



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL...



Dear Members of the St John's Catholic College Community,

2020 Theme:

In 2020 St John's celebrates being a community 60 years Strong in Faith and Strong Together. As we head into our 60th year there is much to be excited about. Much has changed since the College first opened its doors in 1960, but our commitment to the wellbeing and learning of all students in our Catholic community has not. For this we must acknowledge, affirm and celebrate the vision and the dedication of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and the lay men and women who built the strong foundations of our College.

Year 12 Results:

Congratulations to all our Year 12 students on their efforts and achievements. The St John's Class of 2019 consisted of 30 students. Results highlights include: 100% completion rate of the Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) for the third year in a row, 14 A Grades in Stage 2 subjects, 45% of Stage 2 Grades awarded were either an A or B Grade,

11 Aboriginal and Islander students received the NTCET, 15 students from a Language Background Other Than English (LBOTE) received the NTCET, 1 student from a Refugee or Humanitarian program background received the NTCET, Lance Hutt received the College's top ATAR of 95.90, En Olga Pawika was awarded an A+ in Stage 2 Indonesian (continuers) and Lance Hutt and Andrew Caldwell were both awarded an A- in Specialist Mathematics.

The Learning Nest:

To build on the strong results of the Class of 2019, the College will continue with its push regarding our 95%+ Attendance Policy and recently launched the Learning Nest to further support and extend students in achieving academic success. Students in Years 7-12 are able to access the Learning Nest five days a week for support with homework, study, assessment items and exam preparation at no additional cost to families. The Learning Nest, an after school homework centre, is staffed by tutors who are recent graduates of St John's and have achieved academic success. The tutors, all currently studying at Charles Darwin University (CDU), bring their combined experiences of Pharmacy, Software Engineering, Psychological Sciences and Law to the afternoon homework centre. Congratulations to the following Alumni who have been appointed as tutors for 2020: Syed Mahmood, Andrew Caldwell, Mirielle Matyorautah, Isabella Llamas and Lachlan Crimmings. In addition, the College welcomes Sister Sari Lagho from the Missionary Daughters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Mr Samweli Msafiri and Mr Jikany Kour as part of the Inclusion Support Team.

New Students and Families:

The College warmly welcomes 55 new students and their families into the College Community. Our new enrolments truly reflect the multi-cultural, multi-faith, multi-lingual and multi-national demographic of the College. The majority of the new students have commenced, with a few students still to arrive pending visas and travel arrangements. The College

welcomes students from: Haliebury Rendell School, Woolianna School Daly River, St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Woodroffe Primary School, Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School, St Mary's Catholic Primary School, The Essington International School, Alawa Primary School, Murrupurtiyanuwu Catholic Primary School, Moil Primary School, Ngukurr Community Education Centre, Nganambala School Emu Point, Tennant Creek Primary School, Ntaria School Hermannsburg, Ideal School & College Dhaka Bangladesh, Sanderson Middle School, Future Scholars Academy Chennai India, EPS St Joao De Brito Liquica Timor Leste, Callaghan College Wallsend, Merici College Canberra, Templestowe College Melbourne, Yiarra College, Ngalangangum School Warmun, St Francis Xavier School Daly River, St Patrick's College Ballarat, Alyangula Area School, Darwin High School, Daisy English Boarding Secondary School Nepal, Somal Bantu Secondary School Kakuma Kenya, St Phillip's College Alice Springs, Toase Senior High School Ghana, Maharlika International School



The Learning Nest

Supporting and extending students to achieve academic success

LOTE Centre
3:30pm - 5:00pm
Monday - Friday

Dili Timor Leste as well as a school in Indonesia and Tanzania.

Presentation Ball:

In addition, I have written to the College Community flagging my intention to review the Year 12 Presentation Ball as an ongoing event on the College Calendar. Since 1981 the Presentation Ball has been a calendar highlight and a wonderful formation event for our Year 12 students. However, in recent times the relevance and sustainability of the event have been called into question. Specifically, the following concerns continue to be raised by members of the College Community: the cost of the event to families and the College, the impact on and the distraction from the academic program, the level of interest of students in committing to the significant preparation activities of the event, the relevance of the Presentation Ball in a contemporary progressive society and the presence of the Valedictory Mass and Dinner as the Year 12 celebratory event at the end of the Academic Year. The decision around the future of the Presentation Ball will ultimately be made by the College's Strategic Leadership Team; however, given the special standing of the event within the College Community, I invite written submissions advocating for the continuation of, or for the ending of the event. Written submissions are to be submitted via email to admin.stjohns@nt.catholic.edu.au by Friday 20 March, 2020. Please note that the 2020 Presentation Ball will continue to take place as planned.

College Advisory Board:

At our first Advisory Board Meeting, the Board endorsed our 2020 Annual School Improvement Plan, a document that outlines the College's Strategic and Operational plans for 2020. This document can be viewed on our website at: <https://www.stjohnsnt.catholic.edu.au/about-us/annual-reports/> In addition, I communicated with the Board that the College was unsuccessful in our 2020 Block Grant Authority application for funding to renovate Jubilee Hall. Work has commenced on our 2021 BGA application that will focus on renovations and repairs to the roof of the Woodwork Room and the Dance Studio portion of Jubilee Hall. Finally the Board is now accepting expressions of interest from Parents/Guardians of current students interested in joining the Board for 2020 and 2021. Three positions are available with the College keen to build capacity in the areas of Finance, Building and Legal. Expressions of interest can be sent to the Principal at: Cameron.Hughes@nt.catholic.edu.au

New College Hats:

It is wonderful to see so many students start to wear the new College caps and bucket hats. A reminder that these can be purchased from the Cricket and Football Shop, Stuart Highway, Winnellie. This year the College will design a jumper / hoodie.

Well Done Victor Sun on his commitment to St John's and his classes (Original source ABC: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-02-05/teacher-in-coronavirus-quarantine-conducts-video-link-classes/11933874>)

A maths and Mandarin teacher is still appearing before his students in a Darwin classroom, even though he is in self-imposed quarantine at home after returning from holidays in China. Hardworking Victor Sun refused to let his St John's Catholic College students go without their classes, so he is teaching via video link from his living room in Alawa, 8 kilometres away. And riots have not erupted in the classroom. Not with the senior students, anyway.

"Year sevens are very active I have to say," he said diplomatically to ABC Radio Darwin's Jo Laverty. "Overall I think it's going well, so far, with their behaviour. "My students are still interacting and engaging with the virtual classroom." "I have found different age groups do show some different responses and feedback to the virtual lessons." "Our senior students, especially our strong cohort of those doing specialist maths in year 12, they are really glad of still being taught and supported by me through the virtual classroom instead of, say, leaving them with a relief teacher."

Initial concern waived off. The students were told what was happening before the classes started. Year 11 student Felicia Wiwarsomo said it has been a unique experience, but Mr Sun's technology skills made it easier. "We've never had something like this before," she said. "It was scary too, because we didn't know how he was going to be talking to us." "And he's just come from China. We want him to come back to school safely."

Year 9 student Mirabelle Matyorautah said it was business as usual. "It's kinda the same," she said. "The teacher is still at the board and the worksheets are in front of us. I wouldn't mind if it was like this all the time."

Lost in translation. The younger students are a good example of where the virtual classroom model is challenged. For them, Mr Sun had his work cut out for him. "This teaching mode for them is very new, especially for a language class like my Mandarin class," Mr Sun said. "The students want to take the opportunity to talk with me in Chinese to practice." "There was a moment when they talked together and I couldn't really hear clearly what they were saying, so luckily I've got another teacher in the classroom to organise the students so I can focus on the teaching."

Mr Sun is probably lucky he is still able to teach as he cannot interact with his flatmates. He retreats to his bedroom when they return from work. When there, he fills his time with even more work. "I'm preparing for the new school year," he said. "It's fine. It's not that bad. At least I'm able to do my job at home." Learning all the time. Mr Sun returned on Friday from Chinese New Year family celebrations in Shanghai, 700 kilometres from the centre of the coronavirus outbreak in the city of Wuhan. With Principal Cameron Hughes they discussed the Federal Government's health advice for travellers from China to quarantine for two weeks. They rented the virtual classroom equipment over the weekend. He said he and other Catholic schools are thinking about how this can be a lesson for the administration, saying small classes studying specialist subjects in different schools could benefit from this technology. "The students have been engaged," he said. "The younger students are more active in the classes. The senior classes just want to get in and get the work done." "You never know when we might be able to use this technology in the future." Asked if he may have hit a money-saving jackpot for the school budget, he said "nothing replaces the teacher in the classroom". "Teachers in the classroom are definitely a priority," he said.

Looking forward to celebrating our 60th Year with the College Community at our Sacred Heart Day Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Friday 19 June (9am).

Fortes in Fide,

Cameron Hughes
Principal

Wednesday 12 February, 2020



Review of the Presentation Ball

Dear Members of the St John's Catholic College Community,

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- The cost of the event to families and the College
- The impact on and the distraction from the academic program
- The level of interest of students in committing to the significant preparation activities of the event
- The relevance of the Presentation Ball in a contemporary progressive society
- The presence of the Valedictory Mass and Dinner as a Year 12 celebratory event at the end of the Academic Year

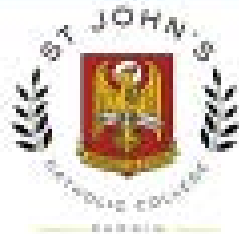
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Written submissions are to be submitted via email to admin.stjohns@nt.catholic.edu.au by Friday 20 March, 2020.

Please note that the 2020 Presentation Ball will continue to take place as planned.

Fortes in Fide,

A blue ink signature of Cameron Hughes, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' and 'H' that loops around the text.
Cameron Hughes
Principal



2020 NEW HEADWEAR

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2020 REFUGEE WORLD CUP

The Refugee World Cup (RWC) brings the community together to celebrate multiculturalism and unite people from around the world through football.

The competition which is organised by former St John's student, Billy Tarrillo from Football Without Borders and supported by Football Northern Territory was played at Darwin Football Stadium on Sunday 26 January.

The 2020 RWC saw the entry of St John's into the Men's division in a year where the College celebrates being 60 Years Strong in Faith, 60 Years Strong Together.

The team which was coordinated, coached and led by Ben Johns, Morice Mutalemba, Samweli Msafiri and Wal Akol Jok surpassed competition organisers expectations by making it through to the quarter finals.

Playing in a striking red strip with the redeveloped SJ sports logo, the RWC saw the debut of new recruits Gustave Msoshi and Thomas Balongelwa.

St John's started the day strongly with a first up 6-3 win over Coaches United, with Wal Akol Jok (2), Thomas Balongelwa (2), Gustave Msoshi (1) and Samweli Msafiri (1) finding the back of the net.

Game Two saw St John's hold the much fancied and eventual winners Worldwide FC to a 0-0 draw with St John's goalkeeper Said Nditije and defenders Morice Mutalemba, Chol Akol Jok, Kanwar Cheema and Salvador Soares being the stars of the game defending the net from an onslaught of attack from the Worldwide FC forwards.

Game Three saw the golden boot of Mbukana Njalur find form with the star striker picking up a treble in St John's 4-1 win over Football Without Borders. Njalur received great service and opportunity from midfielders of Charles Ngangu, Samweli Msafiri, Gustave Msoshi and Chol Akol Jok. The other scorer for St John's was new recruit Gustave Msoshi who was dangerous all day.

After topping Pool A, St John's progressed to the quarter finals, unfortunately the day ended there with St John's going down 1-nil against Darwin Ellas VSC in a hard fought affair. St John's had a chance to level the match in the dying minutes but couldn't find the back of the net.

Congratulations to Worldwide FC who defeated Darwin Ellas VSC in a penalty shootout to take out the Men's division and to Mindil Aces who won the Women's division.

Special mention to Makuer Akol Jok who participated in training and assisted on the day as photographer and runner, and also to Esta Mutalemba who represented Panthers in the Women's division.

The Coach's award for Most Valuable Player went to Said Nditije for his stellar performance as goal keeper.

The College hopes to return to the RWC in 2021 with the addition of a Women's team.

The St John's team received plenty of support across the day, thanks to all members of the community who came down to support the team.

Results:

Game 1: WIN 6-3 over Coaches United (Goals: Wal Akol Jok 2, Thomas Balongelwa 2, Gustave Msoshi 1, Samweli Msafiri 1)

Game 2: DRAW 0-0 with Worldwide FC

Game 3: WIN 4-1 over Football Without Borders (Mbukana Njalur 3, Gustave Msoshi 1)

Quarter Final: LOSS 0-1 to Darwin Ellas VSC

2020 RWC Team: Wal Akol Jok, Chol Akol Jok, Said Nditije, Charles Ngangu, Mbukana Njalur, Kanwar Cheema, Salvador Soares, Thomas Balongelwa, Gustave Msoshi, Morice Mutalemba, Samweli Msafiri, Shinya Nagaike, Ben Johns and Cameron Hughes.





FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: TEACHING AND LEARNING



Dear Members of the St John's Catholic College Community,

Welcome to the start of the 2020 school year. It was good to see the return of our students and to welcome new students to St John's Catholic College last week.

Year 12 2019 Results:

We had much to celebrate with the release of our Year 12 2019 results last year!

- 100% NTCET completion rate – all of our students attained the NTCET for the 3rd year in a row.
- 14 A Grades were awarded to our cohort – this was nearly half of the cohort
- Our top ATAR was 95.90

Year 11 RE – Change from CMT to Stage 2 Integrated Learning:

All Year 11 parent/guardians should have received a letter containing the information below this week.

At the end of 2019 the College made the decision to no longer deliver Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology (CMT). The provider of this certificate was no longer able to meet the needs of the College. CMT was completed over 2 years and provided students with 55 credits at Stage 2.

Due to CMT no longer being delivered at the College, several changes have been made to senior students' study loads. This is to ensure students have enough credits to achieve the 200 credits required for the NTCET. Some of the changes are as follows:

- Year 11 students will undertake Stage 2 Integrated Studies RE as a 10 credit subject over the course of the year.
- Quiet Study only approved for those students who have enough credits
- In 2021 Year 12 students will be provided with one Quiet Study line (pending sufficient credits)
- In 2021 Year 12 students will undertake 5 Stage 2 subjects

Year 11 students have been made aware of the information above on the first day back this year. They have also had a session on the NTCET and ATAR and the opportunity to meet with both myself and the VET/Careers Coordinator Ms Tracey Ingui.

All students have had their timetables adjusted and timetable counselling where required. No Year 11 students should have any blank spaces on their timetables.

If any students require further counselling regarding subject selection and career pathways, they are advised to see myself or Ms Tracey Ingui.

Year 12 Subject Confirmation Form:

Year 12 students have received a subject confirmation form this week. Students and Parents/Guardians will need to confirm the following:

- Student is aiming to achieve the NTCET and ATAR, or
- Student is aiming to achieve the NTCET only
- Subjects selected are confirmed by parent/guardians and concerns of teachers acknowledged where appropriate

These forms were due in Term 4 last year and are now overdue. All Year 12 students must return this form to confirm their course of study.

SACE Information:

It is important that all senior students understand the NTCET and how to achieve both the NTCET and ATAR. Please see the poster below:



Year 10	Year 10 S1 PLP 10	Year 10 S1 Stage 1 Elective 10	Year 10 S2 Stage 1 Elective 10	Year 11 & 12 Cert III in CMT 10
Year 11	Year 11 S1 Literacy 10	Year 10 S2 Stage 1 Elective 10	Year 11 S2 Numeracy 10	Year 12 S1 & S2 Stage 2 Literacy 20
Year 12	Year 11 S2 Literacy 10	Year 11 S1 Stage 1 Elective 10	Year 11 S2 Stage 1 Elective 10	Year 12 S1 & S2 Stage 2 Numeracy 20
	Year 11 S1 Numeracy 10	Year 11 S1 Stage 1 Elective 10	Year 11/12 S1 & S2 Stage 2 Elective 20	Year 12 S1 & S2 Stage 2 Elective 20

To complete the NTCET with an ATAR:

- 👉 Complete 200 credits
- 👉 Achieve an A, B or C for all compulsory subjects
- 👉 Achieve an A, B or C in 140 credits
- 👉 Achieve 90 credits at a Stage 2 level

Certificate III in CMT

- 👉 20 credits at Stage 2
- 👉 Contributes to ATAR

Compulsory Subjects:

- 👉 PLP
- 2 Literacy courses
- 1 Numeracy course

For further information:

- 👉 Contact the College
- For more information online visit:
<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/web/sace-operations/ntcet/completion-requirements>

NAPLAN Online 2020:

All Year 7 and 9 students will participate in NAPLAN online this year. The testing period runs from Tuesday 12 May to Friday 22 May 2020. Parent/Guardians are advised to contact Ms Shinead Love if they believe that their child may be granted an exemption. An information brochure on NAPLAN Online has been provided. Please read this carefully. The school timetable for the literacy and numeracy tests will be published closer to the date. Students will be able to participate in practice tests prior to the testing period.

Academic Detention – Wednesday afternoons:

Academic detention will take place on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:30 this year. All students are expected to complete and submit their assessment tasks by the due date. If this expectation is not met, students will be placed on academic detention by the class teacher. It is expected that the assessment task will be completed during this detention and submitted. If a student fails to attend the academic detention then they will be referred to their Head of House and a Restorative Services Detention will be issued. If there are extenuating circumstances surrounding the non-submission of an assessment task, students are asked to speak with their classroom teacher.

Assessment Task Calendars:

- Assessment Calendars for each year level have been released electronically via Edmodo. An Edmodo page has been created for year 11 and 12 and a general Pastoral Care group for Years 7-10.
- Calendars are also available on Student Public for students to access.
- Hard copies may be requested at the administration desk if required.

Subject Selection – closed on Friday 7 February 2020:

- Subject changes have now closed for the semester for Years 7-11 electives and for the year for Year 12. Students are expected to remain in their selected subjects for the remainder of the semester/year as appropriate.

Edmodo:

As all classes are up and running, all students should have access to their Edmodo groups for each subject. Edmodo allows our students to have access to class materials out of class and to submit their assessment tasks online. Feedback and grades for assessment tasks are available online for students when complete. Parents are able to be provided with a unique code for their child in order to access results and feedback as well. If you would like access to your child's Edmodo groups please contact the subject teacher for the class.

Kind Regards,

Cherilyn Hughes
Assistant Principal: Teaching and Learning

NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers



2020

Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online in 2020

Federal, state and territory education ministers agreed that all schools will gradually transition from the current paper-based NAPLAN to NAPLAN Online in order to provide a better and more precise assessment that is more engaging for students.

State and territory education authorities will determine when their schools move online. The current plan is for all schools to transition to NAPLAN Online by 2021.

One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, in which the test presents questions of higher or lower complexity depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.

Why do students do NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians

are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

What does NAPLAN assess?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN materials.

As students are assessed on the same literacy and numeracy curriculum content, regardless of whether they complete the test online or on paper, results for both formats can be reported on the same NAPLAN assessment scale. To find out more about NAPLAN Online, visit nap.edu.au

How can I help my child prepare?

On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for and students are not expected to do so.

Help your child prepare by reassuring them that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and by reminding them on the day to simply do their best.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers.

Ensuring students are familiar with using devices, typing on them and navigating through programs is a part of student learning and a requirement of the Australian Curriculum from the first year at school.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills. There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

See the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment at nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: ADMINISTRATION



Dear Members of the St John's Catholic College Community,

Fundraiser for Presentation Ball:

Thank you to Heads of House for coordinating the Trivia Night fundraiser for the Year 12 Student Presentation Ball.

- Date: Thursday 27 February, 2020
- Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start
- Location: Darwin Trailer Boat Club

Please come along and support. See flyer included in Newsletter.

Bushfires Fundraiser:

In response to the devastating bushfires the College will be holding a fundraiser breakfast on Tuesday 18 February from 8:30am – 9:00am near the Food and Hospitality area. Money raised will go to the National Bushfire Taskforce set up by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. See flyer included in Newsletter.

Swimming Carnival:

The 2020 Swimming Carnival will be held at the Nightcliff Swimming Pool Complex on Friday 6 March (Week 6). Students are required to meet their Homeroom teachers inside the Nightcliff Swimming Pool Complex between 8:30am and 8:45am. Students who cannot make their own way to the pool need to be present at the school bus stop by 8:00am to be transported with boarding students.

Pastoral Care and Well-being Edmodo:

Students and parents please join our Pastoral and Well-being page on Edmodo for daily notices, upcoming events and Heads of House messages. Edmodo code to join the page is [uthueg](#). Please contact Heads of House for more details to join in.

Key Dates – Term 1, 2020:

- Week 4: Tuesday 18 Feb – Fundraiser – Bushfires
- Week 5: Tuesday 25 Feb – Shrove Tuesday
- Week 5: Wednesday 26 Feb – Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- Week 6: Tuesday 3 March – Middle & Senior Netball Gala Day
- Week 6: Friday 6 March – Swimming Carnival
- Week 7: Wednesday 11 March – Vaccination day
- Week 8: Tuesday 17 March- St. Patrick's day
- Week 8: Wednesday 18 March – Vaccination day
- Week 8: Thursday 19 March – Middle & Senior Touch Football Gala Day
- Week 8: Friday 20 March – Harmony Day
- Week 9: Thursday 26 March – Middle Boys AFL Gala Day
- Week 9: Thursday 26 March – National Sorry Day
- Week 10: Friday 3 April – Stations of the Cross
- Week 10/11: Wednesday 1 – 8 April- PLP Work Experience
- Week 11: Wednesday 8 April – Boarders' Travel Day
- Week 11: Friday 9 April Last Day of Term 1

Semester 1 Term Break Dates 2020:

- Term 1 Break: Friday 10 April – 17 April
- Term 2 Break: Monday 29 June – Friday 17 July

Catholic Identity Retreats:

Attendance at and participation in Catholic Identity Retreats are a compulsory component of the College program.

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| • Year 7 | Monday 14 September | St John's Catholic College |
| • Year 8 | Monday 14 September | St John's Catholic College |
| • Year 9 | Tuesday 15 September | St John's Catholic College |
| • Year 10 | Thursday 20 August – Friday 21 August | Mary River Wilderness Retreat |
| • Year 11 | Thursday 22 May – Friday 24 May | Mary River Wilderness Retreat |
| • Year 12 | Wednesday 19 February – Friday 21 February | Mary River Wilderness Retreat |

Heads of House:

The Homeroom group is made up of students across year levels and cared for by a Homeroom Teacher. Students and Homeroom Teachers are supported by a Head of House.

Burford House:	Mr Shinya Nagaike	Shinya.Nagaike@nt.catholic.edu.au
Daley House:	Miss Katie Higgins	Katie.Higgins@nt.catholic.edu.au
O'Loughlin House:	Jed Burley	Jed.Burley@nt.catholic.edu.au

Homeroom Teachers:

For Pastoral Care, the primary contacts are the following Homeroom Teachers:

Burford H07 – Shinead Love	Shinead.Love@nt.catholic.edu.au
Burford H08 – Liza Bowers	Liza.Bowers@nt.catholic.edu.au
Burford H09 – Justin Andries	Justin.Andries@nt.catholic.edu.au
Daley H01 – Bronwyn Graham	Bronwyn.Graham@nt.catholic.edu.au
Daley H02 – Ben Johns	Ben.Johns@nt.catholic.edu.au
Daley H03 – Jane Anlezak	Jane.Anlezark@nt.catholic.edu.au
O'Loughlin H04 – Melissa Nielsen	Melissa.Nielsen@nt.catholic.edu.au
O'Loughlin H05 – Marriane Foster	Marriane.Foster@nt.catholic.edu.au
O'Loughlin H06 – Annalea McCurry	Annalea.McCurry@nt.catholic.edu.au

Core Expectations – Stay Safe, Respect Everyone & Learn Everyday:

Homeroom Teachers and Heads of House continue to reinforce our expectations in building and maintaining a safe, respectful learning community that is focused on the wellbeing and learning of all students in our Catholic community. Core expectations:

- Stay Safe
- Respect Everyone
- Learn Everyday

Attendance/Absences:

Parents / Guardians will receive a letter for students with less than 95% attendance each term. Students who meet the college attendance expectations of 95%+ or more are awarded certificates each Term.

Parents / Guardians are requested to notify Letticha Clarke, Student Services in the event of student absence. Letticha can be contacted on 08 8982 2256 or via Letticha.Clarke@nt.catholic.edu.au In the event of an unexplained absence; the College notifies Parents / Guardians via our SMS service. Please ensure that the College has up-to-date family contact details.

Uniform:

The College uniform is contemporary and has been designed for maximum comfort for the tropical climate of Darwin. Students are expected to attend school each day in the full College uniform. Consequences will be issued for uniform breaches. On days when students have Health and Physical Education (HPE) practical lessons, students are expected to attend school in the full College uniform and change into their Sports Uniform at the commencement of their HPE practical lesson. At the conclusion of their HPE practical lesson, students are expected to change back into the full College uniform. Parents / Guardians are requested to communicate with Homeroom Teachers / Heads of House in short term situations where students are unable to comply with the Uniform Expectations. Our uniform shop is outsourced by The Cricket and Football Shop located at Unit 1/422 Stuart Highway, Winnellie. Opening hours are Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm and Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm. All items, with the exception of footwear are available from the Cricket and Football shop.

Bus Travel:

The Northern Territory Government provides a school bus service to the College. Bus routes and timetables can be located at: <https://nt.gov.au/driving/public-transport-cycling/school-bus-darwin/st-johns-college> the drop off point and pick up point is located at the bus turn around area at the far end of the Hartzer oval. Students are required to comply with the Department of Transport's Code of Conduct for School Bus Travel. A copy of the code can be located at: <https://nt.gov.au/driving/public-transport-cycling/school-bus-darwin>

Bicycles and Skateboards:

Students are required to park their bicycles in the racks provided on the Hartzer Campus. Skateboards are to be stored in the Heads of House Office. Bicycles and skateboards are not to be used during the school day. Students are encouraged to secure their bike with a lock. It is the expectation of the College that students wear a helmet and obey all road rules when travelling to and from school on a bicycle or skateboard.

Counsellors:

The College provides access to Catholic Care Counsellors. This service is available through the Health Centre on Monday's and Wednesday's. Our College Counsellor is Hannah Hendry.

Kind Regards,

St John's Catholic College supporting the Bushfire Appeal

In response to the devastating bushfires, the College will be holding a fundraiser on Tuesday 18th February.

Bacon and Egg Breakfast

8:30am - 9:00am

Outside the Home Economics Kitchen

\$5.00

**All money raised will go the
National Bushfire Taskforce
set up by the
St Vincent de Paul Society**



St John's Catholic College and Darwin Trailer Boat Club Present



Thursday 27th February 2020
Darwin Trailer Boat Club - 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start

Trivia Night

Come along to a fun-filled Trivia Night,
raising funds for our Year 12 Presentation Ball



\$20 per person
Tickets available at the door
Food and Drinks for sale
Prizes to be won
Raffles to be drawn





FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Dear Members of the St John's Catholic College Community,

At St John's Catholic College, Catholic identity signifies our essence and our distinctive character. It is the soul of our school. Identity does not happen by itself- it must be attended to and nurtured. As we think about Catholic school identity today, we must be mindful of the 21st century context in which our school exists and in which our students are growing up.

To signify our essence, we have chosen a theme for our College this year which is '60 years Strong in Faith'

The Opening College Mass was celebrated on Friday the 7th of February by the most Reverend Charles Gauci, Bishop of Darwin and Father Brian Steele mgl. Father Brian has just joined our College Community as the new Chaplain for 2020. We look forward to working closely with him. A big thank you to Fr Antony Santhiyagu mgl for your ongoing support to the College.

Retreat Dates:

The Retreat is an important part of our students' spiritual and personal growth at St John's Catholic College, it is therefore a compulsory event for students to attend.

Year 12 Retreat: Term 1: 19- 21 February at the Mary River Wilderness Retreat, Arnhem Highway, Annaburroo.

Year 11 Retreat:	Term 2: 21 – 22 May at the Mary River Wilderness Retreat, Arnhem Highway, Annaburroo.
Year 10 Retreat:	Term 3: 20- 21 August at the Mary River Wilderness Retreat, Arnhem Highway, Annaburroo
Year 7 & 8 Retreat:	Term 3: 14 September at St Johns' Catholic College
Year 9 & IEU Retreat:	Term 3: 15 September at St John's Catholic College.

Each Sunday we have the Boarders' Mass at the College in the MP Room at 5:15pm. All are welcome to join us for this celebration.

Please find below dates for St John's Boarders to attend Masses in other Parishes too:

Saturday 22nd February:	St Paul's Nightcliff – 6:00 pm
Sunday 8th March:	St Martin de Porres Catholic Aboriginal Community – 10:00 am
Sunday 22nd March:	St. Mary's Cathedral- 9.30am

Important news regarding the Sacramental Program

"Fr Tom Jose Pandiappallil and the St Mary's Cathedral Parish Community invite parents to enrol their Catholic children in preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation, Eucharist, and Reconciliation for 2020.

Registration forms are available at the Parish Office or can be emailed upon request. Please contact the Parish Secretary on 8981 2863 or email cathedral@darwin.catholic.org.au. The introduction session will be held on 22nd February, Saturday from 3pm to 4pm. Please return completed forms to the Parish Office as soon as you are able."

I pray that 2020 is a wonderful year for all our families. God bless you and may the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved: Forever.

God Bless,

Denise Simon
Assistant Principal: Religious Education



Welcome to the College Fr Brian.



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BOARDING



Dear Members of the St John's Catholic College Community,

I wish you all a warm welcome to the 2020 school year. We are very excited to be back and we have enjoyed a great start to the school year.

Personally, I am excited to return as I spent Term 4 travelling around different parts of Asia on my Long Service Leave. I had a fantastic time but am enjoying being back at the College and spending time with the students again. I was able to share some photographs and stories with them in the first week.

At the beginning of each year we look forward to welcoming new students into our community and welcoming back returning students to their home away from home. For new students, the beginning of the school year can be a challenging time, for boarding students, this is certainly true. Often students are away from home for the first time and can be a significantly long way from home. They are moving into a new environment filled with new people and a new culture of expectations.

Our focus for new students is built on a relational framework that works closely with each individual to find out what goals and aspirations they have as well as working with them to find out what needs they have that we can support. Close family contact as always, is important at this time and we encourage our returning students to make everyone feel as welcome as possible.

In the second week of term, we invited Larrakia men Sean and Jason Lee to welcome us with a smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country. This is something we do each year and is an important part of the opening few weeks for the College. A key focus for us is that all students feel safe and comfortable on the grounds where we work, live, learn and play. To have members of the local Indigenous community provide a traditional welcome and smoking ceremony helps to address that.

This year we are welcoming new students from a range of communities including, Daly River, Emu Point, Hermannsburg, Nguiu, Ngukurr, Warmun and Groote Eylandt. We welcome back a number of returning students from different communities across the Northern Territory and Western Australia.

Last year we had 11 Indigenous students graduate from the College with their NTCET, this is a fantastic achievement for them and for the staff that work with them over a number of years to achieve that goal. We hope to continue to maintain that goal for the students that begin the year in 2020 and look forward to witnessing and being a part of their growth and development over this time.

Kind Regards,

Scott Mannion
Director of Boarding





FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER



Dear Members of the St John's Catholic College Community,

Welcome back to the start of another exciting academic school year. I would like to welcome all the new and existing students and families to St John's Catholic College. Term 1 is always exciting for staff and students. I want to thank the Administration team for giving all students a warm welcome.

School Fees:

Thank you to those families who paid their school fees on time in 2019.

Semester 1, 2020 school fees have been issued. If you would like to make a payment or set up a payment plan, please speak to our Finance team (08 8982 2203). Our Finance team endeavors to work closely with you for payments of school fees. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the Finance Department at 08 8982 2203 or finance.stjohns@nt.catholic.edu.au.

The College continues to make efforts in reducing carbon footprint and has implemented cost savings. We are decreasing colour printing and encouraging staff and students to use less paper.

The College's IT team is working hard to keep technology up and running. The College recently purchased an ID card and has provided laptops to our middle school students.

We also like to welcome Harvey Jupp as the College's new Enrolment and Library Officer.

If you have any administration related matter, please Email admin.stjohns@nt.catholic.edu.au or call 08 8982 2222.

Shashank Laroia, CPA
Business Manager



Whole School Opening College Mass



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Mr Cameron Hughes
Principal
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Dear Mr Hughes

I am writing to congratulate you on the Year 12 Results for 2019 at St John's Catholic College.

What a great achievement to have a 100 per cent completion rate for the Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) three years in a row. All 30 students and their teachers should be proud of the work they have done to complete their NTCET or support students to achieve this. Furthermore, to have almost half of the students receive an A Grade in Stage 2 subjects is remarkable.

I would like to thank you, the staff and the school community for their commitment and hard work in continuing to achieve such great results. I wish you all the best for 2020.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "MG", written over the printed name "MICHAEL GUNNER".

MICHAEL GUNNER

- 7 JAN 2020



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Mr Cameron Hughes
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Cameron
Dear Mr Hughes

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding 2019 Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (NTCET) results. I commend all those involved on such a great achievement this year.

St John's Catholic College and its community has worked very hard to achieve these student completions and I was pleased to see that 30 students completed an NTCET this year.

These results are something you, your teaching and support staff, and broader school community can be really proud of and speak to the continued efforts of St John's Catholic College in driving student improvement.

I also acknowledge the efforts of the students themselves. Through their commitment to their own education and learning, we have seen the highest number of NTCET completions in Territory history.

I wish the school all the best with the new Year 12 cohort in 2020 and I look forward to hearing of the school's continued success.

Yours sincerely

Selena Uibo

SELENA UIBO

Top results - well done!

31 DEC 2019

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Dear Principals and Administration Staff

Re: Sport Voucher Scheme

The Sport Voucher Scheme is an initiative of the Northern Territory Government, providing children with the opportunity to participate in sport, recreation and cultural activities.

Parents or carers will need to apply for vouchers online each semester via our website www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au.

If we already have the child's details in our system a voucher will be available to print or save immediately. If the child's details are not found by the system, a voucher will be sent to the nominated email within 7 days of application.

The Department of Tourism, Sport and Culture appreciates any assistance your school can offer to parents, carers or students that may have difficulty in accessing or filling out the online application form.

We will be providing information packs early in the semester and would appreciate your assistance in distributing these to all students. The information packs will be enclosed in an envelope and generic in nature, the method of distribution is up to your school's discretion.

We will be seeking your support in advertising the Scheme and the online application process through your school newsletter.

More information is available at www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au, or please contact our Sport Voucher team by phone on 1800 817 860 or by email sport.voucher@nt.gov.au.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance with the distribution of Sport Voucher Scheme information.

Yours sincerely



Dr Ian Ford
Senior Director
Sport and Active Recreation

17 January 2020