



NEWSLETTER

WEEKS: 7-8 | TERM: 3 | 2018

TERM 3 IMPORTANT DATES

- Week 9: Tuesday 18 Sep – Year 9 Catholic Identity Day
- Week 9: Monday – Friday 17 – 21 Sep Stage 2 Trial Exams
- Week 10: Friday 28 Sep Last day of Term 3.



**The Ordination
of Bishop-Elect, Fr. Charles Gauci
as the 5th Bishop of Darwin
will be held at
St. Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral
on Wednesday, September 26th, at 7.00pm**

**All members of the Diocesan family
are welcome**

Seating will be limited—so please arrive early

Link for live streaming: <http://www.darwin.catholic.org.au/>

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...



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

Welcome:

This fortnight we welcome Michi Jan (Year 8), Nakarin (Year 9), Babylon (Year 9), John (Year 10) and their families into the St John's Catholic College Community.

Congratulations Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School:

Last week St John's students Elijah Coombes, Mirielle Matyorautah, Morice Mutalemba, Wal Akol Jok, Alina Mahmood, Emily Post and Lance Hutt represented the St John's at the Mother Teresa Catholic Primary School Official Opening Mass. Our students were very impressed with the outstanding facilities at Mother Teresa and very much felt

welcomed into their community that is built upon Mother Teresa's motto of 'Do small things with great love.' Mother Teresa opened in 2018 as our 18th school and in 2019 will extend their offerings to cater for students from Early Learning to Year 6. <http://www.mtcpsnt.catholic.edu.au/>

Building Better Schools:

The College has been successful in its application for funding through the Northern Territory Government's Building Better Schools programs. A \$300,000 grant has been approved to improve the acoustics and aesthetics of classrooms, science labs and learning areas on the Hartzler Campus. In consultation with Catholic Education NT, the scope of works will update learning spaces to support the implementation of our School Wide Pedagogy.

Global Links – China:

The announcement of Donghai Airlines flying direct between Darwin and Shenzhen

provides the opportunity for the College to build upon its already impressive global links. During September, International Coordinator, Mrs Ann Tan, Business Manager, Mr Shashank Laroia and myself will travel to Shenzhen province with the view to establish links providing opportunities for the St John's Catholic College Community. In addition to the delivery of Mandarin as part of the curriculum, which was introduced this year at the Year 7 level, the College hopes to establish relationships leading to cultural exchange opportunities and the possibility of future enrolments from the Shenzhen Province.

Global Links – Indonesia:

At the end of Week 9, thirteen students and three staff will return to Kupang, Indonesia as part of our cultural exchange program with SMPK St Teresa's Catholic School. Students will attend St Teresa's for lessons and cultural activities, and will visit local sites and stay with host families. Students participating: Elijah C, Salvador S, Dave L, Pendy G, Adholf R, Dina T, Michael G, Miracle M, Jackline N, Fony W, Romina G, Firsia A and Nedra D. Students will be accompanied by International Coordinator, Mrs Ann Tan, Student Services Officer, Mrs Letticha Clarke and myself.

Staffing Update:

This week we farewell Finance Officer, Mr Lahiru Anthony. Lahiru has worked for the College for 3.5 years, initially in the Boarding House and more recently in the Finance and Administration Team. Lahiru's work exemplifies our values of compassion, responsibility and respect. We wish Lahiru and his family all the very best as they relocate to Melbourne. With Lahiru's departure, the College welcomes Ali Sha into the position of Finance Officer. Ali can be contacted on 08 8982 2222 or at: Ali.Sha@nt.catholic.edu.au Congratulations to Kai Sun who has completed his internship and will join the College as a member of the Finance and Administration Team. In addition to his administration duties, Kai will be supporting the College with projects, grants and our work in China. Congratulations to Mr Jed Burley and partner Bee on the safe arrival of baby Jeremy, born 29 August. Wonderful to have another member of the St John's Catholic College family. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers Acting Inclusion Support Coordinator, Ms Andrea Sabella, who is recovering in hospital after a bike accident.

Fortes in Fide

Cameron Hughes
Principal



Mrs Ann Tan, International Coordinator and The Honourable Michael Gunner promoting the Northern Territory (and St John's) in Shenzhen Province, China.



Mr Cameron Hughes, Principal visits the Spirituality Centre in Alice Springs.



St John's Catholic College students with the Most Reverend Eugene Hurley, Bishop of Darwin, at St Mary's Cathedral for the Youth Mass Celebrating the 110th birthday of St Mary's Parish and St Mary's Catholic Primary School.



St John's Catholic College, Darwin attends Mother Teresa Official Opening and Mass.



Wednesday 1 August, 2018

Founder's Day Mass and Student Representative Committee
Fundraiser for Comboni School, South Sudan

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

St John's Catholic College was founded and is formed through the tradition and charism of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC) and the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH). The College has been blessed to have been led by MSC Priests and OSLH Sisters, the most recent being Sister Philippa Murphy. Upon completing her term as Principal at St John's Catholic College, Sister Philippa spent a number of years in Mapuordit, South Sudan as Principal of Comboni School.

On Friday 19 October (Week 1, Term 4) the College will gather to celebrate the life, mission and vision of Father Jules Chevalier MSC. In the lead up to Founder's Day, the Student Representative Committee will undertake a fundraiser through the sale of *Fortes in Fide* (Strong in Faith) t-shirts to support the OLSH Sisters in their work at Comboni School, Mapuordit, South Sudan.

On Friday 19 October, members of the St John's Catholic College community are invited to join together in a sign of solidarity through the wearing of the *Fortes in Fide* t-shirts. Parents, Guardians and Family members are most welcome to join with us as we celebrate the Eucharist.

Event:	Founder's Day Mass
Date:	Friday 19 October 2018 (Week 1, Term 4)
Time:	9:30am
Location:	St Paul's Parish, Nightcliff
Attire:	<i>Fortes in Fide</i> t-shirt in place of Yellow/White College polo on the day. Other uniform expectations (shorts, shoes, socks, etc) remain the same.

Students and staff are encouraged to purchase their *Fortes in Fide* t-shirt in advance for \$15 through a member of the Student Representative Committee or the Finance Team.

Fortes in Fide,

Donation

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College Captain

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Jessica Aryanto
College Captain





FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND PRACTICE

Dear St John's Catholic College family,

This week our Year 7-9 students participated in the NT Catholic Education Year of Youth event, led by Fr Rob Galea. This event was shared with other Catholic Schools throughout the Territory, including students from the Tiwi Islands, Wadeye and Katherine. It was a fantastic opportunity to come together as a Catholic community and to celebrate our

faith.

Fr Rob shared the joys and challenges that led him to the life he now lives, these challenges included drugs, alcohol, stealing, violence and disconnection from his family as a teenager. Fr Rob shared that during his dark times, the love of his parents' helped him to turn his life around and to meet the challenges that were placed in front of him.

I invite you to read a reflection about the day written by Leada Blackie (Yr 8) & Georgina Temby (Yr 7)

On the 11th of September, students and teachers from Catholic Schools in the Northern Territory had the opportunity to participate in a Catholic Identity Day held by Father Rob Galea.

The day was full of songs, dancing, laughter and jokes but also some very meaningful messages.

Among one of the many is the "Big Butts" homily. We learnt about the "Big Butts that we face in life. The situations where we find it hard to pick yourself up again after falling down. As we continue on with our everyday life, we are encouraged to overcome these "big butts" by;

- Finding our Centre of Gravity – Find the person/people in your life that will help you through tough times no matter what. You may think this as a close friend or family member, but in fact, it is Jesus.
- Push Back – Use Jesus to help you overcome your fears and insecurities. Push back and get back up again.

Reflecting on this, go out into the world and if you happen to fall, treat it like a squat. It doesn't matter if you are tired or sad, get back up again. And use the power of Jesus to do this.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Father Rob Galea and all others who assisted him for that amazing day. We hope to attend encounter days for many years to come.

St Edmund's College Canberra Visit:

Next week, students and staff from St Edmund's College Canberra and The Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn will be visiting St John's Catholic College. The Students from St Edmund's will be facilitating and leading our Year 9 Catholic Identity Day on Monday 17 September. They will also work with other year levels on Tuesday 18 September by running workshops.

STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR SEPTEMBER – BEST WAY TO STUDY? (Enhanced Learning Educational Services):

Students sometimes ask 'what is the best way to study?'. The answer, there is no best way. An important lesson for students to learn is that everyone learns in different ways, everyone has

different approaches and preferences, and what works well for one person may not work well for another. This truth applies to all aspects of effective learning – time management, research skills, writing skills and so on. There are certainly good techniques and strategies available in all of these areas, and also approaches that work well for the majority of students. However, it is essential that all students try different techniques to see what works best for them. Preferences could also change over time, so it makes sense to at least once a year stop and reflect on approaches to learning. What did you do, what worked, what didn't, what should you change, what should you keep, and what new things could you try. This is what 'metacognition' is all about. It means taking the time to try and understand more about the process of learning and your role as a learner. Students who take a metacognitive approach to their learning are much more likely to improve their results. How can you find out different study techniques to try? Talk to the people around you – friends, siblings, parents – ask them what techniques they have used. Also ask your teachers what they would recommend for their subject. You can also visit the unit on the Study Skills Handbook that covers how to study for tests and exams. You will find lots of active studying strategies and grids to help you plan for exams. Just remember – there is a worst way to study – just reading your notes over and over and hoping the information stays in your head!

Our school's subscription details to this online study skills website for secondary school students are www.studyskillshandbook.com.au

User name: stjohnt

Password: 54success

God Bless,

Stephen Versteegh

Assistant Principal: Catholic Identity and Practice



FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: ADMINISTRATION

Dear members of the St John's Community

Poetry Action:

Thank you to Ms Annalea McCurry for organising Poetry Action for our Middle School students. Students and staff really enjoyed the event.

Year 12:

Year 12 students will be doing their Trial Exams in Week 9. Students will be provided with further information in the next few weeks. Year 12 students needing help with their university applications can seek assistance from Ms Tracey Ingui, Careers and VET Coordinator.

Subject Selection:

Subject Selection forms have been given to students. Students are advised to seek information from HOH, Mrs.



Fatima or Mrs. Hughes if required. Students are to return the forms to HOH by Week 9 Monday 17th September.

Valedictory:

All Year 12 students should have received a Valedictory note by now. Mrs Ann-Maree will be available for further information.

Key Dates – Term 3, 2018:

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- Week 9: Monday – Friday 17 – 21 Sep Stage 2 Trial exam
- Week 10: Friday 28 Sep Last day of Term 3.

Term Dates 2018:

- Term 3 (10 weeks): Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September
- Term Break (2 weeks): Monday 1 October – Friday 12 October
- Term 4 (9 weeks): Monday 15 October – Friday 14 December

Catholic Identity Retreats:

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

- Year 9- Monday 17th September (St Edmund's)- St John's Catholic College

Targeted Placement:

Targeted Placement occurs in Years 7 – 10. Targeted Placement is used in the following subject areas: Religious Education, English, Mathematics, Science and SOSE. Targeted Placement refers to the grouping of students in classes based on academic levels to best cater for their learning needs. Targeted Placement provides the opportunity for students to receive support and/or extension depending on their progress in each subject area. Targeted Placement decisions are informed by a range of data collected through: NAPLAN, standardised tests, school assessment and other relevant pastoral considerations.

For more information please contact the Acting Deputy Principal: Teaching and Learning at: Cherilyn.Hughes@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 our Catholic Identity and Learning. Core expectations:

- Stay Safe
- Respect Everyone
- Learn Everyday

Absenteeism:

A reminder to Parents / Guardians to please notify Letticha Clarke, Student Administration in the event of student absence. Letticha can be contacted on 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.

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.

Kind Regards,

Ayesha Fatima

Acting Assistant Principal: Administration



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

Dear St John's Catholic College family,

On Friday the 21st September 2018, the College will be hosting a seminar from Headspace NT to discuss Mental Health Literacy. The sessions will be divided into age groups of Years 7 and 8, Years 9 and 10 and Years 11 and 12 to be

age appropriate and will run for approximately 60-90 minutes each.

The topics of discussion will be centred on Mental Health and debunking the myths associated with it. The students will gain an understanding of terms associated with Mental Health and what they mean, associated resources that they can access, as well as support services that are provided within the College community and across Darwin.

With increased levels of anxiety and depression among today's youth, we feel that this seminar will help enable a greater understanding of issues that our young people are facing in today's environment and how they can recognise and address any of these concerns.

Our College has an ongoing relationship with Headspace NT that supports our young people in times of need. Their resources and professionalism are well recognised and our dealings with them in the past have always been beneficial to us and to our community.

If you have any questions on the sessions or would like further information, please feel free to contact myself or our Assistant Principal of Catholic Identity and Practice, Mr Stephen Versteegh at the email addresses below.

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PH: 89822207

E: stephen.versteegh@nt.catholic.edu.au

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Kind Regards,

Scott Mannion
Director of Boarding



FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Dear St John's Catholic College family,

School Fees:

Semester II, 2018 School Fees were invoiced at the beginning of Term 3 and are now overdue. Families with outstanding School Fees, please make contact with our Finance Department. If you are experiencing

financial hardship or need a payment plan, please contact the Finance Department at 08 8982 2203 or myself.

Shenzhen China Trip:

From 29 August - 2 September, I along with our International Coordinator, Ms Ann Tan visit Shenzhen, China as part of the NT Government Business Delegation. The trip was successful, and a stepping stone in developing a relationship between St John's and China. During the trip we attended the Business Delegation, met with a few International Education Agents and did a tour of Shenzhen.

Update on New Resources:

- The new shade structures outside the classrooms on the Hartzer Campus are under way and should be in place by the end of this week.
- The College installed a new front fence on Salonika Street. The funding for this was sponsored by Catholic Super Fund.

Shashank Laroia, CPA
Business Manager



EXAMINATION TIMETABLE FOR 2018 - SACE

Date	South Australia 9 am Northern Territory 8 am China, Malaysia 7 am Vietnam 6.30 am	South Australia 1.30 pm Northern Territory 12.30 pm China, Malaysia 11.30 am Vietnam 11 am
Term 4 (to be advised)*	Arabic (continuers), Japanese (background speakers), Korean (background speakers), Korean (continuers), Latin (continuers), languages at beginners level	
Tuesday 23 October	Nationally assessed languages [†]	
Wednesday 24 October	Auslan (continuers) [2AUC20] (10 am) 2 hours	Malay (background speakers) [2MLD20] 2 hours 50 minutes
Monday 5 November	Australian and International Politics [2AIP20] 2 hours	Biology [2BGY20] 2 hours
Tuesday 6 November	Chinese (continuers) [2CHC20] 3 hours Indonesian (continuers) [2INC20] 3 hours Vietnamese (background speakers) [2VND20] 3 hours Vietnamese (continuers) [2VNC20] 3 hours	Modern History [2MOD20] 2 hours
Wednesday 7 November	English as an Additional Language [2EAL20] 2½ hours	English Literary Studies [2ELS20] 1 hour and 40 minutes [†]
Thursday 8 November	General Mathematics [2MG20] 2 hours	Mathematical Methods [2MHS20] 3 hours
Friday 9 November	Legal Studies [2LEG20] 3 hours	Italian (continuers) [2ITC20] 3 hours Modern Greek (continuers) [2MGC20] 3 hours Spanish (continuers) [2SPC20] 3 hours
Monday 12 November	Nutrition [2NUT20] 2 hours	Physics [2PYI20] 2 hours
Tuesday 13 November	Accounting [2ACG20] 2 hours	Chemistry [2CEM20] 2 hours
Wednesday 14 November	Chinese (background speakers) [2CHD20] 3 hours French (continuers) [2FRC20] 3 hours German (continuers) [2GEC20] 3 hours Japanese (continuers) [2JAC20] 3 hours	Psychology [2PSC20] 2 hours
Thursday 15 November	Physical Education [2PHE20] 2 hours	Economics [2EMS20] 2 hours
Friday 16 November	Essential Mathematics [2MEM20] 2 hours Specialist Mathematics [2MSC20] 3 hours	Musical Styles [2MCX10] 1½ hours
Monday 19 November	Geography [2GHY20] 2 hours	Information Technology [2IFT20] 2 hours
Tuesday 20 November	Tourism [2TOS20] 2 hours	Musicianship [2MNP10] 1¾ hours

Notes

*Dates and times for the following examinations are yet to be advised:

Arabic (beginners) [2ARB20] 2½ hours

Arabic (continuers) [2ARC20] 2 hours

Chinese (beginners) [2CHB20] 2½ hours

French (beginners) [2FRB20] 2½ hours

German (beginners) [2GEB20] 2½ hours

Indonesian (beginners) [2INB20] 2½ hours

Italian (beginners) [2ITB20] 2½ hours

Japanese (background speakers) [2JAD20] 2 hours

Japanese (beginners) [2JAB20] 2½ hours

Korean (background speakers) [2KOD20] 2 hours

Korean (beginners) [2KOB20] 2½ hours

Korean (continuers) [2KOC20] 2 hours and 50 minutes

Latin (continuers) [2LTC20] 3 hours

Modern Greek (beginners) [2MGB20] 2½ hours

Spanish (beginners) [2SPB20] 2½ hours

Any questions or concerns, please speak with Mrs Cherilyn Hughes.

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If you want to use a printed dictionary in the examinations you must provide your own. The SACE Board will not supply dictionaries.

The use of printed dictionaries in examinations is subject to the following conditions:

- a dictionary may not contain any additional material that may help you in the examination of the subject concerned
- the exam supervisor at the examination room has the authority to inspect any dictionary.

Recommended dictionaries

The following printed English-English dictionaries are recommended by the SACE Board for use in examinations. Please note that other editions of the same titles are acceptable.

- Allen, R. (ed), *Oxford English Dictionary for Schools*, rev. edn, Oxford University Press, Melbourne, 2009.
- *Australian Student's Colour Dictionary*, 34th edn, Oxford University Press, Melbourne 2008.
- *Chambers Concise Dictionary*, 2nd edn, Chambers Harrap, Edinburgh, 2009.
- *Collins Australian Concise Dictionary*, HarperCollins Australia, North Ryde, 2008.
- *The Collins Paperback English Dictionary*, 5th edn, HarperCollins, London, 2009.
- *Collins Student's Dictionary*, New Edition, HarperCollins, London, 2011.
- *Concise Oxford English Dictionary*, Centenary Edition, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 2011.
- *Longman Active Study Dictionary of English*, 5th edn, Pearson Longman, London, 2010.
- *Macquarie Concise Dictionary*, 5th edn, Macmillan, Sydney, 2009.
- *The Macquarie Essential Dictionary*, 5th edn, Macquarie Dictionary Publishers Pty, Ltd, Sydney, 2010.
- Moore, B. (ed), *Australian Pocket Oxford Dictionary*, 6th edn, Oxford University Press, Melbourne, 2007.
- Moore, B (ed) *Australian Oxford Paperback Dictionary*, 5th edn, Oxford University Press, 2011.

Students may use printed dictionaries that are not on the recommended list.

Use of bilingual and monolingual printed dictionaries

The SACE Board has approved the use of bilingual and monolingual printed dictionaries for examinations in all subjects, provided that they are not subject-specific dictionaries (e.g. a Biology dictionary).

Electronic Dictionaries

Electronic dictionaries are not permitted in examinations.

FROM THE HEAD OF FACULTY: HUMANITIES

Poetry in Action is a young performance group who aim to inspire students through "the power of words". Our Year 7-9 students enjoyed their workshop, during which Nick, Eleanor and Clare performed humorous and powerful pieces. They were also able to ask questions regarding performing and writing poetry. Poetry in Action run a yearlong competition for any style of poetry entry. There are monthly and annual winners with great prizes including having your poem being made into a short film or being performed to schools across the country. If any student is interested in entering, they can go to the website <https://www.poetryinaction.com.au/> for more information.

Annalea McCurry
Head of Faculty: Humanities



FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT

Year 12 students Wilhemina Olsen and Panashe Mandivheyi in total creative focus in Art class.

The College Art Show is on Friday 23th November, 2018.



Marianne Foster
Classroom Teacher

- Meningococcal bacteria are carried harmlessly in the back of the nose and throat by about 10% of the population at any one time
- On rare occasions, the bacteria invade the bloodstream and cause serious infections
- With appropriate treatment, most people with the disease recover, however about 8-10% will die and about 15% may experience complications such as hearing loss, gangrene requiring skin grafts, loss of limbs or kidney failure.
- Adolescents aged 15-19 years are most likely to carry the bacteria and vaccination will protect them from disease but also reduce the spread of meningococcal disease in the community.

The vaccine provides protection against 4 strains of meningococcal disease (ACWY) and is administered as a single dose by school nurses.

Parents/guardians should read the parent information sheet, sign and return the Meningococcal ACWY Vaccine Program consent form to the school. If a parent chooses not to vaccinate their child at school the vaccine is available at Community Care Centres - Casuarina and Palmerston, Danila Dilba or GP practices (although a consultation fee may apply)

To learn more about meningococcal disease, please visit <https://www.nt.gov.au/wellbeing/health-conditions-treatments/bacterial/meningococcal-disease>

Meningococcal B strain is not covered by this vaccine. Please see your general practitioner to discuss Meningococcal B vaccine and to obtain a script.

Rowen Winter
School Nurse

FROM THE HEALTH CENTRE

Dear members of the St John's Community

Year 9-12 students:

In Term 3 and 4 of 2018, free Meningococcal ACWY vaccine will be offered to all Darwin and Palmerston students in Year 9-12 at school. The incidence of the meningococcal W strain has risen in recent years and this strain is easier to catch and causes severe disease.

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北京舞蹈学院赴澳大利亚孔子学院文艺巡演
庆祝2018“孔子学院日”和查尔斯·
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CELEBRATE THE 2018 "GLOBAL CONFUCIUS
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AT CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

Chinese Traditional Ethnic Folk Music
& Dance Series "INHERITANCE"
by Beijing Dance Academy

Sponsor: Confucius Institute Headquarters

Co-Sponsor: Confucius Institute at CDU, Beijing Dance Academy

Location: Darwin Entertainment Centre

Time: 7.30pm–9pm, Friday 28 September 2018

Open to the public Free admission but ticket required

Bookings: www.yourcentre.com.au



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