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From the Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

During August we celebrate some of the Church's great Feast days that have significant connection to Trinity Catholic College.

St Dominic (August 3), **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop** (August 8) and the Feast of the **Assumption of our Lady** (August 15) are all significant events for our community. I thought that a quick snapshot of these three key events may provide us with deeper understanding of their contribution to our faith formation and ultimately point us to a relationship with God.

Feast Day of St Dominic (August 3 - In Australia)

The Feast day of St Dominic is usually celebrated on August 8, but in Australia we celebrate this on August 3 as the Feast day of St Mary MacKillop is on August 8. St Dominic, was the founder of the Dominican order. "This great saint reminds us that in the heart of the Church a missionary fire must always burn," Pope Benedict XVI said in a February 2010 General Audience talk on the life of St. Dominic. In his life, the Pope said, "the search for God's glory and the salvation of souls" went "hand in hand."

St Dominic was the founder of the Dominican Order which was granted written authority in December 1216 and January 1217 by the new Pope, Honorius III for an order to be named "The Order of Preachers". While St. Dominic was attributed with many achievements in the life of the church one of his most significant was the spread of the Rosary. The Rosary has for centuries been at the heart of the Dominican Order. Pope Pius XI stated, "The Rosary of Mary is the principle and foundation on which the very Order of Saint Dominic rests for making perfect the life of its members and obtaining the salvation of others." For centuries, Dominicans have been instrumental in spreading the Rosary and emphasising the



Catholic belief in the power of the Rosary. A central figure in Marist life is the Virgin Mary and praying the Rosary is a significant part of our Marist Tradition. Furthermore, our own Dominican Sisters of St. Cecelia draw great strength and inspiration from their founder St. Dominic.

Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (August 8)

Mary MacKillop was born in 1842 in (Fitzroy) Melbourne (Australia). On 8 August 1909 she died, having suffered a disabling stroke in 1902. Inspired by a meeting with Fr. Julian Tenison-Woods, Mary MacKillop at the age of 25 took her vows and the religious name, "Mary of the Cross".

In doing so, she founded the congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph. Soon after taking her religious vows. Within 5 years of taking her vows and founding the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Mary had established over 30 schools, in South Australia and over 100 women had joined the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Mary MacKillop was very conscious of the plight of the poor and needy. She worked with families that lived in isolated areas of Australia. As a result, Mary MacKillop pioneered a new form of religious life in Australia and commenced a "system" of "Josephite" schools that would provide education, especially for the children of the poor. In 1873, Pope Pius IX gave Papal approval for the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph.



Even today, many Australians can say that they too have felt the impact of the enormous work started by St. Mary of the Cross (MacKillop), having been educated or cared for, by the Sisters of Saint Joseph. She was noted for her trust in the providence of God and miracles of healing have been attributed to her. She was declared a Saint by Pope Benedict XVI on the 17th October 2010.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven, before her body could begin to decay. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian Feasts and is a holy day of obligation.

According to the teachings of the Church, Mary's glory is her 'nothingness'. Her greatness and her majesty is in her humility. Being the "Handmaid of the Lord" she acted in loving submission to his will. In her pure obedience the humble Handmaid who is full of grace enables her to be absolutely nothing but His instrument. The greatness of Mary is purely and simply the greatness of God in her.

Mary is blessed not because of some mythical divine appointment, but in all her human and womanly limitations, she is one who has believed and has responded to the will of God with a simple 'Yes'.



As followers of Jesus, we are all critically involved in the story of Mary. In a way, some 2000 years on, we are the story of Mary. How will we respond to the call of God?

Mass will be celebrated for all students on August 15 at both Auburn and Regents Park.

**God Bless,
Daniel Delmage**

Duke of Edinburgh Achievement

Congratulations to My Anh Vu, Trinity Catholic College's Vice-Captain, on achieving the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh is an internationally recognised award, which requires students to be involved in volunteering, completing physical activities, learning skills and taking part in an expedition.

My Anh has put a lot of her own time to achieving this goal and the Trinity Catholic College community commend her for this.



From the Leader of Learning – Peter Logiotatos

HSC Showcase – Year 12 HSC Major Works Exhibition

Parents, family members and students are invited to view the Year 12 HSC Major Works for Visual Arts, Industrial Technology

Timber and Design and Technology on **Wednesday August 16**. Music performances can be viewed from 4.30 pm, a light supper will be served at 5.20 pm and the evening will conclude by 7.30pm.

Year 9 and 10 Academic Awards

An assembly was held for each Year Group and academic excellence certificates as well as certificates of effort and encouragement were awarded to the top performing students in each subject. The College thanks the parents and family of awardees who were able to attend, which added to the sense of the occasion. Please see the list of award recipients here.



Changes to the rules for selecting Senior Science from 2018

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) has determined new rules about science subject combinations for the HSC involving the new science subject of Investigating Science, which replaced the subject of Senior Science. Under the previous rules students were not allowed to study Senior Science with another science subject. Under the new rules students are allowed to study Investigating Science with other science subjects.

The pattern and pathways of study requirements for Stage 6 Science courses were amended in May 2017.

From 2018 students will continue to be able to study six units of Science in Year 11 and for the 2019 HSC exam students can study up to seven units of Science in Year 12. This change was to allow for the study of Science Extension – a new one unit Year 12 course which will be examined for the first time as part of the 2019 HSC.

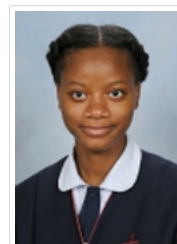
You can read more about the changes [HERE](#).

Newly arrived student to Australia gives back to the community

Congratulations to Manyanlin Soumaro, a Year 11 student at Trinity Catholic College, who has shown absolute resilience and determination to achieve her best.

Manyanlin was born in Liberia, Africa and arrived in Australia in 2014 and has only been at Trinity Catholic College since Term 3 in 2015. During this short amount of time Manyanlin has improved outstandingly in her academic achievement and is now gearing towards the HSC in 2018.

On top of her academic development, Manyanlin has committed herself to the Max Potential program of 2017, which focuses on maximising students' potential at school and also



gets them to collaborate with their local community to help improve services.

Manyanlin's project, *Promote the Knowledge of Defibrillators*, encourages the use of the defibrillator to help prevent people with cardiovascular diseases from sudden death. It aims to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease, to empower audience with knowledge about the use of the defibrillator to save lives, to promote collaboration between school and local community and to encourage students to manage life-threatening situations (in an emergency).

Congratulations to Manyanlin and we wish her all the best with her HSC next year.



Special guests from Mexico

On Wednesday 26 July we were lucky enough to host our guests from Mexico, Rodrigo Gris and Argie Hernandez.

This married couple are teachers who live in a diverse Marist community in Mount Druitt working with young people disengaged with their education.

Our visitors received a warm welcome in Spanish from Year 11 student Paola Perez and were very taken with the quality of the relationships between teachers and students here at Trinity Catholic College.



From the Sports Coordinator

Representative Rugby Selection

Congratulations to Papillon Sevele of Year 10 who has been selected in the U16s New South Wales Rugby Union Team!

Papillon will represent New South Wales later this year in the National Rugby Championships.



<https://rugbynews.net.au/nsw-u16s-teams-announced-u16s-national-championship/>

Year 9 Multicultural Day

The Year 9 students celebrated the diverse variety of cultures in their year group by enjoying the many different cultural foods at lunchtime that many of the students brought to school for all to share.

The day was a very special and memorable day for Year 9 as it brought everyone closer through a common respect of different cultures.



From the Wellbeing Coordinator – Simon McCann

Body image

Body image relates to how we perceive our physical selves. This perception is the result of thoughts, feelings and behaviours – which can be influenced by individual and environmental factors.

Body image can be positive, negative or both. Adolescence can be a challenging time to have positive body image due to the developmental changes occurring which is out of our control and the pressure to conform to societal norms.

We can all provide positive modelling to teens around body image – click on the link below for more information.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZqliLZBbTI>

Parenting programs

For some great local and free parenting programs see the pdf attached below.

Interest in Sacramental Program

Trinity Catholic College is currently conducting a survey to offer assistance to those families who would like their child to receive one of the Sacraments of the Church, to become Catholic, or simply to learn more about the Catholic faith.

If you have the time please complete the short survey below.

<http://bit.ly/2vh9DC7>

Father's Day Breakfast

On Tuesday August 29, we will be hosting a breakfast to honour our Fathers, Grandfathers, Stepfathers and Caregivers before Father's Day. I would love for you to join your child in this celebration at our College at 7.30am. We include in this invitation other family members who take on the role of fathers in our student's lives.



If you would like to send through a photo of yourself with your son/daughter we would love to include that in our video. Please send any images through to – erin.cardeno@syd.catholic.edu.au

I hope you can join us in this celebration. For catering purposes, we need to know if you can attend. Could you please RSVP to Mrs Erin Cardeno via email – erin.cardeno@syd.catholic.edu.au by Friday, August 25th.

If there were any mums who are able to volunteer their time on the morning to assist with breakfast we would love to hear from you.

We look forward to sharing this occasion with you.