The Journey Begins

As we step into this new year,

Restore our spirits.

Renew our passion for sharing your wisdom

And nurture our compassion

For those in need of greater support.

Transform us as we seek to transform:

Guide us as we seek to guide;

Open our minds and hearts

As we seek to open minds and hearts

To the Good News of justice and peace.

Help us listen more deeply

To the world and to your Word,

So we can walk with those in our care,

Attentive to the Wisdom that

Calls us all to the Kingdom of God.

Adapted from a prayer by Jane Deren

See http://www.educationforjustice.org
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NEWSLETTER – FROM THE PRINCIPAL – 13 FEBRUARY 2015

Welcome to the 2015 school year. Another year in the life of Sacred Heart Girls’ College that promises excellent learning and wonderful co-curricular opportunities. A special welcome is offered to those 174 Year 7 students and 20 Year 8-11 students who have joined our community this year. To the families joining us for the first time may you quickly feel a part of the Sacred Heart community.
The College Community welcomes the following members of staff who join us this year:

- **Ms Fiona Hyslop**
  - Deputy Principal
  - Learning and Teaching

- **Mr Glenn Lovegrove**
  - Commerce

- **Mr Tap-Long Duong**
  - Science and Mathematics

- **Ms Patricia Maguire**
  - Learning Support Co-ordinator

- **Mrs Victoria Burgio**
  - English

- **Mrs Anitha George**
  - Mathematics

- **Ms Melissa Hann**
  - Instrumental Voice

We welcome back from leave: **Mrs Chrisa Damiris, Mrs Fiona Chorovski, Ms Kylie Thompson, Mrs Anvi Mehta** after Parental Leave and **Ms Caroline Duckett, Ms Belinda Duncan and Mrs Angela Golik** after Long Service Leave.

The College Leadership Team for 2015 is as follows:

- **Mr Christopher Dalton**
  - Principal

- **Mr Michael Smith**
  - Deputy Principal, Faith and Mission

- **Mrs Tina Apostolopoulos**
  - Deputy Principal, Student Wellbeing

- **Ms Fiona Hyslop**
  - Deputy Principal
  - Learning and Teaching

- **Ms Jenny Bilton**
  - Director of Human Resources

- **Mr Brian McCann**
  - Director of College Organisation

- **Ms Michal Bloch**
  - Staff Member

- **Mr Brendan O'Loghlen**
  - Business Manager

The following members of staff take on the leadership of the areas identified.

**HEADS OF DEPARTMENT**

- **Mr Peter Minack**
  - Arts

- **Mrs Rosalind McMorrow**
  - English

- **Ms Vicki Pobjoy**
  - Health and PE

- **Ms Emma Young**
  - Humanities
Congratulations to our graduating class of 2014. Once again the College is proud of the achievements of all members of the Class of 2014. The College Dux for 2014 was Thiruni Edirisinghe with an ATAR score of 99.35. Congratulations Thiruni.
Ms Meagan Grose, Dux of the Class of 2003, was our special guest at the High Achievers’ Assembly. Meagan reflected on her journey after Sacred Heart with the school community.

The High Achievers’ Assembly was followed by a celebratory morning tea in the Fourvière Music Studio.

Congratulations also to the following students who achieved perfect scores of 50:

- **Elissa Limogiannis**  
  Health and Human Development  
  Food and Technology

- **Rhianne D’Souza**  
  Health and Human Development

- **Judy D’Souza**  
  Further Mathematics

- **Jacki Tut**  
  Health & Human Development

The College was privileged to have Most Rev Bishop Peter Elliot, Auxiliary Bishop to the Southern Region of the Archdiocese of Melbourne as the main celebrant at our Opening Eucharist and Blessing and the Commissioning of the 2015 Student Leaders. Bishop Peter was joined by Father Barry Tobin, Parish Priest of Murrumbeena and Ormond and Father Joseph Truong, Assistant Priest at St Peter’s Clayton. Father Joseph has been recently appointed to the Clayton Parish to assist Father Stephen Joseph. Father Joseph, as well as carrying out his pastoral duties to St Peter’s Parish will also be a chaplain at the Monash Hospital and be completing his Pastoral Ministry studies.
Our College theme for 2015 is “Be the work of the Spirit ... stand up, speak out”. This year provides our community with the opportunity to reflect on the place of the Holy Spirit in our lives. On the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, Sunday, 11 January, Pope Francis baptised 33 infants in the Sistine Chapel. After this Mass he gave his Angelus address to many thousands of pilgrims in St Peter’s Square. In this address Pope Francis reminded us of the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives. He asked us to remember to pray to the Holy Spirit, who many times is forgotten.

“We often pray to Jesus, we pray to the Father, especially in the “Our Father” but not often to the Holy Spirit. We need to ask His help, His strength, His inspiration. The Holy Spirit who entirely animated the life and ministry of Jesus, it is the same Spirit that today guides the Christian existence, the existence of a man and a woman who say they want to be Christian.” Concluding his address, the Holy Father called on the faithful to place their Christian lives under the action of the Holy Spirit and to find “apostolic courage to overcome easy worldly comforts”. A Christian or a community that is “deaf” to the voice of the Holy Spirit is also “mute” and cannot speak or evangelise. “Pray often to the Holy Spirit so that He may help us, give us the strength, give us the inspiration and lead us forward” said Pope Francis. Throughout this year under the guidance of the Holy Spirit may all in the Sacred Heart community find the courage to be the work of the Spirit in our community and world by standing up and speaking out.

Every blessing for the coming fortnight.

Christopher Dalton
Principal

Always remember that the Gospel has the power to change life! Do not forget this! That is the Good News that transforms us only when we allow ourselves to be transformed by it.

Pope Francis 01 February 2015

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – FAITH AND MISSION

Women of Courage
SHGC OPENING MASS - FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2015
Homily – Bishop Peter Elliott

“We all need heroes. This year we will celebrate the centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli. Already in vivid television productions we focus on the human courage or fortitude of men and women, the heroes who served our nation long ago. My own grandfather was at Gallipoli, only 23 years old, leaving a wife and infant son at home. Many families have similar stories,” said Bishop Peter.
The 2015 Opening Mass coincided with the Feast of St Paul Miki and his companions, Japanese Martyrs who died for their faith in 1597. Bishop Peter likened Japan during this era to North Korea in the twenty-first century, with both countries closed to the outside world. Denied the opportunity to express their faith in public, Japanese Catholics passed on their faith in the privacy of their family homes over many generations.

In the nineteenth century the leaders of Japan opened their nation to foreigners. Missionaries from Europe were met by these Japanese Catholics who asked “Do you have a special Father who lives far away in Rome? Do you also pray to the Holy Mother of God? Are your priests unmarried?”

The courage of the Japanese Christians in keeping their faith alive for more than 250 years was remarkable. “Think of the courage of those Japanese Christians, men, women and children. Think particularly of the mothers teaching their children about Jesus at home, risking their lives to pass on the treasures of our Faith to the little ones they loved. They were women of courage.”

Bishop Peter acknowledged the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, “women of courage,” who founded Sacred Heart Girls’ College. “In 1957 the first team of these religious women started with very few resources and they made many sacrifices to establish a community of education for young women. Today, you inherit the fruit of their sacrifices.”

Bishop Peter challenged the young women of Sacred Heart, asking whether they would be “selfish jellyfish,” or the type of person who “thinks what ‘celebrities’ tell her to think? Or will you grow to be women of strength and justice, women of faith, women who love and pray, generous women ready to serve others as Christ Jesus has showed us? Will you be women who respond to the message of Pope Francis, never to forget our poor and the helpless sisters and brothers? That is the challenge I put before you as once again we begin a new school year in this College dedicated to the loving Heart of Jesus.”

Bishop Peter J. Elliott, Auxiliary Bishop of Southern Region of the Archdiocese of Melbourne was the Principal Celebrant of the Opening Mass for the 2015 School Year.
Fr Barry Tobin, Parish Priest of the Ormond and Murrumbeena Parishes and Fr Joseph Truong of the Clayton Parish, concelebrated the SHGC Opening Mass.

VINCENTCARE LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Wednesday 11 February

Dear Students, Parents and Staff of Sacred Heart Girls’ College,

Thank you very much for your extremely generous donation to our homeless services at VincentCare Victoria at Christmas time. The women’s gifts and all the toiletries were sorted into parcels and gift wrapped and handed out to our clients on Christmas Day at Ozanam House and the Ozanam Community Centre.

We had a record number attend Christmas Lunch at the Centre with 248 people coming to share a two course Christmas lunch, carols and join in the festive spirit on the day. We could not have provided the gifts if it wasn’t for the generous support of your school.

The staff here at VincentCare were overwhelmed by the baskets of gifts that we received. We want to thank everyone involved in the fundraising and collection for all their time and effort. Our clients were truly grateful to receive a gift and for many it was their first Christmas gift in many years.

Many thanks from all the staff and clients at Ozanam House and the Ozanam Community Centre.

Regards

Louise Augustinus
Volunteer Coordinator

VincentCare Victoria
Welcome Back!

The beginning of the year always brings with it the promise of a fresh start and ideas for achieving one’s goals. It is an exciting time for schools as staff return to plan the year’s events and programs. The most exciting time for teachers, however, occurs when our girls begin to walk through the front foyer and we hear their excitement and joy as they reconnect with each other and share their holiday stories. A school without students is not really a place of learning. Without them, staff would have no purpose in their work or vocation. To this end the first two weeks have been wonderful because we too have reconnected with our girls and their families. We have welcomed girls who are new to the school and in particular our Year 7 girls and their families, and we have enjoyed helping them establish their relationship with our community. So to all families and in particular to all students, welcome back and I hope 2015 brings you much joy and success as you journey towards your goals for this new year.

Goal for the Year

One aspect that I would like to focus upon this year is the idea of strengthening our ability to work through those moments when things are not going the way we intended or had hoped. There is much talk about resilience and building resilience within education circles at the moment. It is an area that is seen as an important contributor to our wellbeing and in turn, our capacity to learn. As human beings we are designed for survival. We have been blessed with the intellect and physical attributes to face adversity and work our way through it. If this was not the case, we would have become extinct a long time ago! So I invite all students to maintain a positive attitude this year and to not be discouraged when things don’t always go as they would like. I encourage them to approach any struggle not as failure but instead as an opportunity for growth. This requires mental strength and a positive attitude. Giving up is the easy response to such situations. Determination and developing a positive mindset takes practice and personal strength. So when things are not the way you believe they should be, don’t respond with “I can’t do this!” but instead think “What do I now need to do?” The answers are varied but they may include: “ask my teacher when I am unsure of the work we are studying”; “make sure I understand the criteria and what is needed before I begin a task”; “spend some time with my teacher going over my assignment or test so I can learn how to avoid errors in the future”; “develop a study routine where I spend some time each week reviewing what I have learned to make sure I understand it”. Remember Albert Einstein once said: “A person who never made a mistake, never tried anything new”

2015 College Leaders

Last week, the College community formally commissioned the following 2015 Leaders in a ceremony following our Opening School Mass. We offer our Leaders both our congratulations and gratitude for the work they will lead this year.

College Captain: Philippa Iatrou
Deputy Captain Arts: Elizabeth O’Gorman
Deputy Captain Faith: Krystina Stepnicka
Deputy Captain Social Justice: Natasha Chung Fook Lun
Deputy Captain Sport: Gabrielle Stinear
House Captain Bede: Ella White
House Captain Paul: Daniella Galluccio
House Captain Trinity: Tiahne Frederic
House Captain Xavier: Rodase Begashaw

Bede Deputy House Captain Arts: Meg Tully
Bede Deputy House Captain Sport: Adriana Catanese

Paul Deputy House Captain Arts: Anashe Munene
Paul Deputy House Captain Sport: Amy Bendall

Trinity Deputy House Captain Arts: Jami Danganan
Trinity Deputy House Captain Sport: Ruby Stanton

Xavier Deputy House Captain Arts: Stephanie Louras
Xavier Deputy House Captain Sport: Mary Konstantinidis

2015 SRC Leaders:

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<td>Tatiana Zimsen</td>
<td>Kim Vu</td>
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Our Year 7 SRC representatives will be determined within a few weeks and will be presented with their badges soon after.

2015 Music Captain: Melissa Ah-Kan
College Pianist: Lareina Tran

WELLBEING MATTERS

1. The first important issue I would like to raise this year may come as no surprise. It is to do with traffic flow and parking outside the College in La Trobe Street in the morning and in particular, when students are dismissed in the afternoon. I urge parents/guardians to be careful and obey all road rules at these times. We do not want you to be responsible for any student injury or accident. In this first fortnight we have seen many near misses. Please remember:
   a. Observe the speed limit
   b. Do not double park
   c. Do not stop in the middle of the road to pick up your daughter
   d. Do not park in front of driveways
   e. Do not do U-turns

2. As a recognised Asthma Friendly School, the College staff recently undertook our annual training in how to support girls who are asthmatic. The Asthma Foundation has also provided us with the following information for parents/guardians to assist them in supporting your daughters. We ask that relevant parents/guardians ensure that the College has received an up to date Asthma Plan for their daughter and that she always carries with her, any required asthma medication. The College also has a number of Asthma Kits available when needed.
### CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS

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<td>Does your child have an up to date Asthma Action Plan (Asthma Care Plan)?</td>
<td>The Asthma Care/Action Plan tells the school how to manage your child’s asthma and what to do if their asthma gets worse. This should be updated &amp; signed by the doctor on an annual basis.</td>
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<td>Does your child carry their reliever puffer and spacer with them at all times? Or is it readily available to their Carers?</td>
<td>Medication needs to be available wherever your child may be (school, child care, sporting field, home)</td>
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<td>Are you and your child aware of their asthma triggers?</td>
<td>Do you take steps to avoid these triggers? Are the Teachers aware of these triggers?</td>
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<td>Do you listen to what your child says?</td>
<td>They will be aware of their asthma symptoms and should be able to tell you when they need their medication.</td>
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<td>Does your child take their asthma medication correctly?</td>
<td>Good technique allows more medication to get into the lungs where it is needed. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like to check your device technique.</td>
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3. As we know this time of the year is bush fire season and even though most of us live in urban areas, we have seen fires on the outskirts of our city in recent years. At the end of this newsletter you will find information that we all need to know about new processes that have been put in place by Emergency Management Victoria to protect all within our community.

4. At the end of this newsletter, parents/guardians will also find information which may be of interest from the Monash Youth and Family Services regarding their next program entitled: “Who’s in Charge?”

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**Tina Apostolopoulos**  
Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing

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### FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – LEARNING AND TEACHING

The VCE Results of 2014 were very pleasing with 14% of study scores above 40, well above the state average of 8%. 22% of the girls attained an ATAR score above 90; 47% attained a score above 80. These are results of which the school can be justifiably proud.

The ATAR score is the passport into this exciting next phase of the girl’s lives, but no student is the sum total of their ATAR and it is the qualities they will exhibit as young women which they will carry into their adult lives which will continue to define them into the future.

We congratulate the 2014 High Achievers and wish them every blessing for the future, as they now embark on the next phase of their lives.
PERFECT STUDY SCORES OF 50

Judy D’Souza: Further Maths
Jacki Tut (Year 11): Health and Human Development
Rhianne D’Souza: Health and Human Development
Elissa Limogiannis: Food Technology, Health and Human Development

Fiona Hyslop
Deputy Principal – Learning and Teaching

VCE NEWS

FAQS – VCE STYLE

Welcome back to the 2015 academic year. A special welcome to those families enrolling in the VCE for the first time. “Knowledge is key” to a successful and enjoyable experience throughout the VCE years. So I hope these regular articles can “open the door” on some common misconceptions or misunderstandings.

How does a student obtain their VCE certificate?
The minimum requirement is the satisfactory completion of 16 units with:
- 3 units from the English group (English, Literature, English Language and English as an Additional Language - EAL) including the Unit 3&4 sequence.
- 3 sequences of any other Unit 3&4 subjects.
Here at Sacred Heart, typically a student will do 13 units in Year 11 and 10 units in Year 12. Year 12 includes Unit 3&4 English plus 4 sequences of other Unit 3&4 subjects. Thus the curriculum set up at Sacred Heart ensures this requirement is covered.

**How is the satisfactory completion of a Unit determined?**
In all cases satisfactory completion of a unit is determined by the teacher of that unit. Outcomes stipulated in the curriculum tell teachers what students should be able to do. If students can demonstrate the outcomes they get an “S”. So it is vital that the student talks to their teacher to make sure they understand what is required of them to achieve that coveted “S” for satisfactory.

At Sacred Heart we also have an attendance requirement of 85% for all VCE classes. A valid reason will not be counted against the student but significant evidence is required.

**What’s a valid reason for missing class?**
Valid reasons include:
- Any College sanctioned excursions, incursions or sporting events;
- Medical Illness supported by a medical certificate;
- An event of family or personal trauma of which the College is aware. All information is directed to the relevant Year Level Co-ordinator (YLC).

**How do I know I’ve got an “S” for a unit?**
It will be printed on the College report each semester and a Statement of Results will be produced from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) at the end of the year.

**If I don’t get an “S” what do I get?**
An “N” – Not Satisfactory. Doesn’t count for the awarding of the VCE certificate. Or “J” but that is only used in very particular special circumstances.

That is enough acronyms for one newsletter article. Next installment we’ll talk everyone’s favourite topic – assessment, including ATAR, study scores and more.

Chris Anderson
VCE Co-ordinator

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**CAREER NEWS**

Sacred Heart Girls’ College offers Year 10 students the opportunity to undertake a powerful and forward thinking careers program called Careers Fast Track. This will take place during February and March.

This program focuses on developing the competencies needed to enable students to successfully navigate career-life transitions. The program is outcomes focused. In particular, it provides increased career clarity for effective career decision making, such as Year 11/12 subject choice, selection of appropriate work experience placement and post secondary school options. It aims to give students increased confidence, improved self-knowledge, career awareness, greater motivation, a reframed perspective and a career pathway plan.

Stage 1 of the Program engages students in self exploration quizzes, designed to develop greater self awareness with regard to personality, skills, values and career preferences. This psychometric testing is supported by substantial validation data.

Stage 2 is a group presentation. Students are given their own personalised portfolio which reports on the quiz responses completed in Stage 1. They are then guided through activities which assist them to make sense of this vital information. Students also undergo self awareness training, which focuses on their learning style, current academic achievement and preferred career pathways matching their personality type, skills, values and lifestyle preferences.

Stage 3 is where students participate in a 30 minute individual career counselling session. Students engage in an honest and open discussion about their preferences, interests and aspirations and the implications for their future career-life pathway; their goals are more clearly defined in real terms and the best strategy for achieving their career goals is recorded on their Personal Learning and Career Pathway Plan.

**UPCOMING EVENT**

**VCE & Careers Expo 2015** Caulfield Racecourse 7 – 10 May 2015

**Year 10 Work Experience** 15 – 19 June 2015

Applying for Medicine/ Dentistry/ Oral Health/ Optometry/ Physiotherapy in 2016?
If students are applying for any of these health science courses, they may need to sit the Undergraduate Medical Admissions Test (UMAT).

This is a three-part test that students sit in July. Selected universities use the UMAT score as part of the selection process, in conjunction with the ATAR and in some cases an interview.
Students will be tested on the following logical reasoning and problem solving, understanding people and non-verbal reasoning.

The test will be held on Wednesday, 29 July. Register online to sit the test by 5.00pm 5 June. Please go to http://umat.acer.edu.au/ for more information about the UMAT and to see if you have to sit the test.

Margaret Connolly
Careers/VET Co-ordinator

ART DEPARTMENT – DANCE NEWS

TOP CLASS DANCE SUCCESS

Year 12 student, Ella White, has been invited to perform at the VCE ‘Top Class’ Dance Concert at the Melbourne Recital Centre on Thursday, 19 February. Ella is to be congratulated on this outstanding achievement. Only the top VCE Dance students are invited to audition for this event. Ella will present her Composition Solo which was awarded an A+ from last year’s panel of assessors.

The current VCE Dance students will be attending the concert and cannot wait to see Ella perform. The Sacred Heart community wish Ella all the best for her upcoming performance and look forward to her artistic contributions this year.

WAKAKIRRI’ NATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL

One of the major performing arts' events this year at Sacred Heart Girls' College is ‘Wakakirri’. This national Dance Festival, open to all primary and secondary schools, requires the creation of a 'story dance', based around a chosen topic or theme. In addition to dance, ‘Wakakirri’ welcomes the use of acting, singing, sets, costumes and multi-media. Over the coming weeks, a team of student leaders from Years 10 - 12 will be selected. Leadership roles will include Choreographers, Rehearsal Captains and Backstage Designers. For students wishing to be involved as dancers, an audition will take place after school on Monday, 2 March between 3.20pm – 5.15pm in the Fouvièrre Centre.

Approximately ten dancers will be selected from each year level. If students are selected, weekly rehearsals will not commence until Term 2. The public performance night will take place on Friday, 28 August at the Frankston Arts’ Centre. Performing in Wakakirri is sure to be an experience that students will never forget. Students will spend show day rehearsing and meeting other schools and will have the opportunity to perform in a professional theatre environment. Every school performance will be filmed for ‘Wakakirri TV’ as part of the search for ‘Story of the Year’. Stay tuned for more newsletter updates as Sacred Heart's ‘Wakakirri’ performance takes shape!

Fiona McGrath
Performance Co-ordinator

FROM THE REGISTRAR

YEAR 7, 2016 APPLICATIONS for ENROLMENTS – CLOSE on FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Applications for enrolment in Year 7 2016 close on Friday 27 February. Application forms are available from the College Office or can be downloaded from our website: www.shcoakleigh.catholic.edu.au

Alternatively, families are very welcome to attend our next Open Morning on Friday, 20 February. The session commence at 9:30am with an address by Mr Dalton followed by a tour of the College (conducted by our Year 9 Leaders) and morning tea where parents have the opportunity to ask further questions. Open Mornings conclude at approximately 11.00a.m.

The dates for all 2015 Open Mornings are listed below. Bookings can be made by telephoning the College on 9568 5488.

Open Morning dates:
- Friday 20 February
- Wednesday 29 April
- Thursday 18 June
- Wednesday 12 August
- Tuesday 13 October

Further information on enrolments is available on our website or parents are welcome to contact me directly at registrar@shcoakleigh.catholic.edu.au or phone: 9568 5488.

Anne Wilks
College Registrar
WHO’S IN CHARGE?

Does your child hurt, intimidate or abuse you?  
Do you feel you are losing control?  
Want to learn how to handle conflict?

Reclaim respect and calm in your family!

The Who’s in Charge? group is an 8 week program for parents or carers of young people (8 to 18 years) who are out of control, violent or defiant. Jenny & Libby from MYFS will be facilitating this program. The group aims to:

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child’s behaviour
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being
- Help you feel more in control and less stressed

Next program runs from 10am-12.30pm and starts on Thursday 19 February and finishes on 9 April 2015.  
The program runs from Monash Youth & Family Services (MYFS),  
Clayton Community Centre  
cnr of Cooke Street & Centre Road, Clayton  
This program is FREE.

For enquiries or bookings call Jenny or Libby at MYFS on 9518 3900.
Limited places, bookings essential. More info on the topic of violence to parents at www.eddiegallagher.id.au
VOLUNTEERS WANTED

There are a couple of vacancies on the canteen roster for Mondays and Thursdays. If Parents/Guardians are able to spare 2 ½ hours twice a term to help, please contact the College on 9568 5488. It is a great chance to meet other parents and our wonderful students, and be an important part of the school community.

Julie Witts
Canteen Manager

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset......Your Marriage!
Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2015 Melbourne weekend dates : 17-19 April, 19-21 June, 21-23 August and 23-25 October
Starts 7.00pm on Friday. Ends 5.00pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997
Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au www.wwme.org.au

EMERGENCY ALERT. BE WARNED. BE INFORMED.

If there is a bushfire, flood, severe storm or other major emergency near you, the emergency services may choose to warn you by text to your mobile or a voice message to your home phone.

Emergency Alert is the national telephone warning system. It uses the address where your phone is registered and the actual location of your mobile to reach you:

• when your home or school is near an emergency
• when you are travelling with your mobile near an emergency.

When the emergency services use the telephone warning system:

• a home phone within the warning area may receive a recorded voice message that begins with “Emergency, Emergency”, and/or
• a mobile phone that is switched on and in an area of mobile coverage may receive a text message.

The service is free and you do not need to register.

The warning message will tell you:

• which emergency service sent the message: eg CFA
• about the emergency and where it is
• what you should do to stay safe
• where you can get more information.

All telephone warnings come from the official number: +61 444 444 444

Example Text Alert

From: +61 444 444 444
EMERGENCY WARNING FROM CFA
Fire in Pohlers Road area. Visitors to Grampians National Park should leave now. Check local radio or visit emergency.vic.gov.au

Talk to your child about the Emergency Alert system.
If they receive a warning message on the home phone or a warning text on their personal mobile, encourage them to stay calm and show or repeat the message to a responsible adult they know, such as a relative or teacher.

If adults are not around, encourage them to follow the action given in the alert.

For more information about the system, visit emergencyalert.gov.au and watch the video (it’s in 30 languages).

In an emergency, do not rely just on your telephone for a warning:

• Stay aware of your surroundings
• Listen to local radio
• Visit emergency.vic.gov.au
• Download the FireReady app
• Go to facebook.com/cfavic
• Follow @CFA_Updates on Twitter

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VICTORIA