

O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Newsletter

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Make Us One In Christ



From The Principal, MEGAN EVANS

Dear O'Loughlin Community,

Welcome to 2023 at O'Loughlin Catholic College. Thank you so much for your support of our College and myself over the last couple of weeks with some of the challenges we have faced and I am grateful to be part of this caring community.

I was born and raised in Geelong on the lands of the Waddawurrang people. My husband and I came to Darwin five years ago for a change of pace and adventure - and we have certainly found it! I am a proud mother to three young men- all in their twenties and so I understand the journey of secondary education - the pride, the pain, the lethargy and the love.

Over the last five years in Darwin, I have held the position of Principal at St Mary's Catholic Primary School and St Paul's Catholic Primary. Prior to that I spent most of my twenty two years in secondary education, with most of my time spent working at Clonard College in Geelong.

O'Loughlin Catholic College has a proud history of offering holistic Catholic education to students from the Darwin region from Year 7-12. I am thrilled to hold the position of Principal here at O'Loughlin Catholic College and to build on the work of those who have gone before me.

As a school community we uphold the sentiment of our Vision, 'Make us one in Christ with faith, hope and love.' We understand that you are key players in your child's educational story and we are here to work with you and support you. We pride ourselves on our commitment to helping young people be the best version of themselves. We want them to see God's sacredness in themselves and each other. Your child's learning and wellbeing are at the centre of everything we do. We will work with you to create a culture of co-responsibility to support the academic, social and spiritual growth of each of your children.

Along the way, I am sure we will all make some mistakes. Some things won't go according to plan and we will get things wrong. Please know that we are here to listen and I look forward to working with you to make our College the first choice for secondary Catholic Education in the Northern Suburbs of Darwin.



Upcoming Events:

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| • Feb 21 | Shrove Tuesday |
| • Feb 22 | Ash Wednesday |
| • Feb 26 | Year 12 ODE Camp |
| • Feb 28 | Middle School Netball |
| • Mar 1 | Senior School Netball |
| • Mar 2-3 | School Photos |
| • March 15 | Senior School 3x3 Basketball |
| • Mar 21 | Harmony Day |
| • Mar 24 | Senior School Volleyball |
| • Mar 28 | Year 7 & 9 Immunisation Day |
| • Apr 4 | Middle School Hockey |
| • Apr 6 | Last Day of Term 1 |
| • Apr 17 | Term 2 Commences |

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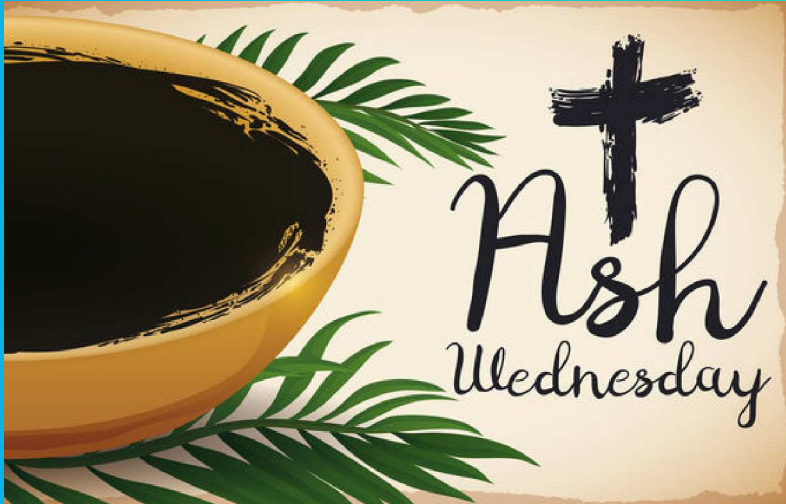
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For updates and events within our O'Loughlin Community

O'Loughlin Catholic College, along with the Catholic Diocese of Darwin, is committed to promoting the safeguarding of all children and young people. Consistent with gospel values and our Mission Statement, we follow the example of Jesus in respecting the dignity of each child, young person and vulnerable adult.

COLLEGE PRAYER

Ash Wednesday



Dear God,

As we begin our Lenten journey, ashes are smeared on our foreheads, and we hear the words, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."

We are called to remember that we are not the people that you created us to be. We need you, God, to rescue us and return us to Eden. We return to dust so that, as you breathed life into the dirt that became Adam and Eve, so you will do again with us.

We remember that we are dust, Lord. But we also remember that we are stardust – carbon dust from which all life in the universe comes. Breathe new life into our dusty souls, Lord. With your strong but gentle hands, lift us up from the ashes. Then we shall be recreated. And you will renew the face of the Earth.

Amen.

History of Ash Wednesday

The day of Ash Wednesday is not mentioned in the Bible, but it is in honor of events that occurred in the Bible. The 40 days of Lent are meant to signify the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert getting tempted by the devil. The dusting of Ashes is mentioned in the Bible as a sign of mourning and repentance. The cross drawn on the forehead symbolizes the cross that Jesus died on to cleanse the world of its sins.

It is believed that Ash Wednesday was first observed in the Middle Ages around the 8th century. It was first called the Day of Ashes. Since then the practice has become an annual ritual in many Christian churches including Catholics, Lutherans, and Methodists.

When is Ash Wednesday celebrated?

Wednesday, 22 February

We are looking forward to our own OCC liturgies, led by our Year 12 Youth Ministry Team, on Ash Wednesday in the Holy Family Church.

Facts About Ash Wednesday

- In the Middle Ages ashes were sprinkled on the head rather than drawn in a cross on the forehead
- Many people keep the ashes on their forehead for the entire day. It is a sign that they are sinners and need God's forgiveness.
- Since observing Ash Wednesday is not commanded in the Bible, it is an optional in some Christian churches to observe it. This includes Lent as well.
- The period of 40 days is often used in the Bible.



O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Senior Leadership Team

**Acting Deputy Principal
Miranda Colquhoun**



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Dear O'Loughlin Catholic College community,

Welcome to 2023 and I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful break.

I want to acknowledge and thank all families, especially our Year 7 families, for their trust and support of the College. We know it can be daunting to watch your child start their secondary education.

Here at the College we continually speak about the importance of conversations between staff, students, and families. I encourage all families to contact the College if there are any issues, concerns, or questions - contacting the subject teacher, Home Room teacher, Head of Department, Year Level Coordinator, or member of the College Senior Leadership Team. These ongoing and regular conversations are a key ingredient in supporting our students' success. I look forward to having many conversations with families throughout the year.

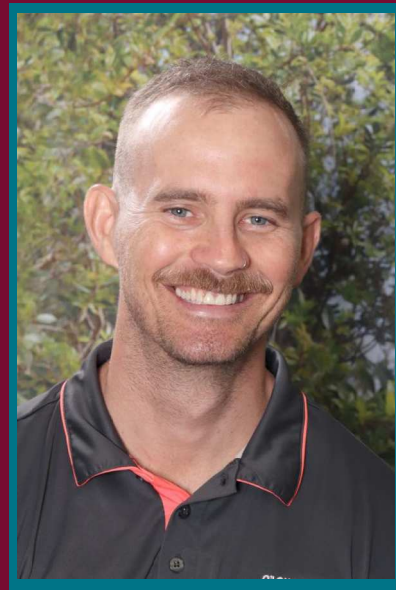
One of my roles this year will be to see how our community can play a more active role within the college and help support us in events and activities. It is important that we build these relationships for the growth of the College.

I look forward to connecting more with students and families over the year.

Kind regards

Miranda Colquhoun

**Acting Head of Senior School
Jake Barnes**



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Dear O'Loughlin Catholic College Community,

It really is great to be back for another year here at the College. On a personal note I am excited to be continuing in the role of Head of Senior School after starting it in Term Four last year. It was fantastic to start in the role and watch our Year 12s of 2022 graduate and then see some amazing results from them. This was a testament to their hardwork and the support of our community and the guidance of their teachers.

The senior year students have really hit the ground running this term, even with a slightly disrupted start to the year. We had a senior school assembly in Week Two and went over expectations of a senior school and that we all play a vital role as leaders in our community. We spoke about the importance of picking the right subjects and pathway for our future, balancing our school life, jobs and sporting commitments. As I told the students, they are so lucky to have amazing homeroom teachers and very committed, hard working Year Level Coordinators. We are all here to support each other and I can't wait to see what this year brings.

We have many events coming up across the year for each year level and I ask that all students grasp any opportunity or event they can, and make the most of these experiences.

I look forward to working with you all this year, so that each student can achieve their full potential.

Mr Jake Barnes



O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Senior Leadership Team

**Acting APRE
Matthew Bourke**



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Welcome to 2023!

As another year of learning and growth begins at OCC, I am amazed at how God works to refresh our community. We not only welcome Megan Evans, our wonderful new Principal, but also many fantastic new teachers and an incredible new cohort of Year 7s as well as new students across the year levels. Each new member of our College family is like a breath of fresh air, bringing new ways of seeing, doing and understanding into the fabric of life here at school. I know that I've already been personally blessed and encouraged by so many of these new relationships.

Already too, this year, there has been some heartbreak and tragedy within our College community and around the world. In the midst of this fear and confusion a person might well ask themselves "where is God in all this?". This week I have looked for a response to this question and found hope in a letter from the Catholic Bishops of Oceania in their message of prayerful condolence and solidarity to the people of Turkey and Syria as their countries suffer the effects of devastating earthquakes. The Bishops wrote:

From the other end of the world, our hearts break at the death and destruction we are seeing on our television screens and in our newspapers. We know that God is close to those that suffer. We pray that your people sense the love and care of their brothers and sisters around the world, including from Oceania. The Catholic Church has established appeals to raise funds to support the ongoing efforts for rescue and recovery, and we will encourage the faithful in our region to respond generously. The Church is also providing human resources on the ground to respond to immediate needs through our aid agencies. Be assured of our ongoing prayers and our attention as your people recover from this tragedy.

Similarly, it is good for us to remember that God is always close to us. Especially when we too experience suffering at the hands of others or for reasons that no one can control or fully understand. Our College motto 'Make Us One in Christ' calls us to continue to stand together, to support one another and demonstrate the love of Jesus that dwells within us. I have been inspired already this year by our capacity to do this - staff, students and parents. With joy, optimism and trust in one another, we can look forward to all the good things that our Heavenly Father has in store for us in this exciting new year.

Our College Opening Mass, on Thursday 16th February, provided us with a great opportunity to celebrate this excitement and offer our journey and efforts to God. Our readings focussed on those who really listened to God's voice, rose up and took action in response. This challenge is being presented to us through our student leader's theme: 'Together, arise to take action'. We thank Bishop Emeritus Eugene Hurley, Father Bords (Holy Family Catholic Parish) and Deacon Dean Taberdo (St Mary's Cathedral Parish); for leading us in our celebration.



If you would like to make a donation to assist the relief efforts in Syria and Turkey, Caritas Australia would appreciate your support. Please use the link below for more information.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/turkey-and-syria-earthquake/>

Matthew Bourke
APRE
Together, arise to take action! OCC 2023

O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Senior Leadership Team

Director of Teaching and Learning
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Welcome to the new academic year. It has been great seeing all of our students return enthusiastically to their studies. 2023 is set to be another fantastic year of growth and achievement. I look forward to working alongside both our students and families to ensure every child reaches their unique potential as a learner.

Year 12 achievement

You may have seen the wonderful achievement of our outgoing Year 12 students (2022) in the NT News. It is worth recognising some of these achievements with the community again for anyone who missed it.

- 100% of students completed their Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET)
- 7 students attained an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of 90+
- Lily Brennan, our College Dux, attained an ATAR of 96.55.

I would like to acknowledge each student's achievement and the hard-work and dedication of all of our teachers in facilitating these brilliant outcomes.

Parent Information Evenings

This week we held our Parent Information evening. This important event gave Middle School families the chance to meet their child's Homeroom teacher and learn more about the day-to-day operations of the College. For Senior students and their families it was an opportunity to learn about:

- Senior Pathways (including Vocational Training)
- South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) and the Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET)
- Subject choices and selection
- Enrichment opportunities
- Academic and Pastoral support

If you were not able to attend the Information Evening and wish to know more about any aspect of teaching and learning at the College, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2023 for students in Years 7 and 9 students will be held in Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 1 (15th - 27th March).

The NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

A letter has gone out to all families alongside a detailed information sheet this week. Please access SEQTA to view this communication.

Assessment Calendar

Details of all upcoming assessments can be found on both SEQTA Engage and SEQTA Learn. Students and families can access this information to better help plan and manage upcoming workloads.

Real Time Reporting (RTR)

In Semester 2, 2022, we trialled real-time reporting in response to community feedback concerning the efficacy of our old reporting process. Based on positive feedback we have received towards RTR, we will be continuing to communicate your child's progress in real-time in 2023.

What does the research say?

Research defines the following key aspects to ensuring effective feedback, where feedback is:

- goal referenced
- tangible and transparent
- actionable
- user-friendly (specific and personalised)
- timely and ongoing.

In light of both the survey results and research, the College will be trialling real-time reporting (RTR) in Semester 2 through SEQTA Learn and SEQTA Engage.

What is Real-time Reporting?

In business, RTR is a practice where up-to-the-minute data is gathered and relayed to users as it happens, so decisions can be made to improve results. Data is available at any time, rather than on periodically scheduled reports. Some examples of real-time reporting include news updates, smartphone notifications, live traffic reports, weather reports, stock market tickers, and cell phone usage reports.

In education, RTR is not that different than in the business world. Data and feedback is relayed to all stakeholders (students, families and teachers) so decisions can be made to improve student learning and adjust the course of teaching to determine what comes next in the learning.

How will we RTR?

Students will be able to access RTR through SEQTA Learn
Families will be able to access RTR through SEQTA Engage
The following data will be available through these platforms:

- A-E grades awarded to individual assessment items
- Rubrics communicating the level of achievement standards
- Written feedback identifying strengths, future goals and strategies
- Overall A-E grade in real-time for each learning area

DOUBLE THE CELEBRATION

IT IS with pride and joy that O'Loughlin Catholic College congratulates Stavros Kazouris and Tyler Madrill for achieving the highest possible awards in their respective fields from the Northern Territory Board of Studies.

Both recipients have excelled in their academic studies, giving of themselves to college and community activities. They will be presented with their awards at the Academic Merit Award ceremony on Friday, February 3 next year.

Tyler was chosen by the NT Board of Studies as the recipient of the 2022 NT Board of Studies Karmi Sceney Urban Aboriginal Excellence and Leadership Award.

According to the board, "Tyler showed incredible passion and dedication to his school and in his academic achievements, while his commitment to the wider community makes him an exceptional leader".

Tyler has been a member of the Year 12 leadership team this year and has led the college with distinction. He was a leader within the classroom, always attempting to achieve to his potential, as well as supporting others to do the same. He consistently achieves strong academic results and this year is our Year 12 Top Indigenous Academic student.

Growing up in Darwin, Tyler has developed a strong understanding of

the people and society of the Northern Territory - the joys, disadvantage, diversity, struggles and triumphs - and his experiences have certainly opened up his world view.

He will no doubt maintain his thirst for knowledge and understanding of the people, societies and the world in years to come. O'Loughlin hopes that one day he will become one of our Northern Territory leaders and have no doubt that he has the potential.

Stavros will be presented with the 2022 NT Board of Studies GTNT Group school-based Apprentice of the Year Award at the annual Merit Award ceremony. The NT Board of Studies stated that they received high-calibre applicants this year and the panel had a tough time choosing a recipient.

However, Stavros showed incredible passion and dedication in his chosen industry that made him stand out among other applicants. Stavros has shown dedication and drive towards his Year 12 studies and with school based apprenticeship.

His employer from Invision NT (Building and Joinery) stated that he is "passionate about what he does and his eagerness to learn all there is to know is refreshing and has not lost this enthusiasm after two years".

O'Loughlin Catholic College congratulates Stavros on winning this prestigious award.



▲ NT Board of Studies Karmi Sceney Urban Aboriginal Excellence and Leadership Award winner Tyler Madrill with fellow O'Loughlin student Emma, and inset, NT Board of Studies GTNT Group school-based apprentice of the year award winner Stavros Kazouris.

**O'Loughlin Catholic College
congratulates our 2022 graduates.
We are proud of you all!**



**100% successfully
achieved the
NTCET**

**28% of the cohort
achieved an ATAR
over 80.00**

**15% of the cohort
achieved an ATAR
over 90.00**



Emma Clifton
Top ATAR Student
ATAR 95.65



Hayley Innes
Top ATAR Student
ATAR 94.90



Luke Donohue
Top ATAR Student
ATAR 92.15



Ayden O'Shannessy-Murray
Top ATAR Student
ATAR 91.40



Nathan Capati
Top ATAR Student
ATAR 90.90



Lily Brennan
Top ATAR Student
ATAR 96.55



Ryan Lee
Top ATAR Student
ATAR 96.50



Leilani Parker
Top VET Student



Tyler Madrill
Top Indigenous Student



Stavros Kazouris
Top School Based
Apprenticeship

YEAR 12

2023 YEAR 12 SUPPORT STAFF

Welcome to our Year 12 Homeroom teachers for 2023. Two of our staff, Mr. Luke Beatty and Ms. Kate Smith, have followed through with the cohort from last year. We also happily welcome the Head of Humanities, Ms. Madelene Pearson. Please contact the Homeroom teacher, or myself, if you have any concerns throughout the year.



MS. WARD
COORDINATOR



MR. BEATTY
12.1



MS. KATE
12.2



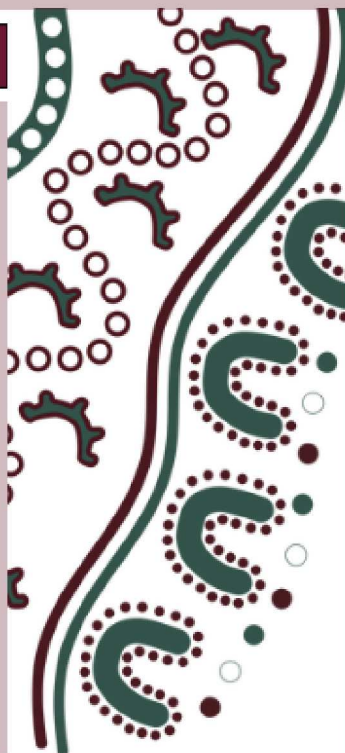
MS. PEARSON
12.3

I, Ms. Mickayla Ward, will be the coordinator again this year. I feel honoured to remain with this cohort since beginning with them during their Year 10 year. I truly do enjoy their company and am optimistic that we will make a good team as they strive for success (and we'll have some fun along the way!).

YEAR 12 MERCHANDISE

The Year 12 cohort have been busy designing and organising their Year 12 polo and jerseys. The design is almost finished and students will be able to order and pay for their merchandise very soon.

The polo shirt features an Indigenous print designed by Year 12 student, Mahli Seden. The meaning behind the design is one of *friendship* and *community*. There are two main Indigenous symbols included; the arches with five points are footsteps, and the arches with dots around them are people. This is a representation of the year 12 cohort all being on a journey together.



EXPECTATIONS

The Year 12 students have been recently reminded about a range of expectations of them this year. Some of those include:

- Common Room use
- Uniform & Jewellery policies
- Attendance and Late arrival policy
- Homeroom participation
- Driving Safety
- Year 12 Personal Development program
- Academics
- Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

Please continue to communicate with your child and make sure they are travelling well and living by the College values.

Hello All,

Year 11 has certainly begun well and got up to speed quickly, following the Transition Weeks last year, as students begin their SACE Stage 1 courses. The academic expectations and workload has increased, as has student responsibility and opportunity to make the most of their Senior pathway. I wish all students the very best as they begin their Stage 1 journey.

To compliment and support student's academic progress, the Year 11 Homeroom teachers and myself will assist with pastoral care and run the Personal Development program for the cohort. This is an important part of the College's ethos and the formation of our students. Key topics covered in Personal Development include; The Resilience Project, Study Skills, Wellbeing, Cyber Safety and Leadership.

The Year 11 Homeroom teachers are as follows:

- 11.1 Ms Shirley Worsfold
- 11.2 Mr Thai Ngyuen
- 11.3 Mr Phillip Cooley
- 11.4 Ms Liza Bowers
- Year 11 Coordinator - Mr Max Jones
- Head of Senior School - Mr Jake Barnes

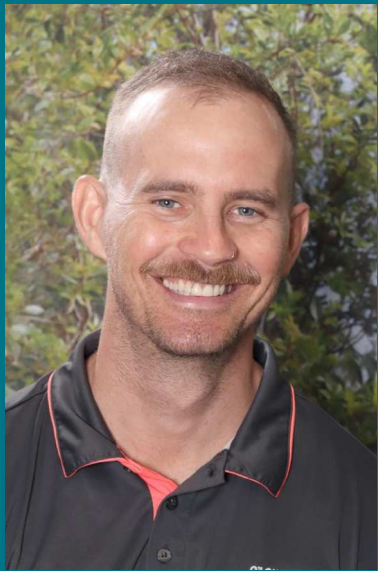
For any pastoral issues or information please contact the relevant Homeroom teacher and then myself. We are then able to support students as much as possible through the year.

Regards,
Max Jones
Year 11 Coordinator



Max Jones - Year 11 Coordinator
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YEAR 10



Jake Barnes - Year 10 Coordinator
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It's been great to see how well the Year 10 Cohort have settled into their first few weeks of being senior school students. There has been a sense of calm and maturity, even with some disruptions and subject changes. I am really looking forward to working with this cohort and getting to know them better.

This year the Year 10 cohort are blessed to have some great teachers as their homeroom teachers. 10.1 have Ms Cassie Henderson, 10.2 Mr John Hamburg and 10.3 Mr Nicholas Lohmeyer who is also new to the College.

We have a number of exciting things planned for Personal Development lessons this year and will continue to work closely with the Resilience Project. Year 10s will get the chance to participate in the AANT Street Smart High excursion, Peer Support with the Year 7s and a cultural camp over to the Tiwi Islands later in the year.

Once again, I look forward to working with you all and helping to guide the students through their first year of senior school.

Mr Jake Barnes



YEAR 9

YEAR 9 HOMEROOM TEACHERS

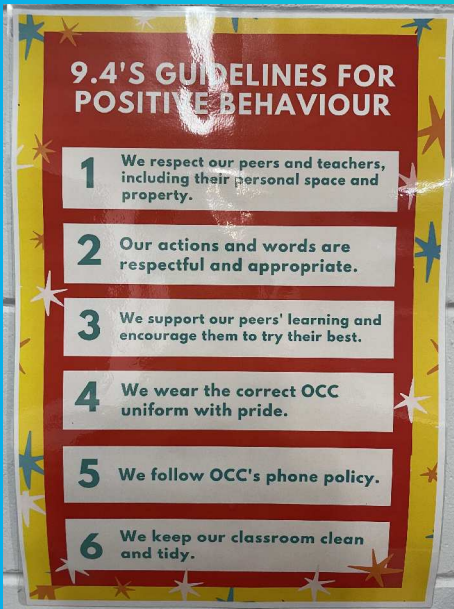
The Year 9 students have been gifted four outstanding homeroom teachers this year. Three are new to the OCC community and one familiar face.

- 9.1 - Jantina Bos
- 9.2 - Bodie Sowter
- 9.3 - Justin Zammit
- 9.4 - Shevonne Pennefather

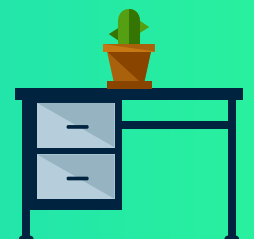
UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 9 Team Building Day will be held on the 9th and 10th of March at the Italian Club. Please ensure students come with a packed lunch, a water bottle and a change of clothes.

OUR LEARNING SPACES



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YEAR 8



Tara Branco - Year 8 Coordinator
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

My name is Tara Branco (Tartaglia), I am your child's Year Level Coordinator at O'Loughlin Catholic College this year. I am very excited to be leading this cohort again for 2023. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to you all. It was lovely to meet many of you at the 'Parent Information Night' last Wednesday; however, I would like you to know that you can contact me via email, seqta or phone anytime.

For further information or pastoral support, you can also contact any of the respective Homeroom teachers:

- 8.1 – Christine Woods
- 8.2 – John Byrne
- 8.3 – Ariel Araos
- 8.4 – Dom Virdun
- 8.5 – Rahul De Sylva
- 8.6 – Matthew Holt

As always, we aim to create a safe learning environment where your child feels inspired to learn, not afraid to take risks and reach their full potential. We are very much looking forward to working with you all. It will be a year of developing student's academic skills and creative interests through fun-filled educational lessons, activities and events. The first event for the Year 8 students is the 'Team Building Day' taking place at the Youth for Christ Centre on the following dates:

GROUP ONE - 8.1, 8.2 & 8.3
Thursday, the 23rd of February

GROUP TWO - 8.4, 8.5 & 8.6
Friday, the 24th of February

Additional information on this event has been provided through a letter that was emailed to parents/guardians last week.

Personal Development Program:

Weeks	Topics
4	Team Building Day (Classes 8.4, 8.5 & 8.6) The Resilience Project: Lesson 2.1 & 2.2 (Circles of Strength)
5	Class Captain Elections
6	The Resilience Project: Lesson 3.1 & 3.2 (Empathy Busters)
7	The Resilience Project: Lesson 4.1 & 4.2 (Introduction to Mindfulness)
8	The Resilience Project: Lesson 7.1 & 7.2 (Gratitude and Values)

YEAR 7



Tony Judd - Year 7 Coordinator
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From a personal point of view it has been a wonderful start to the year by our year 7's. So many have come from different schools and so many no doubt were anxious during that first week. Heading into week 4 that all seems to have been forgotten and if the Team Building days were anything to go by in week 2 the students are making new friends and importantly, enjoying their time at O'Loughlin.

The Team building days had many fun activities, but importantly all required cooperation, team work and respect for all participants.

It's not just the kids who are new to O'Loughlin! The year 7 homeroom teachers had done a great job in welcoming your child to our school.

In homeroom 7.1 we have Ms. Anna Nickolaeva, in 7.2 Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, in 7.3 Mr. John Kensey, in 7.4 Ms. Hannah Gubb and finally in 7.5 Ms. Donna Nicholls. Apart from Ms. Nickolaeva we are all new to O'Loughlin but each of us bring a wealth of experience and teaching qualifications.

It was great to meet so many of you at the Parent/Teacher information meeting and always feel free to contact your home room teachers or myself with any enquiries or concerns.

Tony Judd
Yr 7 Coordinator



CREATIVE ARTS



Siobhan Shaikh - Head of Creative Arts & the Technologies
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The Creative Arts faculty welcomes Ms Jantina Bos and Mr Matthew Holt to the team!

Ms Bos teaches Middle School Visual Arts and Design Food Technology, and Matthew teaches music.

HUMANITIES



Madelene Pearson - Head of Humanities
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The Humanities office is overflowing with energy, enthusiasm and new staff as the 2023 school year gets underway! The faculty is excited to be back and look forward to the challenges and opportunities this year may bring. I am delighted to welcome several new teachers to Humanities, who bring a wealth of personal and professional experience that bolsters the knowledge and expertise within our faculty and classrooms.

We are a faculty of 17 staff this year, with several new teachers in the subjects of English and Humanities. We welcome Donna Nicholls, Bodie Sowter, Shevonne Pennefather, Tony Judd, Nicholas Lohmeyer, Kate Smith, Ashleigh Roccisano and Principal Megan Evans into the faculty, adding to the existing team of myself, Caitlin Orr, Christine Woods, John Byrne, Anna Nikolaeva, Phil Cooley, Liza Bowers, Justin Zammit and Siobhan Shaikh. As you can imagine, it's hard to get 17 teachers together for a photograph, but some of our faculty can be seen here. I am very excited to work with these amazing teachers this year!

In addition to the new teachers, one of the other significant changes to the faculty in 2023 is the separation of Year 9 Humanities into the subjects of English and Humanities. Previously English and Humanities were combined into a single subject, as they are in years 7 and 8.

This change will support the delivery of targeted curriculum led by expert teachers; already we are developing a new history and geography program for the year 9 students as part of this change. Our year 9 English teachers are Nicholas Lohmeyer and Shevonne Pennefather, while John Byrne, Ashleigh Roccisano and Bodie Sowter are teaching Humanities at that year level.

I hope the return to school has been positive for you and your children. If you have any questions about your child's Humanities or English subjects, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.



STEM

Science has been a blast these past few weeks, we have dived straight into our content over every grade.

Year 7's did lab safety with myself and they saw how the emergency shower and eyewash work and are moving onto forces.

Year 8's are exploring the microscopic world and found some exciting things in some local pond water using the microscopes.

Year 9's are getting down to Earth with Earth science and have just started convection currents.

Year 10's extracted Kiwi fruit DNA using regular household objects.

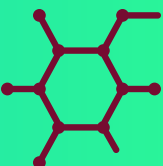
Stage 1 & 2 Bio have both completed their first pracs for the year, both great successes.

Stay safe with whatever you are doing and remember good Lab Safety.

Courtney



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VET



Nicholas Jack - Careers Practitioner
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Hello parents and guardians, My Name is Nicholas Jack and I have taken over from Ms Lee as the Careers Partitioner in 2023. Some parents may remember me from my previous roles in the college as Acting Deputy Principal and Head of Senior School. I am look forward to working with parents and students in a different capacity.

I would like to invite parents to contact me if they would like Careers advice including VET and University options. Please contact me at the college or Via SEQTA if you would like to make a time.

Last Friday I was fortunate to attend the NT Board of Studies 2022 Awards at the Darwin convention Centre. I was exceptionally proud to see Stavros Kazouris receive GTNT VET apprentice of the year award 2022 and Tyler Madrill receive the indigenous Leadership award.



The department still has some School Based Apprenticeship (SBA) and VET courses available this year, please see below and if you are interested please make a time to see me.

SBA:

Annie's Barber shop - SBA apprentice Barber (Year 11 & 12 only)

VET:

Certificate II in Meat Processing (Year 10 & 11 only)

Certificate III in Health Services assistance (Year 12 only)

Certificate II in Aviation (Ground Operations and Service) (Year11 and 12 Only)

I look forward to working with you all and our students in 2023

Mr. Jack



Apply for your Unique Student Identifier:
<https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi>

youth ministry

@ O'Loughlin Catholic College



Hi there!

My name is Shania Wolbers and I have been at O'Loughlin for one year now, working as an ISA. Through this role, I've had to privilege of getting to know many amazing young people. They make me look forward to coming to work each day.

This year, I will also be stepping into the role of Youth Minister. As the Youth Minister, I am here to support and journey with the students of O'Loughlin. My role is also to assist in the faith opportunities provided through the College, through retreats, classroom sessions and lunchtime meetings, to name a few.

It has been one of the greatest joys to work with the students here. To see their personalities flourish and the ways they grow, just in the space of one year.

I really look forward to this year, because I know I will get to continue witnessing these amazing young people do and be so much.

Tomorrow we look forward to Shrove Tuesday!



what to expect

In the upcoming newsletters, I will update you on all things youth ministry - on what is on offer within the College, all the amazing things our students get up to and opportunities available externally too.

Thank you so much for your support in advance and I look forward to getting to know many more of you!



THE LIBRARY

games
chess
library
relax
research
read

What's On in your Library?

The Library has continued to be a dry cool space for students as we move through Dalay (the monsoon season). We have lots on this term - including some fun new ways for students to engage with us! Minecraft Monday continues this term due to its popularity. On Tuesdays we will trial a book club that is open to all who are interested. On Thursdays a Uno Competition is running. Let us know if there is anything else you would like to see in your Library.



What's New?

A whole load of books arrived at the start of the term. They will be featured in the Library on our New Books stand. Here are two we are very excited about.

Exit through the Bookshop by Astrid Hicks

This shortlisted CBCA Book of the Year features twelve and a half year old Ana on a wild roller-coaster ride of life and death, kindness and cruelty, ordinary and extraordinary. And she has a few things she would like to do before she exits...

Tiger Daughter by Rebecca Lim

This is the CBCA Book of the Year Award Winner! A story of young Chinese immigrants whose move to 'the lucky country' has not been so lucky. And things don't get any easier when tragedy strikes Wen Zhou and her friend, Henry Xiao. A book of resilience and resourcefulness, that will leave the reader breathless after their tumultuous journey.

And it's not just books that are new in the Library this year. With Ms Anne Lahy retiring at the end of 2022, Ms Kate has joined us as Librarian Assistant.

We Want You!

This year we are hoping to have more community involvement in the Library. With special celebrations throughout the year, such as International Women's Day, Refugee Week and Harmony week in mind, we would love to experiment with a 'living library'. If you are keen to come in and share your story with our students, please get in touch. We are open to all your ideas!

The Library is the best place to experience other worlds. See you there!



<https://oloughlinkarama.softlinkhosting.com.au/oliver/home/browse/list>

Happy Reading!

Ashleigh Roccisano and Kate Phillips

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES TERM 1

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL	CALM START	OPEN	CALM START	OPEN	CALM START
RECESS	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED
LUNCHTIME	MINECRAFT MONDAY 	WITH MS ROCC	OPEN	UNO 	OPEN
AFTER SCHOOL	HOMEWORK CENTRE		HOMEWORK CENTRE	HOMEWORK CENTRE	

COME IN ANYTIME WE ARE STAFFED FOR ...



reading



PRINTING

SCHOOL WORK

REMINDER:

TELL US WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE AND DO IN THE LIBRARY!



OFFICE NEWS

School Fees

Dear caregivers,

Statements have been emailed to all families.

If you haven't received your statement or have questions about the statement you have received, please contact the Finance team via email to finance.oloughlin@nt.catholic.edu.au

Kind regards
Finance Team

Homework Centre

O'Loughlin Catholic College operates a Homework Centre on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3pm to 4pm in the Library (RC 2)

We encourage students to attend Homework Centre to seek help and support to get their Homework and assignments completed with the support of staff.

Homework Centre commenced in Week 2 and sign up forms are available at reception of the College.



AMADEUS MUSIC SCHOOL

Sign up

Email Lilla Wallington
musicwithamadeus@gmail.com

'Where words fail, music speaks'

Amadeus Music is in partnership with O'Loughlin Catholic College to provide private music tutoring to students

INSTRUMENTS

Guitar: Acoustic, electric, bass, classical
Piano: Learning to read notation and/or by ear training
Vocal: Pitch, technique and performance coaching
Drumming lessons now available!

Music Tutoring

Amadeus Music School are happy to provide private music tutoring to O'Loughlin students. Lessons are held two days a week on campus.

Instruments

Guitar: Acoustic, electric, bass, classical

Piano: Learning to read notation and/or by ear training

Vocal: Pitch, technique and performance coaching

Drumming lessons are now available!

Expressions of interest can be emailed through to Lilla at musicwithamadeus@gmail.com



Disruption to school and urban bus services

Due to driver shortages, some school and urban bus services may be cancelled or experience changes at short notice.

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics is working with CDC Northern Territory (NT) to limit these disruption and we apologise for any inconvenience caused.

For the latest updates and changes to routes of travel, go to the CDC NT Facebook page or call 08 8944 2444.
<https://www.facebook.com/cdcnorthernterritory/>

Kind regards

Stephanie Lin
School Transport Planner
Public Transport
Stephanie.Lin@nt.gov.au





Collection Notice for parents/guardians

2023 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education (the department) would like to notify you that we have requested for your child's school to provide residential address and other information.

Under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*, the school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- Names and residential addresses of student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- Student residential address (**excluding student names**)
- Whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- Whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

The school collects the above information by generating a **unique and unidentifiable** – student reference number (SRN) for each student record. The school only uses the SRN for this collection. **It is not allowed to be used for any other purpose.** The number only indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the Collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected will be used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data to calculate a non-government school community's capacity to contribute to schooling costs.

From 2020, the department introduced a new measure of capacity to contribute: the Direct Measure of Income (DMI). The DMI is based on the median income of non-government school students' parents or guardians using the Collection data. Find more information about the DMI on the [What is the methodology for the Direct Measure of Income \(DMI\)? Department web page](#).

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with Privacy Act and the *Australian Education Act 2013* and *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

Your personal information provided to the department through the Collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Find more information about MADIP on the ABS website [MADIP page](#).
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may from time to time, carry out an audit of a school's collection submission. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the school's student enrolment information. The contracted auditor will not use the information for any other purpose.

- disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of providing the department with information and communications technology support services.
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

Find the department's privacy policy on the [Department of Education](#) website which includes information on:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made;
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent privacy impact assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The current version is available on the [2018 Student Residential Address Collection: Additional Required information Privacy Impact Assessment web page](#).

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the department with the requested details; however, you can contact the school to update your family's details.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the Collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).

To contact the department about privacy-related matters, email privacy@education.gov.au or write to:

Privacy Officer
Legal Services
Department of Education
LOC: C50MA1
GPO Box 9880
Canberra ACT 2601