

EC News



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PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTIONS

One of the characteristics of Marianist Education that has been captured quite clearly during Term 3 has been that of Educating for Adaptation and Change. As a Marianist school, we see Mary as our model, and she truly adapted to all that was expected of her, and we seek to be faith filled individuals who accept challenge just as Mary did. When Mary said yes to the Holy Spirit, she was called to 'do whatever he tells you.' We are called too, in a similar way, to action.

In Term 3, we have seen the call to action, and the commitment to adaptation and change in many of our key events. Participation in the Indigenous Immersion Trips was particularly significant, with students and staff from the Notre Dame campus travelling to the Dusty Feet Mob in the Flinders Ranges and the St Paul's students and staff travelling to the True Fellas program in Dalby. On these immersion experiences, participants were able to come to a greater understanding of the experiences of Aboriginal people through engaging with members of the community and participating in conversations. It is only through gaining a greater understanding of others that you can advocate for change, whether it be change in behaviour, or attitudes. In the words of Harper Lee, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from [their] point of view." These immersion experiences have provided our students with the possibility to view the world differently, because they have been witnesses to different perspectives.

For all students, Term 3 marks the time when decisions must be made for the future. Assemblies are held, information evenings scheduled, and discussions started about what studies will be undertaken the next year. We are frequently focused on what is to come, and it is important to never lose sight of just how often we must make decisions, to adapt and change as we mature.

To adapt and change is so crucially important. Meeting the future head-on requires it. In the words of Henri Rousseau S.M '...the future belongs to the enterprising...Now then, this is the role for young people who do not have to reproduce the past, but rather have the challenge of creating new ways of thinking, of working, in keeping with current intellectual developments.'

At Emmanuel College, we seek to offer experiences both within and beyond the classroom to provide the ability for our student to adapt and meet change as they are faced with it, now and into the future.

Dr Janine Biggin
Principal

FATHER'S DAY MASS



Our Father's Day Mass and breakfast was celebrated on Friday 1 September, with Fr Paul at St Paul's and Fr Samuel at Notre Dame Campus. It was wonderful to see so many fathers, grandfathers and those who play a fatherly role in the lives of our students at this celebration. These gatherings continue to be important occasions to foster faith and family spirit at the College.



THE ANNUAL SHOWCASE

It was a wonderful evening on Tuesday 29 August, with the Showcase event providing the opportunity for our students to shine in terms of their musical and artistic abilities. The students were very proud as they escorted their family members through the Art and Textiles displays, showing their own artworks, and that of their classmates to them. The musical performances started at 7pm and lasted well into the evening. The group performances, bands, solo voice and instrumental performances show clear evidence of the wonderful music program at Emmanuel College.

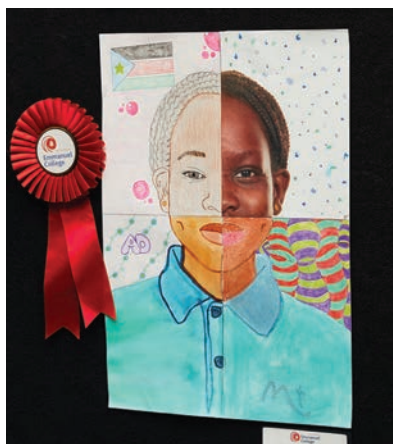
Congratulations to our Award recipients:

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Georgia Robson – Year 10, NDC

Darcy Ianna – Year 10, SPC

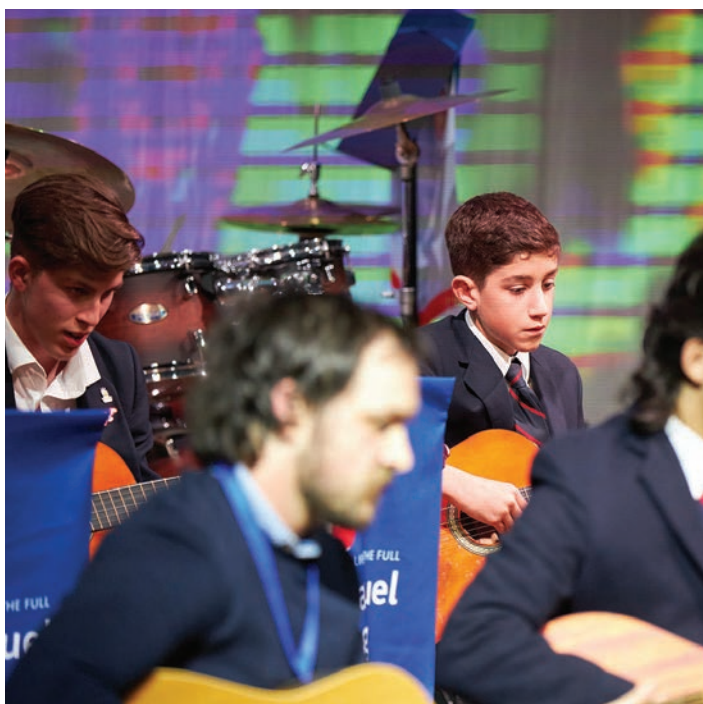
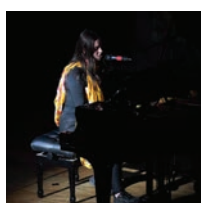
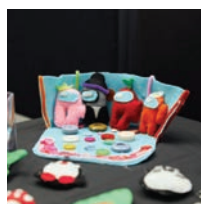
PRINCIPAL'S CHOICE AWARD



Akelo Duang
Year 7, NDC



Michael Pye
Year 12, SPC



FAITH AND JUSTICE REPORT



On Friday 28 July, six students and two teachers travelled to Portugal for World Youth Day in response to Pope Francis's call for young Catholics to "Go with Haste" into the world as pilgrims. This was the 16th World Youth Day (WYD), a significant event in the life of the universal Catholic Church, which is celebrated every 3 – 4 years in a different host country. This year they were able to participate in a candlelight vigil in Fatima and explore the sights of beautiful Lisbon. They walked on foot to the pilgrimage site, a distance of 10kms in 38C degree heat, to sleep out under the stars and celebrate Mass with the Pope and our own Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter Comensoli, with 3 million other young people from all around the world. It was an amazing experience for our students. The next World Youth Day will be in Korea, 2027.





On Thursday 27 July, SPC students from Years 10 to 11 had the opportunity to engage with the Dhiyaan community as part of the True Fella Indigenous Immersion Trip to Dalby, Queensland. They were welcomed through a smoking ceremony by loving and caring custodians of a 40-acre property named Bethel, 'House of God'. During times of reflection and learning, they immersed themselves through deep connection with the Creator of Spirit, the land (horse work & spiritual sessions), and by 'giving back' to the community (general maintenance). They listened to powerful and inspiring intergenerational stories

about the divine and its relationship with the Barunggam people, where they also had time to reflect through journalling. After four days of sleeping in swags, they all took away key knowledge and a deeper respect towards the interrelationship between Christianity and Indigenous beliefs.



Emmanuel staff and students raised over \$9,000 for the Cancer Council by walking, to show support for those who have been impacted by cancer. On the evening of Friday 25 August, more than 60 staff and students came together at our Notre Dame campus and walked laps as part of the Relay For Life.



NDC students and two staff undertook the Indigenous immersion experience to Pichi Pichi in South Australia's Flinders Ranges. They came back with many stories of the experiences they had, the cultural experiences they shared and the wisdom they gained particularly through their interactions with the Dusty Feet Mob.





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY?

Book Week is the libraries' most anticipated event for Term 3, and each day, books and reading were celebrated to this year's theme 'Read, Grow, Inspire'. Year 8 students attended an author talk with Martin Chatterton, who had the entire year level captivated as he drew pictures of students, talked about 'writing from your own experience and the future of writing in an AI world'. Book Week activities included painting and planting pots, Kahoot quizzes, paper craft, origami and giant Jenga, which made Book Week 2023 a fantastic week for everyone that participated.

This year the Emmanuel College Libraries introduced Accelerated Reader for our Year 7 cohort. Students are encouraged to read as many books as they can and take short comprehension quizzes once they have finished reading a book. The more students read, the more rewards they receive along the way until they reach a million words. Finley Lewington (SPC 7B) was the first student at the College to join the club, shortly after joined by Patrick Creaney (SPC 7A).



SACCSS REPORT



A team of nine NDC students went to represent the College at the 2023 SACCSS Chess Championships. After five of the seven rounds, Alexander Angelidis (Year 10) and Jared Loader (Year 8) were undefeated in the Intermediate and Junior sections, respectively. Unfortunately, they struggled against the tough competition of the final two rounds. Alexander finished a very creditable 5th of 104 players in the Intermediate section while Jared finished 2nd in the 106-player junior division. Our sole Senior player, Daniel Liu (Year 11) finished 14th out of 80 players.

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Hockey team who went through undefeated to take out the 2023 Senior Boys Hockey Championship. In their four matches, they defeated MacKillop 1 – 0, drew 5 – 5 with CRC North Keilor, defeated St Francis 3 – 0 and finished off with a 1 – 0 victory in the Grand Final against St. Monica's. Player of the Grand Final was Lucas Meiers who scored the match winner 4 minutes from full time.



Lucy Cleveland (Year 9) competed in the National Cross Country Champions in Stromlo Forest, Canberra last weekend. Lucy ran in the Under 16, 4000m race. She came in second place only by six seconds in a time of 13:58. Well done Lucy!

Lachlan McDonald (Year 10, NDC) has been selected to represent the Under 16 Victorian Soccer team at the School Sport Australia National Championships. The championships were held in Canberra between 10-15 September.



ACC REPORT

On August 17, a group of students competed in the ACC Chess Open competition which was held at St Patrick's College in Ballarat. It was an amazing experience and a great opportunity to network, gain new skills, and learn new tricks of the game.

It was wonderful to see many students participating in the annual SPC Cross Country. Congratulations to Winters House on winning the competition.

First place - Winters - 227

Second place - McCoy - 183

Third place - Cassidy - 180

Fourth place - Chaminade - 162

Fifth place - McCluskey - 123

Congratulations to our Year 8 AFL team who took out the ACC - Associated Catholic Colleges Division 2 Premiership. It was a great season, seeing our students grow friendships and confidence, and to build their footy skills.



It was fantastic season for our Year 10 Basketball team, who took out the ACC Division 2 Premiership. It is wonderful to see students across all year levels participate in a range of activities.



LIVERPOOL FUN DAY

On Saturday 19 August, over 250 school students aged between 6 – 16 years attended the Liverpool FC International Academy Community Day. Held at our Notre Dame Campus, 30 minute sessions were conducted by LFCIA accredited coaches. Players were inspired by coaches teaching the skills of Trent Alexander-Arnold, engaged through the content, challenged by the game specific tasks and experienced first hand the terminology and philosophy of one of the biggest clubs in the world.



CLASS REUNION



ST PAUL'S / EMMANUEL COLLEGE

CELEBRATING THE CLASSES OF
1973 - 1983 - 1993 - 2003 - 2013

FRI DEC. 1, 2023 | 6PM - 8:30PM
McCOY HALL, ST PAUL'S CAMPUS

Catch up with your classmates, take a tour of the College and view photos from the College archives while enjoying drinks and treats from the food truck. If you're still in touch with your classmates, please share the invitation with them. This is a free event for all past students of these classes.

RSVP TO MICHAEL PICHNER BY FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER

<https://ecreunion2023.eventbrite.com.au> | 8325 5197 | alumni@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au



TWILIGHT TALK AND TOUR

St Paul's Campus

Wednesday 8 November

6.00pm – 7.30pm

Notre Dame Campus

Tuesday 14 November

6pm – 7.30pm



Come along and hear from College Principal, Dr Janine Biggin, at our Twilight Talk and Tour commencing at 6pm.

This event provides a wonderful opportunity for prospective students and families to hear about life at the College and enjoy a tour of the school's facilities.

Please register your attendance. You can use the QR code or visit <https://www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/tours>

If you are unable to attend this evening, you may wish to join one of our monthly tours of the College.

For more information, contact us on 03 8325 5100 or email enrolments@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

