themselves for their final pool game against St Pius. What followed was a high intensity game filled with fast paced action and attacking flair, with the team coming away victorious 21 – 18.

Unfortunately, the team was unable to qualify for the semi-finals, but all players should be proud of their achievements throughout the day.

All players were fantastic ambassadors for our school and are to be congratulated for their efforts as they played with great commitment and sportsmanship.

Notable mentions go to Henry D and Jake D who both featured in several highlight moments throughout the day.

Kieren Knight
Coach



CHRISTMAS TREASURE SALE

When: Saturday 10 December

*Where: MacKillop Pastoral Function Centre, 7 Milson St,
Charlestown- after 9.00am Mass*

What: New and Pre-loved items include:



- ✓ Baby Wear
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Kitchen Ware
- ✓ Jewellery
- ✓ Rugs and Throws
- ✓ New Craft items etc



Morning Tea will be available, as well as face painting and games for the kids.

Christmas hamper to be drawn on the day with tickets on sale during October and November. Tickets are \$2 each, at the Parish Office.

All money raised stays in the Parish to help out families over Christmas.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to WHS regulations
we cannot accept any electrical items.
Thank you.

The Hall at Gateshead and the Function Centre at Charlestown will be open Saturday mornings and Sundays after Mass for donations for the sale. Please only donate items that are in good condition.

*Come and join us for a happy, friendly social occasion.
Don't forget to bring your friends and some spending money.*



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join, participants must:

- ☒ Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- ☒ Be studying yourself OR have a child in school
- ☒ Have regular income from work, yourself OR your partner

For full eligibility requirements, speak to a Saver Plus Coordinator.

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



laptops & tablets



uniforms & shoes



books & supplies



sports fees & gear



lessons & activities



camps & excursion

For more information, please contact Saver Plus:



saverplus@bsl.org.au



saverplus.org.au



1300 610 355



@SaverPlusAU

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

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/>

Uniform Shop Opening Hours during HSC Examinations

Please find below the revised uniform shop opening times due to the HSC Examinations being conducted in the Josephite Centre. If there are any changes to this during the exam period, you will be notified separately. The Uniform Shop will revert to the usual opening times from Tuesday 8 November.

- Monday 31st October 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
- Tuesday 1st November 8:30 AM - 10:30AM
- Thursday 3rd of November 12:45 PM - 3:30PM
- Friday 4th of November 830 AM - 3:30 PM

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.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

Please consider donating any uniform you no longer need back to St Mary's – our clothing pool for life's little emergencies or to help out our needy families is running very low. Items can be dropped off at Reception or Student Services. Thank you very much!



YEAR 7 2023 – INDUCTION DAY

and

PARENT INDUCTION EVENING

These two events have been rescheduled to:

MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2022

(originally Wednesday 19 October 2022)

The Induction Day details are as follows:

- From 8.50am to 12.00 Midday – Monday 14 November 2022
 - Venue – The Josephite Centre (Hall)
 - Year 6 students to wear their Sports Uniform
 - Year 6 students to bring their own water bottle
 - Morning tea will be provided
- Year 10 (2023) Peer Support Leaders will work with the Year 6's offering support and assistance

The Parent Induction Evening details are as follows:

- From 6.00pm to 7.00pm – Monday 14 November 2022
 - Venue – The Josephite Centre (Hall)
 - Students welcome but not necessary

We look forward to seeing you there!

CALENDAR 2022 - TERM 4	
Fri 28 October	Newsletter 16.22
Week 4 (B Week)	
Mon 31 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing HSC Examinations 2023 Student Leaders Retreat (returning Wednesday)
Tues 1 November	Year Assemblies
Fri 4 November	Year 11 Formation Day
Week 5 (A Week)	
Mon 7 November	Year 12 Formal Graduation Dinner – NEX Newcastle
Tues 8 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Assembly PEG Meeting – “How Literacy Changes Learning” – Guest Speaker: Tracy Carpenter
Fri 11 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remembrance Day Newsletter 17.22
Week 6 (B Week)	
Mon 14 November	Year 10 Examinations Year 7 2023 Induction Day and Parent Induction Evening
Tues 15 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year Assemblies Staff Professional Development – Early finish for students at 2.40pm
Wed 16 November	Visit – Former Teacher and Teacher Support Staff to inspect the College, reconnect with colleagues from the past and share in a liturgy and morning tea.
Week 7 (A Week)	
Mon 21 November	Year 10 PAT Testing
Tues 22 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Assembly Year 10 PAT Testing
Fri 25 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women – White Ribbon Day Year 10 All My Own Work and Picnic Day Newsletter 18.22
Sun 27 November	Advent Sunday
Week 8 (B Week)	
Mon 28 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Course Preference Interviews (Parents and Students) – Stage 6 2023/2024 – All week Years 7-9 PAT Testing – All week
Tues 29 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year Assemblies Year 10 Reports released
Thurs 1 December	Virtual Academy Presentation Day
Week 9 (A Week)	
Mon 5 December	Year 10 Alternative Stage 6 Timetable
Tues 6 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Alternative Stage 6 Timetable College Assembly Staff Professional Development – Early finish for students at 2.40pm
Wed 7 December	Year 10 Awards
Thurs 8 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Assessment Block to Wednesday 14 December inclusive Year 10 – All My Own Work and Minimum Skills Catch-Ups
Fri 9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10's last day Newsletter 19.22 (Last for 2022)
Week 10 (B Week)	
Mon 12 December	Years 7-9 Reports published
Tues 13 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year Assemblies Landcare
Wed 14 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Assessment Block concludes Years 7-9 Awards – 9.00am to 11.00am – TJC
Thurs 15 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Results released HSC Celebration – Café ATAR Results released
Fri 16 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 7-9 Students Last Day – dismissed at lunchtime CPR/Emergency Care/Anaphylaxis Staff Training - PM
Week 11 (A Week)	
Mon 19 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Term Staff PD Day (Pupil Free) – Staff Farewells, Organisation

