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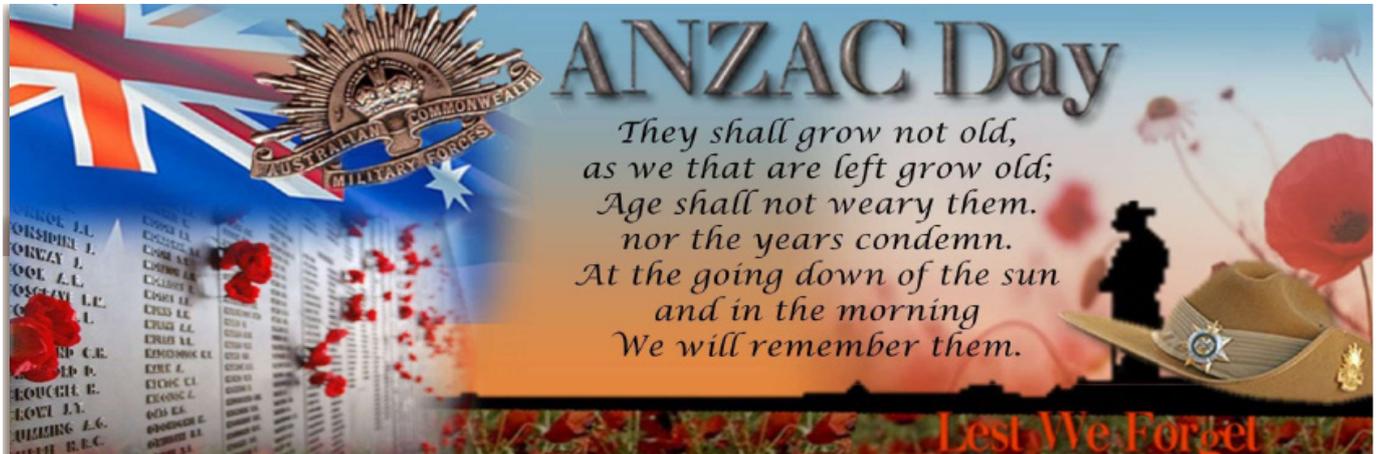
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From the Principal

Mr Greg Stewart
Principal



Welcome back to Term Two. While the term began with a shortened school week, courtesy of Easter Monday and ANZAC Day, it has already been a very busy start to the term for our College community. The Year 9 OLP information evening, a Year 7 Easter egg challenge and the Mantua House Feast Day all figured in the first week's activities.

The College marked the occasion of ANZAC Day with a most respectful commemoration on Wednesday 24 April. Robbie Dawson (Class of 2018) kindly volunteered to perform the Last Post and James Key (Year 11), who was a participant on the College's 2018 'Battlefields Tour' spoke of his experience on the Tour in the context of his historical family connections. Students from the Whitefriars Ensemble Program also performed for the Templestowe RSL at their Shrine of Remembrance on ANZAC Day.

The group of 8 Year 9 boys and support staff who attended the Victorian Young Leaders to China Program returned to Melbourne last week after 2 weeks in Chengdu (home of the Giant Pandas) and 4 weeks in cosmopolitan Shanghai. This is the third year that Whitefriars has been involved in this immersion program that enables each participant to experience international travel with his peers, lots of local school and study time, interesting cultural activities and excursions. Thank you to Mr Thio, Mrs Haddrell and Ms Luo for their generous support of the boys throughout a wonderful, but intensive educational experience.

Our annual Mother's Day breakfast was held in the Science and Technology Centre this morning. Thank you to all of our enthusiastic mums who were able to enjoy a special meal with their sons before being addressed by Old Collegian and eminent psychologist, Professor Eoin Killackey, Associate Director of Graduate Research and Education at Origen, the National Centre of Excellence in Youth Mental Health. Thank you also to Director - Middle Years, Trent Collins for MC-ing the event.



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All is approaching readiness for the Year 9 OLP program beginning on Monday 6 May in country Victoria at various locations. The program and associated learning activities are always challenging - but equally rewarding. We look forward to hearing of the boy's experiences upon their return.

The Middle Years Parent/Student/Teacher conferences took place on Wednesday afternoon and evening. These enabled important discussions to take place around each boy's learning progress, to review approaches to learning, study habits, organisation and most importantly, to focus on sustained growth and improvement.

The last of the 16 Year 12 pastoral care lunches took place this week. These were an invitational opportunity for the boys to meet with me and their Pastoral Care teachers, House Leaders and Senior Years Director for some conversation around how they have settled into the year, any questions they might like to ask and what their career aspirations are. These Year 12s have shown themselves to be a very friendly, engaging and indeed impressive group of young men and I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to get to know each of them a little better.

The loss of a loved one is never easy. The College would like to extend its sincere condolences to the following members of our community:

- The Martini family on the tragic passing of Alexander (Class of 2009) as a result of a motorcycle accident just prior to Easter. We pray for Natalie, Andrew, Michael (Class of 2012) and David (Class of 2015)
- The O'Donaghue family on the recent passing of Mr Sean O'Donaghue's Father
- Cole (Year 8), Deacon (Year 7) and the Anastasiou family on the passing of their Paternal Grandmother
- Hamish (Year 12) and Patrick Breen (Year 10) on the loss of their beloved Grandpa
- The Blackney and Schubert families, on the loss of Ms Anne Blackney. Kyle and Trent Schubert are past Lisieux students and Anne had a long association with both the College and the Old Collegians

May the Lord welcome these and all the faithful departed into His keeping and look with compassion and gentleness on their souls.

Greg Stewart

Principal

In the care of a loving mother

Privacy Policy Update

The College has recently reviewed and updated its [Privacy Policy](#) and [Collection Statement](#). The updated policy can be accessed via the College website. Alternatively, you are able to request a copy from the school office.



The White Mantle

*Mr Joshua Vujcich
Director - Identity, Mission and Service*



In the last few weeks the College gathered several times as community to celebrate our Catholic Carmelite story.

Staff Professional Learning Day

At the end of last term, staff were led in an engaging enrichment session by the Prior Provincial of the Carmelites in Australia and Timor Leste, Fr. Paul Cahill O.Carm.

Fr. Paul traced the early origins of the Carmelites in the 13th century and explained that they were 'contemplative people' living in and ministering to their local communities. For these early fathers of the Carmelite order, contemplation was more than being alone or in solitude, but a way of seeing their lives, relationships and the world around them.

Fr. Paul reflected on his experience working with the Whitefriars community over many years, and identified how this charism (or gift) of contemplation has underpinned who we are as a faith learning community:

- a friendly presence,
- each student accepted and respected as a unique individual,
- strong community, brotherhood, sisterhood among staff, students, parents and old collegians,
- student management has a maternal quality to it.

So at Whitefriars, the Carmelite 'spirit' is experienced in our relationships, in teaching/learning, in decision-making and in responding to the needs of the community.

Fr. Paul spoke of Pope Francis' challenge to the Carmelites of the word to be a prophetic people: witnessing that the reign of God is recognised in service, and challenged us to listen with hearts as well as ears to the moments of our lives.

Like Jesus' ministry, Whitefriars as a Carmelite community seeks to live out our motto of 'In the care of a loving mother' in all that we do.



Learning @ Whitefriars

Mr Mark Ashmore
Deputy Principal -
Learning and Teaching



Why is Reading Important?

Almost half (46%) of Australians over 15 years old lack the literacy skills they need to meet the demands of everyday life and work.

75% of employers reported that their business was affected by low levels of literacy and numeracy (National Workforce Literacy Project).

Literacy, particularly reading, is an important foundation for success in school and life. An individual's literacy affects their opportunities in life for education, employment, income and wellbeing. Lacking literacy skills holds a person back at every stage of their life. As a child they won't be able to succeed at school. As a young adult they will not be able to access a job. As a parent they won't be able to support their own child's learning. People with low literacy skills may not be able to read a book or newspaper, understand road signs or price labels, make sense of a bus or train timetable, fill out a form, read instructions on medicines or use the internet.

Reading has the following benefits:

- vocabulary expansion
- comprehending text more effective for understanding
- improved memory
- stronger analytical thinking skills
- increased knowledge
- improved concentration and focus
- better writing skills
- entertainment
- relaxation and mindfulness

With the rise of games, apps and YouTube, fewer kids are reading in their spare time. Secondary school students, and boys in particular, are less likely to feel that reading is 'cool'. Some boys can be embarrassed if their friends saw them reading. It is a shame considering the benefits of frequent reading from a young age.

The College recently redeveloped the Shortis Library, with the installation of a dedicated Reading Room. The boys are coming in their own time and in class to utilise the space for reading. It is important that reading is promoted and encouraged.

Students have made an enthusiastic start to the Read a Million Words House Reading Challenge, adding 'words' read in the holidays to the tallies. House tallies are displayed in the Shortis Library. Bonus points can be earned by writing reviews for the library catalogue and library blog. Book chats are occurring where students verify their reading and share thoughts on authors, titles and stories – this is also encouraged at home to continue the appreciation of stories and books. Congratulations to the following students who won prizes at the challenge launch:

- Zac Westwood, Year 8
- Cole Anastasiou, Year 9
- Sam Fonhof, Year 9
- Lucas D'Costa, Year 10

Parents are welcome to contact the Shortis Library for more information.

The Library and English Learning Areas are using Wider Reading sessions. In May the theme, "Mostly not squashed May – Stories make us determined", is helping our boys share their reading experiences. Parents discussing the text and your own reading habits can benefit on your son's reading.

Book Club for Parents

Parents can get involved in reading – modelling this to your son is important. The Whitefriars Community Book Club will meet up for Term 2 on Monday 3 June 7pm – 8pm in the Whitefriars Shortis Library. This is an informal gathering to discuss current reads and the theme of this meet up is Biography/Memoir. All parents/guardians are welcome, whether you'd like to share book and author recommendations or hear about them from others.

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

Parents/guardians who wish to be on the distribution list for Whitefriars Community Book Club events, please email: librarystaff@whitefriars.vic.edu.au

Study Skills Session for Parents

We will be holding Study Skills Sessions for small groups of parents on Friday's: 3 May, 17 May and 31 May in the Shortis Library from 9am to 10.15am. These sessions are for parents of students in Years 7, 8, 10, 11 and 12. (There will be two evening Study Skills sessions for all Year 9 students and parents on either the 20 or 22 May). These sessions focus on how parents can best support their sons with their studies and organisational skills.

How a student studies can have a profound effect on his results. We believe that optimal outcomes are reached when a student's journey through school is a team effort between the student, his teachers and his parents/guardians.

Because spaces are limited please email [Marina Ensor](mailto:Marina.Ensor@whitefriars.vic.edu.au) advising if one or two parents will attend.



Wellbeing @ Whitefriars

Mr Mick Lafferty
Deputy Principal - Students



Easter Egg Hunt

One of the Easter traditions at Whitefriars in the Year 7 Easter Egg Hunt. In House groups and with the support of their House Captains, the Year 7s perform a variety of tasks and overcome a variety of obstacles to gather as many chocolate Easter eggs as they can. Some would say this is rather indulgent, however, it is a great way for the Year 7s to build a sense of community and the Year 12 House Captains get the opportunity to work with the Year 7s in their House and build their connection.





Academic Enrichment

Mr Ashley Payne
Learning Leader -
Academic Enrichment and Data

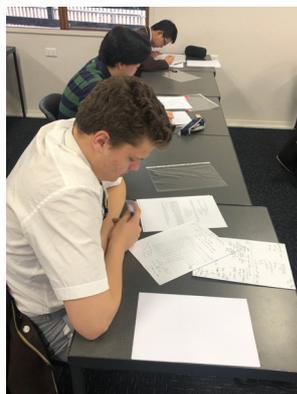
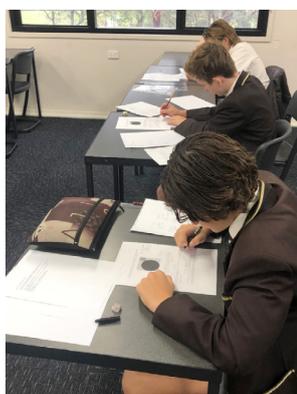


University of Melbourne Maths Competition 2019

Last Wednesday students in the middle and senior years had the opportunity to participate in this year's University of Melbourne Maths Competition. This is the third time Whitefriars College has participated in this competition.

This competition is of a demanding standard, designed to identify real mathematical talent. The nature of the problems is different from that encountered in school mathematics syllabi, being less mechanical and requiring a higher level of mathematical insight and creativity. As such, those that participate are students who have a real love for, and ability in, mathematics. High achievers have the chance to win some 150 prizes available.

The activity, coordinated and organised by Ms Liz Moloney, saw our largest number of kids enter this competition; an excellent reflection of the mathematical talent at the College. Those who competed are listed below. I also commend the Year 7 and 9's who have come in on their day off to compete. Congratulations boys as this a very challenging but rewarding competition and well worth the time and effort. Results to be released later in Term 3.



Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition – CAT 2019

Recently, students from various year levels competed in the annual CAT Competition at Whitefriars College. Students had the opportunity to experience and explore the science underlying computing, communication and the internet. Students who competed learnt basic algorithms, data structure and computational techniques and had the opportunity to demonstrate their learning through computer programming tasks

Results this year were extremely encouraging. Below is a list of those who received a participation or above – Congratulations boys! Certificates acknowledging student involvement will be distributed shortly.

Awards: H = High Distinction; D = Distinction; C = Credit; Pa = Participation

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AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 1 AUGUST 2019

Five students are to be photographed in a row with the tallest in the centre and the shortest two at the ends. If no two students are the same height, how many different arrangements are possible?

(a) 6 (b) 2 (c) 10 (d) 5 (e) 4

Be a problem solver.
Check your answer at amt.edu.au

JRL 2018

Year 7	Award
Lucas Ficarra	C
James Palumbo	C
Year 8	Award
Abraham Arnaud	C
John Wilton	C
Amin Yekta	Pa
Year 9	Award
Danny Phung	Pa
David Dunlop	Pa
Year 10	Award
Joshua Wagner	C
Liam Downie	Pa
Year 11	Award
Jayden Bardrick	D
Daniel Borg	D
Benjamin Clarke	C
Year 12	Award
Philip Phung	Pa



Careers

Mrs Anna Gasparini
Careers Advisor



Careers, Courses and Study

Year 10 families who registered their sons to be part of the Career Wise testing are reminded that the parent feedback evening will take place on Tuesday 28 May in the Science and Technology Building at 6.30pm. Students are expected to attend with their parents.

Year 12 families are reminded that all Year 12 students are required to have a careers interview before the end of Term 2. Please discuss this with your son and encourage them to contact the careers department to arrange an interview. All Year 12 students will be participating in an on-campus experience at Swinburne University on Thursday 27 June. The day will provide students with valuable information about surviving the upcoming final weeks of VCE and applications for further study. They will have the opportunity to experience tertiary classes by participating in various workshops on the day. The boys will be bussed to Swinburne University in the morning but will need to make their own way home at the end of the day.

Please note the important reminders below regarding UCAT and the Early offer programs at universities.

- UCAT registrations and booking close 17 May. Test begins 1 July and the last testing date is 31 July.
- [Year 12 Community Achiever Program \(CAP\)](#) Australian Catholic University. Applications open 1 May and close 14 August.
- [Year 12 ASPIRE Early Admissions Program](#) La Trobe University applications open 1 June. Applications close 31 August.

The Careers in Commerce and Accounting Breakfast will take place on Friday 17 May. Families who have registered will receive their ticket via email shortly. We are very excited about this event and look forward to sharing breakfast and information with families on the day. Our program includes guest speakers from the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, Smith and Feutril Accountancy, Swinburne University and past students currently studying in the Commerce/Business field.

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





Library

Mrs Jenny Corbin
Learning Leader - Library



Read a Million!

Million Words House Reading Challenge 2018

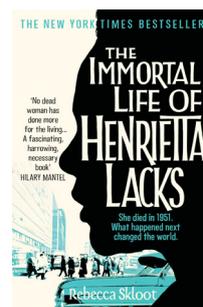
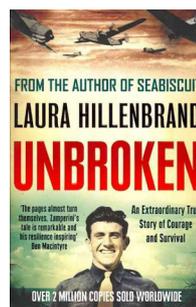
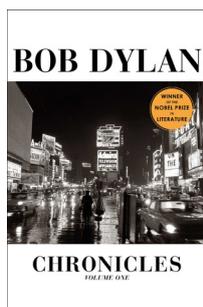
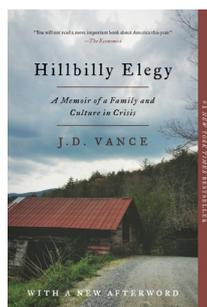
The aim of the Challenge is to read as many words as possible.

Read for your house, read for yourself,
strive for a million words.



Read a Million Words House Reading Challenge...Ready Set Go!

Students have made an enthusiastic start to the challenge already from holiday reading, adding 'words' read to the tallies. House tallies are displayed in the library. Bonus points can be earned by writing reviews for the library catalogue and library blog. Book chats are occurring where students verify their reading and share thoughts on authors, titles and stories – this is also encouraged at home to continue the appreciation of stories and books.



Whitefriars Community Book Club – Monday 3 June 7pm

The Whitefriars Community Book Club will meet up for term 2 on Monday 3 June 7pm – 8pm in the Whitefriars Shortis Library. This is an informal gathering to discuss current reads and the theme of this meet up is Biography / Memoir.

All parents/guardians are welcome to pop in, whether you'd like to share book and author recommendations or hear about them from others.

Research Source: World Book Online Encyclopedia

Students have been researching many different topics for assessments across learning areas, using a range of resources provided by the library. A key resource and great place to start for any research is World Book Online encyclopedia. Available 24/7 through student laptops via the library homepage, this digital resource provides credible information and has age appropriate articles at student and advanced levels, an inbuilt dictionary to name a few special features.

Coming up:

- May the Fourth Be With You – Star Wars Day celebration
- More Guess How Many Words in a Book competitions

Library opening hours

8am – 4.30pm Monday - Thursday

8am – 3.30pm Friday

Contact Library: librarystaff@whitefriars.vic.edu.au Ph: 9872 8320



S.E.T. (Sustainability and Environment Team) News

Ms Jo Menzies
SET Facilitator



International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) – Sunday 5 to 11 May 2019

International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) is celebrated globally from the 5 to 11 of May 2019. ICAW originated in Canada 24 years to inform schools, councils and businesses about the importance of composting and organic recycling. Today, the world celebrates ICAW to educate everyone about the benefits of composting. The College's Sustainability and Environment Team encourage all students and staff to recycle their organic waste.

How does WFC recycle organic waste?

- Organic Waste bins are located in Food Tech, Sports, LOTE, Science, Performing Arts, Staff rooms and canteen deck
- Compost Bins located next to Food Tech side door and Outdoor Learning Centre
- Staff empty the organic waste bins into the compost bin
- Garden waste goes back onto the garden beds
- Posters and signage listing what to put in the organic waste bins
- Canteen recycles organic waste for staff to take home to chickens

Why does WFC recycle organic waste?

- Reduce landfill waste
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Recycle green waste to produce soil conditioner (compost)
- Improve or maintain high quality soil
- Improves resistance to drought and disease
- Adds nutrients
- Plant health improvement in composted soils
- Better and bigger yields
- Reduce pesticides and fertilizer
- Improve water quality
- Protect and nurture the environment
- Reduce cost
- Reduce carbon footprint



It's Not All Rot Compost Workshop – Wednesday 8 May from 7 – 8:30pm

Maria Ciavarella, the Food Tech Assistant runs a small business My Green Garden and is presenting It's Not All Rot Workshop for parents. Details are below. Visit <http://www.mygreengarden.com.au/growing-food/composting-successfully/>

Term 2 SET Activities

SET Lunchtime Activities every Monday. Meet Ms Menzies outside T1.01

6 May – Compost workshop

13 May – Mullum Mullum Bushwalk

20 May – Eco Bricks workshop

27 May – Melbourne Water Watch sampling

3 June – Frog census at the wetlands

17 June – Frog Census at the wetlands

24 June – Enviro Photography competition past winners' exhibition

EVERY WEDNESDAY IS WASTE FREE LUNCH WEDNESDAY – NO PLASTIC IN LUNCHBOXES.



Sports Report

Mr Kristan Height
Coordinator - Sport



All ACC Sport information available on SEQTA

Over the past 2 weeks, Term 2 ACC Sport (Football and Soccer) has commenced. All the information, upcoming games and specific details (departure and arrival times and venues) is visible on Whitefriars Learn and Engage. The full fixture and results can also be located at <https://www.accmelb.com.au/> in the results tab.

Cross country season has begun!

Join us in the Guggenheimer Gym on the following Wednesday's at 7am for a 7.10am start:

- 8, 22, 29 May
- 5, 12, 19, 26 June

Benefits of this training:

- It can improve your endurance and fitness not just in cross country but all other sports you might play on weekends
- It can improve your mood having a jog with your mates before school and is a great way to start the day
- Lose weight and stay healthy.
- Make new mates across all year levels because it is a positive environment for all.

Craig Mottram is back as our running coach so make the most of this golden opportunity. Craig Mottram is an Australian long and middle distance runner who specialises in the 5000 meter event.

Some of Craig's achievements:

- Bronze medal at the 2005 Helsinki world championships for 5000m
- Silver medal in the 2006 commonwealth games in Melbourne for 5000m
- Gold medal in the 2006 Athens world cup for 3000m

Post training, join us for toasted sandwiches and juice.

House Cross Country

The end of Term 1 had an exciting and energetic feel about it with the House Cross Country taking place for all Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students. With a brand new 3km course on show, students were eager to see the track and how they could perform in a bid to earn House points for the Annual House Cross Country. The race began on the main oval with students working hard to find positions early. It wasn't long until the course led students down to the Mullum Mullum Track where they found themselves immersed in the stunning local environment that surrounds the border of the College. It was extremely pleasing to see students keen to participate and positively involve themselves in the event. Whether it was students running hard for a personal best, a jog with some mates or a recreational walk amongst the natural scenery, all students that participated should be commended on their efforts and House spirit. Congratulations to the Year level winners and place holders that completed the course with close finishes and fantastic times.



Year 7

Place and Name	Time	House
1 st – Luke Wilson	12:07	Trinity
2 nd – Edward Malcom	12:11	Lisieux
3 rd – Josh Van Fort	12:14	Lisieux

Year 8

Place and Name	Time	House
1 st – Anthony Moule	11:27	Avila
2 nd – Tariku Natschev	11:37	Brandsma
3 rd – Tobias Kilkenny	11:41	Stein

Year 9

Place and name	Time	House
1 st – Noah Wright	11:16	Brandsma
2 nd – Lochie O'Connell	11:21	Avila
3 rd – Callum White	11:21	Corsini

Year 10

Place and name	Time	House
1 st – Max Hartnett	10:38	Soreth
2 nd – Tom Sonderhof	11:00	Stein
3 rd – Jack Hartnett	11:04	Soreth



Victorian Young Leaders to China

Mr Tony Thio
Leader - International Student
Program



Written by Byron Parton, Year 9

Taking part in the Victorian Young Leaders to China Program was one of the best decisions in my life.

When we landed in Chengdu I was so amazed at how big everything was and I was excited for what was to come. I was keen to get to Sichuan University (where we would be staying for the next 2 weeks) and excited for all the new food we would be experiencing along the way. Before the trip I was not adventurous with food so I knew I would be up for a challenge. We had some very tasty foods like duck, fish, hotpot (which is very spicy), sweet and sour pork and many more amazing dishes.

While staying at Sichuan University we were immersed into the Chinese language and culture. We were shocked at the amount of extra study the local students do to help themselves. I was not so keen on this but in hindsight, I think it's a good thing and it has taught me some good habits.

One of my favourite parts of the trip was being able to visit the many sights of China, which were absolutely magnificent. We didn't get to see the Great Wall however we did visit the Pandas. Bund was also incredible – one of the most magical places in the world. The view of the main part of the city was stunning. It had a fabulous walkway that went for kilometres. It had great shops including the biggest Adidas and Nike store in Asia and tasty food stores. I also enjoyed the markets – it was fun to bargain shop! The Buddhist Temple in WuXi was magical. The detail and all the beautiful things inside made it so cool but the best part of WuXi was the Giant Buddha. It was absolutely massive and you had to go up a beautiful staircase to reach it. It is so big, when we finally got up to the top - it was too hard to look all the way up.

On the bus to Shanghai I&C Foreign Languages School I was so excited for a change, but more so that we were in Shanghai, which is one of the greatest cities in the world. The city is so big. In ChengDu, we had classes for the whole day, but in Shanghai we only had 2 hours of Chinese. Even though, my friends were back at home on school holidays – it was really great to be learning.

Shanghai was the highlight of the trip for me. Seeing all of the tourist sites with Mr Thio, getting to know my classmates better as well as making friends from new schools, was a blast. I would recommend going on this trip to future students studying the Chinese language. The Victorian Young Leaders to China program was fantastic and it has created friendships and memories that will last forever.





PAT CRONIN FOUNDATION

Pat Cronin Foundation documentary screening
Wednesday 15 May 2019 – 7pm

The Pat Cronin Foundation has had a documentary made to tell the story about what happened to Pat, the devastation this has caused to us and all who knew Pat, the formation of the Pat Cronin Foundation and the work we intend to do.

Pat was born and raised in Eltham attending Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School and then Whitefriars College where he was awarded a Vice Chancellor's Scholarship at La Trobe University. He played for 12 years in the NFNL playing for both Research Junior Football Club and Lower Plenty Football Club and this screening of the documentary is part of the NFNL Pat Cronin Foundation round.

The venue is Eltham College, 1660 Main Rd, Research at the Clark Auditorium, Harold Mitchell Performing Arts Centre. Please arrive at 7pm with the film commencing at 7.15pm sharp. The film runs for just over 30 minutes and we will give you an update on the Pat Cronin Foundation after the film. You will be on your way home by 8.15pm.

Tickets are free however we encourage a gold coin donation upon entry to help us to cover some of the cost of the documentary. We welcome all members of the Whitefriars College community to book your tickets and show your support. Tickets to be booked prior to the evening via this link to allow the college to set up the room appropriately.

Seats are limited and will be issued on a first in best dressed basis so you will need to book your tickets quickly to avoid disappointment. No allocated seating.

A very special thanks to Reuben Street from Blueprint Studios who produced the documentary.

Pat Cronin Foundation merchandise will be available for purchase on the night.

We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Be Wise
Matt & Robyn Cronin

