

# Catholic Regional College Sydenham

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**2015 College Theme**  
**'Light the World'**

## The Principal

Dear Parents,

### **CYBERBULLYING – IT'S A REAL PROBLEM EVERYWHERE!**

On the 1<sup>ST</sup> of July, 2015, the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner (The Office) was established by the Australian Government. Its purpose is to handle complaints about cyberbullying material targeted at Australian children.

The Office can investigate complaints about material considered likely to have a seriously threatening, intimidating, harassing or humiliating effect on a child. Where possible, the material should be reported to the social media service first, before it is complained about to the Office. To consider a complaint the Office will need evidence of the cyberbullying material.

Parents, along with schools and the government have a role in ensuring children are protected online. The Office will work with social media services, parents and schools to ensure serious cyberbullying material is removed.

What to do if your child is being cyberbullied

If your child is being cyberbullied advise them to:

- avoid retaliating or responding

- collect the evidence - keep mobile phone messages and print emails or social networking conversations
- block the bully and change their privacy settings report the abuse to the social media service

If your child continues to be cyberbullied and you believe it is having a seriously threatening, intimidating, harassing or humiliating effect, we encourage you to assist your child by making a complaint to the College, and if desired, on the [Commissioner's website](#).

How are complaints handled?

If the complaint is made directly to the College, our Director of Student Engagement will work with the relevant Cluster Leader to gather all information possible, discuss with parties what has eventuated and take appropriate actions. If the College cannot achieve a satisfactory outcome, they may in turn contact The Office for more direct support.

If the Office receives the complaint through their [online form](#) they may take one or more of the following actions:

- contact the social media platform or the alleged poster of the content to secure removal;

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Lord  
 We pray for our fellow students in the country of Timor Leste  
 Who, each day, in search of education  
 To take them out of their situation of poverty,  
 Walk to School.  
 May we, by taking time to walk with them  
 On the path to education  
 Gain an insight into the reality of their world  
 And so similarly value the great gift of education  
 That leads to Wisdom and Freedom.  
 Amen

**IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES**  
**Wednesday 26 August**  
 Yr 12 2016 Final Enrolment Interviews  
**Thursday 27 August**  
 SACCSS Soccer Grand Final  
**Friday 28 August**  
 Cert III in Music Excursion  
**Monday 31 August**  
 VCAL PDS Project  
**Thursday 3 September**  
 PST Interviews - Interim reports  
 4.00pm-8.30pm  
**Friday 4 September**  
 PST Interviews - Interim Reports  
 8.30am - 12.00pm

# The Principal

- refer the incident to the school for resolution;
- refer the matter to the police if it warrants attention from a law enforcement agency

In most cases, the Office anticipates working with social media services to take down material without the need to contact schools. However the Office recognises that since schools have long been the first point of contact for cyberbullying complaints, a complaint may best be resolved by the Office working with schools directly.

More information on the [role of the Office](#), how to [deal with cyberbullying](#) and how to [lodge a complaint](#) is available on the website.

The [Kids Helpline](#) provides a private and confidential, telephone and online counselling service for young people. Encourage your child to speak to them if they are in need of counselling support. The Kids Helpline also manages [Parentline](#), a confidential telephone counselling service providing counselling and support for parents and care-givers.

If you believe your child is in **immediate danger**, call 000.

## NEW COLLEGE SECURITY PROTOCOLS

The College has a Duty of Care to ensure the safety of all students and staff on site during the hours we operate. Given the site also includes Emmaus Primary School, we must take into consideration the safety of primary school aged students as well. The College has reviewed all security and safety arrangements including access and egress from the College site. The review highlighted the need to improve the security of the site for all. While there has not been a specific serious incident to date, there have been a series of confrontations by persons wishing to walk through our property during the day as a short cut to Watergardens Train Station or Shopping Centre. Some of these individuals have acted in a threatening or menacing manner requiring the College to report incidents to Police. There have also been incidents of cars coming on site that had no reason to be in the carpark or to access the property. Once again the College reported all incidents to Police.

The subsequent review of the security of the property has resulted in a joint Primary School – Parish – College upgrade to the fence line and gates. This will change the access that families have to the site and will require all families to understand the procedures to access the College.

1. All gates are now automatically controlled by the College – opening and closing;
2. All gates and the entire property will now be monitored by security cameras;
3. Gates will no longer be open during the day, access to the College will require person(s) to call reception to have the gate opened remotely by

- reception;
4. Car park gates will no longer be open before and after school hours for drop off and pick up as the mix of cars and pedestrians on site has been deemed dangerous;
5. Pedestrian gates will be open at the start of the day and the end of the day for student access to the site;
6. Students arriving late or outside of the times where gates are open will need to report to the main pedestrian gate at the front of the College on Sydenham Road, this will be the only pedestrian access opened during the day. If locked then students will need to call reception;
7. The TTC car park will be able to be accessed for customers to attend the Bakery etc outside of peak pick up and drop off times;
8. The pedestrian gate on Pecks road will only be open until 9am and then again from 3.15pm – 4pm

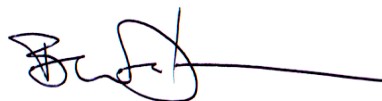
Families who have an appointment at the College should enter via the Sydenham Road main access gate. Families will need to call reception upon arrival or use the intercom located at the gate. The Office reception will be monitoring the front gate via a monitor located in main reception and will grant access to those needing to access the site when the gates are not open.

This may cause some inconvenience to families, however, we know that you will understand given that we are putting these measures in place to ensure the property continues to be a safe and secure location where learning can prosper.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely

**Brendan Watson**



**Principal - OAM**

# The Deputy Principal - Students

## RECOGNISING STUDENTS

Each fortnight in the College Newsletter, we recognise the achievements of many of our 'quiet achievers', those students who should be singled out for the wonderful work they are doing. This fortnight we recognise, celebrate and congratulate the following students:

### Bradman Cluster



**Janrhio Octura**

Janrhio is a quiet and hardworking student who has made a strong start at the College. Janrhio is a quiet achiever who has dedicated himself to his studies this year. He has led by example, participating in Cluster sport, conquering his fears on Retreat and being willing to share his experiences with others. Janrhio is also always willing to encourage and recognise others for the work they do around the College. Janrhio has a love of drawing and music that he shows off in Home Group often. Thank you and congratulations Jan and keep up the great work.

### Chang Cluster



**Patrick Grech**

Patrick Grech of Chang 6 is the Chang student of the fortnight. Throughout the duration of this year he has always been a willing participant when help is required. His quiet and thoughtful nature makes him an approachable member of the Cluster. In his role as Technology Learning Area Captain he has been of great assistance to the incoming Year 10 students from all campuses, guiding them through tours of his learning area and helping them to better understand their subject options for next year. Both the Chang Cluster and the Technology learning area will be well organised next year thanks to his contributions. Great work Patrick.

### Truganini Cluster



**Nelson Quintas**

The Truganini Cluster would like to recognise Nelson Quintas as our student of the fortnight. Nelson's willingness to contribute to a team has been displayed through his cooperative efforts in the "Domestic Blitz" initiative and his consistent hard work in the Bakery. He effectively mentors fellow bakery students and will often give up his recess and lunchtimes to help out in the Bakery. Nelson, we commend you on the high quality and efforts you display with your work and wish you all the best on your future endeavours.

### Winton Cluster



**Nathan Campbell**

The Winton Cluster would this week like to recognise Nathan Campbell. For many years, Nathan has been establishing himself as a confident and well rounded soccer player and is currently playing for the Springhills Under 18's side. The team have had success this year and are currently sitting in third place as they approach the end of the season. In 2015 whilst playing at centre mid field, Nathan has scored six goals and has been credited with 15 assists. On top of his sporting commitments, Nathan is currently achieving great results in academic areas, achieving consistently high grades across all subject areas. Congratulations Nathan and keep up your great work.

### MacKillop Cluster



**Mariah Cotter**

The Mackillop Cluster would like to commend Mariah Cotter from Mackillop 5 for her highly valued input into the school and wider community. Mariah has shown great tenacity in her approach to her studies and has worked consistently and diligently, maintaining excellent grades. However, Mariah is not only a strong academic student but also a positive and proactive member of the school community. She is always willing and engaged during Home Group and in all her subject areas. She worked hard during the Twilight Evening supporting her department and encouraging the prospective Year 10's to share CRC Sydenham's love of learning. Mariah is also a valued member of the wider community, participating in local events, including recently competing in a Maltese cooking competition! Well Done

### Dunlop Cluster



**Daniel Milligan**

It with great pleasure that we award the Dunlop student of the fortnight award to Daniel Milligan of Dunlop 6. Daniel is a committed and diligent student academically and is to be congratulated on his hard work. We are thrilled to recognise that his consistent approach and attitude towards his studies resulted in him receiving the English Language Academic Achievement award for Unit . In addition to this, and more importantly, we would like to recognise and thank Daniel for his compassion and thoughtfulness towards his peers. Daniel is such an important part of our Cluster and he always looks out for others, offering kindness and dependable support in times of need. His involvement in D6 is valued very highly and as graduation quickly approaches, we reflect on his time with us and wish him every success for the future.

### Reports and Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

Parent-Teacher-Student interviews will be conducted from 2.00pm to 8.30pm on Thursday September 3. Parents can view semester 2 interim reports and book interviews using the Parent Access Module which can be accessed via a link on the College website. A letter will be sent to all parent/guardians on Wednesday August 12 which will outline all of the necessary information for you to access this system. Electronic versions of student reports will be available online from Friday August 28. Reports will not be posted to parents and a hard copy of this report will not be issued. Parents can also book an interview with the relevant Cluster Coordinator for their son/daughter.

Students should also attend these interviews with parents as the interviews will focus on the study habits and future learning goals of the students and, as such, they must contribute to discussions for them to be effective.

It is recommended that students whose parents require an interpreter for these interviews contact Janet Doolan in Student Services and express their needs and the relevant times.

### Pathway Planning

In addition to the current academic demands of each student's program we are currently asking them to give strong consideration to their intended program in 2016. Year 11 students are required to submit 2016 courses online via a link shown on their on their Web Preferences receipt by Monday August 24. Year 12 students are currently working through a process of pathway planning during their pastoral periods. This process involves investigation of tertiary programs and the whole range of pathway options available. We encourage parents to discuss this topic with their sons/daughters and to assist them in embracing a wide network of support in this very important process.

Jeff Mulcahy



Deputy Principal - Learning and Teaching

### Yr 12 Course Selection 2015 – Wednesday August 26

Over the next few weeks current Year 11 students will be considering their course selection for Year 12, 2016. This involves investigating how current study plans connect to a student's future pathways. The selection of Year 12 subjects is an important decision and requires an understanding of the pathways available. Students need to be clear about their future pathways and current level of achievement and select subjects accordingly. It is also important to note that student achievement in Year 11 will be taken into consideration during the course selection process.

There are a number of students who have received two or more N results in semester 1. The school's promotion policy states that students must achieve a Satisfactory result in at least 75% of the units undertaken in a calendar year. For a Year 11 VCE student this typically means that no more than three N's can be awarded before promotion to Year 12 is placed in jeopardy.

Students will be submitting subject choices online via Web preferences between Friday August 7 and Friday August 21. Students will then be required to attend a course selection interview on Wednesday August 26 with senior staff member at the College.

We encourage you to attend this course selection day with your son/daughter in order to be part of the decision making process for their 2015 course selection.

Parents and students will be allocated a time to attend a subject counseling session between 9:00am and 6:00pm on this day.

Information regarding this day will be sent out early August.

The College looks forward to meeting with you and **your** son/daughter to finalise enrolment for 2016.

Jamie Mason

Director of Learning



application (category 1) and add their name to the list outside the careers office in order to qualify for school recommendation. Students could gain entry to Victoria University courses with an ATAR of 50:00.

\*conditions apply

Australian Catholic University & La Trobe University offer Catholic Regional College Sydenham students bonus points as part of the Priority Access Program. This could award students bonuses of between 5 and 15 points added to their aggregate score.

\*see Josie or Marj for further information.

## VTAC APPLICATION PROCESS- YEAR 12

**VTAC – Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre:**  
[www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

The Year 12 VTAC application process is now underway. Registrations for VTAC opened 9am Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August and timely applications close on the 30<sup>th</sup> September. Students will be required to pay a \$29 processing fee. By now all Students have received a copy of the 2016 VTAC guide as well as “ABC OF APPLYING”, which outlines the entire application process. Year 12 students attended an assembly to explain this process on Wednesday morning. Applications are now also open for scholarships and SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme). There are many resources available to assist students with this application process, all of which can be obtained from Student Services.

### **VTAC Alternative Entry Programs:**

#### **RMIT SNAP Program:**

<http://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/applying-to-rmit/local-student-applications/equity-access-schemes/types-of-equity-access/schools-network-access-program-snap-applicants/schools-network-access-program-snap-schools/>

Students wishing to apply for a place at RMIT University are encouraged to put in a SNAP application. This 2 step process requires students to put in a SEAS application (category 1) and add their name to the list outside the careers office in order to qualify for school recommendation. Students could be eligible to gain access to RMIT courses with a heavily reduced ATAR.

\*conditions apply

#### **Victoria University PPP Program:**

<http://www.vu.edu.au/study-with-us/your-study-options/vce-high-school-students/portfolio-partnership-program>

Students wishing to apply for a course at Victoria University are encouraged to put in a PPP application. This 2 step process requires students to put in a SEAS

#### **Monash Guarantee Program:**

<http://www.study.monash/how-to-apply/special-admissions/the-monash-guarantee>

The Monash Guarantee recognises your potential to succeed at university is about more than just your ATAR. It ensures fair entry for students to Monash. You could be eligible for a guaranteed place at Monash – even if your achieved ATAR is below the clearly-in rank.

**A list of all guarantee courses can be found on the following link:**

[http://www.study.monash/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/199951/Monash-Guarantee-2016.pdf#page=4](http://www.study.monash/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/199951/Monash-Guarantee-2016.pdf#page=4)

#### **Access Melbourne Program:**

<http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/admissions/access-melbourne-and-equity-programs/access-melbourne>

High school can be a challenge at the best of times. If your circumstances have prevented you from achieving your best, Access Melbourne can help.

Applications open 3 August at 9.00 am and close 6 October at 5.00 pm.

**The University guarantees admission to eligible applicants in these Access Melbourne categories:**

Disadvantaged financial background  
Applicants from rural or isolated areas

You need to meet prerequisites and achieve the following ATARs:

- **78.00:** Environments, Science
- **80.00:** Arts
- **88.00:** Commerce
- **95.00:** Biomedicine

\*some conditions apply.

### ACU – Early Achievers Program:

<http://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/alternative-entry/early-entry>



ACU recognises that are some students are not defined by their academic results and takes into consideration the students contribution to their local community. Successful applicants will receive an offer well ahead of usual tertiary admission announcements. Applications open Monday 10 August and close Monday 19 October.

### La Trobe – ASPIRE Program:

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire>



The Aspire program is an exciting initiative open to domestic year 12 school leavers, who volunteer in their community. When students apply through the Aspire program, La Trobe University will consider their volunteering and community engagement experience. This, along with the school's recommendation, will form the basis of assessment.

If successful, students will receive an offer from La Trobe in September before ATARs are released, securing them a place to study before they complete their exams.

Offers are conditional on you meeting the minimum ATAR and standard prerequisites for your chosen course. Applications opened on 1 June and close on 31 August.

*All Year 12 students are encourage to make an appointment with a member of our careers team if they would like some help with their applications.*

Josie Albano [albj@crtsydenham.net](mailto:albj@crtsydenham.net)

Marj Peel [peem@crtsydenham.net](mailto:peem@crtsydenham.net)



### VICTORIA UNIVERSITY



Explore Victoria University. Victoria University will hold it's OPEN DAY on Sunday August 23 from 10:00am till 3:00 pm. Students who are unable to visit this event will also have another opportunity to explore Victoria University courses during the month of September. The university will be holding the following information sessions between 6:30 and 8:00 pm. If you would like to attend these events you must register @: [vu.edu.au/explore-vu](http://vu.edu.au/explore-vu)

#### Health & Biomedicine

Thursday 3 September @ St Albans Campus

#### Law & Justice

Tuesday 8 September @City Queen Campus

#### Education

Thursday 10 September @ Footscray Park Campus

#### Sport & Exercise

Tuesday 15 September @ Footscray Park Campus

#### Arts

Thursday 17 September @ Footscray Park Campus

#### Business

Tuesday 22 September @City Flinders Campus

#### Engineering & Science

Thursday 24 September @ Footscray Park Campus

If you would like to attend these events you must register: [vu.edu.au/explore-vu](http://vu.edu.au/explore-vu). Further information is available from the Careers Room.

## Student/Family Information Changes

To ensure that families are kept up to date on all College matters we ask that if your family details have changed, please collect a form from the front office or alternatively you can email [data@crtsydenham.net](mailto:data@crtsydenham.net).

## Year 12 2016 RE-ENROLMENT

All families of current Year 11 students have had their Year 12 2016 re-enrolment forms posted out in the mail. Could these forms and the required deposit please be handed back into the front office immediately.

## LOST PROPERTY

Any student that has lost any items of clothing or personal belongings could you please come to the front office and check that it has been handed in.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Hours of operation at the College.

**MONDAY:** 2.30 - 4.30pm

**THURSDAY:** 8.00am - 10.00am

**SATURDAY:** 9.00am - 12.00pm

The uniform shop is located in the portable behind the basketball courts.

## PAM LOGIN

All parents should have received their letter with their PAM login details. PAM is your information hub for your student. If you require assistance with your login please email [pamsupport@crtsydenham.net](mailto:pamsupport@crtsydenham.net)

## FEES

The fee structure for 2015 will be:

### Year 11/12 (over 2 years)

\$8,380.00

### Year 12

\$4,170.00

Several subject areas which have high running costs also have compulsory charges – these subjects include Art, Drama, Geography, Foods, Wood, Studio Arts and parents should have already paid these levies.

We have EFTPOS available for school fee payments. Feel free to phone and make a payment on your fees.

We have a set and forget policy where families can commit to a payment plan to suit their requirements via direct debit or credit. We encourage all families to adopt this new policy.

The College fee statements have been posted out to families

## FATHER'S DAY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

ST BERNARD'S CHURCH

Saturday, 5 September 2015

(eve of Father's Day)



Guest Speaker : Roshnee Sadhai  
"Fleeing from Apartheid" will be  
the title of Roshnee's talk.  
She will be assisted by her son :  
Dr Ravin Sadhai

**MASS will be celebrated at 7:30am  
followed by a cooked breakfast  
@ 8am in the Parish Centre  
Cost \$8 pp (payable on day).**

This function is open to males and females  
15 years and over

For catering purposes: rsvp 28 August

E: [bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au](mailto:bacchusmarsh@cam.org.au)

T: Parish Office 5367 2069

F: 5367 4863

## From the Music Faculty

Certificate III in Music student Stephanie Lacerna, Teresa Pashos and Tahlia Trajkovski were joined by Marvin Padillo (guitar) and Declan Kelly (audio technician) to put on a fantastic event up in Quatrefoils Restaurant on Thursday August 13. As part of their final performance assessment and exam preparation, the girls each performed a program of songs suited to the restaurant as teachers, students, friends, family and the public wined and dined. Featuring songs by artists including Coldplay, Jessie J, Ellie Goulding, Ella Henderson and Hosier the girls put their own spin on some of the favourites from the radio today. The professionalism and quality of the performers was widely commended, with many commenting that this night has been the best to date. Congratulations girls!

The Performing Arts department would like to thank Nick Weiler, Daniella Weiler and the students in Quatrefoils for their continued support this year.



### Upcoming Events

**Group Performance Showcase – The Crate Theatre - Thursday August 29**

**Dance Showcase Evening – The Crate Theatre - Thursday September 10**

**Year 11 Showcase Evening - The Crate Theatre - Wednesday September 17**

Catholic Regional College Sydenham  
presents

# Dance Showcase Night

Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

**THE CRATE THEATRE**  
Catholic Regional College Sydenham

**Featuring the VET Dancers**  
Plus musical entertainment from Year 2 music students

Catholic Regional College Sydenham  
presents

# YEAR 11 SHOWCASE

**Wednesday September 16 @ 6pm**

**THE CRATE THEATRE**  
Catholic Regional College Sydenham

**Featuring the Year 11  
VET Music Class**

\$5 entry. Tickets from Performing Arts or at the door.  
All proceeds to charity.



# FIRST TIME LODGING YOUR TAX RETURN?

The easiest and fastest way to lodge your return is online.

## Follow these simple steps

# 1

Make sure you have your tax file number (TFN) handy and one of the following documents:

Your birth certificate, passport or citizenship certificate.



## Create a myGov account

(See [my.gov.au](http://my.gov.au) for more info)



# 2

# 3

Call the ATO on 13 28 61 and press 5 at the prompt to get your unique linking code to verify your account.



In myGov, go to the Services page and link to the ATO.

Select 'I have a linking code' and enter your linking code when prompted.

SERVICES

# 4

From 1 July, lodge your tax return online.

(See [ato.gov.au/lodgeonline](http://ato.gov.au/lodgeonline))



# 5

## When are tax returns due?

You have from  
1 July to 31 October  
to lodge.

Keep track of your tax and super by  
downloading the free ATO App

Download on the  
App Store

Get it on  
Google play

Download from  
Windows Phone Store



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Australian Taxation Office

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## A Step by Step Guide to Preparing for the Exams

**Dates:** 10am – 2pm, Sunday 23 August or Saturday 29 August or Saturday 5 September 2015

**Venue:** The University of Melbourne (Parkville)

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- Preparing comprehensive examination notes in the fastest possible time.
- The most effective (and time-saving) learning techniques.
- Maximising cognitive (brain) function.
- Valuable strategies designed to enhance concentration and memory.
- Developing strong problem-solving skills and examination techniques.
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**Cost:** Valued at over \$200, this program is **FREE OF CHARGE\***.

\*Students are, however, required to make a minimum \$10 donation to The Fred Hollows Foundation on the day.

 The Fred Hollows Foundation

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# FORMAL

YEAR 12



CELEBRATING THE GRADUATION OF CLASS OF 2015

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE

SYDENHAM

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

6:30PM - 12:00AM

MOONEE VALLEY RACECOURSE

GATE 1 MCPHERSON ST,

MOONEE PONDS VIC 3039

RSVP BY  
SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

\$80

