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WEEK**

2021

The Future of 21st Century Education

Sydney Catholic Schools are experiencing record levels of demand. At a time of uncertainty and challenge, more and more parents are choosing one of our 150 schools to educate their children.

In a world of constant change and challenge, our schools are places where students, staff and parents can encounter God and come to understand through faith that they are part of something much bigger than themselves.

The strong foundations of literacy and numeracy provided to our students are valued by our parents who know these are the essential building blocks upon which all other learning and growth are built.

Our parents know that in Sydney Catholic Schools each child has his and her own unique needs and that every child must be known and guided to their fullest potential by professional and skilled teachers.

While Sydney Catholic Schools are high performers in both NAPLAN and the HSC, we also offer a comprehensive education that is practical, creative, innovative and designed to be engaging for all students.

Parents and students are offered an extraordinary range of learning initiatives, activities and programmes. Through various tools and channels our



schools encourage constant engagement and feedback between students, parents and teachers as an essential component of educational excellence.

Our schools are faith communities that are inextricably part of the local parishes that worship and thrive throughout the Archdiocese of Sydney. Our parish communities are places of spiritual growth and our schools' close connection with parishes is essential to who we are and who we can be.

To visit a Sydney Catholic school is to

be part of a dynamic, vibrant and optimistic experience of 21st century education. Our schools are founded upon and imbued with 2000 year old Catholic traditions of faith, worship and outreach.

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While demand for places in our



schools is particularly strong, at Sydney Catholic Schools we take nothing for granted. Future growth and success for our students rely upon our never ending pursuit of excellence which is a challenge we look forward to every single day.

To find your local school and to see the amazing things happening across our schools check out the news and stories on our social media channels and at the Sydney Catholic Schools website.

Tony Farley - Executive Director, Sydney Catholic Schools

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Discover your local school ...

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021

Renowned for academic success



St Mary's Cathedral College, established 1824, is the oldest Catholic boys' school still on its original site in Australia. Boys are educated at Cathedral in the tradition of the Christian Brothers.

The College is renowned for academic success and its achievements in various cultural endeavours, especially the unique music program. There is a gifted and talented music stream in Years 3-6 and over 300 students across the College receive weekly music tuition. The College has almost 20 bands and ensembles in a variety of musical genres.

In 2020, students achieved outstanding HSC results, with one student scor-

ing the highest possible ATAR of 99.95. Almost 25% of candidates achieved an ATAR of 90 or above. The average mark in almost all courses was above the state mean.

The College has a proud record within the Christian Brothers' Sports Association and our young men are involved in a variety of sports throughout the year.

Located in the heart of the city adjacent to St Mary's Cathedral, the College boasts a range of brand new learning spaces, including a fully refurbished and expanded library, technical education rooms, and laboratories. It is easily accessible by train, bus and ferry.



OPEN DAY

Friday 12 March 2021 | Tours 9:00am - 12:00pm

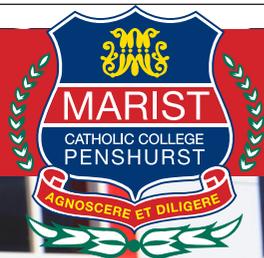
Student performances | Choir & Music Scholars 12:30pm

Enrolments welcome from across greater Sydney | Close 24 March, 2021

Years 3-6 2022 | Year 7 - 2023 | Years 8 to 12 - 2022

Check the website: subject to change due to NSW Health guidelines

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MARIST CATHOLIC COLLEGE | PENSHURST



OPEN DAY

Wednesday

3 March, 2pm-6pm

All are welcome to register for a tour of our College.

Details are provided on the College website.

EDUCATIONAL YEARS 7 - 12 COLLEGE

Year 7-8: 29A Greenacre Road, South Hurstville 2221

Year 9-12: 65 Victoria Avenue, Mortdale 2223

T 9579 6188 W www.maristpenshurst.catholic.edu.au

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A warm welcome to our new principal

We are excited to introduce our new Principal, Mrs Jenny Fowler, who brings a wealth of experience in education and leadership to her role here at St John Bosco College.

Mrs Fowler has a love of learning and working with young people. Throughout her career in teaching and leading secondary schools, she has exhibited a commitment to delivering innovative and creative learning experiences, while placing the students' interest at the centre of every aspect of college life.

Mrs Fowler firmly believes in teaching from the heart. She has consistently embraced the approach to pastoral care that our College is renowned for and is committed to developing students to be the best version of themselves. She sees the ap-

plication of contemporary and relevant pedagogy, supportive well-being practices and enrichment through a caring community spirit as key foundational pillars for success in secondary education.

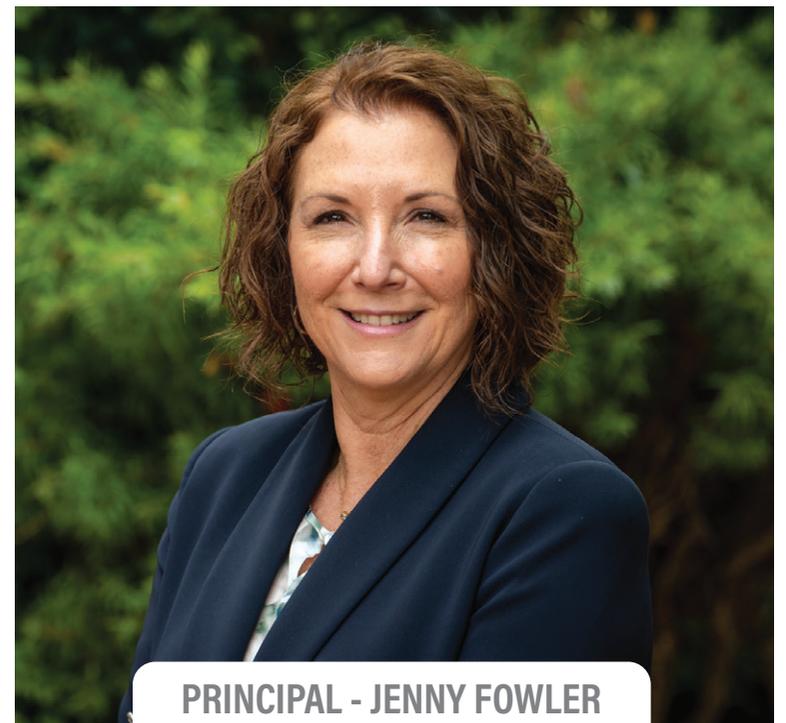
St John Bosco is a co-educational college, operating in the Salesian tradition that focuses on broad educational excellence in a caring environment. Outstanding HSC results and a successful transition to post-school opportunities are features of the vibrant learning environment that offers students a full range of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities.

We invite parents and students to come along to our Open Day and meet our new Principal, Mrs Jenny Fowler. Tour our College grounds and modern, well-equipped facili-

ties, such as the recently built College Hall, fully-equipped fitness centre and our Technological and Applied Studies (TAS) design and construction building. Explore these and more of our contemporary learning spaces and industrial grade equipment used by our students as they learn to apply new skills and adapt to emerging technologies, all within a nurturing and supportive community that defines the spirit of St John Bosco.

This year the St John Bosco College Open Day will be held in two evening sessions due to number restrictions and following government and health regulations.

Keeping our community safe is our highest priority, and with the ever-changing restrictions with COVID-19, we encourage



PRINCIPAL - JENNY FOWLER

parents to visit our website and Facebook page for the latest information regarding our Open Day.

Bookings are essential for our Open Day. Our first session will start at 4.30pm and our second session will start at 6pm. Book your preferred time now

at www.boscollege.nsw.edu.au. See for yourself how much our College has to offer.

FOR ENROLMENT INFORMATION CONTACT US ON (02) 9548 4000 or www.boscollege.nsw.edu.au and explore our Virtual Tour



St John Bosco College
ENGADINE

OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 10 MARCH

Meet the Principal | Guided School Tour
Parent and Student Information

Two Sessions Available | 4.30pm and 6pm

Bookings essential due to number restrictions

REGISTER NOW
on our website and explore our Virtual Tour

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ENROLLING NOW FOR YEAR 7 2023

A school that prepares for life

What's new at Sydney Catholic Schools?

We've all got stories about a teacher who has shaped our lives in some way, often without him or her even realising it.



Barbara Watkins

We are looking at how to provide excellence in teaching and learning across all of our schools, working within 12 networks across SCS from North Sydney to the South West, the Eastern suburbs and everything in between.

The networks assist us to build local connections and collaborations, for example between primary and high schools, families and parishes, to bring about the best outcomes for our students no matter where they are in Sydney. We can also collaborate across networks, which is really important in such a demographically and geographically diverse city as ours.

Authentic communities are all about relationships and our schools are already thriving Catholic communities. But this is part of a new vision of leadership grounded in how best to build broader communities that involve close partnerships between the schools, par-

ishes and families. That's not to say this work wasn't happening before, but there is very much a renewed focus on everyone working together which is already proving to be quite powerful.

Will parents be able to attend open days this year?

Everyone's been so excited about the prospect of hosting an open day after the pandemic closed off the option to

many schools last year. The wonderful news is that despite this, enrolments have increased in 2021 at SCS. For schools it is always an enjoyable day. Students love to showcase their school and teachers their classroom. This year it looks as though schools will be able to open up to prospective families again, under the COVID-safe guidelines and with every precaution taken.

One common theme we have heard from parents is that they felt their child was very well supported by their school when needed to learn from home last year. Sydney Catholic Schools handled the learning from home periods really well across the board, and even more so in the critical years of Kindergarten, Year 7 and Year 12.

What is valuable in a Catholic school for parents?

You just have to visit one of our schools to see the beauty of the work within; families coming together with schools in providing a robust academic grounding to help their child traverse the world today. Catholic Schools provide authentic values which is in great demand in workplaces, politics, sport, every sphere of life. Providing education through the Catholic lens of caring for the individual and loving the person

where they are at is at the core of our schools.

Catholic Schools offer a holistic education underpinned by Gospel values and we offer a great education for all families. As our schools grow and progress in good outcomes for students more families will be attracted to SCS.

This year marks 200 years of Catholic education in Australia

We're going to have lots of celebrations this year! The vision and hope of our pioneers, those priests and religious whose focus was what the people of the colony needed the most, has been fulfilled which is really wonderful and should be celebrated.

What I'm most proud of in all my years of working in Catholic education is that we've stuck to our core purpose. We have grown students' potential and their families', and contributed to the growth of the Church in Sydney to and wider society while supporting students in their growing faith. At our recent Mass for new teachers with the Archbishop, our Executive Director Tony Farley reminded them that they are joining a noble profession. That is so true. We've all got stories about a teacher who has shaped our lives in some way.

BETHANY



COLLEGE

Together, we grow

Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God

HSC HIGHLIGHTS 2020

The College is extremely proud of the excellent HSC results achieved by the Class of 2020

- HSC 2020 Top ATAR 98.75
- 166 mentions on NSW Premier's Distinguished Achievers List
 - 34 students (23%) achieved an ATAR over 90
 - 80th placed school in NSW
 - 91% of courses above State Average
 - Ranked in top 3 across Sydney Catholic Schools
 - 5th place in State in Dance
- Newman Selective Gifted Education Stream in Years 7-10

Bethany offers your daughter an abundance of opportunities. We welcome you to speak with our staff and students.



Bethany College
Croydon Rd Hurstville

OPEN DAY

Tuesday, 2nd March 2021

3.00pm - 6.00pm

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Stannies St Vincent de Paul Youth Conference

MRS ROSLYN KING
HEAD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
ST STANISLAUS' COLLEGE

A St Vincent de Paul youth conference is a self-run group of young volunteers, often from the same local area, who meet regularly to plan community outreach programs

Blessed Antoine-Frédéric Ozanam was a French author, lawyer, journalist and equal rights advocate who founded, with fellow students, the Conference of Charity, later known as the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. The Society was founded in 1833 to help impoverished people living in what were challenging circumstances in the slums of Paris, France.

To their astonishment, their work grew rapidly and by 1850 their movement had spread throughout France and to 14 other countries including Australia.

The Key Values of the SDVP Society are: Commitment: loyalty in service, Compassion: welcoming and serving all with understanding and without judgement, Respect: service to all regardless of creed, ethnic or social background, health, gender or political opinions, Integrity: promoting, maintaining and adhering to our Christian values, Empathy: establishing relationships based on respect, trust, friendship and perception, Advocacy: working to transform the causes of poverty and challenging the causes of human injustice, Courage: encouraging spiritual growth, welcoming innovation and giving hope for the future

A St Vincent de Paul youth conference is a self-run group of young volunteers, often from the same local area, who meet regularly to plan community outreach programs. These are dynamic groups with a clear aim to help make the world a better place. Young adults run activity days for kids, assist on the Vinnies Soup Vans, conduct home visits, tutor, run and par-



Conference fundraising at the College, above, Green Team, below.

ticipate in many other works of social justice, as well as social events. In 1910 Father Maurice O'Reilly, President of St Stanislaus College had a vision for a senior youth conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society be set up at the College. He is quoted as saying to the young men of the College at the time, that the formation of a College Conference "would aid in their personal sanctification; wean them from their natural selfishness; broaden their sympathies; super naturalise their motives in alms-giving and personal service; and in general prepare them to become in later life, in their own parishes, practical Catholics and good parishioners." Father O'Reilly's vision saw the first SVDP Conference established west of the Blue Mountains and this year the St Stanislaus College SDVP Society celebrated 110 years of continuous service to our Community. Throughout the decades the SVDP Society at the College has inspired many young men to support causes both locally and internationally. During WWII the young men of the society collected reading material and care packages for our armed forces serving overseas. Our connection with the Matthew Talbot Hostel in Woolloomooloo started in the early 1940s when the Hostel was in its infancy stages having been established in 1938. Over the last 80 years, the members



have provided practical help to the Hostel through donations of money, reading materials, used clothing, non-perishable food, personal care items and at Christmas the College band and choirs would travel down to perform carols for the men. During the 50s and 60s the SVDP members visited St Vincent's Hospital, the newly established Old People's Home in Bathurst, St Joseph's Orphanage and also started home visitations for the elderly who needed lawns mowed, gardens weeded and any odd jobs done around the house. It is quoted in an old Echoes from the 1960s that the boys completed these activities with "zeal and good humour and looked forward to the cup of tea and chat with the recipients after a morning's

hard work." It was also during the 1950s, under the direction of Father E. Trzeciak CM, that the SVDP members were involved in publishing a Polish Catholic Weekly (approximately 1500 copies per week) for both the Polish migrants at the Bathurst Migrant Hostel and for distribution further afield. It is interesting to note that in 1973 under the guidance of Father Pat Finn C.M the boys undertook the collection of aluminium cans to be sold at the local scrap metal business, this fund raising activity has again been revitalised at the College in recent years and continues to this day. One of the most significant achievements of our College Society was in 1984, when, under the guidance of Father Stan Barry, our relation-

ship was established with the Nausori Conference in Fiji.

This relationship with Fiji has flourished, now 36 years on and has expanded to include Natovi. In 2004 when I commenced at the College, I had the privilege of working with the late Father James Maloney C.M and the Day and Boarding Conferences of the College for the next 10 years. Father Jim had been a member of the Society since his days at the College as a young boy in 1942. He was also a former President of the College. His recollections of his involvement in the activities were entertaining and insightful into the workings of the Conference over a period which spanned 70 years. This included delivering soap to inmates at the Bathurst Gaol once a month, having boys slaughtering and plucking chickens for local widows for Christmas Dinner, walking to the Homeless Men's Shelter on Gorman's Road to play an intellectually stimulating game of Chess on the weekend, playing games with the local children at the orphanage and of course running the annual Melbourne Cup sweep in the 1960's to help raise revenue! Father Jim had wise words for the boys who wished to join our ranks and to paraphrase it was 'we are the doers boys, we have the thinkers who think about what needs to be done, we have the talkers who talk about helping, but boys - we are the doers, we give our time and our services, we see a need and we act upon that need". This, to me, epitomises the spirit of the Conference at the College. Over the past 110 years, the members of the Society have thought of ingenious ways to raise money and items for numerous worthy causes but they have given the most precious of resources... their time. Time to help mow lawns, weed gardens, sell raffle tickets, pack food hampers, sell hot chips, collect aluminium cans, wash cars, visit St Catherine's Nursing Home and to sit and chat with someone who is lonely, the list goes on and on. If Father O'Reilly was to see our Stannies Conference now I'm sure he would be proud of the values that have been instilled in so many young men who have taken up the challenge to put their Catholic faith into action.

"Charity is the cement which binds Communities to God and persons to one another..." St Vincent De Paul

Domremy College's iconic new building program complete

The academic year at Domremy College began with excitement and anticipation. The College's Solais Building Project is completed and students and staff have been flooding through the doors of this new and promising space.

College Principal, Mrs Antoinette McGahan, extends a warm invitation to families interested in the College for their daughters' education, to its Open Day on Sunday 7 March. "We are delighted to open our doors to our new facilities and see our students and staff already so enthusiastically engaged in it. We would love you to join us and experience all we can offer," said Mrs McGahan.

Solais, a Gaelic term for Light, links directly with Domremy's Presentation heritage, inspired by Nano Nagle, the 'Lady of the

Lantern' who brought education to the poor in Ireland and later the world.

In 2016 the College identified the need to upgrade its 1960's Library. The vision was to deliver innovative and dynamic facilities, while retaining the history and emphasising the Presentation Charism at the heart of the College.

The Solais Project began with research into how the interaction between built spaces and pedagogy impacts educational outcomes. This research inspired the transformation of four classrooms into the 'Solais Sandpit' prototype, an experimental space utilised by students and teachers. It was so successful it remains a diverse educational space. The 'Solais Sandpit' informed the Solais Project Educational

Brief, which in turn shaped the final design of this building.

The new building includes state of the art teaching and learning spaces which will enhance the student learning experience and which are designed to support students as they enter their 21st century tertiary education and working phase. It contains a suite of facilities and teaching and learning spaces to complement Project Based Learning outcomes and facilitate collaborative and empowered engagement in learning.

All students have been enjoying the new wing of learning spaces and, classrooms specifically for Years 7 and 8, assist to transition them into secondary school. A modern Library, Theatre, tutorial rooms, 'incubator spaces', presentation



and maker spaces, and quiet senior study spaces including a reflection space for Seniors in the Lantern wing, complete the building.

The College has been sensitive to retain the historical and Presentation heart of the College while still delivering a modern and environmentally sensitive space, with improved natural lighting, air and ven-

tilation, new fittings and fixtures, all designed to improve the learning experience for its students.

The new building stands proudly at the heart of the College, a place of possibility, catering to the holistic needs of its students today and into the future.

ENROLLING NOW FOR YEAR 7 2022 AND 2023



**DOMREMY
COLLEGE**

**OPEN
DAY**

**SUNDAY, 7 MARCH
11am-3pm**



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St Clare's College - Embracing the Journey!

Founded in the tradition of catholic education and grounded in the teachings of St Clare and St Francis of Assisi, St Clare's College is rich in history and traditions, providing enriched learning experiences

At St Clare's College "Valuing Integrity, Inspiring Excellence" is our focus. We shine a light on the gifts of each young woman, challenging her to action and celebrating her impact on the world. We aim to empower resilient, respectful and responsible young women to reach their potential.

College Principal, Mrs Kerrie McDiarmid comments, "What sets us apart is our commitment to ensuring a focus on academic rigour in a context that is future focused, and as such develops in students the dispositions they will need to be successful."

In an ever changing world, the College inspires students to become global citizens, collaborative and life-long learners. As well as, critical and creative thinkers. Our aim is to provide

an inclusive education that will set our students on their path to success.

One of our best assets are our teachers, complimented by our flexible and interactive learning spaces. Our teachers are dynamic, agile educators whose commitment to authentic and individualised learning ensures the student feels a sense of purpose and success in the classroom. Staff participate in regular professional learning, in order to deliver the most current knowledge and trends in education.

The College embraces a holistic approach to learning with gifted education and targeted learning programs to cater for students with a wide range of interests and abilities. We actively seek partnerships with tertiary institutions, industry



and the broader community to ensure authentic learning for students that will take place in and beyond the classroom.

Whilst our emphasis is on academic pursuits, student's involvement is heightened through co-curricular activities, social justice and environmental initiatives, plus representa-

tive and local sporting competitions.

Through the welcoming and inclusive culture of the school, with high expectations in place, our girls develop a positive growth mindset, ready to take ownership of their learning journey and any challenges they may face.

The goal of our College is to deliver an extraordinary schooling experience where education and Catholic values are at the forefront, allowing every young woman to be her best and excel.

"The St Clare's graduate is a strong, empathetic, and independent young woman," concludes Mrs McDiarmid.

ST CLARE'S COLLEGE

Open day

WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 2021

FOR STUDENTS STARTING IN YEAR 7, 2023



Valuing Integrity, Inspiring Excellence

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I wish I had known in Year 12

Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Arts student at Australian Catholic University Kirsty Fealy offers a glimpse into what she wished she had known in Year 12.

If you could go back in time and give any advice to your Year 12 self, what would it be?

“I would tell myself to have faith in my abilities and that this year isn’t the be all and end all.

I treated Year 12 like it was the most important year of my life and I feared not doing well. There is more than one pathway into university, and it’s not worth compromising your mental and physical health to get that one score.”

What do you wish you knew about choosing a course, and a university?

“I wish I knew that you aren’t stuck with the choice you make in Year 12.

I was really worried about choosing the course and uni-

versity. But if I’d known how easy it was to transfer courses within a university and that the ability to change universities was available, I wouldn’t have felt so much pressure to make the right decision the first time.

I started at ACU enrolled into a Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Global Studies. After a year of study, I realised that law wasn’t my passion and I wanted to work with young people and help them succeed. The next year, I transferred to a Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Arts (Humanities) at ACU, and it was the best decision that I’ve made.”

What do you wish you knew about study/life balance?

“I wish I knew that study wasn’t the most important thing in Year 12 and that it is also important to take care of yourself. Ensuring that I was taking time for myself and taking a break was something I wish I took on board as it would have helped me enjoy high



KIRSTY FEALY

school and the exciting steps of preparing for university.”

What do you wish you knew about uni offers?

“I wish I knew that if I didn’t get the Year 12 results that I needed, there are so many ways to get to where you want

to go.

Utilising the student services teams such as AskACU helped me understand what my options were if I didn’t get the score I needed and to make sure I was prepared for whatever outcome was to come.

I also wish I knew that there

was more than one offer round. If you don’t get an offer in the first round, don’t be disheartened because there are more opportunities.”

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Providing a comprehensive education

Good Samaritan Catholic College is a school with a strong learning culture, where students are supported to reach their full academic potential. The college recognises that students have diverse learning needs, and provides the Newman Selective Gifted Education Program for gifted students as well as resources to support those who struggle with their schoolwork. The college is committed to providing a comprehensive education that addresses the learning of each individual student, and offers an extensive range of specialist vocational training courses. St Joseph Trades Skills Centre, part of Good Samaritan Catholic College. The co-curricular life of GSCC offers opportunities for students to participate in performing arts, debating, public speaking and sport, as well as social justice and evangelisation initiatives. A welcoming environment and effective communication processes ensure that parents work with the college in educating their sons and daughters.

The school's motto 'Journeying with compassion', derived directly from the parable of the Good Samaritan, provides the underlying ethos of its mission statement. The college encourages students to grow as individuals by 'Encountering God', 'Promoting educational excellence', 'Nurturing individual growth' and 'Being a Samaritan'. The result is a diverse, dynamic community confident in the call to develop the gifts of love, justice, mercy and compassion through the education of young people.



Journeying with Compassion

Good Samaritan CATHOLIC COLLEGE **OPEN DAY**

Saturday
20 MARCH 2021
11am - 1pm

The Good Samaritan community extends an invitation to prospective parents and students wishing to enrol for Year 7, 2023.

The Open Day commences with a presentation in the College Hall at 11am.

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Year 7 Testimonials: What do our students think?

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Driving up the driveway on the first days of school I was nervous, slowly getting out of the car and seeing my friends from primary school. I slowly walked past the chapel and people from the cadets welcomed me into the school. After meeting up with my fellow friends, the College Principal Mr Stewart, greeted us on the first day of Holy Cross. After the speeches, we had a look around the school and the new and most amazing Assistant Principal Mr Maher told every Year 7 that as a tradition every Year 7 walk down the College's oldest stairs. This has been going on since the College started. I thought to myself what an honour it is to walk down the oldest steps in my new high school, walking down the crowd of people and entering the hall. We all sat down and some of the teachers introduced themselves. Holy Cross College isn't like primary school-it's a community of brothers who are on a journey of learning and faith, one that I'm very proud to be a part of for many years to come.

AARON KERR
GLADESVILLE



Walking into those gates, a sudden splash of feelings overwhelmed me. I felt, what if nobody liked me? I wandered so much about this school and how they welcome new Year 7s. I couldn't believe it, as I was walking past the chapel and across the Visser Lawn I felt welcomed and so proud (that's a massive understatement) Wait.... Is that the bell? As I walked away from my parents with shyness and nervousness. We walked down the border steps, being showered with applause from parents and students. I said, 'I'm going to be the best possible student I could ever be. I felt accomplished, no one would be able to stop me from feeling the best. Now, I've got to focus. One of the biggest tests in my entire life, those 45 minutes made me feel anxious as I had none of my friends around. I would soon find and make new friends. After one week of school, we were already at camp! I enjoyed it tremendously, doing different activities such as: Abseiling, the giant swing, and even rock climbing, all with a broken arm! Damn! In these few first weeks I have continued to learn and enjoy all of my classes, trying my hardest. I honestly think that this is the best school for anyone and everyone. I hope these six years don't fly past me.

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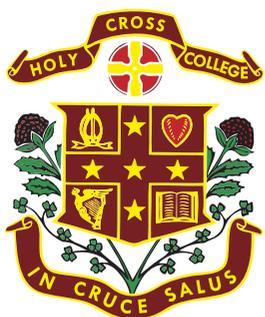


I get out of the car and say goodbye to my parents, I walk in through the gates of Holy Cross for the first time. I then began to walk past the Carroll building with the butterflies in my stomach growing in numbers I stepped through the crowd of students for the first full day of high school. Students are ready sitting on the Visser Lawn as some of the teachers talked to us about the school's history. We then walked through the front of the school and a traditional ceremony of walking down a small set of stairs that has been walked down by every single Holy Cross College student since the beginning of this school. We were warmly welcomed by our parents, teachers and year twelve students. We took a tour of the entirety of Holy Cross with our big brothers which were one of the Year 12 students. When we were walking around the school, I was amazed by the amount of area the school has to offer as I hadn't been to the Open Day. I was shell shocked at the facilities of this great school.

CAMERON
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The first day of Holy Cross was a nervous day, you will never forget the feeling of walking through the gates that led into the school by the cadets, past the Chapel and onto the Visser Lawn. The feeling of being in high school overtakes the nervousness and you feel excited and ready to learn. First, we went down to the Visser Lawn, listened to all the speeches of our leaders. Then we took part in a ceremonial tradition of going down the Boarder Steps. Every single student of Holy cross has gone down these steps before us and I felt like I belonged to the school. All the Year 12 students were there cheering us on, and it felt great. We then proceeded into the hall and we got introduced to all our School Coordinators. I knew from that moment I wanted to learn at Holy Cross College.



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OPEN DAY

Invites you to attend our 2021 Open Day

Open day tours are a wonderful way to experience the welcome of our community, explore the modern learning facilities and gain an understanding of the advantages that only Holy Cross College can offer. Visitors will get to meet our students, parents and staff, and develop an understanding of how our curriculum and our diverse co-curricular offerings set your son up for success.

Sunday 7 March
10.00am to 1.00pm

For further information, please contact the Principal's Secretary
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Website: www.holycrosscollege.org

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Financial education: Helping you make cents of your future



cial planning from an early age can improve their chances of achieving their personal goals.

With this in mind, it's concerning that a 2016 survey conducted by the University of Melbourne found that financial literacy was lowest among individuals aged 15 to 24. The survey also showed that experience of financial stress was considerably more prevalent among the least financially literate.

Our long-standing relationships with teaching communities have influenced the approach that we take to help our members live their best possible retirement. One of the ways that we do this is by educating our members about their finances.

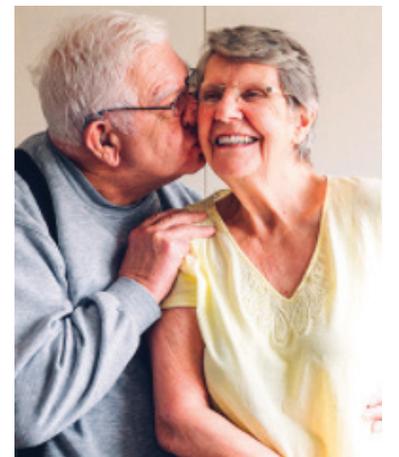
We encourage younger members to stay on top of their super by demonstrating

the importance of saving for their retirement and the different ways they can start at an early stage of their lives. We also acknowledge the efforts of individual members when they reach certain milestones in saving for their future.

Given that females tend to live six to eight years longer than their male counterparts and women are likely to take time off work to care for their families, we share tips on how our female members can make their money work harder for them.

Other ways that we empower our members in their financial journeys include free webinars, articles and videos that simplify investment concepts and limited financial advice at no additional cost.

Additionally we've committed to several activities aimed at improving the retirement



outcomes of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members. To date, we've created a process that enables members from indigenous backgrounds to identify themselves (if they choose to) so that our staff can tailor the fund's solutions to the unique requirements of these members.

Money touches many parts of our lives, from enabling us to afford basic necessities like food and shelter, to providing the opportunity for higher education.

As a result, financial literacy along with reading and writing, is becoming an essential skill to have in our modern society. The financially astute recognises that sound finan-



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A Holy Spirit education opens doors for students, allowing them to pursue further study at university, to commence trades and traineeships, and to follow dreams in the creative and performing arts or on the sporting field.

Holy Spirit Catholic College is an authentic Catholic faith community, building on the work of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and the De la Salle Brothers, who first offered a Catholic education to families in the local area over fifty years ago. Our students know they have a relationship with a God who loves them, and understand the call to work tirelessly to transform



their world and to make it a more just place for all.

We are committed to working in partnership with families and our local parish communities, so as to ensure the best outcomes for the students in our care.

In 2020 the College was accredited by Sydney Catholic Schools to provide students

with the opportunity to participate in the Newman Selective Gifted Education Program. There is a separate Newman class in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 for students who are identified as academically gifted or highly capable. Students in this class complete the curriculum demands as stipulated by NESAs, and in addition to this are ex-

tended and challenged to deepen their learning to meet their individual needs.

This year the College is thrilled to be commencing Sydney Catholic Schools Amadeus Music Education Program. This program gives every student the opportunity to receive access to an orchestral instrument and tuition throughout Years 7 and

8. Our Year 7 students have just received their instruments and the sheer joy which comes with learning an instrument is clearly visible in their smiles.

The research is clear that the benefits for students who learn an instrument go well beyond the realms of music education. Music promotes wellbeing, boosts brain power, improves language skills, memory and coordination. It is a longstanding fact that there is a significant link between mathematical expertise and the skills developed when learning an instrument.

The students at Holy Spirit will have the opportunity to learn the following instruments: violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium and the baritone horn.

Our students also have access to a full cocurricular program including a range of competitive sports and association with the Christian Brothers' Sports Association and the Sydney Catholic Colleges' Sports Association. Participation in both of these competitions provide elite athletes at the College with access to the full range of sports pathways.



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St Pius X College Chatswood
Class of 2020 experiences



College Dux Riad Lahoud
ATAR 98.40

"St Pius X College provided a liberating environment, ensuring the importance of strong academic results and personal wellbeing through the numerous activities on offer. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to study at the College, where the staff's leadership and extensive knowledge in all subjects, allowed me to remain confident and organised leading up to the HSC examinations. It also provided me with strong values and relationships that I will forever cherish."



Kiefer O'Brien
ATAR 96.60

"St Pius X provided me with me with so many opportunities, in particular my experiences at St Gabriel's, CentaCare and Willowood Aged Care allowed me to reflect on how privileged I am and have shown me the importance of treating everyone with humility and kindness."



John McDonald
ATAR 97.75

"The teachers at St Pius X College go beyond academics and care about who you are as a person, your values and the man you want to become."

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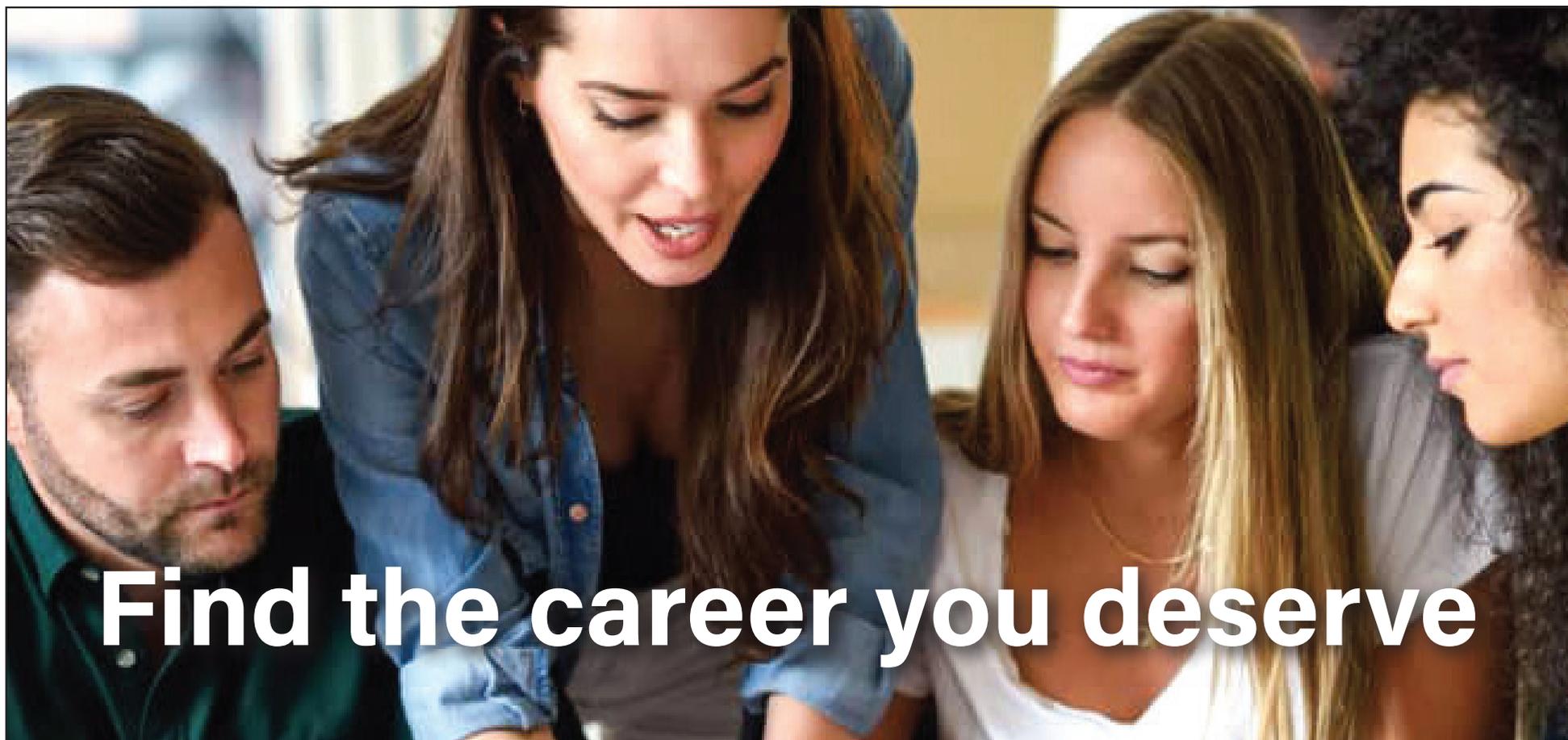
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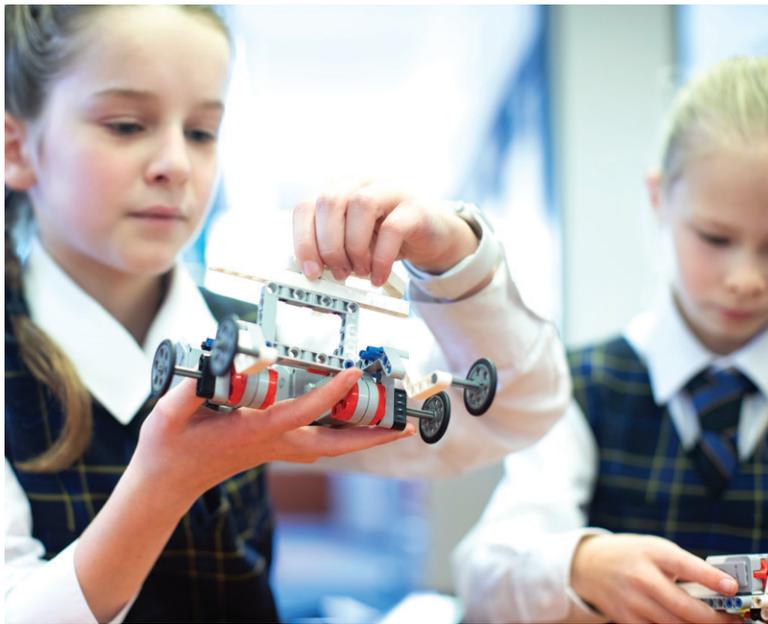
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We are proud of our 124 years' experience in educating young women of grit and integrity. We remain committed to the ever-relevant conviction of our foundress Mary Ward, a pioneering woman of faith who lived from 1585-1645 and believed that "women in time to come will do much..." Drawing from gospel values and the Loreto values of Felicity, Justice, Freedom, Sincerity and Verity, a Loreto education is one that empowers our students to be courageous, curious and compassionate leaders of change.

A holistic Loreto education places equal emphasis on learning and on building relationships in a caring community. Our unique and robust Loreto Normanhurst Student Growth Model (LNSGM) motivates our students to be life-long learners and critical thinkers dedicated to all areas of our FACE Curriculum – Faith, Academic, Community and



Extra-curricular. Guided by an active faith, we prioritise social justice and encourage students to take action as informed, loving and responsible servant leaders in their communities.

Facilitating deep learning outside a classroom setting

allows our students to grow in independence, leadership, and teamwork through challenge. The Year 9 Experience is a unique immersion for the whole Year 9 cohort with the theme 'Caring for Country, Walking Beside.' Typically conducted in far

north Queensland, the program was reimagined in 2020 as the 'Songlines Experience' in our local area. Students participate in community service, connect with nature through physical activities and share in tactile learning about First Nations knowledges, cultures and languages.

Our progressive and proactive future focus equips our students to respond to the needs of their times through innovative technologies and modern learning programs. Our Year 10 SPRINT program sees students use Agile methodologies to tackle real-world problems posed by industry partners and social enterprises. Our award-winning Integrated Learning subject for Years 7 to 10 encourages similar collaboration and critical thinking through technology- and project-based learning.

Cultivating a caring community is central to our mission to support young

women to be unapologetically themselves. Our vertical Pastoral Care structures provide a student-centred environment where students are well known as individuals within their House groups. Our structures and programs promote a sense of belonging, as we recognise the importance of creating and nourishing strong relationships. Our evidence-based pastoral care programs build resilience, develop positivity, and enhance self-awareness and responsible decision-making skills, so that our students may embrace the future with confidence and optimism.

**Virtual Open Day - 11am-3pm
Saturday, 6 March 2021**
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An All-Rounder in Life and Learning

For many students the demands of senior study mean that many of the other passions they have pursued at school are put on hold, particularly in their HSC year. But for St Paul's Catholic College Manly student Nicholas Taylor, balance has proved to be the key to success. Nicholas took on a diverse pattern of study for his Higher School Certificate, including Advanced English, Mathematics, Modern History, PDHPE and Studies of Religion II, a load that Director of Teaching and Learning, Mrs Trish McGregor described as suiting the breadth of his interests perfectly. "Some students will concentrate their studies in one direction, on sciences or humanities for example," Mrs McGregor explained. "But at St Paul's we encourage students to pursue their passions and this is exactly what Nick did."

Pursuing his diverse passions turned out to be sound advice for Nicholas who was named as an HSC All-Rounder when his results were published, achieving a Band 6 result in all subjects. But for this bright young man, his final years at



Trish McGregor, Director of Teaching & Learning, left, with Nicholas, HSC All-Rounder & Melinda Taylor

school were not only about his studies. A keen sportsman, Nicholas represented his school in a range of representative teams including Volleyball, Swimming, Athletics and all four codes of football offered at the College, going on to represent the Broken Bay Diocese and NSW in Athletics.

Nicholas also found the

time to coach junior football and athletics teams at school as well as volunteering to referee at a number of regional and diocesan primary school carnivals and gala days.

Away from the sporting field Nick also engaged with his local primary schools. From assisting with student leadership programs to

adjudicating primary school debating competitions, putting to good use the skills he developed at St Paul's.

Lest all of these activities out of the classroom should distract him from his studies, Nicholas was a regular attendee of after school classes, working together with his peers to improve their

collective performance, as well as tutoring younger students in Years 10 and 11. College Dux for 2020, Callum Brannon credited the mutual support of his classmates, including Nicholas, and the friendly competition they shared with raising the standard right across their year group.

For all of these accomplishments and his generosity to the College and wider community Nicholas was nominated for the Freshwater Community Bank scholars program for which he was selected as a finalist, receiving a \$2,000 scholarship towards his post-school studies. "The College is very proud of Nicholas' achievements," said Principal Michael Reid. "He is an excellent example of the type of students that St Paul's produces. Young men who work hard at all they take on and who lead by serving others."

The College community wishes Nicholas further success as he commences studying a Bachelor of Laws and Security Studies at Macquarie University.



St Paul's Catholic College - Manly

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Seeing the beauty in all things at Joeys

St Joseph's Catholic High School is a co-educational high school providing a quality Catholic education for years 7-12. St Joseph's is positioned in the southern Illawarra, nestled between the mountains and the sea.

The initial plans for the school were suggested by Bishop William Murray in 1978. He, along with a project team led by Father John Ward of the Dapto Parish, advised the construction of the school through to its completion in 1982. The school was opened that year and one-hundred and forty students commenced their education with Brother Murphy as the founding Principal.

The last year at St Joseph's has been one that required an open and positive attitude from all staff and students. The switch to online learning was one that took a lot of adjustment and caused major disruption to the St Joseph's School life, luckily all students kept powering through until we were able to return to school. In the past several months we battled through restrictions to ensure a



sense of normality for the student body. This year, with the ease of many restrictions, we have been able to resume many of the events and celebrations that bring our school commu-

nity together. The St Joseph's School Musical, Pajama Game, is currently being orchestrated, a long awaited production after a devastating cancelled production last year. In addition, Sports

such as Touch Football trials, Soccer development program, and Swimming Carnival preparations are currently underway.

As recognised in our school prayer: we were all born to

'St. Joseph's Catholic High School provides an environment of honesty and integrity where dreams are fostered, ambitions and talents nurtured and long lasting friendships formed.'

learn, to grow, to love, to create, to enjoy and to see the beauty in all things, including ourselves. St Joseph's Catholic High School provides an environment of honesty and integrity where dreams are fostered, ambitions and talents nurtured and long lasting friendships formed. The message in this prayer ensures that each individual student is catered for, regardless of personal circumstances, interests, and talents. St Joseph's strives to create a positive environment where students learn the skills needed to thrive in the adult world.

*- James Windle and Ruby Oliver
Vice Captains*



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SCAN ME

New College Principal's Bright Vision for the Future

At the Opening School Mass in early February this year, Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta commissioned the new College Principal, Ms Lucie Farrugia.

Joining OLMC Parramatta as the tenth Principal of the College, Lucie Farrugia is a highly qualified and extensively experienced Catholic educator with more than 35 years' experience in Catholic education. Ms Farrugia says she is honoured to take up this appointment in this much-loved school: "I look forward to working with the entire teaching and non-teaching staff, the Board and the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta, who together, bring a breadth of wisdom, experience and passion for planning our future."

"As the premier independent Catholic Girls school in Western Sydney, I will ensure that OLMC remains the lighthouse for educational and holistic innovation, based on sound contemporary educational philosophy and practice. I see learning as a vibrant and life-long enterprise and I will focus on ensuring the best academic outcomes for our students, coupled with many opportunities and support for their growth as individuals of faith."

"My vision is to ensure that



Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta Principal, Ms Lucie Farrugia.

OLMC remains true to its character for which it is renowned; that its culture, dynamism and strong Catholic identity continue to evolve alongside excellence in academic, sporting and cultural pursuits," said Ms Farrugia.

Ms Farrugia believes that an education centred on firm Gos-

pel Values equips students for a future they are yet to know; "I understand the importance of charism-centred traditions and culture and I value the role of the OLMC alumnae, former staff members and the Parramatta Mercy Sisters, on whose shoulders we stand. With Gospel Values as our

foundation for decision making, I look forward to fostering excellence in teaching, engagement with learning and our Mercy Values in all who come to our place."

Since commencing as Principal, Ms Farrugia says she has been overwhelmed by the genuine love for OLMC from

everyone she has met: "past students are quick to tell me of their great memories, current staff are committed to the students and their growth and families have welcomed me warmly. There is a great sense of vibrancy and happiness within the gates of our College; the respect for this place is evident in students and staff. Our College Board and the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta have provided me with a strong sense of the traditions and heritage of this community. I feel truly fortunate to have their wisdom, support and guidance in this significant role."

"Mercy Girls show us every day that can do anything, so my hope is that they will do what they love and find fulfillment and success in whatever path they choose. The Mercy Girls of Parramatta have always graduated high school to be exemplary leaders in our community and the wider Church and our current cohort will be no different."

"I am filled with excitement as I carry this community forward to its next chapter," says Ms Lucie Farrugia.

The OLMC Parramatta Open Day is coming up on Sunday 7 March 2021. Register at www.olmc.nsw.edu.au



OLMC OPEN DAY

Sunday, 7 March 2021

Year 7, 2023 Enrolment Applications
open Tuesday 23 March

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Meet the
new College
Principal

21st Century skills at Catherine McAuley Westmead

At Catherine McAuley Westmead the school focuses on innovative learning and teaching with an approach to learning that prioritises the skills required for young women to actively participate in a dynamic world as autonomous lifelong learners who are connected, adaptable, discerning and articulate.

"We know that 21st century skills enable young women to collaborate, communicate and think critically and we apply the development of these skills to our learning," says School Principal Mary Refalo. "The learning and teaching strategies we employ are responsive to the needs of our diverse learners."

The school has a particular focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics initiatives, and this year has introduced STEM as a Year 9 elective subject. The subject aims to develop students' skills in applying scientific, mathematical and technological thinking, problem solving, resilience and cognitive flexibility. Tara Hartman, Technology Teacher, says these skills are useful for almost every career.



"Each student brings a unique set of skills to the classroom and when students play to their strengths and work as a team they can create a greater impact than if they are working alone."

The school has an active STEM Club where students are given the opportunity to listen to guest speakers and participate in competitions such as the 'F1 in Schools Challenge'. Each year many of the students involved have participated in the Australian Space Design Competition: in 2020 won the National Final and in 2019 their second placing in the Australian competition won them an opportunity to participate in the international finals in Florida, USA.



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Catherine McAuley is a Catholic girls' secondary school, located at Westmead. Our broad curriculum encourages young women to pursue independent lifelong learning.



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Applications for Year 7 2022 (first round offers) are due on FRIDAY, 19TH MARCH 2021

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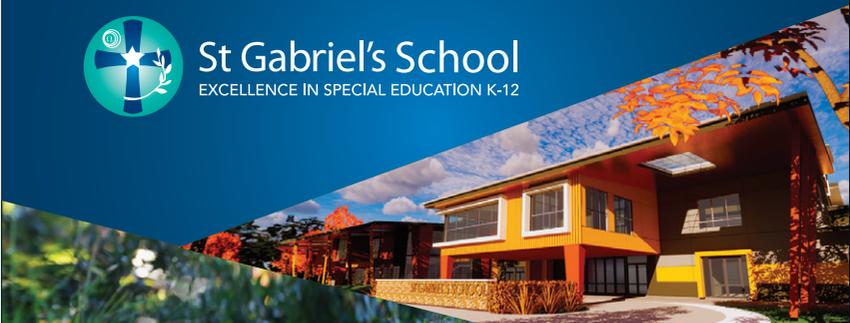
routines of school and through positive learning experiences that they will feel empowered, engaged and valued members of our School community.

We invite you to attend our Virtual Open Evening for Kindergarten 2022 on Wednesday 3rd March (via Zoom) to hear more about our school. Please contact Mrs Jo Biggs, Registrar on 9634 2367 or enrol@stgabriels.nsw.edu.au for enquiries and to book. We look forward to seeing you at St Gabriel's.

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Stannies welcomes in 2021

The walls have been coming down at St Stanislaus' College in a move to accommodate an increase in student numbers primarily in Year 7 and also across other year groups and the need for more integrated and flexible learning spaces for both teachers and students.

A purpose built day and boarding school for boys, Stannies has been an educational leader in the central west for over 154 years. High achievement in academia, sport, agriculture and the creative arts is part of the fabric of the College and is reflected in the depth and diversity of its graduates. "Our students come from all walks of life and our main aim is to support them in finding and developing their personal interests and strengths for life after school. We have great academic results in the HSC and equally see just as many students find a career path straight out of school in full-time employment and apprenticeships" says Head of College Mr Lindsay Luck. With the development over the last decade of a unique positive learning framework and Elevate Program, the



historic College has made the bold move to remove walls between classrooms in several parts of the College. Mrs Melissa Lang, Dean of School Improvement and Innovation, has said that this will take us deeper into contemporary teaching and

learning practices as an extension of our 4Cs Learning of creativity, critical reflection, communication and collaboration. "A significant shift for us in 2021 is the creation of cross-curricular project work. Our Leaders of Learning have worked over

3 months to design a Project Based Learning Unit that incorporates three subject areas into the one substantial task. These spaces will enable teachers and students to work together to achieve these high standard outcomes". Mrs Lang added "It is critical that we as educators move away from the 'industrial education factory' of the past and instead identify the individual needs of the students we teach the key skills for a future they are yet to navigate and discover." The impact of flexible learning spaces will be to provide students with the skills and space to be flexible, creative and innovative.



ST STANISLAUS' COLLEGE



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St Joseph Trades Skills Centre allows students to gain valuable knowledge and skills in preparation for post school life.

Vocational Education and Training courses offered within the Trades Skills Centre prepare students for specific fields of work while they study for the Higher School Certificate. These courses can be used as credit towards their studies, improving student engagement while

meeting community needs.

Our students enjoy the benefits of training in a purpose built environment with a community of learners from a number of Catholic Colleges. St Joseph Trades Skills Centre adds to the diversity of the comprehensive education offered at Good Samaritan Catholic College.

Many recognised advantages emerge from students undertaking vocational training.

Some of these benefits include:

- A gain in confidence and enhancing of practical skills beneficial for theoretical applications associated with tertiary study
- Development of significant employability skills for part-time or full-time employment or the attainment of an apprenticeship/traineeship
- A nationally recognised qual-

ification or a statement of attainment towards it

- Pathway progression opportunities through private providers, TAFE and universities
- Helpful skills for everyday life

Courses offered at St Joseph Trades Skills Centre include: Automotive, Early Childhood Education and Care, Electrotechnology, Events, Fitness, Hairdressing and Beauty, Hospitality and Human Services.

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St Gregory's College is a leading co-educational College from Kindergarten to Year 6, and a male-only College for day and boarding students in Years 7 to 12. St Gregory's is centred on the Marist characteristics of Presence; Family Spirit; Simplicity; In the Way of Mary; and Love of Work. The fine traditions of the College are built on these characteristics that are ingrained in the Marist charism.

With a strong emphasis on contemporary teaching and learning, our highly qualified and well-respected teaching staff are dedicated to the growth of every student.

Students can excel at St Gregory's because they feel valued and safe; they are encouraged to take an appropriate level of risk and challenge themselves to move forward should they fail. Our staff guide and facilitate student learning journeys that are shaped by teamwork, inquiry and innovation.

Each student has multiple opportunities to pursue their talents and interests in a caring and supportive environment. At St Gregory's College, we acknowledge the importance in understanding, supporting and working with students as they journey through the transitional stages of their educational journey in the College.

Whilst culminating in individualised Year 11 and Year 12 opportunities tailored to study pathways, all St Gregory's Senior School students gain access to real world knowledge and experience of industries, careers and the ever-evolving transferable skills needed to be a successful St Gregory's College graduate.

At St Gregory's College, we support our students to be a successful 'Agile St Greg's Graduate' who holds their position in society with knowledge, confidence and worldly purpose in the footsteps of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. The College sets high academic and behavioural standards for our students within the context of Christian care for their wellbeing and their growth as individuals.

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- Dedicated careers-focused pastoral care lessons for all grades.

with parents with open communication between the College and home crucial. School can be a richly rewarding experience when staff and parents work together for the

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School-based apprentices off to a racing start

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A successful school-based apprenticeship program developed between mycar Penrith and Katoomba and CathWest Innovation College is off to a racing start, prompting the tyre and auto repair company to expand the program nationwide. The expansion follows unprecedented interest in recent months from industry groups and businesses looking to establish school-based programs with CathWest Innovation College.

Established in 2020, this Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta school has campuses in Mount Druitt and Emu Plains and offers students both trades training and inquiry learning pathways. The mycar partnership started with CathWest students Ben and Joel taking up apprenticeships at the company's Penrith and Katoomba stores and their success throughout the

year prompted mycar to roll out a similar program nationwide.

"I was in there talking to people who really want to do it," said mycar Managing Director Adam Pay. "That's the big difference. Instead of waiting for people to find us, we're going to get out there and find the best, brightest young apprentices and CathWest certainly has plenty of those."

"I've been out and spoken to a bunch of students at Mt Druitt and from what I see, they are focussed, they know what they want and CathWest is doing well, fitting these students into the trades that suit them best," said Greg Lovell, mycar Katoomba Manager. "We've built a good relationship with CathWest. They're very supportive and we have great confidence in the students there. The shoe fits which is why we're expanding the program and look forward to bring-

ing more students in as apprentices."

"I'm so glad to be at CathWest," said Ben Alexander who is an apprentice with Greg at Katoomba. "To be able to work towards my HSC and start an apprenticeship in a field I'm really passionate about. I'm hoping I can thrive with what I'm doing. It's been really good so far."

mycar Penrith Manager Sean Richards has been thrilled with the contribution of his apprentice and while admitting that he'd like to have him more often, feels the CathWest pathway will ensure students are better equipped to succeed in the workforce when they graduate.

"Joel is one of the best apprentices I've ever had," said Sean. "He's very respectful, listens really well, grasps procedures well and just picks things up quickly which reflects well on him

as an individual but also on his education at CathWest and how they're guiding him."

"I generally prefer to have apprentices who have finished Year 11 or 12," he added. "I feel those final years of school are pretty important to helping young people mature and ensure they're really ready to enter the workforce. To have that opportunity to advance your apprenticeship while you're at school, it's such a great headstart without the pressure of jumping in full time when you're perhaps not ready."

While many industries found the going tough in 2020, mycar continued to expand, opening 10 new stores this year. However that comes amid a skills shortage in the automotive industry.

"This started because

there is an absolute need both with our business and in our industry to get in at the ground level and find young people with a passion for this line of work," said Adam Pay. "Our apprentices are our future."

"This is really good for the light vehicle motor industry because there's a big need for good young workers so this is a great pathway to help address key employment in this area," added Greg. "If we can get these guys starting earlier and get them finishing their apprenticeships early then they'll be earning a good living earlier and it's a win-win for everyone."

Learn more about CathWest Innovation College at <https://cathwest-parra.catholic.edu.au>

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