



# St John Paul II Catholic College

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## NEWSLETTER

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***“The most luxurious possession, the richest treasure anybody has, is his personal dignity.”*** - Jackie Robinson (American Athlete)

**ABOVE:** Year 12 Students at their recent retreat, the theme of which was centred around ‘The Treasure Within’

### KEY DATES

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JUNE

- 25 Yrs 7-10 Homework & Assessment Club @ Schofields (2.30pm - 3.30pm)
- 27 NEP Science Day (Yr 11)
- 28 Yr 12 WSU Careers Expo
- Yrs 7 & 9 Multicultural Day
- 29 Yr 11 Visual Design - Digital Fabrics Studio Workshop

JULY

- 3 Yr 11 2019 - Subject Information Night @ Nirimba (7pm)
- 9 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS BEGIN
- 20 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS FINISH
- 26 Yrs 7-12 Student/Teacher/Parent/Caregiver Interviews @ Schofields CLS & Library (from 3.30pm)
- 27 Yrs 7-12 Student/Teacher/Parent/Caregiver Interviews @ Schofields CLS & Library (from 8am)

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### FROM THE PRINCIPAL (Mr Fanning)

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we come towards the end of Term 2, we should take the time to reflect upon the vast number of events that have been happening at St John Paul II. Just some of the events include the Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN Tests, Year 8's Feast of the Ascension Mass, Nirimba Education Precinct's ATSI Reconciliation Day, Student Listening Forum with Bishop Vincent, Interschool Debating, MCS and MCCS Winter Sport and our 2018 Athletics Carnival. Recently, Year 12 students and their teachers spent three days at Collaroy on their



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# PRAYER

## Ignite Food Drive- Wednesday 20 June

On Wednesday, our College community came together in solidarity to live Jesus' teaching around love thy neighbour. We all know that our first and foremost role as Christians is to love as Christ loved; radically. We're surrounded by people and a culture that tells us how important it is to be "successful", to accomplish as much as possible with all our gifts. Meanwhile, right in front of us stands God's creation, asking for our help, for a few minutes of our attention, for a smile.

God always has time for us, and he challenges us to make time for our neighbours especially those on the margins.



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS (Ms Refalo, Mr Regan & Ms Roach)

*The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values.*

- William S. Burroughs

## Special Celebration Ceremony - Nirimba Precinct Access Program Graduates

On Tuesday 19 June, we celebrated the achievements of those students who, last year, successfully completed a University unit through the Nirimba Precinct, Western Sydney University Access Program, while studying a full Preliminary HSC pattern of study.

This is a program only available to Year 11 students at St John Paul II and Wyndham. Access to this program is by application only and students are chosen on the merit of their application, their commitment to senior studies and their ability to be independent learners. Students who pass their unit of choice are awarded early entry to Western Sydney University and \$500 toward their current educational costs. Those who achieve a distinction or a high distinction gain a scholarship of up to \$5000 per year of university study. This is a privileged opportunity for our students and positions are highly sort after. Current Year 11 students were notified of the success, or otherwise, of their application in Week 8.

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## COLLEGE NOTICES

### Term 2 Fees were due and payable by 6 June, 2018.

A reminder to those Parents/Caregivers who have not paid Term 2 fees and who may require an extension of time or wish to discuss the fees further please contact me on 9208 7238 urgently, to make arrangements and therefore prevent receiving further reminder letters in the mail.

Thank you to those Parents/Caregivers who have paid or who have made arrangements with us and are paying off their Term 2 school fees.

**Kel Haynes** | Business Manager

## COLLEGE EVENTS

### Steve Angrisano Concerts

American Youth Minister and musician Steve Angrisano reassured students of St John Paul II Catholic College in Schofields that they are not alone as "God is sometimes much closer than we realise". Mr Angrisano did two shows at St John Paul II

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### Year 8 Reflection Day

Year 8 students gathered together on Tuesday 19 June to Revive and Rejuvenate with the assistance of a Christian youth group *Endless Praise*. Throughout the day, the group participated in engaging and interactive activities on the topics

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### Year 8 Mass

All Year 8 students celebrated the Eucharist to mark the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ at the Mary Immaculate Catholic Church Quakers Hill Schofields on Friday 25 May, 2018. The Year 6 students of Mary Immaculate Primary

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### Year 11 Semester 1 Awards Ceremony

Yesterday, on Thursday 21 June, we celebrated the achievements of our Year 11 students who are excelling in their studies and demonstrating consistent effort and application. The occasion is a fitting celebration shared with family and peers.

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## SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES WHAT ARE YOU RISKING?



**No Stopping**  
Do not stop near  
a No Stopping sign.



**No Parking**  
2 min to drop off  
or pick up, stay  
within 3m of vehicle.



**Bus Zone**  
Only a public  
bus can stop in a  
bus zone.



Help keep our children safe

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## IN THE CLASSROOM

### Year 12 Studies of Religion II

This week the Year 12 students of Studies of Religion II are engaging in workshops to improve their essay writing in the area of Religion and Peace. Students first work collaboratively to deconstruct a past HSC question and create a content and structure plan

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### Year 7 MSP

In Ms Morgan's Year 7 MSP (Maths, Science, PDHPE) class, we have been learning about forces, including how they impact us, where they are and the purpose of them. To put their knowledge to the test, the students were set with the challenge of

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## STAR SPOT

### New York in Fashion for Sofia!

Former StJP II student Sofia Frugone spent much of her time as a child flicking through fashion magazines dreaming of rubbing shoulders with top fashion designers.

In September she will get that chance at New York Fashion Week, helping behind the scenes.

The 17-year-old studies at The Fashion Institute in Sydney and will be in New York with other members of her class.

She has been soaking up plenty of new experiences

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## REMINDERS

### Drop Off Zone

The student drop off zone for our Schofields Campus is located next to the College at Rose Cottage and has a separate entry drive way and exit driveway. We ask that all parents/caregivers use this area to pick up / drop off their children.



# OUT AND ABOUT

## Year 12 Retreat

From Wednesday 23 May to Friday 25 May, Year 12 went to The Collaroy Centre on their Year 12 Retreat. The theme of the Retreat was centred around 'The Treasure Within'. Students spent time in small and large groups participating in activities,

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## Year 12 Catholic Studies visit Nursing Home

On Monday 19 June, Mrs Judson's Year 12 Catholic Studies class visited the Quakers Hill Nursing Home as part of their studies. After spending time with residents having conversations and playing games, students were asked to reflect on their experiences

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## Staff Mission Day

On Friday 8 June, the Teaching and Support Staff had their annual Mission Day. This day assisted in the ongoing spiritual formation of all staff at St John Paul II Catholic College. The staff experienced a tour of St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney, learning about the

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## Tamburlaine Organic Wines Excursion

On Tuesday 22 May, Year 12 Geography students completed fieldwork at Tamburlaine Organic Wines in the Hunter Valley as part of their case study on a local economic enterprise. During the visit, students were given a comprehensive tour of the

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## Year 12 History Study Day

On Thursday 14 June, Year 12 Modern and Ancient History students attended the HTA History study day at Sydney University. Students attended various university-style lectures based upon topics studied for their HSC, including Germany, Indochina,

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## Life Drawing at the Brett Whiteley Studio

On Wednesday 13 June, Year 11 Visual Arts students had the opportunity to engage in a real Life Drawing Workshop at the [Brett Whiteley Studio](#). Students engaged in 3 minute to 20 minute drawing drills, sketching the model in various states.

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## SPORTS REPORT

Heading towards the end of term sees our MCS and MCCS Competitions enter semi finals in Week 8. Our Year 8 Netball girls finished minor premiers and will be looking to maintain that momentum in pushing for a grand final sport. Our Year 9, 10 and Opens Girls Netball have also made the semi finals which gives us 4 out of 5 Netball teams in the semi finals - what a great achievement!

Our Year 9 Soccer team take on Eastwood this week (Week 8) in their 2nd vs 3rd semi final. Both our Under 13's Rugby League teams bowed out in their semi finals last week after a very successful first season of MCS competition together. Our Opens Boys Soccer team needed to win their last game to make the finals but unfortunately could only manage a 1-1 draw. Well done to all our teams throughout Term 2!

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## CAREER'S REPORT

### Assist Your Child - Career Choices

Information for parents is highly sought after when it comes to helping their children with their career choices. [This page](#) has been developed to assist parents and their child with their career development. It proves articles, tips and advice for parents to assist their child in career development.

### The Changing Nature of Work and Careers

Thirty years ago, you could safely say that your career involved a handful of companies and simple career progression. Now, as a consultant, contractor or contingency employee, you could get to work with hundreds of different companies, and at the end of your career find yourself in a very different place from where you

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## COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

### Mental Health Problems - System Down?

In the past seven years, the rate at which young people aged 10-19 have presented to emergency departments in Victoria with mental health problems has tripled. Self-harm, drug and alcohol issues, anxiety, and depression were the most common conditions treated.

We are also seeing big upsurges in 10-19-year-olds at NSW EDs in the period 2010-2014, with rates

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## SRC REPORT

The SRC have been very busy lately promoting school events such as the Ignite Food Drive and the Steve Angrisano concert. We are also preparing to elect our new Year 7 SRC representatives!

The new Year 7 SRC election will be trialling a new model, whereby a representative is elected from each of the seven homerooms.

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## FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

### LIFTED Retreat 2018 "Complete Joy": 6-8 July

Young adults of our diocese are invited to join us in this Year of Youth open new horizons in our hearts for spreading joy. Take some time away from the busyness of everyday life to be with the Source of all joy: Jesus! Get ready for a weekend of new friendships, great food, solid talks and times of quiet and prayer. For 18-35 year-olds, \$95 per person. Register at [parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat](http://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat)

### CatholicCare Sydney

Do you know any seniors in your community who could use a little help at home? Our home care services help seniors to enjoy living independently in their own home with comfort and confidence. Call CatholicCare Careline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

### Sydney World Youth Day Mass: 20 July

July 20, 2018 will mark 10 years since the Archdiocese of Sydney hosted World Youth Day 2008. To this day, WYD08 remains one of the most powerful demonstrations of faith our country has seen, welcoming Pope Benedict XVI and 500,000 pilgrims from around the world to our city. To celebrate the 10th anniversary, Catholics from across Sydney are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher for a special Mass followed by food and cultural performances plus the announcement of a number of new initiatives for youth ministry.

Friday, July 20, for 5:30pm Mass followed by WYD08 event at 7:00pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. WYD08 event at St Mary's Cathedral College Hall. All welcome.

## ST JOHN'S EAGLES

St John's Church have invited our students to attend their Indoor Soccer Round Robin on **Wednesday 11 July. 9.30am - 2.30pm - Opened to boys and girls aged 5-16.**

Students are to wear the correct gear - non marking shoes, long socks and shin pads. There will be extra food and drinks available to purchase on the day. Tell your friends and bring them along! You may just turn up on the day. **Cost of \$15 per person** includes a sausage sizzle and a ticket for LUCKY DOOR PRIZES! All enquiries to the parish office on 9627 1176. Any help appreciated!