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## KEY DATES

**OCT 27: Year 7 2015 Transition Day**

**OCT 27: Parent Chat Group**

**NOV 7: HSC exams conclude**

**NOV 7: Working Bee**

**NOV 10-11: Year 9 Reflection Days**

**NOV 14: Blood Bank at Nirimba**

It's always a good idea to save or print a calendar to keep track of all the important and exciting events happening at the College.

**THE TERM 4, 2014  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS CAN  
BE DOWNLOADED [HERE](#)**

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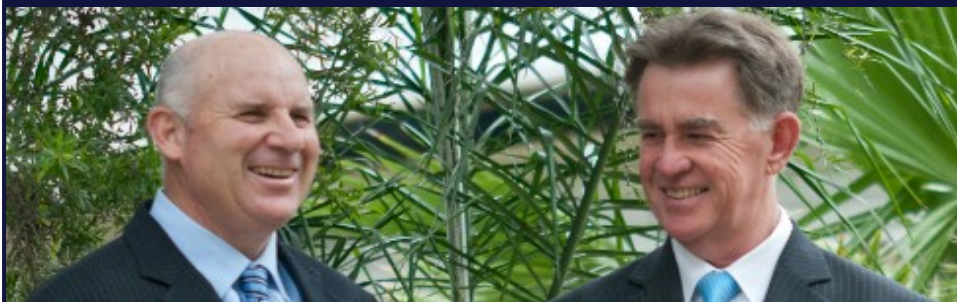
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## FROM THE PRINCIPALS – MR JIM FANNING & MR PHIL SMITH



Mr Fanning and Mr Smith welcome you to Term 4 with some fantastic news and updates! While we recognise the hard work of our Year 12 students as they take on their HSC, we also acknowledge the great efforts of students such as Edrian Acosta who recently received a Bishop's Award for Excellence, recognising his witness to Catholic Faith and achievements in all his academic, sporting, creative, vocational and community endeavours.

We also look forward to our Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day on Monday, 27 October, welcoming over 200 new students to the College to meet each other, their teachers and their new learning environment. Finally, the the Building Program is closer to completion, hoping to be ready for the classes of 2015! With the Year 8 buildings almost completed and the roof now installed on the new building, we can see all these new projects coming together.

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## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

When a young person has trouble with peers at school it is important to know if it is as a result of conflict or if it is bullying. We can never ignore bullying, but often what some consider to be bullying is an inappropriate response to a disagreement. Take a look at answers for successful conflict resolution, characteristics of a bullying situation, inappropriate methods of conflict resolution and how we can help conflict and bullying situations.

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## PRAYER

On October 27 we will welcome our new students of Year 7 2015, introducing them to their Peer Support Leaders who will journey with them in 2015. Integrating a traditional folktale of the "Cracked Pot" and Jeremiah's understanding of humanity's relationship with God is at the core of their first transition day. We pray that our newest members of the Terra Sancta Community, the first Year 7 group to be called students of St. John Paul II Catholic College, spend time in "the potter's house" and be open to being shaped by all their learning experiences at TSC.

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## GOOD LUCK TO ALL HSC STUDENTS FROM THE TSC COMMUNITY!

We wish all students participating in the HSC the best of luck and congratulate you on such amazing effort and commitment to study.

## News, Updates and Reports

### PARENT NOTICES

- [PARENT CHAT GROUP:](#) The next parent chat group will be on Monday, 27 Sept, 2014 - 9.15am at TSC Schofields gathering area
- [STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE:](#) Students are to be dropped off/picked up from Rose Cottage, next door to Schofields Campus
- [YEAR 9 2015 LAPTOP PROGRAM:](#) purchase details and information
- [BLOOD DONATION OPPORTUNITY:](#) the Mobile Blood Bank Service will be at the Nirimba Campus on 14/11/14
- [DWF APPEAL IN SCHOOLS:](#) Diocesan Works Fund Appeal in Schools Letter from Bishop Anthony Fisher regarding the program

## YEAR 7 2015 TRANSITION DAY

**MONDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2014**  
**8.55am - 1.30pm**

**85 HAMBLEDON ROAD, SCHOFIELDS**

**PLEASE WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM**  
**A SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

### LATEST NEWS

#### YEAR 11 @ UNIVERSITY - RESULTS!

Five Year 11 students have received outstanding results in their university studies at the University of Western Sydney!  
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#### TSC @ ATSI STUDENT CONFERENCE

Students from TSC took part in the ATSI Student Conference "Pathways to Success" at the Nirimba Education Precinct  
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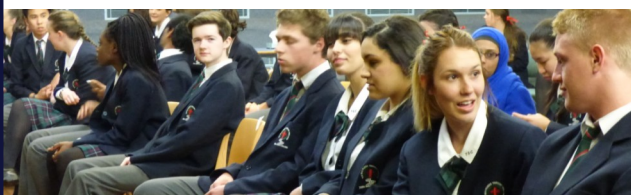
#### EDRIAN AWARDED FOR EXCELLENCE!

Edrian Acosta (Year 12) received the Bishop's Award of Excellence for his strong faith and commitment to all endeavours!  
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### Year 11 and Year 12 Awards—2014

**Congratulations to the students who received awards for their hard work throughout 2014!**



[CLICK HERE](#) to view the full list of Year 12 Awardees and list of Graduating Class of 2014.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the full list of Awardees from the Year 11 Semester Two Awards.

### OTHER NEWS

- [Students recognised for their sporting achievements at 2014 Sport Presentation BBQ](#)
- [Terra Strikers VS Students FC in the annual Terra Sancta College Soccer Match](#)
- [Year 9 Agriculture visit alpaca stud and elf mushroom farm](#)
- [Teachers "Terra Team" at Diocesan Golf Day!](#)
- [Year 9 peer support training—preparing our leaders for the Year 7 students of 2015](#)
- [Year 10 on their 2014 Reflection Day at the Windsor District Baptist Centre](#)



## COUNSELLORS CORNER

Parenting can be hard work! But help is at hand. Mr Graham has done his research and suggested some great resources for advice on general parenting, adolescent parenting situations, communicating with teenagers, and a program offered to parents/carers of children with disabilities. There's no harm in taking a look and having a good read!

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## YEAR 10 LEARNING ENRICHMENT - T4

This term the Learning Enrichment Project for Year 10 is a historical investigation based on the Billy Joel song 'We Didn't Start the Fire'. In allocated groups, Year 10 students will create a Google Site for the decade/s or year/s within the song that they will be allocated. Over 5 weeks students will complete a range of activities. Read on to find out more.

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## WATCH: TERRA SANCTA DAY VIDEO



**TERRA SANCTA DAY—YEAR 12 GRADUATION**  
Keep a look out for more videos on the TSC website!

## MEET OUR STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL!



**YEAR 7 SRC MEMBER:**

### ABBEY CALLER

The SRC members have already shown a large amount of enthusiasm in their involvement in the school community. We thought it would be a great opportunity to meet one of our newest members of the SRC and ask them some questions about themselves and their role in the SRC. Meet Year 7 SRC Member Abbey Caller!

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**FAREWELL YOUTH MASS**  
with Archbishop Anthony

**Saturday November 8 | 11:30am**  
**St Patrick's Church, Blacktown**  
Followed by lunch and a presentation



**MISSED WHAT ALL THE FUSS IS ABOUT?**  
Scan here and learn about Archbishop Anthony's new appointment!

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## STAGE 6 UPDATES

As the 2014 year draws to an end it is important to acknowledge the hard work of both Year 7 and 8. At this time it is important to also remind students of our college expectations continuing on until the end of the year. We are now in FULL Summer uniform and students should ensure they wear this correctly each day including hats when participating in PDHPE lessons and PACT sport.

## YEAR 7 AT A GLANCE

The 2014 Year 7 cohort have already developed many positive attributes that will be developed in future terms. With the introduction of the iPad and 'Apple' TV into the core classrooms, the learning experience has been enhanced from a student's perspective. Year 7 are also busy preparing for upcoming Ninja Day during Learning Enrichment and practicing their PDHPE dances!

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## YEAR 8 AT A GLANCE

Students in Year 8 have continued to work hard throughout the year. We have seen many achievements and projects throughout the year from Year 8 with many showcasing their talents at the school musical, liturgies, reading the angelus, sporting achievements... the list goes on! Last term during Learning Enrichment students were able to attend tutorials of the many elective subjects on offer for next year. Bring on Ninja Day!

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