Pursuing personal best
Principal’s Reflection

Our world is a rapidly changing one characterised by volatility, uncertainty and ambiguity. Defence experts describe much of the world as being in the state of ‘continuous conflict’ which crushes a sense of community and saps belief in a future. We live in a connected world which has brought many wonderful advantages. At the same time young people receive more information in a week than the previous generation received in a year. As part of the connected global community, young people are exposed, as never before, to the challenges facing the world. A dependence on connected devices can lead to isolation and affect young people’s psychological, social and emotional wellbeing. Research indicates that 1 in 4 young people worry about the future all the time.

Emmanuel’s mission is to prepare our young people for success in this rapidly changing world - supporting their achievement of personal excellence in assessments and exams, and success in further study and career. Having a strong connection to Emmanuel as a Catholic, faith community, in the Marianist tradition, and being a valued member of that community is important. Developing resilience, learning from mistakes, perseverance, and skills in communication, problem-solving, collaboration and leadership are now essential ingredients for a successful, hope-filled future for our young people.

Christopher Stock

Professor Anthony Sagona

Alumnus Anthony Sagona, Class of 73, Professor of Archaeology at the University of Melbourne, provided the keynote address at the Celebration of Excellence Evening. Over recent years Anthony has been engaged in the Joint Historical and Archaeological Survey of the ANZAC Battlefield and in his address he reflected on what he had learnt about the experiences of the combatants. He concluded with regard to the journey ahead for the young men and women of the College:

‘The best advice I can give you as you think about embarking on a bright future, a new chapter in your life, is to pursue your passion through hard work and commitment. Many of you are probably feeling a sense of excitement, as well as trepidation, in terms of what the future will hold.

Some of you may not have any clear idea as yet, but that is nothing to be concerned about. I have been a teacher at university for more than 30 years and I can tell you that flowers bloom at different times.

Learning is a life-long process and no two students are the same. Be determined, be resilient and commit yourself to the pursuit of personal excellence. But as you contemplate the years ahead, spare a thought for the sacrifices made by the Anzac soldiers, many of whom were under 21 years of age.’
Caltex All Rounder

Congratulations to Year 12 students Bridget Genovese and Dean Kotsianis who were presented with the Caltex All Rounder Award.

Bridget and Dean join a select group of secondary students who have received the award for achieving excellence in a range of pursuits in the classroom, on the sports field and in the community.

Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship

Year 10 students Sophia Rutaquio and Liam Murray were recently welcomed to the University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program.

A tailored program of events will support their secondary studies, inspire their career plans and provide opportunities to interact with the University community.

Refugee Dinner

During Term 4, Emmanuel College welcomed refugees from the Mercy Connect and Catholic Justice and Peace programs to our annual Refugee Dinner.

Families and staff from the Emmanuel community joined our guests in celebrating a very enjoyable night of welcome and hospitality, sharing a delicious meal together.

Hearing the stories of the difficulties and challenges experienced by refugees filled us with admiration for the hope and resilience which sustained them in reaching Australia.
Celebration of Excellence Awards Evening Wednesday 25 November 2015

Congratulations to students who received achievement awards at the Celebration of Excellence Evening. Well done to Year 12 students Kostas Loe and Xavier Smith, and staff members Stephen Lunardelli and Nicholas Blassis, on receiving Marianist Excellence Awards, and to Emmanuel College Scholarship winners Rianne Pablo and Nikolas Marjanovic.
STUDENT MARIANIST
Kostas Loe

THE ANNA ROMITO PERFORMING ARTS AWARD
Kostas Loe

THE B.GENE STIGER MEMORIAL AWARD
Dylan Chetcuti
(award accepted by Mr Chetcuti)

JESSICA WAGNER MEMORIAL MATHEMATICS AWARD
Xanthe Lampropoulos

JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING
Gerome Cavalida

SENIOR MUSIC AWARD
Dylan Appleby

JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING
James Bosnark

JUNIOR MUSIC AWARD
Gabriel Sathiaseelan

DAVID TEMPLETON SCHOLARSHIP
George Limperis

MARGARET JEAN WARNER SCHOLARSHIP
Augustine Kadene

Absent

SENIOR SPORTSPERSON
Luke Goetz

SENIOR SPORTSPERSON
Merhawi Minassi

SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING
Reid Hadaway

SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING
John Ricca

JUNIOR MUSIC AWARD
Warren Rozario

SENIOR MUSIC AWARD
Natalie Mifsud
Stairways Program

A range of areas including Architecture, Deforestation, Fashion, Dance and the fascinating world of Forensics amongst others, were on show at the Year 9 Stairways Presentation Evening.

Students presented their area of investigation with confidence and in-depth knowledge. Congratulations to the Stairways students on their impressive achievements.

VCAL - Billy Carts

The LAN English students and VCAL students have combined their efforts in the VET Trade Training Centre on a VCAL Project titled “Billy Carts” – a Pathway Program for the Future.

This school and workplace program has given our students the opportunity to construct billy carts for primary schools in our region.

Talent Quest

During Semester Two, students at the St Paul’s and Notre Dame Campuses were treated to a of variety of singing, solo and band performances.

Congratulations to the contestants on the extraordinary standard of their performances and to staff and students who supported this event.
Soccer Fun Day

Well done to the Grade 4s and 5s who competed in the recent Emmanuel College Feeder School Soccer Fun Day.

It was a wonderful day with 300 players from our parish feeder schools giving their all and displaying a great spirit of sportsmanship and fairplay.

Members of the Emmanuel College Soccer Academy played a significant role in organising, officiating and supporting this annual event.

AFL Draft

Congratulations to Year 12 student, Luke Goetz, on his selection by the Western Bulldogs in the AFL draft. Luke is an impressive, level headed young man, and elite athlete, who represented the College with distinction in ACC competition. He has all the ingredients for success in his chosen pathway.

John Landy Award

The recent SACCSS sports awards were a great opportunity for our sports teams and coaching representatives to celebrate the year’s sporting achievements with their colleagues from other schools.

At the awards ceremony, Carly James and Merhawi Minassi were presented with the prestigious John Landy Sportsperson Award.

Australian Scout Medallion Winners

In November, Zoe Herrera and Matthew Caldwell were awarded the Australian Scout Medallion. This award recognises leadership, organisation, drive, determination, resilience and high level practical scouting in campcraft and hiking. This is the highest award earned by scouts in the 11-14 year old category.

Congratulations to Zoe and Matthew on this tremendous achievement.
On Saturday 6 February, Emmanuel College will be holding an Information Morning for parents of prospective students of the College, starting at 9.00 am at the Notre Dame Campus and 10.30 am 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.

If you are unable to attend this morning, you may wish to join our monthly tours of the College at either campus.

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

Enrolments for Year 7 2017, close on 26 February 2016.