



Terra Sancta College

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KEY DATES

23- 24 Aug: St Vincent de Paul
Doorknock Appeal

25 Aug: Pupil Free Day

26 Aug: Merit Morning Tea
HSC Visual Art Showcase
RCIA Enquiry Evening

27 Aug: HSC Music Showcase

1 Sept: Parent Chat Group

2 Sept: Year 7 2015 iPad
Information Evening

5 Sept: TSC Working Bee

9 Sept: Adult Confirmation
Opportunity

12 Sept: Terra Sancta Day and
Year 12 Graduation Mass

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FROM THE PRINCIPALS – MR JIM FANNING & MR PHIL SMITH



We are pleased to announce that our building works at Schofields are progressing quite well. In fact last week the builders had completed the majority of the work involved in the refurbishment of the library, transforming it into a truly authentic Learning Centre! One of the Learning Centre's points of interest will be the layout which supports and facilitates research and collaborative learning as one of the methods of delivering the teaching and learning at Terra Sancta.

In everything we do here we always strive to provide our students with a real education, preparing them for the world they will be entering when they leave school. We strive to provide them with problem solving skills and the ability to collaborate with peers as well as a desire to do their best in everything they do.

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

One of the features of Terra Sancta College is the way that staff, parents/ caregivers and students show respect, care and concern for each other. This report discusses device/internet use at school, how students use the internet, attitudes/ behaviours and the dangers involved with these actions in the digital world. Also a reminder that assistance in selecting subjects for Year 9 and 11 is on offer by staff members!

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PRAYER

On August 3, 2014, Pope Francis spoke about the multiplication of loaves and fishes, and why it's timeless. He explained that since the very start, Jesus felt compassion for the needy, and this is something that Christians should emulate.

This prayer reflects on how we can be Eucharistic people in today's world.

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If students receive an unsolicited email, advice from CEO is:

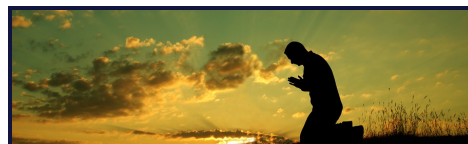
⇒not to reply to any emails when they do not know the sender

⇒to delete emails from senders they do not know

⇒notify a staff member or parent if they are concerned about these emails

PARENT NOTICES

- [PARENT CHAT GROUP](#): You are invited to attend the next parent chat group on 1 Sept, 2014
- [REQUESTING STUDENT LEAVE](#): Application for Student Leave to be completed before leave
- [SCHOOL FEES REMINDER](#): Term 3 fees are due 19 August, 2014
- [HOMEWORK CLUB](#) and [MATHS ASSISTANCE](#) CONTINUES
- [STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONE](#): Students are to be dropped off/picked up from Rose Cottage, next door to Schofields Campus
- [VINNIES DOOR KNOCK APPEAL](#): 23 & 24 August - registration form and details are now available
- [VINNIES VAN TRAINING](#) : Attend Vinnies Van training on 26 August and join the team!
- [WORKING BEE](#): 5 September—join the Terra Sancta community for an evening of light work and painting, laughs and pizza!



RELIGIOUS OPPORTUNITIES

The RCIA team in Mary Immaculate Parish invites anyone who is thinking about, or has decided, to **become a Catholic**, to an **ENQUIRY EVENING** on **Tuesday August 26**.

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There's an opportunity to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults**. A community celebration on September 9 for those who desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation!

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LATEST NEWS

MARIAN EXPO 2014

Year 9 Students presented 30 apparitions of Mary from around the globe with decorated stalls, facts and food!

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YEAR 12 INDUSTRIAL TECH PROJECTS

After 12 months of hard work and labour, the Year 12 Industrial Technology students have handed over their amazing HSC Major Design Projects to the Board of Studies!

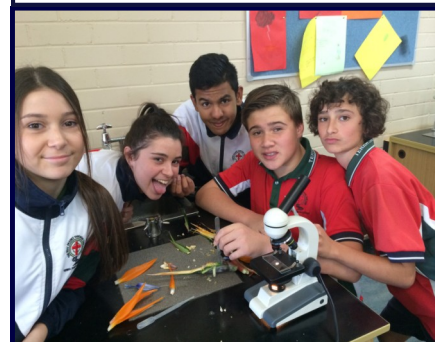
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YEAR 8 SCIENCE DISSECT PLANTS

Year 8 Students dissect and research plants as part of Science in Term 3.

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CAREERS

It's now becoming a reality for our Year 12 students as they begin their decision-making process for next year!

Mr Evans advises students to seek assistance throughout this process, keep an eye on closing dates for university preferences, TAFE and/or college courses and ATTEND OPEN DAYS.

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OTHER NEWS

- [PDHPE/Rep Sports Assembly presentations, performances and games!](#)
- [Year 7 become movie makers on iPads during English](#)
- [Under 16 Rugby boys made it to the semi finals in the NSWRL All Schools Tournament](#)
- [TSC students achieve great results in the Science International Competition and Assessment for Schools](#)
- [Players from the GWS Giants visit Year 7 during sports!](#)
- [Brave Year 11 and Year 12 students donated blood with the Australian Red Cross Blood Service](#)

COUNSELLORS CORNER

Any member of the family may be dealing with a mental illness that may also be affecting those around them, including the children. It is important that individuals and their families receive all the support possible. Read about the available information and support as well as information on bereavement/separation programs.

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What do you think of the new newsletter format?

Email Communications & Marketing Officer, Rachel Aquilina, at raquilina1@parra.catholic.edu.au and let us know what you think!

WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY AT TSC

Over 40 students from Years 7-10 gathered on Tuesday 19 August and prepared for a 12 hour day in the annual "Write a Book in a Day" Competition for the Westmead Children's Hospital!

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STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

The staff at Terra Sancta College have been taking part in a diverse range of elective workshops as part of Staff Professional Learning every Tuesday afternoon. These include subjects such as exam writing, numeracy strategies, Google sites and the compulsory Disability Discrimination Act workshop. Read on to learn more about the most recent professional learning at Terra Sancta College.

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STAGE 5 UPDATES

WHAT HAVE YEARS 9 AND 10 BEEN UP TO?

Leader of Learning, Stage 5, Mr Green, congratulates both Year 9 and 10 students on their great efforts and hard work in the recent weeks. Year 9 have been busy carrying out the traditions of Multicultural Day and the Marian Expo, while Year 10 have been making big decisions around subject selection and preparing for their examinations!

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STAGE 5 TECHNOLOGY INFO

Does your child bring their own devices to school? There are a few important points to remember about the use of technology on campus for Years 9 and 10.

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DIOCESAN NEWS AND EVENTS

Check out the latest news and events from the Diocese!

There are a great range of events and meetings available to attend within August including the Faith in Marriage Conference, Vocation Discernment Afternoon, the World Congress of Families and Faith at the Fiddler.

[All details can be found here.](#)

Terra Sancta Summer Night Markets

Be a part of our Committee to help bring this fabulous summer event to Terra Sancta?

Help us to:

- Reach out to the broader community to promote our school and build our profile
- Raise funds for our children's school resources in one concentrated effort
- Provide a local summer, family activity for the ever expanding local community
- Create an event that captures the heart of **OUR** Terra Sancta

Become a member of the
Terra Sancta Summer Night Markets Committee
to help co-ordinate and plan what will hopefully becoming an annual activity that the whole community looks forward to.

BE INVOLVED!

Please contact **Jenine** on **0450 300 111**
Meeting to be set once volunteer interest is registered.