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From The Principal



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

As the semester draws to a close I wish to thank all students and their parents most sincerely for your wonderful support of the College. Over the past six months we have made excellent progress and I hope that we will all return for Semester 2 with even more

energy and vitality.

Student Reports and Interviews

Over the past week I have had the wonderful opportunity to read and review the reports of students in Years 7 -10. I am pleased to report that in almost all cases, I was very pleased with the student's overall achievements. In particular, I took great pleasure in writing a short personal note to students who achieved wonderful academic success and to those who displayed a consistent application and effort. I remind Parents and Carers that the interview process is a three-way discussion and students come to the interview having reflected on their Semester 1 achievements with a parent. Interviews are only 5mins long so if you need a longer period of time, I ask that you contact the teacher and arrange a mutually acceptable time to meet.

Analysing your Semester 1 report:

Personal Profile

Your child's ability to be polite and committed to their studies and to have the ability to develop positive relationships is critical to what we are trying to achieve at Trinity Catholic College. In Marcellin's own words we are developing "Good Christians and good citizens". Students need to wear their uniform well and be well groomed. These characteristics are important life skills that will support your child as they leave our College and enter study or the workforce. The training commences now.

Attitudes to Learning

In order to develop into good learners, each student needs develop a positive attitude to some key characteristics, these include being:

- Hopeful
- Engaged
- Resourceful
- Disciplined in their learning

Grade Distribution

The third part of the report is your Child's A – E grade achievement. Teachers make professional judgements about your child's performance based on published assessment tasks, classwork and homework. They use what we call "course performance descriptors" to determine your child's achievement in the course. There is no pre-determined number of grades to be allocated, in fact it is possible for all students to achieve an A if all students performed to at an A level and demonstrate achievement at that performance level. Therefore, it is vitally important for all students to always do their best work. If your child has numerous D's & E's, it may simply reflect their level of achievement, as long as they have done their best this is perfectly acceptable. However, if your child has achieved D's & E's as a result of poor effort or attitude, I ask that you make an appointment with your child's Pastoral Care Coordinator early next term to explore a range of strategies to assist your child to learn.

School Attendance

School attendance and academic achievement are directly linked. Simply, students cannot learn and do well if they are not at school. In reading and reviewing reports over the past week, I observed the following:

Students who achieved A's were more likely to have only had a few days off, been at school on time and are more involved in school activities. Students who achieved D & E's were more likely to have had more days off and be late to school and engage in less school activities. Sometimes a D grade

represents a good achievement for a child, and for this they should be commended.

We have placed great importance on attendance this year and we have made great progress in this area; we expect Students to be at school each day unless they are sick, we ring home when students are not reported as being absent, and reward students who have perfect attendance (in Years 9 & 10) by taking them to Wet & Wild or a movie ticket at the end of the year.

I also remind parents that I will only approve limited leave to students in Years 7-10 and I will not approve leave for students in Years 11 & 12. I am committed to these strategies, as I know that these will have a very positive impact on your child and their academic achievements.

We ask for parents of students who have a high absenteeism and late record to contact your child's Pastoral Care Coordinator so that strategies can be put in place immediately so that your child's learning can be maximised. The sooner this starts the better the outcome. Over the past few years we have seen students not reach their true academic potential as they developed poor attendance habits in the junior years of schooling.



Victoria received this award for her work in the 2017 Western Sydney Salvation Army Launch. Victoria has found her work with charity organisations extremely rewarding and hopes to continue her involvement in the future. She also strongly recommends that Trinity Catholic College students consider volunteering for the 2018 Red Shield Appeal.

Trinity Catholic College at the Titration Competition

The NSW Schools Titration Competition is a quantitative analytical competition open to NSW students currently enrolled in Senior Chemistry studying towards the Higher School Certificate. The competition operates at a number of school and university venues throughout the State.

At this year's competition, Trinity Catholic College placed second on the day as a result of the fabulous trio, Julieanne Chen, Joanne Chen and Alicia Chau who managed to get a great score to put TCC in second place.

Congratulations to all the students and science staff involved in such incredible results!



Community Service Award

On Tuesday 13 June, Trinity Catholic College's Principal, Mr Daniel Delmage, proudly presented Victoria Myburgh with a Community Service Award for her work for the Red Shield Appeal.

Marcellin Champagnat Celebrations

As a way to celebrate the Feast Day of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, students from different year groups competed in a range of sports.

Spirits among students and staff were high as games of Football and Touch Football were played during the recess and lunch breaks.



From the Director of Studies

HSC Study Guide

The HSC 2017 Study Guide, produced by The Sydney Morning Herald and NESA, has been published.

It is full of practical information and advice for HSC students from NESA curriculum inspectors, experienced teachers and high achieving students. The digital edition, which contains lots of extra material and will remain available until after written exams, includes:

- 50 articles
- sample questions
- 100 HSC courses
- videos
- tips for written, oral and performance exams
- advice on submitted works
- smart study tips
- stress busting strategies
- advice for parents

- links to further information.

Access the website below

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/education/hsc-study-guide-2017>

Parent Teacher Interview Dates Reminder

Stage 4 - Wednesday June 28, 8:30 am to 8:00 pm

Stage 5 - Tuesday July 18, 8:30 am to 8:00 pm

Ski & Snowboard Alpine Education Program (Open to Years 7 -12)

The College will host its first Ski and Snowboard Alpine Education program in many years in August this year. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to learn how to ski and snowboard (No prior experience required) and/or improve their skiing and boarding ability. The program includes extensive professional Instruction from Thredbo Ski School. An information sheet was distributed to students via Sentral but can be also picked up at student reception at both campuses, or contact Mr Fox, Miss Duncan, Ms Klimko or Mr Delmage.



Biology Excursion

On Wednesday 7th July, Year 11 Biology and Senior Science students went on an excursion to the Long Reef rock platform at Collaroy Beach.

The excursion aimed to immerse Biology and Senior Science students into the more practical side of Science in order to understand the complexities of an aquatic ecosystem.

Despite the weather, the excursion was a great success with both the students and staff having a great time!



School Fees

Schools fees were issued in Week 2 of Term 2. If you have not already done so, can you please arrange payment this week. Like all businesses we need your fees to pay our suppliers and to provide your child with quality resources.

Should you be experiencing financial difficulties, please contact **Ms Magy Adam** (Finance Support Officer) and he will send you the necessary documentation that will need to be completed to assist you with a fee relief application. I also take this opportunity to remind parents that the payment of school fees should take priority over voluntary extra and co-curricular activities.

Parent Teacher and Student Meetings and our Academic Awards ceremony

Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8) - Wednesday June 28, 8:30 am to 8:00 pm

Next week, Year 7 and 8 receive their reports and will attend our Parent, Teacher and Student meetings. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to be affirmed for their academic achievements and effort and obtain specific feedback about how to move forward, to build on the positives and identify blockers that may be holding them back in achieving their learning goals. In preparing your child for the Parent, Teacher and Student meetings it is important for students to reflect on the semester's work prior to the meeting. In doing so, your child is more likely to identify their wonderful achievements but also name the areas for improvement. Parent teacher meetings today have shifted from being about the teacher reporting back, but more about the student reflecting on their areas of growth with guidance from teacher and parent.

Stage 5 (Year 9 and 10) Wednesday July 18, 8:30 am to 8:00 pm

Year 9 and 10 parent teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday July 18, 8:30 am to 8:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to be affirmed for their academic achievements and effort and obtain specific feedback about how to move forward, to build on the positives and identify blockers that may be holding them back in achieving their learning goals. In preparing your child for the parent teacher and student meetings it is important for students to reflect on the semester's work prior to the meeting. In doing so, your child is more likely to identify their wonderful achievements but also name the areas for improvement. Parent teacher meetings today have shifted from being about the teacher reporting back, but more about the student reflecting on their areas of growth with guidance from teacher and parent.

From the Sports Coordinator

Chess Competition

On Thursday 15 July, the Trinity Catholic College Chess team went to Marist College Eastwood to compete in the MCS Chess Competition.

The team played well and showed great sportsmanship, representing the College with great pride.



MCS and MCCS Grand Finals

Congratulations to the following teams for winning their semi finals and best of luck for their grand finals:

- Year 9 MCS Football Team
- Year 10 MCS Football Team
- Junior MCCS AFL Team
- Opens MCCS AFL Team



Preparation for the Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all the students involved in designing the first drafts of the House Crests.



Resources for Parents and Caregivers

Please see the below web link for a range of useful resources for parents.

<http://andrewfuller.com.au/free-resources/>

Winter Uniforms and Keeping Warm



As we head into winter and days get short and cold it is vitally important for all students to keep warm within the framework of our school uniform expectations:

Uniform policy Change:

Year 7 & 8: We have reviewed our uniform restrictions and feel that students in Years 7 & 8 **may use a college Blazer** (Optionally). If students cannot access a blazer, they need to ensure that they use multiple layers under their uniform, I have attached some suggestions:

Boys: Thermals, Tee Shirt under the school shirt, school scarf

Girls: Thermals, Tee Shirt under the school shirt, school scarf

Secondhand Uniform shop: The Uniform Exchange:

The First Two Items have been listed, the more items that are listed the better the choice and savings!!!

Buy: School Uniforms

School: Trinity Catholic College, Auburn, NSW

Item type: All Items

Search

Displaying 2 items

Details	Photo	Quality	Location	Price
Blazer/Jacket Trinity Catholic College Colour: Navy Blue Size: 18 Type: Cadet		Good	South Granville 2142	\$60.00
Jumper Trinity Catholic College Colour: Navy Blue Size: 16 Type: cadet		Good	South Granville 2142	\$30.00

August Census – Important Information

Privacy Statement Standard Collection Notice

From time to time, we are required to provide students details and background data provided through the school Enrolment form to government agencies. Parents/Caregivers are able to access the Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) Policy Standard Collection Notice on the SCS public website through this link.

Our fight against funding changes

Please find attached a link outlining the proposed changes to Catholic School Funding.

<https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au/gonski-2-0-funding-changes/>

Reminder: Term 3 commences on Monday July 17 at the usual time.

School Fee Update from the Sydney Catholic Schools Office

Please see the attached PDF for an Education Funding update from Dr Dan White, the Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools.

Schoolzine App Promotion & Access Information

Don't forget to download our **Schoolzine App**! It allows you to access our fortnightly newsletter through your smart phone.

