



28 August 2017

St John Paul II / Terra Sancta Day – Friday 15 September 2017

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students,

On Friday 15 September we will celebrate the graduating class of St John Paul II Catholic College, formally known as Terra Sancta College. As a Catholic community, Mass is integral to our faith and, as such, the day will commence with the celebration of the Eucharist with Fr. Ruben Elago, Parish Priest, Mary Immaculate.

The Mass will commence at 9.00am on the Schofields campus. Carnival rides will be available on this day and the College encourages pre-purchased day-passes, at \$20, to assist with the smooth running of the day. In addition to the rides, the Talent Quest, Commerce market stalls and sports activities will be available for all students.

The Mass will focus on our Year 12 students around the theme, 'Let Your Light Shine' as they embark on the next phase in their faith journey. Following the Mass, we will hear from our Student Leaders and Principal Mr Jim Fanning and welcome the new student leadership. The Stage 3 students from our primary feeder schools will honour our Year 12 students and their contribution they have made to our community with a gift and guard of honour.

The St John Paul II and Terra Sancta Day activities will cease at 2.00pm when Year 7 to 10 students will return to homeroom. Years 11 and 12 students will be transported back to the Nirimba Campus at 1.30pm and will be formally dismissed.



Funds raised through the all-day-ride passes, commerce markets, fairy floss, snow cone stalls and the ice cream van will support the ongoing work of the "Vinnies Van". The Vinnies Van is a special work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. It is a service that visits people in need on the streets, providing food, drink and friendship. The Vinnies Van does this remembering to respect the dignity of every person who may be in different circumstances than our own in Mt Druitt and Parramatta. The Vinnies Van is a very rewarding and challenging experience for volunteers who must be aged 16 years and over, or in Year 11 and 12.

Purchase your "Ride-as-Much-as-You-Can" passes for St John Paul II/Terra Sancta Day at a price of \$20 to support the work of the Vinnies Van. Individual ride tickets will also be available on the day at a cost of \$5 per ride. We will have a variety of rides including the Sizzler, Body Rock, Hurricane, Super Slide and Round Up (see attached flyer). The "Ride-as-Much-as-You-Can" passes will be purchased on the Friday morning from the StJPII Portable Shelter in the gathering area. Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be called from their Homerooms according to the following schedule:

7.30am – 7.55am	Years 7-10	“Ride-as-Much-as-You-Can” passes CAN ONLY BE PURCHASED ON THE DAY USING CASH OR CHEQUE
8.00am – 8.15am	Year 7	
8.15am – 8.30am	Year 8	
8.30am – 8.40am	Years 9 and 10	
10.15am – 10.45am	Years 11-12	

There are also some exciting activities on the day to enjoy including a Talent Quest in the marquee, Mini-Olympics on the basketball courts and The Year 10 Commerce Market Day upon entry into the rides area. An ice cream van will be available for anyone with a sweet tooth, as well as snow cones and fairy floss and the College canteen will be open for the usual lunches and healthy snacks.

Years 7-11 students are allowed to wear their sports uniform on this day. Year 12 students and any students involved in the formal proceedings will be required to wear their full winter uniform including blazers for the Mass and morning tea. They can then change into their sports uniform for the remainder of the day.

Due to child protection requirements only current St John Paul II students and staff can remain on site following the Year 12 Mass and morning tea. Unfortunately visitors cannot take part in the carnival activities.

Finally, parents/caregivers are most welcome to join us for the Year 12 graduation. Those who wish to join us for any of these events **need to register with the College** directly on 9208-7200 before Tuesday, 5 September.

If you have any questions regarding this event please contact either of us at the College.

Yours sincerely



Nal Wijesekera
Leader of Learning - Religious Education



Jim Fanning
Principal

St John Paul II and Terra Sancta Day ~ Carnival Rides

If you **DO NOT** wish your child to participate in the St John Paul II and Terra Sancta Day carnival rides, please advise the College by completing the slip below and return it to the office before Tuesday 12 September.

Name of Student: _____ Homeroom _____

Parent/Caregiver signature _____