



*We walk with Jesus*

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# Update

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## Dates to Remember

### TERM 4 - 2020

#### December

- 11th Yr 7-11 Picnic Day
- 14th Yr 7-9 Normal lessons
- 15th Parent Teacher Student Feed-Forward Interviews
- 16th Staff Development Day  
Pupil Free
- 17th Staff Development Day  
Pupil Free - Office Closed
- 18th School Office closed for holidays

### TERM 1 - 2021

#### January

- 28th Yr 7 commence
- 29th All students attend  
Photo Day for Years 7-11  
(details at end of this issue)

#### February

- 5th Swimming Carnival
- 9th Yr 7 Vaccinations  
Yr 11 Information Evening
- 22nd-24th Yr 7 Orientation Camp

#### March

- 2nd Open Night
- 19th Harmony Day

#### April

- 1st Holy Thursday  
**End of Term 1**
- 2nd Good Friday

## Message from the Principal



### *Curiosity to Clarity: Celebrating 200 Years*

#### **Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences Tuesday 15th December**

As in previous years these conferences / meetings are available to all Parents / carers of students across Years 7-11 on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020 from 8.30am to 10.30am in the College Library. They will be of 5-10 minute durations and if you would like to make a booking time with any of your child's teachers then you will need to call the College office on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December between 9am and 10.30am only to secure a booking time (note there will be no other methods of making bookings for this conference day).

#### **Staffing Changes for 2021**

I take this opportunity to both thank and farewell the following teachers/ staff members who are moving on to new schools/positions in 2021 and together we wish them every success and blessing in the future:

***Ms Borg; Mrs Boustany; Mr Brogan; Ms Cagliuso; Ms Germanos; Mr Levy; Mr Murphy; Ms Schinella and Mr Tabone.***

Also, I thank and wish all the very best to several staff members who finish temporary appointments in 2020 at Emmaus: Ms El-Nachar; Ms Fayad; Mrs Hussain; Mrs Hunn; Mr Vendrasco and Mrs White (office staff). God bless and farewell from us all at Emmaus.

At the same time, it is with great pleasure that I announce that **Mr. Hamond and Mr. Petrocco** (both currently on staff) and **Mr. Liceralde** (joining us from Clancy Catholic College) will become Leaders of Well-Being in 2021.



The **Leader of Well-Being positions in 2021** will be as follows:

Year 7 - Mr. Licalde  
 Year 8 - Mr. Petrocco  
 Year 9 - Mr. Hamond  
 Year 10 - Mrs. Luke  
 Year 11 - Mr. Sultana  
 Year 12 - Ms. Gaudiosi

Finally, I congratulate **Mr. Mark O'Connor** who will also take on the role of Leader of Learning-English and **Ms. Lisa DiMarco** who will become Assistant Leader of Learning-English commencing in 2021.

*Announcements of the new teaching staff joining Emmaus will be made in the first newsletter of 2021, but rest assured we have been able to appoint many talented and experienced teachers for all vacated positions, many of whom have leadership backgrounds, HSC experience and Religious Education accreditation.*

### **Final weeks of school 2020**

Can I remind students and families of Years 7-11 that over the coming weeks it is business as usual in terms of learning with attendance remaining crucial and is fundamental in ensuring good learning habits into 2021.

**Some key dates** for the College/Year groups are as follows:

<b>Week/Date</b>	<b>Key event</b>
<b>Week 8: 30/11/20 to 4/12/20</b>	<b><i>Lessons as normal for ALL Year 7-11</i></b>
Tuesday 1/12/20 to 8/12/20	<b><i>Year 10 Alternate program begins through to the 8/12/20</i></b>
Tuesday 1/12/20	<b><i>Year 7 attend Holy Spirit St Clair periods 1 &amp; 2 for Mass</i></b>
Wednesday 2/12/20	<b><i>Year 12 Sign out day</i></b>
Thursday 3/12/20	<b><i>Year 8 attend Holy Spirit St Clair periods 1 &amp; 2 for Mass</i></b>
<b>Week 9: 7/12/20 to 11/12/20</b>	<b><i>Lessons as normal for ALL Year 7-11</i></b>
Monday 7/12/20 & Tuesday 8/12/20	<b><i>Year 10 Alternate program continues with a Spirituality Day on the 8<sup>th</sup> at school</i></b>
Tuesday 8/12/20	<b><i>Year 9 attend Holy Spirit St Clair periods 1 &amp; 2 for Mass</i></b>
Thursday 10/12/20	<b><i>Year 7-11 Awards assembly periods 1 &amp; 2 in the College hall -award winners and 2 guests only. This will also be live streamed.</i></b>
Friday 11/12/20	<b><i>Year 7-11 Picnic/Beach day to Thirroul beach; Last day for Year 10 and 11</i></b>
<b>Week 10: 14/12/20 to 18/12/20</b>	<b><i>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December-normal lessons for Year 7-9 (last day for 2020)</i></b>
Tuesday 15/12/20	<b><i>Year 7-11 Parent/Teacher/Student interviews in the library from 8.30am to 10.30am. Bookings need to be made by phone on Monday 14/12/20 between 9.00am and 10.30am</i></b>
Wednesday 16/12/20	<b><i>Pupil free/Staff Development Day</i></b>
Thursday 17/12/20	<b><i>Pupil free/Staff Development Day-College office is closed</i></b>
Friday 18/12/20	<b><i>HSC results at 6.00am and ATAR's released at 9.00am. Year 12 HSC morning tea at 10.30am on the Principal's lawn</i></b>

<b>2021 DATES</b>	<p><b>Monday 18th January - College office opens</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January - Australia Day public holiday (school and office closed)</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January - Staff only return</b></p> <p><b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January - Year 7 only return</b></p> <p><b>Friday 29th January - whole school return Years 7-12 and School photos taken this day for Year 7-11.</b></p>
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***WISHING ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES A HAPPY, SAFE AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY BREAK***



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

*"ECC focus in 2020: Learning, Learning and more learning; Attendance; Transforming learning; Positive Behaviour focus; Respect; Growth; Wellbeing"*

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)

## College Leadership Teams

### Executive

**Principal** *Mr Nastasi*

**Principal's Personal Assistant**  
*Mrs Schembri*

**Assistant Principal** *Mr Roberts*

**Director of Learning & Mission**  
*Ms Waring*

**Director of Curriculum  
Administration** *Mrs Else*

### Leaders of Wellbeing

**Year 7** *Mr Sultana*

**Year 8** *Miss Borg*

**Year 9** *Mrs Luke*

**Year 10** *Mr Levy*

**Year 11** *Miss Gaudiosi*

**Year 12** *Mr Murphy*

### 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** *Mrs Harris*

**Science** *Mrs Hamama*

**Learning Innovations** *Ms McQueen*

**Sport Co-ordinator** *Ms Hely*

**Language** *Mrs Scarfone*

**Library** *Mrs Ellery*

**VET Co-ordinator** *Mrs Grills*

**Careers Advisor** *Mrs Scarfone*

**College Counsellor** *Ms Wen  
and Ms Docanto*

**Business Manager** *Mr Anchique*

## Assistant Principal

It's The Most Wonderful Time...

As the year draws to a close, we start to reflect and celebrate the achievements of the students during what has been an interesting year. Next Thursday we acknowledge the academic efforts of the students in years 7-11 at our Awards Ceremony. I would like to congratulate those students in advance who are receiving an award on the diligence toward their study throughout the year. We, as a College, are in the business of learning and an 'Academic Award' is an acknowledgement to those students who have gone about their business well.

Learning, whilst at the top of the tree, is only one facet of what we do. There are many layers that contribute to the day-to-day happenings here at Emmaus Catholic College and we therefore need to celebrate these too.

Our College Picnic Day at Thirroul Beach next Friday is one such way in which we come together as a community to acknowledge achievements of everyone in the College. The day is designed for both staff and students to enjoy each other's company in a nice seaside setting.

Both the 'Men Of Honour' and 'Thrive' members have already been afforded the opportunity to celebrate their success within their respective programs. These Wellbeing programs designed to assist young men and women in Years 9 and 10 have been instrumental in their development and engagement here at the College. Both groups conquered the sand dunes at Wanda Beach and were then rewarded with a refreshing swim in the ocean (pictures below). I would like to thank Mr Mark O'Connor for organising this excursion and the teachers who went along with the students.

Finally, as we enter into the holiday period I just wanted to thank all our families for their support over the past year. It is such a pleasure and a privilege to walk the journey with you and your sons and daughters. I hope that the holidays provide an opportunity for rest, rejuvenation and connection.

*Mr Roberts, Assistant Principal*







# Religious Education



## *Liturgy at Emmaus . . .*

Throughout November, some of our junior Catholic Studies classes have participated in a Liturgy to remember those who have passed away. At the very start of November, we commemorated All Saints and All Souls Day and so November has been dedicated as this time to remember those very dear loved ones who have died.

As a teacher, I was looking forward to taking my class out of our normal classroom and into our very beautiful and symbolic Mercy Chapel. The liturgy provided an opportunity for students to read at the lectern, light candles, reflect on those they have lost and add their story to the mural on the wall. Whilst this experience is not an easy one, it is an acknowledgement of: the love that we have as human beings for others; the significance of relationships in our lives; and hope, as a Catholic community, that we too will receive the blessing of eternal life when our time comes.



## *Advent*

While December 1st might indicate that the end of the year is nearly here for most people, for Catholics, it is actually the beginning of a new year. Catholics begin their preparation to receive Jesus at Christmas, marking the beginning of the Catholic Liturgical Calendar.

The countdown to Christmas Day is so much more than just a time of waiting, buying presents and counting the days. One would be forgiven, however, for thinking that a Chocolate Advent Calendar is the norm – they're absolutely everywhere! I felt guilty when my 9 year-old son asked for one while we were out shopping recently and I said no. I mean, who wouldn't want an excuse to have a chocolate every day? It is very easy to get caught up in all the hype of Christmas and whilst the day itself should be celebrated with fanfare, if the preparation time before Christmas was given more attention, imagine how much more amazing the day could actually be! It's like running a race without training beforehand, achieving one's best time is impossible. Or having a party without cleaning the house and making your own delicious food – how will your guests know how much they mean to you?

If we allow our hearts and minds to truly prepare to receive Jesus at Christmas, then the day itself would be far more meaningful and may even take on a new meaning. Our relationship with Jesus requires time and effort, just like any relationship does.

Let us make Hope, Peace, Joy and Love our mantra and embrace Advent this new year.





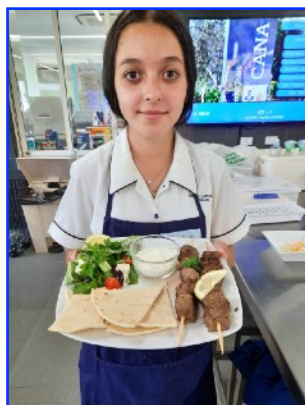
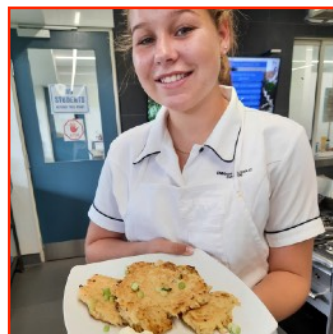
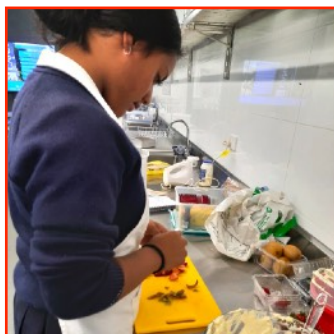
# TAS Department



## Year 9

Year 9 Food Technology classes are preparing and presenting a Cultural Food for the task they recently completed for the unit Food in Australia. The food they created was amazing, they have challenged themselves and gained a lot of experiences to work within time limitations.

*Mr Chhabra, TAS Leader of Learning*







# CAPA Department



As we approach the end of Term 4, a huge thank you to our CAPA teachers for their work with our students this year. It has been a challenging year to navigate, however our students have demonstrated perseverance with their learning tasks once they returned to normal face to face learning.



Our MADD night has taken place in a different format this year. Thank you Mr Connolly and Mr Ferreri for your work with our Music students. With the help of Miss Ashton and Miss Kumar shooting parts of the footage; Mr Connolly has done a wonderful job of mixing the sound and editing the videos for V-MADD. (Hidden talent from Mr Connolly, perhaps we should \*borrow\* him for some of our PDM and PVDI classes!)

## Year 10 Visual Arts

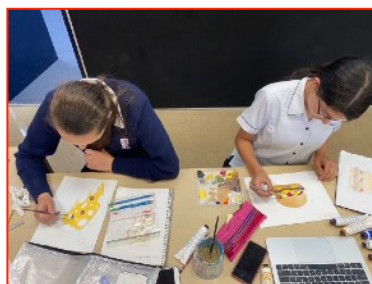
Year 10 Visual Arts are currently working on their own chosen theme for a Mini Body of Work.

Student Marcus Commarmond is from ASPECT and has completed a wonderful series of portraits, building on our last unit of study from 'The Archibald Prize'. Marcus has successfully used a variety of mediums to execute his ideas and document the likeness of each subject. Congratulations Marcus.



## 8.4 Visual Arts

8.4 students are busily completing their Pop Art food paintings. During this unit of study, students have learnt various painting techniques. In class, students are shown different ways of mixing paint as well as application of paint to communicate their chosen ideas. It is incredible to see these ideas come to life.



*Mrs Harris, CAPA Leader of Learning*



## From the Sports Field



### Sport for 2021

The Diocese is hoping to offer representative sport in Term 1, subject to the COVID-19 guidelines at the time. Early in Term 1, I will be able to bring you more information about what sport will look like for Years 7-10 in Term 1 and also information about our College Swimming Carnival.

I thank you for your support in 2020 and wish you and your families a safe, happy and rejuvenating Christmas break. I look forward to sharing with you news about what we hope will be a very busy, enjoyable and successful year for sport in 2021.

*Ms Hely, Sport Co-ordinator*



## HSIE News



### St Marys RSL Sub-Branch Colin Shepherd Memorial Scholarship

For the past 17 years, St Marys RSL Sub-Branch has provided Emmaus Catholic College with an annual History scholarship, the Colin Shepherd Memorial Scholarship, named in honour of Colin Shepherd (deceased), who was instrumental in putting this scholarship program together for students within the St Marys community. This scholarship program has been run by the St Marys RSL Sub Branch for 17 years. In this time, they have provided over \$250,000 in funds to 5 schools in the local area & one regional NSW school in Gilgandra. The scholarship is to assist students with the cost of senior school.

On Tuesday November 23rd, members from the St Marys RSL Sub-Branch presented three of our Year 10 students with their certificates and scholarship prizes for 2020.

The Emmaus College recipients were:

<b>1st prize</b>	<b>Heather Moodley - \$3,000</b>
<b>2nd prize</b>	<b>Harrison Croucher - \$2,000</b>
<b>3rd prize</b>	<b>Joshua Davino - \$1,000</b>

Congratulations to each of these deserving students.

The HSIE Faculty and the Sub-Branch Committee were impressed with the quality of submissions.

Thank you to the St Marys RSL Sub-Branch for their continuing support of the College.



*Mrs Nevin, HSIE Department*





## From the Office



### Emmaus Uniform Shop Extended Hours by Appointment Only

Friday December 11th 8am - 12pm

### Back to School Trading Hours of the Emmaus Uniform Shop

Monday January 18th	8am - 2pm
Tuesday January 19th	8am - 2pm
Wednesday January 20th	8am - 2pm
Thursday January 21st	8am - 2pm

### 2021 Normal Trading Hours commence

Monday January 25th 12pm - 4pm and Thursday January 28th 8am - 12pm

### Online Ordering from School Locker

Uniforms are available for purchase online with home delivery  
or School Locker store pick up options available.

[theschoollocker.com.au](https://theschoollocker.com.au)

The Grove Homemaker Centre - 2-18 Orange Grove Road, Liverpool.

Ph: 8796 2100

### Bring Your Own Device

School approved BYOD models are available for purchase in-store at Liverpool

## From the Accounts Department

From 2021 Emmaus Catholic College will become a **cashless school**, inline with all schools in the Parramatta Diocese. We will continue to accept payments at the College for school fees and extra curricular activities via EFTPOS only.

### The Accounts Office will close at 2.30pm Friday 11th December.

If you need to make a payment or enquiry please do so prior to this.

## Year 7-11 Photo Day - January 29th, 2021

A reminder that College photos will be taken on Friday 29th January 2021. Students are required to wear full summer uniform. Photo order envelopes have been sent home with students this week.

Please order online using the code **ME9NM7H29** *prior* to photo day OR return envelopes with the correct money *on* photo day.

## Enrolments for 2021

**Enrolling** - if you wish to enrol a sibling or you know of anyone wanting to enrol for the 2021 school year, you need to contact the College Enrolment Office on 02 9670 8300 as soon as possible.

**Leaving Emmaus Catholic College** - if you are withdrawing a student from Emmaus Catholic College, you will need to advise the College Enrolment Office in writing or by email with details of what the student will be undertaking in 2021. If the student has not attained 17 years in age, you are required to also submit confirmation from the new school, employer or TAFE.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College Enrolment Office on 02 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 donated uniforms however due to Work, Health and Safety, we request all uniforms are washed or dry-cleaned.

## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

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

## COMPASS PARENT PORTAL

If you are unable to log into the Compass Parent Portal please contact the College Office.



**How to install the SkoolBag app**  
instructions for parents and community

1. Get your favourite mobile device
2. Open the App Store/Play Store
3. Search for "SkoolBag"
4. Download the free app
5. Open the app and add your school(s)

for Apple users: Download on the App Store  
for Android users: GET IT ON Google Play

for more info visit [skoolbag.com.au](http://skoolbag.com.au) SkoolBag

## 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

**Emmaus Retirement Village currently have 3 vacant units**



### Funerals of Compassion

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