



Update

Term 3 Issue 2

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Important Dates 2018

TERM 3

August

- 23rd Subject Market Yr 9, 2019
Subject Market Yr11, 2019
- 29th MADD Night
5.30pm - 7.30pm

September

- 20th - 28th Preliminary Exams
- 25th Yr 12 Picnic Day
- 26th Yr 12 Graduation
- 28th Term 3 ends

TERM 4

October

- 15th Staff Spirituality Day
Pupil Free Day

- 16th Students return for Term 4
- 18th HSC Exams Commence

November

- 5th - 9th Yr 10 Exams
- 6th Yr 7 Vaccinations - 2nd dose
HPV and catchup
Yr 8 HPV and 2017 catchup
Yr 10 & 11 Meningococcal
catchup
- 9th HSC Exams Conclude
Yr 12 Formal
- 15th Orientation Evening
- 16th Orientation Day Yr 7, 2019

December

- 10th Yr 10 Pastoral Week
- 17th Yr 7-9 Picnic Day
- 18th Parent/Teacher/Student
Conference
- 19th Staff Development Day
- 20th Staff Development Day

Message from the Principal

‘Every learner, Every day: Transforming Lives’

THE EMMAUS GRADUATE



One Body, Many Parts -Year 11 Retreat theme 2018

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. –1 Corinthians 12:27

Recently I commuted into the city for a Principal meeting and travelling on the 'city circle line' I recognised it was the perfect place for people-watching. As I got off at Martin Place station and made my way through the busy tunnel walkway I noticed a woman who looked rather tired and disheveled pushing a pram amongst the crowds of people with her child. Near me were two well dressed women in a hurry to get to work no doubt. The woman with the pram asked them and the passing crowd, "Can you spare some change". It's a question that we hear more and more nowadays, and it is alarming and disconcerting. I remember feeling a great sense of sadness and guilt particularly as the women continued past her without even raising an eyelid as though it was the norm and she was non-existent.

In the first letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes, "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honoured, all the parts share its joy." The mother and her baby, the women at Martin Place, and all those who are a part of our community of friends and family are of one body. As stated in Lumen Gentium, "By communicating his Spirit, Christ made his brothers, called together from all nations, mystically the components of his own body. In that body the life of Christ is poured into the believers who, through the sacraments, are united in a hidden and real way to Christ who suffered and was glorified." We live as one with Christ and with one another even amidst the poverty, injustice, and messiness we often experience.

College Leadership Teams

Executive

Principal *Mr Nastasi*

Principal's Personal Assistant

Mrs Schembri

Assistant Principal *Ms Bowd*

**Director of Learning & Mission
(Acting)** *Mrs Cocks*

Director of Learning & Wellbeing
Mr Roberts

Director of Curriculum (Acting)
Mrs Else

Business Manager *Mr Anchique*

Leaders of Wellbeing

Year 7 *Mr Ashdown*

Year 8 *Miss Gaudiosi*

Year 9 *Mr Levy*

Year 10 *Mr Murphy*

Year 11 *Mrs Luke*

Year 12 *Mr O'Connor*

Leaders of Learning

REC (Acting) *Mrs Cocks*

Diverse Learning *Mrs Vogels*

English *Ms Schinella*

Mathematics *Mrs Allen*

PDHPE *Mr Brunt*

HSIE (Acting) *Mrs Curran*

TAS *Mr Bauer*

Creative Arts (Acting) *Miss Ashton
and Mr Connolly*

Science *Ms Dodds*

Learning Technology Co-ordinator
Mr Halpin

Leader of Sport *Ms Hely*

Language *Mrs Else*

Library *Mrs Ellery*

VET Co-ordinator *Mrs Pereira*

Careers Advisor *Mrs Scarfone*

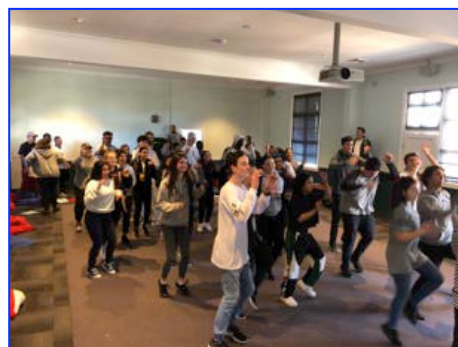
College Counsellor *Ms Comito*

This letter from Paul to the early Church deepens our understanding of the Body of Christ and its physical makeup. Each person has a function within it which works alongside the other members of our community and promotes the common good. One of my previous Principals once said to me, "Our goal is always to be present and to connect with others even if it's uncomfortable, we are made to be relational, this is good and right".

In all circumstances, the Body of Christ leads us to a holier life. When we are doubtful or uncertain, our faith community allows us to grow. When we are overwhelmed, others will kindle the fire of faith within us and pick us up and give us hope. I was privileged to experience all of the above along with a great sense of pride and joy when visiting the Year 11 Retreat centres last week. The students were all challenged to be part of our Emmaus community through their unique identity and authenticity and to share this with their peers, just as Christ did. They were called to be the many parts that make up the one body.

I found myself pausing the day of my visits to Year 11 because of the mystical experience of community that I was able to witness. The disturbing vision of the pain of the poor mother and child at Martin Place, and the harshness of the response of the women and others around made me more aware of this truth of being connected to all people as demonstrated by Year 11 on retreat. St. Paul outlines this for us, and we hear it in St. Teresa of Avila's words, "Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." We must pay attention to each other like Jesus did, and love all our brothers and sisters just as we love ourselves".

I congratulate Year 11 and the teachers who attended the three day retreat and continue to extend this question for reflection to them along with all our school community: *What unique gifts can I share with others as a member of the Body of Christ? How can I become more aware of the communities I live in?*



Uniform Shop

Trading Hours
Monday 10am - 4pm
Thursday 8am - 2pm

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

STUDENTS TAKING LEAVE DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

Parents are required to submit a Leave Form if students are taking leave during a school term. **Leave forms are for any length of time.**

Forms are available from the Front Office. If you would prefer a form be emailed to you, please contact the College.

Enjoy a video tour of the College by clicking on the link -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8KCHc4Ay_k



Robert Nastasi, Principal
BEd, MEd-Curriculum, MA (Theolst)

Innovation

Only recently, the Sentral Parent Portal has been created and all parents have been notified via email regarding detailed steps about how to register and link their account to their child / children. As you know, all students have their own login to access the Sentral Student Portal and have had this for quite some time.



This contributes to our efforts in increasing parent engagement and communication with learning and College events. If you haven't activated your parent portal yet, be sure to go through your emails and find the link.

The parent portal will give you access to: College Dashboard; Student Timetable;
College Resources; Student Activities;
Student Wellbeing; Reporting and
Assessments (if applicable)



Parents can also download the mobile Sentral App here: <https://itunes.apple.com/ro/app/sentral-for-parents/id1238744022?mt=8>

If you experience any problems accessing the Portal don't hesitate to contact the College.

Mr Halpin, Science Department

Religious Education

The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

Mary is a central figure in the Catholic Faith and her life illustrates how our God works in our lives. When we pray the Angelus each day at the College we are reminded that Mary who came from a simple background was called by God to fulfill a very extraordinary role; that of becoming the mother of Jesus Christ.

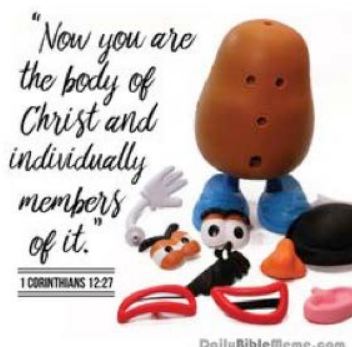
As Catholics, we believe that Mary was born without sin and that she remained free from sin throughout her life. We believe that when the course of her earthly life was finished, she was taken up both body and soul into heavenly glory where she was crowned as Queen of heaven. We refer to this belief as the Assumption of Mary, and it is this belief that the College commemorated in the celebration of Mass on Wednesday.



Year 11 Retreat

In Week 2 from the 1st to the 3rd August, Year 11 were fortunate to attend their first Senior Retreat at Emmaus. The grade went to three different venues but were connected by a common theme – One body, Many parts.

Over the three days students participated in many activities which allowed them to reflect on themselves and explore ways each of them join together to form a community in Christ. One student's reflection reveals the deep impact the retreat had on them and the group as a whole. "At retreat we shared many experiences and learnt new things about one another that we never knew before. We had moments of laughter, joy, and were unified as a group as we shared experiences and opened up to our fellow peers."



At the end of retreat, it was heart-warming to see students read through affirmations that others had written about them and to see a genuine appreciation for what others see in them. One student happily shared, "I feel I can speak on behalf of my group, that the retreat was a moving and enlightening experience which brought so many of us closer together and bonding with those whom we weren't that close to. All in all, it was a great retreat and it couldn't have come at a better time, before our toughest year ahead, for our group to form a family." This is a really uplifting part of the retreat and is something students should hold dear for many years as it will remind them of what they can contribute to any community.

Information for Parents

What is happening? In preparation for NAPLAN Online in 2019, all CEDP schools will complete a NAPLAN Online Readiness Test in Term 3 of 2018. The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability.

When and where is this happening? The NAPLAN Readiness test will take place between 20 August and 7 September 2018 at your child's school.

Who will be involved? Student in grades three, five, seven and nine from each CEDP school will complete this test.

Why is this happening? The purpose of the readiness testing is to ensure schools and students are best prepared for NAPLAN Online in 2019. For an overview of NAPLAN Online please view the clip Understanding Naplan Online



FAQs

What if my child has a specific learning need? Not all disability adjustments available in the platform in 2018 will meet the needs of every student with disability. For example, some magnification settings and keyboard features. In those cases, alternative format paper tests, such as large print, black and white, braille, and electronic test formats, can be provided. See more details via the link [here](#). [NSW Department of Education FAQ's](#)

How should I prepare my child for the NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test? Your child will not need any academic preparation for the school readiness test. This is not a test of their literacy and numeracy skills, but an opportunity for them to experience the online test format and for their school to assess its online testing capability. If parents would like to familiarise themselves and their children with the look and feel of the NAPLAN online test a public demonstration site with sample questions are available.

Where can I find more information? View the NAPLAN Online Fact Sheets for parents.

[Download Link](#)



National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of Science and Technology and thousands of individuals – from students, to scientists to chefs and musicians – getting involved, taking part in more than 1000 Science events across the nation.

Science Week is designed for everyone – it's definitely not restricted to schools and universities – with events and activities and talks and shows for every age group.

It provides an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Australian Scientists to the world of knowledge. It also aims to encourage an interest in Science pursuits among the general public, and to encourage young people to become fascinated by the world we live in.

This year, teachers from Emmaus Catholic College are taking Science to one of our feeder schools, Trinity Catholic Primary School. We have been invited to participate in their Science Fair along with a few demonstrations and activities to encourage young minds to think critically and ask meaningful questions, the essence of thinking scientifically.

In addition to this venture, this week we have several students who have volunteered to compete in the National Science Olympiads, rigorous exams that tests the likes of the HSC. Well done to the following students who have stood up to the challenge and good luck.

National Biology Olympiad	National Chemistry Olympiad	National Physics Olympiad
Alisha Anand Crystal Fajardo Mikayla-Rose Cassidy	Alisha Anand	Aaron Smith Andrew Grima

Mr Halpin, Science Department

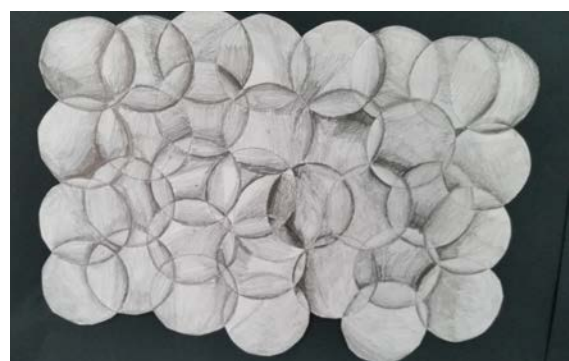
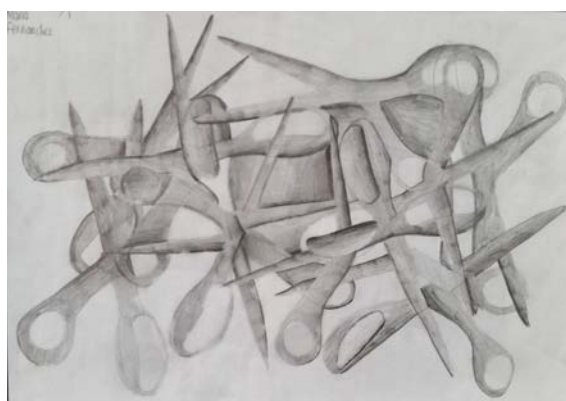
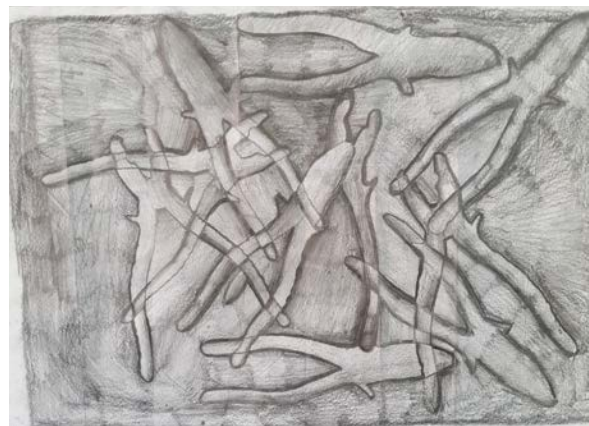
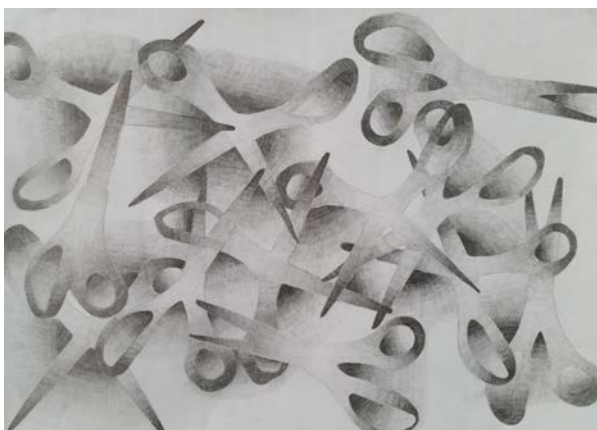
Creative and Performing Arts

We started Semester 2 with great enthusiasm. Much like Semester 1, we have a great deal to look forward to. We welcome Miss Rita Kumar to the department. She will be taking over the maternity leave position of Mrs Claudia Harris who welcomed her baby girl Audrey Winter Harris earlier this month. We offer big congratulations to her and her husband Chris as they start this brand new adventure.

7.1 have been producing some wonderful tone drawings in the last couple of weeks as they investigate tone and shape. We are also very busy framing all our artworks and auditioning performers for our upcoming MADD night.

Be sure to add the date to your calendar - Wednesday 29th September. We hope to see everyone there!

Mrs Stevenson, CAPA Department



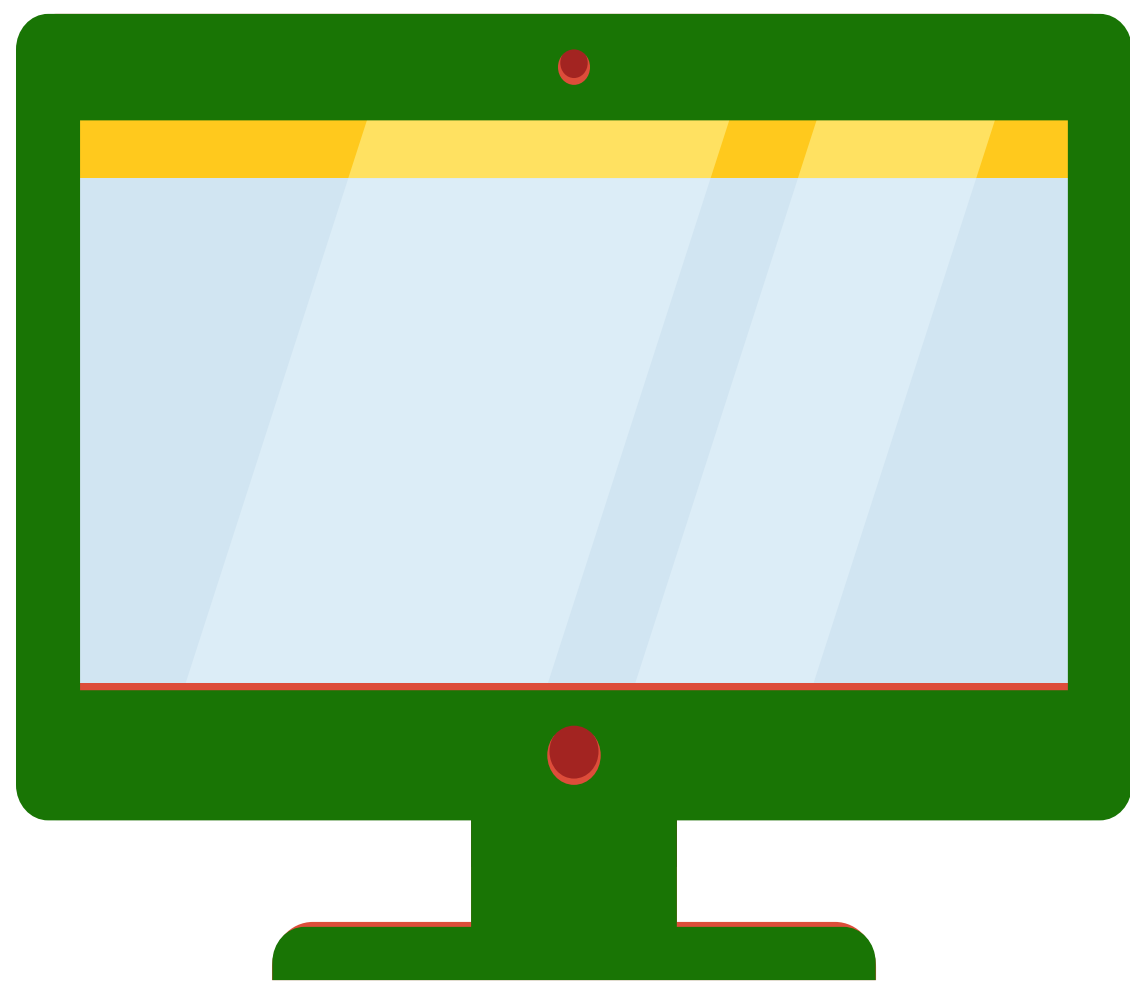
A minimum standard of literacy and numeracy is required for your child to receive their Higher School Certificate (HSC).



Meeting the HSC minimum standard will mean that your child has the literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for success in learning and life after school.

THE ONLINE TESTS

Most students will show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing minimum standard online tests. Students master basic skills at different stages so there are **multiple opportunities** available to pass the tests, from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12.



There are three 45-minute online tests:

- ✓ a multiple choice **reading** test
- ✓ a multiple choice **numeracy** test
- ✓ a short **writing** test based on a choice between a visual or written prompt



2017 NAPLAN TESTS

If your child achieved Band 8s or above in one or more of the 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN tests they are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that area/s and will not need to sit the corresponding online test/s.

(Applies to our current Year 10 students)

WHAT TO EXPECT?

To help your child understand what to expect in the online tests, they are encouraged to visit **educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard** to:

-  try demonstration questions to get a feel for the test format
-  view sample test questions and answers online



Your child's school may also organise short practice tests.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Some students with disabilities will be eligible for extra provisions for the minimum standard online tests, or an exemption from the HSC minimum standard requirement.

Students are encouraged to talk to their teachers to determine whether they are eligible for provisions. A Disability Provisions, Exemptions and Appeals policy, which contains further information, is available on the NESA website.

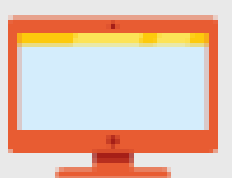
MORE INFORMATION

Contact your child's school principal for more detailed information about the HSC minimum standard or visit the NESA website:

educationstandards.nesa.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard

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Leave forms are for any length of time.

There are two types of Leave Form:

- (i) for Travel only and (ii) all other types of leave. Students will then receive an Exemption Approval letter from the Principal.

Parents Representative Council
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10 Things Every Parent Needs to Know

Back by popular demand! Raise your children in positive ways!
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 Justin shares his secrets of effective attention, communication and understanding; how to discipline effectively and set limits; and how to manage hot-button issues such as sibling conflict, chores, school and screens - yet still have fun as a family.

Our guest speaker for the evening is:
Dr Justin Coulson
 Author, Parenting Expert, International Speaker and Father of six (Yes, 6!) beautiful girls

Register FREE now: www.prc.catholic.edu.au

Monday, 27 August 2018
 Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start (approx. 2 hours)
Term 3 – PRC General Meeting will be held prior to our speaker session at Corpus Christi Catholic Primary, 90 Andromeda Dr, Cranebrook NSW
 Tea, Coffee and light snacks will be provided and a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!
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 Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116

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.

Come & Train & Try
 Baseball before the season
 starts on the
 1st September 2018



Come and Try
Baseball

Monfarville Street
 Baseball Fields
 St Marys.

*Come down for a hit, throw, steal & fun!
 Before you commit to playing the season.*

SUMMER SEASON September-March.

Season Commences 1st September 2018, its not to late to join up

- In-house T-Ball. 4-7yrs. Play Wednesday 6-7pm.
 (Inhouse starts mid September)
- Baseball Juniors. u12, u14, u17. Play Saturdays (am).

Registration discounts for siblings & for introducing a friend!

******Redeem your \$100 Active Kid Vouchers!******

TRAINING IS HELD ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY or THURSDAY
 from 5.30pm

Contact for more information

Albert (Club President): 0416 117 216

Glen (Secretary): 0414 672 729

Nicole (Registrar): 0405 522 800

SEARCH:
 st marys district baseball
 club



Ph: 0405 522 800 Register interest: registrar.saintsbasketball@gmail.com



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What you need to do if your son or daughter is leaving the College:

10 weeks written or emailed notice from parents/ carers prior to student leaving advising where student will be attending or working.

and **written confirmation** from the new school or employer - or confirmation of courses to be studied at TAFE or other tertiary institution.



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