



# Update

*Term 3 Issue 2*

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## 2019

### Dates to Remember

#### TERM 3

##### September

4th MADD Night

18th - 26th Preliminary Exams

25th Yr 12 Graduation Mass & Awards

27th **End of Term 3 - Pupil Free Staff Spirituality Day**

#### TERM 4

##### October

14th **Term 4 begins**

17th HSC Exams commence

##### November

4th - 8th Yr 10 Exams

11th HSC Exams conclude

15th Yr 7 Vaccinations, Yr 8 & 10 Catch Up

22nd Yr 12 Formal

##### December

11th Yr 10/11 Picnic Day

13th Yr 7-11 Final Awards  
Yr10/11 Final Day

16th Yr 7-9 Picnic Day / Final Day

17th Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews 8.30 - 10.30am

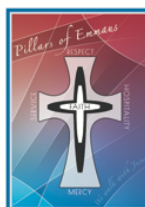
18th Staff Development Day

19th Staff Development Day

20th College Office Closed

## Message from the Principal

### THE EMMAUS GRADUATE



Has strong Catholic values

Is resilient and adaptable

Has respect for self, others, the community and learning opportunities

Has a good work ethic and seeks success

Is prepared for an ever-changing world



*"Transforming Learning: from Curiosity to Clarity"*

### Year 11 Retreat - 'many parts, one body'

It was a great delight to attend both Year 11 Retreat venues, Kiah Ridge and Benedict the XVI Centre in Week 2 this term. I was able to witness first hand just how powerful these 3 day programs are, to not only support the formation of faith but to consolidate and unite the students and their teachers in their relationships and learning.

At a time when many schools are removing such overnight programs to ensure that there are few interruptions to the classroom learning, I am convinced that allowing for a more substantial amount of time to undertake these experiences is critical and I had many students offer their thanks for allowing this to occur, so that they could delve deeper into union with their God and their friendships.

My thanks to the staff of both the centres, along with our teachers namely Ms Waring and Ms Cagliuso for their organisation and facilitation of the program at the respective venues.

A huge thanks also to the Year 11 team of Mr Murphy, Ms Olivieri, Mr Tabone, Mr Petrocco, Mrs Bassett, Mr White, Mr Brattoni, Ms Anderson, Mr Hamond, Ms Bozic, and Mr Yuzon for giving up their time away from family to support these students from Emmaus.

## College Leadership Teams

### Executive

**Principal** Mr Nastasi

**Principal's Personal Assistant**

Mrs Schembri

**Assistant Principal** Ms Bowd

**Director of Learning & Mission**

Ms Waring

**Director of Learning & Wellbeing**

Mr Roberts

**Director of Curriculum**

**Administration** Mrs Else

### Leaders of Wellbeing

**Year 7** Miss Borg

**Year 8** Mr Ashdown

**Year 9** Mr Levy

**Year 10** Miss Gaudiosi

**Year 11** Mr Murphy

**Year 12** Mrs Luke

### Leaders of Learning

**REC** Ms Waring

**Diverse Learning** Mrs Vogels

**English** Ms Schinella

**Mathematics** Mrs Mowbray

**PDHPE** Mr Brunt

**HSIE** Mrs Curran

**TAS** Mr Chhabra

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

**Science** Mrs Hamama

**Learning Technology Co-ordinator**

Ms McQueen

**Leader of Sport** Ms Hely

**Language** Mrs Else

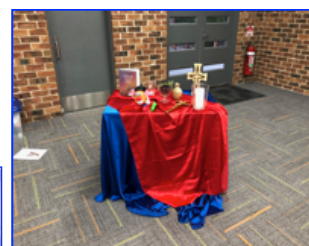
**Library** Mrs Ellery

**VET Co-ordinator** Mrs Pereira

**Careers Advisor** Mrs Scarfone

**College Counsellor** Ms Wen  
and Ms Docanto

**Business Manager** Mr Anchique



### Well Done Katie Forster - Year 11

A huge congratulations to Katie Forster of Year 11 one of the College leaders, who last week received a scholarship along with being announced the student ambassador for the '**One Giant Leap Australian Foundation**'. This allows her to travel to the USA and visit places including the NASA institute as part of her involvement and love of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) studies. Well done Katie, we are so proud of you.



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

**2019 ECC focus: Attendance; Transforming learning; Positive Behaviour focus; Respect; Growth; Wellbeing**



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7 August 2019

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

We believe that all human beings are made in the image of God and that all human beings matter.

The Church maintains the vigorous defence of the dignity of the human person. This includes the protection of life from conception to natural death.

I have been closely following this abortion debate as it has unfolded in our parliament and across the public sphere. I join my voice with my brother bishops and many people of goodwill across many faiths who are alarmed at the newly-proposed NSW abortion legislation.

It is not enough to argue that this legislation is simply about “decriminalising abortion.” What’s at stake is far more complex and goes to the heart of a healthy society. As human beings, we all have a responsibility to care for each other.

Pope Francis reminds us bluntly: “It is not right to kill a human being, regardless of how small it is, to solve a problem.”

Whilst we affirm the sacredness of all life, the Church as a community of faith, hope and love stands by pregnant women to offer them support. That is why, closely linked to protection of the unborn is the ongoing care of women who are pregnant, especially those in difficult personal circumstances.

Our legislators and community need to provide more practical care and compassion to women facing these decisions.

In our diocese, our CatholicCare services offers a comprehensive pregnancy-related service for women and families that are expecting a baby. We want to help women in these complex situations.

Being born into this wondrous planet of ours is a blessing. May each of us, given this precious gift, never forget to pray with the Psalmist: *“You created my inmost self, knit me together in my mother’s womb. For so many marvels I thank you; a wonder am I, and all your works are wonders.”* Psalms 139.

This is an ongoing critical issue where the Church will continue to speak prophetically.

Yours in Christ,

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv**  
**Bishop of Parramatta**



# Religious Education

## Diocesan Education Mass

Tuesday this week was the Diocesan Mission Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Mr Nastasi and myself accompanied four students, Michaela Sultana and Chantelle Gordon of Year 11, and Taylor Cardona and Peter Sara of Year 7. We celebrated a beautiful Mass with many other primary and secondary schools in the Diocese and with Bishop Vincent Long. It was a beautiful affirmation of the work teachers and students do each day within and outside the school grounds and that education is a prized gift.

## Feast of Assumption

Another gift that we celebrated this week was the gift of Mary, Mother of Jesus, through the Feast of the Assumption Mass on Thursday. The Church celebrates the Feast Day of the Assumption of Our Lady because according to our faith, the Holy Mother, "having completed her course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". At no point in history has a grave or tomb of Mary ever been venerated and nor do any relics of Mary exist, like that of many other Saints. As the Blessed Virgin Mary is the patron Saint of Australia we ask for her guidance and protection, particularly when our world is in stark need of a mother to teach us the value of human life.





## Innovation

### Uniform Shop

**Trading Hours during School  
Terms**

**Monday 12pm - 4pm  
Thursday 8am - 12pm**

### 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

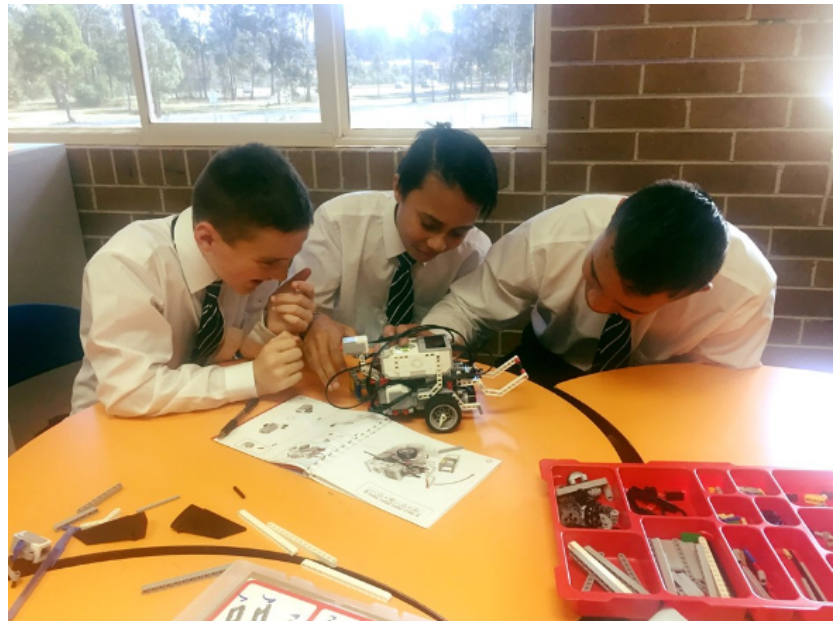
There has been a focus on STEM subjects and projects at Emmaus in the past couple of years. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and the idea is to integrate all four areas to create projects, collaborate and prepare students for jobs in a changing economy. This week, there have been a few developments at Emmaus.

Due to changes in the Digital Technologies syllabus, it is compulsory for students to learn coding and computational thinking.

Year 7 have started a new unit of work revolving around Robotics and self driving cars.

The students have been building robots out of lego and will be completing different coding challenges that simulate driving in real life.

This includes the ability to park, recognise traffic signals and detect light. The robots use sense to help them navigate the environment.



*Mr Edwards, Learning Technology*

Enjoy a video tour of the College by clicking on the link below  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8KCHc4Ay\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8KCHc4Ay_k)

## From the Sporting Field

### What a win!!!

On Tuesday of Week 2, 30th July, Mr Sultana took the Open Boys Soccer team to the Combined Catholic College's Football Knockout competition against the Wollongong Diocese. The boys versed Edmond Rice College from West Wollongong with a match report as follows:

The boys started a little slow in the first half but warmed into the pace of the game. We conceded a late goal going down 1-0 at half time. We refocused at half time and made a couple of changes. We won a corner about 5 minutes into the 2nd half and were then awarded a penalty from it after the keeper pushed one of our players out of the way. **Chan Yelchan** stepped up and buried in the bottom right hand corner. With about 10 minutes to go we won another corner which **Vasili Kastoumis** whipped in and nearly scored. The keeper, at full stretch over his head, managed to tap it out. The ball bobbed in the 6 yard box and **Nick Valles** buried it into the net. With 10 minutes to go we shifted formation to shore up the back. The other team had their chances but some goal line defence denied any further score, making us 2-1 winners!!!!

A great result and what a moment!! The boys will now play either St Paul's Greystanes or Mater Dei Wagga in the semi finals. A significant achievement which we as a College are very proud of. The team comprised of: **Yel Yelchan, Peter Machara, Chan Yelchan, Kuol Akot, Aro Gar, Cooper Smith (goalie), Niko Miskovic, Keenan Jay, Nicolas Valles, Kristian Kuzmanovski, Jarrod Pittman, Hayden Bull, Vasili Kastoumis, Manyol Kual, Kosta Kastoumis (linesman).**

Well done boys and thanks to Mr Sultana for his work in training and preparing the team for this big game!

### The End of Representative Sport for Season 2

Season 2 has now concluded for our Girls Soccer, Jnr Boys Soccer, Jnr Boys League and Girls Netball teams.

All jerseys/dresses should now be returned and must be prior to students continuing with their newly selected sport for the remainder of Term 3.

Ms Richardson's Junior Girls Netball sadly lost their semi-final 19-19 against St Columba's, with the last point scored against us just as the hooter went.

Mrs Butler's Intermediate also unfortunately lost to McCarthy 33-18.

There was much disappointment this afternoon, however a commendable season all round.

Mr Ashdown's Intermediate Boys Soccer team won their semi-final against Xavier and go through to the final in Week 4 against Bede Polding.

Mr Sultana's Junior Boys team played their final match against Xavier, going down 28-12 with the Intermediate Boys set to play their grand final against St Columba's in Week 4.

### Football extraordinaire - more information

**Lachlan Sepping** of Year 12 was recently selected in the Under 19 Australian School Boys team that will tour and compete in the UK and Ireland later this year. The Australian School Boys is the highest level of attainment in Football through the school system which is such a huge achievement for Lachlan and a wonderful opportunity for Lachlan as his final year of schooling concludes.

*Ms Hely, Head of Sport*

## AFL Gala Day

On Wednesday, Mr Hamond and I had the pleasure of taking the Year 9 / 10 Girls AFL Team to compete in the AFL Regional Final. Having been undefeated in their previous competition the girls went into the Regional Finals game-day feeling confident and ready. We knew that the day was going to be challenging but the team was feeling very prepared to show their fine-tuned AFL skills to the other teams. Within the first half of our first match, the girls were feeling a little anxious and this was reflected on the scoreboard, however, a quick pep talk from Mr Hamond during the half-time break assured the girls that they could control the game more than first thought.

**Emily Jugl** demonstrated a strong passion to get the ball out of the Emmaus defence with a tackle that took the other player off guard! **Montanna Cleary** was a key player in Emmaus' strong defence line and was able to block opposing players and make great plays. **Aliyah Nasio** made crucial plays for the team and was a great ruckman!

Throughout the day the skills and confidence of the girls grew as they became more vocal in calling out their teammates names. The girls also improved when kicking and handballing the ball; they learnt how to shepherd quite well by the end of the day! The team came away with one win and two losses, which was a fantastic result given that the majority of players from other schools had many girls who play AFL regularly.

The girls who represented the College exhibited all-round sportsmanship and teamwork that is commendable.

*Ms Bozic, AFL Coach*





## HSIE Department

### Congratulations Yr 12 Society and Culture

Year 12 Society and Culture students submitted their Personal Interest Project major works on Monday 5th August. These projects are worth 40% of their external HSC mark, with approximately 9 months allocated for students to work on them. We take this opportunity to congratulate the Society and Culture students for the time, dedication and effort that went into creating and refining these written projects. The students have gained valuable research and communication skills in undertaking such a mammoth (and sometimes stressful) project. Thank you to their subject teacher Mr Murphy for his guidance in preparing and working with the students over the duration of the project.

### Mock Trial

On Thursday 23rd July, the Emmaus Mock Trial team competed in the Elimination Final against All Saints College, St Mary's Campus, Maitland. The top 64 schools in NSW go through to this level. This is only the second time we have gone through to this level, so we are very proud of this achievement.

Unfortunately, we were not successful in progressing into further rounds, with a loss of 197 (All Saints College) to 166 (Emmaus College). Congratulations must go to the All Saints College team who competed with very confident voices and a rapid-fire cross-examination.

The Emmaus team was represented by:

Barrister 1 Corey Martin	Year 11
Barrister 2 Zoe Zussa	Year 11
Solicitor Nirvana Shankar	Year 10
Court Officer Kiara Salinas	Year 10
Witness 1 Jacinta Buhagiar	Year 10
Witness 2 Niamh O'Keefe	Year 10

Mrs Luke and Mrs Nevin are very proud of the time and effort the team put into preparing for this trial and all previous trials - during sport time, coming in during the school holidays and after school sessions.

Congratulations to the team for the manner and spirit you have participated in the entire competition. You have represented our College admirably and done us very proud!



*Mrs Nevin, Mock Trial Facilitator*



### St Mary's RSL Sub-Branch Col Shepherd Memorial Scholarship

Every year St Mary's RSL Sub Branch offers three scholarships to students of Emmaus Catholic College. These scholarships are to assist in the cost of being a senior student at Emmaus Catholic College. To be eligible to win one of the scholarships, students must be in Year 10.

Any Year 10 student may submit an entry, which takes the form of a History project. In 2019, there are 6 topics, with a range of presentation formats. These entries will be judged by a panel at the College. The best 3 will be submitted to the RSL for judging and awarding of the scholarships.

The value of each scholarship is: 1st Place: \$2,500      2nd Place: \$1,500      3rd Place: \$1,000

**Entries are due Monday 2nd September, 2019.**

We take this opportunity to thank St Mary's RSL Sub-Branch and the Col Shepherd Memorial Fund for continuing to offer this wonderful scholarship program to the College. For further information, please speak with Mrs Curran, Mrs Nevin, Ms McQueen or Mr Murphy.

*Mrs Curran, HSIE Leader of Learning*

## Creative and Performing Arts

Over the last few weeks, Stage 4 students have commenced study within a new Creative and Performing Arts subject for 2019.

### Year 7

In Visual Arts, Year 7 students have been looking at the Elements of Art. Their first art making project was to create sgraffito's referencing the following elements: colour, line and shape.

Year 7 students have made exceptional progress with their sgraffito's, incorporating both mandala and tribal patterns into their designs to create a very vibrant and attractive artwork.

**Year 8** students have been looking at People and The Frames; in particular, the Structural Frame. Year 8 students have been engaging within their inner artists to create tonal portraits of either celebrities, family members, friends or themselves using only lead pencil. This is quite a difficult exercise, however they seem to be up to the challenge!

The artworks are looking fabulous so far and students are very excited to have these artworks displayed in our annual MADD Night in Week 7. Be sure to come along and check out some amazing work from our stage 4 artists.

*Ms Anderson, Visual Arts Teacher*



Towards the end of last term a handful of students from 9 and 11 performed at the Captivate Secondary Eisteddfod.

I am very pleased to announce that Dionne Morales (Year 9) and our Year 11 band (Lucas Rose, Katie Forster, Georgia Pierce and Justin Sultana) have received news that they have been selected to perform at The Captivate Music Festival held at the Joan Sutherland Centre on the 31st of October.

The festival will have two performances on this day. One matinee performance open to students from the performing schools and an evening performance open to the public.

*Mr Connolly, CAPA Leader of Learning*



ART SHOW: 5:30-6PM  
PERFORMANCES: 6-7:30PM



**ECC'S**

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**M.A.D.D**

**NIGHT**

WED 4TH SEPT

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## From the Office

### SCHOOL FEES

Please note that Instalment 3 statements have been posted and are due Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2019. Thank you to all the families that have already paid their fees or who have arrangements in place.

Any families experiencing financial difficulties, please contact Mr Harvey Anchique at the College on 9670 8300.

### STUDENTS TAKING LEAVE DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

If parents are wishing their son/ daughter to take leave during the school term a Leave Form must be completed. Forms are available from the Front Office or if parents would like a form emailed to them, please contact the College Office.

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 receive an Exemption Approval letter from the Principal.

#### Donation of Uniforms

The College is happy to take any donated uniforms however due to Work, Health and Safety, we request that all uniforms are washed or dry-cleaned.

#### SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

*Please call our College on 9670 8300 to make an appointment to see the Business Manager around whether you qualify for second hand uniforms.*

#### Withdrawing from the College

If you are withdrawing a student from the College please be advised that 10 weeks notice is required.

#### Student Absence Notifications

The student absences text messaging system is now up and running. If you receive a text message saying your son or daughter is absent from the College please respond to this message with the **student's full name** and the **reason** for the absence.

If you respond to this message there is no need to send in an absence note. However if a Doctor's Certificate has been issued, please forward this to the Homeroom Teacher upon the student's return to school.

## From the Community

#### Catholic Healthcare

**Are you over 60 and no longer working full time?**

Enjoy retirement living in the relaxed bushland setting of Emmaus Retirement Village at Kemps Creek, not far from Emmaus Catholic College.

<http://www.catholichealthcare.com.au/retirement-living/retirement-living-vacancies/emmaus-vacancies/>

To visit Emmaus Village email Rosemary [rochapman@chcs.com.au](mailto:rochapman@chcs.com.au) or call her on 0491 052 978



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