



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### South Hurstville Campus - Tree Planting Ceremony

Today the Most Reverend Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, presided over a formal Tree Planting Ceremony at 29A Greenacre Road South Hurstville - the site of the College's new campus. The ceremony included scriptural readings, prayers of the faithful and music to celebrate the new beginnings of the College at South Hurstville. A tree was blessed and planted to symbolize this new growth for our community with Year 7 commencing on the site in 2020. This ceremony marked the commencement of the Stage 5 works on the ongoing construction of the school.



This day also signifies another important occasion in the transformation of our College. From a school, in 2013, with stagnant enrolments and a place with an uncertain future to our College today. A school that will begin the 2019 school year with nearly 900 students, being instrumental in the evangelising

mission of the Church for the young women and men at the school and a place where our College Vision - Agnoscere et Diligere which means To Know and To Love is alive and thriving. By 2020, we will be a Year 7 to 12 co-educational College with a student population in excess of 1000 students. It is important to thank Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) for deciding to continue to provide quality Catholic education for students from Penshurst and its surrounding suburbs and for being willing to challenge the 'status quo' by offering the first co-educational College in SCS Eastern Region. It is important to thank Dr Dan White, Executive Director of SCS and Mrs Elizabeth O'Carrigan, Regional Director SCS Eastern Region for being visionary and placing their confidence and trust that the MCCP community would make this new venture a reality.

Our vision for learning, *Aspire to be Inspired*, animates and empowers all members of our community to hope and dream. It places a strong emphasis on academic achievement and seeking constant improvement in a safe and supportive learning environment. The extensive co-curricular program provides students with opportunities in sport, music, debating, public speaking and a range of cultural activities. Being a dual campus College will allow this vision to be further realised as the younger students will have more opportunities as they transition from primary school to high school. MCCP will have the opportunity to adopt a middle school model of education at the South Hurstville campus. This year the South Hurstville Curriculum Subcommittee, chaired by Mr Phil Gane, Senior Regional Consultant Sydney Catholic Schools Eastern Region has been reflecting on and discerning how the curriculum at South Hurstville can be truly challenging, different and innovative.

This occasion also demonstrates that the realisation of such an endeavour - the building of a dual campus College requires the contributions of many - families, Church, Catholic education and government. Having Bishop Umbers, Fr Paul Hilder, Parish Priest St Joseph's Oatley, Honourable David Coleman MP, Federal Member for Banks, Mr Mark Coure MP, State member for Oatley, Sydney Catholic Schools representatives, Primary School Principals, P&F, students, from feeder primary schools and our College, and staff here today reflects this diversity of contributions. Our College is grateful to each and everyone of you for taking the time to mark this moment in our development. As beautifully expressed in Psalms 1 may our College be like a tree planted by streams of water; which yields fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. (Psalms 1:2-3)

The College acknowledges the Archdiocese of Sydney and Sydney Catholic Schools for their ongoing support in continuing to bring to fruition the Master Plan - the realisation of one school, one family and one vibrant Catholic learning community. The College appreciates the trust, support and involvement of the parent community in this journey. This strong partnership between home and school is pivotal in improving students' learning outcomes and providing the best education for all students.

However, all this would not be possible without ongoing financial support from parents, Sydney Catholic Schools and governments. I thank our families, both State and Federal levels of government and Sydney Catholic Schools for their support to allow our College to be transformed and provide the students with state-of-the-art facilities to continue to meet the educational challenges in the 21st century.

**Mr Ray Martin - College Principal**

*one school • one family • one community*

## **YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP**

### **Remembrance Day - Penshurst Service**

On Sunday 11 December Australians across Australia and the Globe paused to pay tribute to all the men and women who have served our country in times of war and conflict. In particular, this year the significance of the World War was recognised as the centenary of the end of the Great War.

Our College was represented at the Penshurst Memorial Service by four of our College Leaders Edward El Jalkh, Aaron Borg, Travis Giannarakis and Jeffrey Richards. These leaders laid a wreath on the War Memorial on behalf of our College community and represented the College with distinction.

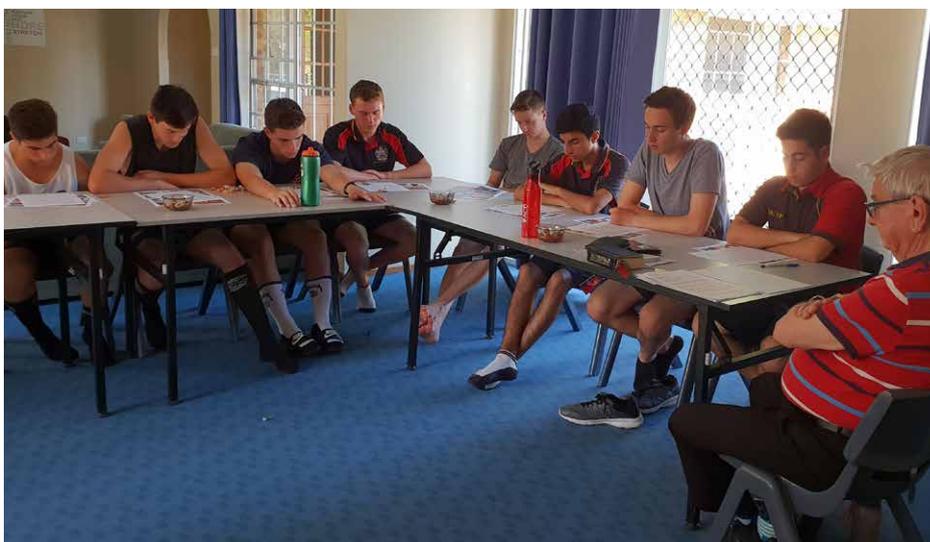
### **Leadership Retreat**

On Monday and Tuesday of Week 5 the College's new student leadership team attended their leadership formation retreat. The ten leaders along with Mr Cullerton, Ms Kalifa, Mrs Frino and Brother Tony travelled to Kiah Ridge Tahmoor to undertake a journey of reflection, discernment and preparation.

The retreat gave the leaders time to bond as friends and also as the new student leadership body for the College in 2019. Brother Tony opened the retreat with a spiritual reflection grounded in Gospel and Marist wisdom, which set the tone for the next two days and gave the young men much to contemplate. Mr Cullerton ran the night session with a focus on servant leadership and being an everyday leader. The next day Ms Kalifa explored the different styles of leadership and the young men were challenged to recognise their own strengths and weaknesses as leaders. Mrs Frino completed the retreat by presenting the group with a challenge of how they were going to demonstrate leadership in their school.

The Student Leadership Team returned to the College with renewed commitment and enthusiasm and have already been hard at work supporting existing initiatives and encouraging new ones to begin. We look forward to the rest of this year and what 2019 brings in the hands of such a wonderful group of young Marist leaders.

**Mr Jon Cullerton - Year 12 Leader of Wellbeing**



## **YEAR 7 2019**

On Monday 12 November we welcomed our incoming Year 7 for 2019 to our College for their orientation day. Lots of excited and nervous students were greeted at our College gate by our SRC students. I am always excited to see the incoming Year 7 group who bring lots of enthusiasm and busyness to the College. It was a busy day that incorporated Allwell testing, some interactive games and some ball games. This was the first step of their transition to secondary school. I would like to thank all the SRC and student volunteers who helped on the day. A special thank you to Mr Falzon, Mrs Nelson, Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Nolan who were instrumental in making it a successful day.

On Tuesday 20 November we had a second transition step when we held a Trivia Afternoon. Again many excited students took part. The aim of this afternoon was to meet students from other schools and to make some connections within the school. We had 17 very competitive groups who had lots of fun. In the end we had three groups tying for first place. I'd like to thank all the volunteer SRC students who helped with the Trivia Afternoon. I would also like to thank Mr Brustolin and Mr Russo and a special thank you to Mrs Nelson who helped organise the afternoon.

**Ms Anne Collins - Year 7 Leader of Wellbeing**

## School Fees

School Fee reminders and overdue notices have been sent out. The payment of school fees is essential for our College to continue to be able to provide high quality resources for your children.

Any unpaid fees will now be automatically directed to the School Fee Support Unit at our head office for follow up and possible legal action unless prior payment plans have been arranged with the College Principal.

Mrs Joy O'Sullivan – College Bursar

## P & F NEWS

### Call for Nominations for P&F Group Representative Positions

The Parents and Friends Group will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 28 November at 6:00pm to elect the following positions:

- President
- 1 x Vice President
- 1 x Committee Member

The P&F is an integral part of the College and provides a formal structure and support network for parents to participate in the activities and decision making processes at the College and to work for the benefit of the College and the children. The term of each position is 2 years. To nominate you must be the parent or carer of a child enrolled at the College. Nominations must be received by 6:00pm on Wednesday 28 November.

Further information about the positions and the P&F Group can be found here:

<http://www.maristpenshurst.catholic.edu.au/assets/PDF/Community/Parents-and-Friends/The-PF-Group-Guidelines.pdf>

If you would like to be considered for any of the above positions please direct your nomination to Brian Vane-Tempest: [brian.vanetempest@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:brian.vanetempest@syd.catholic.edu.au)

A vote will be taken at the meeting. To be eligible to vote you must be a parent or carer of a child enrolled at the school and be present at the meeting. Absentee votes or proxy votes are not accepted. If there is more than one nomination for any position a secret ballot shall be taken at the meeting. Brian Vane-Tempest, who is a member of the school leadership team, will act as the Returning Officer.

## COUNSELLORS CORNER

### STAYING RELEVANT IN YOUR CHILD'S DIGITAL WORLD - *Positive Parenting by Martine Oglethorpe*

As technology continues to advance at breakneck speed and our lives become more deeply immersed in the digital world, the challenges faced by parents in this uncharted territory can often feel overwhelming. We hear so much about the pitfalls and dangers of the connected world, we often overlook the vast possibilities digital technology can offer. Through digital devices, we now have countless amazing ways to connect and collaborate, raise awareness, create, learn and share. For young minds, this is a tremendous opportunity, and making full use of these tools can give them a big lead in today's competitive world.

So how can we ensure that our kids can reap the very best of what technology has to offer, while at the same time protecting them from those negative elements?

Make time to talk. We start by taking the time to get to know the kind of world they are growing up in. We try to understand the challenges they face because even if it seems they know a lot, kids do face challenges, and they will make mistakes. As parents we need to ensure that those mistakes are ones they can recover from, and learn from.

Be their guide. Kids may have a lot of knowledge when it comes to all things digital but they are not necessarily as wise as their parents. Generally speaking, parents have a much deeper understanding of the world, the intricacies of different interactions, relationships and the complexities of human behaviour than kids do. Our kids are interacting and connecting with others in a world that is often beyond what they are developmentally and emotionally ready for. We need to help them cope with that.

Seek out knowledge. Take an interest in current tech trends. Talk to your kids and make them feel secure enough to discuss difficult topics with you. Put yourself in the best position to remain relevant to your child's world. Be the one they come to should things go wrong. Be the one they come to to share the positive experiences they have online. (/blog/role-parents-screen-time/)

Ms Carmel Coleman - College Counsellor Mon/Tues

## CBSA / SCC SPORT RESULTS

SCC					
TOUCH FOOTBALL	RND	OPPOSITION	WIN / LOSS	SCORE	COACH
Junior	4	Holy Spirit	Win	10 - 1	Ms Anna Le
	5	Mt St Joseph's	Win	7 - 3	
Intermediate	4	Holy Spirit	Win	14 - 1	Mr Michael Falzon
	5	Mt St Joseph's	Win	6 - 4	
VOLLEYBALL	RND	OPPOSITION	WIN/ LOSS	SCORE	COACH
Senior	4	Holy Spirit	Loss	1 - 2	Mrs Sandra Neilson
	5	All Saints	Loss	1 - 2	
SOFTBALL	RND	OPPOSTION	WIN/ LOSS	SCORE	COACH
Junior	4	Mount St Joseph's	Win	6 - 5	Mr Martin Forrest
	5	Mary MacKillop	Win	12 - 6	
Intermediate	4	Bye	--	--	Mr Jon Cullerton
	5	Mary MacKillop	Loss	9 - 10	

CBSA					
TOUCH FOOTBALL	RND	OPPOSITION	WIN/ LOSS	SCORE	COACH
Junior	4	Rosebank	Draw	5 - 5	Mr George Karpouzou
	5	St Mary's	Loss	7 - 8	
Intermediate	4	Rosebank	Loss	8 - 10	Mr Matthew Smith
	5	St Mary's	Loss	8 - 13	
Senior	4	Rosebank	Win	10 - 2	Mr Michael Young
	5	Casimir	Win	10 - 2	
VOLLEYBALL	RND	OPPOSITION	WIN/ LOSS	SCORE	COACH
Junior	4	Rosebank	Win	2 - 0	Mr Mark Barnes
	5	St Mary's Cathedral	Win	2 - 0	
Intermediate	4	Rosebank	Win	2 - 1	Mr Michael Way
	5	St Mary's Cathedral	Loss	0 - 2	
Senior	4	Rosebank	Loss	0 - 2	Mr John Lloyd
	5	St Mary's Cathedral	Win	2 - 1	

### UPCOMING DATES

		Fri 14 Dec	Year 7 - 9 Picnic Day
Wed 28 Nov	Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews P & F Election Meeting 6pm	Mon 17 Dec	Parent/Teacher Interviews Optional
Fri 30 Nov	Staff Development Day No students to attend school	Mon 21 Jan	College Office Opens
Wed 12 Dec	Year 10 Picnic Day Gunnamatta Park	Wed 30 Jan	Year 7 Commence Summer Uniform
Thurs 13 Dec	Year 7 - 10 Awards Assembly Marana Auditorium 10am	Thurs 31 Jan	Whole School Return Sports Uniform
		Wed 6 Feb	MCCP Swimming Carnival Roselands Pool