Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 4. Our Year 11 students involved themselves wholeheartedly in their Retreat last week and we hope that they will remember this experience as one of the highlights of their secondary schooling. The theme of the Retreat was “Rise Up” and students participated in activities which enabled them to learn more about themselves as individuals, as well as their relationships with others and the role that God plays in their lives. The Retreat also provided opportunities for a deepening of students’ faith through prayer and liturgical celebrations. Throughout the Retreat I observed the distinctive sense of community that has developed within this group. This theme was picked up by Patrick Ferreira and Sarah Santangelo, our College Captains for 2013, when they led Year 11 students and their parents in prayer at our Information Evening last week:

Look kindly Lord on this group that trusts in you
May diversity of views come together in common goals.
May we always act with due concern for both the present and the future respecting our traditions but attentive to the sign of the times.
Let us not forget the talents of others. Help us to remember our importance in the lives of others, and guide us as we reach out for others and touch their lives with the love and care that you have shown us.

Our community is like an orchestra: each instrument is beautiful when it plays alone, but when they all play together, each given its own weight in turn, the result is even more beautiful.

Give us the strength to accept and appreciate the people around us for whom they are. Please help us to remember that every individual is beautiful in his or her own way and that we all contribute to, or are a vital part of our community.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our sincerest thanks to Miss Welsh, Mr Badalato, Miss Najdek and all the other teachers who so generously gave up time with their families to provide students with this unique Retreat experience.

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I would like to inform you of some key dates in Term 4:

Our Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Presentation Evening will take place on December 11th. You will notice that Year 10 is now included in this evening. This is a result of the School Certificate no longer existing. Our Presentation Evening is an opportunity to recognize students’ achievements in 2012, and to showcase the performing arts talents of our students. Attendance at this celebratory function is compulsory for all students in these year groups and we hope that all parents will be able to join us. I ask that you put the evening of December 11th in your diaries as I am aware how busy Term 4 is for most families.

Because we are concerned that we will not fit five year groups and parents comfortably in the hall, Year 11 will have a separate function this year – a Presentation Afternoon on December 14th. This Presentation Afternoon will provide us with the opportunity to recognize the achievements of Year 11 students in their Preliminary HSC course. Parents are very welcome. We will send out invitations to Year 11 parents, with details of the function, in the coming weeks.

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A reminder to parents that students must wear their school cap with their sports uniform on Tuesdays. We would also appreciate parents’ support in ensuring the school uniform and sports uniform are worn correctly. It is not acceptable for students to wear their College jumper with their sports uniform. We also ask that sports shoes are predominantly white.
I draw your attention to the letter from the Catholic Education Office attached to this newsletter (you received a copy earlier in the week). Mr Scollard’s contract renewal will take place on October 30th and, as part of this process, parents are invited to provide feedback. The electronic link to this survey is in the letter, and a hyperlink is also provided on our website. Thank you for your support of this process.

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Our prayers and thoughts continue to be with our Year 12 students who commenced their HSC exams this week. Students seem to be quite positive about the exams so far.

Ms J Donovan
PRINCIPAL

Coordinator’s Award Recipients

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STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR OCTOBER: Effective Study Techniques

We know that students will create more powerful memories when they use active and effective study techniques as opposed to just reading information over and over. But what do we mean by active and effective study techniques? Following are some ideas students can use to increase their range of study techniques.

Students, you can:

- Write strongly visual summaries and study notes
- 3Rs: Read, Recite, Recheck
- Write out what you remember in your own words
- Look, cover, check
- Make up rhymes or songs to help you remember
- Have a parent or friend test you
- Write out lists of questions and answer them
- Make and use flashcards or index cards
- Type what you remember without looking at notes
- Put up formulas and rules around the house
- Teach what you have learnt to someone else
- Form discussion / study groups
- Write out info over and over
- Make recordings of the info you need to learn
- Speak out loud the info you’ve read to check recall
- Make lists of key points of part of a topic
- Form pictures in your mind of the information
- Keep adding to your study notes to make things clearer
- Check if you know everything listed in syllabus/outcomes course

In addition to moving information memory, students also need to be able to apply what they are learning so this means that they also need to do as many different questions and revision sheets and past examination papers as they can.

For more study techniques, and to learn more about ‘learning styles’, visit the Active Studying unit on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au.

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Year 12, 2012 Retreat

Year 12 students travelled to Rathane and Deer Park for an amazing 2012 Retreat. The overall theme was ‘Rise up and Shine’—Isaiah 60. Students were introduced to their small groups on the first day, which they worked very closely with for the duration of the retreat. The energy and positive nature of all was evident throughout the whole retreat. A big thank you to all staff who supported students in attending and running sessions. As this is a big year for Year 12, 2013, the retreat was an amazing celebration together as they begin their commitment to HSC.

Congratulations to Jessica Stikovic

Jessica recently competed in the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships at Homebush in the U15 Hammer, Discus & Shot Put. Jessica won the Gold Medal in the Discus and is now the NSW All Schools U15 Discus Champion with a throw of 37.35m. She also won Silver in the Hammer with a personal best throw of 49.44m and came 7th in the Shot Put with another personal best throw of 12.07mtr.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Jessica as she now progresses forward to represent the school at the All Schools National Athletics Championships in Hobart from 30th November to 2nd of December.