Principal’s Reflection

One of the sessions during the Year 12 retreats held last term, involved students reflecting on inspiring and insightful quotes. My choice was Cicero’s: “We don’t see things as they are, we see things as we are”. This reminded me of the ‘metanoia’ to which Christians are called – to change our way of thinking about and seeing the world and our purpose in it. Key planks of this ‘repentance’ are gratitude and loving service, in allowing God into our lives.

This Christian insight is re-expressed in the current societal emphasis on resilience and mindfulness. I read recently that ‘resilience’ means ‘to jump again’ - our perception is the key to whether or not we see tough times as our chance to change and grow. Cicero’s insight also reminded me of a theme from Senator Robert F. Kennedy’s 1968 campaign for the presidential nomination: “Some see things as they are and say, why; I dream things that never were and say, why not.”

At Emmanuel our dream is ‘live life to the full’ – a dream worth fighting for, for our Emmanuel community and for the broken world of which we are part and in which we strive to make a difference.

Christopher Stock

Recognition of Years of Service

Congratulations to Christopher Stock, Principal, who has completed 20 years of service and to the following staff members as they commence their 10th year of service to the College in 2016:

Roll of Honour

At our opening College assembly Antoine Pace, Class of 1980, was inducted into the Alumni Roll of Honour.

After completing his studies in 1980, Antoine undertook undergraduate studies at the University of Melbourne. He graduated in 1986 and was conferred with a Law and a Commerce degree.

Antoine is currently a partner with Gadens Lawyers Melbourne, and specialises in technology, media and telecommunications law. Antoine is also the practice group leader for the firm’s intellectual property and information technology team, who also focus on commercial contracting, corporate advisory and competition law.

Opening College Mass

On Friday 19 February, we came together at St Patrick’s Cathedral where we celebrated our Opening College Mass. It proved to be a wonderful occasion that allowed all in our College community to share in this special Eucharist.

Celebrated by Fr Greg Trythall and Fr John Healy, over 1800 students, staff and parents came together to open our 2016 year.

With our major theme for the year being from John’s Gospel “I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life,” we were truly able to do this as a united Emmanuel College community.
Cambodia-Catholic Mission

Congratulations to students and staff who participated in the 2015 Catholic Mission Immersion to Cambodia at the end of last year.

The trip, which involved working with school children in local communities, proved to be an amazing experience for our Emmanuel College students.

Not only did they have the wonderful opportunity to immerse themselves in the cultural experiences, the staff and students worked in two different parish communities supporting and assisting in the daily running of activities in these schools.

Year 12 Retreats

During February our Notre Dame and St Paul’s Campus Year 12s attended the retreats held at Rutherford Park, Blampied.

Students were engaged in a program dedicated to reflecting on both their journey thus far and the journey that still lay ahead of them.

It was a memorable time for all and will be long remembered as a unique part of their Year 12 experience.

Thank you to all our staff and students for making this such a wonderful occasion.
House Sports

Congratulations to Winters Houses on their victories in the NDC and SPC athletics carnivals.

Well done to Leaders of Sport, Ky Simmons and Brad Robertson, House Leaders and Sports Captains, staff and most importantly the competitors, who made these events such impressive days of competition and team support.

2016 College Production

Emmanuel College’s preparation for the musical performance of High School Musical is well underway with many talented students spending time after school rehearsing and several of our talented staff weaving their magic. This is going to be an ‘amazing’ show, not to be missed.

This is a wonderful experience for the students from both campuses to share and build friendships through performance, and we welcome you all to our production.

Matinee performances will be held for our parish feeder primary schools on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 May at 11 am.

Evening performances for the community will be held on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 May, commencing at 7.00 pm in the Emmanuel College McCoy Hall at St Paul’s Campus.
Well done to the NDC and SPC Campus and House Leaders and staff on the most successful Year 7 camps conducted at Camp Portsea.

For students in Year 7, this time away provided an opportunity to continue working together, making new friends, getting to know teachers and having fun.

The generous commitment of staff who attended these camps is much appreciated.
VCE High Achievers

Congratulations to the recipient of the 2015 College Brophy Scholarship, Ali Noura, who gained an ATAR score of 97.6.

Best wishes to Ali as he prepares to commence his studies in the Bachelor of Commerce at Melbourne University.

Well done also to the following high achievers on their impressive VCE results:

Mohanad Abbas, 97; Eden Krnac, 96.45; Xanthe Lampropoulos, 96.2; Dean Kotsianis, 95.75; Thomas Benning, 95.1; Bridget Genovese, 95.05; Michael Palatsides, 94.5; Nathan Alger, 94.4; Reid Hadaway, 94.2; Brooke Lykopoulos, 93.4; Huashan Chen, 92.55 and Phillip Main, 90.85.
Alumni Association

It has long been an ambition of the College to strengthen our community network, and increase the involvement of past students in College life.

By the end of 2016 we hope to have established an Alumni Association for all past students of St Paul’s College and Emmanuel College, featuring a newsletter and Facebook page.

This will give us the opportunity to provide our alumni with information on reunions, significant events throughout the year, and the latest College news.

We’d also like to know what you’re up to - are you working or studying? Have you moved interstate or overseas?

Please register your details via our alumni email address: alumni@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

I look forward to hearing from you.

Michael Pichner
Leader of Community Relations

Meet the Principal and Tour

Emmanuel College is holding a Meet the Principal and Tour for parents of prospective students of the College on:

Tuesday 10 May  -  9.30 am St Paul’s Campus Altona North
Tuesday 17 May  -  9.30 am Notre Dame Campus Point Cook

If you are unable to attend, contact our College Registrar on 8325 5119 to arrange a visit or email enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

*Emmanuel College comprises our St Paul’s all-boys campus and Notre Dame co-educational campus