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Key Dates

- 1 Apr:** Year 7 2020 Enrolment Interviews
- 2 Apr:** Nirimba Precinct Twilight Concert (4.30pm– 7.30pm)
- 8-9 Apr:** School Interviews (3.30pm— 7pm)
- 11 Apr:** College Easter Liturgy @ Schofields PWS
- 12 Apr:** Term 1 concludes
- 29 Apr:** Pupil Free Day
- 30 Apr:** Term 2 commences
- 2 May:** ANZAC Day ceremonies
- 3 May:** Year 7 Reflection Day
- 30 May:** Year 8 Ascension Mass— Mary Immaculate
- 31 May:** Indigenous Veterans Commemoration Ceremony—Hyde Park ANZAC Memorial
- 3 Jun:** Vaccinations (Yr 10 & Year 8)
- 4 Jun:** Year 7 STEM Day @ Schofields CLS

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From the Principal - Mr Fanning

The students, both old and new, arrived with enthusiasm for the year and have been engaged in their learning during this term. I welcome the Year 7 students to St John Paul II, all 205 of them, as well the new students in Years 8 -12. We have seen all the new students settling in well and being supported by their peers and teachers who care for them. As we progress through 2019 we will continue to emphasise to all students the need to do their best, care for one another and concentrate on their learning making the college a place which has a unique and dynamic learning experience. One way of building upon the past and working towards the future was the High Achievers' Assembly held earlier this term at Schofields which celebrated the excellent results in the 2018 Higher School Certificate. We welcome new staff and begin planning for 2020 enrolments after holding our annual college Open Evening. Read more for updates on staffing, enrolments, winter uniform and pupil free days. [READ MORE >](#)

PRAYER & REFLECTION

God of Kindness,
your son Jesus suffered misunderstandings and violence to show the world the truth of the Gospel, a truth that irritates the powerful of this world. Many Christians and communities of disciples remain as a sign of contradiction and are therefore persecuted.
Give us the grace to unite ourselves to our brothers and sisters who are persecuted around the world.
May our prayer be a consolation in their difficulties.
Give us the grace to announce without fear Jesus' way of living and loving.



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS: Mr Hulme, Mr Regan & Ms Roach

We have hit the ground running in 2019 and couldn't be prouder of the efforts and progress our students are already making. In our latest article, we have provided some reminders and information on some of the important rules and procedures we have here at StJP II as well as assessment reminders. We encourage all families to have a read about the following:

- College rules
- School shoes
- Earphones/ Headphones
- Student travel
- Diary checking
- Electronic role marking
- Correct equipment & College bags
- R3 Reading
- Stage 4 & 5 assessments
- Punctuality

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NOTICES

SCHOOL FEES

School Fee Statements were posted to parents and caregivers last week by the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. Term 1 fees are due by Friday 29 March 2019. Enclosed with your statement is a Flexible Payment Plan should you wish to take this offer up please complete the forms and return them in the self-addressed envelope provided by Monday 25 March 2019. [READ MORE >](#)

NEW AUTOMATED PHONE SYSTEM

The college has implemented an automated phone system to help direct to you best contact for your enquiries.

When calling our number, 9208 7200, the following options are available:

Enrolment enquires— dial 1

Fee enquiries— dial 2

Accounts payable— dial 3

Attendance— dial 4

Sport enquires— dial 5

Reception— dial 6

If you know the option there is no need to listen to the voice over eg by dialling 92087200 then 6 this will bypass listening to all of the options.

LETTER FROM BISHOP VINCENT

Bishop Vincent has shared a letter to his community regarding the Christchurch attack. 'I wish to express my deepest sympathies to the victims and those who grieve because of the consequences of the terrorist attacks in Christchurch, New Zealand. To all my Muslim brothers and sisters in New Zealand, Australia and around the world, I stand in solidarity with you in your horror, grief and distress...'

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COUNSELLOR'S CORNER

Want to cut your risk of depression (or your child's)? You can cut your risk by a quarter if you replace sedentary activity by 15 minutes of vigorous exercise a day! US researchers studied 300,000 adults, finding a lower risk for people who exercised, and that any activity was better than none, suggesting that the more you exercise the greater the protective effect. So, what about diet and depression? The average Australian consumes 19 serves of junk food a week, and under-consumes recommended fibre-rich fresh food and wholegrains. [READ MORE >](#)

SCHOFIELDS DROP OFF ZONE REMINDER TO FAMILIES

Parents/Caregivers are reminded that Schofields campus students should be dropped off and picked up at Rose Cottage. No parents should be driving/parking in the main entry of the school and blocking the roundabout outside the College office.

The bus Company inspector has also asked us to remind parents that the bus zone at the front of the school should not be used for student pickup/drop offs.

COMPLAINTS HANDLING POLICY

The Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta provides a Complaints Handling Policy for all schools in the Diocese.

We encourage all families to become familiar with the policy, procedures and guidelines.

[Click here](#) to view the policy.

NAPLAN ONLINE 2019

This year for the first time students in Years 7 and 9 will sit the NAPLAN tests online, between Tuesday 14 May and Friday 24 May 2019. The move to online testing will provide more detailed student data, due to the tailored testing approach. The online tests include:

Writing: 42 minutes

Reading: 65 minutes

Conventions of language: 45 minutes

Numeracy: 65 minutes

Students will have an opportunity to complete practice online tests in class in the lead up to the online testing.

In Week 9, all students in Years 7 and 9 will complete an online readiness test under exam conditions. This will allow students the opportunity to become familiar with the online test environment. [READ MORE >](#)

THE NEW SRC CORNER—WORTH THE READ!

Our 2019 Student Representative Council have created their own 'SRC Corner' newsletter to keep you up-to-date with all the exciting action and initiatives they are working on during the year!

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE SRC CORNER](#)

LATEST NEWS — Teaching & Learning

YEAR 7 MSP HIT THE ROAD



As part of their MSP studies (Maths, Science, PDHPE) Year 7 students have been counting cars outside the school to determine which colour of car is the most common on Hambleton Road.

The students collected their own data to identify variables that may affect it. We practised our graph drawing skills to help present the data. [READ MORE >](#)

YEAR 7 STEM-FEVER



As a part of our new integration with Maths and Science in Year 7, we have incorporated some more STEM based activities to assist the students with learning 21st century skills. To help with this, the students had a designing task that required them to each take on a group role. [READ MORE >](#)

YEAR 7 TECHNOLOGY DAY



Our new Year 7 students had their Technology Day where they learnt about all the different ways technology can be used for learning as well as the rules and regulations around the use of their devices at school. The teachers provided a wide range of information and activities for the students to start their journey at StJP II. [READ MORE >](#)

YEAR 10 VISUAL ARTS—FRENCH STYLE



Students from Mrs Brooks year 10 Visual Arts class learnt about the concept of 'Plein air' a French expression for painting outdoors revolutionised by the Impressionist artists whom left the four walls of their studios and started painting in open fields, landscapes and surroundings. [READ MORE >](#)

WHY ARE WE SEEING QR CODES?



Year 9 are currently studying the ecosystem of St John Paul II Catholic College. Students have attached QR codes to some plants in the gathering area at Schofields. As part of their study they have researched one of our Australian native plants giving information such as botanical name, growing conditions and other interesting facts. [READ MORE >](#)

YEAR 10 GEO DO EROSION



Year 10 Geography students had the opportunity to experience erosion in the classroom. Students have been studying changing environments and took turns in creating wind, water and wave erosion and then discussed the changes that they caused on the landscape. [READ MORE >](#)

YEAR 12 CAFS GO WAYSIDE



The Year 12 Community and Family Studies classes visited The Wayside Chapel in Kings Cross. The excursion links to the HSC Core Unit - Groups in Context. The visit to The Wayside provided students with a unique opportunity to learn about the needs, access to services and prevalence of the groups supported by The Wayside. [READ MORE >](#)

YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY CAFÉ



Year 12 Hospitality are hard at work putting together the new school training cafe. This gives the students the opportunity to effectively serve food and beverage to customers in an industry setting. The cafe will include an cafe coffee machine and facilities to cook and serve food. [READ MORE >](#)

YEAR 12 SCIENCE EXT. CONNECT



Year 12 Extension Science students met with their research mentor Dr. Honest Sindile Madziva from Western Sydney University (WSU) who shared his current scientific research and guided our students in their research they are undertaking as part of the Extension Science course. [READ MORE >](#)

LATEST NEWS — *Sports*

WATCH: SJPII SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Monday 4th March was our St John Paul II Catholic College annual Swimming Carnival. Well done to all our students on an outstanding day of participation. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers for coming out to support the students. Good luck all our boys and girls who will be competing at the next level of carnivals over the coming weeks! [WATCH HERE >](#)



ALL THINGS SPORT IN TERM 1

A busy start for sport at St John Paul II Catholic College throughout term 1. Our boys continued their Cricket and Basketball seasons from term 4 last year while our girls Volleyball and Touch Football at Doyle Park. Our Water Polo girls also started their competition at Leichhardt Aquatic Centre. Well done to the following students representing in our Diocese:

- Kartikay Rana - NSWCCC Volleyball
 - Jayden Weymark - NSWCCC Triathlon
 - Clayton Campbell - NSWCCC Softball and Baseball
 - Riley Watson - NSWCCC Softball and Baseball
 - Amelia Cousins - PDSSC Softball
- [READ MORE >](#)

LATEST NEWS — *Faith & Wellbeing*

YEAR 9 BUTTERFLIES



Year 9 listened to the story of the butterfly and reflected on how their journey through Stage 5 is similar; learning to deal with everyday struggles so that students develop strength across all areas of their lives and transform into the best person that they can be. [READ MORE >](#)

2019 YOUTH MINISTRY @ CANERRA

The Youth Ministry Equipping School is an intensive formation conference that inspires and resources youth, young adults and ministry leaders for the mission of the Catholic Church.



During the day we had the opportunity to attend workshops and seminars about either Youth Ministry itself or ways you can read Scripture! However, at night we were allowed to join a prayer group, where we were able to praise God in song and prayer with a wonderful band!

On our way to Canberra all six of us did not know what to expect, as we were not familiar with Youth Ministry, we walked in with open minds and hearts, ready for any challenge thrown towards us. (By Clara Naseim) [READ MORE >](#)

WORLD YOUTH DAY—MEXICO



Our pilgrimage begins in Mexico City after 2 flights across 2 time zones and 30 hours of travel time in transit. After a night rest we travelled from Mexico City to the town of Puebla where we would spend the next 2 days and encounter some pretty special experiences.

First stop in Puebla is mass at Sta. Maria Tonantzintla - here we meet our volunteers who would be taking care of us before celebrating mass in this beautiful chapel!

Our next day begins with a prayer in a beautiful chapel in the city of Puebla before we split up into groups to our separate ministry visits. This was a very special and unique encounter for all, having the chance to sing, dance, play and chat with students from very different, yet similar cultures. [READ MORE >](#)

LATEST NEWS — *Achievements*

ISABELLA & JOSHUA IN VICTOR CHANGS WORLD

Joshua Phillips and Isabella Williams were fortunate to be invited to visit the Dr Victor Chang Research Institute to see first-hand the research and cutting-edge technology used by their talented Scientists. This followed from receiving the Victor Chang award as a result of their very successful studies in preliminary science courses.



TO THE PUBLIC SPEAKING GRAND FINAL!



We recently had the zone finals of the CSDA Public Speaking competition, in which Sanika Kulkarni, Demi Spiteri and Anointed Erhunmwunse represented the college. It is my great pleasure to announce that Anointed and Demi were selected to progress to the Grand Final round next Friday at Marist College North Shore.

2018 HSC HIGH ACHIEVERS ASSEMBLY



On Thursday, February 7, we honoured our 2018 HSC High Achievers at a whole school assembly. There were 22 students who achieved a Band 5 or 6 in 2 or more of their courses, who were presented to the gathered. Of particular mention are the 8 students who achieved ATARS of 80 and above: Alicia Dickson (80.6);

Claudia Butjerevic (80.95); Andrew Smith (84.35); Jingyun Xu (89.3); Emma-Jane Peters (91.4); Jordon Gois (95.65) Melissa Dennett (97.4) and Joshua Zavone (98.4). The assembly was followed by a Q&A session where the High Achievers answered the many and varied questions about HSC success posed by our current Year 11 & 12 students.

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ELOUISE'S SCHOLARSHIP!



Year 12 student Elouise Munnoch has been offered a conditional scholarship of \$20,000 to attend Western Sydney University at the end of completing her HSC following her success in completing a unit of a university course in 2018.

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IMPORTANT CAREERS ADVICE—& QUIZ!

Students undertook a survey so that we can assist them in their pathway. Some students have met with Mrs Fitzsimons to set goals, predict their ATAR and what courses they would like to do once they leave. It can be a challenging and difficult conversation to try and decide what the future holds. Students will be receiving emails on a regular basis informing them of early offers, apprenticeships, workshops and any other information that may assist them with their pathway.

Start having conversations with your teenager about what they might want to do when they finish school as early as when they are in years 9 and 10. This can be a daunting process, so I've compiled some tips for helping your child assess their career options and selecting the career path for them. Encourage your child to take the Skillsroad Career Quiz to assess their personality style and the types of occupations that may suit them.

[READ MORE](#) for information on the careers quiz, information for parents, UCAT questions and the Stage 5 YES Program opportunity.

TERM 1 UPDATE FROM CAPA

Our school Open Night on Monday 11th March saw over 30 CAPA students share their talents with our community in order to showcase the fantastic Creative and Performing Arts opportunities we have at StJP. Our 'Acts of Autumn' lunchtime concert on Thursday 21st also showcased many more of our talented performers with the following students performing for our 7-10 students: Logan Chapman, Iris Sinsay, Felicity Scott, Jared Lesaca, Brigham Webster, Vincent Crisostomo, Kayla Makdessi, Brayden Cauchi, Denver Brown, Cooper Connolly, Sharon Kumar, Halle Steiger, Alice Durkin, Chloe Hodgson, Amelia Cousins and Ishita Sreepathi. A special welcome to the many new students who have enrolled in our Instrument Program for 2019. Our after school Drama Club has also been a success this term with a large number of students getting involved. Our instructors are from Captivate who bring a world of experience to our students. Stay tuned for updates on our 2019 Spectacular over the next few months - it will be even bigger and better than last year!

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