Dear Parents and Friends

Welcome to the 2015 school year. A special welcome to new students and parents and best wishes to our Year 7 students as they commence their secondary studies.

Jessica Wagner, RIP

As many would be aware one of our teachers, Jessica Wagner, died on Christmas morning after a long battle with illness. A number of staff attended a prayer reflection for Jess at Notre Dame Campus on the following Monday. A tribute for Jess, on behalf of the Emmanuel community, was placed in the New Year’s Day edition of the Herald-Sun.

Jess’ funeral was held on 6 January. At Jess’ request the emphasis was on a joyous celebration of her life, with those attending requested to wear colour and 345 coloured balloons released at the end of the ceremony – Jess died at 3.45am. As requested by Jess, instead of flowers a donation was made to the Peter MacCallum Cancer foundation. Our staff Mass on 28 January will include reflection and prayers for Jess. There will also be an opportunity for prayer and reflection for students in coming weeks.

Please continue to keep Jess, her family and friends in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

New members of staff

Welcome to new members of staff who join us this year:
St Paul’s Campus: Dat Che, Matilda Myers, Rebecca Lawry, Sue Mammarella, Amanda Silipo and Julie-Anne Brazatis
Notre Dame Campus: Leanne Wilson, Sarah Milthorpe, Sol DiMaggio, Nadia Tati, Leanne Matheson, Krystal Holzer, Tania Synadinos, Michelle Stokie and Georgia Sarpi.
Welcome back to Leanne Matheson and Rebecca Lawry, who return to the college after working at other schools, and to Rachael Misiano, Sudha Rao, Jo Lewis, Rebecca Clugston, Tania King and Anne Matterson who return from maternity leave. A special welcome to Ryan Kure and Jacqui Kure who will working at Notre Dame Campus over 2015 on teacher exchange from Canada.

50 years of education in the Marianist tradition

2015 marks 50 years of education in the Marianist tradition, with the commencement of St Paul’s College, led by the Marianists, in 1965. In celebration of this milestone, Br Don Neff, Finance Manager of St Paul’s College in the early 70s and founding principal of Chaminade College (now John Paul College) Frankston, has accepted an invitation to travel from the US to open the Neff Learning Centre (stage 5 building Notre Dame Campus) at the ceremony to be held on 29 April 2015. Bishop Long will lead the ceremony and perform the blessing. Br Don will also announce the names of other buildings at Notre Dame Campus – these names will celebrate important places in and heroes of the Marianist tradition.

Emmanuel College information morning

An information morning for parents, including tours, will be conducted at Notre Dame Campus, Pt Cook at 9:00am and St Paul’s Campus, Altona at 10:30am on Saturday 7 February. For further information, or to obtain a copy of the College Prospectus, please contact the College Registrar, Donna Grech, on 83255119. A reminder that an application form must be submitted for all prospective students, including those with siblings currently at the College.

Classes for all students commence for 2014 on Monday, 2 February at 8.30am.

The feast day of Blessed Chaminade, the founder of the Marianist Order, was celebrated on 22 January. May we imitate Blessed Chaminade’s way of life as we follow the One whom we call Emmanuel – God with us - and take up his work on earth.

I look forward to working with you in the exciting year ahead at the College.

Christopher Stock
Principal
News from Campus Leaders

We trust your summer holidays were a time of rest and relaxation and we wish you every happiness and success this year. We pray that the students in our care grow in knowledge, skills and the ability to live in harmony together.

It is very exciting to think that in a few days another intake of students will enter the gates of Emmanuel College at both campuses. The facilities at both campuses are looking great with furniture and resources in place to ensure a successful start to the year.

First Day
School commences on Monday 2nd February at 8.30am for all students. Year 7 Students at both campuses are to gather in the Hall – where they met for Orientation last year. Students will then be taken to their Homeroom to start Orientation. The two days set aside for Orientation have been designed to ensure that all the girls and boys feel comfortable and confident in their new surroundings.

Students in Years 8 to 12 are to go directly to their homeroom. Students at NDC will be notified of their new homeroom via a letter posted next week.

New students in Years 8 to 12, at both campuses, are asked to go to the office where a member of the house team will connect with students and will take them to their homeroom.

On this first day students will receive a considerable amount of paperwork. Please read this documentation, sign as necessary and return it to the College on Tuesday 3rd February.

A reminder that the canteen will operate from day one at both campuses.

Drop Off and Pick up
Notre Dame Campus
Parents are encouraged to drop off and pick up their child from the service access in Dunnings Road. Foxwood Drive will be very congested at these times as both Notre Dame and the primary school adjacent have similar start and finish times. Please be aware that the Campus car park is not to be used for dropping off or picking up students, however you may park there if you have other College business. The Campus will be supervised by a Yard Duty teacher from 8.05am - please don’t arrange for your son or daughter to arrive earlier.

St. Paul’s Campus
Parents are reminded that parking is not permitted in the College car park. Pick up and drop off points are on the southern end of Chambers Road. Traffic regulations apply. The Year 7 camp for SPC is being held in Week 2. Forms for this camp will be sent home with the students on Monday 2nd February and they need to be returned immediately by Tuesday 3rd February.

Information Meetings
An information evening session is planned for Monday 9th February for both St. Paul’s and Notre Dame Campuses. This session will provide the opportunity for parents to meet with their child’s Homeroom teachers/House Leaders and hear details of what is in store for their child in the year ahead. Please mark this date on your calendar now and use this time to make a positive start to the year ahead. Further information will be distributed closer to the date.

Attendance follow up
As occurred in 2014, all absences will again be confirmed via SMS message to a mobile phone number where the college has not been notified regarding a student’s absence. In order that this system works most efficiently and to ensure prompt contact with families, it is imperative that the contact details recorded at the College are correct at all times. Please ensure that your details are correct and notify the office promptly if you change your mobile telephone number. The attendance officer will continue to contact families who do not have access to a mobile phone.

Uniform
Students are encouraged to wear the summer uniform on these hot days. As many of the girls have grown taller, they need to ensure that their summer dresses are knee length. Boys are reminded that they must wear the College blazer if they choose to wear shirt and tie in preference to the summer shirt. Girls are reminded that they should not wear their jumper as an outer garment with their summer dress. The uniform policy is contained in the student handbook, which your child will receive at school. Please read this, and all other information, during the first week of school to ensure that both you and your child are fully aware of all the responsibilities and obligations of being an Emmanuel College student. Please sign the acknowledgement section in the student’s handbook no later than Friday 20th February.

Hair/Piercing
A reminder to students to ensure that their hair style and colour is appropriate for returning to school. No remnants of any extreme experiments left over from the holidays should be in evidence. Students and families are also reminded that the only piercing that is permitted at school is a single [pair], plain stud earrings worn in the ear lobe only. No other piercings are permitted.

SunSmart Policy
All students participating in Health and Physical Education, ACC/SACCSS competition, excursions and outdoor activities are required to wear the approved College head wear. Students are also encouraged to be protected when walking to and from school and at recess and lunch times.
News from Campus Leaders cont’d

The College has a number of options available to students: baseball cap, bucket hat or cricket wide brimmed hat. Students who do not wear the appropriate head protection will not participate in these activities, as the College approved head protection is an integral and important part of the Emmanuel College sports uniform.

As you are aware the College is associated with Michael Grose and his Parenting Ideas website. In each newsletter we include articles of interest from his Parenting Ideas website. Please note the articles included with this newsletter are as follows:

Article 1: Help your child achieve 10 tips for nurturing the parent-teacher partnership to maximize your child’s school success.

Article 2: Making a smooth start to secondary school The 4 P’s to help your young person make the transition to secondary school a success.

Parents are encouraged to refer to this website for future reference.

Finally, we and staff feel privileged to work with you in the very important task of educating your daughters and sons. If you have any queries or questions please contact either your child’s Homeroom Teacher/House Leader or Campus Leaders on 8325 5100, or alternatively write a note in your child’s Student Handbook. I feel certain 2015 is destined to be a successful and enjoyable year for all.

David Barr   Jennifer Webster
Notre Dame Campus Leader   St Paul’s Campus Leader

News from Leader of Faith Development

As with the beginning of every year, I am once again excited with all that will unfold. Term 1 for us sees wonderful events such as our Year 12 Seminar day with Glen Manton, the Year 12 Retreat at Rutherford Park and our Opening College Mass to mention but a few of the events to start off our year. I sincerely wish everyone a wonderful and successful year and look forward to all the exciting things that lay ahead of us.

Opening College Mass
On Friday 20th February, we will be celebrating our opening College Mass which is an opportunity to bring us all together as a community of faith, in the presence of God. As we did last year, we will be coming together as both campus and one College at St Patrick’s Cathedral. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all parents and families to join us at the cathedral for mass a 10.30am. If you would like to attend please contact me so we can ensure adequate seating for all. Our major theme for 2015 and a theme that will remain constant in all that we do here at the College throughout the year is:

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”
(Luke 1:38)

Prayer
God our Father, the qualities we see lived out so well in some people are a reflection of your own goodness, and we know that we have much to learn from other people who reflect your image in different ways. Inspire us to respect others fully as equals, seeing and loving in them what you see and love in them. This we pray through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Chris O’Malley
Deputy Principal – Faith and Staff Development
Early Dismissal for VCE Students 2015

As a consequence of the VCE Curriculum structure, there are occasions when VCE students will be dismissed earlier than 3.10pm. Year 12 students and some Year 11s will have allocated Study Periods on their timetable and they will normally attend study hall in the designated area.

All students who have study hall in Period 1 are required to be at homeroom and therefore will be present from 8.30am as normal. Any student, who has study hall during the last scheduled period for the day, may be dismissed after signing out at Student Services.

There may be a Period 4 where no class has been assigned due to other College commitments, for example interschool sport. Generally, students are not expected to attend the College at these times, as outlined below. However, there will be occasions when students are required to remain at school and therefore no permanent commitment to any other activity should be planned. VET students may also have classes to attend on these afternoons.

It is important that students use this time wisely. Students may use this time for research, either in the College or an alternative library. A number of studies will require that students carry out research into an aspect of the local community, it is assumed that this time will be used for such activities. Students with an approved absence from school, whilst an assessment task was being undertaken, may be asked to use this time to complete the task. Students are not to use this time for a part-time/casual job.

It is assumed that students not involved in the above activities will make their way home directly in order to start their homework or study.

YEAR 12

SPC  Wednesday (Weeks A & B) all Year 12 students are dismissed from classes at 1.05 pm (except for students taking specialist maths & economics)
     Friday (Week B only) all Year 12 students are dismissed from classes at 1.05 pm

NDC  Wednesday (Weeks A & B) all Year 12 students are dismissed from classes at 1.05 pm (except for students taking specialist maths & economics)
     Friday (Week B Only) all Year 12 students are dismissed from classes at 1.05 pm

YEAR 11

SPC  Friday (Weeks A & B) all Year 11 students are dismissed from classes at 1.05 pm
     Wednesday (Weeks A & B) all Year 11 students are dismissed from classes at 1.05 pm (except students doing VET of campus)
     Thursday (Week B only) all Year 11 students are dismissed from classes at 1.05pm (except for students undertaking 3/4 subjects).

NDC  Friday (Weeks A & B) all Year 11 students are dismissed from classes at 1.05 pm
     Wednesday (Weeks A & B) all Year 11 students are dismissed from classes at 1.05 pm (except students doing VET of campus)
     Tuesday (Week B only) all Year 11 students are dismissed from classes at 1.05pm (except for students undertaking 3/4 subjects).

SPC only: On Wednesdays, some Year 11 & 12 students will be involved in ACC and will be dismissed from classes at 12.25pm for away games and 1.05pm for home games.

If you have any queries contact us on 8325 5100, or the appropriate House Leader.

Stephen Lunardelli  Vince Crimi
SPC Campus Organiser  NDC Campus Organiser
Instrumental Tuition 2015

2014 was an exciting year for co-curricular music!

In semester one, students enjoyed displaying their talents as part of the College Musical: The Wiz. The College Choir performed at St Patrick’s Cathedral as well as a variety of other functions including school masses and assemblies. The St Pauls choir was also lucky enough to participate in the ACCent on Music Concert at Hamer Hall. Showcase was yet another incredible night where students demonstrated their skill for a supportive audience. Students at both campuses were entertained by a variety of ensembles and solo acts in the Talent Quest on the last day of term. Senior students in the Music Ensemble rehearsed diligently and gave well-polished performances at Showcase and the Celebration of Excellence.

2014 also seen the formation of two new music ensembles – the String Ensemble and the Concert Band. The String Ensemble performed at the Showcase and the College Open Day and the Concert Band is looking forward to making its debut this year!

This year the following instruments on offer are:

- Violin  
- Clarinet  
- Tuba  
- Piano  
- Bass Guitar

- Viola  
- Oboe  
- French Horn  
- Drums/Percussion

- Cello  
- Trumpet  
- Alto Saxophone  
- Voice

- Flute  
- Trombone  
- Tenor Saxophone  
- Guitar

The College can provide complimentary loan of some orchestral instruments for students who are in their first year of Instrumental Lessons. This means that students have the opportunity to borrow the instrument for free (please note that there may be some extra costs involved with particular instruments) unless they are undertaking lessons on piano, drums/percussion, voice, guitar or bass guitar.

Importantly, if your son or daughter received lessons last year, you still must reapply each year to secure your time with the external instrumental teacher.

Instrumental Contracts will be distributed to students at the beginning of 2015 so we recommend you consider whether this may be something you would like your child to have the opportunity to be involved in!

Applications will also be available at student services should your child be interested in being part of this programme.

Natasha Berchy  
Leader Co-Curricula Music  
Notre Dame Campus

Jessica Godwell  
Assistant Leader Co-Curricula Music  
St Paul’s Campus

St Paul’s Campus Office

Please note the office will be closed on Wednesday 28th January from 11.30am till 2.30pm.

School Charter Bus

The charter bus fees for 2015 will be $513 for Year 7-10 students and $385 for Years 11 and 12 students. Please note that these must be paid in full by Friday 13 February 2015 at the relevant campus office. Please note there will be no invoice sent out for this service.
**Education Maintenance Allowance**

From 1st January 2015, the government will provide extra financial support directly to Victoria’s neediest schools instead of providing the Education Maintenance Allowance directly to parents.

*Parents will not be able to apply for the Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015.*

The funding will be allocated to the neediest schools. Not all schools will be receiving funding in 2015.

This change to how the money is distributed was required by the funding agreement with Commonwealth government to make sure Victorian schools receive increased funding that will benefit all students and, in particular, those from schools with concentrated disadvantage.

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**Emmanuel College Information Morning**

On Saturday 7 February 2015, Emmanuel College will be holding an Information Morning for parents of prospective students of the College, starting at 9am at the Notre Dame Campus and 10.30am at the St Paul’s Campus.

This is a fantastic opportunity to see the College first hand and to meet senior staff members, students and parents.

For further information contact Michael Pichner Leader of Community Relations or Donna Grech, Registrar on 8325 5100.

**The closing date for applications for Year 7, 2016 is 27 February 2015.**
2014 Celebration of Excellence Results

**STUDENT MARIANIST AWARDS**
Shannon Attard
Caitlin Kerr

**STAFF MARIANIST AWARD**
Jennifer Webster
Clinton Gray

**Emmanuel College Scholarships**
Nicholas Bervanakis
Jordan Camilleri

**EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL SPIRIT AND SERVICE**
Suvitar Durai Singham
Jordan Camilleri

**SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARDS**
Taliah Thompson
Jordan O’Shea Wilson

**SPORTS SACCSS RECOGNITION**

**Athletics**
Michael Demarinis
Lori Arkison
Nicholas Masini
Connor Menadue

**Swimming**
Paris Fenech

**Dance**
Junior Hip Hop – 3rd in State

**Premiership Teams**
Year 10 Girls Volleyball
Senior Champion Golf Team and Best team on the day
Senior Netball Champions
Senior Champion Chess Team
Senior Girls Hockey Champions

**ACC RECOGNITION**

**ACC ATHLETICS**
Matthew Hussey
Thomas Webster
Aidan Williams
James Xydias

Joseph Monek
John Camilleri

**ACC CROSS COUNTRY**
John Camilleri

**SENIOR ACC TEAM OF THE YEAR**
Bryce Williams
Justher Angeles
Belal El Kurdi
Joshua Hahnel

Cameron Jakobi
Constantinos Kotsianis
Christopher Sutera
James Xydias

**ACC PREMIERSHIP TEAMS**
Senior Cricket
Senior Soccer
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SPC JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR
Kyle Blake

NDC JUNIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR
Michael Demarinis

NDC JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR
Lori Arkison

SPC SENIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR
Bryce Williams.

NDC SENIOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR
Connor Menadue

NDC SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR
Carly James

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Renee Garcia NDC  George Campanaro SPC  Michael Palatsides NDC  Brett McColl SPC

MUSIC
Joshua Morton-Galea NDC  Shane Magro SPC  Brandon Farrugia NDC  Adriano Pruscino SPC

ANNA ROMITA PERFORMING ARTS AWARD
Adriano Pruscino

DAVID TEMPLETON SCHOLARSHIP
Warren Rozario

The B. GENE STIGER MEMORIAL AWARD
Tristan McGrath

MARGARET JEAN WARNER SCHOLARSHIP
Riny Madut

TONY GELLIE AWARD
Christopher Koulis SPC  Lucas Gauci NDC

PATRICK KENNA AWARD
Rhys Mutch

KWONG LEE DOW YOUNG SCHOLARS
David Suric  John Ricca  Hannah Luna
2014 Celebration of Excellence Results

GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS – ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - CASSIDY HOUSE

Bill Pandazis  Ryan Collins  Steven Borcea  Olivia Tomazic  Caolimhe Hughes  Sophia Rutauqio  Francesco Valastro  Xavier Smith  Brooke Lykopoulous

Warren Rozario  Brett McColl  Montanna Warren  Jordan Camilleri  Chelsea Borg  Renee Garcia  Hannah Luna  Sangeetha Vipulananda

Liam Murray  Robert Nguyen  Karla Vitone  Annalise Valastro  Taylor Gregory  Frenique Borg  Hai Nguyen  Emma Genovese

Ethan Harkins  Trung Tran  Luke Martin  Alisha Farrugia  Darren Rozario  Paul Tiktikakis  Marstein Reyes  Bridget Genovese

GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS – PERSONAL BEST ACHIEVEMENT

Julian Szabo  Adam Gualano  Chuong Vu  Lauren Tidmas  Gemma Baggio  Connor Thomson  Brayden Dowd  Cooper Williams  Mthabis Mpofu  Jose Da Cruz Cham  Felicia Tiktikakis  Michelle Nguyen  Alexander Baggio  Zac Recupero

Jamie Formosa  Mateo Glavan  Randy Tran  Brooke Seychell  Samuel Szanyi  Brayden Dowd  Nicholas Burke  Eliona Nayagam  Sarah Elbop  Suvama Soni  Marcus Bertone

Joshua Tabone  Benjamin Lorierte  Naina Singh  Wayne Siblagon  Diego Portilla-Ducuara  Luke Dawson  Amanjeet Gill  Danielle Gallina  Kevin Liew  Elena Growden

Anthony Khalil  Ahmad El Hawli  Taylor Rogic  Supragya Soni  William Matheas  Cameron Buck  Russell Rozario  Elisa Kim  Nathan Trinh  Emilia Loriggio

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Allister Powell  Andy Le  Benjamin Carrigan  Kaylin Ristic  Chiara Ravnik  Noela Talyrantine  Huashun Chen

Hugh Tran  Isaac Williams-Fulton  Jayden Keran  Chloé Longmuir  Alice Growden  Caelan Jansen  Connar Otterbach  Marshall Cahill  Davor Trifunov  William McConville


Mathiang Week  Adam Gualano  Benjamin Lorierte  Naina Singh  Wayne Siblagon  Diego Portilla-Ducuara  Luke Dawson  Amanjeet Gill  Danielle Gallina  Kevin Liew  Elena Growden

William Matheas  Cameron Buck  Russell Rozario  Elisa Kim  Nathan Trinh  Emilia Loriggio

GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS – ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT - CHAMINADE HOUSE

Maximus Ludbrook  Kelvin Phung  Mikayla Zahra  Christina Suntovski  Jack Gatt  Aakristi Sharma  Nathan Alger

Andrew Tsakalofas  David Suric  Chloe Vuong  Zachary Mifsud  Gale Aranha  William Warton  Xianelle Antonio

Jordan Epstein  Ryan Gatt  Gabriella Siragusano  Anne Go  Christian Tan  William Warton  Erin Dick

Bill Burns  Jade Said  Anika Moyeed  Han Nguyen  Shane Desa  Earl Go

PERSONAL BEST ACHIEVEMENT

Connor Thomson  Mthabis Mpofu  Jose Da Cruz Cham  Felicia Tiktikakis  Michelle Nguyen  Alexander Baggio  Zac Recupero

Brayden Dowd  Joshua Tang  Eliona Nayagam  Sarah Elbop  Suvama Soni  Marcus Bertone  Connor Thomson  Brayden Dowd  Nicholas Burke  Eliona Nayagam  Sarah Elbop  Suvama Soni  Marcus Bertone


Iannios Kolaitis  Max Currie  Mitchell Parker  Cara Semple  Michael Schofield  Dylan Lopez

CHAMINADE HOUSE

GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS – ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Maximus Ludbrook  Kelvin Phung  Mikayla Zahra  Christina Suntovski  Jack Gatt  Aakristi Sharma  Nathan Alger

Andrew Tsakalofas  David Suric  Chloe Vuong  Zachary Mifsud  Gale Aranha  William Warton  Xianelle Antonio

Jordan Epstein  Ryan Gatt  Gabriella Siragusano  Anne Go  Christian Tan  William Warton  Erin Dick

Bill Burns  Jade Said  Anika Moyeed  Han Nguyen  Shane Desa  Earl Go

GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS – PERSONAL BEST ACHIEVEMENT

Cooper Williams  John Franco  Eleni Dardagan  Connor Otterbach  Phillip Main  Chloe Knott  Conner Otterbach  Phillip Main  Chloe Knott

Truong Tran  Sarah Aigli  Jameson D’Arma  Conner Otterbach  Phillip Main  Chloe Knott  Connor Otterbach  Phillip Main  Chloe Knott

Marko Milutinovic  Sarah Aigli  Jameson D’Arma  Conner Otterbach  Phillip Main  Chloe Knott  Connor Otterbach  Phillip Main  Chloe Knott

Tri-tai Tran  Amelia Turner  Nathan Volk  Benjamin Ly  Domenic Acquaro  Max Ryd  Marley Paris  Adam Knezevic

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Caelan Jansen  Jack Hall  Chelsea Bagang  Ethan Wallace  Lauren Perri  Shannyn Moroney

Conner Otterbach  Thomas Lutovac  Davor Trifunov  William McConville  Lauren Young  Alicia Nguyen

Marshall Cahill  Harrison Taylor  Nathan Mifsud  Caitlin Dooley  Aidan Paris  Benjamin Ly  Domenic Acquaro  Max Ryd  Marley Paris  Adam Knezevic
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PERSONAL BEST ACHIEVEMENT
Quoc Phan   Vincent Chuong   Jack Foti   Christian Adamcewicz
Saimone Lino   Jake Meiers   Jarryd Otterbach   Latham Kosowski
Matthew Leckie   Julian Lieu   Jason Sealy   Clara Nowinski
Tiffany Janousek   Lachlan Anderson   Lauren Fisher   Samantha Warton
Kaelan Mateijn   Meg Sims   Monique Volk   Ashley D’Arma
Tiyia Jacobs   Alysha Byers   Georgia Chircope   Adrian Knezevic
Cameron Reid   Michael Siragusano   Taylah Elliott   Hannah Gough
Chloe Rentfils

McCLUSKEY HOUSE
GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS – ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
Sebastian Gallardo Medina   Dan Trinh   Andrew Milich   Nicholas Bervanakis
Ron Chen   Benjamin Thompson-Allan   Charles Mullett   Timothy Dinh
William Nguyen   Aaron Isidro   Steven Scott   Georgia Banks
Elisha Cassar   Lucas Gauci   Katelyn Baber   Angelica Bagang
Anami Sunghar   Nicholas Masini   Jamie Rust   Bree-Anna Bott
Claudia Doan   Reid Hadaway   Demi Lampropoulos   Alyssa Adomator
Uthayan Govender   Eden Kmac   Anzhela Kvasha   Asmait Ghebre

GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS – PERSONAL BEST ACHIEVEMENT
Robert Milich   Patrick Rivera   Michael Rossi   Luke Tizzani
Aaron Cheesley   Christopher Phan   Jarrod Torcasio   Kayla Hammersley
Natasha Gallano   Leilah Abdahs   Kristy Ficior   Andre Georgiou

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
Josh Finnie   Duy Pham   Ilias Stathakis   Joshua Attana
Daniel Roberts   Benjamin Buckley   Mitchell Farnagia   Christian Petropoulos
Matthew McCluskey   Phillip Alexiou   Jacob Butteriss   Alexander Bouris
Daniel Browne   Sebastian Snopczynski   Louise De Lima   Nadya Zulkifi
Christian Gingco   Daniel Masini   Tatiana Vanden Houte   Angelina Carcallas
Alexandra Stojanova   Gerome Cavallida   Jeremy Mullins   Lauren Wells
Natalie Milford   Bridget Wells

PERSONAL BEST ACHIEVEMENT
Alexander Tizzani   James Abate   Rhys Mutch   Steven Law
Mick Stojevski   Nicholas Brasier   Trung Lai   Philip Ha
Kostas Loes   Cody Sozanski   Madelyn Heath   Cassie Wilson
Nekita Ihmeari   Selina Tardio Diaz   Tiana Zanatta   Tyrone James-Millar
Petria Elliott   Bronte McIntosh   Brittney Henderson   Kelsey Jobe
Dylan De Marchi   Isabella Fairley   Joshua Muscat   Nicholas Sevior
Leila Assaad   Bonnie Dixon

McCOY HOUSE
GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS – ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
Cooper Lofting   Joseph Rigazzi   Nicholas Trakakis   Alexander Martin
John Ho   Hung Lam   Michael Mazzee   Jack Wilson
Benjamin Singleton   Jarrod Stevens   Nicholas Lennon   Tristan McGrath
Constantinos Kotsisianis   Ali Noura   Daniel Hindmarch   Dale Clark
Georgiana Peace   Ciara Singleton   Lucy Di Maggio   Kisanet Tesfu
Olivea Wooster   Chiara Petrelli   Jesse Stevens   Danielle Masagca
Anthony Favata   Maria Cayanan   Katrina Poloni   Qaaniyah Hendricks
Brooke Grellish   Jann Baloyyt   Jade Fellows   Jana Laurilla
Melissa Naumovska   Souria Songvilay   Isabella Grasso   Joel Dyt

GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS – PERSONAL BEST ACHIEVEMENT
Nickolas Grech   Christian Buttigieg   Molly Amourous   Jared Laurilla
Anthony Khotakan   Jack Amourous   Vivien Tran   Isabella Mitkovska
# 2014 Celebration of Excellence Results

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
- Christopher Koulis
- Colin Da Costa
- Joshua Chandra
- Elly McNerney
- Melanie Ou
- Keira Wilson
- Anastasia Edisugiarto
- Charlotte Tumer
- Anh Pham
- Anthony Capuano
- Liam McGrath
- Emily Puopolo
- Nour Guirguis
- Darcy Couceiro
- Nicole Nagy
- Teah Bishop
- Ryley Grech
- Blake Gaffiero
- Daniel Maher
- Shanae Portelli
- Isabella Colacino
- Laura Mammoliti
- Jasmin Shields-Harris
- Emily Brown
- Benjamin Sparks
- Dilan Lemanis
- Jonathan Buttigieg
- Julia Laurilla
- Laura Hatchard
- Marcelina Tarsa
- Terry Diffey

## PERSONAL BEST ACHIEVEMENT
- Mohamed Abou-Zeid
- Edward Coombes
- Jarryd Oddy
- Emma Wilson
- Tanaka Kamba
- Matt Day
- Omar Alkantar
- Reece Jakobi
- Rebecca James
- Anthony Chau
- Nathan Marcom
- Daniel Tokay
- Michael Edmundson
- Erin Crawley
- Anastasia Gemisis
- Khang Nguyen
- Frankie Lay
- Chloe Randone
- Natasa Vidakovic
- Imogen Thomas

## WINTERS HOUSE
### GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS – ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT
- Nathan Boninsegni
- Eddie Tieu
- Alexander McPherson
- Reynard Widajja
- Cameron Gauci
- Jessica Carabott
- Joshua Morton-Galea
- Stefan Hristovski
- Thomas Benning
- Andy Dinh
- Duy Tran
- John Ricca
- Hugh Phung
- Ashleigh Brooker
- Britney Lay
- Emma Palatsides
- Rita Giordano
- Josh Dhillon
- Lachlan McDonald
- Tuan Chuong
- Zoe Herrera
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Key:
1. Find the Year level and unit title that your child will be studying.
2. A  Ò indicates that this particular tool or piece of equipment will likely be used in the subject.
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Help your child ACHIEVE!

One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help.

1 **Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve**
   Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2 **Keep your expectations reasonable and positive**
   If your expectations are too high your teacher may give up. Too low and they will meet them! The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests. Also be realistic about what your child’s school can deliver. Sometimes our expectations of schools are not in line with their capabilities or their roles.

3 **Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home**
   One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4 **Send kids to school ready to learn and on time**
   Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5 **Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes**
   Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

6 **Skill children to work with others**
   Schools are social places requiring children to work and play with each other much of the time. Teaching manners to kids, as well as encouraging them to share their time, space and things with others are practical ways to help kids with their social skills. Talk through any social challenges they may have, helping them develop their own strategies to get on with others.

7 **Respectfully seek joint solutions to problems and difficulties**
   Resist the temptation to solve all your children’s problems or think you have the only solution. Most learning and social problems can be resolved when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the child.

8 **Participate in class & school activities**
   There is a huge body of research that points to the correlation between parent involvement in a child’s schooling and their educational success. Quite simply, if you want your child to improve his learning then take an interest in his learning, attend as many school functions as you can, and follow the lead provided by your child’s teacher. This simple strategy will have a massive, long-term impact.

9 **Trust your teacher’s knowledge, professionalism and experience**
   Your child’s teachers are your greatest allies. Their training, their experience around kids, and their objective professionalism puts them in a strong position to make judgement calls about your child.

10 **Talk up what happens at school**
   Your child will take their cues from you about how they see their school. If you want your child to value learning, and enjoy their time at school then you need to support your school and make sure he or she hears positive messages about learning, teachers and the school itself. You can set a strong educational agenda at home by talking up your school.

This type of 10-point plan is easy to read but hard to put into practice, particularly when you get busy or your child has significant difficulties. Choose two or three ideas from this list to really focus on in the coming year and you’ll find that the rest will fall into place. Good luck and nurture the partnerships you have with your child’s teachers.
Getting used to new subjects and new teachers, as well as forming new friendships, are just some of the requirements of this transition.

Starting secondary school is a time of change and uncertainty, which places new demands on young people. Being at the bottom of the pecking order where they are unsure of the playground hierarchies is just one adjustment that they need to make.

Some kids take these new experiences in their stride but it is natural to experience some difficulty, particularly when it’s accompanied by the potentially unsettling transition from childhood to adolescence. It’s no coincidence that many research projects indicate that children’s learning levels out in the transition year, presumably because the social tasks of adjustment take precedence over academic performance.

It helps to remember the Four P’s to help your young person settle in:

1. **Promote friendships**
   The quicker kids form new friendships the sooner they’ll feel comfortable in their secondary school surroundings. Encourage your young person to be open to forming friendships with all sorts of kids; to be accepting of others who may be different to them; to take social risks by joining in activities even though they may feel uncomfortable; and to be friendly, approachable and positive!

2. **Practice patience**
   Patience and understanding in the early weeks is essential. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your young person adjust. Talk to your young person about change and reassure them that it is normal to feel unsure or nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many difficulties they face will be temporary.

3. **Pursue a positive attitude**
   Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about the new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Discuss setting in issues with the appropriate person such as a year level coordinator, but give your young person time to handle them on their own before seeking help.

4. **Process their day**
   Some young people may come home with fairly exaggerated accounts of secondary school and may not always paint a fair picture. They may become sensitive to things that they might have shrugged off in primary school. Listen without judgment and show a real interest in their new school, while providing them with the space they need to get away for a while. Expect some behaviour blowouts as many kids let off steam in the relatively safe and stable environment of a loving family.

   If your eldest is starting, then secondary school will be a relatively new experience for you too. It will take some time for you to adjust to the school’s culture and communication methods.

   Although secondary schools may seem a little foreign for those used to the relative intimacy of primary schools, one aspect is the same – outcomes for students are maximised when schools and parents work together in the best interests of the student.

   One way to support your young person’s school is by actively promoting the school’s values. For instance, if respect is a prominent school value then you can discuss this in relation to the way your young person behaves around friends, relatives and family.

   Most importantly, talk up your young person’s new school, rather than talk it down, as kids of all ages take their cues from the most significant adults in their lives – their parents!

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