

# THE ROAD

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June	July	July
24 Vinnies Winter Sleepout	1 Last Day of Term 2	27 Year 11 Retreat
26 Year 7 Spirituality Day	19 7-10 Parent Teacher Interviews	August
29 College Assembly	20 Students return to school	1 HSC Trial Exams Begin

College Leadership Teams	
Executive	
Principal	Mr Nastasi
Principal's Personal Assistant	Mrs Schembri
Assistant Principal	Mr Roberts
Director of Learning and Mission	Ms Waring
Director of Academic Growth	Mr O'Connor
Director of Curriculum Administration	Mrs Else
Innovations and Pedagogy Coordinator	Ms McQueen
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Year 7	Mr Liceralde
Year 8	Miss Gaudiosi
Year 9	Mr Petrocco
Year 10	Mr Hamond
Year 11	Mrs Luke
Year 12	Mr Pearman Sultana
Leaders of Learning	
REC	Ms Waring
Diverse Learning	Ms Varga
English	Mr O'Connor
Mathematics	Dr Goundar
PDHPE	Mr Brunt
HSIE	Mrs Curran
TAS	Mr Chhabra
Science	Mrs Hamama
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VET Coordinator	Mrs Grills
Sport Coordinators	Mr Safi Mr Saba
Language	Mrs Scarfone
Library	Mrs Ellery
Careers Advisor	Mrs Scarfone
College Counsellor	Ms Wen Ms Read
Business Manager	Mr Anchique
Digital Media Coordinator	Mr Edwards

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Robert Nastasi  
Principal



## Community days return Athletics Carnival 2022 an enormous success



### Athletics Carnival

The annual College athletics carnival made a return to the calendar after several years in hibernation due to COVID. I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Mr Safi, Mr Saba, the PDHPE staff and indeed the entire teaching staff of Emmaus for facilitating an awesome day onsite last week. The competition was strong but more importantly the sense of community spirit was even stronger. Well done to all involved with a special mention going to the house patrons, captains and leaders for driving such a successful day.





## Photos from the Athletics Carnival



## Staffing News

I take this opportunity to thank and farewell Ms. Scarfone (Italian/Pathways teacher) who after 14 years of service at Emmaus has decided to move on to take up a part time position as Careers teacher at St Patrick's College Dundas. We wish her well in this next chapter of her journey. At the same time, I am thrilled to announce the appointment of her replacement, Ms. Stephanie Gashi who comes to us from St Joseph's College, Mildura, having moved to Sydney recently. Ms. Gashi is a highly credentialled teacher in the area of Italian, English, Music and Religious Education and was the teacher in charge of languages at Mildura. She has an extensive musical background too which will be an excellent addition to our already incredibly talented music staff at Emmaus. She will commence with us at the beginning of term 3 and will take on the Italian classes vacated by Ms Scarfone in what will be a seamless transition. Welcome Ms. Gashi to the Emmaus family.





## Rewarding Good Work

A few years ago the College implemented a new 'Awards Structure' to allow a real focus on all the positive work that occurs by our students. The breakdown of the Awards Structure is outlined below, however in short, students are rewarded with 'merits' for various positive acts that occur in different areas throughout the day-to-day happenings of the College. These 'merits' build into higher awards where they are recognised in front of their peers for their achievement.

### Awards Structure at ECC

The Merit System at ECC allows for students to be recognised for their consistent efforts and contributions in the following areas:

Merit Code	Merit Description
<b>MA</b>	Merit for Academic Achievement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improvement in a test</li> <li>Outstanding achievement in an assessment task or class work</li> <li>Report Grade improvement from Semester One to Semester Two</li> <li>Applying feedback to improve learning</li> <li>Involvement in subject based external competitions</li> <li>Going above and beyond as a learner</li> </ul>
<b>MP</b>	Pillar Merit – Acts that are aligned to the College Pillars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leading the Angelus</li> <li>Participation in a College Masses/Liturgies</li> <li>Involvement at Spirituality Days</li> <li>Emmaus Village</li> <li>Baking for a cake stall/charity initiative</li> <li>Care for the school environment e.g. picking up rubbish without being asked</li> <li>Involvement in social justice initiatives</li> <li>Contribution to College events</li> <li>Significant acts of kindness towards others</li> <li>Tutoring a younger student at Maths/English help</li> <li>Contribution to Year Group activities</li> </ul>
<b>MB</b>	Merit for Positive Behaviour/Respect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outstanding/consistent positive behaviour</li> <li>Sustained effort to address identified concerns around behaviour</li> <li>Consistent punctuality</li> <li>Speaking and listening in a respectful way</li> <li>Consistently wearing full school uniform (minimum 2 weeks)</li> <li>Working independently</li> <li>Impressive organisation</li> <li>Sustained attendance (minimum 1 month)</li> <li>Improved classroom participation</li> <li>Working beyond what is required</li> </ul>
<b>ME</b>	Merit for Extracurricular Participation/Cultural Pursuits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representative Sport team member</li> <li>Debating/Public speaking</li> <li>Captivate</li> <li>Mock Trial</li> </ul>
<b>Guidlines for Number of Merits</b>	Pillar Merit and Merit for Extra-Curricular/Cultural Pursuits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Events outside school hours – up to 5 merits (approximately one merit per hour)</li> <li>Events may include: Winter Sleep Out, Debating, MADD Night, Rep Sport Teams etc.</li> </ul>

# Assistant Principal's Message

Steve Roberts  
Assistant Principal



## Award Categories

<b>Merit</b>	<b>1 Merit</b>
<b>Bronze Award</b>	<b>10 Merits</b>
<b>Silver Award</b>	<b>2 Bronze Awards (20 Merits)</b>
<b>Gold Award</b>	<b>4 Silver Awards (80 Merits)</b>
<b>Platinum Award Principal's Award</b>	<b>2 Gold Awards (= 160 merits)</b> Note – Merits will accumulate over a student's time at Emmaus To be eligible for this award, at least 40 Pillar Merits must be accumulated at the Gold Award level

## Gold Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students who have already achieved higher awards and will be given these awards at the upcoming College Assembly in Week 10.

### Gold Award Recipients

Shae Brukman 8.4 	Robleen Sison 8.4 	Kirsten Morales 8.1 	Monik Setiadhi 8.3 	Natasha Freckelton 8.4 	Chelsy Murray 8.4 
George Maimoun 8.6 	Eden Daniela 9.2 	Gloria Rookes 9.2 	Audrey Whitton 9.2 	Gaven Cacapit 9.4 	Lexis Valvis 9.6 
Zheya Caston 9.1 	Noah Curley 9.1 	Aryan Acharya 9.2 	Jessica Melville 9.2 	Isaiah Turano 9.2 	Holly Taouk 9.3 
Antonia Awad 10.1 	Taleen El Hajjar 10.1 	Adam Zacherl 10.2 	Alana Maimoun 11.1 	Majur Major 11.2 	Nathan Price 11.6 

### Platinum Award Recipients



Dylan De Leon 10.4



Isabella Brglevski 10.5





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## Debating Results for 2022

Director of Academic Growth / Leader of Learning English

Mark O'Connor



Our debating season came to a close last week and I thought it timely to update you all on how the teams fared throughout the competition. Our teachers were really proud of the way all of our students represented our College in each debate and how they always gave their best. One of the best aspects of our students is how well they accept the decision of the adjudicator and behave in a gracious manner no matter the outcome. They all appreciate the opportunity and are willing to help support one another to develop their skills.

### Results:

**Year 7: 3 wins from 5 debates**

**Year 8: 3 wins from 5 debates**

**Year 9: 1 win from 3 debates**

**Year 10: 2 wins from 5 debates**

**Seniors: 3 wins from 5 debates**

It was great to see all teams taste some success and to also appreciate the skill of students from other schools. In many ways spirited debate between two opposing teams is always an opportunity to learn about perspectives and to see that there is always two sides to any given argument.

Congratulations to all students and the teachers that supported them throughout each debate:

Year 7: Ms Xiberras/Ms Fazio - Justine Tawdrous, Greta Whitton, Krisha Dalia, Charlotte Smith, Shylah Shepard, Afsheen Yakub.

Year 8: Ms Lathouras - Angelina Dicenso, Nicole Tawdrous, Stella Croucher, Adrielle Castrence

Year 9: Mr Petrocco - Georgia Borg, Suzella Lebron, Gardenia Gae'e

Year 10: Ms Micallef - Rose Eibner, Tiana Shankaran, Madison Virtudazo, Lea May Sumabat

Seniors: Ms DiMarco - Charlee-Rose Murtough-Coombes, Terina Grace Hotere, Libby Austin

A particular thanks to the coaches for giving up their own time to help prepare the teams and for staying back at work or traveling to other schools on Friday nights to adjudicate and support the students. It is a big sacrifice to make and one that the students genuinely appreciate. Another big thank you to the ancillary staff that support us when we are at school by organising food for the kids and afternoon tea for the visiting schools. It is always a warm experience at Emmaus knowing that so many people want to help and support us when we are involved in activities that are of benefit to our students.

## 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



## MADD NIGHT

There has been buzz in the air in the world of CAPA of late as preparations for MADD Night have officially begun. For those of you who are unaware (or perhaps just need a refresher) MADD Night is our annual showcase evening for all things, Music, Art, Drama and Dance.

For the past two years, along with the rest of the world, the Performing arts has taken a huge hit as events have had to either be postponed or completely cancelled.

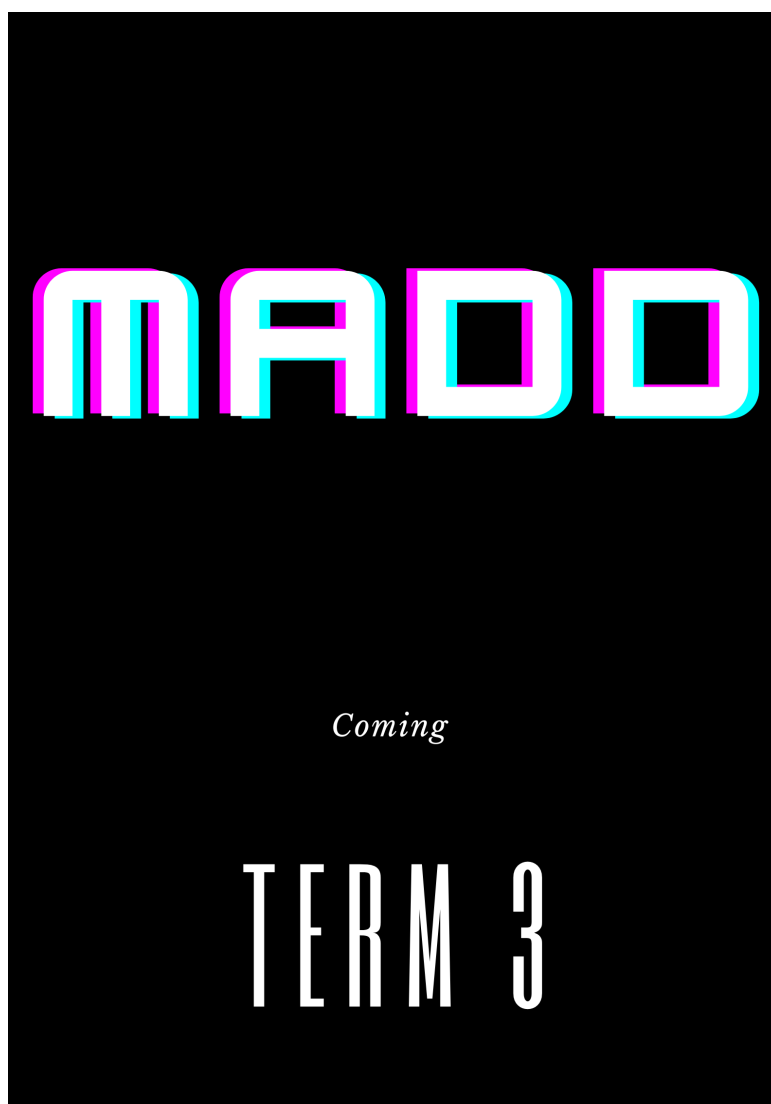
With Covid now taking a back seat and us all pushing to get back into normality, we're beyond excited to announce that MADD Night 2022 is looking to be our biggest one ever.

The event is scheduled to be happening during Week 6 of Term 3 and as we have done in the past, Trinity Catholic Primary will be attending a matinee performance and our School community will be invited for our main performance happening during the evening.

Our CAPA team have had two years of ideas brewing for MADD and the event will be brought to you by the best of the best performers and artists our college has to offer.

Lastyl, to add to the excitement, our production team will be made up of our newly appointed VET Entertainment students who specialise in all things lighting, audio, staging and visuals. As mentioned, this is to be our biggest MADD yet.

Auditions are planned to take place in Week 2 of Term 3. All students who have an interest in Music, Art, Drama and Dance are encouraged to audition, this also includes students who are not currently studying a CAPA subject.



## Visual Arts BOW Progress Night

Our Visual Arts HSC students have been given a terrific opportunity this week to display their Body Of Work they have been preparing for their HSC. Their works were presented to parents, students from Bede Polding and markers from Bede Polding, St Andrews and Emmaus Catholic College.

The night was put together by our artist in residence Johnny Romeo who has been working with our students for the past two years. Johnny has come to CEDP with years of experience being a professional artist and comes with a wealth of knowledge of not only art but the criteria each student is working towards.

Each student presented their concept and plans of their artwork with confidence and pride and were each able to leave feeling positive and excited for things to come.

We thank Johnny Romeo for his ongoing support for our VA students and congratulations to Miss Kumar for the terrific work she is doing with her students.





## Pentacost Feast Day

On Sunday 5th June, myself and a group of student leaders, consisting of Dionne Morales and Brendan Smith in Year 12, and Sophie Alexander and Charlee-Rose Murtough Coombes in Year 11 attended the Feast of Pentecost at Holy Spirit Church, St Clair.

The mass and festivities afterward were a joyous celebration of the Holy Spirit! Many parishioners were dressed in vibrant red clothing, symbolising the red flame the Spirit. A young family celebrated the baptism their baby girl with the entire congregation. This was one of the few occasions where I did not hear the baby cry during the pouring of the water over its head, which was even more remarkable on such chilly winter's morning. Married couples who were celebrating their wedding anniversaries in the month of June were also given a special blessing and congratulated by everyone present. The celebration of the community permeated every aspect of the Eucharistic liturgy, particularly in the soulful voices of the faithful led so beautifully by the talented choir.



Whilst I am praising soulful voices, one of our very own must be mentioned. Dionne Morales accompanied by Brendan Smith on the piano stunned the crowd gathered with their rendition of Adele's 'Make you feel my love'. Their pairing was flawless and gained loud applause from the captivated audience.

Parishioners continued to celebrate the feast day with a jumping castle, face painting, guessing competitions, more music and lots of delicious food that reflected the diverse nationalities present in the community.

I am so glad that Emmaus got to be part of such a sacred, special and fun day!







# **PARISH BINGO NIGHT**

**7.30pm, Saturday 25 June 2022**

# **PARISH TRIVIA NIGHT**

**7.30pm, Saturday 23 July 2022**

**HOLY SPIRIT PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL  
7-17 Todd Row, St Clair 2759 NSW**

**All ages welcome! For more information,  
please contact the Parish Office.**

## 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

### 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  
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### Our K - 6 Schools

#### Trinity Primary

61-83 Bakers Lane,  
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Ph: 9834 3212

#### Holy Spirit Primary

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

#### Our Lady of the Rosary

Saddington Street  
St Marys  
Ph: 9623 2500



### Donations of Uniforms

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

### Second Hand Uniforms

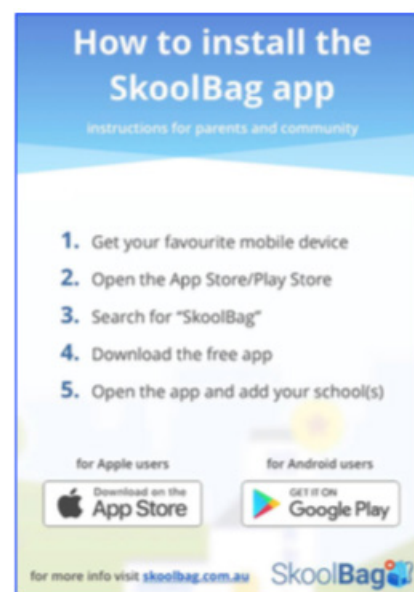
Please call the College to make an appointment to see the Business Manager around whether you qualify for second hand uniforms.

### Compass Parent Portal

If you are still unable to log onto the Compass Parent Portal after you have downloaded the Compass School App, please contact the College Office

### Withdrawing from the College

If you are withdrawing a student from the College please be advised that 10 Weeks notice is required in writing








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