



From the Principal

John M Freeman

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Graduating Class of 2021

Next Friday, 19 November 2021, we will be celebrating the end of 13 years of secondary education for the Graduating Class of 2021.

The event, which will be conducted in the Champagnat Centre is for the students and staff only; however, it will be broadcast live by a local media company Nano Nano, for families to enjoy. Light refreshments (from a local company) will be provided for all students.

Planning for this celebration started last term and all Year 12s and their families were informed early so they could arrange gatherings in their homes to watch the broadcast. We are also aware that many families have been able to make bookings at local restaurants after the Graduation to continue the celebrations.

I sincerely wish to thank the organising committee for their work and I also express my appreciation to students and families for their understanding and support of the way we have organised the Graduation.



VCE Examinations

Congratulations to all students who have completed their VCE exams and best of success to those completing their final exams next week.

Thank you to all involved in the organisation and operations of the exams, particularly Jeananne Brown, Sarah Brown, Sue Rankin and Jenny Sutton.

PRINCIPAL cont....

COVID-19 Safety

Thank you to all the staff, students and families for their support and cooperation recently in regard to the recent positive COVID-19 cases at the College. The result of these cases has meant that a number of students and some staff have needed to isolate.

Accordingly, it is essential that if someone is displaying any symptoms that they get tested as soon as possible and follow current health directions. Additionally, it is still vital to:

- Wear a face mask as per current health directions;
- Perform regular hand hygiene, including on entry to, and exit from, the venue, and
- Maintain physical distancing, keeping at least 1.5m away from others at all times where possible.

Vaccination Requirements of Parents, Guardians and Carers and Other Visitors Attending Schools

Under the current Victorian Chief Health Officer's Directions all parents, guardians and carers who enter school buildings must be fully vaccinated or have a valid medical exception with the following limited exceptions:

- when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/ carer.
- when attending for a momentary period that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.

All adults, including parents, guardians and carers attending any school event or activity including, but not limited to assemblies, tours, graduations, transition days or whole of school events are required to be fully vaccinated and show evidence of vaccination.

Meetings and other discussions (such as Student Support Group meetings) with parents, guardians and carers who do not meet vaccination requirements will be held virtually.

Parents, guardians and carers attending school sites for drop off and pick up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

Staff Professional Learning Day

Students and families are reminded that next **Friday, 19 November**, is a Staff Professional Learning Day. Therefore, this is a **student free day**.

Student News

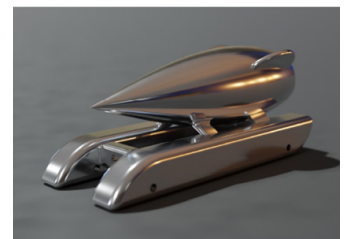
Congratulations to the eight Year 10 students, consisting of two teams, who have participated in the printAcar challenge this year. Both teams have qualified for the final on 26th Nov.

Names of students in each team

Project Athena: Ben PAYNE, Matthew REDDICK, Deakin SIMPSON and Xavier SPEHR.

System32: Samuel ALLGOOD, Tristan VAN DER MEER, Noah STANISTREET, and John MARCOU.

Thank you to Julian Zhu for his support and guidance of the students and we wish them all the best of success in the final.



Staff News

We farewell Allison Spears our Compliance Manager after 3 years with the College. Allison leaves us to take up the role as the Policy Officer for the Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited.

LEARNING & TEACHING



BRETT VANBERKEL

Deputy Principal
Learning & Teaching

VCAA Exams

The VCAA written exams started on Wednesday with the 3-hour English exam. Thanks to all of the students who arrived in time and prepared for their exams. These will continue until November 17. Before the written exams, students also completed external oral and performance exams in Italian, Drama and Music during the first few weeks of term. The teaching staff have all commented on the commitment and positive work ethic of our students. They have managed the demands of VCE with such positivity in very demanding circumstances.

Thank you to Ms Jeananne Brown and her team, who have overseen the exams. They have done a fantastic job under trying circumstances. The calm and considered approach has helped students complete the exams with confidence. I encourage all students to use the time remaining wisely, study hard, and do their best, and I wish them luck for the exams and their future endeavours.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the work of all our staff in supporting the Class of 2021

Reports

End of semester reports will be available to parents the week of the December 6. More information will be communicated via email in the near future



CATHOLIC IDENTITY & MISSION



ROBYN REBBECHI
Assistant Principal
Catholic Identity & Mission



Earlier this year, Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen wrote a reflection on St Joseph the Migrant Worker. In a year which has stretched and challenged Australians in all walks of life, his words remind us of the plight of many people living among us, and encourages us to be compassionate in our response to others.

Before the pandemic, over a million overseas workers on temporary visas came to Australia each year. Even in the best of times, temporary seasonal workers are more vulnerable to exploitative working conditions than workers who have Australian citizenship. FairWork Australia says that “employees under the [Pacific Labour] Scheme have the same workplace rights as other employees in Australia”. But temporary seasonal workers might not know that. They are less likely to know what their rights are, and to be able to effectively assert them. ... Migrant workers often lack friends and allies who can help them.

Can we see in the faces of temporary seasonal workers the face of St Joseph, seeking work in a foreign land, trying to support his family? Can we see migrant workers as our sisters and brothers in need of our care? Can we welcome them into our homes, communities and churches and defend their dignity and rights? Let us entrust temporary seasonal workers in Australia to the protection of St Joseph the Worker.

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, Bishop of Parramatta and chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service

https://catholic.org.au/images/Year_of_St_Joseph_Reflection_May_2021_Web.pdf

Invitation to attend Parishes of Latrobe Valley Liturgy for the Year of St Joseph

You are warmly invited to attend an evening liturgy and reflection, celebrating the Year of St Joseph which is to be ehld on Wednesday 17th November, 7.30-9.30pm at St Vincent de Paul Parish Hall, 2 Rowell St Morwell. Please book through your Parish secretary as numbers are limited.

Reminder: Please support the Vinnies Christmas Hampers drive. In the last newsletter families were invited to contribute to the Christmas Hampers for St Vincent De Paul. This is a long standing tradition to help families in the Latrobe Valley to celebrate Christmas. This year Vinnies have asked us to provide festive food as a way of assisting those in need, and we need the help of our whole community.

Throughout Term 4 all students & staff are being asked to bring into their Homeroom/LA:

- Non-perishable festive food items (Christmas cakes, custard, fruit juices, soft drinks, biscuits, savoury biscuits, lollies/chocolates)

and/or

- Cash donations to go towards helping families celebrate the festivities of Christmas. Cash donations will be put towards \$50 Kmart vouchers to give to teens aged 12-15.

We understand that the festive season can become stressful for families, and that this has been a difficult year for many, so ask you to only give what you are able. Every little bit will help brighten someone's Christmas, so we encourage you to be involved in whatever way you can, and thank you for your support.



FORMATION MATTERS



CHROS ROGA
Faith Formator

Embracing Reality with Joy

Reality is reality. It exists independent of us, and moves on its inevitable path. Sometimes it is wonderful; at other times it is woeful. Our feelings betray that we want reality to be what suits us. And this is the cause of all our suffering. Reality is reality, and when we learn to embrace it, we are transformed. Reality remains reality, but we embrace every part of it as a precious friend, and we will discover true freedom.

For example, every war brings immense suffering, death, pain and grief. But we have learned to accept it, and in time it serves as a memory of honour and an inspiration for us to care for one another. The Avenue of Honour in Ballarat is such an example. Today, it serves to ignite pride and respect for the ANZAC spirit.



Avenue of Honour, Ballarat

A Simple Practice to Embrace Reality

This is a breathing exercise. We are often not conscious of the wonder of breathing. Every breath we take is a breath of life.

Upon breathing in, say to yourself, "I live in the present moment, now."

Upon breathing out, say to yourself, "I know this is a wonderful moment."

It will require conscious practice to start with, but it becomes second nature quite quickly. When it happens as a habit, you can begin to question its value.

This moment brings pain, suffering, death, and crime somewhere in the world. But it also brings compassionate persons who relieve suffering, who care and to teach new ways. It brings people of courage who oppose injustice and who champion the oppressed, who care for rivers, trees, animals, oceans, families and children. In every corner of the planet the vast majority go quietly about their moments doing good.

Moments are real. Breathe in and breathe out. See each moment in its truth.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC MATTERS

Please adhere to the posted **40km Speed Limit** between the school

DROP OFF times 8.00AM - 9.30AM & PICK UP times 2.30PM - 4.00PM



Please also refrain from parking in the designated **SPECIAL NEEDS PARKING SPACE** at the front of the St Paul's Campus Hermitage Administration building during these times.

This park is for **picking up** and **dropping off** STUDENTS who have physical restrictions, and who are unable to walk to and from a distanced parked car.

If your child has no physical restrictions please do not park in that space during pick up and drop off times.

We thank you for this consideration.

HEALTH CORNER



ASHLEIGH THAIN

School Nurse

Medications

Medications are prescribed for various reasons and health conditions. Some medications are for short periods of time, and others you may need to take for a long time, even for the rest of your life!

Things to remember are;

- Always take your medications as prescribed
- **NEVER** share your medications, or take someone else's medications
- Don't stop taking your medications abruptly unless your Doctor tells you to
- Learn about your medications and what they are for. This is important so you know what you are taking and why
- Store your medications safely out of sunlight and heat, out of reach of children, or as directed by your Pharmacist
- Herbal remedies are great, but check with your Pharmacist to see if they interact with any other medications you are taking

Talk to your GP, Pharmacist or Nurse regularly to review your medications and discuss any changes required.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

We wish to give you advance notice that most College Uniform items may need to be purchased from our supplier LOWES for 2022 because of COVID-19 and low stock numbers in the Second Hand Uniform Shop.

Due to COVID-19 the Second-Hand Uniform Shop has been operating under appointment only for this year, with only 1 family group (1 parent and students requiring uniform only preferred) per visit with time in between to clean the shop as per COVID-19 guidelines.

We will not be open on the Year 7 Orientation Day if it goes ahead.

The Second Hand Uniform shop is currently low on stock for sizes 6-12 in most uniform items and we don't anticipate getting in much more stock this year. A full listing of our items including stock numbers can be found on our website: [HERE](#)

We ask that you please check this listing before making an appointment to avoid disappointment.

Please note that the Trackpant, Polo Top, Rugby Top and Windbreaker listed on the website are being phased out and are not available for purchase for new junior students. We only have the PE short and new PE Soft Shell Jacket available, but they are in short supply.

Please phone 5174 7355 or reply to this email to make an appointment. Appointments are available Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Second Hand uniforms and books can also be purchased online from the Sustainable Schools Shop, a parent trading portal used by Lavalla Catholic College: www.sustainableschoolsshop.com.au

LOWES has layby available and there are sales during the year for those with a ZERO or Rewards Card (excludes Gift Cards.)

You can shop online [HERE](#) or in store at LOWES Mid Valley Morwell during usual business hours or at the Lavalla LOWES store on Grubb Avenue on Tuesday 8am-11am and Thursday 1.30pm – 4.30pm.

3 DAY EVENT 18TH - 20TH NOVEMBER

ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS

20% OFF*

SCHOOLWEAR & EVERYTHING ELSE!

DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR
ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS

*T&C'S APPLY, SAVINGS OFF ORIGINAL PRICES. INSTORE & ONLINE



LOWES PRACTISES COVID SAFE MEASURES.

*Offer available instore & online, ends midnight (AEDT) 20/11/21. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount. Excludes Gift Cards & schoolwear lay-bys. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, no rainchecks.

PAY-AS-YOU-WEAR!

Flatten your expense curve
by paying off your LOWES
purchases over 12-months
with your Zero Card.



**PLUS take an
EXTRA 5% OFF
your purchases.**

[FIND OUT MORE ABOUT LOWES ZERO CARD >](#)

Buy and Sell

second-hand **Textbooks**



Simply

- Register on the Sustainable School Shop website
- www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

second-hand textbook trading system

- List Wanted & For Sale Ads (Browsers tell each other what they require and what they have to sell).
- The school's booklists are loaded into the system to make the Ad listing process easy, fast and accurate.
- Our Ad Matching service shows you
 - Exactly the right items to buy
 - Who has the most items you need
 - The cheapest items
- Assistance is provided to accurately price items.
- Buyers contact Sellers, and arrange where and when to transact.
- Excellent email and telephone helplines are provided:
0438 743 444

Cost

- Browse and search the for sale ads for free
- Single items can be advertised for \$1.50
- Annual subscriptions \$21.95 (includes Ad Matching)

Also Buy & Sell

- Calculators
- Sporting items
- Musical items
- Electronics & DVD's
- Stationery

Pricing Guide

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|-------------|-----|
| • Like New | 70% |
| • Excellent | 60% |
| • Very Good | 50% |
| • Good | 40% |

www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au

ABN 55 114 136 211

helpful tips

- Be patient many new items are listed each day
- Listing Wanted and For Sale Ads gets results
- Our unique Ad Matching Service shows you who to transact with, and will save you lots of time
- Be realistic when pricing items
- Telephoning sellers provides a quicker response as many people do not regularly check their emails
- Pre-arrange who to transact with if your items are still being used and write the availability date in your Ad
- Respect other browsers and remember to Delist your Ads promptly when no longer needed
- Meet somewhere convenient to transact, don't make special trips and just fit it in to your normal activities

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please see below important information regarding the Second-Hand Textbook Trading System at The Sustainable Schools Shop.

TAKE YOUR TEXTBOOKS HOME DAY!

2021 Textbooks will no longer be required in classes for students after the dates shown below. Please take your textbooks* home on this day to sell to other parents on the Sustainable Schools Website. **Excluding textbooks carried over into 2022. These may be needed during Transition. Please check your 2022 booklist.*

New 2022 textbook orders must be finalised at the Seymour Street Newsagency by **Friday 17th December 2021**. Please list your second-hand books for sale as soon as possible before this date to allow for a comfortable trading window. We advise listing your textbooks for sale now if you know their condition, just mention that pickup will be after the relevant date below in your advertisement.

Year 12 Students

2021 Textbooks can be listed for sale when no longer required for exams.

Years 10 & 11 Students

2021 Textbooks will no longer be required in classes after **Friday 26th November 2021 or when no longer required for exams**.

Year 9 Students

2021 Textbooks will no longer be required in classes after **Friday 26th November 2021**.

Years 7 & 8 Students

2021 Textbooks will no longer be required in classes after **Thursday 2nd December 2021**.

Information on The Sustainable Schools Shop Second-hand textbook trading system can be found **attached** and at <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/>