

## Dear Parents and Friends

This newsletter has been released to the community on Monday and this will be the case from this newsletter onwards. The change in release date will enable on members of the community to begin the week with the newsletter, showcasing the prior two weeks of events at the College. We hope that this change in our process of communication proves beneficial.

It has been a very positive experience this year to attend the Wednesday morning mass at both St Paul's and Notre Dame and have so many staff and students attend. There were no seats available last Wednesday at Notre Dame. I am very thankful for the support of our parish priests who give of their time so that we can offer the regular possibility of mass at the College.

As we make our way into the second half of the term, we have had the Year 12 Retreats, and the Year 7 camps at St Paul's. Unfortunately, the severe weather warning shortened the retreat for the Year 12 students at St Paul's. Despite this, the Daylesford venue offered the students and staff the opportunity to complete some of the retreat activities. We wish the Year 7 Notre Dame students well as they head to their camps this week.

The College has also completed the Athletics carnivals for both campuses, and the swimming season is also about to get underway too. Congratulations to NDC Athletics Carnival Winners McCoy House and to the SPC Athletics Carnival winners Winters House.

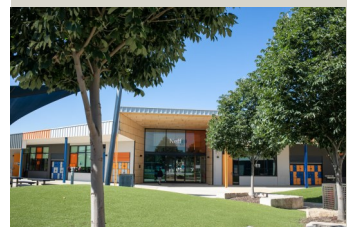
I am also looking forward to meeting the Year 7 2025 students as they come to the College for the Amazing Race activity. It is wonderful that we are able to offer the opportunity to have our students visit us on multiple occasions in the year prior to them becoming Emmanuel College students.

Families of Year 8 and 9 students will have received an email with a link to a survey. Families are asked to provide responses to this survey to assist us with decision-making about formal examinations for these year levels.

At Notre Dame, the Ranson building refurbishment is approaching completion. The building will be fully re-opened for students at the beginning of Term 2. Building works at St Paul's will get underway in a large scale in term 2. The Marianist building is nearly now vacated and will be demolished before mid-year so that the new music rooms and staff building can be constructed. This will be a long building project, and portables have been placed on the campus to enable all classroom programs to continue to run during the building project



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I would like to acknowledge the College Advisory Council for 2024. This group provides a crucial point of connection between the wider school community and the school leadership. Additional members have joined in 2024 in recognition of the two campuses of the College: The members are:

- Father John Healy (President)
- Mr Keith Brown (Chair)
- Ayan Panghal (student member)
- Jack Lowry (student member)
- Ms Valentina Trajkovski (parent member)
- Mr Javier Arguello (parent member)
- Ms Trillian Ralston (parent member)
- Ms Michelle MacDonald (parent member)
- Mr Nathan Hougee (alumnus member)
- Mr Edwin Farmar-Bowers (staff member)
- Ms Dianne Martin (staff member)
- Mr Naresh Raja (co-opted member)
- Mr Mario Puopolo (Business Manager)
- Dr Janine Biggin (College Principal)
- Mr Chris O'Malley (Executive Deputy Principal)
- Mr Mark Sciberras (Deputy Principal - Mission Integration)
- Ms Anita Duhig (Deputy Principal – Inclusive Practices)
- Ms Nicole Allan (Deputy Principal - Learning and Teaching)
- Mr Denis Palanci (Deputy Principal - Student Wellbeing SPC)
- Mr Victor Salloum (Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing NDC)

### Vale Sharon Mills

It is with deep sadness that I inform the community of the passing of Sharon Mills, a member of the Emmanuel College staff. Sharon lost her battle with illness last week. Sharon commenced at Emmanuel, Notre Dame Campus in 2011 and worked tirelessly in the Faith, RE and Wellbeing areas.

We keep in our prayers her husband Anthony and her two beautiful Children Lily and Ashley. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace .



As we continue our Lenten journey, we pray:

*Heavenly Father, As I enter another week of my Lenten journey, guide me to the path that leads to you. Fill my heart with gratitude, patience, strength, and peace as I strive to become the-best-version-of-myself, honestly admitting my shortcomings and sins. Amen*

**Janine Biggin**  
**Principal**

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## Deputy Principals

As we move into the second half of the term, it's important to 'check-in' on progress and ensure students are tracking well in both their application and wellbeing. For many, it has been a fantastic start, full of enthusiasm and hard work. It is extremely important that this momentum continues for the remainder of the term and beyond. The study habits formed cannot fall away, but rather be built upon for students to achieve their personal best. The relationships formed in homeroom and classes can continue to grow allowing students to mentor, care for, and support other students, and be open to receiving support in return. We always ask students to remember to greet their teachers with a kind word or warm smile as they genuinely care and work hard to serve our community.

Congratulations to the team of teachers who recently facilitated the SPC Year 7 Camp at Portsea as well as the NDC staff involved in the Year 12 Retreats at Anglesea and Daylesford. This time away provided an opportunity to continue working together, making new friends, treating others respectfully and having fun. We wish all the Year 12 Retreat teachers and students at SPC and the Year 7 students and staff at NDC the very best as they embark on these wonderful learning experiences in the coming days. We know that such opportunities provide students with unique learning experiences that forge deep relationships with their peers, allowing them to reflect on their life journey, explore their spirituality and have fun.

Congratulations to all students on outstanding Athletics Carnivals at both campuses. Great days were had with many students achieving personal bests. Many thanks to all staff for facilitating great carnivals. We also wish our SPC boys a successful swimming carnival next week for those involved.

It is pleasing to see that many students have deodorant in their bags and use it after being active at recess and lunch. However, we request that students only bring a roll-on deodorant as aerosols can trigger asthma for some students and are not as environmentally friendly. Also please refrain from wearing perfume or aftershave as well as these items can also cause an allergic reaction. Thank you for your support in this matter.

As we approach the first term break it is timely to remind parents that they should be looking out for their child's uniform to ensure that it still fits appropriately and is neat and tidy. A reminder that a neat and presentable uniform aids in enhancing the College's reputation which helps in yielding greater long-term opportunities for our students. Students are encouraged to wear their uniform with pride in a way that represents the college, paying particular attention to appropriate hem length for girl's kilts/skirts and that the neck size of white shirts allows plenty of room for both girls and boys to always have their top button done up comfortably if required.

### **ATTENDANCE: IT'S NOT OK TO BE AWAY**

Please be reminded that it is extremely important to be at school to learn. Taking days off that are not essential is strongly discouraged, as catching up can at times be difficult. Unless your child is unwell or needs to attend an appointment that is crucial it is important that they are at school to learn. In cases of genuine illness, or if a student has not fully recovered, please do not send your child to school, as you may be called to come and collect them. Should you require assistance in saying NO to your son/daughter with regard to unacceptable absence, please do not hesitate to contact his/her House Leader. Let's work together to make a difference to your child's future.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up:**

Please be aware that the Campus car park is not to be used for dropping off or picking up students at either campus. You may however park there if you have other College business. If you are departing at the same time as student dismissal, you will be asked to wait for a few minutes until students and buses have cleared the area before you may leave. Congregate outside the gates.

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### Medical Authority Forms

There are times that your child may be required to take medication during school hours for a variety of reasons. It is essential that students only take medications at First Aid. In order for our staff to administer any medication, parents must collect and complete a 'Medical Authority' form which can be collected from the front office or downloaded off the college website. No medication will be given to students without this form completed. You will need to drop any medications along with the completed form to the college. It is also important that you update your child's 'Operoo' account to reflect any new medical alerts and current photos. Out of date action plans and/or medication may result in your child not being able to attend College events. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Tuning in to teens

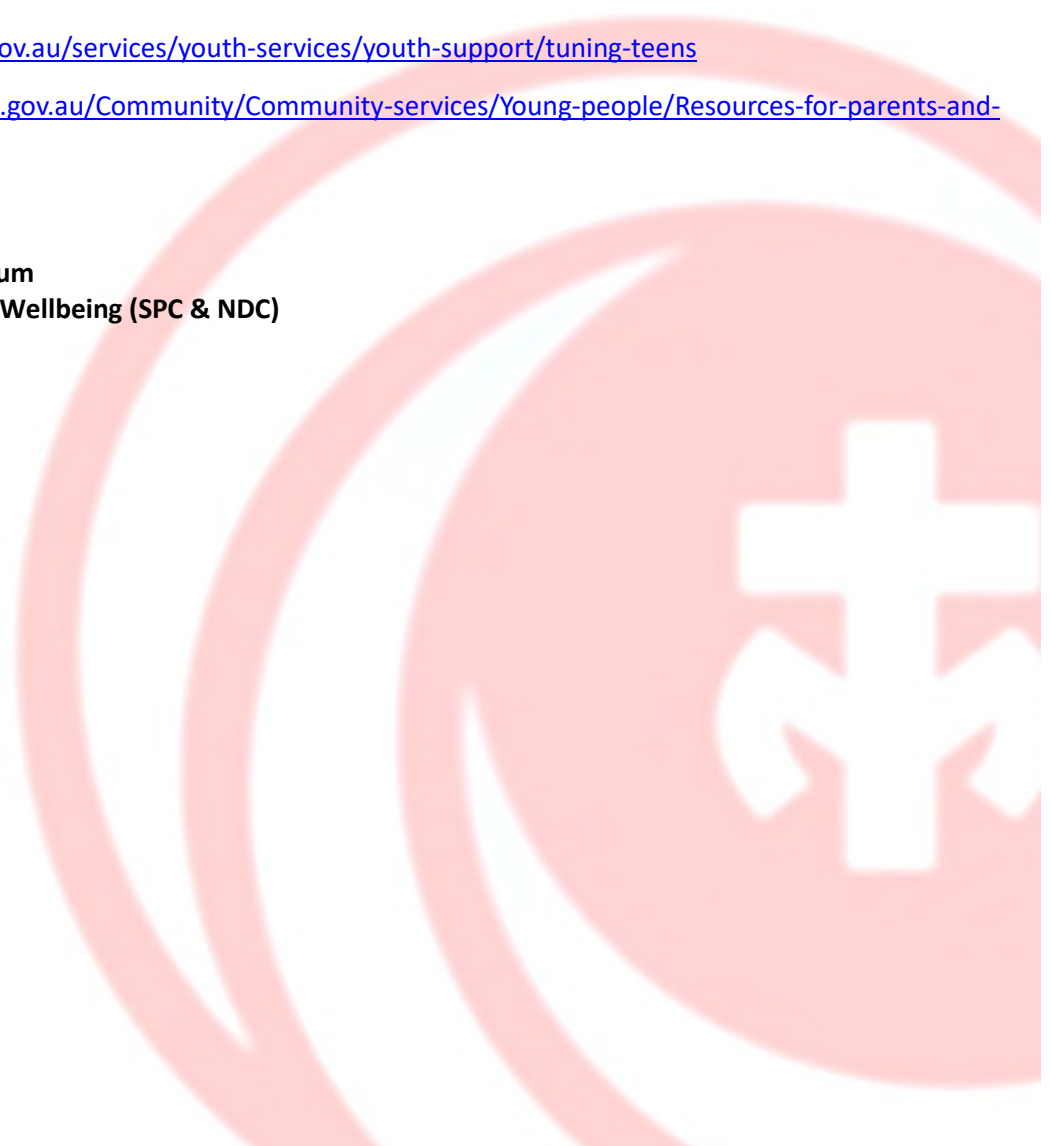
Tuning in to teens – Emotionally Intelligent Parenting, are free parenting programs offered over six sessions through both the Wyndham City and Hobsons Bay City Council. They are programs which are designed for parents of teens with a specific focus on educating parents towards helping their teens develop emotional intelligence. Please see the below links for further information.

<https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services/youth-support/tuning-teens>

<https://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Community/Community-services/Young-people/Resources-for-parents-and-families/Tuning-in-to-Teens>

**Denis Palanci & Victor Salloum**

**Deputy Principals - Student Wellbeing (SPC & NDC)**



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## Leader of Mission Integration

### **Project Compassion**

The Mission team launched our Project Compassion campaign this week. Project Compassion aims to help the poorest of the poor. The funds you raise can help vulnerable communities around the world to improve access to food and clean water, support education and skills training, help vulnerable communities to increase their income, end COVID for all, climate change action, education equity, healthcare and employment for women and girls and provide training in disaster risk reduction. Please support our Project Compassion campaign this Lent. Recently, a group of staff and students attended the Caritas Project Compassion Catholic Schools launch at Academy of Mary Immaculate College in Fitzroy.

### **Wednesday Morning Mass**

Our numbers at Wednesday morning 8.25am mass continue to grow, with almost 40 staff and students attending this week. Lent is a wonderful time for our students to reinvest in their faith through prayer and celebrating the eucharist.

### **Mission Social Justice**

Emmanuel College is committed to weekly social justice experiences for our students. This year students have already volunteered at West Welcome Wagon and Reaching Out to the Inner West. These organizations provide essential food and materials for refugees and those experiencing homelessness or financial disadvantage, respectfully. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to live their faith.

### **Marianist Prayer for Lent**

I invite you to pray the Marianist Prayer for Lent during this holy season.

*Mary, you were a powerful and quiet presence in the life of your Son. Let us humbly attend, as you did, to the God who accomplishes great things in us, as we work and pray during this season of Lent. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen*

Peace and blessings,

**Mark Sciberras**

**DP – Mission Integration**

*'Have the courage to replace your doubts with dreams' (Pope Francis WYD23)*

## Cassidy House Reports

Cassidy House SPC started 2024 with significant changes to the college timetable and a very packed calendar. We are halfway through Term 1, and our students have shown remarkable resilience with the adaptation to the new schedule of the day and last-minute rescheduling of some school events. Cassidy House finished second on the podium in our SPC Athletics carnival, and the students are determined to bring the trophy home next year. Congratulations to our class of 2024, who are starting their final year of secondary school, and we look forward to fulfilling and promising times ahead for these students. Our Year 12 students are expected to set an example with their punctuality, work ethic, and general conduct.

On behalf of Cassidy staff and students, I welcome our new Year 7 students, their parents, and guardians to our house and the College. Our vertical 7-12 homerooms provide brilliant opportunities to gain from the experiences of their peers. Every homeroom has a Year 10 student as a peer mentor to assist and guide the Year 7 students in their first year of secondary schooling.

Our student leaders are the backbone of the house system, and I thank all of them for their time and effort to enhance the schooling experience for their fellow students. Our leadership group meets once a fortnight during lunch to plan and discuss various initiatives and events.

### **Cassidy Student Leadership Team – 2024**

**House Captain, College Captain, FIRE Carrier – Matthew Koropecykj, House Vice-Captain – Kunchit Sikka, House Sports Captain – Jack Knight. Mission Faith Captain – Seth Richards. Year 11 Leaders – Mohamed Kentar & Fraser Burns. Year 10 Leaders- Jeremy Cassar & Nicholas Garrata. Year 9 Leaders – Johnny Nguyen & Darcy Tredinnick. Year 8 Leaders – Daniel Surbevski & Xavier Nassar.**

**Our Year 7 2024 leaders will be confirmed by the end of Week 6.**

During this pious season of Lent, I invite you all to draw closer to God through prayer, fasting and acts of kindness. Project Compassion 2024 has been launched, and each homeroom has a donation box; a casual dress day will be held soon, and all proceeds will be used to support young entrepreneurs in developing countries.

All our homerooms attended the Ash Wednesday liturgy by creating a sacred space to mark the beginning of the holy season of Lent. It was a student-led liturgy, and all students showed great respect and involvement during the service.



I look forward to another rewarding and productive year of learning and growth in all aspects of the lives of the SPC Cassidy students.

**Nidhi Chhibber**

**Cassidy House Leader (SPC)**

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Whilst it has been a busy start to the year, it has been good to welcome back all staff and students for what we can only hope is a relatively normal year, where students can be involved in all extracurricular activities.

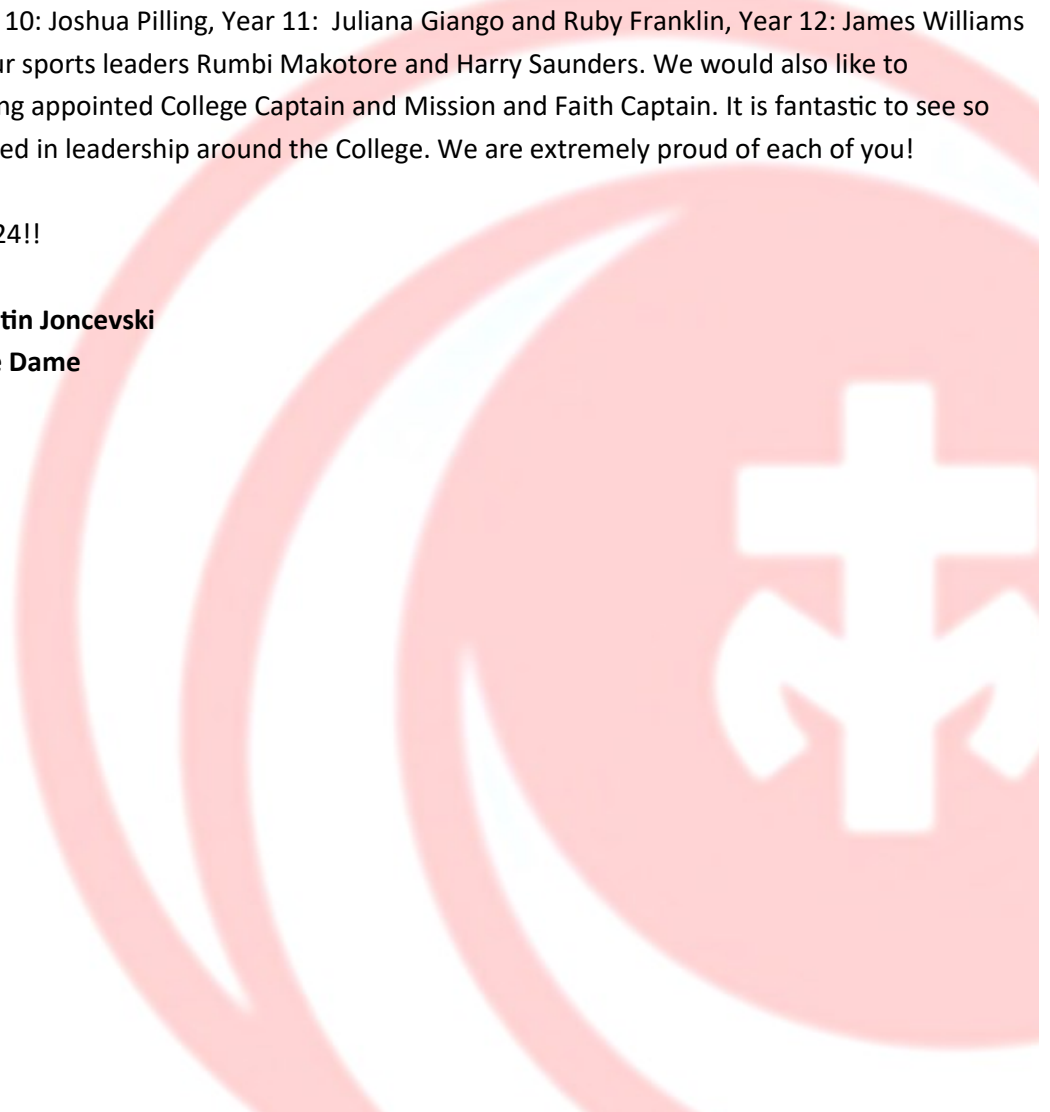
We have welcomed two new Homeroom teachers, Mr Kelleher and Mr Armstrong. We also have welcomed our Year 7 students who will be looking forward to their upcoming camps at Portsea and Mt Evelyn. As well as our Year 12s who have just had an amazing three days at their retreats in Daylesford and Anglesea. All of the students that attended retreat have expressed how they had such an incredible time with friends and teachers.

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of February, we had our athletics carnival. The enthusiasm demonstrated during the signups was pleasing with many spots filled. We would like to encourage more students to sign up in the future. Let's make the most of these days together. Let us also make sure we are cheering on our fellow Cassidy students when they participate in the events.

As this is the first House report for the year, we would like to congratulate the following students on their appointment as Student Leaders for 2024. Year 8: Liam McGahan and Sibylla Grossman Matheson, Year 9: Tahj McColl and Isis Dawson, Year 10: Joshua Pilling, Year 11: Juliana Giango and Ruby Franklin, Year 12: James Williams and Xavier Fragapane, and our sports leaders Rumbi Makotore and Harry Saunders. We would also like to congratulate Ella Rule for being appointed College Captain and Mission and Faith Captain. It is fantastic to see so many Cassidy students involved in leadership around the College. We are extremely proud of each of you!

Let's all have a wonderful 2024!!

**Ms Amy Philippou & Mr Martin Joncevski**  
**Cassidy House Leaders Notre Dame**



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## McCoy Homeroom Reports

Transitioning into this new year, we have a change in timetable now having 6 periods instead of the 4 periods. Additionally, homeroom now takes place Tuesday through Friday, while on Mondays, we have a pastoral class where we are currently focusing on strategies to resist peer pressure. This adjustment in our schedule has provided us with valuable time to reset ourselves before diving into our next period.

On February 20th, we hosted our annual athletics carnival, filled with fierce competition among the Houses and remarkable achievements in setting new school records and personal bests. After a day filled with spirited running and other events point accumulation, McCoy House emerged victorious with a total of 2,372 points.

**Emma Mathias**

**McCoy G**

### McCoy Homerooms 2024

After a long summer holiday students have returned to school full of enthusiasm, keen to catch up with their friends and embark on a new academic journey.

This year in McCoy House we welcome the return, of our Homeroom Teachers Mr Andrew Babb, Barton, Mr Chris Terzakis, Deakin, Ms Heather Barlow, Elliot, Mr Liam Gilbee Laver, Ms Adele Mehmet, Melba and we also welcome Mr Matthew El Khoury to Flinders House and to Emmanuel College. We welcome into McCoy House new students who have come to us from interstate and locally as well as welcoming 32 Year 7 students into McCoy House, who are transitioning their way into the routines of Senior School. It is pleasing to note through the structure of the Homeroom system how the older students are supporting and mentoring the younger students, enabling opportunities for friendships to develop.

This year changes have been made to the structure of the school day, the school has moved away from 80 minute lessons, and is focusing on 49 min classes, with some double lessons interspersed throughout the day. This has also meant changes to the timing of Homeroom. Rather than starting the day with Homeroom, students begin the school day by moving straight to periods 1 and 2 and then into Homeroom before recess. The feedback from the students has been most positive.

Jack Hyland (Melba) notes the benefits of the change.

“Homeroom is important because it serves as a time in the day when you can connect with your classmates and teacher on a more personal level. It is also good for teachers to do the roll and read out announcements on SEQTA. Homeroom also serves as a time for students to have a break from learning.”

Student quote from Deakin Homeroom, “People who are always late to school previously benefit from now being aware of notices and what is happening.”

Student quote from Melba, “Home room is the part of the day where we can check what subjects we have, when and where. It is the part of the day where we can relax and be informed about the day ahead. When we are finished with the information, we occupy the time by playing a game of silent ball and this game allows us to be competitive”.

## McCoy Homeroom Reports

### Project Compassion:

“Project Compassion is a humanitarian mission aimed at giving aid and support to all people worldwide. It focuses on trying to solve different important issues such as poverty, hunger, healthcare, education, and disaster relief.

**Caritas Australia**, who runs Project Compassion, partnered up with government and local organisations to help deliver resources and assistance to the people that need it. This year at Emmanuel College, like every year, we undertake a collection that starts in Week 4 and ends at the end of the term. There is also a voluntary walk of 10km that students can participate in to raise money for the project that Emmanuel College supports.” Francesco Chiacchierini Elliott Homeroom.

As a new member of staff, I see Homeroom time as a valuable session where students and teachers engage in a warm and friendly manner. Where the group comes together to organise upcoming events and build peer connections. This was most notable at the recent SPC House Athletics Carnival, the competition was strong, and McCoy was placed 4<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to the events and activities ahead and building connections within each Homeroom.

**Ms Jennifer Molloy**

### New students McCoy House 2024



## Social Justice

### Upcoming 2024 student immersion opportunities

In 2024, Emmanuel College is happy to announce that there will be three immersion opportunities for students in the faith and mission space.

#### Immersion 1 (for SPC students)

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of June (for four days), there will be an engaging Indigenous Immersion Trip to Dalby, Queensland. This will be available to SPC students who are Year 10, 11 and 12. Indigenous Ministries Australia will be partnering with Emmanuel College on this indigenous immersion.

#### Immersion 2 (for NDC students)

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of July (for four days), there will be another engaging Indigenous Immersion Trip to Kurdnatta (Port Augusta), South Australia. This will be available to NDC students who are Years 10, 11 and 12. Indigenous Ministries Australia will also partner with the College on this indigenous immersion.

#### Immersion 3 (for both NDC and SPC students)

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of December (for ten days), there will be an immersion trip to Cambodia with Catholic Mission. This is available to both NDC and SPC students who are Years 10, 11 and 12. Catholic Mission will be running this experience with the College.

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For more information, please contact the Mission Leaders at your relevant campus. All Year 10, 11 and 12 students will receive an application in the following days.

Mollie Wyatt at NDC: [mwyatt@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mwyatt@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au)

Marc Nicolas at SPC: [mnicolas@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mnicolas@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au)

Please note that each immersion can only take a very limited number of students.



## Music

Our Emmanuel College Music Program continues to experience significant growth. Our voluntary instrumental music tuition program has experienced a three-fold increase in participation since the start of 2022. Our instrumental tuition registrations now surpass 200 students. This is separate to the 250 Year 7 Students who are learning a musical instrument in semester one as part of the curriculum.

We continue to invite more of our students to consider the learning a musical instrument as a pro-learning and pro-educational adjunct to their studies.

### **Information and registration links are as follows:**

Emmanuel College Instrumental Music Lessons Information Pack:

[https://bit.ly/EC\\_Music\\_Lesson\\_Information](https://bit.ly/EC_Music_Lesson_Information)

Emmanuel College Instrumental Music Lessons Terms and Conditions:

[https://bit.ly/EC\\_Music\\_Terms\\_and\\_Conditions](https://bit.ly/EC_Music_Terms_and_Conditions)

Music Lessons Registration Form:

[https://bit.ly/EC\\_Music\\_Lessons\\_Registration](https://bit.ly/EC_Music_Lessons_Registration)

### **Theory of Music:**

We introduced Theory of Music studies for the first time in 2023. We are pleased to report that all students who were prepared for the nationally recognised theory exam achieved a result of 80% and above. We welcome more students to study traditional music theory and achieve certification. Lessons in Theory of Music operates in the same manner as group lessons on an instrument. Registration for Theory of Music can be made via the same link as instrumental music lessons. [https://bit.ly/EC\\_Music\\_Lessons\\_Registration](https://bit.ly/EC_Music_Lessons_Registration)

### **Musical instruments: Hire or buy?**

Emmanuel College prides itself on providing excellent hire instruments at reasonable rates. Despite this option, there are important reasons to consider purchasing an instrument and not paying these hire fees. Owning an instrument instils a further sense of commitment and dedication to the journey of learning music and offers a hurdle when dealing with the temptation of quitting. To make the buying process easier, we have partnered with Fine Music who have developed a buying portal for Emmanuel College. Parents and students can buy an instrument from this portal knowing that the instrument is a quality instrument. Furthermore, it is a portal for the purchasing of the necessary print materials and consumables (reeds, strings, valve oil) that students will invariably need during their learning journey. These items can be conveniently purchased online and will be delivered to the school.

St Paul's Campus Students: <https://finemusiconline.com.au/schools/EmmanuelCollege-Altona>

Notre Dame Campus Students: <https://finemusiconline.com.au/schools/EmmanuelCollege-NotreDame>

### **Music Fees:**

Term 1 2024 music fees have been issued and we ask all parents to pay the fees in a timely manner.

### **College Bands and Ensembles:**

We have had a great start to the year regarding our teacher/tutor-directed bands and ensembles. Attendance roll marking and digital resources for these ensembles is being phased-in on SEQTA. Parents should be able to check their child's attendance to rehearsals moving forward.

**Mr C Puglisi**

**Director of Music**

## Excursions

### Year 9 Mission to Mars Excursion

On Monday the 19th of February, the Year 9 Mission To Mars students attended an excursion to the Victorian Space Science Education Centre (VSSEC). The VSSEC is a specialist STEM learning facility that provides students with a stimulating environment and an immersive experience. Students were instructed to choose from a wide range of different roles, such as Mission Commander, Biologist, Chemist, Engineer, and many more. Students were given the opportunity to see what life on Mars would be like. For instance, they were able to experience wearing a makeshift space uniform with air flowing through the back of the helmet, enabling them to feel what it would be like to be an astronaut. Students were given various missions to complete based on their roles and were assigned a partner to promote collaboration and teamwork. Participants were put in a Biodome with different situations to deal with and learn about the different chemicals and substances on Mars. After the simulations, students researched different things on Mars based on their roles. For example, the Geologist had to research the history of rocks and if there was water, or even rivers, on Mars. This experience gave us students an engaging opportunity to learn about Mars and the challenges of space exploration, such as how to get to Mars and how to live on Mars. This was an enjoyable experience and a fun learning opportunity.

**Jack Andrews, Year 9 Mission to Mars student**  
**SPC**

On Thursday 22nd of February my science class went to Strathmore where we were placed in astronaut costumes with tasks to complete. We were separated into two groups where the first group was on Mars and the second were telling us what the first group wanted to do. We had tasks on Mars which were completing missions and collecting data which our friends were telling us in the second group. The first group which was going to Mars watched a 3D movie of our instructions and missions we had to do when on Mars. The second group had cameras all over Mars so they could see us and what we were doing so it was easier to communicate. How we communicated with them was through a microphone system which was rigged up to our ears so we could hear. It was a really fun experience. We then headed into the science lab to do some experiments. I had the role of being a biologist in which we learnt about how rivers form and the different types of ways they go.

**Thomas Bezzina, Year 9 Mission to Mars student**  
**SPC**



## Arts

There's much to look forward to in 2024 in The Arts, starting with our College musical: "The Little Mermaid". Rehearsals have commenced and students are working hard to put on a great show. The musical will be performed on stage in the McCoy Hall on the 16th and 17th of May, and tickets will be released closer to the date. The ACC Art and Technology exhibition will be held at Federation Square from the 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> of May and features over 200 works from students across Years 7 – 12 including selected students' work from our College.

There are many performance opportunities available for our music and drama students throughout the year. VET Music students will host a parents and friends evening in September, as well as the Theatre Studies Ensemble Performance in Semester One and their Exam Presentation Evening in Semester Two. More information on those will be announced closer to the date.

The Year 7 students studying music in class this Semester have commenced learning their band or string instruments and are showing great progress already. These students will have the chance to show off their musical talents to family and friends, at their instrumental performance evenings in both June and November. The annual College Showcase and Art Exhibition will be held in August. The Showcase will be featuring College music ensembles as well as small groups or soloists performing music, drama acts, and dance performances.

- Auditions for soloists will be announced at the start of Term 3.
- Music Creation Club at NDC has commenced and is held each Monday lunchtime in the Music Centre. Arts Club on each campus will be commencing soon, please keep an eye out on SEQTA Notices for further details.

**Domenico Filippone, Aiden Lambe, Noah Sampson & Leanna Tito – College Arts Captains 2024**



## Interschool Sports

On Tuesday a group of ten Emmanuel College students travelled to Hume Tennis club to compete in Tennis. Alex, C, Alex, H, Anika, Avika, Dhruv, Holly, Sisika and Saket, Nicholas and Sehar.

The results were exceptionally good considering that two of the schools were tennis specialty schools. Alex, C and Anika achieved Runner Up in the open mixed doubles with Alex hitting what were the fastest serves of the competition. Anika was solid in support. Alex, C and Avika made the semifinals but faced two Year 12 boys, but competed well and were leading at one stage. Sehar had the hardest draw playing consecutive state level players, but she did amazingly by winning 2 out of her 4 matches. Nicholas and Dhruv also did well, winning matches but not quite making finals.

And finally, were the debutants of Holly and Sisika who also had to play some far more experienced teams, but I know they learnt a lot. And to Saket, who like Sehar bravely took on the intimidating singles position. He won some matches and could certainly hold his high as could the whole team. What an exceptional day.



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## Sports

### **NDC Sport Update**

Hello everyone, we hope you have been enjoying term one so far. Over the past few weeks our students have participated in many SACCSS competitions, with senior futsal, senior mixed netball, senior golf, senior tennis, and intermediate badminton taking place. Senior girls netball and year 10 premier league has been taking place weekly and we wish all students participating good luck as we head towards the tail end of the season.

On Thursday the 29th of February we held our year 7 swimming trials at Werribee Outdoor Pool, and it was great to see participation levels high amongst the year 7 students. Congratulations to Winters house, who won overall. Boys champion was Cruze Tamarua, while the girls Champion was Amelia Broughton. Congratulations.

We also held our annual house Athletics Championship. Congratulations to McCoy house, who took out the overall championship on the day. It was fantastic to see so many students participating across multiple running, throwing and jumping events. Congratulations to Lucy Cleveland who was the girls individual champion, and Luke Cornock who was the boys individual champion.

Congratulations again to Lucy Cleveland who won the Female Under 17 1500m State Championship race at Lakeside Stadium on Friday 23rd February.

Our Senior Futsal students also competed at the SACCSS senior futsal tournament at La Trobe University indoor sports center. The girls side went undefeated throughout the whole group stage, before unfortunately falling short to St Monica's College in the grand final. Isabella Joveska was rewarded for her great performance as she was awarded the best on ground medal in the grand final.

Year 11 student Lachlan McDonald recently toured the UK and Netherlands as a member of the U16 Australian Schoolboys Soccer team, playing multiple games against some of Europe's best youth national teams. Congratulations and good luck for the future!


At the Intermediate Badminton SACCSS competition, Dew Wong and Fideline Lawira were crowned champions of the girls intermediate A category. Congratulations!

At the SACCSS Open Golf Tournament, Donovan Centofanti tied for first place. Congratulations and well done! Stay tuned for more competition results and achievements in coming editions of the college newsletter.

**Evie Boniwell Lombardero & Holly Bridges**

**NDC College Sport Captains**

## Careers News

The  [Emmanuel College Careers Newsletter](#), which is also published on our College Careers Website provides current up to date information to support students and parents/guardians to make informed decisions.

<a href="#">What's On</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discover Monash Events</li><li>• Micro Mathematics enrichment program</li></ul>
<a href="#">Important Future Events</a>	<p>Career Benchmarking – Please complete <a href="#">this survey</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Victorian Careers &amp; Employment Expo 2024 - March 14 to March 16, 2024</li><li>• AIE   Industry Experience Day - April 11 to April 17, 2024</li><li>• UTAS   Maria Island Marine Biology Experience - April 22 to April 28, 2024</li><li>• VCE and Careers Expo 2024 - May 2 to May 4, 2024</li></ul>
<a href="#">Scholarships</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Free university Degrees for Victorians studying Secondary School Teaching</li></ul>
<a href="#">Competitions</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What Matters? Competition - Closes: May 17, 2024</li><li>• Young ICT Explorers – Closes: July 1, 2024</li></ul>
<a href="#">Study</a>	<p>University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Studying Urban Planning at Melbourne</li><li>• Snapshot of Deakin</li><li>• Defence Work Experience Program</li></ul>
<a href="#">Work</a>	<p><b>Job Spotlight</b></p> <p><b>How to become an actuary</b></p> <p>Jobs &amp; Careers</p>

Tania Vranes and Sol Di Maggio  
Careers Leaders

## Year 12 Retreat at Emmanuel College—Then and Now



1986



1998



2009



2021

**Penny Cook**  
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## Calendar Term 1 Weeks 7A & 8B

<b>11 March</b>	Labour Day
<b>12 March</b>	College Tour NDC — 9.15am Grade 6 Amazing Race NDC - 6pm SACCSS Senior Netball/Cricket Grand Final SACCSS Senior Boys and Girls Volleyball (H)
<b>13 March</b>	NAPLAN Commences Alumni Business Breakfast -7am ACC Senior Cricket, Tennis & Volleyball Semi Finals
<b>14 March</b>	Casual Dress Day— Caritas (Project Compassion) Lunch Time Concert—Catholic Education Week SACCSS Year 10 Premier League Semi Finals
<b>15 March</b>	Art Making & Exhibiting Excursion Lunch Time Concert—Catholic Education Week
<b>18 March</b>	SACCSS Girls Open Cricket
<b>19 March</b>	Primary Schools Tabloid Sports—9am SACCSS Senior Boys & Girls Volleyball (H)
<b>21 March</b>	Harmony Day
<b>22 March</b>	Language Year 9 Immersion Day (NDC) Year 8 Retreat Day—Eco Spirituality (off campus) Primary Schools Tabloid Sports—9am

# Alumni Business Breakfast

March 13 2024 - 7am

**Former world no. top 4 tennis player, Jelena Dokic is a living testament to resilience, triumph, and the unyielding spirit of a true champion. Her journey on the court has been nothing short of awe-inspiring, marked by monumental victories and a fearless determination that defies all odds**



**Beyond the tennis court, Jelena has become an influential voice — a sought-after speaker, a compelling TEDx presenter, and a revered commentator. She graces screens as a key figure in NINE's coverage of the Australian Open and other grand slams, not merely as an expert in the sport but as a living testament to the triumph of the human spirit.**

RSVP Friday 1 March to [alumnidl@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:alumnidl@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au) OR  
secure your spot via <https://2024alumni-business-breakfast.eventbrite.com.au>

