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## From the Principal

Mr Anthony Kirley  
Principal



### Dear Parents/Guardians, Families, Students and Staff

The Father's Day Breakfast took place this morning in the new Functions Centre. Thank you to the guest speaker, Professor John Seymour, Director: Cancer Medicine; Director: Department Of Haematology; Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre; and an Old Collegian. Special thanks to the Dad's of Whitefriars who took the time to be with their sons. Thank you to our Development and Enrolment team and Parents' Association for organising and assisting and to the Principal's Leadership Team for their attendance and assistance too.

God,  
Bless all the fathers in the world.  
Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children.  
We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are.  
Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.  
Amen

### General News

Archbishop's Letter: I commend to your reflection the [attached letter from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli](#) (new Archbishop of Melbourne). The Archbishop's letter is in response to the [Letter of His Holiness Pope Francis to the People of God](#).

An abundance of activities and vibrancy surrounds all of us at Whitefriars as Term 3 reaches its middle stages. What a truly fantastic place it is. We know that events and programs do not just happen without tremendous effort. I encourage all of us to remember that a simple thank you to the staff, students and parents who make it all possible, clearly shows our appreciation and goes a long way to ensuring things can continue into the future. With all these happenings, there are many commendations:

- Siena-Whitefriars Musical - A Chorus Line (High School Edition). Many students and staff (especially at Siena College) worked incredibly hard to ensure the success of this production. It was an absolute delight to attend the performance
- Electronic World International E-Innovation Contest
- Legacy Public Speaking
- Year 10 Ballroom Dancing rehearsals (still in progress)
- Year 8 OLP Camps last week
- Year 7 students: who received the Brown Scapular at the Mass for the Feast of the Assumption
- Junior and Senior Rock Concerts
- Mother and Son Mass

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- National Science Week, including 'Scinema' night
- Annual Mathematics Competition
- Year 11 Formal held Friday 17 August at Ivanhoe
- 'Whitefriars Engage' Parent Workshop(s)
- 'Back to the 80s' Trivia Night, organised by the Parents Association. A huge success. Thank you sincerely to the organising committee.
- Year 11 Peak Skills Program
- 'Read A Million Words' Celebration
- Many subject specific excursions/events
- Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

I am sure I have missed more than one venture, for which I do apologise. Congratulations and thank you to any others I may have missed.

Thank you to the many parents who attended the Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews on Wednesday and Thursday. I do hope that the dialogue proved extremely helpful and has assisted students in focusing on goals, on areas for improvement and, to be aspirational, in order to achieve their best in their studies.

The students who were deemed "High Achievers", based on their academic performance in Semester One, were acknowledged at a special morning tea last Monday. The 2017 College Dux, Thomas Cantwell, was a guest speaker for the occasion. The High Achievers, together with many other outstanding contributors in various aspects of College life, will be acknowledged at the forthcoming Whole School Assembly on Thursday 30 August.

It is extremely pleasing to see a large number of Year 11 students taking part in the Leadership Squad and in the forthcoming Leadership Retreat early next week, in preparation for the selection of College Student Leaders in 2019. I wish all these students the very best for the process of selection for leadership roles.

The celebration day for Our Lady of Mt Carmel is to take place on Friday 14 September. This is an important time for the College as we gather in prayer and give thanks for the heritage bestowed on us from those who have believed so strongly in a Catholic education enhanced by a Carmelite charism. The annual walkathon is part of the day where each boy is asked to see what financial support he can gather so that we can collectively donate these monies to Carmelite works in Timor-Leste. Information regarding the walkathon will be distributed to students next week. On Our Lady of Mt Carmel Day, following the walkathon, there will be a series of activities for the boys to participate in, as well as access to food vans on site. It promises to be a most enjoyable day for our community.

### **New Science and Technology Centre**

The Blessing and Official Opening of the magnificent new facility, the Science and Technology Centre, took place on Wednesday 1 August. Those in attendance included: Very Rev Paul Cahill O.Carm, Hon Kevin Andrews - Federal Member for Menzies, Mr Peter Duffy - Chairman of Whitefriars Inc. College Board, Mr John Finn: Whitefriars College Principal 2013 - 2017, representatives from Williams Ross Architects, Lloyd Group Construction Company and Prowse Quantity Surveyors, Fr Paul Sireh - College Chaplain, Mr Michael Mimmo - Whitefriars Parents Association President, Mr Phil Thomson - Whitefriars Old Collegians President, Ms Vicky Myers - Secondary Principals Consultant (CEM Eastern Region), principals of local Catholic primary schools, College Board members, Old Collegians, staff and students.

We all are forever grateful to the Whitefriars planning team who worked on this project, for their collegiality, professionalism, generosity of spirit and for being the imperative, decisive link for all parties involved in this building program.

Thank you to Fr Paul Cahill O. Carm, for presiding over the Blessing Rite, performing the Official Opening and for his inspiring and reassuring words on the day. Fr Paul's message focused on the Carmelite charism, the legacy of the Carmelites in providing Catholic education for our community and on the richness and meaningfulness of the Spirit and guiding tenets of Prayer, Community and Action in underpinning all our deliberations and service. Thank you to the College Board Chairman, Mr Peter Duffy, for his kind words in acknowledging the influence and dedication of the Carmelites to the education of young men at Whitefriars for almost sixty years, and on behalf of all of us, for acknowledging the impressive team effort for this project over the past three years. Thank you to Mr Mark Ashmore, the College Captains and the Science Captain, John Korasidis, for their words of appreciation. Thank you to Mr John Abrahams, Ms Gabrielle Dalton and Ms Keely Scicluna who played key roles in wonderfully organising the proceedings for the special day.

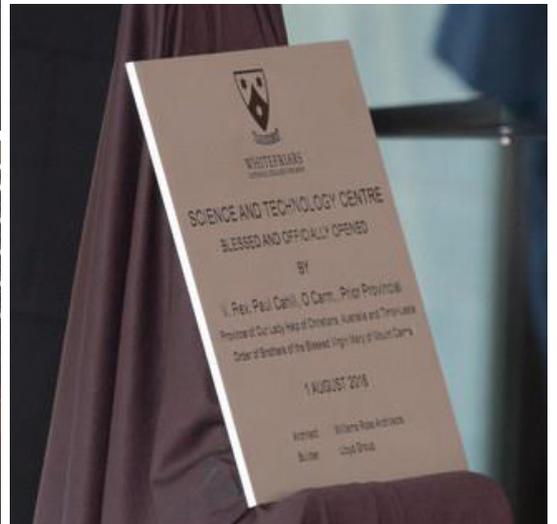
On behalf of the Whitefriars community, I sincerely extend our gratitude to a number of groups and people for their significant roles in delivering this outstanding facility:

- Carmelite Provincial Council Australia & Timor-Leste
- Whitefriars Inc. College Board
- Catholic Development Fund
- Williams Ross Architects: Chris Hose and Simon Bosma
- Lloyd Group: Simon Caruana, Aiden Woodhouse, Luke Leeves
- Prowse Quantity Surveyors: David Grennan and Anthony Prowse
- Mr John Finn: Whitefriars College Principal 2013 - 2017
- Other key members of the Whitefriars planning group at various stages - Mark Ashmore, Glenn Aspinall, Reece Todd, Natasha Alexander, Warren Moseley, Kristan Height and many other staff members.

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The very dream of new facilities, of refurbishment have inspired our community, for the opportunities this will provide, in such effective ways in meeting local and global standards of education, global citizenship and social innovation. Our objective encompasses the legacy and vision of the Carmelite ethos in providing boys with every opportunity to make the most of what education has to offer, to strive to be their very best and be inspired to serve others. *Almae In Fide Parentis.*



### Bereavements

We ask that you keep the following family in your thoughts and prayers on their recent loss of loved ones. Abraham Arnaud of Year 7 who lost his Grandfather recently. May he rest in eternal peace in the arms of our loving God.

Best wishes to all members of the College community.  
Mr Anthony Kirley



## Learning @ Whitefriars

Mr Mark Ashmore  
Deputy Principal -  
Learning and Teaching



### Reading

It is an exciting week at Whitefriars with Book Week taking place across the College. The Library is at the heart of the celebrations, hosting the Read a Million Words Competition, author Jack Heath, and various competitions throughout the week. Thank you to our wonderful Library staff in facilitating these learning opportunities for our boys.

In light of Book Week, I provide some literacy tips for parents and inspiring ways parents can be more involved in son's learning.

- 1. Make books important** - Turn off the television and devices and read for half an hour. Talk about what you are reading and/or read with your son. Sitting in the same room and reading independently can send strong messages about enjoying books.
- 2. Visit the library** - Help your son borrow books and borrow yourself. Talk about your choices (authors, topics, book types) on the way home.
- 3. Make books available** - Have a range of books available in your home to read anytime.
- 4. Write together** - Compose greetings together for birthdays and other special occasions, whether a card, letter or email.
- 5. Set up some correspondence** - Arrange for a family member or friend living away from you to correspond with your son via mail or email.
- 6. Discuss the news** - Talk to your son about family events, trips, and local and national news events that are appropriate for their age. A strong vocabulary is important for oral language, reading and writing.
- 7. Get support if you need it** - If you struggle with reading or writing, or have a language background other than English, use the support that is offered through the school, local library or community centre. Talk to friends and neighbours who may be happy to read to your child, share books or talk about what they are reading.
- 8. Do things together** - There can be lots of talking, reading and writing involved when planning and participating in family events. These include bike rides, cooking, shopping trips, researching for a day out, working in the garden, visiting friends or family, or planning an outing to the movies, museum or public event. Get your children involved in the process.

(Adapted from 10 Literacy Tips for Parents and Caregivers, Copyright Agency, Reading Australia, 2016)



### Subject Selection

It is the final week for subject selection next week with the Year 9 and 10 Course Advice Day and final selections due to be submitted.

Year 9 and Year 10 Course Advice Week	Monday 20 August – Wednesday 29 August
Year 9 and 10 Course Advice Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversation with Pastoral Care Teacher, parent and student (interview times will be communicated)</li> <li>• Students to bring signed Subject Selection form to their interview.</li> </ul>	Wednesday 29 August – Undercroft and Duncan Centre <b>Student Free Day (Years 9 and 10)</b>
Years 7, 8, and 11 Selections Due	Wednesday 29 August

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## ***Learning @ Whitefriars continued***

### **Whitefriars Engage Parent Workshop**

Over fifty parents attended the recent Whitefriars Engage Parent Workshop that focused on using the LMS to improve student learning. Topics discussed included organisation, goal setting, developing a growth mindset, and parent-son-school communication.

The following guidelines were discussed during the workshop to assist parents in discussions with their son regarding his learning:

Parents to contemplate the assessment in the context within the learning journey and the curriculum program in Whitefriars Engage. Discuss the assessment (purpose of the assessment, assessment criteria, feedback, and grade) with your son. Ask your son the following questions to allow further reflection on his learning:

- What was your goal?
- How did you prepare for this assessment?
- What feedback did you have yourself?
- In your own words, explain the teacher's feedback
- What could you do next time to improve?
- Where to next?

Encourage your son to seek further feedback from the subject teacher if required.

Thank you to the parents who participated in the workshop and provided feedback to improve the College's processes and ideas for SEQTA development.

### **Student Parent Teacher Conferences**

Thank you for the many parents who attended the Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences this week. It was evident that the conversations with subject teachers provided useful, meaningful and specific feedback regarding your son's academic achievement, approach to learning, study habits, organisation, and overall progress. The challenge will be now for your son to implement the feedback further improve his skills, knowledge and understanding in each subject.



## Academic Enrichment

Mr Ashley Payne  
Academic Enrichment Coordinator



### Regional Chess Championships – Marcellin College

On Monday 6 August we had our first major chess tournament for 2018. The boys from Years 7 to 12 participated in the Regional Chess Tournament at Marcellin College and competed against students from a number of different schools in the region. I am pleased to announce that the boys did extremely well.

It was the first chess competition for many of the team members, and the boys played with great spirit and enthusiasm. Whitefriars entered two teams this year with all the boys experiencing some success and learned much from the seven games they each played.

There were over 20 teams competing at the tournament, with each team having between 5 to 10 members. At the start of the day, we were informed that the top seven teams would go to the State Championships.

Our WFC Team 1 finished fourth overall and has now been invited to take part in state finals; the boys are very excited.

A special note of thanks must go to Ms Rhonda Powling (Chess Manager) and Mr William Wood for their extensive preparation of the boys throughout 2018. A special thanks to Dr Goodall for driving the team bus to get us there and back.

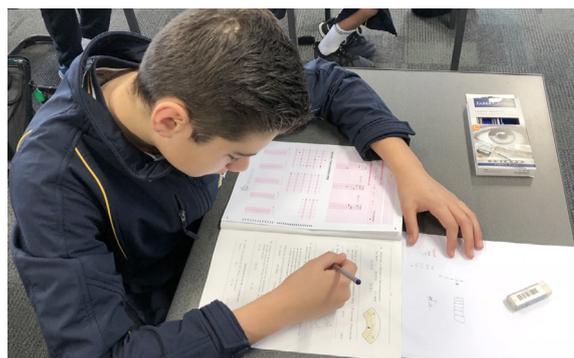


Whitefriars Team 1	Whitefriars Team 2
Jayden Bardrick, Year 10	Marcus Dunlop, Year 10
Jacob Sanderson, Year 10	Hayden Menzies, Year 9
Ethan Hooi, Year 8	Daniel Almaraz, Year 11
Fynn Jones, Year 9	Lucas D'Costa, Year 9
Alex Long, Year 12	Paddy Sanderson, Year 9

"The Marcellin Chess Tournament was a challenge for all our students, and everyone from Whitefriars put in their best efforts, with Team 1 managing to secure a place in the State Finals this year. All the boys gave it their best and had a good time." Fynn Jones, Year 9

### Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) 2018

On Thursday 9 August we had a large number of students from Years 7-11 involved in the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC). The aims of the Competition are three-fold: To highlight the importance of mathematics as a curriculum subject, to give students an opportunity to discover talent in mathematics and, to provide resources for the classroom and general discussion. I would also like to acknowledge Mrs Liz Moloney (Learning Leader - Mathematics) and Mr Paul Garriga for their coordination of this event for highly abled students. Results to be released later in



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## Academic Enrichment continued

### ICAS Science Competition 2018

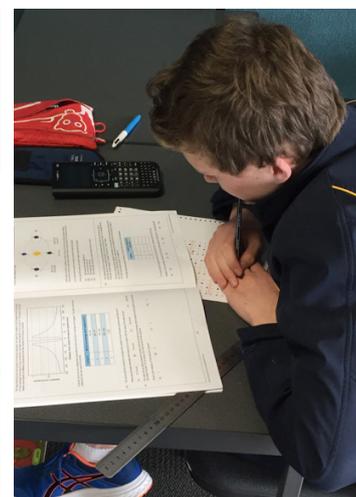
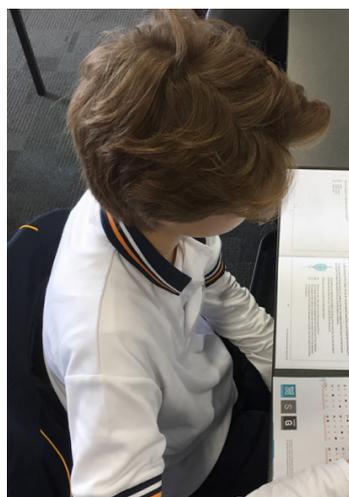
Last term, students in Years 9 and 10 had the opportunity to participate in the annual ICAS (International Competitions and Assessment for Schools) Science Competition for 2018. Organised and coordinated by Dr Stephen Goodall (Science Enrichment), the ICAS Science competition is skill-based and includes subject contexts of Earth and Beyond, Energy and Change, Life and Living, Natural and Processed Materials and assesses skills in interpreting data, applying data and higher order skills.

I am pleased to announce that the results for this competition were creditable with a number of students receiving a credit award.

A summary of results are below. Well done boys!



Class	Student	Awards	Percentile
9	Lucas D'Costa	Participation	34
9	Alexander Dodds	Participation	34
9	Liam Downie	Credit	87
9	Hayden Guest	Credit	87
9	Fynn Jones	Credit	87
9	Edward Levi	Participation	1
9	Witton Liang	Credit	67
9	Alexander Pisotek	Credit	67
10	Jayden Bardrick	Distinction	98
10	Daniel Borg	Credit	66
10	Benjamin Clarke	Credit	81
10	Vincent Konynenburg	Credit	85



### Author visit Jack Heath

On Monday 20 August, visiting author Jack Heath ran two 'Writing Thrilling Fiction' workshops where students were given the opportunity to write intensively on a suspenseful topic and how to develop and edit stories.

Students appreciated Jack's energy and expertise:

"The Jack Heath workshop was an experience to remember with lots of laughs and ideas. It was great to be joined by a young successful author who writes very fast." Marc Cordeiro, Year 7

"Jack was inspiring and motivational and his story of how he started was very interesting. This was a great educational experience that will better my writing in the future." Lachlan Burns, Year 8

"The thing I liked about Jack Heath was that he taught us many techniques on how to write a good story. He made writing much easier. Now I have many ideas for my own writing." Amin Yekta, Year 7





## Careers

Mrs Anna Gasparini  
Careers Advisor



Term 3 is busy time for all students in the College as they make decisions about the next phase of their schooling and future training options.

Year 9 students have received their Year 10 Planning Forms and should be using this document to assist them to select their studies for 2019. Students should be using the Curriculum Handbook to find out about the studies they are interested in. Discussing their interests with their pastoral teacher and classroom teachers will assist them to make informed choices for their Year 10 studies. Students are encouraged to select studies they are:

- Interested in
- Good at
- Enjoy

In addition, subjects chosen should provide varied experiences to assist them to make informed choices for Year 11 and 12.

Year 10 students and their families have been provided with information and resources to assist them to select the most appropriate course of study for next year. The boys should now be going through their planning documents with their pastoral care teacher in preparation for the course selection day on Wednesday 29 August. The careers office is open at lunchtime and boys are welcome to come and discuss their choices with the careers advisers.

Year 11 students had a Subject Selection Assembly on Friday 17 August and were given planning documents to assist them to prepare for their course selection. Students will have the opportunity to discuss their senior school programs with the careers advisers and pastoral care teachers before they submit their course selections.

Year 12 students have received their planning documents for our very important VTAC course selection week on 30 August – 5 September. During this week there are a number of VTAC sessions running that will provide assistance to students to make their course applications. Parents are welcome to come along during these times. The remaining three weeks of Term 3 have been set aside to provide assistance for students completing SEAS, Scholarship and Special Entry applications. Students intending to apply for apprenticeships or employment next year will also be provided with support and assistance during this time.

Click here for a copy of the [VTAC Planning Form](#) and the VTAC Term 3 Newsletter.

A reminder for students intending to apply for the La Trobe University ASPIRE program, applications close on 31 August. We are looking forward to seeing parents at the upcoming information evening on 3 September.

[Click here for the latest Careers Newsletter](#)



## Carmelite Travels

"Earlier this year, I spent a day at Crespi Carmelite High School. Crespi is located in Encino in San Fernando Valley in Las Angeles. I spent the day there shadowing a student named Jacob. Jacob showed me around the school and introduced me to his friends. They all bombarded me with questions about Australia.

At 10am, the students staged a walkout to honour the 17 students who were killed at the school in Parkland, Florida. The students lead a prayer service to honour the victims. They introduced each victim and lit a candle with their photo on it. The walkout was a protest to push lawmakers to pass the gun reform and to honour those who lost their lives. The school and teachers supported the students in the walkout.

At lunchtime, the students tried to kick and handball an Australian football, which was difficult for them because they are used to other sports like baseball, basketball and gridiron. They were also very interested to see Australian currency, as our notes are different colours and sizes. American money is all the same colour green, breaks easily and is the same size.

The teachers and students were all very welcoming and accepting and I was glad I spent the day there. It was a great opportunity to learn about a school system in another country as well experiencing a similar culture. There are other Carmelite schools around the world and it would be a good idea for a student exchange program."

Ben De Cata

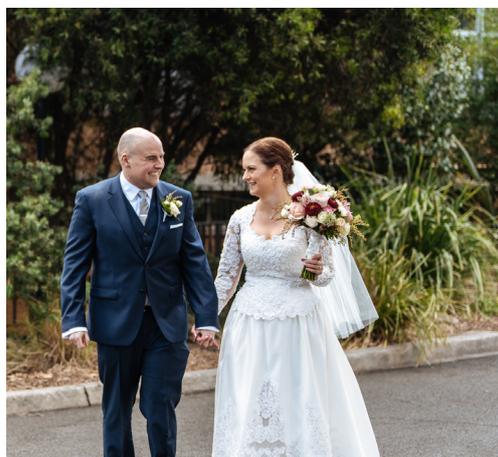


Ben De Cata, Year 9



## Chapel Occasions

Congratulations to Old Collegian Robbie Laurence (Class 2006) who got married at our College Chapel in July 2018. Ten of his classmates attended the wedding including his two groomsmen. Please email [jbrahams@whitefriars.vic.edu.au](mailto:jbrahams@whitefriars.vic.edu.au) to discuss private use of the chapel.





## Commerce

Miss Lauren Cape  
Learning Leader - Commerce



### Illuminate:NextGen Challenge

This week, a team of eight Year 9 students attended the week-long innovation Illuminate:NextGen Challenge. The gentlemen were tasked with “designing a social enterprise that operates locally, providing goods and services to paying customers, while also supporting a need in the region.”

The Team’s business idea addresses the issue of vandalism and graffiti in the local area.

“Our business is a social enterprise that tackles the problem of tagging and graffiti vandalism across Victoria. We plan to manufacture and sell T-shirts with our ‘Sprayed Ink’ logo printed on them and allocate 50% of the profits to employing people to remove the vandalism. The aim is to prevent the need for Councils to allocate precious resources to the removal of graffiti. Every six months, the business would host a competition that engages the public to send in their art and the four successful pieces would feature on our t-shirts.” Jake De Andrade, Year 9.

Congratulations to the Team in their effort so far and we wish the team good luck on Friday for their final ‘Shark Tank’ pitch in the Challenge!



### 2018 ASX School Sharemarket Game 2

The 2018 ASX School Sharemarket Game 2 has started but students can still sign up.

The Commerce Learning area is once again offering the chance for students of all year levels to get involved in the Sharemarket Game on the Australian Stock Exchange website.

Now that Game 2 of the School Sharemarket game is up and running we thought it would be timely to hear from our top performing Whitefriars student from Game 1. Luke Cormack of Year 9 received the trophy for being our top performer at Whitefriars in Game 1. Luke was also ranked in the top 100 of nearly 19,000 syndicates who played across the country.

I asked Luke to tell us a bit about his strategy. He mentioned that he invested in a wide variety of shares but focused mainly on Mineral Resources which he proceeded to buy low and sell high, generating a solid return on his investment. Luke’s approach was simple yet effective, concentrating on a group of shares and continuing this buy low – sell high procedure on mining companies, particularly in ‘Share Galaxy’, which was one of Luke’s prominent shares.

With some research online combined with a determined attitude to the game, Luke generated a hefty profit of \$5,503 that gave a return of 11% in just 10 weeks. He added the famous quote, “not to put all your eggs into one basket”, and not to be afraid to cut your losses. Luke’s tip for game two were to “only trade your shares once a week and keep an eye out on a certain group of shares”, not buying into excessive amounts of companies but still having a diverse portfolio to maximise your returns. Finally, he wished good luck to all boys participating in game two, which commenced on 16 August.

While trading in the game has started, it is not too late to get involved in Game 2. For students who still want to get involved, just send an email to Ryan Siow by next Wednesday 29 August. You can play as an individual or as a syndicate, so in your email, give the names of any students in your syndicate (1 to 4) and the name of your syndicate. We will then register you and send your login details so that you can start trading. You will get a virtual 50,000 dollars to use in trading on the Sharemarket using the actual live share prices over a 10-week period. The prices students use to buy and sell are the same prices as they would get in the live market, so this is as close to real life share trading as you can get.

Good luck to all syndicates!

Ryan Siow



Ryan Siow,  
2018 Commerce Captain



## Days for Girls - Charity Update

Mr Peter Rennie  
Timor-Leste Immersion Coordinator



### Another example of Faith in Action

There was a real buzz in the room as participants arrived for the latest "Days for Girls" sewing and packing session on Sunday 12 August. Mothers arrived early with teenage sons and daughters, fathers arrived with teenage daughters, daughters arrived with elderly mothers and many others came solo or with a partner. We were strongly supported by a cross section of our student cohort, not because their arms were twisted, but because they recognise that no girl should have to miss school and get way behind in her education anywhere in the world, just because she has her period.

With the support of the Days for Girls Melbourne chapter led by Margaret Cunningham and her team of dedicated assistants, we have managed to bring members of our local and Whitefriars College community together with the support of the Templestowe Rotary Club to support this life changing cause. We are but a very small cog in the international wheel that is the D.F.G program but we are gradually growing in size and our efforts are being recognised.

Further events will be publicised later in the year. These events typically cater for the experienced sewer right through to those with limited to no sewing experience. Many of our boys progressed from their sewing "L plates" to sewing "P plates" in just one session. All are most welcome!

[CLICK HERE TO WATCH OUR DAYS FOR GIRLS VIDEO](#)





## English

Ms Fiona Lennon  
Learning Leader - English



### Effective Speaking Competition

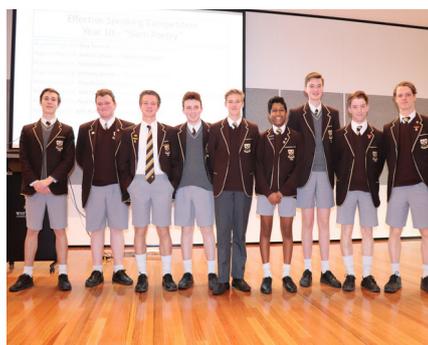
On Monday 13 August, a group of brave young men from Years 7 to 10 participated in the Effective Speaking Competition Finals. These finalists, chosen from their respective English classes, presented to an audience consisting of their entire year level, teachers and a panel of judges – no mean feat!

Each student presented in an engaging and confident manner, challenging the judges to determine one winner amongst so many talented presenters.

While all participating students deserve congratulations, a special commendation to the following winners:

- Year 7 Patrick Keehne speaking on Resilience
- Year 8 Jake Trembath speaking on Martin Cooper (The Balloon Debate)
- Year 9 Lucas D'Costa speaking on Daniel Flynn (A Local Hero)
- Year 10 Sam Anderson speaking on Expectations (Slam Poetry)

A special morning tea will be held on 20 September to celebrate the success of these students. In the meantime, we thank all students for supporting their peers in the finals and the Whitefriars Community for their ongoing support of English Learning Area activities.



### Creative Writing Competition

In recent months, students of English were challenged to show their creative flair, writing on the topic 'Live Simply, Simply Live'. Students were undaunted by the tricky topic, writing pieces which demonstrated imagination and originality. While all students from 7-10 participated in this activity as part of the English core curriculum (being optional at Years 11 and 12), a select few were chosen to be published in the Shared Stories Anthology which will be launched by Catholic Education later this year.

The English Department would like to take the opportunity to thank all students for their participation and, in particular, congratulate the following students.

- Year 7 Kaspas Nickel
- Year 8 Joshua Adams
- Year 9 Seamus O'Neill
- Year 10 Blake Ritchie

Lyn Power Literary Award: Joel Duggan

To read these wonderful winning pieces, [please click here](#)

Winners of the Creative Writing Competition were invited to join an exclusive Writing Workshop with visiting author, Jack Heath and they will attend a special morning tea, celebrating their work on 20 September. In addition, students will be invited to attend the Shared Stories launch on 20 November.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for our boys to share their success with students from other Catholic schools whose work will be published as part of the Anthology.



## **Languages**

*Ms Paula Barca*  
*Learning Leader - Languages*



### **Year 10 Italian Day Out**

On Friday 3 August, Year 10 Italian students enjoyed a day out filled with activities hosted by VATI and CO.AS.IT. at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne. Students spent the day learning about the value of knowing the Italian language. They were immersed in language, culture, interactive activities, conversational games, film and song with other Year 10 Italian students from schools across Melbourne.

"Last Friday, the Year 10 Italian students went on an Italian Day Out excursion to the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne, where we participated in four different activities about the Italian culture. The first activity was based around the language of Italian, through a quiz, which brought out the competitiveness of all the boys. Following morning tea, we participated in a musical performance, performed by Musa Quartet. This activity was a favourite amongst the boys, as we enjoyed listening to famous Italian songs while having to fill in missing Italian words in the lyrics. This activity really improved our sense of Italian music and our listening abilities. After lunch, we had a fun session with Fabio Motta's, "Italian as Play". The activity consisted of amusing fast-paced Italian games, to help us interact with the other schools and improve our Italian vocabulary with new words whilst thinking on the spot. After this, for the final activity, we learnt about the famous Italian film industry as we viewed Manuale d'amore, a romantic-comedy short story. The movie was filled with many laughs and after we had to answer some questions.

Overall the Italian Big Day out was a great day outside of school, filled with entertaining activities whilst also improving our own Italian skills and abilities. I would also like to thank Mr O'Donaghue and Mrs Scarmozzino for planning this fantastic day."

Adrian De Saram



Adrian De Saram, Year 10



## Library News

Mrs Jenny Corbin  
Library Leader



Ms Clare Vella  
Teacher Librarian



### Book Week 2018

The Shortis Library has hosted a number of activities during Book Week promoting reading and writing, including engaging workshops by visiting author Jack Heath, a Manga meetup, quizzes on this year's theme of 'Find Your Treasure', Where's Wally, Wookiee and Stig competitions and the House Reading Challenge celebration.

[CBCA Book of the Year Award Winners 2018](#)

### Read a Million Words House Challenge Celebration 2018

The Read a Million Words House Challenge concluded on 10 August and a celebration was held for all the participants who collectively read 28,124,421 words over a three-month period. Achieving the most words read overall, the winning house was Lisieux (9,624,153) followed by Mantua (5,139,643) and Soreth (3,055,220) in 2nd and 3rd place.

Congratulations on the individual achievements:

Overall most words read award: Minh Nguyen, Year 10

Most words read in each year level awards in order:

Year 7: Simon D'Costa, Christian Dietzsch, Matthew Benedict

Year 8: Callum White, Marc Cordeiro, Cole Anastasiou

Year 9: Liam Downie; Fynn Jones, Seamus O'Neill

Year 10: Ben Clarke, Jacob Sanderson, Daniel Borg



### Whitefriars Community Book Club - Tuesday 28 August

The next gathering of the Whitefriars Community Book Club for parents/guardians will be on Tuesday 28 August, 7-8pm at the Whitefriars Shortis Library, where we will informally discuss current reads and what is trending in the book world. The theme for this meetup will be crime/mystery.

All welcome, whether you would like to share book and author recommendations or hear about them from others.

Light supper will be served. All attendees will be entered into the draw for a door prize.

Queries and ideas welcome: [librarystaff@whitefriars.vic.edu.au](mailto:librarystaff@whitefriars.vic.edu.au)

Bookings essential at: <https://www.trybooking.com/TADD>

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## Middle Years

Mr Trent Collins  
Middle Years Coordinator



### Year 8 Outdoor Learning Program

The Outdoor Learning Program is an exciting time for students. It is a time to learn how to interact with others in small communities, learning practical life skills, including resilience, collaboration and problem solving. Learning is not always easy and it is ok to make mistakes and to find things challenging, but by experiencing difficult or challenging hurdles, success is often greater.

My message to the boys as they waited on the bus about to start their journey was clear – “respect yourself, each other and the environment. Look after one another and by doing so you will have a more rewarding experience.”

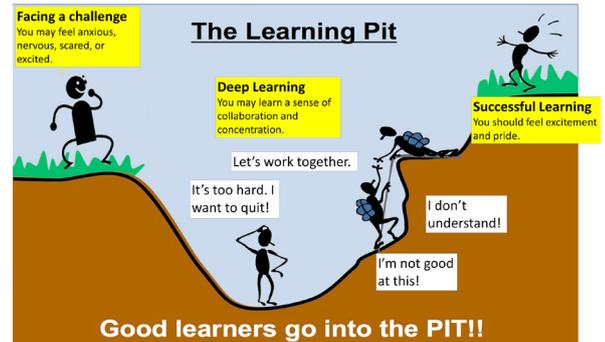
For the vast majority of boys, this was the case and they rose to the challenge ensuring they worked together to achieve team goals, while having an enjoyable time on camp. What could be better than paddling down the picturesque Murray River with mates, sharing a Masterchef style meal, or sitting around a campfire telling stories?

For others, it was a time to identify and recognise poor behaviour or decision-making and work on strategies that allowed students to learn the importance of working as a team, with respect and dignity. If students experienced more challenges than rewards, my advice is – “listen carefully to the feedback provided by camp staff and your peers, and continue to develop a growth mindset in moving forward”.

While one of our objectives at Whitefriars is to develop “Gentle men” through the Catholic and Carmelite charism, we sometimes need to remember boys must grow into men, and it is through shared experiences with the support of staff on programs such as the Outdoor Learning Program that they can continue to be challenged and therefore grow and prosper.

The educational journey for students is often a long and windy road, filled with many rewards, challenges and plenty of life’s unknowns. One thing that is known is that the Year 8 boys should be extremely proud of their achievements while on camp.

Well done Gents and good luck as you focus again on your studies at Whitefriars.



### Student reflection:

“On camp I learnt lots of practical skills such as cooking, washing dishes, reading maps and thinking for myself. This year I really enjoyed camp and I can’t wait for the next one!” Seb

“I learnt how to cope better with difficult situations as at times I can often get overwhelmed and stressed but this will help me when faced with obstacles in the future.” Sam





## Performing Arts

Ms Nathalie Fox  
Learning Leader - Performing Arts



### ACCent on Music

The third rehearsal in preparation for the ACCent on Music concert will be held on 27 August involving students from the Junior and Senior Orchestras, Drum Line and the Years 10, 11 and 12 Big Bands. Specific details and permission letters for that rehearsal have been sent to those involved. Tickets are now available to purchase by accessing <http://www.accmelb.com.au/tickets/> then click on Whitefriars College.

### Rock concerts

Thank you to parents for attending our two massive nights of rock and roll in the Healy Wilson Theatre. Thursday 13 August saw our junior performers take the stage and present some very mature performances. A lot of valuable learning occurs, stepping onto the stage those first few times and it was wonderful to see young performers evolving their stagemanship.

The following night showcased our senior performers on stage with an eclectic mix of material from Pink Floyd to the Arctic Monkeys.

We would like to recognise our Year 12 performers, some of whom have now participated in 6 years of rock concerts. Thank you to Mr Stuart Collidge and the tech team for the huge amount of hours they put in, rock band directors and performing arts staff who assisted.




**HAMER HALL**  
ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE  
Tuesday September 18th, 7pm



**ACCent on Music 2018**  
Associated Catholic Colleges (ACC) is proud to present its third combined schools concert - ACCent on Music. The ACC is an association of 14 Catholic secondary schools in Vic, covering various suburbs in and around Melbourne. Over 400 students from years 7-12 have been selected by their respective schools to perform on stage in one of Australia's premiere concert venues - Hamer Hall, Arts Centre Melbourne. The performance comprises items from a range of ensembles - choir, bandline, concert bands, stage bands, strings & orchestras. Tickets are just \$10 and can be purchased via the ticket link for each school on the ACC website: <http://www.accmelb.com.au/tickets/>



Proudly supported by our event partner **fineMUSIC**



### Senior Play

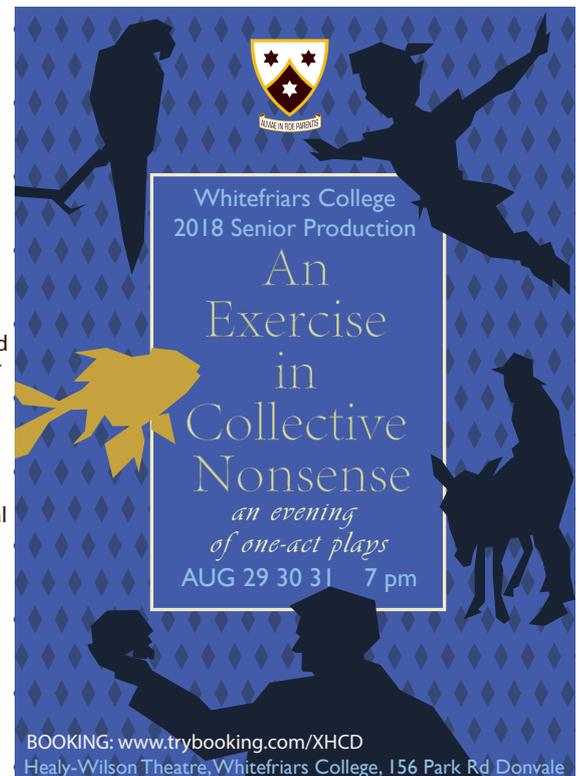
Tickets are still available for our Senior Play 'An Exercise in Collective Nonsense'. Please come along and enjoy a night of high art and comedy featuring works by Australian and International playwrights. Tickets, at \$15 / adult, \$10 / concession may be purchased for the three performance nights of 29, 30 and 31 August, by accessing the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/XHCD>

### Classical soiree

On 6 September we will be hosting a Classical Soiree featuring performances of classical works by various ensembles and VCE soloists. Parents of those students involved have been emailed details.

### Up-coming events:

- 29, 30, 31 August – Senior Play
- 6 September – Classical Soiree
- 10 September – Ensemble photos
- 16 September – Final ACC rehearsal
- 18 September – ACCent on Music Concert



Whitefriars College  
2018 Senior Production

**An Exercise in Collective Nonsense**  
*an evening of one-act plays*  
AUG 29 30 31 7 pm

BOOKING: [www.trybooking.com/XHCD](https://www.trybooking.com/XHCD)  
Healy-Wilson Theatre, Whitefriars College, 156 Park Rd Donvale



## Physics

### ANSTO Physics Excursion

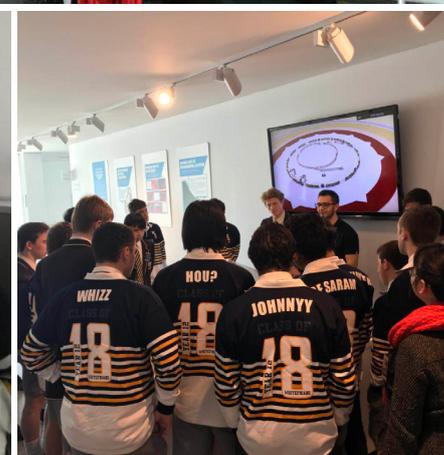
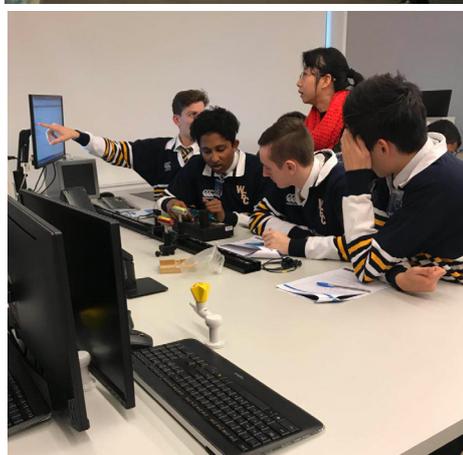
On Tuesday 14 August, the Unit 3/4 VCE Physics cohort went to the Australian Synchrotron in Clayton in order to broaden our studies. We were taken on a private tour of the facility in which our tour guide taught us the practical uses of the synchrotron in furthering studies, especially in the field of medicine. We discovered that the main use of the synchrotron was to produce high energy X-rays in order to X-ray a variety of things, including protein structures as well as complete 3D imaging animals, to further our understanding of the inner workings of the human body.

After the tour, we were given access to a testing facility in which we were able to put our studies of light into practice. We were given lasers and specifically cut glass to test light diffraction, which is a vital part of our area of study. We shone the laser through the slit, and then captured the image created, which proved that light in fact acted like a wave. We also looked at light spectrometers and were given a variety of materials that gave off different wavelengths of light. Using the spectrometers, we recorded the differing wavelengths. We then used this data back at school in order to broaden our studies and gain a deeper understanding of how light acts.

The ANSTO excursion to the synchrotron gave us the opportunity to broaden our studies with access to new testing facilities and ultimately was an unforgettable experience for us all.



John Korasidis,  
2018 Science Captain





## Senior Years

*Mrs Anita Kay-Taylor*  
Senior Years Coordinator



### 2018 Vice College Captain Reflection – Oscar Levi

It is strange to think that an end to Year 12 is almost upon us. As we are entering the last few weeks of our time at Whitefriars, the air is imbued with a strong aura of nostalgia; Year 12 has been a journey, but we have been lucky enough to face it as a strong and cohesive cohort.

It has been a true delight to watch my peers excel in all their pursuits, foster a positive study culture in the Academic Study Centre and help each other through the inevitable ups and downs of VCE. We have made the most of all the opportunities presented to us, an objective set at the Academic Conference opening the year, and have risen to the challenges placed in front of us.

Seeing the strong levels of support this group has for one another has been a personal highlight for me, and despite only just falling short of the ACC Football Premiership, the spirit of teamwork and mateship has remained in the air. We have enjoyed letting our hair down at the Year 12 Formal and sharing laughs in the study hall. We have enjoyed the stressful rush of a four-SAC week and the pandemonium surrounding the arrival of the famed Year 12 jumpers.

Entering the 'beginning of the end' brings up a multitude of emotions, as it feels as if entering Whitefriars as a Year 7 was both an eon and a moment ago. As we are now on the home stretch of VCE, and our time at Whitefriars, we face the biggest challenge yet in our concluding assessments and exams. Despite the challenge ahead, I am optimistic and positive that our group has the confidence and cohesion to make the best of whatever comes their way and will forge a strong path outside of Whitefriars in the future.



Oscar Levi, Year 12



## **Sustainability and Environment Team (SET) News**

Ms Jo Anne Menzies  
SET Facilitator



### **National Tree Planting Day**

Whitefriars College celebrated National Tree Planting on the 3 August. Thank you to Nicholas Smith (Middle School Captain) and Joel Monteiro (Senior School Captain) for organising the leadership group to participate. A big thank you to Mrs Ciavarella, Mrs Alexander, Anton Porto (8) and Hamish Harrison (8) for giving up their lunchtime to plant. Poa Lab grasses were planted at the front entrance, sourced from the not-for-profit nursery at Friends of Warrandyte National Park.



### **Learning in the bushland**

The Year 10 Introduction to Environmental Studies has shifted their focus from water sampling to vegetation species identification recently. The students completed a hide and seek activity, to find and match native species information cards hidden in the Mullum Mullum Valley bushland. These included; *Iomandra longifolia*, manna gum eucalyptus, messmate eucalyptus, pomaderris shrub, weeping grass and sword sedge.

The VCAL group have been active in preparing the proposed Outdoor Learning Space by completing landscaping and fencing work. The vision is a space for cross-curriculum learning, a productive food garden and a meditation space for the College and wider community to utilise.



### **Whitefriars "War on Waste"**

Craig Reucassel's War on Waste has prompted a lot of discussion at the College. The Environment Captain has led a middle and senior schools litter meeting with students giving up their time to have a voice on the issue. Whilst it does not compare to Timor-Leste, where a few students had visited during the holidays, the boys were keen to discuss ways to improve waste management. More education, clearer signs, incentives, peer pressure and consequences were suggested.

The Sustainability and Environment Team attended EASL "What a Waste! Exploring Waste in the East" Professional Development Day. What an incredible experience to see what happens once waste leaves the kerbside. Banyule Recovery Centre separates the co-mingled materials. The message was to crush all items, like boxes and plastic bottles and keep the lids on! Only certain types of glass can be recycled, so check your local council's website for information. For Manningham City residents, check out <https://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/recycling-centres>. If you are unsure about which item goes into which bin download the App RecycleSmart – Making recycling Smart by Planet Ark. Knox Recycling does a great job collecting hard rubbish, chipping the materials and then creating heating blocks destined for the Philippines and Malaysia for fuel. The final destination was Hampton Park landfill. This massive area buries landfill waste from the local municipality. Suez predicts the facility will be full by 2030!

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### Health/PE and Enviro Week - 3-7 September 2018

The Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (Victorian Branch) has once again set aside a week in the school as a time to focus on a wide range of health and physical activities. The HPE Department has decided on the week starting on Monday 3 September in which we have the opportunity to highlight the positive aspects in areas of nutrition, fitness and recreation. We will once again be combining with the Environment department to present a whole range of activities. Our theme for the week will be on 'Promoting Physical Activity' and its benefits.

The Physical Education Department in conjunction with Year 11 PE students as part of their study design have organised a number of activities to help celebrate this week at the College. Sports Captains will also lend assistance in many of the activities as well as participating in the CLC netball match that kicks off the week.

There will be:

- Lunchtime activities including competitions for students, staff/student matches and health quizzes e-mailed out each day on general sport.
- Sports vouchers will be on offer as prizes throughout the week.
- SET (Sustainability and Environment Team) photography competition titled 'Water@Whitefriars' will run in the library all week, where students can vote on their favourite image. Winners will be awarded prizes after all votes are collected by the end of the week.
- Some classes will run in the bushland for student learning and wellbeing.
- A 'bike and blend' activity will be running on Friday at lunchtime along with a band on the canteen decking.

As part of the activities, the Physical Education Department is also promoting 'Health and Nutrition' at the canteen and around the College.

- The College canteen will be offering an alternative list of food.
- All drinks, as is the norm for the year, will be sugar free for the week. This will include drinks such as bottled water, mineral water and full cream milk.
- There will be a list of foods available from the canteen up around the College provided by Mrs Murphy. Regular foods such as pies, pasties, dim sims, hot dogs, cakes and donuts cannot be purchased from the canteen for the entire week.
- Diabetics who may need sugar supplements can still have appropriate drinks from the canteen or the First Aid Office.

Health and Physical Education has a unique role to play in the education of students because it is the only area of the curriculum in which physical activity is the primary medium of learning. One of the main benefits of this subject is to help contribute to a healthy lifestyle as a preventative health measure.

- **SPORTS TOP FRIDAY** (any code over free dress) is on Friday 7 September (\$2 per student).
- There will also be the inaugural **FUN RUN** on this day for the senior students before school starts (\$10 per student).

These activities will raise money for the Pat Cronin Foundation and environment projects around the College.

We trust that you will embrace and realise the importance of this week as much as the staff at the College.

### SEMP – School Environment Management Plan Review

Whitefriars' SEMP is now due for review. Sustainability Victoria sets energy, waste, water and biodiversity targets for schools. The plan was reviewed in 2015 and lists all the sustainable practices the College is doing now and what sustainable improvements could be implemented over the next three years. SET invite the Whitefriars community to review and comment. If you are interested in having a say, please contact [jmenzies@whitefriars.vic.edu.au](mailto:jmenzies@whitefriars.vic.edu.au) for a copy of the SEMP. Deadline for comment is 30 August.



## Sports Report

Mr Gavin Kellar  
Head of Sport



### Thank you to parents and students who represented Whitefriars on 23 August

Thank you to all Year 7 and 8 ACC Basketball, Table Tennis and Hockey students who came in to represent the college on the student free day (23 August). It was a fantastic effort in ensuring that all Whitefriars ACC sporting teams that represented our college, were full (and performed exceptionally well!). Not having buses running to the college would have been very problematic for parents, so I would also like to pass on a big thankyou to our Whitefriars parents for assisting their sons in getting to the college, or the shuttle bus meeting points. As a college, we are very thankful for your efforts and the respect that you have all shown our college sporting program.

### Whitefriars v CLC Annual Charity Netball Match

Last Friday the sport captains headed out to Catholic Ladies College in Eltham for the Annual Charity Netball Match. We were excited, yet anxious, as we knew the girls would be primed to take us on. We just hoped we could put on some sort of show and enjoy the experience. We came into the game with very little understanding or preparation, however; it did not stop our effort to do our best and have fun. We started very slowly with the score 8 - 1 in CLC's favour at the end of the first quarter. We fought back and the score was 9 - 9 at half time. Unfortunately, the girls had a bit more class and finished off the day winners with the final score 22-17. Thanks to Catholic Ladies College and all the boys that participated wholeheartedly. Special thanks to Mr Kellar for organising this event.

Sam Harte



Sam Harte,  
2018 Overall Sports Captain



### Australian Paralympian Jaryd Clifford visits Cross Country Team

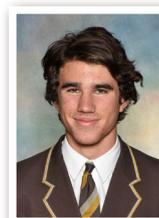
This morning we were very fortunate to have Australian Paralympian Jaryd Clifford attend our session this where he both trained with the boys and spoke to them about his experiences of being a professional athlete.

Jaryd is not only a world champion in his T13 (sight impaired) classification; he made history at the IAAF World U20 Championships in Tampere, Finland where he became the first Australian Paralympian to compete at an 'able-bodied' world championships (after winning the national able-bodied championship!).

[Click here for a story on his career to date](#)

Just a reminder to all that cross country training is on both Wednesday and Friday mornings leading in to our ACC Championships on the 12 September.

Matthew Bagnara



Matthew Bagnara,  
Cross Country Captain

### Pat Cronin Fun Run

See flyer on the next page for information on our annual fun run scheduled for Friday 7 September.

### Recognition and Fixtures/Venue

If your son has been selected in any state or national sides please feel free to let me know via my email address [gkellar@whitefriars.vic.edu.au](mailto:gkellar@whitefriars.vic.edu.au) so that I can give them recognition in this report.

For any information regarding the ACC including Results and Ladders and Updated Fixtures/Venues go to [www.accmelb.com.au](http://www.accmelb.com.au)



**END THE COWARDS PUNCH**

**Pat Cronin Fun Run**

Friday 7th of September  
**7:15am**

**Year 11 & 12's**  
Dress up in your Footy Colours!

Get mates together and run or walk **2.8km** to help support for the cause

**\$10 Entry Fee**  
Including PC 12 wristband and a BBQ Breakfast!  
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All money received goes towards the **Pat Cronin Foundation.**

Help make a difference.  
End the **Cowards Punch.**

**END THE COWARDS PUNCH**

# Health/PE and Enviro Week Sports Colour Dress Day

Friday 7 September 2018

**\$2  
Donation**

Support Your Team by wearing a AFL/NBA/Soccer/Local Club Kit etc.  
Donation will be collected start of Pastoral Care (Session 4)  
Donation to support Pat Cronin Foundation and College Enviro Projects





## Star Students

### Monash Youth Music Festival performance - Monday 20 August 2018

Earlier this week the Junior Choir and Senior Vocal Ensemble went to compete at the Monash Youth Music Festival at Robert Blackwood Hall. When we arrived, we were split up; the Junior Choir had to go and register since we were performing first. When the doors of the theatre finally opened, we were allowed to sit down while we waited for the first choir to perform. After two performances, we were told to go backstage and get ready. While we were waiting to go on you could feel how excited everyone was. Then they called our name and we walked onto the stage; after the bell rang, we started singing. The songs we sang were 'Africa' by Toto and 'Alone in the Universe' from the musical 'Seussical'. Finally, when the adjudicator was finished choosing a winner he walked up to the podium on stage. After a bit of talking he got to the results: "In second place Whitefriars Junior Choir," he said. I was told to go up onto stage and receive the trophy. We won \$100! We were beaten by only one point by Killester College.

At 6pm the Senior Vocal Ensemble performed. In this section, there were many good ensembles. When we were backstage everyone seemed confident. When our name was called we walked onto the stage and we sang 'My Funny Valentine', which was originally composed, by Richard Rodgers and 'Seasons of Love' from the musical 'Rent'. After the rest of the groups finished, the adjudicator tallied the votes. The standard was extremely high with all chamber choir groups performing difficult two and three part harmonies. We ended up getting an Honourable Mention which was awesome. We were extremely pleased with this result. This competition was extremely fun, I personally enjoyed it and I believe everyone else did.

Nicholas Stackpole



Nicholas Stackpole, Year 9



Tige Ridley, Year 7

### Congratulations to:

- Tige Ridley of Year 7 who made the Victorian Indoor Cricket team. He played the tournament in Queensland during the last school holidays.
- Year 7 Whitefriars boys, Ollie Boyd-Clarke and Anthony Moule who played in Junior State Hockey Championships in first week of holidays and their team, Red Devils, won the Silver medal.
- Callum White who has been selected as a member of the 2018 Victorian School Orienteering Team, and will represent Victoria at the Australian Schools Championships in South Australia during the Term 3 school holidays.
- Jye Lupton from Year 7 attended an Under 14 Australian Institute of Sport Tour as part of the Eltham Wildcats Championship basketball program.



Ollie Boyd-Clarke, Year 7



Anthony Moule, Year 7

### "Where there's a Will, there's a Way" - Snowboarding in loving memory of Will Harvey.

This weekend we have two Year 10 students competing in the Subaru Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships 2018 – Lachlan Fox and Matt Farley.

This is a wonderful feat to represent Whitefriars College made even more special by the fact that these students will be competing in memory of Will Harvey (Class of 2016), who sadly passed away last year.

Will was a big part of the Whitefriars community and an avid skier. Many years ago Will took Lachlan Fox under his wing while skiing and snowboarding around Mt Buller. After a few years off, Lachlan is back on the Mountain competing in memory of Will.

The College would like to express a sincere word of gratitude to Adrian Fox (Lachlan's father) for keeping Will's memory alive by supporting Lachlan (and Matt) in their snowsports pursuit, and encouraging the boys with the mantra "Where there's a Will, there's a way!" The mantra speaks to the spirit and legacy of Will Harvey and is a motivation to us all.

We wish Lachlan and Matt well, as all in the Whitefriars Community keep Will's memory alive in our hearts and minds.



Callum White, Year 8



Jye Lupton, Year 7



Lachlan Fox, Year 10



Matt Farley, Year 10



## Vale Kim Chong Poh

Mr Leigh Denning



On 14 July Kim Chong Poh, a much loved and respected past teacher at Whitefriars passed away after suffering a stroke. As her son Bahagia pointed out at her funeral, she loved History and was a real fighter and would have been tickled by the realisation that she died on Bastille Day.

Kim taught at Whitefriars College from 1988 until 1995. She taught Indonesian from Year 7-9 as well as teaching in the Humanities and Religious Education Departments. Her first love was definitely Indonesian and she taught the subject with great passion, and a keen appreciation for the culture. She felt a deep affection for the Carmelite spirit and was delighted to work closely with Brother Leo Richmond, whom she modelled in her teaching style and methodology. Kim was a wonderful cook and she would often cook for her students so that they could really appreciate Indonesian cuisine. More often than not, she would prepare too much food in order that other staff could share her love of food and her generous spirit.

Kim was born in Alor Star Malaysia, she did her teaching training at Kirby College England, leading to a long and successful career in teaching in Malaysian and Australian schools. Kim retired from the Australian Defence Force school of Languages at Point Cook, Victoria.

During World War 2 When Kim was a very young girl of about 8 years her town was bombed and in running to escape, glass fragments were lodged in her eye and she lost the use of that eye. Yet she never complained about it any stage, obtained her driver's licence, achieved a black belt in karate and led an amazingly busy and fulfilling life. Her first love was always her family and there were times when she worked extremely long hours, along with her husband Eng Kong so that her sons could receive the very best education possible and they both studied in distinguished colleges in England. In 2008 when she and E.K returned to the United Kingdom, they visited Scotland so that she could buy state of the art bagpipes for her grandson Christopher. It was so fitting that he could play those bagpipes so beautifully, for his much-loved grandmother at her funeral.

Kim was a devout Buddhist as were her parents. Together with Bahagia, Kim worked tirelessly to raise donations for Buddhist temples in Malaysia and the establishment of two Thai Buddhist Temples in Melbourne. She was a regular donor to an orphanage that provided care and treatment for HIV and AID orphans in Thailand and World Vision, Australia.

My family and I were blessed to have known Kim and to share special occasions with her loving family. She was an inspiring, generous, fun loving person, who enriched the lives of everyone who entered her world.





## Whitefriars Parents Association

After months of planning the Whitefriars Parents' Association held the Trivia Night on Saturday 18 August. Thank you to the sub-committee who considered every detail from the table names on records, to the carefully orchestrated program. Thank you also to the Parents Association members who supported in the lead up to the event gathering and packing auction prizes, and on the night. And thank you to the Whitefriars Maintenance team and other staff members who contributed to the success of the evening. The atmosphere of the night was a true testament to caring and giving community that we are all fortunate enough to belong to.



This was again highlighted this morning at our Father's Day Breakfast. While the air was fresh it was a beautiful morning to gather together, dads to share breakfast with their sons. Thank you to those members of the Parents' Association, Maintenance team and other staff members who helped with the set up yesterday, and the serving and pack up this morning. We were fortunate to have guest speaker Professor John Seymour (Class of 1981) join us this morning to talk about his time at Whitefriars and the importance of family.





## **College Services**

*Mrs Marie Cameron*  
*College Services Coordinator*



Welcome back Nola!

### **Year 11 Formal**

Congratulations to all the students who attended the Year 11 formal recently. It was a fabulous evening shared by the 280 in attendance, who danced the night away.

### **Uniform Exchange**

Melissa has a huge quantity of shirts, blazers, sports uniforms and bags. Please call between 12.30pm and 2pm on Tuesday's if you have any queries. If you have uniform for sale, please download the form and lodge it at the canteen or my office any time. Items must be dry cleaned - please leave dry cleaning tags on.

### **College Canteen**

If you can assist during a lunchtime, please email [mcameron@whitefriars.vic.edu.au](mailto:mcameron@whitefriars.vic.edu.au) or call phone Nola on 9872 8308. Thank you to those of you who have already helped.




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## **MULLUM MULLUM TRAIL OPENING**

Celebrate the official opening of the final section of the Mullum Mullum Trail, completing a 42km off-road circuit.

**Sunday 16 September**

**Meet at 10.45am for the official opening at 11.00am**

320 Park Road, Park Orchards

You are invited to join us for the 1.3km community walk along this scenic trail finishing with a free barbecue at Heads Road. There are also opportunities for a longer walk or bike ride prior to the event.



*We proclaim a crucified Christ*

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21 August 2018

To the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Dear Friends,

*"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it."* (1Cor 12:26) With these words from St Paul, Pope Francis overnight has written a letter to us all, the People of God. In the letter he expresses his own heart concerning the "culture of death" that is clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover-up that often has accompanied it, inflicting deep wounds of disgust, bewilderment, shame, and disheartenment. As the Holy Father says:

*"These words of Saint Paul forcefully echo in my heart as I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons. Crimes that inflict deep wounds of pain and powerlessness, primarily among the victims, but also in their family members and in the larger community of believers and nonbelievers alike... The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain, and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults."*

I associate myself with these words, and the whole content of Pope's Francis' letter:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-08/pope-francis-letter-people-of-god-sexual-abuse.html>

No words of apology – while always needed – will ever be enough to right the evil done to those who have been abused, and those who were not listened to and believed. Efforts to repair the harm done – while entirely necessary – cannot overcome the evil perpetrated upon innocent children and vulnerable adults, and the harm experienced by families and communities.

Therefore, and looking ahead, it falls to me, as your Archbishop, to ensure that our local Church in Melbourne is unequivocally committed to attending to the harm done, prioritising the dignity and care of all who are young and vulnerable, rebuilding trust among our people, and creating safe environments in our communities, agencies and organisations. This is the way of Jesus Christ. It must be my way. And I invite you to join with me in making it our common Gospel way.

**Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**  
Archbishop of Melbourne



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## Archbishop of Melbourne

In his letter, Pope Francis says: *“The extent and the gravity of all that has happened requires coming to grips with this reality in a comprehensive and communal way.”* To this end, one part of the task ahead is being transparent about the extent of the abuse that has occurred in Melbourne. To date, 469 people have come forward with substantiated allegations against a priest or religious or lay person who has been under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese - 90 priests, 22 religious and 19 lay workers have had findings made against them. A total of \$34,419,767 has been offered in redress. There are currently 754 people for whom ongoing counselling, and allied health and spiritual support has been facilitated.

More important than these facts, however, are the people who have been abused, and their stories of pain and courage. I have had the humbling honour of meeting with some of them already, and I will continue to do so. If there are victim-survivors in your local community, I would encourage you to welcome them, to listen to their stories, and to accompany them in friendship.

Pope Francis reminds us that our task ahead is *“to come up with the necessary means to ensure the safety and protection of the integrity of children and of vulnerable adults, as well as implementing zero tolerance and ways of making all those who perpetrate or cover up these crimes accountable.”* I am learning of the ways – both formally and informally, among our leaders and by ordinary folk – in which efforts are already being made in this regard. But much more is needed.

To this end, I want to let you know that I am committed to exercising my responsibilities according to the framework offered by the Child Safe Standards articulated by the Royal Commission. I am also committed to working closely with the Commission for Children and Young People here in Victoria to implement policies and processes within the Archdiocese that comply with best practice. The Archdiocese has signed up to the National Redress Scheme, and we will join with national Church actions in response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission. In the two weeks since taking office as Archbishop, I have initiated a process of appraisal into our current policies, processes and structures to identify what further action can be taken to improve our transparency, compassion and accountability.

I am strongly committed to reporting to the appropriate authorities, and have already exercised that duty here in Melbourne. I am also strongly committed to upholding the seal of confession. I have begun conversations with our public authorities about finding a way in which these two principles can be upheld, for the sake of the safety of all.



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Tomorrow I will be meeting with the Clergy of the Archdiocese, where I will reiterate my commitments and priorities, and seek their full cooperation in our common task ahead.

If you have your own experience of sexual abuse by Church personnel, I strongly encourage you to report to Victoria Police by attending your local police station or calling (03) 9247 6666 in the first instance. You may also wish to contact the Independent Commissioner of the Melbourne Response, (03) 9225 7979. If you know of anyone who has been abused – as a child or adult – please let them know of Carelink (1300 810 957), an independent facility that assists clients in receiving the care needed for their recovery and wellbeing. There are also a number of support groups available.

Might I conclude by encouraging you to hear and take to heart these words of Pope Francis: *“The only way that we have to respond to this evil that has darkened so many lives is to experience it as a task regarding all of us as the People of God.”*

May Our Lady, Untier of Knots, intercede for us in our task ahead.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

**Most Rev Peter A Comensoli**  
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