



# Update

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We walk with Jesus

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## From the Principal

### Important Dates

#### TERM 1, 2017

##### April

6th Yr 12 Exams end

7th **End of Term 1**

14th Good Friday

#### TERM 2, 2017

##### April

24th Staff Development Day  
Pupil Free Day

25th ANZAC Day

26th **Students return**

ANZAC Day Ceremony

##### May

2nd PDSSSC Cross Country

5th Foundation Day Mass

9-11th NAPLAN Yrs 7 & 9

24th Yr 11 & 12 Parent/  
Teacher Interviews

29th Yr 12 Retreat

31st Parent Forum

##### June

7th Yrs 8 & 10 Subject Market

9th Winter Sleep Out

12th Queens Birthday

14th Athletics Carnival

19th Photo Day

27th Yrs 11 & 12 Vaccinations

30th Term 2 Ends

### *"Everything's Connected"*



We continue to keep Year 12 in our thoughts and prayers as they enter the second week of their half yearly exams, they have been applying themselves with great diligence and will no doubt reap the rewards.

The College has been advised by Superintendent Cameron Edgar of the NSW Ambulance Rescue Helicopter Service that there has been and will continue to be through to mid-May, training of NSW Helicopter Emergency Services personnel to the east of Emmaus Catholic College and Catholic Health Care Village on a regular basis (day and night). To that end please be aware that helicopter traffic heard and seen above the school is **NOT** due to any critical incident or event, unless families are informed otherwise by the College.

With Easter upon us I am reminded of the words of Pope Francis on Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016, when he stood before pilgrims gathered at St. Peter's Square for the traditional mass. He reminded the world that Easter is a time to recall "the risen Christ," and serves as a message for all humanity not to ignore the plight of so many who are suffering including migrants and refugees who are "fleeing from war, hunger, poverty and social injustice. He asked us to focus on those who need hope and who struggle with faith. His Holiness directed them to Christ's words: "See, I am making all things new... To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life (Revelation 21:5-6)."

The Pontiff concluded with his hopes that Jesus' message can comfort those who need it and would give the hopeless the strength to reconcile with God and "all our brothers and sisters." "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever" (Ps 135:1). He concluded by saying, "dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter! Jesus Christ, the incarnation of God's mercy, out of love for us, died on the cross, and out of love He rose again from the dead. That is why we proclaim today: Jesus is Lord!"

His resurrection fulfills the prophecy of the Psalm: God's mercy endures forever; it never dies. We can trust him completely, and we thank him because for our sake he descended into the depths of the abyss.

## College Leadership Teams

### Executive

**Principal** Mr Nastasi

**Principal's Personal Assistant**

Mrs Schembri

**Assistant Principal** Ms Bowd

**Director of Learning & Mission**

Mrs Mowbray

**Director of Learning & Curriculum**

Mr Conway

**Director of Learning & Wellbeing**

Mr Roberts

**Director of Learning & Innovation**

Ms Dalli

**Business Manager** Mr Moran

### Leaders of Wellbeing

**Year 7** Ms Gaudiosi

**Year 8** Mr Levy

**Year 9** Mr Murphy

**Year 10** Mrs Luke

**Year 11** Mr O'Connor

**Year 12** Mr Ashdown

### Leaders of Learning

**REC** Mrs Mowbray

**Diverse Learning** Mrs Tosh

**English** Ms Schinella

**Mathematics** Mrs Allen

**PDHPE** Mr Brunt

**HSIE** Mrs Else

**TAS** Mr Bauer

**Creative Arts** Mrs Harris

**Science** Ms Dodds

**Leader of Sport** Ms Hely

**Language** Mr Jung

**Library** Mrs Ellery

**VET Co-ordinator** Mrs Pereira

**Careers Advisor** Mrs Scarfone

**College Counsellor** Ms Comito

On behalf of the entire community at Emmaus Catholic College, I wish all families a happy and peaceful Easter and trust that we all have time to share and reflect on God's love together.



Finally, a reminder that **all students return on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April for the start of Term 2** as Monday 24<sup>th</sup> is a Pupil Free/Staff Development Day and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> is Anzac Day. Students are to return in either full winter uniform or summer uniform NOT a combination of winter/summer uniforms. ALL students are expected to be in full winter uniform by the start of Week 3, Term 2.

*"May God bless and protect you and make you the instrument of his glory".*  
Catherine McAuley



**Robert Nastasi, Principal**  
**Bed, Med-Curriculum, MA Theolst**

Enjoy a video tour of the College by clicking on the link  
<https://youtu.be/LU5tBVxLHBM>

## 2018 Enrolments

Enrolment applications for Year 7, 2018 has been extended, please lodge your applications at the College office.

Applications can be collected from the College office or downloaded from the Emmaus Web page [emmauskempscreek.catholic.edu.au](http://emmauskempscreek.catholic.edu.au)

For further details, please contact Mrs Biermann or Mrs Korb at the College on 9670 4588.

## Assistant Principal

### 2017 Term Dates

Term 1: Jan 30th - Apr 7th  
Term 2: Apr 24th - June 30th  
Term 3: July 17th - Sept 22nd  
Term 4: Oct 9th - Dec 14th

### Uniform Shop

Trading Hours are 8am–2pm  
Monday and Thursday

**Blazers have now arrived  
and are available  
for collection.**

### Our Parishes

#### *Holy Spirit*

Todd Row, St Clair  
Ph: 9670 8222

#### *Our Lady of the Rosary*

Saddington Street, St Marys  
Ph: 9623 1962

### Our K-6 Schools

#### *Trinity Primary*

61-83 Bakers Lane,  
Kemps Creek. Ph: 9834 3212

#### *Holy Spirit Primary*

7-17 Todd Row, St Clair  
Ph: 9670 5379

#### *Our Lady of the Rosary*

Yr K-6 Saddington St, St Marys  
Ph: 9623 2500

At ECC we have a focus on '*Respect for Self, Others and the Community*'. A simple way of looking at respect is that we treat others the way we would like to be treated. Parents and Guardians, I would ask that you reinforce the values that we are trying to promote at the College in your discussions at home. This could include ensuring the school uniform is worn correctly, to reminding your son or daughter about the importance of interacting respectfully with their teachers and peers. **One particular area of focus at present is respectful behaviour on the buses.** Our reputation in the community is very important to us and behaving well on public transport is an expectation. Please see below an extract from our Bus Policy for 2017:

#### *Emmaus Catholic College – Code of Behaviour (Bus travel)*

##### *Students will:*

- Behave safely at all times.
- Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers.
- Respect bus property by not marking or damaging any part of the bus.
- Follow all instructions about safety on the bus.
- Show their Opal Card to the driver on boarding and when requested.

##### *Students will not:*

- Distract the driver except in an emergency.
- Smoke, eat or drink on the bus.
- Allow any part of their body to protrude from the bus.
- Fight, spit, use offensive language or place their feet on the seats. No speakers are to be used on the bus at any time.
- Throw any article inside, or out of, the bus.
- Alter, deface, misuse or fraudulently obtain an Opal Card.
- Give, lend or transfer their Opal Card to another person.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a safe and Holy Easter. We look forward to seeing all our students back to school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

### The Emmaus Graduate



*Ms Bowd, Assistant Principal*





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**AWESOMENESS**  
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# Palm Sunday

STREET PROCESSION,  
WYD MASS AND EVENT  
WITH BISHOP VINCENT

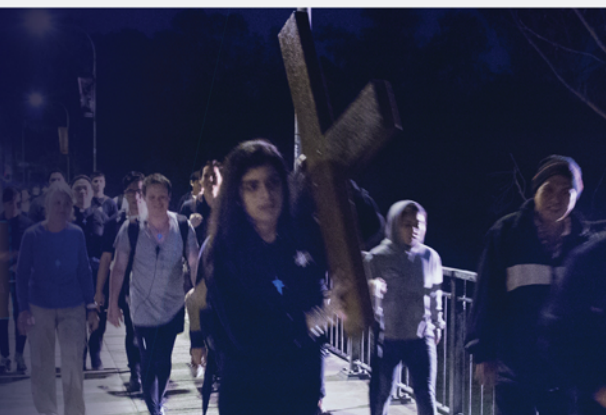
Sunday 9 April | 5:15pm | Parramatta Town Hall



# Good Friday Night Walk

**FRIDAY 14 APRIL**

STARTS 10PM – ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH BLACKTOWN  
CONCLUDES 7AM – ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA



**SATURDAY 13 MAY | 7PM – 10PM**  
**ROOTY HILL RSL | WARATAH ROOM**



## Sport

Wow, hasn't Term 1 been frantic for Sport!

This is set to continue next Term as our College Athletics Carnival takes place. With such a close result from the College Swimming Carnival, the excitement is building!

Due to the rain, the staff vs student Soccer Harmony Day match was postponed until next Term. This also gives Year 12 extra time to train as they prepare to be defeated!

The PDSSSC Cross Country will be held on Tuesday, Week 2 of Term 2. Good luck to those students who have qualified, as you compete against many talented runners in our Diocese!

To correct an error that appeared in our previous newsletter, congratulations to Teona Fava, who broke the College record at our Swimming Carnival for the 15 Years girls 50m Breaststroke.

Sport selections for Term 2 have now taken place and all students have been allocated a Sport for Term 2. Representative sports for Season 2 include Junior and Intermediate Boys Rugby League, Junior and Intermediate Boys and Girls Soccer and Junior and Intermediate Girls Netball. Trials for these teams will take place in Week 1 on Thursday during Sport time. Students who are successful in making these teams will have the opportunity to participate in trial games against Xavier and McCarthy. Unfortunately, due to the significant amount of rain in the last few weeks, Season 1 Representative Sport was short lived with most rounds washed out.

Congratulations to both the Junior and Intermediate Boys Basketball teams coached by Mr Pincevic and Mr Levy respectively, who are participating in the play-offs in Week 10 of this Term.

In addition, congratulations to Ryan Thomson in Year 11, who came 3rd in the Under 18s 5km Race Walk at the Australian Junior Athletics Championships recently. Vasilii Kastoumis of Year 7 also recently returned home from a trip to Spain where he competed in Soccer.

A reminder that students are able to register for trials and selections in various sports for both Parramatta Diocesan and NSW Representative teams. More information about this can be found at <http://www.secondarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/>

If your son/daughter is representing the State or Country in their nominated Sport outside of the College please be sure to let me know.

*Ms Hely, Head of Sport*

## From the Science Lab

Another busy time for our budding young scientists!

Now that Year 7 know all about the high school science laboratory and the different skills surrounding it, students have begun learning all about classification and the science of taxonomy. Our juniors have been practising the skills of reading, understanding and creating dichotomous keys to classify and gain a better understand of the world around us.

Year 8 have learned all about our main body systems, how they work and why they do what they do, as well as some organ dissections! Now they have gone onto honing in on the science skills needed to help them explore our upcoming Energy topic to hopefully create some interesting, fun-filled projects next term.

As for Year 9, students have been investigating our Electrical Energy topic, creating, drawing and understanding electrical circuits. Students have experimented with different combinations of circuit components to grasp the scientific understanding behind electricity.

With Term 1 wrapping up, Year 10 have completed their chemistry units after investigating various combinations of substances and observing their reactions, while putting into practice our important science safety skills. How do we solve real-life, everyday dilemmas using chemistry? Give our students a rusting problem and they are sure to solve it!

We can't wait to see what our future scientists have to offer next term!

*Mr Halpin, Science Department*

# EMMAUS CATHOLIC COLLEGE HAVE JOINED THE MOVEMENT – HAVE YOU?

The Australian Red Cross Blood Service is uniting  
with organisations like ours to form a powerful movement.  
Together, we can reach 25% of Australia's blood donations.



Join **Emmaus Catholic College** between June and August and help save lives this year through blood donation!

**You may be eligible to donate if:**

- Aged 16 and over
- Weigh over 50kg
- Feeling Fit and Healthy

**You may be temporarily unavailable if:**

- Have recently travelled overseas
- Have a cold or feeling unwell

1 in 3 people will need blood in their lifetime, yet only 1 in 30 donate blood. It only takes 1 hour of your time and you are helping save up to 3 lives!

Please contact **Mrs Hollero** for more information or to register your interest to donate blood between June and August 2017.

**Call 13 14 95 or visit**  
**[donateblood.com.au/red25](http://donateblood.com.au/red25)**

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# Creative and Performing Arts

## Reflection Term 1

At the beginning of this year we celebrated the outstanding results of our Stage 6 Visual Arts and Music students in 2016. When past students are asked what they miss the most about school, often their responses include participating in extra-curricular activities and opportunities that are more difficult to obtain post school. When we speak to past students who studied CAPA subjects, it is evident that their learning in these subjects paved pathways and provided confidence for them in the approach of their tertiary studies.

Reflecting upon this busy first Term, our Emmaus students all dived into their learning for an exciting 2017. Teachers in the CAPA faculty challenged our students to participate in various CAPA initiatives and engage in all aspects of learning at school. Our students not only took up this challenge but also demonstrated excellence in the field of Creative and Performing Arts in and out of the classroom at Emmaus Catholic College.

This year we have the highest number of students taking part in instrumental and voice lessons in Emmaus history. Thank you to our parents and guardians for supporting this. It is fabulous to see our elective students take on what they have learnt in these extra lessons and apply this to their learning in class. Furthermore, a number of Year 7 and 8 students are also taking part in these lessons and we look forward to having them in future elective classes.

Our students also demonstrated their enthusiasm for performance outside of the classroom. Thank you to students who challenged themselves by performing at assembly, mass and liturgical celebrations and also during our annual Open Evening. It is incredible the number of students who often volunteer to participate in these events. It is not easy to perform in front of an audience, however our talented students have sparkled in the spotlight every time.

In addition to the above, our students were also given opportunities outside of the classroom by engaging in incursions and excursions. Year 10 and Year 12 Visual Arts students recently participated in a Mediums Workshop incursion and were able to apply hands on experience with various art materials brought in by an S&S consultant. Students eagerly documented and reflected on various artmaking activities in their VAPD as part of their practical work in class. Year 12 Music and Visual Arts students travelled outside of the classroom to see ENCORE and ARTEXPRESS, both events showcasing outstanding students from the previous year's HSC examinations. Our students came back to our classrooms buzzing with energy, eager to apply what they have learnt towards their own work.

Next term we will experience the first Emmaus Secondary Choir participate in CAPTIVATE Showcase as part of the CAPTIVATE Combined Secondary Choir. On the Visual Arts front, students are busily working on artworks during CAPA sport to create entries for Operation Art – a competition we have entered annually for the past four years.

Students are actively engaged in their learning in their classrooms and many of them are facing their first assessment tasks for the year. It is incredible to see the positive energy that is in and surrounding our classrooms. I have included with this article some photographs of the Year 11 Visual Arts class working on their first artmaking task for their Preliminary studies. I look forward to seeing the final product of their Collection of Works that they are creating based on a chosen object. This task has tested their patience and skills in different media as they navigate various artmaking mediums available to them.

As we come to the end of the Term there's no slowing down for our CAPA students. We look forward to seeing them back in our classrooms in Term 2 to continue our busy and creative year.



**CAPTIVATE** - CAPTIVATE offer many after school ensembles that are open to CEDP students at no charge and may be joined at any time of the year. Ensembles run year round during term time. If you are interested in joining an after school ensemble, please go to the CAPTIVATE website: <http://www.captivate.catholic.edu.au/> to register. In addition to ensembles previously advertised in the newsletter, there are also a number of other ensembles that students may also wish to take part in. These after school ensembles include:

**Music - String Orchestra** - This orchestra is open to students in Year 7 who are currently learning a string instrument. Students need to have access to an instrument that they can bring to rehearsal and ideally, take home to practice. The ability to read a simple line of music and play at least five notes is required. Rehearsals take place fortnightly and students can attend the following locations:

Tuesdays during even weeks at St Mary's MacKillop Primary, Penrith South from 3:30 – 5:00pm or  
Wednesdays during even weeks at St Andrew's Primary, Marayong from 3:30 – 5:00pm.

**Band/Orchestra** - This ensemble is open to students in Years 7 – 12 who have at least 1 – 2 years of experience playing a string, woodwind, brass or percussion instrument. Students need to be able to read a simple line of music and have access to an instrument that they can bring to rehearsal and ideally, take home to practice. Rehearsals take place fortnightly and students can attend the following locations:

Tuesdays during odd weeks at St Columba's College, Springwood from 3:30 – 5:00pm, Wednesdays during odd weeks at Delaney College, Granville from 3:30 – 5pm or Thursdays during odd weeks at Nagle College, Blacktown from 3:30 – 5:00pm

Interested students can find out more on the CAPTIVATE website or see Mrs Harris and Mr Connolly for more information.

**Mrs Claudia Harris –  
Leader of Learning CAPA/ Visual Arts Teacher**

**CAPTIVATE Secondary School Choir** - On Friday of Week 9, a group of very lucky and excited students had the opportunity to attend the first rehearsal of the CAPTIVATE Secondary School Choir as Emmaus Catholic College came together with a number of other schools from the Parramatta Diocese. This was one of three rehearsals they will take part in before the Secondary School Choir performs at the CAPTIVATE showcase at Nagle College in June.

As the students arrived at St Patrick's Marist College there were a mix of nerves and excitement as the Emmaus group was split up to work with other Colleges to learn the repertoire that they would be performing. Of course, the lovely and enthusiastic spirit of the Emmaus students took over quite quickly and before long there were new friendships made.

The students arrived back at school absolutely buzzing about the day they had and cannot wait for the upcoming rehearsals in Term 2.





**ENCORE** - During Week 8 our HSC Music class had the opportunity to attend the annual ENCORE performance at the Sydney Opera House. ENCORE is a program of outstanding performances and compositions by students from the HSC Music examinations. This was a terrific experience for the students as it displayed what is expected of them with their HSC exams that are creeping up ever so quickly.

The students were in awe of what they saw as the realisation of what the performers had just gone through are what they are now working towards.

On that note, our Year 12 students are now coming into the final stages of the preparation for their exams, as repertoires, viva voces and compositions are all well under way.

These students are a lovely bunch, each with their own skills and strengths, which are sure to be displayed when the HSC markers arrive to our College in Term 3.

**Mr Luke Connolly,  
Music Teacher**



**Year 8 Visual Arts Update** - Since learning the foundational concepts and practices in Year 7 Visual Arts, our Year 8 classes have returned this year ready to put their knowledge and skills into practice with the new portraiture unit 'Identity - Expressing Me'.

At the beginning of the unit Mrs Stevenson and I began with Art Critical and Historical Studies, where, as a class, we deconstructed and analysed a range of artworks from well known portraiture artists such as Albert Tucker and Frida Kahlo. It is highly rewarding to observe our students using the knowledge gained in Year 7, as well as that from their current Critical and Historical Studies, to inform and improve their own artmaking practice.

The current assessment was designed to challenge our classes to create a collection of self-portraits that demonstrate our students' ability to successfully use an array of materials and techniques to create three self-portraits. So far our classes are working consistently in class to seek as much feedback and guidance as possible with the end goal at the forefront of their minds; to achieve the best grade for themselves to date in Visual Arts.

We never know what the future holds, however, when viewing the passion and talent present within the students, I am hopeful that one day I may see an Emmaus Graduate win the Archibald Prize.

**Miss Jade Ashton,  
Visual Arts Teacher**

## From the HSIE Department

On Tuesday 21st March, the Emmaus Mock Trial Team competed against Fairvale High School right here in our Library. This is the second time the school has taken part in the competition in recent years. The cases are simple criminal and civil matters, and in this round it was criminal. The idea of these trials is to determine if a particular person is guilty or not in a mock court trial.

The trial started with a powerful opening address courtesy of Arvind Suresh, who was Barrister One of the Prosecution, that was quick and concise. The rest of the trial did not follow that tune.

Erin Moodley and Aladie Lopai both had strong witness testimonies that were clear and well-spoken, compared to the other team, who were barely audible over the sounds of the local landscape.

Pasquale Turano, Barrister Two, ended the trial with an effective closing statement, and both he and Solicitor, Harrison Zussa got high scores in their respective roles, as did Court Officer Malcolm Gill.

All the students involved in the Team chose to miss out on class, even the people not involved directly, proving a high level of commitment and involvement to this activity. Due to the hard work from the students representing us, and the ones behind the scenes, ECC won the case.

It was a close call, but in the end Emmaus pulled through 4 points in front of Fairvale's 230, out of a possible 550. With luck, this is how the rest of our trials will conclude. Tuesday was an impressive start to a hopefully impressive season. Extra thanks to Miss Borg and Mrs Nevin for going out of their way to help organise the Trials and to assist the teams.

In April, Round Two will take place at Montgrove College in Orchard Hills.

### HSIE Faculty Professional Development

Effective teaching involves committed professionals reflecting on their practice and striving to provide authentic learning opportunities for their students. I am fortunate enough to work with a team full of dedicated professionals who not only display these attributes but also take time away from work to improve their knowledge and skills in their respective areas of expertise.

As a group, the HSIE Faculty is committed to improving the learning of all our students and we believe that an integral part of this is the professional development of our staff to help come up with new and innovative ideas. I feel it is important to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our staff by highlighting all the professional development that, as a faculty, we have undertaken. I would personally like to thank them for their time and commitment to the Emmaus Community.

History Teachers Association Conference - Rebecca Curran, Alex Murphy, Sheree McQueen and Cassie Micallef

Legal Studies Association Conference - Amy Borg and Michael White

Geography Teachers Association New Syllabus - Laura Hull, Rebecca Curran, Alex Murphy, Daniel Brattoni, Taylor Rylewski, Sheree McQueen, Melissa Else

Economic Business Educators - Taylor Rylewski

Society and Culture Association - Danielle Nevin

Mrs Melissa Else - Leader of Learning - HSIE

## Innovation

### JUST A REMINDER

#### Major Design Project

HSC Major Design Project - Justin Vasallo needs your assistance in the resourcing of his project. Justin plans to create a recipe book containing a collection of community sourced recipes; below is a survey link that will allow you to submit a family recipe or personal favourite.

If you would like to contribute to this recipe book please complete the following survey:

<https://goo.gl/forms/EaMndelpApLdtG6H3>. Or email directly to: mdalli1@parra.catholic.edu.au

I look forward to sharing Justin's progress and photos with you as his HSC Major Project journey develops.

## From the Careers Desk

### Free HSC Study Sessions at Western Sydney University - Registrations are now open!!

Join UWS at their Campus for their FREE HSC Study Sessions to learn how to unlock the key to your exams!

	Parramatta South Campus	Campbelltown Campus
<b>Monday 3rd July</b>	English Standard 9am - 3:30pm English Advanced 9am - 3:30pm	Mathematics General 9am - 3:30pm Mathematics 2 Unit 9am - 3:30pm
<b>Tuesday 4th July</b>	Mathematics General 9am - 3:30pm Mathematics 2 Unit 9am - 3:30pm	English Standard 9am - 3:30pm English Advanced 9am - 3:30pm
<b>Wednesday 5th July</b>	Business Studies 9am - 3:30pm Chemistry 9am - 3:30pm	Biology 9am - 3:30pm Legal Studies 9am - 3:30pm
<b>Thursday 6th July</b>	Biology 9am - 3:30pm Legal Studies 9am - 3:30pm	Physics 9am - 3:30pm PDHPE 9am - 3:30pm
<b>Friday 7th July</b>	Physics 9am - 3:30pm PDHPE 9am - 3:30pm	Business Studies 9am - 3:30pm Chemistry 9am - 3:30pm

Please go to [https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/hsc\\_study\\_session...](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/hsc_study_session...) to register. Spots are limited. Students should register ASAP.

### University of Sydney Year 10 Information Evening

The University of Sydney are holding a Year 10 Information Evening. This is designed to help Year 10 students (and their parents) choose subjects for their HSC, understand the maths prerequisites and learn about the transition from high school to university. Registrations are essential. Please see the information below for more details.

- Dates: Wednesday 3 May and Tuesday 23 May
- Time: 6 - 8pm
- Location: Camperdown campus
- [Registration: sydney.edu.au/yr10-info-evening](https://sydney.edu.au/yr10-info-evening)

For any information about this event or about the University of Sydney in general please do not hesitate to contact me.



We have had some fantastic feedback come through about Matthew Moore and his school-based traineeship. Matthew has just completed his 3 month appraisal with NAB. Matthew's performance and attitude is exceptional!!! The Branch Manager is even using Matthew's enthusiasm and attitude towards customers as an example for other staff in the branch. Matthew is loving his traineeship and is slowly making contacts with NAB and has an idea on where he wants to be once he completes his traineeship. Congratulations to Matthew.

*Mrs Maria Scarfone, Careers Advisor*



## From the Accounts Office

Thank you and farewell

Dear Parents and guardians,

Due to a number of health issues over the last 18 months, I have decided to retire after a 41 year working life. This will allow me to rest and get my health in order and spend more time with my children and grandchildren.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past two years. I feel very honoured to be a part of the Emmaus Community and I have appreciated the opportunity to "Walk the Emmaus Road" with you. I have not always got it right, but my underpinning philosophy has always been to improve the learning and safety of our students.

I thank you all for the opportunity of being your Business Manager at Emmaus Catholic College.

God bless  
Paul Moran

### Introduction of new Finance Management System at Emmaus Catholic College

Dear families, as of the 24th April 2017, a new Finance Management System will commence at the College. Initially, this new system may slow down our receipting processes for the Finance Office and the Uniform Shop. Your patience is appreciated.

As part of the new Finance System, there is the ability to email a receipt to you, however, if you prefer a receipt at the time of payment then please let us know.

In the future, Uniform orders and appointments will soon be able to be completed using an online form via the SkoolBag app. This will allow you to order a Uniform and once paid for, collect it yourself or have your son / daughter collect it. Appointments during blazer collection periods or new Enrolment Uniform fittings will be made easier by booking an appointment time and date via Skoolbag. We will advise when this new service is active.

If you are not yet a current Emmaus SkoolBag user, you can download it here: <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/emmaus-catholic-college-skoolbag/id604278784?mt=8>

## From the Diocese

### Child Protection Information Line - Royal Commission –

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has established a Child Protection Information Line in response to the Royal Commission into Institutional Child Sexual Abuse. The dedicated Information Line will provide information about how schools are handling child protection matters and will be able to respond to individual enquiries and assist people who have concerns or help them take allegations to the police. It can also put people in touch with appropriate support services if needed.

The Child Protection Information Line is 1300 661 015 (cost of a local call within Australia). The line is available outside of school hours and connects directly to a Catholic Education Office staff member. A message service is also available on this line.

## Uniform Shop

**Blazers have now arrived and are available for collection.**

## From the Community



### *Funerals of Compassion*

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