



Star of Peace

St Patrick's Marist College Newsletter

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From the Principal

SPMC Attendance Rate	Goal
87.5%	90%

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends,

This week we celebrate the Feast of all Saints and All Souls day. The Feast of All Saints is a holy day of the Church honouring all saints, known and unknown. While we have information about many saints, and we honour them on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been specifically honoured. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these saints, and ask for their prayers and intercessions. In celebrating all Souls day we are thinking of everyone within our community who have lost a loved one. To those whom have passed we send them our love and feel them at peace and we remember the joy that they brought to our lives.

Last Friday was World Teachers' day. It is a day to recognise the dedication and hard work of teachers. Celebrated in over 100 countries, it is usually the first Friday in October, but as Australian schools are on holidays we celebrate it at the end of the month. World Teachers' Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society. It is a day in which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to their community. We have teachers in our own parent community and on behalf of St Patrick's Marist we wish you a belated Happy World Teachers Day.

We are coming to the end of the HSC period. I know each of our students have worked hard and have been well prepared for each exam. I congratulate them on their efforts and thank each of their teachers on your behalf for their efforts in working with each student to give the best possible chance of success.

Last Monday our new leaders for 2018 gathered for the day to reflect on what it means to be a student leader at St Patrick's Marist College and to work together to formulate their plans for 2018. The evening concluded with a dinner with parents, this was a wonderful way to come together in community. One of the common themes that emerged when they worked on setting goals was how to continue to build within our community an understanding of our Marist values and ways we can express these in every day actions. I look forward to seeing the ideas and goals of this group come to fruition in the coming year. I thank Mr Paton, Mr Belcher, Mrs Pavlovich and Mrs Dunston for their contributions to the day.

Congratulations to Year 7 and Year 9 with attendance levels of 92.3% and 93% respectively. Attending school every day is so important in the emotional, social and academic wellbeing of young people. In preparing for holidays next year I ask that you try to book them during our school holiday breaks. Every Learner, Every Day.

We will shortly be sending a letter home clarifying the implementation of our new uniform for 2018 and beyond.

Mrs Angela Hay

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KEY DATES

Tuesday, 7th November
H.S.C. Examinations Conclude

Friday, 10th November
Remembrance Day Ceremony

Monday, 13th November
Year 10 Examinations Commence

Wednesday, 22nd November
P&F Meeting

Friday, 24th November
Year 10 AMOW

Monday, 27th - 28th November
Year 10 Careers Conference

Wednesday, 29th November
Year 10 Formation Day

Friday, 1st December
Year 10 Pastoral Care Day

Monday, 4th December
Year 10 Harbour Cruise

Wednesday, 6th December
Carols Evening

Friday, 8th December
Years 7-9 and 11 Pastoral Care Day

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The Mission of Marist schools is to lead young people in the way of Mary, to know and love God in the belief that they all can become good Christians and good Citizens.



CANTEEN TENDER

ST PATRICK'S MARIST COLLEGE

Proposals are invited for the supply of healthy school meals commencing 30th January 2018 and finishing on 13th December 2018, with an option to renew for a further 12 months upon agreement by both parties.

St Patrick's Marist College is a Year 7 to 12 Co-educational school of 1000 students and 80 staff.

For a copy of the Tender Information Package, please email stpatsdundas@parra.catholic.edu.au.

A Tender visit is planned for 20th November from 3.30pm to 4.00pm. Please contact Therese Ledesma at the College to register.

Mrs T. Ledesma
Business Manager

Assistant Principal

DISABILITY PROVISIONS

Disability provisions are practical support designed to help students who couldn't otherwise make a fair attempt in their HSC examinations based on a physical condition, visual impairment, hearing loss or trouble expressing ideas in writing due to a medical condition.

The provisions are granted by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and are solely determined by how the student's exam performance is affected. Provisions may include braille papers, large-print papers, use of a reader and/or writer, extra time, rest breaks and separate supervision.

Students who will be sitting their HSC Examinations in 2018 and who wish to apply for disability provisions should contact Mrs Martin from the Learning Enrichment Team by email: kmartin13@parra.catholic.edu.au

Further information with regards to this provision can be located at: www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/disability-provisions

Mrs K. Martin
Learning Enrichment

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE

In 2018, St Patrick's Marist College is expanding its student iPad program by launching a 'Bring Your Own Device' program. Students in Years 7 to 12, will be able to bring Apple or Windows laptops or tablets to use for educational purposes. Having ongoing access to technological tools will enable your child to build the necessary digital literacy skills required in our ever-changing landscape.

Learning Experiences

Student devices will be used to access our Google suite including Goggle Classroom. Information and Communications Technology (ICT) is a powerful tool for learning and at St Patrick's Marist College we focus on using ICT tools embedded in best practice of teaching and learning to meet present and future learning needs for all students. We utilise technology in an innovative and creative manner so that the learning outcomes for students are presented with depth and quality. We use a combination of digital and traditional mediums of communication balancing both typing and handwriting activities, and integrating many internet services into the daily student experience.

Digital Citizenship

A focus of this initiative is digital citizenship, which is the responsible use of technology. Your child will learn digital skills, ethics, etiquette, and online safety. These are important aspects of participating in today's world.

Safe and Secure

To maintain a safe and secure learning environment, a filtered Internet connection is provided for students. They will not be permitted to use a personal broadband connection such as a 3G/4G phone network. As well, students will only be able to use their device under the direct supervision of their teacher. Any unauthorised use can result in the device being confiscated, searched, and privileges being revoked.



Responsibility

Students are solely responsible for their device. They must bring it fully charged to school. Similar to other personally owned items, St Patrick's Marist College is not liable for loss, damage, misuse, or theft.

Technical Support

Resources will be provided to help students connect their device to the school network. Your child must be familiar with how to use their device. Teachers will incorporate the use of your child's device into learning. However, they will not provide technical support.

We look forward to the educational opportunities that BYOD will bring. Participation in this initiative is compulsory. Your child will not be left out if they do not have a device. St Patrick's Marist College will continue to provide support to families who are unable to access a personal device for their child due to financial reasons. Please contact the College to discuss this matter further.

Mrs Angela Hay
Principal

IPAD CHANGES

Since 2012 St Patrick's Marist College has integrated the use of technology into teaching and learning with the 1 to 1 iPad program. In 2018 this program is being broadened to a BYOD Program (outlined above) which includes all Apple, Windows based laptops or tablets. Please note that no Android based device will be supported.

Added to this, the advent of digital NAPLAN testing means that devices used by students must support the necessary requirements of the NAPLAN testing platform. Hence CEDP have instituted changes to what devices will be supported at all Catholic schools in Parramatta. This may mean that some older models of iPads will not be able to connect to our network from 2018.

These iPad models include: first four generations of the iPad; iPad 1 (2010), iPad 2 (2011), iPad Gen 3 (2012), and the iPad Gen 4 (2012) along with the iPad Mini (All iterations) will no longer be supported by the Diocese come 2018, and we encourage students not to bring those devices for schoolwork.

As outlined in the new BYOD program, students will now be able to bring a whole new range of devices to complete their schoolwork, including Macbooks, Chromebooks and Windows Laptops.

More information on the BYOD program and a BYOD Guidelines 2018 - Years 7-10 document is available on the College website: <http://stpatsdundas.catholic.edu.au/byod-program>

If you have any questions or enquiries please do not hesitate in contacting me at the College on 9638 5644.

Mr Jason Scanlon
Assistant Principal - Innovation, Teaching and Learning

Director of Studies

YEAR 10 EXAMINATIONS AND PARENT SUPERVISORS

Year 10 examinations will begin on Monday 13th November, Week 6 of Term 4. A copy of the permission note and exam timetable is attached to this newsletter.

As in previous examinations we are calling on parents who are willing to assist in supervising these exams. A letter with details of dates and times is attached to this newsletter. Thanks in advance to the parents who can offer their assistance

YEAR 9 MINIMUM STANDARDS TESTING

From this year, any student who did not reach a Band 8 in their Year 9 NAPLAN will be required to sit a test next year in order to reach the minimum standards for the HSC. In order to assist them, there is a trial test arranged for students. This trial will occur on 16th November (Period 1) and 17th November (Period 1 and Period 3) and students involved have already received a letter. The tests will be completed in the Library, using College Laptops. (NESA Flyer attached)

Ms T. Ellison
Director of Studies

Pastoral

YEAR 9

Year 9 camp

"In the sunlit and hot days from the 16th to the 20th of September, Year 9 students were lucky enough to visit The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. I was part of the first group that went from Monday to Wednesday.

A journey of two nights and three days, it was an extremely enjoyable time that included; making your own dinner, hanging out with people you wouldn't normally do so and trusting yourself and others.

Not only that, but Year Nine's also participated in many rare opportunities to indulge in experiences that pushed our mental and physical boundaries. Some of these activities included sailing and kayaking at Jimmy's Beach, team challenges, archery, the giant swing, climbing high ropes and a mud run. We also had the chance to work with our inspiring instructors who shared with us their different accents, stories, adventures and perspectives on life.

It was a great experience, gathering around the campfires at night, waking to the early morning horns and consuming the occasional snow cones being some of the many things I look forward to doing again. Before too long, our days turned into minutes so we piled back onto the bus for our return journey with only two things to look forward to.... a chance to sleep on a comfy bed once more and getting away from those pesky flies!"

**Catherine Azize
9 Ludovic**

A special thanks to all the teachers for taking time away from their families and coming along on the Year 9 camp.

Well done to all students on their involvement and enthusiasm whilst on camp. It was outstanding to witness lots of affirmation and support for one another. The camp has certainly brought our students closer together and I am sure our students will cherish their memory of the camp for years to come.

**Mr D. Bonora
Pastoral Leader of Learning - Year 9**

Key Learning Areas

YEAR 9 PERFORMING ARTS EVENING

The Year 9 Music Performance Evening was an event full of talent and a wonderful atmosphere in the La Valla Theatre, which was completely filled with an excited audience. Each of the Year 9 performers used their outstanding musical gifts to pull together an unforgettable night, that was significant for both the students and their families that came to watch. As this was their first Elective Music Performance Evening, the Year 9's created an atmosphere of anticipation and mystery and they did not disappoint!



There was a wide range of musical styles, genres and talents portrayed at the Evening. From Classical to Pop music, there was something for everyone, displaying the range of the students' musical preferences. There was also a collection of different instruments performed, which were played together to create harmonious songs, not only displaying the musical talent of the performers, but their ability to work together and collaborate. The performers also used their musical skills to add their own personal touches to the pieces, from changes in dynamic levels, use of expressive techniques and changes in tone colour, which added excitement and individuality to the pieces.

The night left audience members and students alike with the fabulous songs stuck in their heads, and seeing the twinkling background lights every time they closed their eyes. The audience members were astounded at the rhythm and vibrant connection that flowed through the pieces, not to mention the outstanding abilities of those performing! The night was successful, and gave the students a great look into the world of performing, along with seeing the talent and hard work of their fellow classmates.

It was an event that we, as students, won't forget!



Katarina Pan
Year 9 Music Student

From the Counsellor



ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™ PARENT COURSE

Parenting skills for addressing teenage behaviour problems

A three-session program for parents and carers
at High Street Youth Health Service (HSYHS)
65 High Street Harris Park

on Thursday 23rd & 30th November and the 7th December 2017 at 10:00am – 12:00pm.

What you will learn:

- ✓ Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- ✓ New understandings of adolescence
- ✓ A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- ✓ Self check-in, first - for parents.
- ✓ Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- ✓ Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can't ignore

Registration Fee - The course costs is free.

To register for this course please complete the referral form and send to Jo Pogorelsky at High Street on:

Fax: 9687 – 2731 or email on: nina.livingstone@health.nsw.gov.au

Prior to the group each participant will need to agree to and sign a participant agreement.

What parents have said...

A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.

A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case.

Who's running it?

The trainers for this course are Nina and Jo who completed Parentshop's Engaging Adolescents training on 10th February 2016.

Nina and Jo work within Youth Health for Western Sydney Local Health District.

For more information please contact Nina Livingstone on:
(02) 8860-2500 at High Street Youth Health Service.



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Local Health District

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24th October 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians of Year Ten Students,

The Year Ten End of Course Examinations will commence on Monday, 13th November and conclude on Monday, 20th November. Students only need to attend College for the exams, as there are no classes for Year Ten during this period.

Students with a morning exam need to be at the College before 8.40am. A student is expected to go directly home from the College after the morning examination if they do not have an afternoon examination and their conduct is to be exemplary. They are encouraged to plan and use their time productively in preparation for their next examination. **Students sitting for an afternoon examination must be at the College 30 minutes before the starting time of the examination. (Please check timetable).** Students who have a morning and afternoon examination on one day must stay at school and will be directed to the library. *Students must wear school uniform to and from school and if required the College bag must be used.*

In case of illness or misadventure, parents are required to contact Mr. Berner at the College. Any student absent from an examination or one or two days prior to the exams starting **must have a Doctor's certificate to cover this absence.** Failure to comply with this regulation may result in a zero (0) assessment being given. Students need to complete the online illness/misadventure form and supply a medical certificate to Ms Ellison on the first day that the student returns to the College even if this occurs during the examination period.

Students need to be familiar with Examination Procedures and Conditions printed in the College Diary. These conditions will be strictly enforced and if a student breaches the conditions a penalty may be imposed. Students also need to be reminded to check they have the necessary equipment for each examination. Students will require their **NESA Number**. Students must use a **plastic sleeve** to take items into the examination room. **Mobile phones are not to be taken into the examination room.**

Disability Provisions: A student requiring disability provisions should provide a letter from parents, with attached evidence to the Director of Studies by Friday 3rd November.

Would you please sign the acknowledgement slip below and have your daughter / son return it to their homeroom teacher by Friday, 3rd November.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Therri Ellison
Director of Studies

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP – Year Ten End Course Exams 2017

I acknowledge the letter concerning the examination requirements for the Year Ten End of Course Examinations.

Student Name (Please print): _____

Homeroom: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____



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1st November, 2017

Dear Parents,

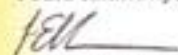
I am writing to seek your assistance with the upcoming Year Ten End of Course Examinations. Volunteers are required to supervise the examinations from **Monday, 13th November to Monday, 20th November**.

Parents are unable to supervise their own daughter/son. The hours required for each exam period are outlined below. If you can assist in either a morning or afternoon session please fill out the details on the reply slip below and ask your daughter or son to return the reply slip to the office. If you are able to assist, more details will be forwarded to you.

It is a requirement of the Diocese of Parramatta that any parent volunteering at our College needs to complete the online Child Protection Volunteer Form – 'Building Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteer' and complete the Online Training Module. This can be done by accessing <http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/volunteers>. The College will receive an email notification when you have completed this Module.

If you have any concerns with the Child Protection Module please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Therri Ellison
Director of Studies

Reply Slip – Examination Supervisors – Year 10 End of Course Exams

Parent Name: (Mr/Ms/Mrs) _____ Student Name: _____

Homeroom: _____ Mobile Phone number: _____

Home Address: _____

Email address: _____

Have you completed the Online Child Protection Volunteer Form and Training Module ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am able to supervise on the following dates (Please tick):

Monday 13th November	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.35 – 10.30am	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.30 – 1.55pm
Tuesday 14th November	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.35 – 10.00am	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.30 – 2.25pm
Wednesday 15th November	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.35 – 10.30am	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.30 – 2.25pm
Thursday 16th November	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.35 – 10.30am		
Friday 17th November	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.35 – 10.30am	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.30 – 1.55pm
Monday 20th November	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.35 – 10.00am	<input type="checkbox"/>	12.30 – 2.30pm

Please return slip to the College Office



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YEAR TEN END OF COURSE EXAMINATIONS EXAM TIMETABLE

MONDAY 13th November until MONDAY, 20th November 2017

*All Exams are in the La Valla Centre unless specified
All examinations have 5 minutes reading time*

DATE	MORNING SESSION 8:45pm	AFTERNOON SESSION 12:40pm	
Monday, 13 th November	ENGLISH 1½ hours	COMMERCE 1 hour	
Tuesday, 14 th November	AUSTRALIAN HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY 1 hour	HISTORY ELECTIVE 1½ hours	VISUAL ARTS 1½ hours
Wednesday, 15 th November	SCIENCE 1½ hours	Photography and Digital Media 1½ hours	
Thursday, 16 th November	PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION 1½ hours	NO EXAM	
Friday, 17 th November	MATHEMATICS 1½ hours	PASS 1 hour	
Monday, 20 th November	CATHOLIC STUDIES 1 hour	MUSIC 1 hour Room: C115	FRENCH 1 hour 45 minutes La Valla

- Students will be using NESA Student Number for all exams. **No names** are to be placed on the exams or writing paper.
- Students need to be familiar with the Examination Procedure and Conditions printed in the College Diary
- **Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room. A penalty will be imposed if a student has a mobile phone in the examination room.**
- Students also need to check that they have the necessary equipment for each examination.
- Students seeking to gain an unfair advantage during the examination will receive a zero for their examination.
- Students who have a morning and afternoon exam on one day must stay at school.
- On completion of an exam students are expected to go directly home from the College and their conduct is to be exemplary. Students staying at school for an afternoon exam will be directed to the library.

*In case of illness or misadventure, parents are required to contact Mr Berner at the College.
The illness/misadventure form must be completed online AND a medical certificate must be obtained. Backdated medical certificates will not be accepted.*

HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

ADVICE FOR 2017 YEAR 9 STUDENTS

March 2017

In 2020, you are required to achieve a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive your HSC.



PRACTICAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS



Achieving the standard shows you, your parents and any future education and training providers and employers that you can do things like:

- ✓ follow instructions in equipment manuals
- ✓ write a job application
- ✓ calculate the quantity of materials to build a fence and prepare an invoice.

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE STANDARD

A pass mark in new online reading, writing and numeracy tests will prove you have achieved the standard.



The tests will take place at your school and you can take them up to twice a year in:

- ✓ Year 10
- ✓ Year 11
- ✓ Year 12
- ✓ If you need to, you can even take them for up to five years after you start your first HSC course.

The tests will be available from next year when you are in Year 10.

Visit the demonstration site to see sample test questions:
<https://hscliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au>

YEAR 9 NAPLAN: A CHANCE TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE STANDARD

- ✓ By achieving Band 8 or above in your Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests this year, you can prequalify for the standard. This means that you won't have to take the online tests.
- ✓ **It is important you know that you can still receive the HSC if you don't achieve Band 8 in your Year 9 NAPLAN tests this year.**
- ✓ Your literacy and numeracy skills will continue to develop, and with support from your school, you will achieve the standard either by the end of Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12.



MORE INFORMATION

Contact your school principal for more detailed information about the minimum standard or visit the NESA website:

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au>

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Year 9 Camp



The first Marist Brothers arrived in Australia on the 'Star of Peace' on 21st February, 1872. On the 8th April, 1872, school commenced at St Patrick's. Our Newsletter is named, 'Star of Peace', as it too, hopefully, brings peace and good news to our community.



CHRIST THE KING
NORTH ROCKS

COME CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2017 @ 10AM
IN THE CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH.

FOLLOWED BY
THE BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE REFURBISHED
MARY MacKILLOP PARISH HALL



PRESIDER: BISHOP VINCENT LONG VAN NGUYEN

BRUNCH AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED AFTER THE
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY ON THIS MILESTONE IN OUR PARISH.

PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT PARISH OFFICE ON 9871 8710



Play Netball in 2018

Ermington United Netball

will be holding



**Registration Day
for the 2018 season**

on

Saturday 28th October 2017

Cowells Lane Tennis Centre (upstairs)

Cowells Lane, Ermington

10.00am-12.00pm

New players of all ages welcome

Under 8 - 10 years NetSetGo modified netball

and

Under 11 - Seniors graded competition

Check out the NSW Active Kids Rebate in January 2018 to register for a \$100 voucher towards registration.

(<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids/fact-sheet>)

Returning players may attend and register or register online from home using the emailed google form.

For Further Information:

President, Michelle Gruber 0404 981 467

netball@ermingtonunited.com.au





Youth Participation Survey We need your help!

Do you feel
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those issues that
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to you?

go to kidshelpline.com.au/survey

