

Dear Parents and Friends

On Thursday 23 November, we had the culmination of our academic programs; our Night of Excellence held at the Flemington Racecourse. It was a wonderful evening and provided the opportunity for staff to join students and families from Year 7 through to Year 12 to acknowledge the success of so many students for their amazing achievements in 2023.

Marianist Award Winners 2023

I wish to draw attention to the Marianist Award Winners for 2023. The Marianist Award recognises outstanding leadership, dedicated service, and excellence. The student recipients for 2023 are Lily McColl (NDC), Ben Schaper (NDC) and Alessio Martinello (SPC). These students exemplify the Marianist characteristics in the following ways:

Lily McColl - Lily has been an exceptional student during her time in the College, not just academically but also in her contribution to the wider College Community. Over the last two years Lily has represented Chaminade and Emmanuel college as Year 11 student leader and Year 12 College Captain. She has shown exceptional leadership skills and has represented the College with pride and distinction at open days, College Masses and assemblies all while maintaining unwavering dedication to her studies.

Ben Schaper - Over the last six years, Ben has shown tremendous leadership and service to the College. Ben has shown wonderful people skills and is highly respected by all students and staff. This year, Ben has served as College Arts Captain. He has always been active in supporting College Open Days, Parent Information Evenings, social justice initiatives, the arts, and college masses and liturgies. Ben truly illustrates living 'Life to the Full' at Emmanuel College.

Alessio Martinello - Throughout his time at the College, Alessio has continuously maintained an exceptionally high standard in both his academic and extra-curricular pursuits. Alessio has served as the College Captain at SPC in 2023. He has been involved in all aspects of social justice including the Winter Sleepout, Camino for Caritas, and many other fundraising and volunteering efforts. Alessio has been an active participant in every College Mass and Stations of the Cross.

In 2023, the staff Marianist award recipients are Branislav Ljuboja and Leanne Meilak.

Branislav Ljuboja - Bran has served the College as a member of the Digital Services team for 20 years. He has been a wonderful asset to the College, providing staff and students with tremendous support in resolving technical issues and upskilling their capacity to utilise technology. He has been a pivotal member of whole school implementations like our 1 to 1 laptops program. In 2023 Branislav performed the role of acting Digital Services leader for Semester 1. Branislav brings a calm, positive and welcoming demeanour to the College and is never too busy to offer support to anyone who needs it.



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Leanne Meilak - Leanne is recognised by both her colleagues and students as an outstanding educator who truly has a passion and gift for what she does. In her roles as House Leader and more recently, Inclusion Lead Teacher, her work with students, parents, leaders, and teachers is always caring, professional and generous. Leanne lives out the Marianist values of the College and approaches her commitments with integrity and dedication. She has been instrumental in many of the College pastoral initiatives established over recent years, as well as being an outstanding role model for the students in her care.

We are truly very fortunate to have so many worthy recipients of these awards within our community.

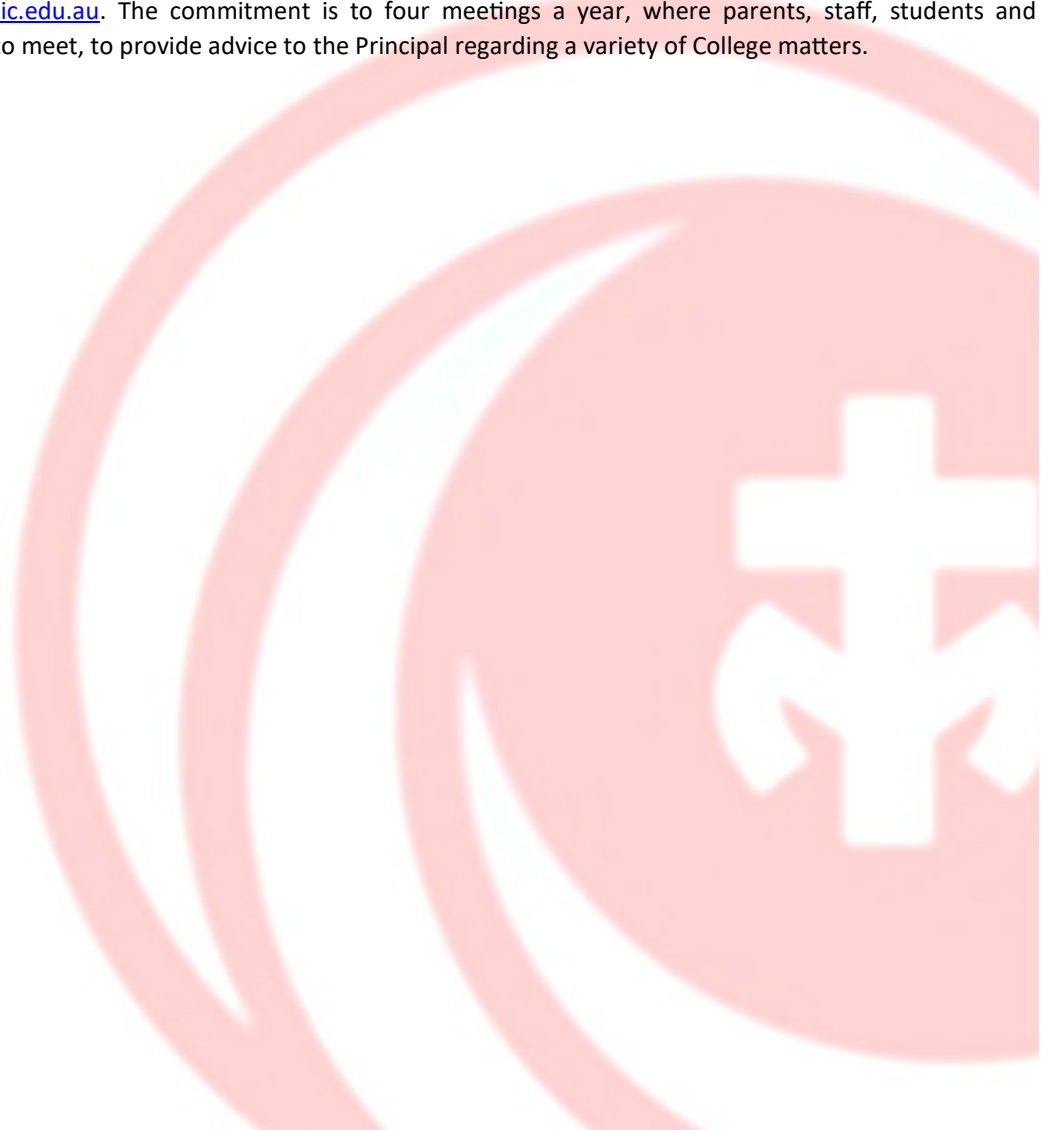
2024 College Organisation Information

All families will receive a letter next week which will outline the College bell times for 2024. The new arrangements will provide for a 6-period day, with classes beginning at 8.50am each day. Classes will conclude at 3pm on a Monday and at 3.10pm on every other afternoon. More details to follow.

I commend student on how they applied themselves to Head Start for VCE and VCE VM in preparation for 2024. Remaining year levels have also been focused on completing their year of study. Preparations for 2024 are well underway, and we look forward to welcoming the students of Year 7 2024 to the College on Tuesday 28 November for their orientation day.

We extend an invitation out to parents in the community, who would like to apply to be on the College Advisory Council, to email principal@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au. The commitment is to four meetings a year, where parents, staff, students and external community members to meet, to provide advice to the Principal regarding a variety of College matters.

Dr Janine Biggin
Principal



Campus Leaders

It is amazing to think that we have only seven days of classes left in 2023. Still, there is a lot to be done in these few days, with the Year 9 students undertaking an Extended Investigation Project, curriculum to be completed at Years 7 and 8, some assessments due and preparation for next year.

The Celebration of Excellence Evening was held on Thursday 23 November at Flemington Racecourse. This night is a highlight in the College Calendar where student achievement is recognised by the College Community. Congratulations to all those students who received awards on the evening. Congratulations also to all those students who participated in ACC or SACCSS sport over the term, particularly those teams who made finals and grand finals. Well done on your involvement and success over the term and year.

Senior students have been completing their exams and undertaking their Headstart program for VCE and VCE VM classes in 2024. Students will have some holiday homework in preparation for commencing VCE studies and a separate Year 12 newsletter will be sent to all 2024 Year 12 students.

At this point of time, we are finalising charter bus arrangements for both campuses to cope with the number of students living in areas not well serviced by the Department of Infrastructure bus routes. It is not easy to make completely accurate projections regarding the numbers who wish to access the charter, as not all families living in the areas wish to use the service and at NDC some current travellers have indicated that they are going to ride their bike to school next year. Please respond urgently to Mr Vince Crimi at NDC and Mr Stephen Lunardelli at SPC, if you wish to use the charter buses and have not responded to previous correspondence.

A reminder that all students are required to adhere to uniform regulations up to and including the last day of school. This includes not wearing jewellery or fake nails/eyelashes and having an appropriate hairstyle. Please see the Student Planner for detailed information on what is permissible. The holiday break is an opportunity for students and parents to purchase any items of uniform that you may have outgrown, including black lace up leather shoes. A reminder also that ties will be required for all students during terms two and three.

As the holidays approach, it may be timely for parents to have a conversation around cyber safety with their children. It is important that you know what sites your children are visiting, and what they are saying and doing online. A recent newspaper article suggested a fairly simple rule of thumb about when something is appropriate or not. "Whatever you post reflects on you and will have a lifelong effect. Consider social networking in the same vein as face-to-face, i.e. if you'd show that photo to your grandmother or make that comment to a prospective employer, you're probably okay. If not, don't post it."

Tuesday 5 December is the final day for students. Finish time is 1:05pm. School recommences in 2024 on Friday 2 February.

Leader of Mission Integration

The Season of Advent

The liturgical season of Advent commences Sunday 3 December. The first Sunday marks the beginning of a four-week period that Pope Francis has called 'a continuous call to hope'. Advent, a word that means 'coming', was initially a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians who were 'coming' into a new understanding of the world. They would spend 40 days in penance, prayer and fasting to prepare for this celebration. Tied to this examination of our baptismal promise, it then became a focus of the coming of Christ at Christmas. Each week of Advent contains a theme which generally falls into the categories of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Each theme is captured in the lighting of a candle on the Advent wreath. The fifth candle is the Christ candle. Archbishop Prowse describes Advent as a time which provides a 'Walking together, a time of inner conversion, prayer and formation as we listen deeply to the whisper of the Holy Spirit and to each other'. As we answer the 'continuous call to hope' during Advent it is worth pondering how we can also walk, in a truly Emmanuel way, with the vulnerable and forsaken, including the earth.

We wish you a sacred journey through Advent in your family.

St Vincent de Paul Society West Welcome Wagon Christmas Appeal:

As per previous years, Emmanuel College is inviting staff, students, and parents to donate goods to the St Vinnies Christmas Appeal. This year we are also supplying donations to West Welcome Wagon, who support over 500 refugee families in our community. Students can drop off donations in their homeroom giving basket. A focus of the donations is on toys in new or good condition for children of any age.

Conflict in Palestine

The Pope has called upon all people of faith to pray for peace in Palestine. We pray for those who had died, those who mourn, the injured, those made homeless, the scared and those fleeing. Importantly, we pray for those who serve and volunteer, including doctors and nurses, and we pray for those in positions of leadership who have the capacity to lead peaceful resolutions.

Peace and blessings,

Mark Sciberras
DP – Mission Integration

"Faith Can Move Mountains"

Cassidy House Reports

This term we have been busy with a high focus on our Year 12 cohort. We have farewelled our Year 12's in an assembly, where each Year 12 student was presented with a memento to remember their time at the College, and we celebrated their success at Graduation. It is also that time of year where student leaders are being elected for relevant year levels. We would like to congratulate James Williams, Xavier Fragapane, Harry Saunders and Rumbi Makotore for their appointments as Cassidy House Captains and Sports Captains. Cassidy is also well represented in the College's leadership positions with Ella Rule (College Captain and College Mission Captain).

All year levels have just completed their exams and we look forward to welcoming the Year 7's of 2024 to the College next Tuesday.

I would like to wish our Cassidy Year 12 students for 2023 all the best in their future endeavours and ask them to remember this quote:

"Don't be afraid of fear because it sharpens you, it challenges you, it makes you stronger and when you run away from fear, you also run away from the opportunity to be your best possible self."



Ms Rebecca Chester and Ms Amy Philippou

Cassidy House Leader Notre Dame

Cassidy House Reports



CASSIDY HOUSE REPORT – SPC

Cassidy House SPC has just said a warm farewell to its Year 11 and Year 12 2024 students after a very successful Headstart program. Our VCE VM students showed great enthusiasm while completing their first-aid training and excellent participation during the sessions, soon they will be finishing their VCE: VM Headstart for the year. I wish them a safe and productive summer break and look forward to seeing all our senior students back on the first day in Term 1, 2024. Our Years 7-9 students are finishing their Semester 2 exams along with the final assessments for all their subjects. All our Year 7 students completed their first exam PAT-R with their cohort for this year and demonstrated excellent behaviour during the exam.

Cassidy student leaders from Years 7 to 9 have been organising and running the house events with great support from each other. We are very proud of our student leaders for their tireless efforts to enhance the student experience at SPC Cassidy.

We will be honouring the academic and personal best achievements of all students at Emmanuel College in our Celebration of Excellence event. I look forward to meeting students and parents on the evening and congratulating them for their outstanding efforts during the year.

Cassidy Reds students are eagerly waiting to meet the new members of their homerooms starting in 2024. We will be welcoming our Year 7 2024 students to our Orientation House assembly and in their respective future homerooms with full gusto. Our student leaders and peer mentors for 2024 will be leading the day and running some ice-breaking activities to make the day successful and memorable for our future students.

I wish all students of the Cassidy house a safe and joyful holiday period. We will continue to work together to achieve the vision of Father John Cassidy, whom our house is named in honour.



Nidhi Chhibber

Cassidy House Leader (SPC)

Winters Homeroom Reports

Firstly, congratulations to our Year 12s: Julian, Xavier, Husayn, Daniel and Jakob. After six years at Emmanuel College, they dressed up well to graduate at St Patrick's Cathedral on October 6 and celebrated their final day of school in recent weeks. I want to wish them all the best as Julian, Daniel and Jakob sit their exams, Husayn his apprenticeship and Xavier his new job! I'm so proud of these guys in all they've done in the last couple of years. We know they'll be amazing adults.

Congratulations as well to Dean for being made Mission Captain for 2024. A great achievement. Dean has been his year level house captain since Year 7 and volunteers for many activities around the school. We know he's going to do a great job!

Well done to Aron and Jamie for auditioning and winning parts in the school musical next year! Aron will be playing the role of Grimsby and Jamie a sailor. They will be the first students from William in a musical production in five years, can't wait to see you guys on stage next year.

Hoping everyone has a great Christmas and New Year!

Ms Hannah Terry
William Homeroom Teacher

Term 4 has been a mix of hard work and celebrations for the students in our Winters homerooms. Week 1 started with the Year 12s in each of our Winters homerooms being acknowledged for their six-year commitment to their secondary schooling with a night celebrating at the Sofitel with family, friends and staff alike at their graduation ceremony.

This was followed with the house of Winters holding a special Year 12 farewell assembly during week two, where their homeroom teachers prepared speeches to share with the Year 12s that had been in their care, some of whom for the entire six years.

As we farewelled our Year 12s early in week three, to begin their examinations, the homerooms felt smaller. The Year 9s departed in week four, to attend either the pastoral or Outdoor Ed camps and the smallness of homerooms grew. The busyness of the term continued and in week 6, we farewelled the Year 10 and 11 Winters students as they began their examinations. Only the Year 7s, 8s and 9s remained. During Term 4, our Winters homerooms have been filled with so many fond memories. As we move towards the end of the schooling year, the House of Winters wishes all a safe, peaceful and Merry Christmas!

Ms Stephanie Dervan
Winters House Leader

Sports News

Term 4 ACC Sport

Term 4 has been very successful on the sporting field. Our Year 7 Tennis and Year 8 Cricket teams made the semi-finals, and both were gallant in defeat. The Year 8 Tennis team made the Grand Final but lost to an excellent St Mary's team. Our Year 8 and Year 10 Volleyball teams won the championship, capping off a sensational season. The championship tops off an extremely successful year for the Year 8s. As a Year Level they have won AFL, Basketball, Volleyball, and have been runners up in Soccer, Tennis and Table Tennis. Some students have been lucky enough to experience three premierships in the one year, an amazing effort. Our Lawn Bowls teams in the intermediate and junior divisions came close to getting the title, just missing the finals by a few points. Emmanuel won, 3 sets with 96 points to Parade, 1 set with 83 points.

We would like to highlight our fantastic students for their amazing efforts in the sports, showing true teamwork and sportsmanship. Together as a team, they achieved these incredible results and the College is extremely proud.

Another special mention goes to Damian Siccita (Year 8 Volleyball C Team Captain), for his contribution to the team and for planning on trying out for states, how exciting! Also an important mention, Felipe Lima (Year 8 Volleyball D Team), for really shining through in the semi finals and finals, whose efforts really contributed to the team success and Samuel Ferrandez (Year 10 D Team) for playing excellently in the finals, assisting in getting the team to where they did.

What a great way to conclude this year's ACC sports!



Daniel Velardo
Director of Sport



Careers News

The Emmanuel College careers website provides current up to date information to support students, and parents/guardians to make informed decisions. This website is located at: www.ecmelbcareers.com

Upcoming Career Events

This week's Career News can be found [here](#) and includes the following:

- Focus on summer schools - explore careers over the Christmas break
- Competitions
- Passionate about sport? Check out these amazing courses
- University—early entry programs
- Stay up to date with The University of Melbourne's fine arts and music courses
- University versus apprenticeships - Riley Payne's story.
- Apprenticeships and traineeships—resources and tips
- Free career development programs
- Upcoming events

Apprenticeships and Traineeships

[The impact of technology on apprenticeships](#)

Technology has changed so many parts of our lives – including the way we work. And this also includes apprenticeships. We're going to take a look at the impact of technology on apprenticeships today, and how you can adapt and be prepared with future-proof skills.

The evolution of apprenticeships

Apprenticeships have been around for a [long, long time](#). Traditionally, they involved hands-on experience in traditional trade areas, such as building, craftsmanship, and cooking. Trade areas have grown over time to include things like engineering, plumbing, electrical, healthcare, and more. But the emergence of digital tools and automation has changed skills that are essential in the workforce; and therefore changed what we need to learn through apprenticeships in order to be ready for work. While technical knowledge and experience are still valuable, workers need to have a much broader set of skills to succeed today.

Digital literacy is key

While apprenticeships previously focused on mastering manual skills, there is a growing demand for [digital literacy](#). No matter what your job is, you're probably going to need to use a variety of different technologies in your day-to-day work.

This means apprentices also need to be able to use a variety of software and hardware, understand basic tech concepts, and be able to adapt to evolving technologies. A solid foundation in digital literacy is now considered a fundamental skill for any apprentice.

Remote apprenticeships?

Advancements in technology have also paved the way for [remote apprenticeships](#); this means anyone can learn and collaborate from almost anywhere in the world. But to access these opportunities, apprentices need to be able to use virtual collaboration tools (like Zoom), and have a variety of basic digital literacy skills.

Most notably, this shift brings flexibility and accessibility to the forefront, allowing apprentices to connect with mentors and peers regardless of their location.

Careers News

Embracing automation and AI

The integration of automation and artificial intelligence (AI) has not only changed the way we work, but has also influenced the skills apprentices need to thrive. Apprenticeships are more commonly including [exposure to automated processes and AI-driven tools](#), meaning apprentices need to adapt and understand these technologies.

Soft skills for success

While technical skills are undoubtedly important, [soft skills](#) are becoming increasingly valuable too. Effective communication, adaptability, and critical thinking are skills that employers value no matter what job you're applying for. Apprentices are encouraged to hone these skills as they navigate the complexities of the modern workplace, collaborating with diverse teams and adapting to the ever-changing demands of the digital economy.

Find out more

Because of the impact of technology on apprenticeships, learners should embrace digital literacy, remote collaboration, and an understanding of automation and AI. Learning both technical and soft skills will allow you to not only thrive in your current role, but also prepare you for the future – no matter where it might take you. Read more about apprenticeships and traineeships on our website [here](#).

Competitions

[Enter the Very Short Film Festival](#)

Inspire creativity at this year's Very Short Film Festival, where budding filmmakers and storytellers discover their unique voices. With a dedicated junior category, we invite high school and primary students to delve into the art of filmmaking and share captivating stories. Films must run between 2 to 5 minutes, and feature the 2024 signature 'Spark'. The signature is a creative touch that every filmmaker will incorporate in any way – it may be visual, metaphorical or dialogue. Anyone is welcome to enter and we embrace all genres. All genres are welcome and we champion bold stories that challenge, enlighten, and inspire.

Entries close Sunday 7 April 2024.

Find out more and enter [here](#).

[She Did What? Student Video Competition](#)

Women are under-represented in STEM success stories. Let's change that! Create a 3-minute video about the STEM achievements of an Australian woman and share your video for the chance to win \$500 for you and \$500 for your school. Students in Years 5 to 10 can enter, either as individuals or as a collaborative team or class. You don't need any fancy equipment, just a creative vision and a great story. The competition is open to all students, from all Australian schools. Entries need to be submitted by a teacher, parent or carer.

Entries close 11 December.

Find out more and enter [here](#).

Tania Vranes and Sol Di Maggio
Careers Leaders

Music at Emmanuel College—Then and Now



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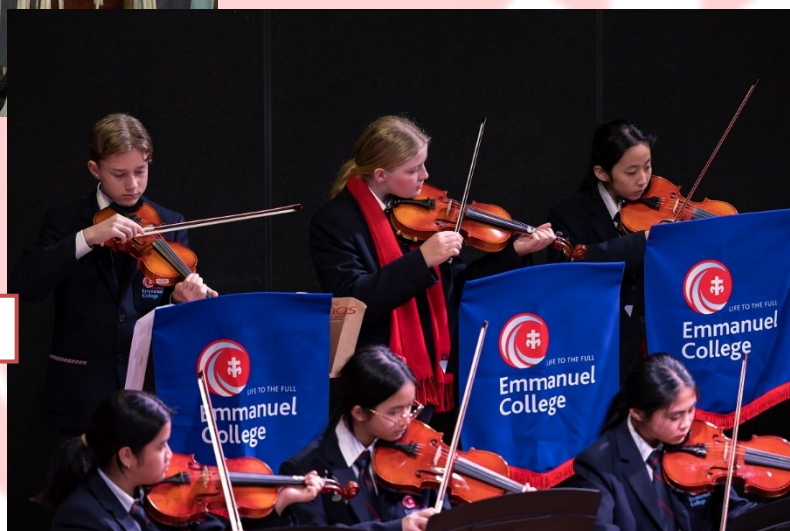
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Emmanuel College Archives

2023 Celebration of Excellence Awards

STUDENT MARINIST AWARDS

Lily McColl
Ben Schaper
Alessio Martinello

STAFF MARIANIST AWARD

Leanne Meilak
Branislav Ljuboja

AMPOL ALL ROUNDER

Ana Oireta
Nicholas Milich

INAUGURAL PRINCIPAL'S LEADERSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD

Dusan Stolic

TERRY MARTIN SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD

Samuel Bonser
Liam Peterson

THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER PERFORMING ARTS AWARD

Ben Schaper

THE DAVID TEMPLETON SCHOLARSHIP

Petros Tsombanopoulos

JESSICAL WAGNER MATHEMATICS AWARD

Jye Paladino

B GENE STIGER AWARD

Ella Saliba
Jordan Schembri

MARGARET JEAN WARNER SCHOLARSHIP

Majak Autiak

KWONG LEE DOW YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP (NDC)

Max McColl
Dean Penna

SPC JUNIOR SPORTSMAN

Jake Miller

NDC JUNIOR SPORTSMAN

Lachlan McDonald

NDC JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN

Lucy Cleveland

SPC SENIOR SPORTSMAN

Mattaeus Arvanitakis

NDC SENIOR SPORTSMAN

Orlando Johnson

NDC SENIOR SPORTSWOMAN

Brooke Lote

NDC JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

Adarsh Gohil

NDC SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING

Annaliese Pereira

SPC JUNIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD

Matthew Sy

SPC SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD

Nicholas Milich

NDC JUNIOR MUSIC AWARD

Emilie Laine

SPC JUNIOR MUSIC AWARD

Finley Lewington

NDC SENIOR MUSIC AWARD

William McPherson

SPC SENIOR MUSIC AWARD

Samuel Dinan

2023 Celebration of Excellence Awards

SCHOOL SPIRIT & SERVICE AWARDS

Sienna Dalianis	Ella Rule	Joshua Sagona
Hamish Perkins	Brianna Ralston	Anthony Bartolo
Eva Pintaudi	Zoe Jefferies	Samuel Bonser
Jorja Grebert	Evie Boniwell Lombardero	Andrei Tababa
Nicolas Weghaus	Jorie Cornish	Marco Lapitan
Kadin Harvey		

ST PAULS CAMPUS – CHAMINADE HOUSE GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Aiden Hateley	Mark Morda
Omar Abdul Ghaffar	Michael Loutakis
Luke Floyd	Matthew Rafael Sy
Omar Besisou	Matthew Joveski

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

Jackson Boyd	Euan Dragovic
Anderson Jack	Phoenix Liggett
Anthony Briffa	

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS – CHAMINADE MARIAN HOUSE GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Noray Elagmawy	Fideline Lawira
Timothy Nunez	Isabella Joveska
Ariana Valletaa	Yu En Dew Wong
Sienna Barton	Holly Bridges
Ella Camilleri	Natalie Gormley
Julian Victoire	

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

Enola Kimber	Gabriela Krstevski
Marcus Lau	Alexandra Loader

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS – CHAMINADE CALLAHAN HOUSE GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Lucas Chng	Akelo Duang
Matthew Parker	Antonio Farriciello
Vincent Lim	Lachlan Smith
Adarsh Gohil	Dean Kardas
Alexander Angelidis	Erin Benson
Isabelle McGrath	Blake Rodgers
Stephen Amaladoss	Steve Pena
Emily Puopolo	

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

Emily Hendra	Daniel Puopolo
Donovan Centofanti	Hans De Silva
Roisin Hogan	Max McColl
Tayla Bugeja	Dev Kuderu
Niyumi Perera	

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ST PAULS CAMPUS – WINTERS HOUSE

GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Conor Cullen	Finley Lewington
Issac Sharpe	Lucas Milosevski
Aarav Prasad	Oliver Sulja
Nicolas Weghaus	Dean Penna
Jonathan Weghaus	

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

Koby Brooks	Jacob Nguyen
Lincoln Hancock	Kobe Sulja
Simon Dinh	Niccolo Sebastian Clavecilla
Isaiah Cordeta	Luis Aron Evangelista
Vignesh Chakravarthy	Bradley Lai
Ayan Panghal	

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS – WINTERS MARIAN HOUSE

GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Hayley Budhysutanto	Eleonora Serdar
Joshua Caruana	Chelsea Dela Cruz
Sarah Topolcsanyi	Blake Gauci
Aiden Lowry	Kayleigh Caruana
Lucas Hayes	Alexia Pandazopoulos
Alexis Day	Emma Fritz
Angel Shrestha	Niharika Wadhwa

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

David Golembiovski	Tahlia Newman
Jasmine Dang	Josh How Kong Fah
Han Nguyen	Isabella Wighton
Joshua Ascough	Vithana Bambarande
Tahlia Johnson	Daisy Kline
Lily Sabotkoski	Eve Young
Dwight Fenech	Jack Lowry
Lauren Massey	Audrey Morton-Galea
Sachi Sharma	

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS – WINTERS CALLAHAN HOUSE

GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Avika Ruwanpura	Eseose Odenore
Freyja Ongkowardhana	Ethan Sneyders
Matthew Borg	Hannah Knell
Jaydon Nti	Andrea Ong
Annaliese Pereira	Logan Pitruzzello

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

Eden Salter	Ben Hyde
Alessia Loschiavo	Rachael Zhang
Ean Aguilar	Emilia Cogliandro
Meklit Melesse	Lora Smek
Nicholas Theologou	Jadea Vijay

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ST PAULS CAMPUS – CASSIDY HOUSE

GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Elliot Hinds	Johnny Nguyen
Darcy Tredinnick	Thomas Gantoumis
Cameron Hanson	Mohammed Kentar
Alex Malelis	Luca Butera

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

Ethan Agius	Lachlan Langmore
Daniel Surbevski	Oscar May
Jayden Nguyen	Matthew Garrata
Huy Pham	Leo Simmonds

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS – CASSIDY MARIAN HOUSE

GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Neil Manoj	Liam McGahan
Ella Winterhalter	Taj Madden
Matilda Phipps	Dhruv Aswal
Tina Bilic	Kari Birtchnell
Elliot Burgess	Maya Gathercole
Juliana Giango	Toby Collins
Vanessa Navarro	

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

Lachlan Hay	Mali Reynard
Mia Reynard	Neil Sonu
Raphaelle Torres	Jeriel Gregorio
Sai Schmidt-Sefrim	Ava Shirtcliff
Natalie Bilic	Bailie McColl
Ekamjot Kaur	Lauren Holmes

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS – CASSIDY CALLAHAN HOUSE

GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Artem Dokuchaev	Jasmine Page
Keshav Singh	Sienna Dance
Ananya Gandre	Archie Coughlin
Carlene Lieustanto	Emma Miskovic
Madison Miskovic	Baxter French
Carlson Lieustanto	Georgia Robson
Thomas Wyer	

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

Jeremy Koolen	David Luu
Riya Dutta	Nahee Han
Sienna Solarino	Gabriel Talledo
Isabella Di Natale	Ruby Franklin
Amelia Collins	Jordan Starr

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ST PAULS CAMPUS – MCCOY HOUSE

GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Nawa Hogg	Caleb Salisbury
Francesco Chiacchierini	Hunter Longmuir
Samuel Faranda	Jayson Nguyen
Joshua Sherri	

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

Logan Longmuir	Joshua Shergold-Smith
Jack Wilson	Liem Phan
Joel Aquino	

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS – MCCOY MARIAN HOUSE

GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Mihika Patel	Leon Limmer
Chloe Puc	Olivia Puc
Andrei Tababa	Oliver Langton
Arya Naidoo	Eugene Ou
Megan Yuliadinata	Noah Emmett
Abigail Rhodes	

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

James Carcallas	Aurelia Kwek
Leonardo Rodriguez Cano	Jack Dorahy
Danial Ring	Oscar Sedunary
Ashlin Cowan	Monique Quach
Milana Trimbo	Annabell Jong
Jasmine Pender	Pitipat Phasee
William Suhendra	

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS – MCCOY CALLAHAN HOUSE

GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Jhaanavi Kamireddy	Isabella Parry
Brianna Chetcutti	Kaiya Reif
Helmina Basten	Lucy Cleveland
Jorja Grebert	Gabriella Tarsa
Ruby Tippet	Raphael Romeo Hipolito III
Emma Chitty	Jye Paladino
Elissa Serra	Tanisha Strong
Maksym Vovk	Ciara White

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

Ruby Masuglia	Ngoc (An) Nguyen
Christian Parry	Emily Muscat
Amy Pastore	Maja Szyk
Margarette Navarro	Dylon Panoy-Ducusin
Zac Stojanovski	Evie Tait

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ST PAULS CAMPUS – MCCLUSKEY HOUSE

GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Eamon Kane	Jordan Tucceri-Cimini
Sidharth Roy	Marcus Vaccaro
Hendrix Ostaszkiwicz	Peter Jefferies

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

Charlie Lawson	Nathan Niemczyk
Kevin Tia	Michael Muliatt
Luke Piper	Jakobi Buckham
Noah Thomas	Patrick Conquest
Samuel Dowling	Lucas Kohut
Brendon Lai	Ethan Marambio
Albert Murrihy	

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS – MCCLUSKEY MARIAN HOUSE

GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Liam Scherer	Riddhima Vazalwar
Zoe Jefferies	Emily Koo
Charlotte Steptoe	Zoe Totikidis
Jennifer Chuong	Amalie Haisman
Alexander Horpinitch	Francheska Toth
Abbigayle Schneider	Karen Steptoe
Erin Cristiano	Kail Morujao

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

Kaashvi Kumar	Blesstina Naysoe
Adut Reec	Esha Ramsamy

NOTRE DAME CAMPUS – MCCLUSKEY CALLAHAN HOUSE

GENERAL EXCELLENCE ACADEMIC AWARD

Willow Bailey-Caird	Isabella Fernandes
Amber Arora	Madisson Boniquit
Holly Carabott	Jakob Miloi
Dannika Arvanitakis	Adrian Rodrigues
Bronte Cooke	Lachlan Sammut
Jackson Suter	

GENERAL EXCELLENCE PERSONAL BEST

Emilie Laine	Tawana Maguma
Simone Villero	Indigo Cooper
Piper Henneken	Lucas Bezzina
Jade Bubleinik	Lirrienne Van der Does
Christina Puc	Neusha Behboodi
Dean Bezzina	Arzoo Bhatti

Calendar Term 4 Weeks 9A & 10B

28 November Year 7 Orientation 2024 & ID Photos.
Year 8 Surf Ed.

29 November Year 7 Music concert.
Year 8 Surf Ed.
College Advisory Council

30 November Year 8 Surf Ed.

1 December College Reunion at SPC.

5 December Year 7-9 classes end.
End of year Eucharist.
Homeroom/House Assemblies.
New Members Council Induction.

6 December Staff Professional Practice - Report Finalisation.

7 December New Teacher Induction.
Canonical Administrators.
Consultative Committee
End of Year Advisory Council Dinner.

8 December Feast of Immaculate Conception.
Staff Eucharist @ SPC.
End of Year Function.

+We acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional land of the Kulin Nation. We recognise the First People's relationship to this land, water and culture and offer our respect to their elders, past, present, emerging. Emmanuel College commits itself to reconciliation.

Community Notices



Introducing **Summer in the Bay 2024** - a great selection of free, fun and exciting summer activities for young people!

The summer school holiday program is live and kicks off in January with a wide variety of activities from arts and crafts to sports, to all out fun! Registrations are **ESSENTIAL** for our school holiday programs as capacity is limited, so don't miss out!

Check back on our website in December for additional Summer in the Bay 2024 activities to keep the boredom away.

[Find out more](#)

TOY DRIVE FOR TEENS

We're proud to announce this year's Christmas Toy Drive is supporting West Welcome Wagon but this year with a focus on **TEENS 13 - 17** years old.

Suggested gifts include gifts cards (Coles Myer, JB Hifi, movies, teen cards), board / card games, Lego, puzzles, scented candles, make up, perfume, sporting equipment, fashion accessories & jewellery.

Donations accepted at the branch Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4.00pm until the 20th December.





Letting Kids Play

World Children's Day - the importance of play and letting kids be kids

Bob Ross had a career in the Air Force for 20 years and didn't start painting until he retired. At 41, he became everyone's favourite art teacher.

Colonel Sanders had a hard time holding down jobs, working as a fireman, insurance salesman, and even worked in law. It wasn't until his 40s that he started successfully selling fried chicken.

Martha Stewart worked as a stockbroker. It wasn't until she was 41 that she published her first cookbook.

Albert Einstein was expelled from his school, and his teachers thought that he was mentally handicapped. Yet he went on to win a Nobel Prize and is considered one of the most brilliant minds of all time.

Winston Churchill failed 6th grade. At 63, he became Prime Minister of England.

It's so easy to grow anxious, worried that our children are falling behind or missing out.

We worry that they won't develop their culinary skills if they don't start Mummy and Me cooking classes as toddlers.

We fear that they will never be talented artists if we don't enrol them in the pricey after school art class.

We are concerned that if we don't require them to practice piano daily, they will never develop into talented musicians.

We worry that their low score on their maths test means that they will never go into a STEM course at university.

We anxiously watch on as they struggle to decide which subjects to pursue in high school, worried what careers they are precluding themselves from following.

What we often fail to remember in those moments of anxiety and fear, is that learning doesn't stop when they finish high school or their tertiary education. As adults we can go back at any time and learn to paint, learn to do complex algebra, learn to be good leaders. We can change career paths again and again, and quickly catch up on the things we missed or have forgotten.

What we can't do is get our childhoods back.

Childhood isn't a time to prepare to be an adult.

Childhood is a time to be a child.

Childhood is a special time where imaginative play feels richer, where friendships are formed over a shared love of digging for worms, and where building a tree house can feel like the most important thing in the world.

Yet we often cut into that time to get them to sit still, learn 'important things', and prepare for their futures. The problem is that the more time that they are engaged in adult-led, structured, future-oriented activities, the less time they have available to engage in the real work of childhood – play.

Play teaches our kids everything that they really need to learn. It fosters physical and motor development. Play requires socio-emotional skills. It strengthens the imagination and creativity.

It builds STEM skills and deductive reasoning. Play can not be substituted with other activities and still achieve the same outcomes. Children need the opportunity to play.

To celebrate World Children's Day, let's elevate play to its true level of importance. Let's prioritise it above our own goals for our children. Let's allow our kids to have a day, at least just this one day, to choose their own activities, to play without direction, to engage in the work of childhood without limits.

And if you can, go even further. Start a 30 day play challenge, making sure your kids have at least 45 minutes every day to engage in activities of their own choice.

If it's been a while since they had the opportunity for free play, they might not know where to begin. To avoid those calls of "I'm bored", try setting the stage with these play prompts:

- ▶ Pull out the bicycles
- ▶ Visit a new playground
- ▶ Set up a play dough or clay station
- ▶ Get out the chalk
- ▶ Turn the hose into a sprinkler
- ▶ Go to the beach
- ▶ Take a few different balls to a park
- ▶ Dust off some board games
- ▶ Go to the swimming pool
- ▶ Get out the paints and paint brushes
- ▶ Go out to a nature reserve
- ▶ Visit some rock pools

Then get out of the way. True play is self-directed, intrinsically motivated, and creative.

This World Children's Day (and hopefully every day) let's safeguard childhood, value play, and let our kids be kids.



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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.

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