



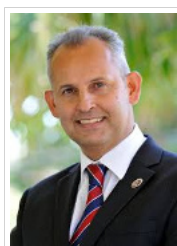
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## From the Principal: Daniel Delmage



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to welcome you all back to Term 2 and hope that all students had a restful break. It is vitally important to learning that students use their holidays well to relax and and enjoy a break from school. As students returned for term 2, it was so pleasing to see them present so well in their winter uniforms. In particular, our Year 7 students who for the first time were wearing their new Blazers and looking very smart and professional. I hope that the added warmth of the blazer will enable them to be more comfortable in class and thereby enable them to learn better.



As we commence Term 2, it is important for all students to be well planned and organised so they can do their best work. During Term 1, all students received an Assessment Handbook; at the back of these booklets is a calendar of your children's assessment. Please help your child to plan and prepare well for these tasks so that they can maximise their learning and academic performance. I wish all students well and hope that you all have an enjoyable term 2.

## Year 7 Mass and Leadership Assembly



Many thanks to **Fr Thomas** for leading us in Mass on Tuesday of Week 11. Congratulations to **Mrs Lowe, Mr Ronchetti** and the **Year 7 PC team** for organising the very meaningful and dignified presentation of Leadership Badges. The children were so well behaved and respectful and many thanks to **Mr Flint** and **Mr Ivinson** for leading the choir and music. It is great to hear Year 7 singing along so well throughout the Mass and they are particularly impressive on the *Sub Tuum*, which they have only been learning for 11 weeks! Well done to **our Stage 4 team** on their gentle and continuing introduction of Year 7 to the *'Trinity Way'*. I would like to thank all parents came along to the event, you are always most welcome at Trinity.

## Anzac Day Dawn Service

Many thanks to **Mr Sullivan** for organising and accompanying our students along with **Sr Susanna** to the Dawn Service at Merrylands RSL on Anzac Day.



**Sesilia Anasi** and **John Tuipuloto** took part in the ceremony, speaking about the meaning and importance of the day and impressing all with their solemnity and dignity.

We have received this letter of thanks from Merrylands RSL and considerable positive feedback from the local community.

*Good afternoon David,*

*On behalf of the Merrylands RSL sub-Branch Committee, I would like to say thank you to you, Sesilia Anasi & John Tuipuloto for attending our Dawn Service.*

*Both Sesilia & John gave excellent reflections. I had positive feedback from people that attended the service. It certainly gave us an insight as to the reasons of when and why their grandparents and parents made their decisions to come to this wonderful country of ours.*

*Please convey our thanks to them both for being a part of the sub-Branches successful 2018 Anzac Day Commemoration.*

*We look forward to seeing you and your students from Trinity Catholic College Auburn attend the next Commemoration which will be Remembrance Day 11th November 2018. There will be an open invitation sent to the Schools & colleges in the Cumberland LGA.*

*Thank you again,*

*Frank Vella*

*Honorary Secretary Merrylands RSL sub-Branch  
ANZAC DAWN SERVICE - MERRYLANDS*

The students who attended the Dawn Service represented the College so well that a bystander emailed me to let me know how impressed they were with Trinity Catholic College and its students.

Her email reads below:

*Dear Principal of Trinity Catholic College, Auburn/  
Regents Park,*

*This morning I attended the Anzac Day dawn service at Merrylands and I would very much like to congratulate two of your students who spoke. They were fantastic!*

*As an older generation Australian who sometimes objects to the volume of immigration, they have made me realise how fortunate and important the calibre of people like them and their families are and that is what makes this country great. What outstanding Australian's!*

*Yours sincerely  
Mrs M.*

On returning to school for Term 2, the Student Representative Council led at both campuses a respectful and thoughtful ANZAC Day Commemoration Service. Thank you to **Mr Ashleigh** for organising this so well.



## Debating 2018

Our Debating teams have been organised and are ready to take on other schools and develop the wonderful skills required to stand up in front of an audience and debate topics of interest.

**Special thanks to Ms Glynatsis and Ms Sarkis**, who are working together to coordinate our participation. Our schedule is as follows and your support of the students at any of the debates would be greatly appreciated. We debate on Friday evenings, starting at approximately 6pm unless otherwise arranged between schools.

1. 4th May at Auburn campus vs Delaney	4. 25th May at Auburn campus vs Casimir
2. 11th May at Donemey College, Five Dock	5. 1st June at St Scholastica's College Glebe
3. 18th May at Auburn campus vs Lakemba	6. 15th June at Bethlehem College Ashfield

## Reflection

Every year I like to share one of my favourite poems with both our staff and parents. This poem is called **"The Average Child"** by Mike Buscemi.

I don't cause teachers trouble;  
My grades have been okay.  
I listen in my classes.  
I'm in school every day.  
My teachers think I'm average;  
My parents think so too.  
I wish I didn't know that, though;  
There's lots I'd like to do.  
I'd like to build a rocket;  
I read a book on how.  
Or start a stamp collection...  
But no use trying now.  
'Cause, since I found I'm average,  
I'm smart enough you see  
To know there's nothing special  
I should expect of me.  
I'm part of that majority,  
That hump part of the bell,  
Who spends his life unnoticed  
In an average kind of hell.

This poem reflects about 60-70% of students and the greatest danger we face today is to convince our students that they are not just average. In fact, they are each unique, beautiful and immensely talented, they just need to believe that they are. The well regarded educational expert Dr. John Hattie identifies **"student expectations"** as one of the most powerful contributors to educational success and future opportunities, we need to have high expectations of our students and ensure that we recognise the unique gifts and talents of each and every one of our young people.



## Mother's Day Mass

Our Mothers Day Mass will commence at 9.30 am on Wednesday May 2018. As we will be providing a light lunch after the Mass, it is imperative to have an accurate numbers for catering purposes. A letter was sent home on Monday to all families. Please ensure that you RSVP so that we can cater for you. I remind all parents that students will be required to return to class for periods 4 & 5, please don't ask for your child to leave early on this day, as this will be politely declined. We need to make sure learning time is a top priority.



## Staff Development Day: Monday 7 May

I remind all parents that we will have a pupil free day on Monday (as advised last term). The focus of our day will be on assisting our teachers to develop a range of strategies to support quality teaching and learning. The Day will be led by Mr Ian Luscombe. Ian has been in Special Education for over 28 years and for the last 14 years was Principal of Redbank School, Westmead, NSW. Experience is what sets Ian apart from others, he has an acute sensitivity to the needs of students with emotional and behavioural issues and of the needs of the adults who work with them. We look forward to an exciting and challenging day.



## May: The Month of Mary

A few years ago I attended a Marist Conference where this image, painted by Frank Mesaric (oil on canvas), was used to support the theme of the Conference "She went in haste to the Hill country". Br.Tony Butler FMS offers the following reflection:



*"In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth." Luke 1:39-40. Mary has just become pregnant with Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit and at the same time she hears that her older cousin Elizabeth has unexpectedly become pregnant (her son is to be known as John the Baptist). Mary hastens to visit Elizabeth on a journey of about 100 k. Elizabeth's needs are of greater concern to Mary than her own safety: she goes as quickly as she can to be of service to her cousin, as well as to bring the good news of the coming of the long awaited Messiah."*

Br. Tony challenges us to try to do the same: in our daily actions, let us be of service to one another and also bring the good news to others by our care and selflessness. Others? Everyone we encounter – people of many beliefs or none, however they dress, whatever their colour (especially in these days of heightened anxiety in our own country, let alone the world).

During May, we will be reciting the Rosary at lunch time each week and I ask parents to encourage your children to

participate in this wonderful opportunity and to reflect on how "You will go in haste to your hill country".

## Enrolments for 2019 & beyond

I would like to advise that we will have a wait list again for Year 7, 2019 and 2020 is filling fast. We will be conducting interviews for Year 7 2019 in the next few weeks. From this year, we are conducting all enrolment interviews when students are in Year 5. We have adopted this approach in line with the requirements of Sydney Catholic Schools enrolment policy.

We currently have over 230 applications for Year 7, 2019. I ask all parents to ensure that sibling applications are sent to our office early (**In Year 4**) to ensure that your child can be accommodated.

Whilst we give preferences to our feeder schools and siblings, if we don't have your child's application by the start of Year 5, we may not be able to accommodate your application at a later stage, as positions may have been offered to other students.

## Principal's Professional Renewal Leave

After 11 years as Principal and 17 years in senior leadership positions, Dr. Dan While (Executive Director of Catholic schools and Michael Krawec, the Regional Director of the Inner West Region, have offered me an opportunity to take Professional Renewal Leave to study and visit schools and school systems in the USA and Canada to further my own professional development. I have decided to combine this leave with a scholarship I was awarded by the **Catholic Australian School Principals Association (CASPA) in 2017** to complete a course at **Harvard University in Boston**. From there, I will visit schools in both **Toronto and New York city**, I will also spend a few days with the **Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia in Nashville**. As such, I will be on leave from June 8th through to the second week on the Term 2 school holidays. I will be back at school for the start of Term 3.

In my absence **Ms McLaughlin** will be the Acting Principal. **Mr Sullivan** will be Acting Assistant Principal from June 8 - 22 and **Mrs Jennifer Lowe** will be the Acting Assistant Principal from June 25 to July 6. As they will be in acting roles, **Mr Turley** will be the Acting Campus Coordinator at Auburn and **Mr Ronchetti** will be the Acting Campus Coordinator during their absence. I would like to thank **Ms McLaughlin, Mr Sullivan, Mrs Lowe, Mr Turley and Mr Ronchetti** for taking on the additional responsibilities in my absence.

**God Bless**  
**Daniel Delmage**

## From the Assistant Principal: Donna McLaughlin

The students and staff finished Term 1 in a positive way with a friendly teacher versus student Netball match, that showed the positive, happy and respectful relationships between staff and students here at Trinity Catholic College. Congratulations to all involved.



## Uniform

As you would know, students are welcome to wear summer uniform next week due to the unseasonably hot weather. Please ensure that if the blazer is worn, the tie is also worn.

Students are asked to be wearing full College winter uniform by Week 3.

## From the Sports Coordinator: Lauren Hadchiti

Congratulations to Jordan Dinham who during the school holidays competed in the Junior National Championships and won the major competition. He is now the Australia wide Junior Masters Champion!



We are all so proud of Jordan, who is an elite sportsman, and a fine young man who is responsible, well mannered, modest and a role model to others.

## From the Campus Coordinators: David Sullivan and Jennifer Lowe

The staff ended Term 1 with a staff development day primarily focused on wellbeing. It was an extremely successful day with a visit from Angela Emmerton, a nutritionist and ambassador to *That Sugar Film*, who gave the staff a very insightful presentation on the dangers of excess sugar consumption in our lives and for our students, including how this effects their learning.

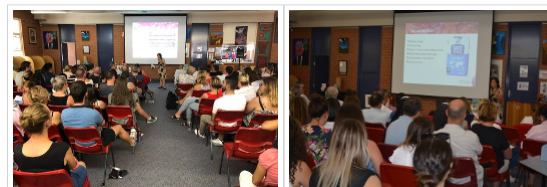


Healthy Perspective

Angela Emmerton  
Founder, Nutritional Matters

It was a most informative day where the staff learnt about the importance of living a balanced and healthy life so that they can develop as people and educators, and be positive and well balanced role models for our students.

The teachers are excited to incorporate what they learnt in to the Pastoral Care lessons for the students and nutrition and establishing a healthy lifestyle will be part of our pastoral programs across the school.



## From the Leader of Learning: Peter Logiotatos

### Naplan reminder

A reminder that Year 7 and 9 students will be sitting their NAPLAN tests on Tuesday May 15, Wednesday May 16 and Thursday May 17. As students complete their tests at the beginning of each of the days, it is important that they are not late to school on these days. Students are reminded to bring the following equipment to the tests:

- HB or 2B pencil
- sharpener
- eraser
- black biro
- calculator (numeracy test only)

### Stage 6 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

A reminder that Wednesday May 30 (8:30 am until 8:00pm) has been set aside for Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews for Year 11 and Year 12 students in the College Hall.

This is an important opportunity for students, parents and teachers to discuss each student's progress so far and to raise any issues or concerns. Parents are asked to book an appointment with each of their son's/daughter's teachers through the Sentral Parent Portal.

The booking site is live as of 8.00 a.m. on Monday May 7. An email and note has been sent home with details on how to book and detailed instructions on making a booking are also available on the Parent Portal website. Please note that the online bookings close on Tuesday May 29.

## From the Uniform Shop

Parents please note that due to the pupil free day on Monday, May 7 the Uniform Shop will be open from 8am -10am only.

**Thank you**