



NEWSLETTER

WEEKS: 5-6 | TERM: 2 | 2018

TERM 2 IMPORTANT DATES

- Week 6: Friday 1 June Athletics Carnival
- Week 7: Friday 8 June Sacred Heart Mass / Day
- Week 8: Wednesday 13 June Window Day
- Week 9: Thursday 21 June Science and Engineering Challenge
- Week 9: Friday 22 June VET Structured work Placement
- Week 10: Friday 29 June Last Day of Term 2

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL...



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

As previously communicated, the College has entered a period of discernment to renew our Strategic Plan. This work is aligned to the Catholic Education NT Strategic Plan for the period of 2018 – 2022.

The Strategic Planning process is a shared responsibility of the College Community as we strive towards our vision statement:

St John's Catholic College will be a safe, connected, learning community for local, boarding and international students. We will strive for excellence and ensure the holistic development of each student through a balanced approach to faith, academic, sporting and cultural activities.

I invite all members of the College Community to engage in the strategic planning process. The Catholic Education Office supports schools in this process through the School Improvement and Renewal Framework.

The Strategic Leadership Team will lead a process of: dreaming, aligning, discerning, refining, affirming and publishing as we discern the strategic goals and actions in the six key areas of school life: Catholic Identity, Teaching and Learning, Leadership, Pastoral Care and Wellbeing, Community and Culture and Finance, Facilities and Resources.

The six key areas remind school leaders, teachers and stakeholders of the scope of schooling and help ensure that school planning pays balanced attention to all areas.

To engage with the strategic planning process and to submit your feedback, please visit the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5MJ7N7G>

The link will also be posted on the College Website and Facebook page.

Thank you for your ongoing support of St John's Catholic College Darwin.

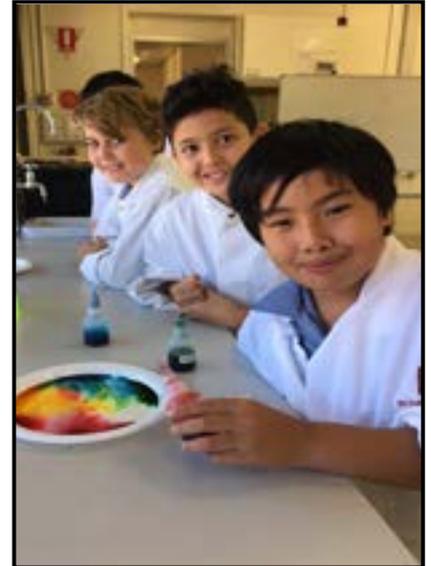
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Cameron Hughes
Acting Principal



*Congratulations to those students who participated in the Gala Day.
Great Effort.*

2018 Windows Day - Wednesday 23rd May and Wednesday 30th May





FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND PRACTICE

Dear St John's Catholic College family,

On Wednesday 22 May our Year 11 students headed out to Mary River to begin their Retreat. The theme of the Retreat was 'Trust, Love, Live' and what it means to be servant leaders.

Students explored characteristics of other leaders, who they are as leaders, and how to be servant leaders like Jesus. I would like to thank all staff involved in the running of the Retreat - Mr Andrew Keighley Mrs Alison Lowe and Ms Judy Capes. I invite you to read a short reflection written by Lance Hutt.

As many of you may be aware on the 23rd of May the Year 11s departed from St John's, on route to the Mary River Wilderness Retreat located halfway between Darwin and the Kakadu National Park. Over the next three days they were not only able to get know each other but also really get to know themselves. Guiding them through this journey was the theme of Trust, Live, Love and 4 amazing group leaders, here's a look at what they achieved. Everyone was separated into three separate groups, all defined by a common nursery rhyme; the alphabet song; Mary had a little lamb; and twinkle, twinkle, little star. Where in these groups they competed in several group bonding activities including the Amazing race and the human-tower group build where the Stars set a new school record of just 3 seconds!

With the theme of Trust, Love and Live there was also a strong emphasis on spirituality, exploring not only our school's strong Catholic faith but also our own personal faith. This enabled everyone to take a look at themselves and others on a personal level and assess their personal short and long term goals for the future. As well as our own goals there was talk of what was expected of us as leaders in our College and how we can best serve as leaders of our College next year. One concept that foremost in our sessions that we are to be servant leaders, putting others before ourselves.

Ultimately after three days of exploring our own, others and the College's faith as well as relaxing and enjoying ourselves it was time to return back to Darwin. However, no Year 11 went home in the same way that they had arrived. All were touched by the message of the retreat and at the very least came to know each other better bonding as a year level. Where overall it was a fantastic way to just get away from it all and explore what it means to be at St John's.

Pastoral Care and Wellbeing:

Punctuality in any environment, work, sport, or school, is important and is an area that the College continues to

challenge students to meet expectations - arriving to both class and Homeroom on time. Students who are late more than three times per term to Homeroom, without a letter/note from parent or guardian, will receive a Wednesday after school detention from their Head of House. Students being late to school and classes has a significant impact on their education due to missed class time, as the table below shows.

WHAT SORT OF START IS YOUR CHILD GETTING?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much, but...

He/She is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes/day	50 minutes/week	Nearly 1.5 weeks/year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes/day	1 hour 40 minutes/week	Over 2.5 weeks/year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour/day	Half a day/week	4 weeks/year	Nearly 1 and a half years
1 hour per day	1 day/week	8 weeks/year	Over 2 and a half years

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!

Every day, every moment counts in the life of every child at our school.

If you have issues or concerns about your son or daughter, please contact their Head of House on 08 8982 2222, or alternatively please feel free to email them:

Burford House: Mr. Shinya Nagaïke:
Shinya.Nagaïke@nt.catholic.edu.au
 Daley House: Mrs. Ayesha Fatima:
Ayesha.Fatima@nt.catholic.edu.au
 O'Loughlin House: Ms. Melissa Nielsen:
Melissa.Nielsen@nt.catholic.edu.au

Study Skills: Independent Learning:

Some students take a long time to realise that there are



actually two types of work in secondary school. There is the obvious work, the work your teacher specifically tells you to do and that is compulsory: homework, working on assignments, preparing for tests and assessments. But students who get good results in school take a larger measure of responsibility for their learning. This means that on nights where they do not have much compulsory work, they also do independent learning. These are the additional things you do, if you have no other schoolwork to do that night, to improve your understanding of your subjects. It is what students who get good marks are doing, they are just not talking about it to their friends!

Examples of independent learning:

- Reading
- Reviewing what you have been learning at school that week
- Extra practise on questions you find hard
- Research on an area you are interested in learning more about
- Making a mind map about what you have been learning
- Making study notes on a topic
- Improving your touch typing skills
- Reading ahead in your textbook
- Improving your study skills (you can complete units on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au)

- Doing work from a different textbook or study guide for one of your subjects (check the school library, local library and bookshops).

Some nights students will not have time to do any independent learning. Other nights students will have no homework and will spend the whole time allocated to schoolwork that night working on independent learning tasks. Teachers may even give you a sheet that has suggestions of independent learning work for that subject. This means in secondary school students can never say 'I have nothing to do' – this really just means 'I have nothing compulsory to do at the moment!'

One component of independent learning in high school is making your own study notes or summaries. You can learn more about how to make study notes in the unit 'Summarising' on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au. Our school's subscription details are:

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God Bless,

Stephen Versteegh
Assistant Principal: Catholic Identity and Practice



FROM THE ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: TEACHING AND LEARNING

Dear St John's Catholic College
Community members,

Year 12 – Careers and University advice:

Year 12 students are encouraged to see our VET/Careers advisor Ms Tracey Ingui regarding career pathways and university options prior to university applications opening in Semester 2.

Ms Ingui can provide students with advice they will need when considering which universities to apply for and the requirements for each course.

Career advice is also available from Ms Ingui and students are encouraged to visit her before the end of Term 2. Each student who visits Ms Ingui will complete a profile detailing their career choices/pathways to aid with university applications and career pathway decisions.

Maths Tuition for High Achievers:

Mathematics tuition for high achievers continues throughout the term on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 3:30 – 4:30 in the LOTE centre with Victor Sun.

Edmodo::

As the semester progresses you should be able to see your son/daughter's grades and feedback for each assessment task. If you still require the code to access your son/daughter's Edmodo groups please contact the Heads of House or relevant subject teacher.

Students Online:

Year 11 and 12 students should log on to 'Students Online' <https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/connect/students-online> to check their personal details and their progress in achieving the NTCET. Log in requires a SACE registration number and PIN.

May God Bless you all,

Cherilyn Hughes
Acting Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning
Cherilyn.hughes@nt.catholic.edu.au



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

Dear members of the St John's Community

Over the last few weeks our students have been involved in the Annual AFLNT High Schools Competition in Darwin. Each year the competition is run with various High Schools from the Darwin region competing against

each other. It is something our students look forward to each year. This year we entered a boys and a girls team into the competition.

Our girl's team have won three out of three games and each week they have shown great sportsmanship and team work. We have had to help the other teams with additional players each week and all of the girls have been willing to do this as well as help out with running water

and supporting the boy's team.

Our boy's team has won two out of three games and have also shown great spirit and team work. Again, they have been willing to help out the other teams and to support and help out with the girls' team where they can.

Overall, it is a great community building event and games that are held on our oval are well supported by day staff and boarding staff. This week, both teams play their final matches on our home ground and we wish them success in competing, supporting each other and continuing to develop the great community spirit that is such a big part of who we are at St John's Catholic College.

Kind Regards,

Scott Mannion
Director of Boarding



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Dear Family, friends and community members

A BIG THANK YOU to those families who have made their school fee payments. Families who haven't made payment yet for school fees, please make contact with our finance team. Our Finance Team endeavors to work closely with you for pay-

ments of school fees. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the Finance Department at 08 8982 2246.

Update on New Resources:

Our printing partner CSG have donated to the College a Samsung Smart Flip Board, to make learning fun and interactive. It will form part of the ICT tools the College uses to teach and engage students.





The school engaged pressure cleaners on the pathways of the Hartzel Campus, to continually make the school safe.

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

Shashank Laroiya, CPA
Business Manager

Parramatta Eels Cup - SJCC VS Mackillop (6-26)



WINDOWS DAY 2018



STRONG TOGETHER

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

St John's Catholic College supports students in transitioning from Primary School to Secondary School with our "Windows into St John's Days."

These days aim to facilitate a seamless transition for students from Primary School to Secondary School through experiencing a regular school day.

2018 Windows into St John's Catholic College Days

Wednesday 23 May, 2018 | Holy Spirit Catholic Primary School

Wednesday 30 May, 2018 | St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Wednesday 13 June, 2018 | St Paul's Catholic Primary School

Students from other schools are also welcome

Parents are welcomed to attend the information sessions from 5:30pm - 6:30pm in the MP Room after each Windows Day.

Windows Days provide an opportunity for students to learn about our St John's Community, form friendships and reduce stress by experiencing a regular school day.

We invite families to make contact with the College for more information. All are welcome.



A CO-EDUCATIONAL SECONDARY COLLEGE
OFFERING DAY AND BOARDING SCHOOLING

☎ 08 8982 2222

📍 10 - 54 SALONIKA STREET, THE GARDENS | LMB 13, DARWIN NT 0801

✉ ADMIN.STJOHNS@NT.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU

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PRESENTS

YOUNG CARERS & AUTISM

This fun and educational workshop will help siblings of children with autism to learn about the diagnosis and share their experiences with other siblings.

9:30am* - 1:30pm 2 June 2018
59 Bayview Boulevard, Bayview
For 8 to 14 year olds

Objectives

- Information about the diagnosis of autism
- Discussion about autism through fun, interactive activities
- Meet peers who 'get it'
- Support to manage difficult situations using positive strategies



Includes light lunch (1pm) at 12:30 there will be a half hour Pilates session led by Kresta Mills - parents are welcome to come for this & join for lunch.

PLEASE RSVP to youngcarers@carersnt.asn.au 1800 242 636

*for a 10am start



ALAND

EVENT 1

EELS OPEN TRAINING SESSION

WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE 2018

TIO STADIUM, DARWIN

4.30PM - 6PM



ROUND 14

SATURDAY

9 JUNE 7PM

TIO STADIUM, DARWIN



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EVENT 2

EELS SIGNING SESSION

THURSDAY 7TH JUNE 2018
DARWIN WATERFRONT
KITCHENER DRIVE, DARWIN
5PM - 6PM



ROUND 14

SATURDAY
9 JUNE 7PM
TIO STADIUM, DARWIN



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