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## Message from the Principal

# 2019

### Dates to Remember

#### February

- 11th Huaxia China students visit
- 15th College Swimming Carnival
- 25th-27th Yr 7 Camp
- 26th Yr 8 Spirituality Day

#### March

- 5th Open Night 6pm-8.30pm
- 7th College Cross Country
- 13th Yr 7 Meet & Greet  
5.30pm-7pm
- 19th Yr 9 Spirituality Day
- 25th - 29th School Dentist Mobile  
Dental Clinic

#### April

- 1st Yr 7 Vaccination 1- All students  
dopa & 1st dose HPV  
Yr 8 2nd dose HPV catchup
- 8th Yr 7-11 Photo Day
- 10th-12th Yr 12 Retreat
- 12th End of Term 1**

#### April

- 29th Staff Development Day**  
**Pupil Free Day**
- 30th Students return for **Term 2**

### THE EMMAUS GRADUATE



**‘Transforming Learning: from Curiosity to Clarity’**

### WELCOME YEAR 7-2019 ALONG WITH ALL NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO THE EMMAUS COMMUNITY

*It was a great pleasure to welcome Year 7-2019, all 138 of them, the 2024 graduate class, our 32nd cohort to Emmaus Catholic College last Wednesday.*

The most beautiful part was not only seeing the vibrant and enthusiastic group of students but also witnessing the tradition of them walking the Emmaus Road to the hall through a guard of honour formed by the staff, the same route they will leave through once they graduate in 2024. Welcome once again Year 7 and the families associated, and we look forward to meeting the parent/carers at the Year 7 Meet and Greet Evening on Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>.

In a similar way a sincere congratulation to all returning students across Year 8-12 along with students new to Emmaus on the way that you have returned and the strong engagement from day one toward your learning. I wish all students a fruitful and transformational year in 2019.



## 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

**Business Manager** Mr Anchique

### 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** Ms Dodds

**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 Comito  
and Ms Docanto

I would like to acknowledge the great work of Mr. Anchique, Mr. Lowden, Mr. Magee and the support staff as part of their callback for the works completed over the Christmas holiday period to ensure that our staff and students returned to a soundly functioning College. Most of the maintenance work around the College focused on WHS issues; line marking, crossings being installed, painting, classroom maintenance, new machinery in the TAS rooms; removal of trip hazards by shaving the lifted concrete around the yard and the continued work with the refurbishment of the Upper HSIE block due for completion at the end of this term.

### NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES AND NEW STAFF AT EMMAUS

I attach after my article the **Directory of the significant leadership responsibilities at the College for 2019** highlighting the appointment of both internal and external staff into significant positions of responsibility. I wish all these people the best and thank them for taking up the calling to lead at Emmaus.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome our *New Staff* to the College, along with all returning staff. New staff members for 2019 are:

- ¥ Ms. Meaghan Anderson-CAPA/Learning support
- ¥ Mrs. Hayley Bassett-English
- ¥ Ms. Eve Batchlder-Diverse Learning/Reading program
- ¥ Ms. Lauren Bozic-RE
- ¥ Mr. Steven Butt-TAS
- ¥ Mr. Greg Carluccio-Canteen Manager (JC PTY LTD)
- ¥ Mr. Maurice Campbell-Science
- ¥ Mr. Bhupinder Chhabra-TAS Leader of Learning
- ¥ Mrs. Sheridan Gaudry-TA one day a week
- ¥ Mr. Taylor Munro-Assistant TAS Leader of Learning
- ¥ Mr. Nick Ramsay-ICT Support Officer
- ¥ Ms. Dena Fayad-RE
- ¥ Mr. Colin Edmondson-RE/HSIE
- ¥ Mrs. Marie Williamson-TAS/Food Technology. Mrs. Danielle Grills will be also picking up another day
- ¥ Ms. Alison Docanto (joint counsellor), will do Monday-Tuesday and Friday, whilst Ms. Christine Comito Wednesday and Thursday.
- ¥ Mrs. Mowbray we welcome back as LOL-Mathematics after being on leave in 2018.





## Uniform Shop

Trading Hours

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

Also, a huge well done to the following staff who are familiar to us already having been with us in 2018 but have now moved into permanent positions from 2019 at Emmaus.

¥ **Mr. James Hamond-PDHPE/Mathematics**

¥ **Mrs. Malwinder Kooner-Mathematics**

¥ **Ms. Rita Kumar-CAPA**

¥ **Ms. Naomi Richardson-PDHPE**

¥ **Mrs. Celine Younan-Diverse Learning**

We wish all those mentioned above well as they begin their journey walking the Emmaus Road and trust that they enjoy their time and experience at the College.

At the time of writing this newsletter article I also wish to acknowledge the departure of Ms. Mel Dodds and Mrs Pauline Xuereb at the end of Week 5, Term 1 to new schools in the Diocese and I thank them for their contribution at Emmaus and wish them the very best into the future. These positions will be filled by expert and experienced practitioners.

I would also like to also take this opportunity to thank the staff, students and parents/carers for celebrating our *Opening School Mass* which took place on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

A special thanks to Fr Myk our chief celebrant and to Ms. Waring, Ms. Cagliuso, Mrs. Maka, Mr. Yuzon, Mr. Connelly and the musicians and the other ministers that day for their hard work around our first whole school liturgy where the new Year 7 and new Staff were commissioned.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019 IN PANAMA

Our pilgrims, Isabella, Jake and Jonah led by Mrs. Maka spent almost 3 weeks away travelling to Houston, then onto Mexico before settling in Panama for WYD19. In following all the tweets and social media reports it has been a wonderful success culminating with the Papal Mass, where Pope Francis said to some 700,000 young people of the world "You are the today for tomorrow. You are not in the meantime, but you are the today, the now, of the Church and the world." We look forward to their reports and stories now that they have returned safely last Friday.



## HSC RESULTS 2018-BEST TO DATE FOR THE COLLEGE

Congratulations to the below mentioned Year 12-2018 students on their wonderful achievements (first in a course; receiving a Band 6/E4 or 90+ score and receiving an ATAR of above 90). I am especially pleased at the great growth by the school in the top two bands (highest number of combined Band 5 & 6's ever=169 and the lowest number of the bottom two bands ever. Well done to the cohort of 2018 and I look forward to acknowledging you all at the HSC High Achiever Assembly on the 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Subject	Students	Mark
Ancient History	Harrison Zussa	90
Biology	Sebastian Jozwiak	89
Business Studies	Natallie Schembri	93
Chemistry	Sebastian Jozwiak and Mitchell Moxey	78
Community and Family Studies	April Miles	89
Design and Technology	Mitchell Moxey	90
Earth & Environmental Science	Natalie Dibou	82
English Standard	Natalie Dibou	89
English Advanced	Lauren Klugt	93
English Extension 1	Lauren Klugt & Farisha Hussein	43
English Extension 2	Lauren Klugt	48
Industrial Technology-Multi Media	Caitlin Bifulco	87
Information Processes & Technology	Caitlin Bifulco	88
Italian Beginners	Alessandra Indelicato	81
Japanese Beginners	Alexander Takami	90
Legal Studies	Harrison Zussa	91
Mathematics	Matias Pitigala & Alexander Takami	88
Mathematics Extension 1	Matias Pitigala & Alexander Takami	38
Mathematics General 2	Jason Putrus	90
Modern History	Lyndal Bergamin	84
PDHPE	Jessica Alexander	86
Physics	Arvind Suresh	78
Senior Science	April Miles	91
Society and Culture	Natalie Dibou	90
Studies of Religion1	Harrison Zussa	43
Studies of Religion2	Lauren Klugt	87
Visual Arts	Lauren Klugt	86
Business Services VET	Natallie Schembri	92
Religion Catholic Studies	Jacinta Flanagan	46



<b>Construction VET</b>	Hanna El-Nachar	79
<b>Hospitality VET*</b>	Aldy Lopai	83
<b>SLR</b>	Brimo Ujuangi	69
<b>English Studies</b>	Casey Vella	74
<b>Work Studies</b>	Casey Vella & Natalia Bechara	83
<b>Mathematics General 1</b>	Casey Vella	84

### 2018 Emmaus Catholic College HSC ATAR above 90

NAME	ATAR
Harrison Zussa (Dux)	94.70
Natallie Schembri	92.80
April Miles	92.15
Lauren Klugt	91.25

### 2018 Emmaus Catholic College Band 6/E4 or HSC mark above 90

Natalie Dibou	90	Society & Culture
Lauren Klugt	93	Advanced English; 48 Ext 2 English;
April Miles	91	Advanced English; 91 Senior Science
Mitchell Moxey	90	Design & Technology
Jason Putrus	90	Mathematics General 2
Natallie Schembi	93	Business Studies; 90 Advanced English; 92 Business Services
Arvind Suresh	90	Legal Studies
Harrison Zussa	90	Ancient History; 91 Business Studies; 91 English Advanced; 91 Legal Studies
Alexander Takami	90	Japanese

### UNIFORM, GROOMING AND COLLEGE STANDARDS

I stress the importance of these standards for uniform and grooming as non-negotiables as our students are our best advertisement. To that end I remind the school community of our policies and expectations as posted on our College website and would ask that all families support us at all times as responsible decision makers for our young students.

### COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FOR LEAVE FOR STUDENTS

A reminder that in NSW school attendance is compulsory for children over the age of six years until the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. Students must complete Year 10 and after Year 10, until they turn 17 years of age, students must be: in school or registered for home schooling, or in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours per week) or in a combination of work, education and/or training.

Additionally, [Applications for exemption](#): if you consider that it is in your child's best interests to be exempted from the legal requirement to attend school for any length of time (**one day or more**), you must apply to the Principal for an exemption letter. The school will provide an **Application for Exemption from Attendance at School Form**, and assist you to complete it, if necessary. The Principal will consider your application and decide whether to grant a Certificate of Exemption.

Please note this exemption form can be collected from the Front Office or downloaded from the College Website.

It would be my expectation that these exemptions particularly for holiday purposes outside of normal holiday breaks would NOT occur and namely not in Year 11 and 12 due to the crucial nature of missing learnings for the HSC.

Can I remind parent/carers that **ATTENDANCE** each day, every day and being on time all the time, is paramount to ensure academic success. The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has set a target/standard for all schools once again of **90% attendance by 90% of students** in 2018 and this will certainly be the goal for Emmaus.

*In 2018 as a College we were just on 75% a huge improvement on 2017 by almost 5% but still needing attention as every school day missed is learning outcomes being lost.* I would ask parent/carers to be on top of attendance, know their son/daughter's whereabouts each day and refrain from giving into requests from our youngsters for 'days off' for reasons other than significant illness.

I have indicated to all the Homeroom teachers to make calls home to the parent/carers of their classes as a means of introduction and of being the first port of call should they need any support, including attendance dialogue/conversations should this become an issue.

My message to the staff for the start of 2019 as it was in 2018 is to know the story of your student and I used the following quote to reinforce our work in 2019: ***'It is good to know the content; It is great to know the pedagogy. It is imperative to know the student'.***

### **STAFF CARPARK REMINDER**

Can I also remind all parent/carers of the importance of not entering the staff carpark at any time for drop-offs, pick-ups, to attend the Uniform Shop or the Office at the start and finish of the day, the busiest of periods. All vehicles should remain outside the school grounds or utilise the large carpark near Trinity to ensure safety for all our community. I would be devastated to ever have to inform a family that a serious accident had occurred in the carpark involving a member(s) of our community. Please spare yourself the embarrassment of being told to turn around as you enter the staff carpark where we will have the area roped off in coming weeks and manned by our maintenance men and Business Manager. Thanks again for your support and understanding around this but as you know we are a huge community and congestion and traffic can build up very quickly causing possible dangers.

Finally, can I thank you for entrusting your children to our care and I wish you the very best for 2019 and ask you to always feel confident in contacting the College or teachers/staff directly at any time should you require assistance.

***"ECC focus in 2019: Attendance; Transforming Learning; Positive Behaviour Focus; Respect; Growth; Wellbeing"***



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

## **2019 STAFF**

### **PRINCIPAL**

Mr Robert Nastasi

### **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

Ms Melinda Bowd

### **DIRECTOR OF MISSION & LEARNING**

Ms Pia Waring

### **DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs Mel Else

### **DIRECTOR OF LEARNING & WELLBEING**

Mr Stephen Roberts

### **DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC GROWTH**

Mr Mark O'Connor

### **LEADERS OF LEARNING (LOL)**

Religious Education: Ms Pia Waring  
English: Ms Veronica Schinella  
Mathematics: Mrs Briony Mowbray  
PDHPE: Mr Robert Brunt  
Learning Technology: Ms Sheree McQueen  
Diversity: Mrs Sharyn Vogels

HSIE: Mrs Rebecca Curran  
TAS: Mr Bhupinder Chhabra  
CAPA: Ms Jade Ashton/Mr L. Connolly  
Science: Ms Melissa Dodds  
LOTE: Mrs Mel Else  
Careers: Mrs Maria Scarfone  
VET: Mrs Irene Pereira

### **ASSISTANT LEADERS OF LEARNING (LOL)**

Religious Education: Ms Cassie Cagliuso  
English: Ms Kristin Germanos  
HSIE: Mrs Danielle Nevin

Science: Mr Jake Webster  
Mathematics: Mr Joneil Yuzon  
TAS: Mr Taylor Munro

### **LEADERS OF WELLBEING (LOW)**

Year 7: Ms Amy Borg  
Year 9: Mr Grant Levy  
Year 11: Mr Alex Murphy

Year 8: Mr Ross Ashdown  
Year 10: Ms Natalie Gaudiosi  
Year 12: Mrs Dominique Luke

### **OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

Student Leaders/Peer Support Coordinator: Mr Jake Sultana-Pearman  
Sport Coordinator: Ms Kayla Hely

### **SUPPORT/ADMINISTRATION STAFF**

Principal's Assistant: Mrs Linda Schembri  
Business Manager: Mr Harvey Anchique  
Administration Coordinator: Mrs Elizabeth Warren  
Enrolments: Mrs Barbara Biermann  
Accounts: Mrs Kylie Luckman/Mrs Tammy Bigeni  
Student Services: Mrs Christine Conroy; Ms Amalia Chebatte;  
Mrs Barbara Biermann; Mrs Gayle Ellis  
Reception: Ms Lyn Weller  
Library: Mrs Sharon Ellery (Librarian); Mrs Rose-Maree Marsh  
Canteen: JC PTY LTD-Mr Greg Carluccio



## *A Directory of who to speak to at the College for help*

<b>Issue needing resolution</b>	<b>Who</b>
General procedural and organisational matters	<i>Homeroom teacher</i>
Classroom/subject learning matters	<i>Classroom/subject teacher</i>
Ongoing learning matters	<p><i>Leader of Learning for a specific Key Learning Area</i></p> <p>RE-Ms Pia Waring (<a href="mailto:pwaring@parra.catholic.edu.au">pwaring@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>English-Ms Veronica Schinella (<a href="mailto:vschinella@parra.catholic.edu.au">vschinella@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>Mathematics-Mrs Briony Mowbray(<a href="mailto:bmowbray@parra.catholic.edu.au">bmowbray@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>Science-Ms Melissa Dodds (<a href="mailto:mdodds@parra.catholic.edu.au">mdodds@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>HSIE-Mrs Rebecca Curran (<a href="mailto:rcurran@parra.catholic.edu.au">rcurran@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>PDHPE-Mr Robert Brunt (<a href="mailto:rbrunt@parra.catholic.edu.au">rbrunt@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>CAPA-Art: Ms Jade Ashton (<a href="mailto:jashton@parra.catholic.edu.au">jashton@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>CAPA-Music: Mr Luke Connolly(<a href="mailto:lconnolly1@parra.catholic.edu.au">lconnolly1@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>TAS-Mr Bhupinder Chhabra (<a href="mailto:bchhabra@parra.catholic.edu.au">bchhabra@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>LOTE-Mrs Mel Else (<a href="mailto:melse@parra.catholic.edu.au">melse@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>Learning support-Mrs Sharyn Vogels (<a href="mailto:svogels2@parra.catholic.edu.au">svogels2@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p>
Well Being and Pastoral care matters	<i>Homeroom teacher initially as the first port of call</i>
Ongoing Well-Being and Pastoral care matters	<p><i>Leaders of Well-Being</i></p> <p>Year 7-Ms Amy Borg (<a href="mailto:aborg@parra.catholic.edu.au">aborg@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>Year 8-Mr Ross Ashdown (<a href="mailto:rashdown@parra.catholic.edu.au">rashdown@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>Year 9-Mr Grant Levy (<a href="mailto:glevy@parra.catholic.edu.au">glevy@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>Year 10-Ms Natalie Gaudiosi (<a href="mailto:ngaudiosi@parra.catholic.edu.au">ngaudiosi@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>Year 11-Mr Alex Murphy (<a href="mailto:amurphy16@parra.catholic.edu.au">amurphy16@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>Year 12-Mrs Dominique Luke (<a href="mailto:dluke@parra.catholic.edu.au">dluke@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p>
Unresolved Well-Being and Pastoral Care matters	<p><i>Director of Well-Being</i></p> <p>Mr Stephen Roberts (<a href="mailto:sroberts11@parra.catholic.edu.au">sroberts11@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p> <p>Then: Assistant Principal (<a href="mailto:mbowd@parra.catholic.edu.au">mbowd@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p>
Unresolved Curriculum/ Learning matters	<p><i>Director of Curriculum Administration</i></p> <p>Mrs Melissa Else (<a href="mailto:melse@parra.catholic.edu.au">melse@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p>
Financial Matters	<p><i>Business Manager</i></p> <p>Mr Harvey Anchique (<a href="mailto:hanchique@parra.catholic.edu.au">hanchique@parra.catholic.edu.au</a>)</p>

## Assistant Principal

Welcome back to another new school year! We have had a great start to the year and it has been wonderful reconnecting with our students, as well as meeting our new Year 7 cohort.

This morning at our College Assembly I spoke to the students about the importance of having a growth mindset in 2019. I showed them an extract from Rafael Nadal's runner up speech at the Australian Open and highlighted the following points:

- ♣ You won't always have the best lesson or day but that is no reason to give up
- ♣ Tough moments are part of life
- ♣ Acknowledge your successes
- ♣ Find what and who inspires you
- ♣ Use your support team, such as your family, friends and teachers
- ♣ Keep fighting to achieve your goals/keep practising/keep working hard for the most important things
- ♣ Consider what you need to do to give yourself the best chance

What a winner! There is so much to learn from this inspiring sportsman.

On another note, road safety is always an important issue in schools and the safety of your sons and daughters is always paramount. Please ensure you follow all the rules of the road and signage when driving on site or in our school zone. Students are not to cross Bakers Lane of an afternoon, as this is a very busy area with cars moving in multiple directions. Ideally, parents are asked to cross over and collect your child or drive through the pick-up point. If you are parked in the pick-up point on Bakers Lane, please make sure your child knows to exit the school grounds as quickly as possible to ensure the movement of cars through that area. Many thanks for your support in ensuring we prioritise the safety of our students.



## Religious Education

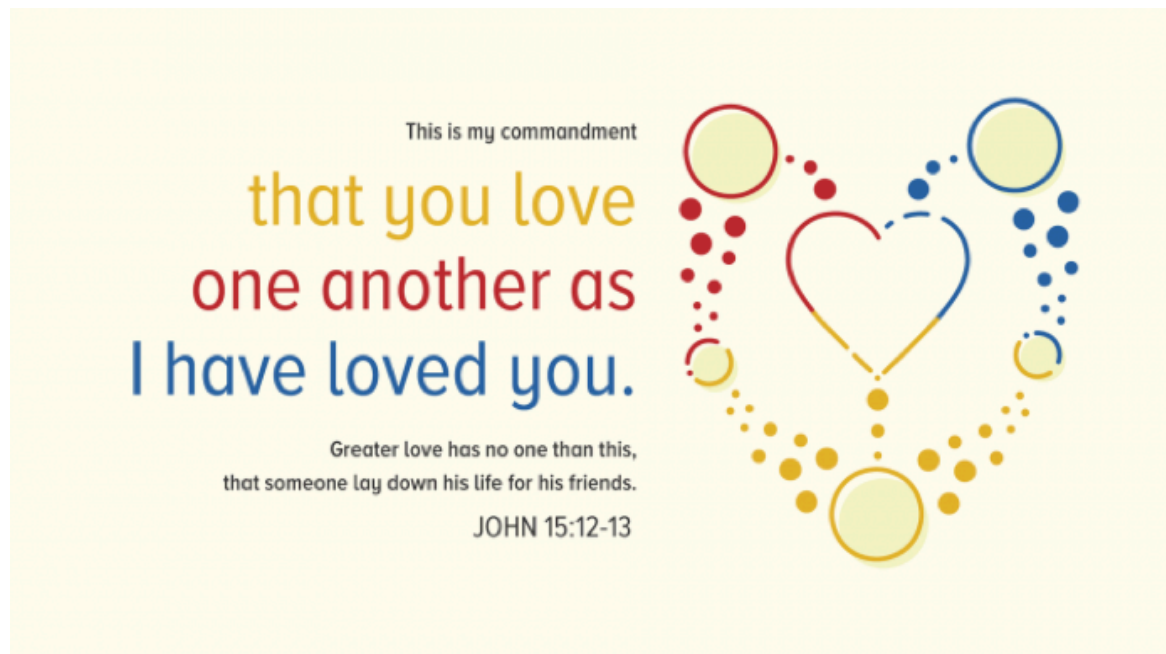
In his opening comment for the 2019 CEDP Mission Calendar, Bishop Vincent Long said that in this new year the religious leaders along with Catholics in the Diocese are on a journey that is fuelled by companionship. When I read this, it reminded me of the first day of 2019 for our new Year 7 students. They began their Emmaus journey in a very physical way by walking the “Emmaus Road” as new members of our College community. Together, they walked with their companions, their friends from primary school and the companions that they will make as their journey unfolds.

It is very difficult, almost impossible, to make a journey alone. And not only will Year 7 have their friends, teachers and parents and caregivers but they will also have Jesus with them, guiding them down the path and lighting the way forward. This was very clear at the Induction Liturgy on Tuesday when these companions learned about the symbols of our College, our motto and pillars. They contemplated how they might contribute to making their own journey great as well as contributing to the journey of College itself.

On this note, it is timely to introduce to you our 2019 College Formation Focus which is based around our College Pillar of Respect. The Scripture verse from John 15:12 captures the essence of this and that is the command from Jesus to “Love each other as I have loved you.” The purpose of having this particular goal is to develop an understanding of this pillar and how it underpins all interactions and informs the learning in our community. This in conjunction with our Positive Behaviour Focus, along with other learning strategies and opportunities throughout the year will serve to provide students with a stronger understanding of respect in order to try to act more like Jesus, the perfect example of love and respect, and walk with him on their Emmaus Journey.

At the end of this week, we will celebrate our Opening College Mass for 2019 and there is no better place than to begin the year by showing respect for our God and living out our faith as a Catholic community. We are very blessed to have Father Michael Belonio from Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair presiding and sharing his insight into the Gospel of John and the commandment to love one another.

*Pia Waring, Director of Mission and Learning*

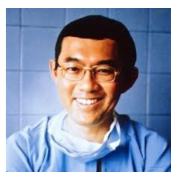






2018 was an eventful and successful year for the Science faculty and all students who study Science in the junior and senior years. Here is just a quick snapshot of some of the opportunities and achievements Emmaus students have experienced.

On Tuesday August 14th the Science faculty was invited to assist **Trinity Catholic Primary School with their Science Fair**. The students were excited to participate in the activities, ask the teachers questions and get their passports stamped.



### VICTOR CHANG CARDIAC RESEARCH INSTITUTE AWARD

In 2018, **Madeline Peppas** has been nominated for the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Award. Madeline is a talented Science student who has demonstrated a commitment to her achievements in Science. She is a hard working and highly motivated student who manages her time effectively and maintains an excellent relationship with his peers and with staff.



### SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Some of our Year 11 Science students participated in the 2018 Australian Science Olympiad. Sitting the Australian Science Olympiad Exam is the first step to the International Science Olympiads, the 'Olympic Games' for Science students. Well done to the following students who have stood up to the challenge and good luck.

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

## YEAR 7

Year 7 started the year by developing their skills in the Science Laboratory. Students had some practical experience with some of the more common apparatus that they will become familiar with over the next few weeks. The favourite is always the Bunsen Burner. All Year 7 students must display competency with the Bunsen Burner before receiving their license.



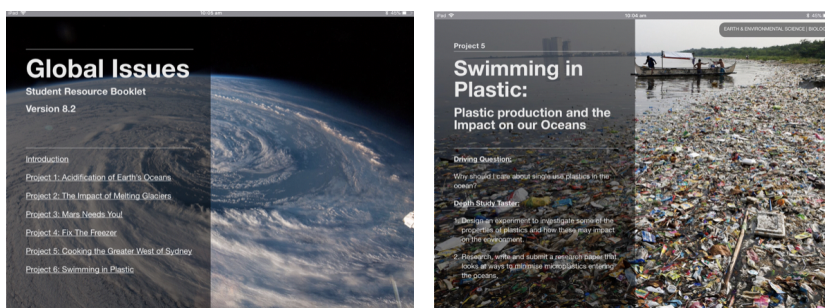
## YEAR 9

Year 9 were challenged to construct and wire a model building according to specific requirements. They worked in pairs and were provided with the materials needed to successfully meet this challenge.



## YEAR 10

Year 10 undertook a major research task and worked on a Global Issues Research Project. The Science faculty put together an iBook to provide students with a variety of problems which the students can select to tackle. Students were given the option to look at a problem in teams before coming up with their own first hand investigation to collect data.



## YEAR 11

Year 11 Biology students were fortunate to conduct a field study at Penrith Lakes to put into practice what they had learned in class. Students were also taught about abiotic factors, how to measure them using state-of-the-art technology and were quizzed about their effects on the ecosystem.



During the time at the Detention Basin, our Year 11 students were lucky to have the opportunity to undertake techniques such as dip netting to try to catch some invertebrates.



The students returned to the Education Centre, where they collaboratively analysed their data, learned about the adaptations of animals such as Gambusia as well as food chains and food webs.

A very big thank you to Mr. Ashdown, Mrs. Corbin, Mr. Halpin, Mrs. Luke, Miss Martin, Mr. Tabone and Mr. Webster for their professional and enthusiastic Science teaching. I would also like to thank Mrs. Finlayson for her assistance in laboratory and practical lesson preparation and faculty administration.

As we look forward to more scientific excitement in 2019, we welcome Mr. Campbell to the Science faculty and also wish Mr. Halpin all the very best as his Emmaus journey comes to a close and he takes up the position as Leader of Learning – Science at Xavier Catholic College at Llandilo. As of February, Mrs Hamama will be the new Leader of Learning – Science at Emmaus and we give her a very warm welcome.

*Ms. Dodds, Leader of Learning - Science*

# Creative and Performing Arts



Welcome back to another year of learning in the Creative and Performing Arts! This year's Pantone colour of the year is **"Living Coral"**.

The colour Living Coral 16-1546 appears in nature with rich shades found in sunsets and marine life. This colour signifies energy, community and oneness.

How will this colour inspire our students for the Academic year of 2019? As a Catholic secondary college, we consistently search for authentic opportunities to instil our students with the values found in the Gospels.

As this colour signifies oneness and community, inspired by the co-beneficial relationship between sea creatures, corals and other living organisms, it will serve as visual inspiration for all students, staff and parents to unite as one during their educational, spiritual and emotional journey at Emmaus.

## Farewell

In the Creative and Performing Arts Department we are more than colleagues, we are a family. Unfortunately, in December of 2018 we said farewell to a significant member of our family, Mrs Stevenson. Mrs Stevenson had taught at Emmaus for many years always dedicating herself to consistently designing classroom tasks that would inspire creativity and develop her students artmaking skills.

We wish Mrs Stevenson continued success in her new school and know that she will make her mark just as she did at Emmaus.

As always, when one door closes another opens, our faculty is excited to welcome Ms Meaghan Anderson to our teaching team for Visual Arts. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome back our other members of the Creative and Performing Arts team: Mr Connolly (Music), Ms Kumar (Visual Arts) and Mr Ferreri (Music).

As 2019 commences, we are excited for our students to be a part of the various CAPA initiatives in and out of the classroom. The first one to be announced for the year is ...

## The Emmaus Junior Rock Band

If you're in Year 7 or 8 and have a passion for playing your instrument in a group then you will love what we have in-store for you!

We are forming a junior rock band who will rehearse on a weekly basis and learn a range of songs. There will be performance opportunities throughout the year and it is a great opportunity to collaborate, expand on your music skills and most importantly HAVE FUN.

Students are encouraged to go to Sentral for the expression of interest forms.





## From the Sporting Field

Welcome back to 2019 and what's already shaping up to be another huge year in Sport at Emmaus.

All students have selected their Sport for this term. In term 1 we are fortunate enough to offer the following sports of a Thursday afternoon:

- REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS**
- Junior and Intermediate Girls and Boys Touch Football- students must have appropriate football boots to participate (no screw in studs)
  - Junior and Intermediate Boys Basketball
  - Intermediate Girls Volleyball

A reminder that buses returning from **Representative Sport may arrive back at the College after** our normal afternoon buses and for that reason, students need to ensure they have alternative transport home on Thursday afternoons.

**Trials for Representative Sport** will be held on Thursday of Week 2 (7th February) during Sport time, with the competition commencing in Week 3 (14th February). All students representing our College are expected to have the correct shorts and socks that are available for purchase at our College Uniform Shop.

Students will be loaned a singlet or jersey for the duration of the Season which is their responsibility. A replacement fee of \$50 applies if this is not returned to their coach at the conclusion of the Season.

**VENUE SPORTS** - Cables Waterpark, Don Bosco, Flipout, Gym/Fitness, AMF Bowling, Ice Skating

**Weekly prices for venue Sports are as follows:**

Don Bosco:	\$5
AMF Bowling:	\$7
Flipout:	\$7
Gym/Fitness:	\$7
Ice Skating:	\$8
Cables Waterpark:	\$12

**Waiver Forms** - all students participating in Flipout, Cables and Gym/Fitness should have collected a waiver on Monday of Week 2 (4th February). This is a compulsory requirement of the venue and failure to return this on Thursday for Sport in Week 1 will result in failure to participate from the venue.

**SCHOOL SPORTS** - Basketball/Netball, Soccer, Touch Football, Bushwalking, Music, CAPA, Theatre Sport

**CAPA** has a minimal applicable cost due to your son/ daughter's Sport teacher in the first 2 weeks. These small costs allow us to continue providing the necessary equipment and resources for this Sport to be operational.

It is an expectation that all students in Years 7-10 attend Sport of a Thursday afternoon. This is not a time that can be used for students to leave school and/or attend appointments.

If there is a pressing reason where a student is unable to attend their allocated Sport, a note is to be provided to and signed by their Leader of Wellbeing. Our College office staff require this to allow students to sign out.

**In Week 8 of each Term students select a new Sport for the following Term.**

In Week 7, students are notified of their allocated day to select a Sport. Students are aware that no students are permitted to change Sports so it's important they discuss their selections with their friends and parents prior to selection. All venue Sports have an applicable weekly cost and by a student selecting this as their chosen sport they are making a commitment to bringing this money weekly to avoid attending community service. As per College Sport procedures, any student who forgets their money must see myself and will attend Community Service. Attending Community Service twice in one Term results in an afternoon detention and the potential of losing the privilege of attending their chosen Sport.

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On another note, our College Swimming Carnival is rapidly approaching in Week 3; Friday 15th February. This is a compulsory school day and a day that is significant to our College community. Rivalry between houses is building and this is just one of many days on our school calendar where students are provided with the opportunity to really feel connected and a part of their House group whilst earning points toward our inaugural House cup. Further details about this day will be coming home to you next week. Spectators are most welcome.

## COLLEGE SPORTING AWARDS

Please note: If your child has represented the State or Country in their chosen Sport, please let me know. They may be eligible for a College Sporting Blue Award.

## NSWCCC REPRESENTATIVE SPORT

If your son/daughter is interested in trialling for various Sports throughout the year at a NSWCCC Representative Pathway, please visit this website to register your child's details for the relevant trial/s.

<https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-home.aspx>

## TRIALLING FOR EXTERNAL PDSSSC TEAMS

Students wishing to trial for an external PDSSSC team can register via the link below. These teams are comprised of students performing at a highly skilled level from all schools across our Diocese. Further information about trials/representative Sport pathways and how students qualify can be found on the website below:

<http://www.secondarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/nswccc-representative-sport>

Up and coming trials include: Baseball, Open Boys and Girls Cricket, Open Boys and Girls Football (Soccer), Golf, Hockey, Rugby League, Softball, Tennis, Touch Football and Volleyball

All student must register for these trials on the website; please note the closing dates. Where applicable, please take the time to familiarise yourself with the Representative pathways relevant to your child's Sport and please have your son/daughter see me if they have any questions.

*Ms K Hely, Head of Sport*

## From the Community



### *Funerals of Compassion*

A Family business committed to caring for your family  
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people"

Call John or Vicki Musumeci at anytime, 24 hours  
Phone: 1300 906 060 or 0408 116 747  
329 Wentworth Road, Orchard Hills

## From the Office

### IS YOUR SON/DAUGHTER LEAVING THE COLLEGE

If your son or daughter is leaving the College we require the following:

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

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

## 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.

# CANTEEN MENU

<b>BREAKFAST</b>	
<b>Rockets</b>	
Cheese	\$2.50
Cheese & Ham	\$3.00
Cheese & Chicken	\$3.00
<b>Toasties</b>	
Cheese	\$2.50
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese	\$3.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50
<b>Rolls</b>	
Egg & Cheese	\$4.00
Egg & Bacon	\$4.00
Egg, Bacon & Cheese	\$5.00
Hash Brown	\$1.00
<b>SANDWICHES – White or Wholemeal</b>	
Vegemite	\$2.00
Tasty Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayonnaise	\$4.00
Chicken, lettuce & Mayonnaise	\$4.00
Tuna, lettuce & Mayonnaise	\$4.00
Salad	\$5.00
<b>ROLLS</b>	
Vegemite	\$2.50
Tasty Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese and Tomato	\$4.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Egg, Lettuce & Mayonnaise	\$4.50
Chicken, Lettuce & Mayonnaise	\$4.50
Tuna, Lettuce & Mayonnaise	\$4.50
Salad	\$5.50
<b>EXTRAS</b>	
Beetroot, Cucumber, Carrot, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Cheese, Chicken.	\$0.50
Ham, Tuna	\$1.00
<b>FRUIT</b>	
Apples, Oranges	\$1.00
Fruit Salad	\$4.50

<b>SALADS – on Various Days</b>	
Chicken Salad	\$5.00
Garden Salad	\$5.00
Greek Salad	\$5.00
Caesar Salad	\$5.00
Pasta Salad	\$5.00
<b>HOT FOODS</b>	
Pizza Pockets	\$3.50
Garlic Bread	\$3.00
Fried Rice	\$3.50
Lasagna	\$3.50
Chicken or Beef Noodles	\$2.50
<b>PIES</b>	
Potato	\$3.50
Steak & Cheese	\$3.50
Pepper Steak	\$3.50
Steak & Mushroom	\$3.50
Beef Traveller	\$3.50
Beef, Cheese & Bacon	\$3.50
<b>BURGERS</b>	
Cheese	\$4.00
Chicken	\$4.00
Beef	\$4.00
<b>HOT WRAPS</b>	
Chicken	\$4.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken	\$4.00
<b>HOT ROLLS</b>	
Roast Chicken, Cheese & Chilli	\$4.00
<b>SPECIAL – On Various Day</b>	
Chicken & Cheese Pizza	\$3.50
Chicken & Rice	\$5.00
Chicken Wings x 6	\$4.50
Hot Dog	\$3.00
Nachos	\$4.50
Pasta Napolitana	\$5.00
Sausage & Onion Roll	\$3.00
Wedges with Sour Cream	\$4.50
Honey Soy Chicken & Rice	\$5.00
Butter Chicken	\$5.00
Bondi Perri Burgers	\$5.00
Schnitzel Subs	\$5.00
Ham Tacos	\$5.50
Chicken Nuggets x 10	\$5.00

Orders to be taken before Homeroom. Hot food will vary each day.



## CANTEEN DRINKS

<b>DRINKS</b>	
Organic Spring Water	\$2.00
Nippys Flavoured Spring Water	\$3.50
Aloe Original	\$3.00
Aloe Lychee	\$3.00
Chilli Ice Tea	\$3.00
Orchy Juices Varieties	\$2.50
Focus Flavoured Water	\$3.50
Vitamin Flavoured Water	\$3.50
Quench Flavoured Mineral Water	\$2.00
Fresh Flavoured Milk	\$2.00 - \$3.00
<b>ICE COLD ITEMS</b>	
Slushee Canteen Approved	\$2.00
Frozen Yoghurt Cups	\$2.50
Moosies Smoothies	\$2.00
Magnum Streets	\$3.50
Zooper Doopers	\$1.00
Icy Pops	\$1.50
Paddle Pops	\$2.00