Dear Parents, Students and Staff

Year 11 Retreat
I had the pleasure of attending the Year 11 Retreat at Collaroy during the final 3 days of last week. The behaviour, responsiveness and involvement of the girls in all the activities was excellent. I know that the students enjoyed the opportunity to reflect and to consider the way they relate to others and to their faith. Special thanks go to the teachers who attended the retreat, particularly Mrs Fiona Green and Mrs Annie Pearce for all their efforts in organising the retreat experience.

St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
Our St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal for 2014 was launched earlier this week. This appeal will continue through pastoral classes over the next few weeks and will focus on students considering those less fortunate than themselves and the support they can give for these people. Through the appeal we will attempt to provide blankets and warm clothing for the St. Vincent de Paul Society to distribute to those in need. It is hoped that together, as a school community, we can make a difference to the lives of those people in need in our local community.

Congratulations
As we come towards the end of Term 2, I would like to offer my congratulations to the many students who have made consistent and ongoing efforts both in their studies and in their sporting and cultural endeavours over this 9 week duration. The academic achievements of our students have been noted in the reports that have been prepared this term for all students in Years 7 – 12. The posting of reports will occur for Years 8, 10 and 11 on the last day of Term 2, Friday 27th June. Students in Years 7 and 9 will have their reports posted out on Monday 21st July (Week 2 of Term 3). I hope that all students receive results that they are proud of and that are a reflection of the time and effort that they have put into their studies. For any students who receive results that need improving, they have the second half of the year to make some adjustments to their application and commitment to their studies so as to ensure a more positive outcome at the end of the year.

JJAMM Afternoon
Our scheduled activities for JJAMM (Joseph, Julian and Mary MacKillop) afternoon on Friday 6th June were postponed due to poor weather. These activities will now occur on Friday 27th June, our last day of Term 2. The activities on the day help establish our distinct identity as the community of St. Joseph’s Catholic College and as such, we expect full support and involvement by all students.

Beginning of Term 3
Term 3 will begin for all staff on Monday 14th July with a Staff Spirituality Day. This day will be a PUPIL FREE DAY for all students. Term 3 will therefore begin for all students on Tuesday 15th July. The first day back of term will be Day 2.
I hope the final week of school for Term 2 is very productive and rewarding for all our students and teachers. I also wish all of our students, their families and our teachers a very relaxing, enjoyable and safe holiday break.

God bless,
Tony McCudden
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

A very busy week just ended
The College hosted three very significant events last week – a subject selection eventing for Year 11 students in 2015, a presentation to assist Year 6 parents transition their sons and daughters into high school and an inspiring evening last Monday that highlighted the injustices faced by girls and women across the globe and challenged us to think about what we can do to make the world a more just place. A summary of this wonderful evening is attached to this edition of Joeys Journal.

Uniform standards
I have spoken with all students during the last two weeks about raising the standard of uniform with respect to:

- Adjusting their skirt hem length that it is no shorter than five centimetres above the middle of the knee
- Wearing black leather school shoes with plain white socks or black stocking
- Removing all jewellery that does not comply with College standards

Students not meeting these standards at the time were provided with a letter to take home to parents requesting they sign to acknowledge receipt of the letter. We thank parents for supporting our drive to raise the standard of uniform and presentation.

Rope and tennis balls
Max Potential is a personal leadership development program for students in Year 11 that involves them designing and completing a community service project. The particular project developed by Caitlin M in Year 11 involves producing braided dog toys for the Claws and Paws organisation. We are asking the Joey’s community to support Caitlin with donations of rope and tennis balls. These can be placed in a specially marked box ‘Playing with Paws’ in the main foyer. Thank you in advance for encouraging Caitlin.

Social media – kik and Instagram
We learn more about social media every day and it is usually the case that young people learn about and experience social media networking sites and applications before their parents. They are prolific users of two applications in particular. Kik is the application of choice to send messages and to ‘chat’.

Young people use Instagram to share and comment on photos and to post short videos. We strongly encourage all parents to check the privacy settings on your child’s social media accounts and to monitor their online activity very closely. There is growing concern that some students are creating fake accounts to communicate hurtful comments and share malicious gossip about others. We are also aware that personal photos have been ‘stolen’ and used to create profiles to set up fake accounts. Please have a conversation with your daughter to remind her that menacing, harassing or offensive messages and rude, offensive or sexualised images breach State and Commonwealth laws. The College works very closely with the NSW Police schools liaison officer when investigating any allegation of inappropriate use of social media or when it may be necessary to track the identity of a particular username.

Use the following links to access excellent one page summaries of what you need to know about the social media platforms and applications your child is probably using.

http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/About%20the%20technology.aspx - click on the links on this site

http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/site/faqs.asp - click on the links on this site

The BRAVE program
A team of psychologists at the University of Queensland have launched a new free online program to help young people aged between 8 and 17 years with anxiety. The BRAVE program is an online self-help course that allows young people and their parents to seek support for anxiety. Children and young people with anxiety between the ages of 8 and 17 (and their parents) are invited to register and use the BRAVE program by going to: www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au

School-based Measles Catch-up Campaign 2014
A growing number of adolescents and young adults have been diagnosed with measles over the past few years in NSW. Teenagers and young adults are at higher risk of measles because many of them missed one or both of their routine measles vaccinations as infants. In the coming months NSW Health will be urging all parents to check their child’s vaccination records and seek free MMR catch-up vaccination from their GP as required. NSW Health will offer a school-based catch-up program to students in Years 7 to 12 commencing in Term 3 throughout the State. We will provide details to parents as they are received.

Term 2 ends on Friday so best wishes to teachers, parents and students for a safe and restful two weeks break.

Helen Love
Acting Assistant Principal
FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Privacy Policy and Date Collection
Recently there has been changes to the Privacy Policy in relation to the information schools collects and stores pertaining to our students. All information received is treated with the utmost sensitivity and remains secure at all times. On occasions the College will contact you to ensure the information we hold remains current and correct. Should you require access to any information the College holds on your daughter you are required to submit your request in writing to the Principal.

For more information regarding Privacy and to view the Standard Collection Notice please refer to our website link at http://www.sjcc.nsw.edu.au/news/fx-articles.cfm?loadref=1098

Nicole Murphy
Business Manager

FROM THE RE LEADER

Year 11 Retreat
On Wednesday June 11 all of Year 11 were bundled on to buses to travel to Collaroy for the Year 11 Retreat. Most girls didn’t quite know what to expect, and when we arrived at our destination on the beautiful Northern Beaches, there were gasps of wonder and delight at the sheer beauty of the retreat site.
The girls were a little stunned at the humour and musical talent of Chris Doyle from Karis Ministry. He had them totally focused on his affirming messages of being the best you can be, and appreciating all the good things in life that can be so easily taken for granted.
As time progressed the weight piled on. There seemed to be an inexhaustible amount of delicious food and we were scheduled to eat six times a day! All the girls seemed to be happy, writing affirmations and enjoying each other’s company.
The second evening was, for many, a very special time. The girls entered into the beautifully decorated and subtly lit Chapel to experience the sacrament of Reconciliation. Father Tan from the nearby Augustinian community was kept busy for over two hours. For some, this was a time for healing hearts and mending friendships, for others it was a relaxing way to take time out and think about life. Everyone slept very well that night!
Our last day was finished off nicely by partaking in celebrating the ‘source and summit of Christian life’, the Eucharist, with Father Peter Jones OSA. He was struck by how happy and close the girls appeared and praised them for their impressive and quirky preparation of the Mass.
The Year 11 Retreat was deemed a great success thanks to the wonderful planning, supervision and involvement of Fiona Green and Annie Pearce, supported ably by Tony McCudden, Ashlee Stephens, Janine Wedmore and Kirk Mercer. I’m sure the girls’ faith journey has been strengthened and they will have lasting fond memories of this special time!
Nicole Harrison
RE Leader

FROM THE LEADER OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

Year 11 2015 subject selection
Year 10 will be participating in interviews on Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th to assist with and discuss their subject choices for Year 11, 2015.

Term 3 Year 7 – 11 Parent Teacher evenings
The dates for Year 7 – 11 Parent Teacher interviews next term are:

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Bookings opened on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Interview times are 7 minutes in duration from 3.30pm and will be made through the PTO online system. Invitation letters to parents were sent home in the last fortnight.

If you have questions about PTO please contact Mr Kirk Mercer at the college. This is a great opportunity for an exchange of valuable information between parents, students and staff.

Year 12 Trial HSC examinations
The Year 12 Trial HSC examinations begin Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July (Week 3). Students will receive their examination timetables before the end of term. This should assist the girls with their study and preparation. Between now and the end of term Year 12 should ask teachers about what to expect in the Trial examinations and seek help with topic areas they find challenging. It is important that the girls plan their holiday time carefully to include time for rest, relaxation and fun. During the holidays the girls should make study notes and summarise syllabus dot points. It is also important that Year 12 spend time learning their notes, answering examination questions from past papers (there are many of these, including multiple choice questions on the BOSTES website) during the holiday fortnight. Students with major works are encouraged to continue working on these over the holidays.

The following instructions and procedures will be published on the Trial timetables issued to Year 12 students.

- You must arrive at the college at least 20 minutes prior to the commencement of exams.
- Meet in Founders Court prior to exams: AM – 8.50 am, PM – 12.50 pm
- If you are late for exams no extra time is given.
- If you are ill or suffer a misadventure on the day of an exam you must notify the college (Mrs West or Mr Matthews) and follow the appropriate procedure as outlined in your Assessment Handbooks.
- You must ensure that you have a medical certificate in cases of illness. On your return to school you must see Mrs West or Mr Matthews and fill in an illness/misadventure form.
- You may not leave examinations early.
- You must use your BOSTES student number as your identification on each exam paper.
- Mobile phones are not permitted in exam rooms so you should leave them at home or locked in lockers.
- You are expected to bring all required equipment (pens, stapler, tissues, water, calculators etc) in a clear plastic container.
- No borrowing of equipment during the exam.

Please discuss the above with your Year 12 daughters.

Kathy West
Leader of Learning and Teaching

FROM THE LEADERS OF LEARNING

On behalf of the HSIE Faculty I would like to welcome Mrs Alexandra McArdle and Mrs Rachael Grassi to the department in 2014. Both have offered invaluable knowledge, enthusiasm and experience to both the department and their students.

In Term 1 the girls had a variety of opportunities to engage in some hands on application of their HSIE knowledge and skills through a range of excursions and incursions. The Year 10 History excursion to the Rocks area and Opera House enhanced student understanding of the various areas of historical and cultural significance in Sydney. The Year 10 Geography excursion to local coastal beaches allowed students to put their field work skills into practice and gave them
an improved understanding of the issues affecting our coastal beaches. Our Year 11 Legal Studies students developed a better understanding of the justice system and court processes on their visit to the Downing Centre in Sydney. Year 12 Society and Culture attended a HSC study day at the Wesley Conference Centre in Sydney and our Year 11 Geography students also visited the local beaches to study biophysical interactions.

We began Term 2 with an ANZAC Day Assembly run by our junior students. In light of our recent withdrawal from Afghanistan, the theme for this year was remembering those soldiers who have returned from war and their families. Also this term, our Year 12 Geography students visited Sydney to further develop their HSC studies on urban places and Watts McCray Lawyers delivered a lecture on Family Law to our Year 12 Legal Studies students.

Congratulations are in order for two of our current Year 12 Legal Studies students who were awarded with a cash prize and an afternoon visit to Watts McCray Law firm for significant achievement in the Preliminary Legal Studies course. Laura-Rose C and Molly Pont learnt a range of information to assist them with their HSC studies and possible careers in law.

Parents of Year 10 students should look out for the HSIE subject brochures which are currently available for students wishing to know more about the various subjects the HSIE department is offering to Year 11 students in 2015. These brochures give a detailed overview of each subject to help students make an informed decision about their subject choices.

Mrs West gave a very informative talk to ensure both students and parents were clear on the HSC subject selection process. For the first time the handbook had been linked online to the school website before the night so it could be viewed prior to the night. Information packs included subject choice sheets to gather interest in the faculty areas. These are due back when the interview process is taking place. Each pack included the interview time, which will be held this week in Shekinah. Any questions that couldn't be answered last Tuesday night can be addressed here. Good luck with your choices girls! Ask lots of questions to make sure everything is clear when selecting your subjects. Please ask any of your teachers to help you if in doubt about anything. And I’m always happy to help or direct you to the best advice for your future! How quickly the time has gone now that you are looking at your last two years! I have been so impressed with your interest and enquiries in this area to date. I see a lot of hard working young ladies in Stage 6 2015-16!

Louise Nash
Year 10 Leader

FROM CAREERS CORNER

On Tuesday 24th June Year 12 students will have the opportunity to attend the Central Coast Careers Expo to be held at Avondale College, Cooranbong. The aim of this expo is to give students the opportunity to see a variety of pathways available to them in getting to their future careers, to raise awareness of Year 12 post school options and assist in their transition from school to meaningful employment or training.

Exhibitors at the expo will include employers, industry organisations, professional associations, universities, private providers, TAFE, group training companies and job network members. The students will travel to the Expo by coach departing from the school.

There are several Careers Markets being held in Sydney over the coming months. I encourage students to visit the websites for further information regarding these events.

Christine Wilkinson
Careers Advisor

Adriana Vladika
Acting Leader of HSIE

YEAR 10 NEWS

Year 10 into Year 11 Information Night
A very successful night was held last Tuesday in the MDD For all the current Year 10s making their elective choices for 2015.
I am pleased to announce that we are now taking applications for our Young Achievers Early Offer Program. The Program gives students the opportunity to join the Notre Dame community before they even sit their Year 12 examinations. Students can apply under one of the following four categories:

1. Commitment to community and/or Church;
2. Commitment and excellence in cultural pursuits;
3. Commitment and excellence in sporting achievements; or
4. Academic excellence.

A package containing information on the Young Achievers Early Offer Program will soon be mailed to you. Application forms and Program details are available via our website: www.nd.edu.au/nav-future-students/young-achievers-early-offer-program

Applications for the program are due on Monday 1 September.

Those who are not successful in securing an offer through the program do not need to reapply for the main round of offers; their application will automatically be rolled over.

If you have any queries regarding the Program, please don’t hesitate to contact us on 02 8204 4404 or sydney@nd.edu.au.

I look forward to receiving your school’s applications for the Young Achievers Early Offer Program.

Kind regards

Anne-Maree McCarthy
Manager, Admissions & Prospective Students Office
Join Alice's madcap adventures in Wonderland as she chases the White Rabbit, races the Dodo Bird, gets tied up with the Tweedles, raps with a bubble-blowing Caterpillar, and beats the Queen of Hearts at her own game!

Features new arrangements of such classic Disney songs as “I'm Late,” “The Un-birthday Song” and “Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah”.

Holy Spirit church Hall Kincumber
Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July 2014
7:30pm start

Tickets available at College Office from Monday 16th June
Information available on 4324 4022 and the College website