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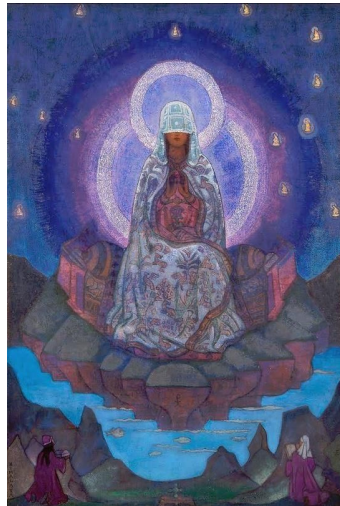


Image Credit: Nicholas Roerich, *Mother of the World*, 1937

Nicholas Roerich's paintings have influenced people throughout the world. There is a special feeling in them, a reflection of the energies of the spiritual world that can be experienced when viewing them. His vivid paintings depict the symbolism and allegory of the spiritual life; he seems to have the artistic ability to reach out beyond the ordinary way of seeing to reveal a mystical layer of the extraordinary.

In this painting, we see a central image, a woman elevated above the earth with hands clasped in an upside-down heart shape, her head covered with a veil of white lace that extends below her eyes. Is her attention drawn inward towards her intention? She is surrounded by three circles of light and floats above what looks like a city within the landscape and water masses below. Now, slowly turn your attention to the lower right corner where we see a small image of a girl alone in prayer, hidden in the darkness. Perhaps this could be a moment before the heralding of the angel Gabriel. In the left corner, obscured by darkness, we see another feminine image, face upturned holding a treasure box -- could it be the foreshadowing of the gifts of the Magi? What is happening and what is about to happen in this painting?

(from Session 3 - Lumen Divinum: A Retreat for Advent,
<http://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/ecourses/course/view/10166/lumen-divinum-a-retreat-for-advent>)

Upcoming Events

Term 4, Week 9

- **Tuesday, December 6th**
Year 7 Drama Day
- **Wednesday, December 7th**
REMAR Red Embarkation Camp
- **Thursday, December 8th**
Feast of the Assumption

Term 4, Week 10

- **Monday, December 12th**
Year 9 Aquatic Program (Mon-Wed)
Year 11 Assessments (Mon-Thur)
Year 10 Program (Mon-Wed)
- **Tuesday, December 13th**
Year 12 Geography Excursion
- **Wednesday, December 14th**
Year 7 and 8 PC Day
- **Thursday, December 15th**
Year 12 Taronga Zoo Excursion
Year 7-10 Semester 2 Awards

Last day of School

Yeronga School Uniforms

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Wellbeing - Motivation

The end of the year can be busy and exhausting and this can create a barrier to maintaining motivation. Click on the link below for some helpful tips about how to support your child staying motivated as the year draws to an end.

<http://au.reachout.com/tips-for-getting-motivated>

CGSSSA Dance Competition

This year the CGSSSA dance competition took place on Wednesday 7th September, at Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College, North Sydney. Trinity entered three sections: Contemporary, Hip and Hop and Folk Dance. The girls commenced their dances in Term Two and put in hours of rehearsal time to polish their final performances.

This year the CGSSSA Hip Hop team comprised of eleven girls from Years 7-12. Dance teacher Sophia Brennan from ED5 International choreographed for the Hip Hop team. We had a challenging yet great experience, working with different girls. We had a fantastic time and developed our team work skills. We didn't place but we were very happy with the results and the hard work we put in. I would like to encourage anyone who is interested in Hip Hop to get involved next year. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Miss Brennan for working with us as well as Mrs Criss and Ms Hawli for attending the competition day.

Congratulations to: Natalia Haban (Yr 7), Giovanna Napoli-Torkamani (Yr 7), Lauren Grgurevic (Yr 8), Genevieve Di Graziano (Yr 10), Natasha Gerolimatos (Yr 10), Amelia Nolte (Yr 10), Justine Badra (Yr 10), Sara Sindoni (Yr 11), Jade Dunn (Yr 11), Galila Wondirad (Yr 12) and Rachel Jose (Yr 12).

Contemporary was a smaller group of six students from Years 7 to 11. The girls had their routine choreographed by Sophia Brennan as well. Displaying emotion through dance technique to their own choice of music, the girls showed creativity and showmanship.

Congratulations to: Taylor Tran (Yr 7), Bianca Simonovski (Yr 9), Rochelle Barakat (Yr 10), Georgia El Helou (Yr 10), Hillary Nguyen (Yr 10) and Tenesha Azzam (Yr 11).

The folk dance section was entered by our Senior Polynesian students. These girls worked together to incorporate their three different cultural dances into the one routine. They rehearsed in their own time and after school. A special congratulations to this team who were awarded Third Place in their section.

Amelia Teekafa (Yr 9), Elina Vaisima (Yr 10), Sesilia Anasi (Yr 10), Pela-Tonga Kailahi (Yr 12), Emily Tuivailala (Yr 12), Leah Bishop (Yr 12), Jelena Soric (Yr 12), Sipinga Lui (Yr 12), Lapulou Tuipulotu (Yr 12) and Kolotile Vaisima (Yr 12) by Galila Wondirad, Year 12, 2016.



Year 7 Enrolments in Sydney Catholic Systemic Secondary Schools

From 2017, all Sydney Catholic Systemic Secondary schools will be enrolling students for Year 7 two years before their intended start date.

This means that, for students in Year 5 in 2017, enrolment applications, interviews and offers of places will be conducted at Sydney Catholic Systemic Secondary colleges throughout the course of 2017.

Children and young people who follow a continuous Catholic education pathway from Kindergarten to Year 12 are immersed in the Catholic faith tradition, benefit from consistent approaches to teaching and learning and experience a sense of 'belonging' to a community.

For more information, please contact the Principal at your child's Sydney Catholic Systemic school or visit our website <https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au/>

2017 Student Representative Council Commissioning Ceremony

On the 4th of November the 2017 SRC Commissioning took place on the Auburn Campus. It was a whole school event with Year 7 and 8 travelling to Auburn for this occasion and we were joined by our special guest, Mrs Deb Buscall from Sydney Catholic Schools, who along with Mr Robinson, announced our names and positions to the school community and congratulated us on our election to leadership of the College. We were also honoured by the presence of our parents and relatives, who took on the very special role of presenting us with our Leadership Badges. This was a highly emotional experience, with many tears of happiness shed by parents and students alike.



This year, the SRC structure has had a very noticeable facelift, not only has the number of members increased to 18, but we have also had introduction of new leadership roles for specific aspects of College life. This will ensure that all areas of participation in the College community are nurtured and recognised and that all students will have the opportunity to extend themselves and make the most of their interests and talents.

Joining our School Captains, Anthony Barnett and Elana El Katrib and our Vice Captains, Elie Doumit and My Anh Vu are the fourteen new roles:

Leaders of Catholic Ministry and Service - Jared Georges and Vaiata Hehea
Leaders of Learning - Andrew El-Haddad and Scarlet Khoury
Leaders of Creative Arts - Julian Diep and Megan Donellan
Leaders of Marcellin House - Louis Ayoub and Hawa Doe
Leaders of Benedict House - Joshua Tran and Amanda Bui
Leaders of Mackillop House - Joseph Dang and Chloe Oo
Leaders of Champagnat House - Eric Wong and Victoria Myburgh

This newly structured SRC team will charge each member with the responsibility to lead and develop their specific area or House in order to showcase and promote the wonderful talent in each area.

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The Commissioning Ceremony was a special and moving day for all of us. We felt anxious and nervous but at the same time excited to take on the new challenges awaiting for us as the student leaders of the College. We would like to invite all students to approach us to discuss any concern and look forward to meeting as many of our fellow students as possible.

On behalf of the whole SRC, we would like to wish everyone a holy, safe and joyous Christmas, and then to return refreshed and rejuvenated for a fresh start in 2017.

By Elana El Katrib, Eric Wong, Victoria Myburgh and Joshua Tran

Advent Recollection Day for Women: *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

You are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia for a day of recollection, prayer and fellowship on Saturday December 17th 2016 at St. Peter Chanel's Parish Hall.

The day will include: Mass (8am); Adoration and Confession (9am); Welcome and morning tea (10am) followed by talks given by the Sisters and time for personal recollection. The day will end at 4.30pm and 5pm Vigil Mass is available. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. For more information please contact Dominican Sisters: sydney@op-tn.org or 9644 2786.

Stronger HSC Standards

Please find attached a [flyer](#) regarding the minimum requirements for numeracy and literacy for your reading.

Remembrance Day Service

On November 11th, our College Captains and Vice Captains joined Mr Shore & Mr Sullivan in attending the Auburn community Remembrance Day Ceremony, held at the Cenotaph in Auburn. My Anh Vu did our College proud reading the poem, *Blood Red The Poppies Flower*, and Anthony Barnett laid a wreath on behalf of Trinity.

The Cenotaph is shown in the background of the photo and it is hugely important because it is a visual and ever present tribute and reminder to remember those people who have died and been affected by wars and conflicts. The Cenotaph especially commemorates those from this local area who sacrificed their lives in the name of peace and freedom.

On Remembrance Day we dedicate a special minute of silence at 11am to remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict. In doing this we join people across the world who also stop and honour those who have sacrificed their lives so that others can be free.

Remembrance Day 2016 was a day to honour those who have gone before us and fought and worked so that we can enjoy the free and peaceful community we enjoy today, where everyone has the chance to live in peace and make the most of our lives.





We would like to thank the local RSL Sub Branch for inviting us to take part in this special commemoration on the 11th of the 11th. As this day was a staff development day, we also thank Mr Michael Perry for organising a service at the Regent's Park Campus on the day before.

As a College community, we honour the fallen.

(Photograph shows Anthony Barnett, Elana El Katrib, Elie Doumit and My Anh Vu representing the College at the Remembrance Day Service, November 11, 2016)

Ex-Student Donates Clancy Artwork to School



Natalie Borghi who graduated some years ago, recently donated this lovely artwork to the College. Thank you Natalie!

The Newman Selective Program for gifted and highly capable students Trinity Catholic College 2017

Trinity Catholic College is committed to providing a safe, happy environment where all students can learn, achieve their best and come to know and love Jesus. Consequently, Trinity has always included extension classes to meet the learning needs of our gifted and highly capable students. Over many years, research has shown that gifted students require opportunities to be surrounded by others who are like-minded so they are able to achieve their potential. Since gifted students tend to think at least two years above their age peers in some domains, working with others that have this ability to think beyond the regular curriculum is important to maintaining their academic and pastoral wellbeing.

From 2017 our commitment to providing for the needs of our gifted and highly capable students will be further developed through our involvement in the **Newman Selective Gifted Education Program**. Involvement in the Newman Selective Gifted Education Program will allow us to further develop our selective stream at the College, enabling us to better meet the needs of all of our learners. In 2017, students in years 7 and 9 will be selected to join the Newman classes. Students in these classes will be challenged to extend themselves and will engage in rich learning activities that foster their skills, interests and abilities.

Why is it called the Newman Program?

The Newman Selective Gifted Education Program is named after Cardinal John Henry Newman (1801 - 1890), who embraced academic rigour and diversity. He followed truth, intellect and creativity.



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How is a student selected for the the Newman classes?

At Trinity we use a variety of data sources to help cluster our students appropriately. Sources such as the Middle Years Ability Test, PAT Maths and Reading assessment, school reports, assessment results, recommendations from past teachers, enrolment interview conversations with parents and other relevant data, is gathered and discussed to ensure we have developed a clear profile of your child's strengths and areas we need to improve and extend.

When the non-verbal/abstract reasoning data indicates a high ability, and when this information is aligned with strong literacy and/or numeracy skills, a student will be clustered into a Newman class. These students require a differently paced curriculum and greater complexity, depth and breadth in their curriculum. They tend to move through the curriculum more quickly than others, since repetition of skills and content is not necessary.

Are there other opportunities for highly capable and high achieving students?

Students who we identify as having strong academic ability and who have achieved strong academic results will be clustered into the Extension classes. By clustering these high achievers we can provide learning experiences that will challenge them and extend their knowledge and skills. Trinity has always clustered students in Extension classes and this will continue in 2017. The Newman Selective Gifted Education Program will also enable us to further develop the skills of the teachers, allowing them to better meet the needs of the gifted and highly capable students in the College.

Is my child 'locked into' or 'locked out of' the Newman class?

There is flexibility in the class groupings and when the need arises for students to move across groups this can be accommodated. This could be due to many reasons, some of which will be either pastoral and/or academic. If movement is required based on the evidence gathered over a period of time, consultation between between parents, staff and students will take place and appropriate adjustments can be made for Newman students.

Doesn't having a 'gifted class' create a culture of 'elitism'?

At Trinity, we focus on learning-growth and personal-best to reach academic success. We believe we can reach this goal by clustering our diverse learners according to their strengths and areas to improve, including our Newman classes; we will continue our commitment to supporting and growing all of the learners in our care.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the Newman Selective Gifted Education Program?

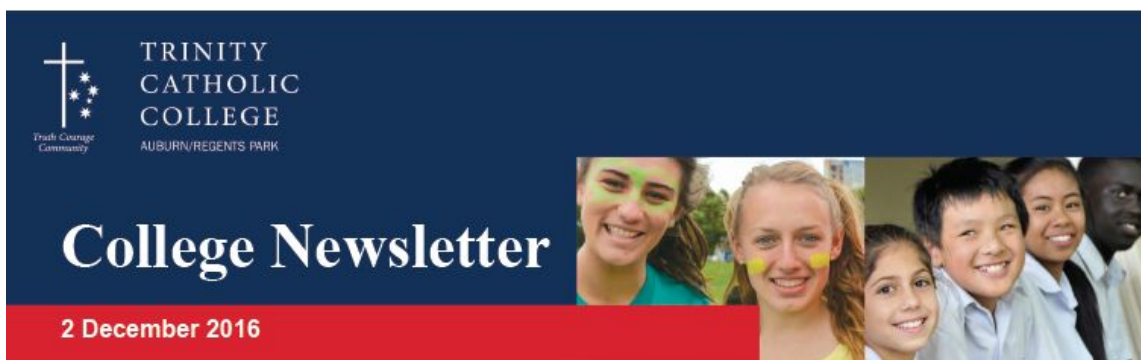
If you have any questions regarding your child's Newman class, please contact [Mrs Deborah Scollard](#), Leader of Learning and Innovation.

Turnitin Trial

The College will be commencing a trial of Turnitin beginning next year with Year 11. Turnitin is a web-based service to manage the process of submitting and tracking papers electronically, providing better—and faster—feedback to students. It is used for plagiarism detection and it will aid students and teachers in our effort to promote originality in student assessments.

The software is the leading originality checking and plagiarism prevention service used by millions of students and thousands of institutions worldwide. It will encourage best practice for using and citing other people's written material and will help to avoid any plagiarism problems before an assessment task is finally submitted.

Students will submit an electronic form of their work through the software, which will then check the work for textual matches with material in its database and creates an Originality Report. Students can view their own submissions and



originality reports but not the reports of others.

More information about the Turnitin Trial and how to access the software will be provided to the students in the new school year.

Christmas Celebrations at St Mary's Cathedral

"Lights of Christmas"

St Mary's Cathedral will again be the centrepiece of Sydney's public Christmas celebrations, with Lights of Christmas returning to capture the imagination of audiences with a spectacular light and sound show.

The theme for the 2016 event is "Joy to the World" and will feature an extraordinary Fantasia style animation of the timeless Christmas tale, the Nutcracker Suite, along with a pictorial journey of Christmas decorations throughout the ages.

Lights of Christmas will run from December 8 – 25, including Christmas Night. Starting each evening at 7:30pm with a choir performance, the light show comes on just after dusk and stays on until midnight.

For more information, please visit <http://lightsofchristmas.com.au/>

"A Christmas Celebration 2016"

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney proudly presents A Christmas Celebration 2016, Friday 16 December 2016 - 11.00am & 7.00pm

Join the celebration of the beauty and wonder of Christmas, with the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and the Orchestra of the Antipodes. The event will include carols and music that will lift your spirits in the joy of Christmas

The Choir of St Mary's Cathedral is known as one of Australia's great choirs and is Australia's oldest permanent musical organisation. Its history dates from 1818, when a choir was formed to sing at masses celebrated for Catholic convicts. After the foundation of St Mary's Cathedral in 1833, this choir became a regular part of Cathedral worship.

For more information and tickets, please visit www.achristmascelebration.com.au





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Transport
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School travel 2017 Application information Nov 2016

Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via www.transportnsw.info/school-students

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.

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School Holiday Activities

Auburn Youth Centre 2017 January School Holiday program

Mon 9 January	Tues 10 Jan	Wed 11 Jan	Thur 12 Jan	Fri 13 Jan
Drop in Activities 12PM-5PM Cross Bar Challenge +3 throw shootout, passing competition (prizes) 1PM-4PM BBQ Lunch 2.30pm	<u>IN HOUSE ACTIVITY</u> Drumming Workshop 2.30pm-3.30PM (WA)	<u>IN HOUSE ACTIVITY</u> ART: Painting & Drawing Create "THE WALL OF CONNECTION" (A Mural on one of AYC main walls) 1PM-4PM	<u>EXCURSION</u> Homebush Aquatic centre 12PM-4PM Drop in Activities 12PM-5PM	<u>IN HOUSE ACTIVITY</u> Kite Making and Flying 1.4pm Drop in Activities 12PM-5PM
<u>EXCURSION</u> Girls only Homebush Aquatic centre 12PM-4PM Drop in Activities 12PM-5PM	<u>EXCURSION</u> Movies Reading Cinemas Auburn 12PM-3PM Drop in Activities 12PM-5PM	<u>IN HOUSE ACTIVITY</u> Table tennis Competition 2PM-4PM Screen Printing: 12.3pm (Create your own designs on shirts / dresses etc) Drop in Activities 12PM-5PM	<u>IN HOUSE ACTIVITY</u> Indoor Soccer competition 2PM-5PM Drumming Workshop 1-2pm (WA) BBQ 3PM-5PM	<u>EXCURSION</u> GOLF CLINIC CARNARVON GOLF CLUB All clubs, balls and coach- ing supplied free for the day. 12PM-4PM Drop in Activities 12PM-5PM


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registration form that is available on our
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Spaces are limited!
All activities are free and
supervised for 12-24yrs old

IMPORTANT:
Please prepare own lunch (food & drink) for
all the excursions
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12-5pm




Service names: [Auburn youth centre - AYC], [Holroyd Youth Service - HYS], [Woodville Alliance - WA],

Auburn Youth Centre 2017 January School Holiday program

Mon 23 Jan	Tue 24 Jan	Wed 25 Jan	Thur 26 Jan	Fri 27 Jan
<u>IN HOUSE ACTIVITY</u> Drumming Workshop 12.30-1.30pm. (WA) Music work shop Day-1 "Make your own track" Create and Record in our music studio (In partnership with I.C.E.) 2PM-5PM	<u>EXCURSION</u> Boating/Rowboats Lane Cove 11AM-5PM (GMCC) <u>IN HOUSE ACTIVITY</u> Music work shop Day-2 "Make your own track" Create and Record in our music studio (In partnership with I.C.E.) 2PM-5PM	<u>IN HOUSE ACTIVITY</u> Music work shop Day-3 "Make your own track" Create and Record in our music studio (In partnership with I.C.E.) 2PM-5PM Drop in Activities 12PM-5PM	AUSTRALIA DAY AYC CLOSED	<u>IN HOUSE ACTIVITY</u> Drop in Activities 12PM-5PM


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