



From the Principal

John M Freeman

I wish everyone a safe happy and holy Christmas break.

I hope it is a time of joy, a time to replenish and to be with those you love.

Please find below a few thoughts Ronald Rolheiser OMI has gathered as reflections on the rich meaning of Christmas.

What does Christmas mean? Christmas is like a perfectly-cut diamond twirling in the sun, giving off an array of sparkles. Here are just some of its meanings:

- A four-year-old child woke up one night frightened, convinced that there were all kinds of spooks and monsters in her room. In terror she fled to her parents' bedroom. Her mother took her back to her room and, after soothing her fears, assured her that it was safe there: "You don't need to be afraid. After I leave, you won't be alone in the room. God will be here with you!" "I know that God will be here," the child protested, "but I need someone in this room who has some skin." The word was made flesh and dwelt among us. John 1, 14
- Every year of life waxes and wanes. Every stage of life comes and goes. Every facet of life is born and then dies. Every good moment is doomed to become only a memory. Every perfect period of living slips through our fingers and disappears. Every hope dims and every possibility turns eventually to dry clay. Until Christmas comes again. Then we are called at the deepest, most subconscious, least cognizant level to begin to live again. Christmas brings us all back to the crib of life to start over again: aware of what has gone before, conscious that nothing can last, but full of hope that this time, finally, we can learn what it takes to live well, grow to full stature of soul and spirit, and get it right. Joan Chittister
- At Christmas, through his grace-filled birth, God says to the world: "I am there. I am with you. I am your life. ... Do not be afraid to be happy. For ever since I wept, joy is the standard of living that is really more suitable than the anxiety and grief of those who think they have no hope. ... This reality, this incomparable wonder of my almighty love, I have sheltered safely in the cold stable of your world. I am there. I no longer go away from this world. Even if you do not see me. I am there. It is Christmas. Light the candles! They have more right to exist than all the darkness. It is Christmas. Christmas lasts forever." Karl Rahner
- Even at Christmas, when halos are pre-tested by focus groups for inclusion in mass market campaigns, they are hard to see. ... This is how halos are seen, by looking up into largeness, by tucking smallness into folds of infinity. I do not know this by contemplating shimmering trees. Rather there was a woman, busy at the Christmas table, and I looked up to catch a rim of radiance etching her face, to notice curves of light sliding along her shape. She out-glowed the candles. All the noise of the room left my ears and silence sharpened my sight. When this happens, I do not get overly excited. I merely allow love to be renewed, for that is the mission of haloes, the reason they are given to us. ... But when haloes fade, they do not abruptly vanish, abandoning us to the lesser light. They recede, as Gabriel departed from Mary, leaving us pregnant. John Shea.
- Some of the Church Fathers compared Jesus to a singer with a strong voice and a perfect pitch who joins a discordant choir and completely transforms it. It is not that Jesus gave us a different set of songs to sing, but helped us instead to perform our standard repertoire in an entirely new and more beautiful way. Richard McBrien
- The incarnation does not mean that God saves us from the pains of this life. It means that God-is-with-us. For the Christian, just as for everyone else, there will be cold, lonely seasons, seasons of sickness, seasons of frustration, and a season within which we will die. Christmas does not give us a ladder to climb out of the human condition. It gives us a drill that lets us burrow into heart of everything that is and, there, find it shimmering with divinity. Avery Dulles
- Looking for God these days requires the willingness to investigate the small. Aztec Poem.
- Link: [The Rich Meaning of Christmas](#)

PRINCIPAL cont....

St Vinnies Fundraising – COVID Style ‘

Before detailing what was achieved in fundraising this year I want to correct an error I made when I indicated that this was the first year Kildare Campus joined in this fundraising program. That is not correct and the campus has been joining with St Paul’s Campus for several years.

Last week we were able to pass on to St Vinnies forty \$50 vouchers and eight food hampers. The total value of both of these donations was \$2,366.55. Thank you to staff and students for their generosity.

End of Year Awards

On Tuesday, 1 December 2020 we held a Virtual Assembly to recognise student achievements this year. You will find in the Newsletter details of the award recipients.

Year 12 Graduation

On Friday, 4 December 2020 we held our Year 12 Graduation for the class of 2020. There was a combination of students attending on site and those who celebrated remotely with family and friends. Thank you to all involved in the organising committee.

Congratulations to our Graduands of 2020 and thank you most sincerely for your contribution to our school. All of us here wish you every blessing, the best of success and remember that you are welcome here and we will be delighted to hear from you and that you are succeeding in your life.

We hope you achieve everything you deserve, thank you for everything and go well!

Year 12 Results

Year 12 results will be released on 30 December 2020. This is at a very different time of year, but Carmen Weaver our Careers Councillor, Brett Van Berkel, Sue Rankin our VASS/RTO officer and I will be present on the day. Students are welcome to come in to see Ms Weaver if they require. There will also be morning tea for those who wish to come in at 10.30am to 11.30am.

Student News



Congratulations to Tiannah Goodwin (12) who was nominated by her Off Campus TAFE – Community College Gippsland (CCG) and has been awarded the: “2020 West Gippsland Trade Training Alliance Young People’s Excellence Award” for her studies in Community Services in 2020. This is a great achievement for Tiannah.

Well done to Joshua Wong, Class of 2019, who recently won the Best Senior Secondary Fiction Film category at the 2020 ATOM Awards. This category had entrants from across Australia and New Zealand, so this is an outstanding achievement. Also thank you to Katie Lee for support of Josh.

Remar Gold Graduation

Last Tuesday, 8th December there was a graduation for our Remar Gold students: Grayson Barnes, Emily Gatti, Hollie Gooding, Tiannah Godwin, Emily Liang, Alexa Stewart, Jye Tactor, Ayva Van Der Velden, Jacob Wilson and Niamh Williams. This graduation celebrates the completion of the three-year Remar Marist Leadership programme. Lead by Jasmine Santamaria they have committed to Remar and each other for three years, attending meetings, camps, retreats and immersions. Thank you to all and I hope this experience was both affirming and development of your faith and leadership skills.

PRINCIPAL cont....

Staff News

- Charlie Desira joined the staff in 1986. He has been a dedicated and caring teacher primarily in Art faculty and he taught at every campus. Charlie is the epitome of the Marist Characteristics of Education of both “love of work” and “presence”. Charlie has been a support to students and peers throughout his time and will be missed. Please enjoy your retirement.
- Pam Goodall commenced at the College in 2002. She has been an integral part of improving the College and educational outcomes for our students. Pam key contributions were in the areas of learning, literacy and the use of information communication technologies through her leadership of the Information Service Centres. Pam created safe spaces for young people where they feel welcome, can learn and are ‘named and known’. Enjoy your retirement.
- Colleen Archer joined our College in June 2010 and has worked with the Finance Team in Accounts Receivable. Colleen’s work was vital to the operations of the school and has been a great support to families. Her passion and compassion is appreciated. Enjoy your retirement.
- Sarah Wilhelme, our Receptionist at the Kildare Campus, will be taking on a position as an Educational Support Officer at St Gabriel’s Catholic Primary School, Traralgon.
- Brett Scholtes who was our Year 8 Wellbeing Leader will be taking on a teaching position at Corryong College, with a focus on developing their Outdoor Education program. We also congratulate Brett and his partner Ebony on the birth of their daughter Savannah Elizabeth Scholtes.

We also farewell Jayne Scott, Tegan Svetina and Jules De Cinque who have completed their short-term contracts. Thank you for your help this year.

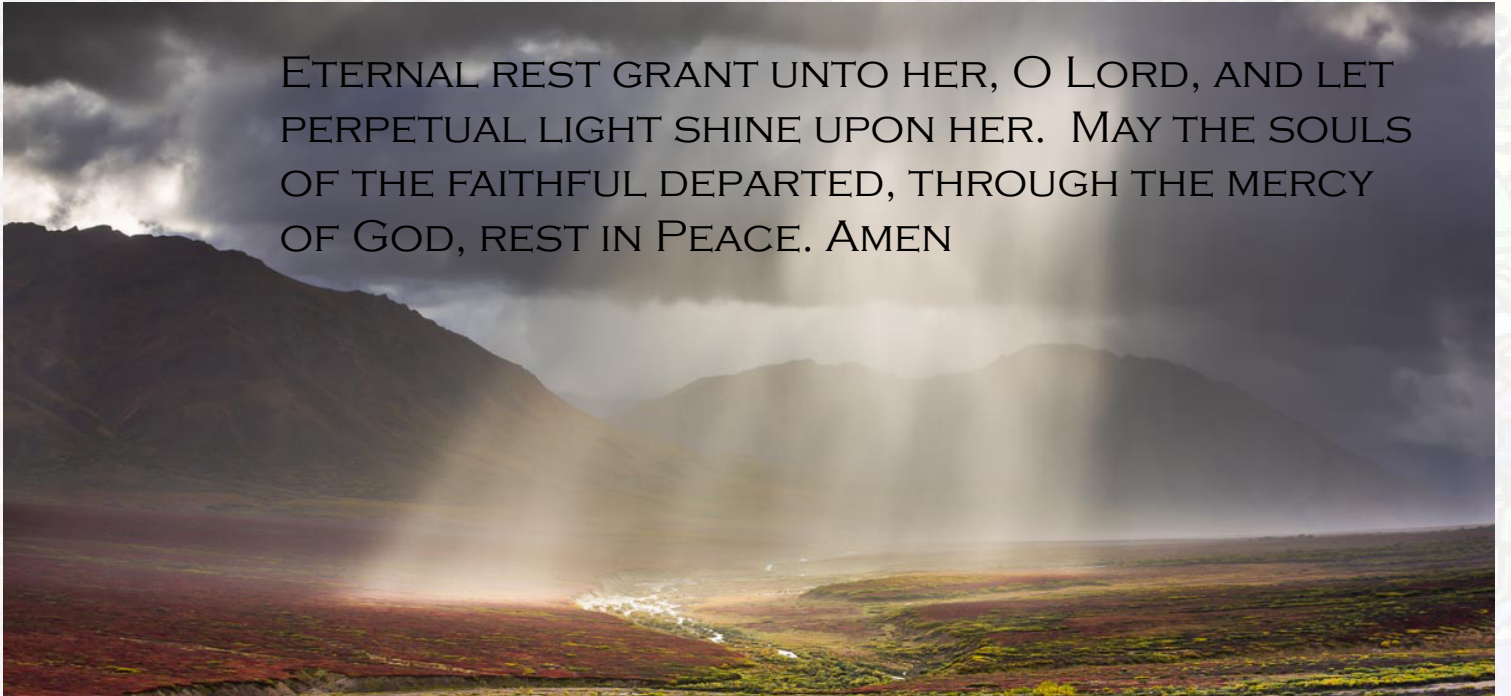
Congratulations to Georgie Barker who will marry her fiancée Ash on the 23rd of January 2021. They were to marry earlier this year, but had to postpone due to COVID-19.

Congratulations to Stella Felten and Daniel Scholes who were this year’s winners of the Lavalla Award for Inspiration & Excellence. This award is a peer award that recognises a member of staff who, in her or his daily work inspires others, is passionate about their own professional learning and improvement and is explicit in their pursuit of excellence. A leader that exhibits a fresh and energetic approach that positively influences people to do their best work.

Condolences

Finally, can I please ask that you keep the following person who has passed away as well as their family and friends in your prayers:

Isabella Logiodice grandmother of Angela, Kayla & Bianca Francolino.



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HER, O LORD, AND LET
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER. MAY THE SOULS
OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY
OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN

FAITH FORMATION



CHRIS ROGA
Faith Formator

**HIS WORDS.
YOUR JOURNEY.
TOGETHER.**



MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020

"Prayer knows how to calm restlessness. But we are restless, we always want things before asking for them, and we want them right away. This restlessness harms us. And prayer knows how to calm restlessness, knows how to transform it into availability. When we are restless, I pray and prayer opens my heart and makes me open to God's will... If in prayer we understand that each day given by God is a call, our hearts will then widen and we will accept everything. We will learn how to say: 'What You want, Lord. Promise me only that You will be present every step of my way.' This is what's important: to ask the Lord to be present in every step of our way: that He not leave us alone, that He not abandon us in temptation, that He not abandon us in the bad moments."

Pope Francis

GENERAL AUDIENCE NOVEMBER 18, 2020

2021 Key Dates

| Event | Date |
|---------------|--|
| Book List | Friday 11th January, 12 pm – 4 pm - <i>Kildare Hall</i> |
| Pick up dates | Wednesday 13th January, 3 pm – 6 pm - <i>Presentation Campus</i> |
| | Friday 15th January 8 am – 2 pm - <i>Kildare Hall</i> |
| | Wednesday 20th January, 12 pm – 8 pm - <i>Kildare Hall</i> |

- **Year 7, 10 and 12 First Day** Friday 29th January
- **Year 8, 9 and 11 First Day** Monday 1st February
- St Pauls Swimming Sports Thursday 25th February
- Kildare Swimming Sports Friday 26th February
- Labour Day Public Holiday Monday 8th March
- Commissioning Mass Thursday 11th March

ST VINCENT de PAUL FUNDRAISING

The year 2020 has shown the community of Lavalla Catholic College that the spirit of giving is as strong as ever. Every year for nearly 20 years, the College has been involved in fundraising to support the local St Vinnies charities.

St Vinnies are well known for supporting local families at Christmas by giving out hampers, toys and other gifts. During term 4 each year, students are encouraged to bring in goods and money that is used to create hampers that St Vinnies can then distribute to those in need of assistance.

This year has been a little different to other years. Rather than bringing in food for hampers, students were asked to bring in cash donations in order to purchase Kmart gift vouchers to be distributed to 12-15 year olds. Through the generosity of the families within our school community, we were able to raise \$2366.55. This enabled us to provide the 40 vouchers that St Vinnies needed for young people in the community this year. There was even enough money left over to create eight food hampers for distribution.

Mrs Lyn Burns from the Traralgon Conference gratefully accepted the school's donations from Elly Fleming and Micah Harris. Mrs Burns indicated that 86 families will be assisted by St Vinnies this year. Due to COVID-19, the money raised in the local charity shops has been significantly lower than in previous years, meaning that the money available to assist families this Christmas has been greatly diminished. The goods that we have donated means that the charity may be able to match what they have been able to do in previous years after all, making Christmas that little bit brighter for families.

Thank you to all families for the generosity they have shown this year and every that we have been running this fundraiser. We are looking forward to seeing what we can do to give back in 2021.



PAST STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



KATIE LEE
**Productions Manager
& Cultural Coordinator**

Joshua Wong, one of our graduating students from 2019, this week won the ATOM (Australian Teachers of Media) Award for Best Senior Secondary Fiction Film.

The ATOM Awards are an International film competition, celebrating the best of Australian and New Zealand screen content from the education sector and screen industry professionals. They are the second-longest-running film and media awards in Australia, having been held annually for over thirty-five years. The 2020 ATOM Awards feature thirty categories covering everything from feature-length films and television programs to animation, short fiction, educational resources, and new media including web series, websites and apps.

Josh's film 'Three in the Night' was one of four finalists in his category, and assessed by six different judges from across the country. He began planning and devising his film at the end of 2018, and spent months developing his folio and overall film concept. The editing skills he developed over the entire process were truly extraordinary, and his use of a green screen to create a car crash effect was one of things that impressed the judges the most.

Previous winners of ATOM Awards include:

- Adam Elliot, for Uncle in 2000. Elliot has gone on to become one of Australia's best animators, winning the 2004 Academy Award for Best Short Animation.
- Rachel Griffiths, for her directorial debut short film Tulip, 1999. Griffiths has gone on to win a trove of awards, including a Golden Globe, Screen Actors Guild Awards and AFI Awards.

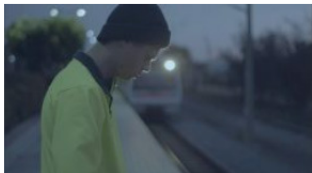
So this award is a great start for Josh on his way to Hollywood success. The Media Faculty are extremely proud of all the hard work he has put in, and everything he has achieved with this film (which also won Top Screens earlier in the year).

Amazing achievement Josh!

If you'd like to watch Josh's film, you can see it [HERE](#) (viewer discretion advised - horror aspects)

Best Senior Secondary Fiction

FINALISTS:



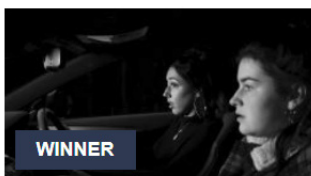
Endless



Hold Me Close



Surface Tension



Three in the Night





SHANE LEBBE
Dir. Music & Liturgical Music

Due to the restrictions seen by 2020, many of our Music Department's usual events were unable to take place. Despite this we still have much to celebrate in our students who have continued to represent our community well throughout the year.

We would like to congratulate the following students and thank them for their contribution and leadership within our music department:

- Annalese Russell who received the Musicianship Award in recognition of Brother Peter Howe and the contribution that he made to the musical life of Lavalla over 19 years. Annie has demonstrated regular attendance, involvement, passion, reliability and commitment to our musical community. These reflect similar qualities of musicianship, leadership, generosity and musical teamwork demonstrated by Brother Peter.
- Claudia Lear as the recipient of the Subject Excellence Awards for VCE Music Performance Unit 1 & 2 for her outstanding work in this subject area throughout the year.
- Nathanael Duffy as the recipient of the Subject Excellence Awards for VCE Music Performance Unit 3 & 4 and VCE Music Styles and Composition Unit 3 & 4 for his outstanding work in these subject areas throughout the year.
- James Chilver who was awarded the Kildare Musicianship Award. James has shown regular attendance, involvement, passion, reliability and commitment to our musical community and generously been a leader within our program for the past six years.
- The final award is the Alexandra Terranova Memorial Award. Alexandra Terranova was a student at Lavalla Catholic College from 2001-2006. An accomplished musician, Alexandra is fondly remembered as one of the most creatively gifted students in the College's history. Her idiosyncratic talent as a flautist and vocalist led to the creation of a small specialised jazz combo to showcase her talents. Alexandra was a generous leader in our department, regularly performing as a soloist with our Liturgical choir and as a member of our Senior Wind Ensemble and Senior Jazz Ensemble. Alexandra changed the countenance of the music department, leaving an indelible legacy of excellence. Our College's history is cluttered with more than our share of outstanding musicians; none have or will stand any taller than Alexandra Terranova. Alexandra was once described by one of her peers as 'a far off light in the distance that we are all trying to reach'. This is still an apt descriptor for the benchmark she has left for our current students. Alexandra's brilliant young life was tragically cut short on Friday the 4th of March, 2011. This award in her memory recognises the excellence of an individual in the Senior Jazz Ensemble. Recognising the unique creative brilliance that Alexandra possessed as well as her personal qualities, this award is presented to a student who demonstrates:
 - Creative giftedness (as defined by Paul Torrance "an unaccountable capacity for excellence"). Alexandra's abilities defied a certain logic, her thinking processes and execution of complex musical ideas marked her as unique.
 - High level of commitment to the music department (membership of multiple ensembles and classes). Alexandra's membership of our choirs, concert bands and multiple jazz ensembles saw her attend five co-curricular rehearsals a week. She exhibited a work ethic not just to her music but in all aspects of her life that is a fine example to all students.
 - High level of contributions to the music community. This criterion speaks to the intrapersonal qualities of Alexandra. Her contributions as a mentor and inspiration to younger students and her peers, her positive energy that galvanized the music community.
 - Outstanding and rigorous work ethic, a passion for music but not at the exclusion of other college activities and studies. Alexandra left a mark all over our College, she was a passionate member of Discover and her creativity and intelligence are fondly remembered by many teachers.
 - An inclusive sense of humour and a compassionate heart.
 - Congratulations to Noah Georgeson as the recipient of the Alexandra Terranova Memorial Award, thank you for your dedication, generosity, passion and contribution to our department throughout your time at the College.

We are looking forward to a busier year of music making in 2021 and wish all of our families a safe and happy Christmas break.

END OF YEAR AWARDS

Lavalla Highest Academic Achievement Award
Nathanel Duffy Yr 12
Liam Jarvis Yr 12

Year Level DUX
Year 9
Miles Verschuur
Year 10
Caitlin Mayer
Year 11
Brittney Paulet

Campus Achievement Award
St Paul's Campus
Alexis Willis Yr 9
Kildare Campus
Natasha Richards Yr 12

All Round Achievement Award
Mason Bishoff Yr 7
Elly Fleming Yr 8
Alyssa Ford Yr 9
Jackson Ludlow Yr 10
Annalise Gafa Yr 11
Natasha Richards Yr 12

Citizenship Award
St Paul's Campus
Isabelle Ambrose Yr 7
Kildare Campus
Tiannah Goodwin Yr 12

Humanitarian Award
In Memory of John Tripodi
Noah Mallia Yr 9

Community Building Award
Shallimar Halliwell Yr 7
Malachi Sanders Yr 8
Georgia Said Yr 9

Cultural Award – Performing Arts
St Paul's Campus
Isobel Georgeson
Kildare Campus
Jye Tactor

Cultural Award – Visual Arts
St Paul's Campus
Emma Darling
Kildare Campus
Leah Wilbraham

Student Peer Award
Isabel Ford Yr 7
Paul Antonopolous Yr 8
Montanna Styles Yr 9
Remi Baillie Yr 10
Grace Buhagiar Yr 11
Emily Liang Yr 12

Nano Nagle Award
Liam Farley Yr 9
Annalese Russell Yr 9
In the Way of Mary Award
Harry Linehan Yr 7
Christiana Olayemi Yr 7
Paul Antonopoulos Yr 8
Elly Fleming Yr 8
Billy Turner Yr 9
Faith Farmer Yr 9
Lucy Chilver Yr 10
James Day Yr 11
Latoya Martines-Disilva Yr 11
Nathanael Duffy Yr 12
Sarah Little Yr 12

SUBJECT AWARDS

Italian Award
Christiana Olayemi Yr 7
Sally Lloyd-Webb Yr 8
Miles Verschuur Yr 9
Lani Zimora Yr 10
English Award
Isabel Ford Yr 7
Violet Estandarte Yr 8
Miles Verschuur Yr 9
Lani Zimora Yr 10
In Memory of Maree Dargie
Nathanael Duffy Yr 12
Alana Walker Yr 12

Maths Award
Isabel Ford Yr 7
Henry Turnbull Yr 8
Miles Verschuur Yr 9
Lucy Chilver Yr 10

Religious Education Award
Isobel Ford Yr 7
Paul Antonopolous Yr 8
Miles Verschuur Yr 9
Grace Briggs Yr 10
Lani Zimora Yr 10
Angela Francolino Yr 11
Nicole Formaran Yr 11
Chelsea Lawn Yr 11
Mobarrat Monir Yr 12
Claudia Said Yr 12
Natasha Richards Yr 12

CEO Religious Education Award
Emma Darling Yr 9
Natasha Richards Yr 12
Solidarity Award
Ava Merton Yr 12

Three Violets Award
Simplicity: Breeah Turnbull Yr 12
Modesty: Sasha Milstein Yr 12
Humility: Brodie Kennedy Yr 12

Musicianship Award
Annalese Russell Yr 9
James Chilver Yr 12

Alexandra Terranova Award
Noah Georgeson Yr 12

Indigenous Award
Harry McDonald Yr 12
Isabel Storm Yr 12

VCAL Henni Van Berkel Award
Chelsea Mayze

AMSA Daniel Lee Sports Award
Cricket
Thomas Morton

Basketball
Luis D'Angelo
Milly Murphy

Netball
Matilda Van Berkel

Encouragement Award
In Memory of Jim Coffey
James Townsend

Encouragement Award
In Memory of Natalia Nadsadina
Coenrad Marx

Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship Award
Shannon Ryan

Australian Defence Force Award
Lucy Chilver
Sasha Milstein

Moe Rotary Award
Pride of Workmanship
Isabella Herben

Traralgon Rotary
Dr Henry Considine Award
Jye Tactor

Traralgon Rotary
Monsignor O'Mara Award
Chelsey Mayze

Apex Traralgon
David Vaughan Memorial Award
Tiannah Goodwin

Monash Scholars Award
Caitlin Mayer

Units 1&2 Subject

Excellence

Brittney Paulet

- General Mathematics
- Drama
- Health and Human Development
- Literature
- Psychology

Annalise Gafa

- English Language
- Physical Education

Conor Saunders

- Chemistry
- Specialist Mathematics

Jacob Wall

- Italian
- Physics

Madeline Russell

- Foundation Mathematics
- Media

Lachie Bennett

- VCAL Literacy
- VCAL Work Related Skills

Anna Derham

- VCE VET Certificate III Allied Health 1st year

Ashton Hall

- VCAL Personal Development
- VCAL Work Related Skills

Belinda Delaney

- Outdoor and Environmental Studies

Caitlin Mayer

- Mathematical Methods

Campbell Blewett

- Geography

Claudia Lear

- Music Performance

Coenrad Marx

- Philosophy

Ella Fothergill

- Visual Communication and Design

Emily McClure

- VCAL Numeracy

Emma Van Den Brand

- English/EAL

Grace Briggs

- Legal Studies

Hayley Tharle

- Environmental Science

Izaak Estandarte

- Systems Engineering

James Day

- Business Management

END OF YEAR AWARDS

Kate Lavery

- Food Studies

Liam Byrne

- VCE VET Screen and Media

Lucy Chilver

- Biology

Shannon Ryan

- Biology

Matilda Lund

- History

Units 3&4 Subject Excellence

Darion Duncan (Yr 11)

- VET Sport & Recreation (Outdoor Rec)

Nicole Formaran (Yr 11)

- Studio Arts

Emma Van Den Brand (Yr 11)

- Texts & Traditions

Liam Jarvis

- Chemistry
- Mathematical Methods
- Specialist Mathematics
- Physics

Nathanael Duffy

- Music Performance
- Philosophy
- Italian
- English

Riley Watts

- Business Management
- Further Mathematics
- Media

Jack Beechey-Danvers

- Geography
- Physical Education

Chelsea Mayze

- VCAL Personal Development
- VCAL Literacy

Kiera Johnson

- Biology
- Legal Studies

Jasmine Mackrell

- Psychology
- Visual Communication & Design

Meg Dunn

- Design & Technology – Textiles
- VET Certificate III – Allied Health

Kayla Sibly

- Environmental Science
- Food Studies

Tommy Campbell

- Design & Technology – Materials

Colby Kennedy

- English Language

Eliza Whitty

- Health & Human Development

Alana Walker

- History Revolutions

Mobarrat Monir

- Literature

Lachlan Mayer

- Software Development

Grace Perkins

- VCAL Work Related Skills

Kierra Cameron

- VET (External) Award for Animal Science

MERIT

Year 7

Summah Aitken

Emily Auteri

Landan Bartley

Ava Campbell

Max Crawford

Indiana de Dios

Elijah Harris

Hannah Johnson

Bobby Kanavan

Harry Linehan

Joshua Little

Madeline Norman

Alanna Rossl

Jade Storey

Xavier Tilley

Lachlan Turner

Angus Vella

Liam Zomer

Year 8

Jack Amaira

William Brent

Tom Cooper

Sophie Field

Olivia Foulze

Georgia Greaves

Gemma Herbert

Ruby Knowles

Ally McClements

Cody Morgan

Holly Morris

Brandon Piening

Lulani Sultana

Amelia Vivian

Chey-Lee Warne

Bethany Wright

Year 9

Ruby Adams

Amali Adams

Noah Addison

Kaidin Atkins

Madison Beveridge

Cooper Brown

Gabrielle Cullen

Joshua Dalton

Scarlett Dean

Sienna Georgiou

Rhyley Guiney

Keely Jones

Jaclyn Little

Maddison Logue

Makhai Maaka

John Marcou

Jordyn McDermott

Lachlan McKee

Dylan McLure

Cooper Monson

Josh Rickard

Emily Ryan

Samantha Sbaglia

Connor Scandrett

Ashlea Stokes

Sarah Toms

Billy Turner

Sierra Welch

Year 10

Remi Baillie

Michaela Beveridge

Blake Couling

Eamon Ellesmere

William Griffiths

Amy Hutchinson

Marli James

Isabella Kalan

Charlotte Kanavan

Simon Lea

Ruby McClements

Sophie Melbourne

Ella Morley

Ryan O'Brien

Gabrielle O'Dell

Kaaliyah Palaamo

Colby Palmer

Millicent Passalacqua

Melody Paulet

Makaila Powlesland Hamilton

Abbey Rhimes

Georgia Rowley

Elijah Walsh

Tara Whelan

Billy Whitmore

Benjamin Williams

Year 11

Cooper Baldacchino

Lara Bamford

Lily Campbell

Chelsea Clarke

Jacob Collison

Sarah Cropley

Douglas Fisher

Coby Foley

Benjamin Gafa

Ashton Hall

Emma Hill

Mitchell Lovison

Mark Lucas

Destiny Mackrell

Flynn McLuckie

Emily McLure

Beau Morgan

Jack Murray

Keisha Roy

Kade Ruyters

Campbell Sutton

Tahlia Tappe

Eva Tatchell

Emma Walker

Heidi Winter

James Wirken

Year 12

Katlyn Anders

Ella Bailey

Sienna D'Alessandro

Luis D'Angelo

Lauren Grimes

Joshua Kennedy

Lexi King

Audrey Lambert

Emily Liang

Victoria Ludlow

Harry McDonald

Jared Quail

Claudia Said

Alexa Stewart

Harriet Williams

DILIGENCE

Year 7

Olivia Baillie

Abby Bennett

Brodyn Blandford

Finn Blizzard

Maddison Boyd

Harvey Brown

Kayla Carman

Hayley Causon

Lexi Charles

Dulcie Cogan

Elizabeth Cooper

Meg Derham

Julian Dore

Pia Farrar

Tahlia Field

Katie Furnston

END OF YEAR AWARDS

Olivia Gilham
Lucie Griffiths
Shallimar Halliwell
Charlie Hamilton
Ebony Heafield
Abigale Hirschfield
Roshan Josraj
Charlie Justice
Jedd Ladgrove
Jessica MacGregor
Alison McGregor
Alice Mooney
Ellie Porter
Elizabeth Ralph
Maddison Reed
Asha Roy Mia Simpson
Riley Sutton
Lila Switzer
Makailah Tharle
Ryder Thompson
Constance Townsend
Madison Vivian
Cameron Walker
Zoscia Wendt
Chelsea Whitmore
Sarah Williams
Charlie Wirken
Caitlin Wood
Emma Zalesiak
Ashley Zandona

Year 8

Sienna Affleck
Rohini Arun Kumar
Lachlan Barnes
Krystal Beaton
Makayla Brand
Phoebe Briggs
Nicholas Cassar
Imogen Caulfield
Summer Charles
Elaina Domagala
Troy Frost
Lucas Furlan
Grace Harding
Summer Harding
Oakley Howe
Abbey Kerton
Claudia Lee
Alexa Peake
Savannah Theissling
Elodie Thorley
Mia Tosin
Jeordie Turner
Alana Weston
Mitchell Wooton
Casey Wright

Year 9

Gemma Bezzina
Quin Boorer
Adele Calagaz
Cohen Campbell
Liam Farley
Danielle Fenech
Sophie Fothergill
Isobel Georgeson
Hollie Gibson
Darcie Gridley
Ava Guarascio
Suravi Hemanth
Ethan Jarvis
Macie Jones
Nellie Kennedy
Riley Lang
Chelsea McNamara
Zulfa Ogunsina
Ella Pavey
Angus Pollerd
Annalese Russell
Charlotte Ryan
Stella Saliba
Danae Sawers
Dylan Storey
Indiana Thomas
Eliza Watts
Ciara Weston
Adam Wilbraham
Jasmine Young

Year 10

Harrison Ambrose
Layla Blair
Grace Brown
Ella Buckley
Samuel Clark
Nicholas Distefano
Ayva Duddington
Kayla Francolino
Antony Giglio
Scarlett Green
Jackson Ludlow
Ashleigh Mihaly
Chiara Pistrin
Shannon Ryan
Thomas Said
Teagan Schoolderman
Emma Spagnolo
Chloe Twite
Edie Van Der Velden
Jamie Welbourne
Despina Wolswinkel

Year 11

Logan Archibald
Lana Barnes
Lachie Bennett
Isabella Bettridge
Ella Blackford
Campbell Blewett
Tyron Bramwell
Ella Brent
Alana Cameron
Amelia Cassar
James Day
Darion Duncan
Nicole Formaran
Madelaine Galea
Stefan Giglio
Clay Last
Kate Lavery
Carly Lavin
Chelsea Lawn
Claudia Lear

Latoya Martines-Dasilva
Madison Matters
Isobel McLennan
Tarra-Grace Nixon
Lara Norman
Kelsey Petersen
Loren Quail
Connor Saunders
Tahlee Sawers
Lakoda Scopel
Caitlyn Sorby
Emmerson Taylor
Hayley Tharle
Tahlia Webb
Emma White

Year 12

Liam Alesi
Chloe Bailey
Xavier Bell
Kasey Brown
Nieve Campbell
Tommy Campbell
Hannah Cheetham
Lingdejun Chen
James Chilver
Kieran Georgeson
Noah Georgeson
Hollie Gooding
Tiannah Goodwin
Archie Grant
Alexia Hall
Julia Harriman
Daniel Hegarty
Lauryn King-Church
Madelin Lighthart

Sarah Little
Jasmine Mackrell
Zoe Marshall
Lachlan Mayer
Chelsey Mayze
Maliat Monir
Milly Murphy
Georgia Page
Grace Perkins
Jacob Pianta
Jordan Ross
Jye Saliba
Matthew Scholtes
Kayla Sibly
Jaysen Sharman
Jye Tactor
Matilda Van Berkel
Eliza Whitty
Niamh Williams

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Year 7

Isabelle Ambrose
Mason Bishoff
Stephanie Booker
Elayna Collison
Ava Flewin
Isaac Friend
Isabel Ford
Brooklyn Fue
Niah Gils
Oscar Kalan
Phoebe McDougall
Christiana Olayemi
Vipasha Parekh
Aidan Parsons
Ava Ross
Steve Shaiju
Keeley Smith
Memphis Walton

Year 8

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Anastasia Day
Violet Estandarte
Elly Fleming
Leila Gaunt
Ryan Johnson
Jorja Landels
Sally Lloyd-Webb
Robert Nicholls
Amelie Owler
Jorja Owler
Taylah Pavey
Henry Turnbull
Hannah Van Iwaarden

Grace Van Tilburg

Year 9

Emma Darling
Kiara Drzewinski-Pereira
Eliza Dunbar
Chelsea Elliott
Faith Farmer
Alyssa Ford
Mia Guarascio
Isabella Herben
Tyler Little
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Emily Neocleous
Ayomide Olayemi
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Montanna Styles
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Miles Verschuur
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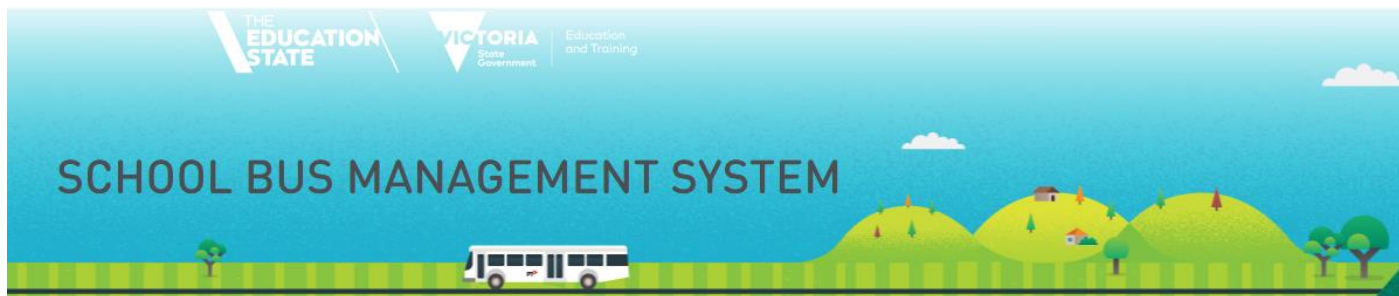
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Lucy Chilver
Georgia Daly
Anna Derham
Izaak Estandarte
Neha Gils
Hailee Henry
Athena Kavadias
Caitlin Mayer
Abbey Pianta
Lani Zimora

Year 11

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Ella Fothergill
Angela Francolino
Annalise Gafa
Brittney Paulet
Kade Petersen
Madeline Russell
Jacob Wall

Year 12

Jack Beechey-Danvers
Nathanael Duffy
Meg Dunn
Liam Jarvis
Kiera Johnson
Colby Kennedy
Mobarrat Monir
Natasha Richards
Stephanie Szabo
Alana Walker
Riley Watts



To apply for travel on one of the Traralgon Country Bus routes, please do so via the School Bus Management System: Go to <https://schoolbus.educationapps.vic.gov.au/>

Applications to Travel on the Country Bus Network

Renew Application If a traveller is currently approved to travel on a school bus and their circumstances have not changed (e.g. home address and school), select 'Renew Application'. Selecting this option will renew the travellers existing travel conditions. If there is a new sibling wanting to start using the bus service, simply select "Add a Traveller" and the children will all be included on one family account. Once the traveller is added create a New Application for the new traveller.

New Application A 'New Application' must be created for travellers that have never travelled on a school bus, or have changed school name, school campus or home address. Selecting this option will create a new travel application.

New Bus Travellers Families accessing the School Bus Management System for the first time will need to register a new School Bus Management System account.

- ❖ Go to [School Bus Management System](https://schoolbus.educationapps.vic.gov.au/)
- ❖ Click **Register**
- ❖ Complete all the information required, this section is for the parent/guardian.
- ❖ Add traveller/s using the '+Add Traveller/Child' button
- ❖ Once your children have been added as travellers, follow the "New Application" process.

Overnight, SBMS will send you an email asking you to "**Manage your Offer**". You will need to log back in to SBMS and accept your offer to activate your child's seat on the bus.

INSIGHTS

Building deep emotional connections with kids



Imagine your child comes to you upset that a sibling or friend has cheated in a game. There are a number of ways to respond, including telling them not to worry (“Let it go!”), advising them how to handle it (“Next time you keep the score.”) or empathising emotionally (“You must feel disappointed.”)

Each is a legitimate response for a parent and teacher to make, but only the latter builds a deep emotional connection. Importantly, the empathetic response builds a child’s or young person’s emotional intelligence as it taps into their ability to recognise current feelings.

How emotional connection works

Kids crave to be understood by others, especially by the people they love or respect. When you accurately feed back how a child or young person is feeling you demonstrate that you really care. Strong relationships are formed on the bedrock of care, kindness and compassion.

How to give emotional feedback that connects

Giving accurate emotional feedback to an upset child or teenager takes practice. It requires that you pay attention, move into the present moment, listen to a child and identify the feeling behind their words. High or loud emotions such as anger, annoyance and panic are often easier to identify than low or muted emotions such as worry, discouragement or loneliness.

An effective way to connect on emotional level is to listen to what a child has to say, and then think back to a time you were in a similar situation. Imagine if a child says they feel horrible because their friends laughed at them when they made a mistake in class. Rather than respond immediately, think back to a time when you made a mistake in front of others and identify how you felt. Embarrassed, ashamed, or annoyed? “I bet that you felt embarrassed and annoyed when your friends laughed at you.” Your child may tell you that you’re off the mark, but they’ll more than likely appreciate the empathy you show.

Feed back the positive emotions too

You don’t have to wait until something challenging happens to connect with a child on an emotional level. Accurately mirror positive feelings such as relief (after a stressful situation has passed), enthusiasm (as they begin something they love doing) and chilled (as they put their feet up at the end of the day). We all experience many emotions throughout the day. The ability to accurately recognise and feed back the emotions of children and young people is a wonderful way to build connections of quality and depth.



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