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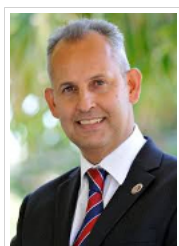
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5 March 2018

## From the Principal: Daniel Delmage



Dear Parents and Carers and friends of the Trinity Catholic College community,

### Opening Mass

On Tuesday February 20 our entire College community of over 1350 people and many parents, as well as our guest **Mr. Nehme Khattar** from the Marist Life Team, joined together in the celebration of the Eucharist, led by **Fr. Ray Farrell**. We extend our thanks to the Parish and Community of the Maronite Co-Cathedral for their generous welcome and hospitality, to **Fr. Sam** from the parish of St. Raymond, and to the deacons and servers who assisted with the Mass. Our choir and musicians were beautiful, and the logistics of moving so many people, from two sites, faultless.

Our Opening Mass is the highlight of our Calendar as we welcomed all students new to the college from Years 7-11. We also introduced our Icons and symbols that will form part of all Trinity gatherings in the future:

- Icon of the Holy Family
- Icon Of St Marcellin Champagnat our Founder
- Two Sacred Hearts (one for each Campus) that holds the names of all staff and students
- Two College Candles (one for each Campus)

Thank you to all who contributed, particularly our REC team, **Mr. Coppola** and **Mr. Ronchetti**, **Mrs. Tipaldo**, the **RE teaching team**, our Campus Coordinators **Mrs. Lowe** and **Mr Sullivan**, and each and **every staff member** who so quietly and effectively made sure it all happened so smoothly and with great reverence. Our students were just brilliant!



### Working Bee

On Saturday a good number of very generous parents, staff and students joined together, working hard on a hot day, to help make Auburn campus a much more fresh and attractive campus for our students. Several tonnes of mulch was distributed through the gardens and over 300 plants put in. Additionally, the lunch tables and all areas of Yard 6 were cleaned thoroughly. Please make every effort to ensure our students keep these freshly cleaned areas looking their best. Thank you to **Mr. Brien, Mr. Chiandotto, Mr. Perry, Mr. Chambers, Mr. Uepa, Mr. Ashleigh** and **Mr. Pamintuan** for their great work along with the wonderful parents and students who assisted.

### Open Afternoon: March 7, 4.00 - 8.00pm



We will host an Open Afternoon/Evening on March 7 and we ask parents to invite as many prospective students to our school as possible. As part of our Open Afternoon, we have joined in Catholic Schools Week to market and promote our wonderful school.

Some marketing strategies have been:

- Notes in parish and school newsletters
- Newspaper advertising of our school and Open Day in local papers
- Over 10 Banners in key positions around the district

- **Two Flashing Signs** both strategically positioned to hopefully attract Catholic students who are currently in State Primary schools
- **DL Flyer letterbox** drop to households in the surrounding suburbs
- A new focus for this year will be **Cinema advertising** – with a short ad at Parramatta and Reading Cinemas over 2018
- Primary School visits to our feeder schools

We live in a very competitive part of Sydney with many excellent Catholic, Independent, Selective and State schools around us and as such we need to ensure that we are always visible. **Please keep up the good work in sharing the Trinity story as it is our reputation for excellence in faith formation, caring for our students and learning that is making all the difference.**

## Swimming Carnival

We will host a wonderful Swimming Carnival on Friday March 9 at Auburn pool. Thank you to Ms. Hadchiti, Ms. Brown and Ms. Duncan for all the organisation. We also thank our House Leaders for their visit to Regents Park last week to muster excitement for the carnival. Our focus for 2018 is to make the carnival a huge success for Years 7 & 8, with the expectation that ALL students will be in attendance (Students who are sick on the day will need to provide a doctor's certificate). We ask all parents to encourage your child to take part, we will have a range of activities beyond swimming to cater for ALL Students!

## Lenten Fundraising



Congratulations to Ms. Bronk and her team of expert waffle makers! Thank you to the many staff members who have held and are actively planning fundraising events over Lent. Already over \$3000 has been raised, please continue to so kindly guide and help the students make their goal of \$22,000 for the wonderful causes they have selected for 2018. Great Work Trinity!!!!

## Working Together - School and Home

While we have a wonderful and positive school environment, from time to time issues arise in any school, often these issues arise through misunderstandings and more often that not through a lack of accurate information. Should parents feel the

need to raise an issue with the school, I remind parents of the correct procedure. I have attached a link to our **Resolution of Complaints Policy** that governs how we respond below

<https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au/2016/03/21/resolution-of-complaints-policy/>

However, in the first instance I recommend the following:

1. Please **contact the person involved directly** and ask them to contact you and they will respond to you as soon as they can, just remember teachers often teach all day and have meetings after school and may not get back to you until the following day. There is no need to copy senior staff into emails at this stage, in the spirit of collegiality and fairness please allow the person to respond to you.

2. If the issue is not dealt with satisfactorily, you are invited to raise the issue with the coordinator in charge of the area.

While I am more than happy to deal with issues, it is always best to reach a resolution at the correct level and to build a strong relationship between staff. When we work together, we will achieve the best outcomes for your child.

## Archbishop Fisher's Lenten Statement:

I have attached a copy of the Archbishop's statement and I encourage you to read and reflect on its profound message

***I thank you all for your wonderful support of our school community.***

***Mr. Daniel Delmage***

## From the Sports Coordinator: Lauren Hadchiti

### Ten Pin Bowling

Congratulations to Jordan Dinham on winning the Ten Pin Bowling State Open Masters Title – Junior Division!

We wish Jordan the best of luck in April when he represents NSW in the 2018 Junior National Championships.



### Tennis

Congratulations to Christopher Sousou of Year 7 who has been invited by Tennis NSW to represent Sydney at the NSW state championships for tennis.

We wish this aspiring young tennis champion all the best!





## Cycling

Congratulations to Sarah Allwork of Year 7 who, at the NSW State Championships for cycling, won first place in the Scratch Event, second place in the Time Trial Event and second place in the Derby Event.

We wish Sarah all the best in her future races!



## From the Leader of Learning: Peter Logiotatos

### Important changes to the HSC minimum standard

The NSW Education Standards Authority has updated its policy on linking Year 9 NAPLAN results with the HSC minimum standard requirements. From this year, Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be available as an early way for students to demonstrate the standard. This change has been made to ensure NAPLAN remains focussed on its purpose and to reduce unnecessary stress on young people.

The NSW government remains committed to requiring a minimum standard to receive the HSC.

Students will show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills, which will be available for them to sit when they are ready from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.

## Year 10 students and NAPLAN 2017 test results

Current Year 10 students who achieved a Band 8 or above in one or more of the 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing or numeracy tests are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that area/s and will not need to sit the corresponding online test/s.

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

## From the Wellbeing Coordinator: Simone McCann

### An Informative Evening with a Wellbeing Expert

#### DESCRIPTION

Parents in Western Sydney are invited to a face-to-face talk with one of Australia's leading experts on creating resilience and wellbeing in children and families.

Hosted by Peer Support Australia, the information evening will feature a presentation from Andrew Fuller, covering strategies and skills parents can implement with their children to build and maintain resilience and wellbeing within the family.

#### Topics Covered

- Characteristics of resilient families
- Positive and effective relationships
- Setting high expectations
- Working through issues together
- Building family networks
- Embracing and learning through mistakes
- Using many and varied strategies

As a Fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development at the University of Melbourne, Andrew Fuller approaches to child psychology is based off research on 160,000 young people by *Resilient Youth*.

Parents looking to attend *An Evening With Andrew Fuller* are encouraged to book their place today

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/an-evening-with-andrew-fuller-hosted-by-peer-support-australia-tickets-43295629393?aff=es2>

## Sleep Hygiene

**Teenagers require 8-9 hours of sleep per night** to give their body the opportunity to recharge and maintain optimal levels of functioning. There are important processes, which the brain engages in only during sleep – so it is imperative teenagers are supported in establishing routines which foster quality sleep.

The Sleep Connection have specific and clear information to support parents and children better understand the role of sleep and how to create effective sleep hygiene strategies.

<http://thesleepconnection.com.au/sleep-for-children-teenagers/>

## School Fees

School Fees were recently distributed to all families. In advance we thank parents for paying fees punctually. School fees and levies allow the school to provide the rich and varied programs, resources and excursions the children benefit from enormously and it is important that school fees are paid consistently. Schools fees are required to be paid in full for each year and finalised by end of Term 3, unless an authorised payment plan has been put in place. Thank you to the considerable number of parents who have already paid their annual fees in full. We

recommend that parents make regular and ongoing payments (either weekly, fortnightly or monthly) to avoid school fee debt becoming large and unwieldy. Please note that payment plans can be arranged for each individual family, to ensure that school fees are completed on time.

Further, we wish to remind you of your contractual responsibilities with the school regarding your acknowledgement of payment school fees each year and we therefore **urge** families to contact the school if you are ever experiencing genuine financial hardship.

To discuss your school fees further, please contact Ms Adam at our Auburn office on 9749 1919 or mobile number 0402 991 026.

## From the Regents Park Campus Counsellor: Br Tony

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### Teenagers and their Families

This course takes place at the library on the Regents Park Campus on Tuesdays March 13th, 20th and 27th from 7pm to 9pm. Parking in the school grounds – enter by Regents St.

If you have not handed in a reply slip notifying your attendance, please call the school office. We look forward to meeting you.

## PCYC Auburn Youth Program

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