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2020

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Dates to Remember

TERM 1

February

- 13th HSC High Achievers Assembly
Yr 11 Information Evening -
6pm-7pm
- 21st College Swimming Carnival
- 24th-26th Yr 7 Camp
- 26th Ash Wednesday

March

- 2nd Begins Catholic Schools Week
- 3rd Open Night 6pm-8pm
- 5th College Cross Country
- 11th Year 7 Meet & Greet
5.30pm-6.30pm
- 18th PDSSSC Swimming Carnival
- 20th Harmony Day Cup
- 30th Yr 7 & Yr10 Vaccination 1 and
Yr 8 Catch Up

April

- 6th Yr 7-11 Photo Day
- 9th Holy Thursday
- 10th Good Friday

End of Term 1

TERM 2

- 27th Staff Development Day
Pupil Free Day
- 28th All students return

Message from the Principal

THE EMMAUS GRADUATE



Curiosity to Clarity: Celebrating 200 Years

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE EMMAUS FAMILY- YEAR 7, 2020

What a delight it was to welcome Year 7-2020, all 148 of them, the 2025 graduate class, our 33rd cohort to Emmaus Catholic College last Wednesday. Once again watching the tradition of these students walk the Emmaus Road to the hall through a guard of honour formed by the staff, the same route they will follow in the opposite direction when they graduate in 2025, was an emotionally symbolic event. As a College we all say welcome Year 7 along with your families, we are so privileged to have you in our care and we look forward to meeting the parent/carers at the Year 7 meet and greet evening on Wednesday March 11th.

In a similar way a big well done to all returning students across Year 8-12 along with students new to Emmaus in these year groups, on the way that you have returned having a strong sense of pride in the uniform and engagement in your learning. I wish all students a successful and joyful 2020 praying that all your goals and dreams will be achieved.



College Leadership Teams

Executive

Principal Mr Nastasi

Principal's Personal Assistant

Mrs Schembri

Assistant Principal Ms Bowd

Director of Learning & Mission

Ms Waring

Director of Learning & Wellbeing

Mr Roberts

**Director of Curriculum
Administration**

Mrs Else

Leaders of Wellbeing

Year 7 Mr Sultana

Year 8 Miss Borg

Year 9 Mrs Luke

Year 10 Mr Levy

Year 11 Miss Gaudiosi

Year 12 Mr Murphy

Leaders of Learning

REC Ms Waring

Diverse Learning Mrs Vogels

English Ms Schinella

Mathematics Mrs Mowbray

PDHPE Mr Brunt

HSIE Mrs Curran

TAS Mr Chhabra

Creative Arts (Acting) Miss Ashton

and Mr Connolly

Science Mrs Hamama

Learning Innovations Ms McQueen

Leader of Sport Ms Hely

Language Mrs Scarfone

Library Mrs Ellery

VET Co-ordinator

Careers Advisor Mrs Scarfone

College Counsellor Ms Wen

and Ms Docanto

Business Manager Mr Anchique



Can I also take this opportunity to express publicly my sincere thanks to the teaching staff along with the support staff for a great start also knowing that many have been back the week before the holidays ended to ensure that things were in order and that the learning experiences for our students were well planned and in readiness for the year ahead.

NEW LEADERSHIP ROLES AND NEW STAFF AT EMMAUS

I attach after my article the **Directory of Leadership responsibilities at the College for 2020**. I thank and wish all these people the best in undertaking their various ministries in leading at Emmaus Catholic College.

New Staff

I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome our *New Staff* to the College, along with all returning staff.

New staff members for 2020 are:

[Ms. Jasmin Casserly](#) - PDHPE

[Mrs. Svetlana Hunn](#) (temporary) - Mathematics/Science

[Ms. Elyssa \(Ella\) Manampan](#) - Science

[Mr. Jeremy Safi](#) - PDHPE

[Mr. David Montesin](#) - ICT Trainee

[Mrs. Hull](#) - HSIE/RE (returning after leave in 2019)

[Mrs. Boustany](#) - Learning Support (returning after leave in 2019)



Also, I acknowledge and thank [Ms. Kath Lathouras](#) for moving into the English KLA from Learning Support and wish her every success in her changed role.

Opening Mass

This Friday we welcome back the entire school community at our Opening Mass and I would also like to also take this opportunity to thank in anticipation those involved in this always uplifting and beautiful event. A special thanks to Fr Myk, Ms Waring, Ms Cagliuso, Mr Connelly and to all those that will be involved in various ministries that day to ensure the acknowledging of our scriptural theme around faith in 2020 -

'Be not afraid, just believe' -Mark 5:36

Communication with staff via email

Emmaus Catholic College recognises that email is a fast and convenient way to communicate with your child's teacher.

As you could appreciate, teachers read their emails at various times throughout the school day. Further, to this and other than in the case of a genuine emergency, *they are generally not expected to respond to emails from parents and students outside of normal working hours.*

Please keep in mind that if you send an email to a member of our staff outside of normal working hours, a reply may not be received until the following working day. We appreciate your assistance and understanding.

If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact me on **9670 8300**

EUROPEAN STUDY TOUR 2020

I take this opportunity to welcome back our 25 students and 5 staff members who undertook the European Study tour to Italy, Germany and France during the January holidays. I know this experience of history, geography, culture, music, art and food was a great success and we look forward to hearing more in upcoming weeks from the students about their amazing experiences. I particularly thank Mrs. Scarfone the organizer of this trip again along with the other staff members of Ms Bowd, Ms Micallef, Ms Bozic and Mr Petrocco for sacrificing their holiday break to accompany these students along with the Harvest Travel Group.

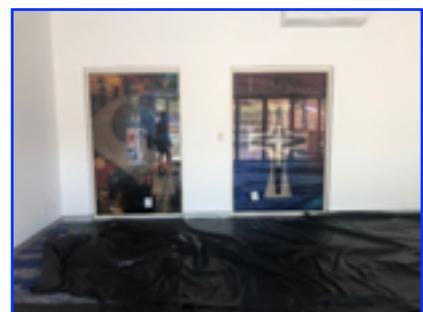
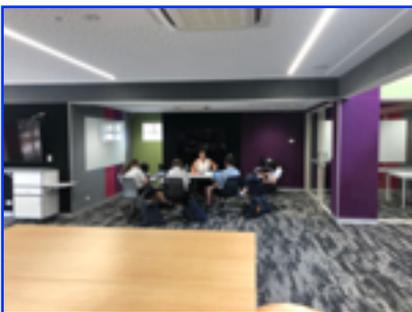


CANA BUILDING - FOOD TECHNOLOGY/CHAPEL REFURBISHMENT AND COVERED SHELTER AT THE OLD BUS BAY

At the time of writing this article I am pleased to announce that we have received an occupation certificate to utilize the new state of the art commercial kitchens/learning spaces that make up the Food Technology/ Chapel spaces (known as the CANA block). Whilst there are still some peripheral external works to be completed, in the main these spaces are operational and to that end, I am so very grateful to the CEDP, namely Mr. Michael Pruscino and Architects, Brett Anderson and Stephen Donachie who have overseen this quality build undertaken by Morabito Constructions.

The shelter at the old bus bay is nearing completion and will provide protection against both the heat and rain in coming months and years, again my thanks to CEDP for funding this and to the Parent Advisory Board (PAB) for their vision with regards to it.

On a footnote to the building works, the College also has had 243 Solar panels installed across all buildings again courtesy of CEDP and this is likely to see a power bill reduction by some 40%. In addition the meters installed will be utilized as part of the teaching/learning with students in various subjects like Science; Mathematics and STEM classes being able to read and measure aspects such as power generated; power usage; power stored into the grid and emissions.



HSC RESULTS 2019-EVERY WAY YOU LOOK AT IT THE BEST BY FAR

At the end of last year, the College received from NESAs what can only be described as amazing HSC results a true reflection of the dedicated hard work from the students, staff and families of the 2019 graduating class. The College moved significantly in the NSW school ranking to be 254/596 up from 405 in 2018 and we were ranked 8/20 in the Diocese of Parramatta based on Band 6's/E4 and the number of exams sat. The College is extremely proud of these achievements, one measure of life success and we look forward to celebrating the many award winners at our HSC High achiever assembly in week 3 this term.

A summary of student achievements is listed in the following information below.

2019 Emmaus Catholic College HSC Subject Duces

Subject	Students	Mark
Ancient History*	Jessica Reason	78
Arabic Continuers	Serly Shakkal	89
Arabic Extension 1	Serly Shakkal	45
Biology*	Crystal Fajardo	82
Business Studies*	Anastacia Filer	98
Business Services Exam	Isabella Pace	94
Chemistry*	Isabella Buhagiar	91
Community and Family Studies*	Samantha Moodley	99
Construction Examination	Aro Gar	74
Croatian Continuers	Luka Tuka	69
Design and Technology*	Jessica Davis	87
English Standard*	Rajiv Sharndil	91
English Advanced*	Sarah Amis	93
English Extension 1*	Anastacia Filer	46
Food Technology	Krista Espadilla & Jennifer Parnell	85
Hospitality Exam	Tara Hickman	85
Industrial Technology	Antonio Matic	93
Investigating Science*	Madeline Peppas & Luke Trevillian	84
Japanese Beginners	Tara Hickman	94
Korean Continuers	Emily Cheng	97
Legal Studies*	Samantha Moodley	96
Mathematics*	Samantha Moodley	98
Mathematics Extension 1*	Antonio Matic & Samantha Moodley	46
Modern Greek Continuers	Demi Manikas	77
Modern History*	Rajiv Sharndil	88
Mathematics Standard 2*	Luke Trevillian	89
Music 1*	Toby Lowing	95
PDHPE*	Luke Trevillian	90
Physics*	Antonio Matic	87
Society and Culture*	Sarah Amis	95

SOR1*	Anastacia Filer	48
SOR2*	Isabella Buhagiar	87
Visual Arts*	Emily Cheng	88
Religion Catholic Studies	Tatijana Perri	45
Exploring Early Childhood	Adriana Di Marco	84
Computer Applications	Luka Tuka	45
SLR 1	Sarah-Ruth Filipo Ulugia	44
English Studies Exam	Sara Manoel	72
Work Studies	Andrew Borg	80

2019 Emmaus Catholic College HSC ATAR above 90

NAME	ATAR
Samantha Moodley	99.05 (highest ever at Emmaus)
Anastacia Filer	98.85
Sarah Amis	96.35
Antonio Matic	95.85
Isabella Buhagiar	95.40
Emily Cheng	90.95
Isabella Pace	90.70
Rajiv Sharndil	90.50

2019 Emmaus Catholic College Band 6/E4 or HSC mark above 90-(39 in total)

Sarah Amis	(95-Business; 93-English Advanced; 95-SOC; 47-SOR1)
Isabella Buhagiar	(91-Chemistry; 91-Legal; 96-Mathematics)
Emily Cheng	(97 Korean Continuers; 91 SOC)
Holly Everingham	(93-Music 1)
Anastacia Filer	(98-Business Studies; 98-CAFS; 92-English Advanced; 46-English Ext 1; 93-Legal Studies; 48-SOR1)
Tara Hickman	(94-Japanese Beginners)
Adam Kurtulmus	(90-Mathematics)
Toby Lowing	(Music 1)
Mikaela Mariano	(90-English Advanced; 45-SOR1)
Antonio Matic	(90-English Standard; 93-IT; 96-Mathematics; 46-Maths Ext 1)
Madison McKenna	(91-Business Studies)
Samantha Moodley	(96-Business Studies; 99-CAFS; 96-Legal; 98-Mathematics; 46-Maths Ext 1; 46-SOR 1)
Isabella Pace	(94-Business Services)
Rajiv Sharndil	(91-English Standard; 90-SOC; 45-SOR 1)
Serly Shakkal	(Arabic Continuers-45)
Luke Trevillian	(91-CAFS; 90-PDHPE)

2019 Emmaus Catholic College Allrounder (Band 6/E4 in 10 units); Top Achievers (placed in the top five in a course in the state):

Allrounders: Anastacia Filer & Samantha Moodley

Top Achiever: Anastacia Filer; Samantha Moodley (first in state in CAFS);
Emily Cheng (first in State in Korean Continuers)

UNIFORM, GROOMING AND COLLEGE STANDARDS

I stress the importance of these standards for uniform and grooming as non-negotiables as our students are our best advertisement. To that end I remind the school community of our policies and expectations as posted on our College website and would ask that all families support us at all times as responsible decision makers for our young students.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FOR LEAVE FOR PARENTS

A reminder that in NSW school attendance is compulsory for children over the age of six years until the **minimum school leaving age of 17 years**. Students must complete Year 10 and after Year 10, until they turn 17 years of age, students must be: in school or registered for home schooling, or in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship) in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours per week) or in a combination of work, education and/or training.

Additionally, *Applications for exemption*: if you consider that it is in your child's best interests to be exempted from the legal requirement to attend school for any length of time (one day or more), you must apply to the Principal for an exemption letter. The school will provide an Application for Exemption from Attendance at School form, and assist you to complete it, if necessary.

The Principal will consider your application and decide whether to grant a Certificate of Exemption. Please note this exemption form can be collected from Student Services or indeed downloaded from the College website. It would be my expectation that these exemptions particularly for holiday purposes outside of normal holiday breaks would NOT occur and namely not in Year 11 and 12 due to the crucial nature of missing learnings for the HSC.

Can I remind parent/carers that **ATTENDANCE** each day, every day and being on time, all the time is paramount to ensure academic success. The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta has set a target/standard for all schools once again of **90% attendance by 90% of students** in 2019 and this will certainly be the goal for Emmaus. *In 2019 as a College we were just on 70% with signs of engagement and improvement but as a community we still need to focus attention on this always as every school day missed is learning outcomes being lost.* I would ask parents/carers to be on top of attendance, know their son/daughter's whereabouts each day and refrain from giving into requests from our youngsters for 'days off' for reasons other than significant illness. I have indicated to all the Homeroom teachers to make calls home to the parent/carers of their classes as a means of introduction and of being the first port of call should they need any support, including attendance dialogue/conversations should this become an issue.

My message to the staff at the start of every school year is always consistent and that is to know the story of your student and I use the following quote to reinforce our work:

'It is good to know the content; It is great to know the pedagogy, It is imperative to know the student'

STAFF CARPARK REMINDER

Can I also remind all parent/carers of the importance of not entering the staff carpark at any time for drop-offs, pick-ups, to attend the Uniform Shop or the Office at the start and finish of the day, the busiest of periods. All vehicles should remain outside the school grounds or utilise the large carpark near Trinity to ensure safety for all our community. I would be devastated to ever have to inform a family that a serious accident had occurred in the carpark involving a member(s) of our community. Please spare yourself the embarrassment of being told to turn around as you enter the staff carpark where we will have the area roped off in coming weeks and manned by our Maintenance Men and Business Manager.

Thanks again for your support and understanding around this but as you know we are a huge community and congestion and traffic can build up very quickly causing possible dangers.

Can I also ask parents/carers to ensure road safety habits and respectful behaviours at all times when picking up your child from the **'old bus bay'**.

Finally, can I thank you for entrusting your children to our care and I wish you the very best for 2020 and ask you to always feel confident in contacting the College or teachers/staff directly at any time should you require assistance.

*"ECC focus in 2020: Learning, Learning and more learning;
Attendance; Transforming learning; Positive Behaviour focus; Respect;
Growth; Wellbeing"*



*Robert Nastasi,
Principal, BEd, MEd-Curriculum, MA (Theolst)*

Enjoy a video tour of the College by clicking on the link below
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8KCHc4Ay_k



2020 STAFF

PRINCIPAL

Mr Robert Nastasi

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Ms Melinda Bowd

DIRECTOR OF MISSION & LEARNING

Mrs Pia Waring

DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM ADMINISTRATION

Mrs Mel Else

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING & WELLBEING

Mr Stephen Roberts

DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC GROWTH

Mr Mark O'Connor

LEADERS OF LEARNING (LOL)

Religious Education:	Ms Pia Waring	HSIE:	Mrs Rebecca Curran
English:	Mrs Veronica Schinella	TAS:	Mr Bhupinder Chhabra
Mathematics:	Mrs Briony Mowbray	CAPA:	Ms J. Ashton / Mr L. Connolly
PDHPE:	Mr Robert Brunt	Science:	Mrs Jwan Hamama
Learning Innovation:	Ms Sheree McQueen	LOTE:	Mrs Maria Scarfone
Diversity:	Mrs Sharyn Vogels	Careers:	Mrs Maria Scarfone
		VET:	

ASSISTANT LEADERS OF LEARNING (LOL)

Religious Education:	Ms Cassie Cagliuso	Mathematics:	Mr Joneil Yuzon
English:	Ms Kristin Germanos	TAS:	Mr Taylor Munro
HSIE:	Mrs Danielle Nevin		

LEADERS OF WELLBEING (LOW)

Year 7:	Mr Jake Sultana	Year 8:	Ms Amy Borg
Year 9:	Mrs Dominique Luke	Year 10:	Mr Grant Levy
Year 11:	Ms Natalie Gaudiosi	Year 12:	Mr Alex Murphy

OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Peer Support Coordinator:	Ms Cassie Micallef
Student Leader Coordinator:	Mr Alex Petrocco & Mr Jack Brogan
Sport Coordinator	Ms Kayla Hely

SUPPORT/ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Principal's Assistant:	Mrs Linda Schembri
Business Manager:	Mr Harvey Anchique
Administration Coordinator:	Mrs Mel Else
Enrolments:	Mrs Barbara Biermann
Accounts:	Mrs Kylie Luckman / Mrs Tammy Bigeni
Student Services:	Mrs Christine Conroy; Ms Amalia Skiadopolous Mrs Barbara Biermann; Mrs Gayle Ellis
Reception:	Ms Lyn Weller; Mrs Yumi White (Friday)
Library:	Mrs Sharon Ellery (Librarian); Mrs Rose-Maree Marsh
Canteen:	JC PTY LTD-Mr Greg Carluccio; Laura (manager)

A Directory of who to speak to at the College for help

Issue needing resolution	Who
General procedural and organisational matters	Homeroom teacher
Classroom/subject learning matters	Classroom/subject teacher
Ongoing learning matters	<p>Leader of Learning for a specific Key Learning Area RE-Ms Pia Waring (pwaring@parra.catholic.edu.au) English-Ms Veronica Schinella (vschinella@parra.catholic.edu.au) Mathematics-Mrs Briony Mowbray(bmowbray@parra.catholic.edu.au) Science-Mrs Jwan Hamama (jhamama@parra.catholic.edu.au) HSIE-Mrs Rebecca Curran (rcurran@parra.catholic.edu.au) PDHPE-Mr Robert Brunt (rbrunt@parra.catholic.edu.au) CAPA-Art: Ms Jade Ashton (jashton@parra.catholic.edu.au) CAPA-Music: Mr Luke Connolly(lconnolly1@parra.catholic.edu.au) TAS-Mr Bhupinder Chhabra (bchhabra@parra.catholic.edu.au) LOTE-Mrs Maria Scarfone (mscarfone@parra.catholic.edu.au) Learning Support-Mrs Sharyn Vogels (svogels2@parra.catholic.edu.au)</p>
Well Being and Pastoral care matters	Homeroom teacher initially as the first port of call
Ongoing Well-Being and Pastoral Care matters	<p>Leaders of Well-Being Year 7-Mr Jake Sultana (jsultana@parra.catholic.edu.au) Year 8- Ms Amy Borg (aborg@parra.catholic.edu.au) Year 9- Mrs Dominique Luke (dluke@parra.catholic.edu.au) Year 10-Mr Grant Levy (glevy@parra.catholic.edu.au) Year 11-Ms Natalie Gaudiosi (ngaudiosi@parra.catholic.edu.au) Year 12-Mr Alex Murphy (amurphy16@parra.catholic.edu.au)</p>
Unresolved Well-Being and Pastoral Care matters	<p>Director of Well-Being Mr Stephen Roberts (sroberts11@parra.catholic.edu.au) Then: Assistant Principal (mbowd@parra.catholic.edu.au)</p>
Unresolved Curriculum/Learning matters	<p>Director of Curriculum Administration Mrs Melissa Else (melse@parra.catholic.edu.au)</p>
Financial Matters	<p>Business Manager Mr Harvey Anchique (hanchique@parra.catholic.edu.au)</p>

Religious Education

Uniform Shop

Trading Hours during School Terms

Monday 12pm - 4pm
Thursday 8am - 12pm

Our Parishes

Holy Spirit

Todd Row, St Clair
Ph: 9670 8222

Our Lady of the Rosary

Saddington Street, St Marys
Ph: 9623 1962

Our K-6 Schools

Trinity Primary

61-83 Bakers Lane,
Kemps Creek.
Ph: 9834 3212

Holy Spirit Primary

7-17 Todd Row, St Clair
Ph: 9670 5379

Our Lady of the Rosary

Yr K-6 Saddington St,
St Marys
Ph: 9623 2500

In Sunday's Gospel reading we heard about the time when Mary and Joseph presented the baby Jesus in the Temple. Jesus' loving parents, fulfilling their duty as faithful Jews, took their son to the Temple and presented him as an offering to God.

In a similar way, our students, your sons and daughters from Years 7 – 12 have begun the new school year of 2020 by presenting themselves as Emmaus students, ready to learn, dialogue and interact with each other and their teachers. I wonder if any of us have thought about this presentation as being an offering to God?

Our Religious Education focus this year is on our College Pillar of Faith and is reflected in our Scripture theme of **"Be not afraid; just believe"** (Mark 5:36).

Faith is such a complex concept and lived experience, and I love one of the points that Pope Francis makes about it: *"Faith consists in the willingness to let ourselves be constantly **transformed and renewed** by God's call."* It is not easy to recognise God's call or even when we have, to know that there is change and growth involved with it. We can become very comfortable in the roles that we play day in and day out over the years but accepting God's call means being open to transformation just as Mary and Joseph were open to this in entrusting the life of their son to God.

At Emmaus, we too are on a faith journey of transformation and renewal. In fact the refurbishment of the Chapel, which has seen renewal in presenting our College identity, is nearly complete and we are very happy to have the Bishop come and rededicate this building in May.

We will also be able to have the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle – a true blessing for our community. There are many faith-filled events taking place this term such as the Years 7, 8 and 9 Spirituality Days, reconciliation and lunch masses, Ash Wednesday and Easter liturgies, as well as the Opening College Mass which will be celebrated this Friday at 9am in the Sister Patricia Tully Centre.

Any parent or carer who would like to attend is very welcome.

May 2020 be a year of learning, living and enacting our faith within our own lives, our Emmaus community and indeed the world.

Assistant Principal

Welcome back to all our families for another exciting year of learning in 2020. Our first day back started with our teaching staff focusing on the growth of our learners and the language of learning for this year. Staff will work extensively with the students to provide them with the tools to talk with confidence as learners and be able to clearly articulate:

What am I Learning?

How do I learn? What does success look like?

How do I improve as a learner? How do I stretch myself as a learner?

To reinforce this, it would be great if parents and guardians asked similar questions at the end of each day and moved away from what is often asked, "What did you do at school today?" The great thing about a new year is that it is an opportunity to start fresh and set new learning and personal goals for the year.

This week, we have encouraged the students to think about what some of these goals may be! The following image is a great prompt to help engage them in this discussion:



On another note, road safety is always an important issue in schools and the safety of your sons and daughters is always paramount. **Please ensure you follow all the rules of the road and signage when driving on site or in our school zone.** Students are not to cross Baker's Lane of an afternoon, as this is a very busy area with cars moving in multiple directions. Ideally, parents are asked to cross over and collect your child or drive through the pick-up point. If you are parked in the pick-up point on Bakers Lane, please make sure your child knows to exit the school grounds as quickly as possible to ensure the movement of cars through that area.

Many thanks for your support in ensuring we prioritise the safety of our students.

Ms Bowd, Assistant Principal

Wellbeing Watch

every learner every day ✓

School attendance plays a critical role in enhancing the lives of students in schools. Every day of attendance adds to a student's achievement and success at school. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for encouraging the regular attendance of students.

Regular attendance at school is critical to ensuring that every student has the kind of opportunities in life that he or she deserves. When students are not at school, they are missing out on so much. Without the knowledge, the skills or the support that schools are so good at providing, young people can get left behind and find themselves underprepared for a fast-paced and often very challenging world.

The students' homeroom teachers will be calling all parents and guardians over the next couple of weeks to touch base and introduce themselves. Homeroom teachers are usually the first port of call if you have any questions in relation to your son or daughter, particularly with attendance. The homeroom teachers will be ensuring that the students in their class are reaching the desired/recommended goal of 90+% attendance rate.



ABSENCES ADD UP!

FEBRUARY 2 DAYS A MONTH = NOVEMBER 4 WEEKS A YEAR = MISSING MORE THAN 1 YEAR OF LEARNING IN 12 YEARS

DID YOU KNOW

1 IN 4 SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL REGULARLY!

EACH DAY MISSED:

- Puts your child behind and makes it harder for them to catch up
- Can lead to lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy
- Can lead to gaps in learning and social connections

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- ✓ **BE FIRM.** Send your child to school every day unless they are sick
- ✓ Develop good sleep and morning routines
- ✓ Schedule appointments after school
- ✓ Avoid taking holidays during term time

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE

- Going to school more often can make a difference.
- Attendance habits will follow your child into work and life

SCHOOLS ARE THERE TO HELP

If you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address it.

Mr Roberts, Director of Learning and Wellbeing

Creative and Performing Arts



Welcome back to another year of learning in the Creative and Performing Arts! The Pantone colour of the year for 2020 is “Classic Blue”.

[Pantone 19-4052](#) is a calming colour, offering peace and tranquillity to the human spirit, often found within the depths of our oceans and evening sky.

[Classic Blue](#) will “bring a sense of peace tranquillity to the human spirit, offering refuge”. It is believed this colour can promote clarity within one’s mind by aiding concentration and re-centring one’s thoughts. Signifying confidence and constancy, this blue is a reminder for our students to be confident within themselves individuals and members of our Catholic learning community.

As 2020 commences, we are excited for our students to be a part of the various CAPA initiatives in and out of the classroom. The first two initiatives for this year are ...

The Emmaus Junior Rock Band

If you're in Year 7 or 8 and have a passion for playing your instrument in a group then you will love what we have in-store for you!

We are forming a junior rock band who will rehearse on a weekly basis and learn a range of songs. There will be performance opportunities throughout the year and it is a great opportunity to collaborate, expand on your music skills and most importantly HAVE FUN.



Music Tuition

As the new year is well underway, Music tuition is kicking off in Week 3 of this term. Piano, Guitar, Drums and Vocals will all be running and students are encouraged to look on Sentral for session times. A reminder that these lessons take place for 7-10 students during class time, 11 and 12 students take place at KJ Studios in Penrith.

Parents are also encouraged to use the newly created ‘**Creative Kids Voucher**’. This is a government incentive that gives parents \$100 towards educational, creative outlets. As lessons at Emmaus Catholic College are \$25 per lesson (30 minute lessons) this would give students four free lessons, perhaps a great way to trial the lessons before completely committing.

It is a general belief that elective students should be getting music tuition to help them improve in their instrument. As for our junior students, the ability to try new experiences is a crucial step in gaining an enriching education.

Students and parents are encouraged to approach any CAPA teacher for further information and enrolment forms for lessons.

Miss Ashton, CAPA Leader of Learning

From the Sports Field

Welcome back to Term 1; our biggest and perhaps one of our busiest terms (is there ever a quiet one)?

Welcome especially to our new Year 7 parents. Below you will find some information of benefit to you:

- * Sport operates on a Thursday afternoon between 1.22pm-2.55pm
- * Students have the option to select their sport each term and may elect to choose from Representative Sports, Venue Sports and school based sports and activities
- * It is an expectation and a College policy that students remain in their selected sport for the duration of the term, with no changes permitted. This is because of the organisation that is required for buses, venues, weekly cost and staffing. Students have the opportunity to participate in 3-4 different sports per year, pending their selection.
- * Failure to meet the requirements of the sport and/or poor behaviour will result in the student being removed from their chosen activity and the loss of the privilege of the student selecting their sport in the future

A list of sports and activities that operate on a rotational basis is below:

Venue:

AMF Bowling	Don Bosco	Cables Waterpark (Only Terms 4 and 1)
Gym Fitness	Ice Skating	Flipout Year 7 & 8, Flipout Year 9 & 10

School:

Basketball/Netball	Soccer	Touch Football	CAPA
Bushwalking	Music	Theatre Sports	
Mountain Biking (Terms 2 & 3)	Mock Trial (Year 10 students only)		

Representative:

Term 1	Inter Girls Volleyball	Jnr Boys Basketball	Inter Boys Basketball
	Jnr Boys Touch Football	Inter Boys Touch Football	Jnr Girls Touch Football
	Inter Girls Touch Football		
Term 2	Jnr Boys Soccer	Intermediate Boys Soccer	Intermediate Girls Soccer
	Jnr Girls Soccer	Boys Rugby League	Under 15's Girls Rugby League
	Jnr Girls Netball	Intermediate Girls Netball	
Terms 3 & 4	Jnr Girls Basketball	Jnr Girls Oz-tag	Intermediate Girls Basketball
	Intermediate Girls Oz-tag	Jnr Boys Oz-tag	Intermediate Boys Oz-tag
	Open Mixed Cricket Years 7-10		

Waiver: All students participating in Flipout, Cables and Gym/Fitness should have now collected a waiver. This is a compulsory requirement of the venue. These waivers needed to be returned to the College by Thursday February 6th. Students who have not returned the waiver will not be able to attend their chosen sport.

Weekly prices for Venue Sports are as follows:

Don Bosco:	\$5	AMF Bowling:	\$7
Flipout:	\$7	Gym/Fitness:	\$7
Ice Skating:	\$8	Cables Waterpark:	\$12

CAPA has a minimal applicable cost of \$10 for the term. These small costs allow us to continue providing the necessary equipment and resources for this Sport to be operational.

Representative Sports Trials

Trials for Representative Sport were held on Thursday of Week 2 during Sport time, with the competition commencing in Week 3. All students representing our College are expected to have the correct shorts and socks that are available for purchase at our College Uniform Shop. Students will be loaned a singlet for the duration of the season which is their responsibility to wash each week and bring to school on a Thursday. **A replacement fee of \$50 applies if this is not returned to their coach at the conclusion of the Season. Students are NOT permitted to wear their Representative jersey to school on a Thursday. They must wear their regular sport t-shirt and change if required, at lunch time.**

Parents are welcome to attend the respective venues and support students and their teams at the games each Thursday. All information regarding representative sport draws and venues for each sport can be found on the Parramatta Diocese Secondary Schools Sport website. <http://www.secondarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/>

Buses returning from Representative Sport

A reminder that buses returning from Representative Sport may arrive back at the College after our normal afternoon buses and for that reason, students need to ensure they have alternative transport home on Thursday afternoons.

It is an expectation that **all** students in Years 7-10 attend Sport of a Thursday afternoon. This is **not** a time that can be used for students to leave school and/or attend appointments. If there is a pressing reason where a student is unable to attend their allocated Sport, a note is to be provided to and signed by their Leader of Wellbeing. Our College office staff require this to allow students to sign out.

In Week 8 of each term, students select a new Sport for the following term. In Week 7, students are notified of their allocated day to select a Sport. Students are aware that no students are permitted to change Sports so it's important they discuss their selections with their friends and parents prior to selection. All venue Sports have an applicable weekly cost and by a student selecting this as their chosen sport they are making a commitment to bringing this money weekly to avoid attending community service. As per College Sport procedures, any student who forgets their money must see myself and will attend Community Service. Attending Community Service twice in one Term results in an afternoon detention and the potential of losing the privilege of attending their chosen Sport.

Best of luck to our Season 1 Representative teams for the Season ahead!

Our College Swimming Carnival

One of our biggest and most exciting days of our College calendar! Our Annual College Swimming Carnival will take place in Week 4 on Friday 21st February at Charles Lowles Leisure Centre in Emerton. All students will receive an information note with further details very soon.

I hope we see many of our parents and caregivers at our first whole school event; our College Swimming Carnival.

Parramatta Secondary Schools Sports Council (PDSSSC)/NSW Catholic Schools Sport Selection Trials

Students wishing to trial for an external PDSSSC team or individual sport can register via the link below. These teams are comprised of students performing at a highly skilled level from all schools across our Diocese. Further information about trials/representative Sport pathways and how students qualify can be found on the website below:

<http://www.secondarysportparra.catholic.edu.au/nswccc-representative-sport>

Up and coming trials include: Baseball, Open Boys and Girls Cricket, Open Boys and Girls Football (Soccer), Golf, Hockey, Rugby League, Softball, Tennis, Touch Football and Volleyball

All students must register for these trials on the website; **please note the closing dates**. Where applicable, please take the time to familiarise yourself with the Representative pathways relevant to your child's Sport and please have your son/daughter see me if they have any questions. Upon registration, an email is sent to myself and our College Principal Mr Nastasi to approve your son/daughter's attendance at these trials.

If your son/daughter is interested in trialling for various Sports throughout the year at a NSWCCC Representative pathway, please visit the Catholic Schools NSW website to register your child's details for the relevant trial/s. <https://csnsw.sport/> Please note, this is an elite pathway and pending the sport, students may/may not be required to trial through the PDSSSC prior to the NSW stage.

If your child represents the state or country in their chosen Sport in 2020, please let Ms Hely know. They may be eligible for a College Sporting Blue Award.

Last but **CERTAINLY** not least!

In December last year, Amosia Soatini (now of Year 8) and Lucas Rose (now of Year 12) were successful in progressing to the All Schools Athletics Championships in Perth. This is the highest level of the pathway for NSW Athletics. Lucas, unfortunately was unable to attend due to injury.

Amosia however, won the gold medal for shot put, throwing 19.37 metres and breaking the Australian record. And if that wasn't impressive enough, Amosia then went on to break the WORLD record, throwing 19.91m at the Little Athletics Zone Championships. You read that correctly, WORLD record for the 13 years boys shot put, throwing 19.91. He now has his sights set on breaking that same record at the regional and state competitions and the 14 years World record of 21.65m!

We are so very proud of you Amosia and your amazing achievement. Watch this space because no doubt you will be hearing much more about this talented young man in 2020.

I look forward to continue sharing some great news about our College sporting life and the successes of our students in 2020!



Ms K Hely, Head of Sport

HSIE Department

Welcome to the 2020 School Year! We are looking forward to another wonderful and dynamic year of learning in the HSIE department. We are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication shown by the Year 12, 2019 cohort in our HSIE subjects.

Society and Culture News

All students who undertake Society and Culture for the HSC are required by NESA to complete a Personal Interest Project for their HSC. This project is a major work, which contributes 40% of their external HSC mark.

The Society and Culture Association, in conjunction with NESA have developed a process to acknowledge outstanding achievement in the Society and Culture HSC Examination and the Personal Interest Project. Students who have achieved excellence in the research of their Personal Interest Project have been awarded either High Distinctions or Distinctions. In 2019, 12 High Distinctions and 13 Distinctions were awarded from 4,704 candidates.

We are honoured to share the news that **Sarah Amis** (Year 12, 2019) received a Society and Culture *Certificate of Distinction* for her Outstanding Research in the Personal Interest Project. Congratulations Sarah on this award in recognition of the exceptional project produced and to Mr Murphy for his mentoring, encouragement and superb guidance of Sarah as her teacher.

Year 10 Geography Excursion

Year 10 Geography students have commenced work on the unit: *Environmental Change and Management*, focussing on how environments function and the interactions within a range of environments. Our investigative study this term will be Coastal Environments.

On Tuesday 10th March, all students in Year 10, along with HSIE teachers, will be attending a Geography fieldwork excursion at Collaroy and Long Reef Beach. All students in Year 10 will soon receive an excursion notification, with a permission slip that needs to be returned to their Geography teacher. Students are required to wear sports uniform and bring their recess & lunch on the day.

This fieldwork investigation will focus on coastal processes (eg wave action), the causes and consequences of environmental change (eg storm surge) and coastal management strategies to achieve sustainability. Activities carried out during this excursion form part of the Year 10 Geography Assessment task for Term 1, due in Week 9 of this term.

Mock Trial Competition

Emmanuel has a proud tradition of competing in the Law Society of NSW Mock Trial competition. In 2019, we made it into the Elimination Finals, of which we are extremely proud. We are looking to build on this success in 2020.

This competition is open to students in Years 10 & 11. Students from Year 12 who have previously been part of the team are warmly invited to be mentors. Students in Year 9 are also welcome to join in behind the scenes, learning the ropes for next year! The competition aims to introduce students to the judicial process and provide practical experience in the running of a court case. Students learn debating and problem solving skills. The ability to think on your feet is a must!

We are in the process of creating our team for 2020. Interested students are encouraged to see Mrs Nevin and Mrs Hull for further information.

Yr 9 History Canberra Excursion

Year 9 students will be visiting the Australian War Memorial, Canberra as part of their History studies on Friday 5th June. More information closer to the date will be provided.

From the Office

STUDENTS TAKING LEAVE DURING THE SCHOOL TERM

If parents are wishing their son/daughter to take leave during the school term, a Leave Form must be completed.

Forms are available from the Front Office or if parents would like a form emailed to them, please contact the College Office. Leave forms are for any length of time.

There are two types of Leave Form: (i) for Travel only and (ii) all other types of leave. Students receive an Exemption Approval letter from the Principal.

DONATION OF UNIFORMS

The College is happy to take donated uniforms however due to Work, Health and Safety, we request all uniforms are washed or dry-cleaned.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Please call the College to make an appointment to see the Business Manager around whether you qualify for second hand uniforms.

PARENT PORTAL

If you are unable to log into the Parent Portal please contact the College Office.

WITHDRAWING FROM THE COLLEGE

If you are withdrawing a student from the College please be advised that 10 weeks notice is required.

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