

WHITEFRIAR



Belong. Believe. Become.





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Chairman's Report

The Whitefriars College Board, is an Incorporated Board, established in 2003, and has a wide set of responsibilities.

The Board reports annually to the Carmelite Provincial Council and our 2014 Annual Report will be posted on the College website in June. The Board currently has 13 members, with Mr John Finn being an advisor to the Board. The background of experience of the Board members is: three Carmelites priests, old Collegians, people with deep experience in financial management and educational philosophy, and past parents.

During 2014 the Carmelite Provincial Council engaged an external party to undertake a comprehensive review of the operations of the Board. Generally this review assessed that the Board was operating effectively, however a number of potential areas-for-improvement were identified, and the Board is currently addressing these matters.

The Board acknowledges and sincerely thanks Fr Wayne Stanhope for his four years membership of the Board. Fr Wayne, based at Middle Park, was the Provincial of the Carmelites from 2002 to 2011. Fr Wayne has recently accepted a role of President of the Carmelites Formators Group for the countries of India, Indonesia, Vietnam, Philippines and Australia. We are incredibly grateful that Fr Wayne will continue to provide Carmelite Ministry services to the College, as his time permits, however I am pleased to welcome to the



Board Fr David Hofman who has recently joined the Board. Fr David is the parish priest of the Carmelite Parish at Port Melbourne, and as his time permits, will also provide Carmelite Ministry services to the College.

The Principal of Whitefriars College had, for 52 years, been a Carmelite before the appointment of Mr John Finn in 2013. Over the past two years the Board has been focused on ensuring that the Carmelite Ethos is not being eroded ... **but indeed further strengthened.** To this end the Board has made the (further) strengthening of the Carmelite Ethos a key criteria for John to achieve. An element of this strategy is that in 2015, Mr Neal Crossan (Deputy Principal - Students of the College until December 2014) will be leading a group of staff to establish a closer working relationship with the whole Carmelite Community and Carmelite Ethos.

In addition to our continued focus on our links with our heritage, the Board has been spending the first half of this year upgrading its 5-10 year College Strategic Plan. When finalised, this plan will be widely circulated to the Whitefriars Community.

Our broader educational philosophy is being continually modified and enhanced, to reflect the educational requirements of this decade and beyond, to ensure Whitefriars continues to be at the forefront of boys education.

Mr Peter Duffy

Chairman

Principal's Report

It is obvious to those who know Whitefriars well, or to those who have read any recent information about the College, that we have three words often associated with us. These words are **Belong, Believe and Become**. They essentially encapsulate the three Carmelite tenets of **prayer, community and service**.

This year our College theme is Believe. It is an important element to have within any family, group or organisation where there is a genuine sense of commitment from each person.

At the beginning of the academic year, just prior to the students return, the entire staff of Whitefriars gathered at the Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish of Middle Park and Port Melbourne. Essentially this is considered the home of the Carmelites in Melbourne and contains the National Shrine and Library. As a staff we heard more about the Carmelite origins and how it relates to the work we undertake at the College. We spent the day in prayer, pilgrimage and contemplation. The lay staff realise that the Charism of the Carmelites has been a rich and treasured gift bestowed on us by dedicated former Carmelites and staff associated with the College over many years.



We are now creating a Carmelite Institute to operate between Whitefriars and Middle Park whereby formation of all staff can be accommodated in an invitational and systematic way. Staff with expertise in this area will be developing further programs. We are determined to not only sustain but foster our Carmelite way of life within Whitefriars. More information on the above will be given throughout the year.

A few days after the above experience the College gathered for Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral - a fitting way to start the year in the people's church of Melbourne. Our leadership group was invested. The senior boys have been most diligent in their duties and are setting a fine example.

Our Dux of 2014 was Julian Virgona who achieved an ATAR of 99.3. Julian was one of many boys who performed admirably through hard work and full College involvement. Our average of 40 plus scores are in excess of 10% over the past three years. We are very proud that

Whitefriars is providing an education that caters for broad interests and abilities, thus providing a platform for further successful study and work.

This year we have the highest enrolment in the history of the College and the largest ever Year 7 intake. We are grateful that interest is high and have found the incoming Year 7 cohort to be a delightful group of boys who have settled well within a large secondary setting. Their transitional camps, House masses and dinners, and other parent gatherings have all been most positive.

There have been a number of changes to positions of leadership amongst our staff this year. This brings a set of new eyes whilst still keeping focused on our mission and values. Those staff have begun with great enthusiasm. We have a new uniform that we are pleased to say has found considerable favour with the boys. As we phase in the new items over time, we will see more user friendly material in a more defined look through colour and shape.

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I am delighted to advise that Whitefriars College has been accepted into membership for the Council of International Schools (CIS). This now gives us the opportunity to use the resources of this group to access over 680 schools worldwide in terms of comparing their programming, structures and exchange possibilities. CIS schools are high quality places that are carefully scrutinised in terms of the depth of their learning programs and matching rhetoric to reality in their offerings. We will now move towards seeking to gain full accreditation over the next eighteen months, which will ultimately give us a world standard accreditation benchmark. It is so important that our boys, predominantly from the Eastern suburbs of Melbourne, have a broad and International view of the world. Once our young men finish at the College they will also have access to many Universities and Colleges around the world.

The College is very keen to try and connect with parents as much as possible. There is much scope for this to occur. The recent night program with Year 8 fathers and sons was a good example of a very well attended gathering, where senior students offer practical advice and a listening ear to our Year 8 families through

a series of activities. This follows on from last year’s evening where over 110 families attended the Year 7 mother and son event.

Sporting success has so far come in the form of Senior ACC Premierships in Swimming and Cricket. Congratulations to both teams.

A Master Planning group is currently looking at all College facilities. A major building program that accounts for additional learning spaces is being planned for the immediate future.

On the front cover of this edition is a photo of Fr Noel. We celebrated with Fr Noel in recognising his 60 years as a Carmelite. A wonderful man imbued with humour and good will.

Almae In Fide Parentis

Mr John Finn
Principal

The Carmelites Journey to Whitefriars

Carmelites are part of an international family that stretches from Burkina Faso to Beijing, Honduras to Hong Kong.

Our family is made up of Carmelite Friars (priests and brothers), lay men and women who follow the Carmelite Way in their daily lives, as well as sisters and nuns.

From small beginnings on Mount Carmel in Palestine towards the end of the 12th century, we have spread around the world and now number around 6,000 priests, brothers, nuns and sisters, and thousands more lay people, some 50,000 people in all.

You'll find Carmelites in every part of the world, including ours: Indonesia, Vietnam, Australia, Timor-Leste, Hong Kong, Papua New Guinea, India and the Philippines.

Carmelites try to respond to the needs of local people wherever they find themselves. So you'll find Carmelites in parishes, schools, retreat centres, orphanages, training colleges, universities, medical clinics, media and communications, distributing food, celebrating masses, baptisms, weddings and funerals, teaching adults and children, comforting the sick and grieving, and much more.

You'll also find lay Carmelites engaged in almost every trade and profession. There are some Lay Carmelite communities which are directly involved in ministry. The Lay Carmelites in Brazil, for example, fund and manage a centre which provides education, food and medical care to 200 children and their families who are living in various situations of social or personal risk.

No matter who or where we are, Carmelites are always trying to carry the presence of God with us so that whatever work we do is done with integrity, joy and hope, and in a way that brings life to others.



The original five Friars who came to Australia in 1881

Although the first Carmelite Friars arrived in Australia in 1881, two Lay Carmelites arrived some eighty years before.

James Dempsey and John Butler were transported to Botany Bay for their alleged involvement in the Irish Rebellion of 1798. They arrived in Sydney aboard the Atlas in October 1802.

There was no priest during the ten years from 1810 to 1820, and James Dempsey was virtually the centre of Catholic life in the colony. He prayed with the sick and accompanied the condemned to the gallows. He made his home in Kent Street, a religious and social centre for the Colony's Catholic community. There the community gathered for prayer on Sundays and weekdays, the children received religious instruction and pastoral care was organised for the poor and sick.

In 1817 Fr Jeremiah O'Flynn arrived in the colony, only to be deported by Governor Macquarie six months later. By accident or design he left the Eucharist at Dempsey's Kent Street house. Dempsey turned the best room in his house into a little chapel and formed a small confraternity of men to watch over the Eucharist. John Butler, his fellow Carmelite, was one of the members. Eye witness accounts record that on Sundays the crowd at Dempsey's house overflowed onto the veranda and into the street.

True to the Carmelite Charism, Dempsey and Butler laid the foundations of a Carmelite culture in Australia, through their care for the spiritual and practical needs of people and their steadfast faith and hope for the future.



The Carmelite Sisters in East Timor distributing medicine to local village children

When five Irish Carmelites arrived in Port Adelaide in 1881 they took on the pastoral care of people in the large rural parish of Gawler, 50 kilometres north of Adelaide. They had to travel to their parishioners by train, buggy and on horseback. As well as their religious duties, they also contributed to the cultural and intellectual life of Gawler by involving themselves in the Gawler Institute and the Saints Peter and Paul's Society (an adult education venture).

The next year Frs Joseph Butler and Patrick Shaffrey, came to Melbourne to take charge of what is now the parish of Port Melbourne / Middle Park. In 1883, they set up a 'night school' for adults teaching history, literature, art and music to their largely uneducated people. During the Great Maritime Strike of the 1890s, their soup-kitchen kept the dock workers and their families alive.

That Carmelite tradition of looking after the needs of people, responding creatively to challenging situations and accompanying people through life's experiences with warmth and gentleness, has been a hallmark of the Order's ministries in pastoral care, education, retreat ministry, spiritual accompaniment and communications. Australian Carmelites have done the same as missionaries in Zimbabwe and Indonesia. Now we are helping to grow the Carmelite spirit as we respond to the needs of the Carmelites and the people of East Timor.

Whitefriars College is part of the long tradition of faith, hope and love that the Carmelites have nurtured for over 800 years.

Fr David Hofman
O.Carm

WOCA President's Report

One of the acknowledged strengths of a good school is the level to which ex-students remain connected after their formal education period.

While there had been a previous attempt to form such a group in the late-1960s, after the first Year 12 group, it seemed to have decreased by 1975. Then in late 1998, a group came together to discuss the formation of the Whitefriars Old Collegians Association and WOCA officially commenced activities in February, 1999.

The Association aims to assist the continuity and growth of fellowship amongst past students and offers a support structure as the base for a variety of other activities.

A detailed strategic plan was developed for the Association, which at the time was extremely optimistic – some items have come to fruition and blossomed while others remain on the 'wish list' for now.

Currently there are approximately 1,800 members. All students who have graduated since 2007 become automatic members and there are another 300 or so who are paid-up Life Members.

In 2015, WOCA is involved at different levels in the College and Carmelite community but we are always looking to make improvements where possible. One of the most significant impediments to growing WOCA has been the inability to confidently stay connected with members and aspiring members. Accurate database

management remains an issue for most organisations but a College alumni, such as WOCA, needs to contend with a population 'on the move'. Modern communication methods are always improving and the College has recently announced the appointment of a part-time Development Officer who will be a driving force behind the build-up and maintenance of the contact database.

Every year WOCA offers a Scholarship for the son of an Old Collegian entering Year 7 and this year we have had 18 applicants, which is great. The Scholarship covers 50% of the annual tuition fee and runs for six years, on the basis of ongoing satisfactory performance. Applicants are put through rigorous testing which grades them according to educational standards and then they need to attend a 20-minute interview to boost their application. Academic, sporting, family, co-curricular and general interests are all taken into account in order to reach a final decision.

The Whitefriars Old Collegians Football Club has been in action since 1986 and this year is participating in Division 1 of the Victorian Amateur Football Association. The Club provides an opportunity for over 150 young men each year to participate actively across four team levels but importantly, it also provides an outlet for many past parents and friends of Whitefriars to become involved in a sporting club. WOCA is an active sponsor and supporter.

The Old Whitefriars Cricketers have been going for the past six years and have participated in the Melbourne Cricket Club's Club XI turf wicket competition for the past three. A premiership was obtained in our first season which was a great achievement. Again, WOCA is an active sponsor and supporter.

There has been talk over the years of a Basketball Club and even a Cycling Club – WOCA would be keen to promote and support these ventures but physical assistance is needed to get these Clubs established.

This year has seen the introduction of a WOCA tie. This was presented to the Year 12 cohort (approximately 200 boys) at the beginning of the year and it is to be worn by all Year 12s to signify their standing among the College pupils. This tie is available (to purchase) by all WOCA members, as are a set of stylish cuff-links.

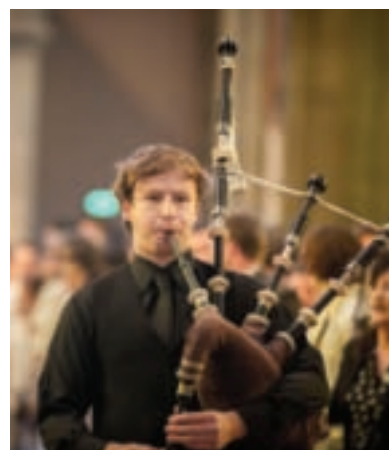
Awards for all Year levels at the College are a key part of WOCA's remit and this includes a sizeable prize to the Year 12 Dux, as well as three awards at each level for students who exhibit the Carmelite ethos, demonstrate a continued effort and achieve excellence.

WOCA takes pleasure in inviting past students of the College, of all ages, to become members and join in this valuable initiative. If you are a past student, this Association has been formed for you. Come and join with us to help contribute towards a vibrant and successful organisation.

Mr Philip Thomson
WOCA President



College Opening Mass





2014 High Achievers

The Class of 2014 have achieved some outstanding results. Many of their achievements are a reflection of the dedication and commitment displayed by students and staff throughout the year.

They offer inspiration and challenge to those facing the VCE in years ahead.

Over 150 Year 12 students sat Unit 3 and 4 examinations. All Year 12 students who presented for the VCE this year were awarded the Certificate and 98% of these students an ATAR score.

Whitefriars College ATAR statistics:

- 7 or 4% of our students are in the top 5% of the nation with an ATAR of 95 or above
- 21 or 14% of our students are in the top 10% of the nation with an ATAR of 90 or above
- 48 or 32% of our students are in the top 20% of the nation with an ATAR of 80 or above.

Our College Dux Julian Virgona achieved a tremendous ATAR of 99.3. His score was the culmination of a perfect Study Score of 50 for Business Management, 47 for English, 46 for Psychology, 44 for Further Maths and 40 for LOTE (Italian). Julian has secured a place at the University of Melbourne studying Arts and will decide, down the track, between Psychology and Law.



“Their results are a reflection of their capabilities and effort, as well as an indication of the quality of the Whitefriars College teaching staff.”

There were many success stories in 2014 with a number of our current Year 12 students doing very well in subjects while in Year 11. College Captain, Lachlan Mahon, achieved a Study Score of 43 in Legal Studies, while College Vice Captains James Reidy achieved 41 in Business Management and Mathew Zema, 40 in Religion and Society. Current Year 12 students Nicholas Bredhauer, John Laidlaw and Adam Mirabelli also achieved great results with a Study Score of 40 or better in their subjects.

We are extremely proud of the VCE results achieved by our 2014 Year 11 and 12 students.

It is wonderful to see many of our old boys returning to the College as tutors, role models and mentors for the current Year 12s. Their support and guidance is very much appreciated by the boys and staff. We look forward to further improvement in 2015 as we continue our academic focus at the College to truly unlock the potential within every one of our Whitefriars College students.

Mr Brad Bird

Deputy Principal – Students

ATARs above 90

Julian Virgona	99.30	Daniel Chen	94.70	James Perrin	92.95
Anthony Chiodo	98.30	Anthony Craythorn	94.45	Daniel Coffield	92.70
Daniel Michael	97.10	David Pham	94.35	Adrian Carletti	92.65
Callum Byrne	96.60	Stephen Bajan	94.15	Jackson Deane	90.85
Luke O'Loughlin	96.30	Kieran Kilkenny	93.85	Michael Coen	90.50
Sean Wales	95.95	Jack Richardson	93.85	Zachary Hunter	90.05
Jeremy Costa	95.70	Patrick Cronin	93.60	Ryan Malt	90.00

NAME	STUDY	SCORE
Anthony Bagnara	Business Management	40
Stephen Bajan	Further Mathematics	43
Adam Benedict	Psychology	42
	Media	41
Lucas Beninca	Further Mathematics	40
	Physics	40
Joseph Bisignano	Further Mathematics	44
Nikita Bourbos	Business Management	40
Blake Bowen	Religion And Society	48
Nicholas Bredhauer	Texts And Traditions	45
	Legal Studies	42
Callum Byrne	Business Management	46
Adrian Carletti	Further Mathematics	42
Daniel Chen	English	42
Anthony Chiodo	Psychology	46
	English Language	40
Daniel Coffield	Accounting	41
	Further Mathematics	41
Jeremy Costa	English	44
	Australian History	44
	Media	40
Anthony Craythorn	Further Mathematics	44
	English Language	40
Patrick Cronin	Further Mathematics	42
	English Language	40
Chris Damatopoulos	Further Mathematics	43
Joshua Faye-Chauhan	Religion And Society	42
Angus Hands	Physical Education	43
Matthew Hennessy	Further Mathematics	43
Jared Hosking	English	41
Zachary Hunter	Accounting	41
	Physical Education	40
Liam Keane	Business Management	42
Kieran Kilkenny	English Language	41
Raymond Lai	Psychology	40

NAME	STUDY	SCORE
John Laidlaw	Legal Studies	42
	Texts And Traditions	40
Lachlan Mahon	Legal Studies	43
Lachlan Mallia	Business Management	44
Ryan Malt	Psychology	40
Nicholas Mercuri	Physical Education	40
Daniel Milner	Further Mathematics	40
Adam Mirabelli	Biology	44
	Texts And Traditions	42
David Motta	Religion And Society	40
Hewitt Murray	English	40
Alexander O'Dea	Religion And Society	44
Luke O'Loughlin	Psychology	42
	English Language	40
James Perrin	Business Management	42
David Pham	Physics	40
Jon Pisani	Visual Communication Design	42
Benjamin Reid	Religion And Society	40
James Reidy	Business Management	41
Jack Richardson	Visual Communication Design	46
	Business Management	44
	Further Mathematics	40
Marcus Romeo	Religion And Society	40
Jayden Ryles-Smith	Visual Communication Design	46
Alex Van Der Horst	Further Mathematics	43
Julian Virgona	Business Management	50
	English	47
	Psychology	46
	Further Mathematics	44
	Italian	40
Sean Wales	English Language	43
	Italian	43
	Further Mathematics	41
Matthew Zema	Religion And Society	40

2014 Awards



Harrison Boucher - Principal's Award



Anthony Craythorn - Father Frank Shortis Award



Mathew Wright - ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award



Christian Barrasso - Manningham Promoting Good Character Award



Matthew Watkinson - ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award



Liam Jones - Charlie Miles Memorial Award



Nicholas Bredhauer - Michael Sazenis Memorial Award



Jack Schroder - Kiwanis Citizenship Award

College Captain's Report

It is a privilege to be named as a Whitefriars College Captain for 2015, alongside James Reidy and Matthew Zema with Middle Years Captain Joel Monteiro.

The year has already seen significant College events come and go. Commencing with the Annual Opening School Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, witnessed by over 1,100 students and parents, Whitefriars produced yet another outstanding display of a united Carmelite Community. The Mass also recognised the high achieving VCE students of Year 11 and the Class of 2014, by publicly acknowledging the dedication and commitment it took to attain such inspiring results.

The new and improved school uniform has arrived in its spectacular style for the young gentlemen of the College. The change in look has also immensely improved the standard of correct uniform wearing, consequently enhancing the College's image.

The Student Representative Council (SRC), led by Ms Darmanin has begun its initial meetings, joining the captains of various activities, Houses and sports together, to discuss the importance of issues and the ways in which we can benefit the College as well as charities.

Student leaders have already established exciting activity weeks, enjoyed by the Whitefriars student community. More recently, the first 'Commerce Week' in the College's history, has already displayed some promising talent with students



participating in the virtual stock market world. 'Maths Week', was a huge success, also managing to raise awareness and food supplies for the less fortunate through the online 'Rice Challenge'.

The renowned 'House Music Festival Week' displayed just a fraction of the hidden talent within the College. The festival has countless provided some much loved entertainment and enjoyment within lunch times. The support of the crowd, is a mere demonstration of the care and commitment students are showing for one another, not to forget the enjoyment experienced by all within the theatre.

Likewise, major sporting events have seen the College succeed in a two year winning streak by becoming the ACC Swimming Carnival champions once again. The valiant efforts of both swimmers, supporters and staff alike, made for an unforgettable evening. The dedication shown by the swimming team and staff, was clearly reflected in the result. Not forgetting to mention, the tremendous support shown by the Year 12 Cheer Squad.

The House Athletics Carnival, took place at the recently renamed Tom Kelly Athletics Track in Doncaster. This dedication acknowledges Tom's involvement and commitment to athletics over the years, and all the work he did with young people within athletics, and particularly, Whitefriars. Similarly, in its third year, the newly re titled 'Tom Kelly Fastest Friar Award' was won by the previous two time fastest friar, Thomas Knapper. The day saw the House of Edith Stein to be the victors, despite the gallant efforts of all Houses and students. One of the highest student attendances was recorded, showing the unity of Whitefriars students for a special day that had such a positive buzz.

I trust that the year ahead of us is filled with more enjoyment, which has already been shown in vast quantities for our first term. Hopefully, we can all continue to ensure the positive vibe remains at the current levels for the remainder of our school year.

Lachlan Mahon
College Captain

Back to Back Champions!

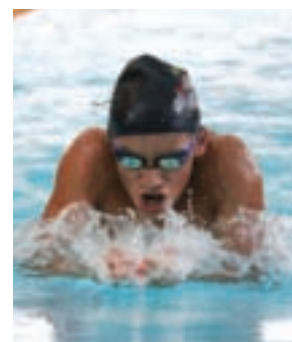
Swimming

Whitefriars have done it again! Back to back champions in the pool at the ACC Swimming Carnival on Friday 20 February.

The boys had been training in the early hours of the morning on both Tuesday and Thursday during Term 4, 2014 and since the commencement of Term 1, 2015. The results are proof that these hard hours in the pool have really paid off.

Kicking off the night, the Whitefriars team won the first five events of the carnival, which not only sparked the cheer squad but ignited the swimmers. Every boy swam to their maximum ability with the goal of bringing home the title again. Special mention to Liam Donohue, who is currently in Year 9 and won the Senior 200 freestyle; a great effort! Liam is just one of the boys who shows significant promise for the swim team in the future.

The Whitefriars boys continued their winning streak after the relays, taking the first six individual freestyle events of the night. This highlights just how well our Under 13 age group performed. They dazzled the rest of the squad with their amazing ability to win race after race, collectively only missing a podium finish on one occasion. They finished with six wins, one second, one third and one fourth. Congratulations boys on your amazing achievement, and to win so convincingly within an age group is something that you should all be very proud of! The success of the Under 13s was then backed up by the victories in Under 14s, Under 15s and Under 16s, and a podium finish for the Under 17s and Seniors, both in third place!





Special mentions to the senior boys who came out to support and cheer on the boys. They really inspired the team to compete at their very best and according to many parents on the night, it was "the best cheer squad we've ever had." A big thank you to all who came to support the team.

Collectively, I would like to thank all the boys for a great season of swimming and I hope that the swim team will continue on their winning tradition well into the future.

Rudi Hunt **Jack Young**
 Captain Vice Captain

"The results are proof that these hard hours in the pool have really paid off."



A Beginning to Remember

Year 7

The first day of any school year is filled with mixed emotions and depending upon who you are and what your purpose is, this can vary immensely.

Many experience nervous anticipation, excitement and enthusiasm, while others approach with trepidation; feeling extremely anxious and overwhelmed. Our Year 7s would have felt a myriad of emotions as they began their transition from their 60 plus primary schools to Whitefriars College, but I am also sure that they felt welcomed, safe and eager to begin their journey.

On Friday 30 January, 213 well groomed young men in Year 7 gathered nervously around the Reflective Garden. There was a sea of new pin stripe shirts, backpacks and lots of nervous chatter, as they searched for a familiar face around their House banners. Our House Captains, Heads of House and Pastoral Care teachers did a wonderful job greeting the boys before they were formally welcomed with a standing ovation at their first College assembly. The rest of the day saw them involved in a variety of House based activities, discovery trails and familiarisation tours, mostly under the guidance and support of the Year 12 students in their House, Heads of House and the team of Pastoral Care teachers.

The much anticipated collection of each student's 'very own' tablet computer was a definite highlight of the two day Year 7 Tablet and Orientation Program, as was

the realisation there is an immense array of programs available. Sessions included library orientation, online resources, orientation handbook, Photostory and OneNote skills. After participating in the two day program, the students felt more comfortable orienting around their new computer and an immense sense of satisfaction regarding their new found skills and expertise.

Every Year 7 boy participated in a Transition Camp that ran for three days at Camp Manyung, Mt Eliza. Camp Manyung is a wonderful setting for the Year 7s to get to know each other and also an ideal opportunity for the staff to get to know the boys. It was magnificent to see boys helping each other as they faced both physical and emotional challenges, without really knowing each other well. The boys experienced a mixture of encounters from the Giant Swing, to the Trees Adventure, to the team building initiatives and the challenge of working as a team in Raft Building. I was extremely proud of how all the boys participated, had a go and really challenged themselves to go beyond their own comfort zone. They were a polite, happy and engaging group of boys that left camp richer in spirit, and with a greater sense of belonging to our Whitefriars community. I also hope they returned home with a greater sense of self belief. The experience highlights what they are capable of achieving and, as young men looking forward, the opportunities that secondary school life will present.

Mrs Tamara Keyes
Transition Coordinator





"It was magnificent to see boys helping each other as they faced both physical and emotional challenges."



“Quite simply, he cares for people and he always has time for them. His office door is always open, and a warm welcome is always assured, whether for current students, old boys, parents or staff. And once established, the strong relationship remains.”



Living Legend

Fr Noel Kierce O.Carm

Ask any current or former student of Whitefriars to give you the word that comes most easily to their mind when the name Fr Kierce is mentioned, and the word 'legend' is most commonly used.

Why is this so? Quite simply, the man has become a living legend at the College that has been his home and has been close to his heart for the greater part of the past half century or so. Over the years he has endeared himself to generations of students, their parents, and also to the many staff who have served at the College.

Ever since he can remember, Fr Kierce has always wanted to be a priest. When he was 17 years old he read a copy of *The Scapular*, a Carmelite magazine, and decided there and then that he wanted to become a Carmelite.

He joined the order soon afterwards and was sent to Sydney for his novitiate. He then studied at the Carmelite monastery in Donvale for the next six years. He was ordained as a Carmelite priest in 1961 and spent part of the next year in Middle Park, before moving to Brisbane in 1962 to commence a Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in History and Geography, which he completed in 1964. He then spent the next three years at St Simon Stock's in Pendle Hill, NSW.

Fr Kierce commenced his association with Whitefriars in 1968 as a teacher of Australian History and Religious Education. During that time at the College, the majority of the staff were Carmelite priests or brothers. In 1975 he was given a year off to go to Columbia University in New York and study for a Master's degree, after which time he returned to his teaching duties at Whitefriars.

Towards the end of 1977 he was asked to step in as acting Principal due to the ill health of the then Principal, Fr Peter Byrth O.Carm, and was then appointed as Principal from the start of 1978, a position he held until the end of 1988.



During this time Fr Kierce oversaw a number of innovations, including the building of the lower gym (now known as the Guggenheimer gym) and the first part of the Butler Building, including the Healy/Wilson Theatre. He also undertook a complete school review in the early 1980s, a process intended to empower staff and to lead them to feel that they had a say in running the College.

Indeed, as a principal Fr Kierce's style of leadership could be described as cooperative and delegatory.



Living Legend

Fr Noel Kierce O.Carm



“Fr Kierce has a strong belief that one must look for God, and goodness, in people, a hallmark of being a Carmelite.”



His main aim was always to involve the teaching staff in more than just teaching and to make the College a happy place for students and staff. Throughout his years as Principal, his main challenge was to achieve ongoing financial stability and development for the College and, indeed, during his term as Principal, enrolments at the College increased from four to six streams.

Fr Kierce concluded his term as Principal of Whitefriars at the end of 1988 and spent the next two years in Sydney completing a Master of Education, in the area of pastoral counselling. He then moved to Brisbane for a short while before returning to

Whitefriars in 1991 as a teaching Chaplain. In 1996 he was sent to Port Adelaide as Parish Priest, where he stayed until 1998, once more returning to Whitefriars in 1999 as College Chaplain. And here he remains, hopefully for many years to come. As Fr Kierce himself often says, “If I have my way, I’ll be here until they carry me out in a box.”

So what is it that has endeared this man to so many people over the years? Quite simply, he cares for people and he always has time for them. His office door is always open, and a warm welcome is always assured, whether for current students, old boys, parents or staff. And once established, the strong relationship remains.

Over the years Fr Kierce has been asked to conduct countless weddings, baptisms and funerals for old boys and their families. It is not coincidental that Fr Kierce has a strong belief that one must look for God, and goodness, in people, a hallmark of

being a Carmelite, and that one should serve and care for others in whatever capacity one can.

And so what will be the legacy of this ‘living legend’? There are many things for which Fr Kierce will be remembered for at Whitefriars.

He will be remembered for developing a relaxed, friendly and caring attitude at the College during his years as Principal, and as Principal and later as Chaplain, for always being there for people, particularly during periods of sadness or stress in their lives. He will be remembered for his dedication to the College and to the development of the young men in his care, always encouraging involvement in the life of the College, whether in athletics, swimming, sport in general, or in the creative arts.



For many years he was deeply involved in the annual College musicals and other musical events, and still takes a keen interest in them.

Perhaps however, Fr Kierce's most memorable legacy will be his introduction to Whitefriars of the Kairos retreat program, which he brought back from the United States after an enrichment leave visit to Carmelite schools in 1986. It has become one of the most loved programs offered by the College and currently more than two thirds of the Year 11 student cohort volunteer to attend.

Yes, Fr Kierce has been a great and guiding presence at the College for almost 50 years. He has graced us throughout that time with his leadership, his friendly demeanour and collegiality, his gentle manner, his kindness, his commitment to the College community, his compassion, his wise counsel and his humility. We hope and pray that this 'living legend' will be with us at Whitefriars for many more years to come.

Mr Neal Crossan
Charism Liaison Director



Giles Blewitt

Financial Investment Adviser

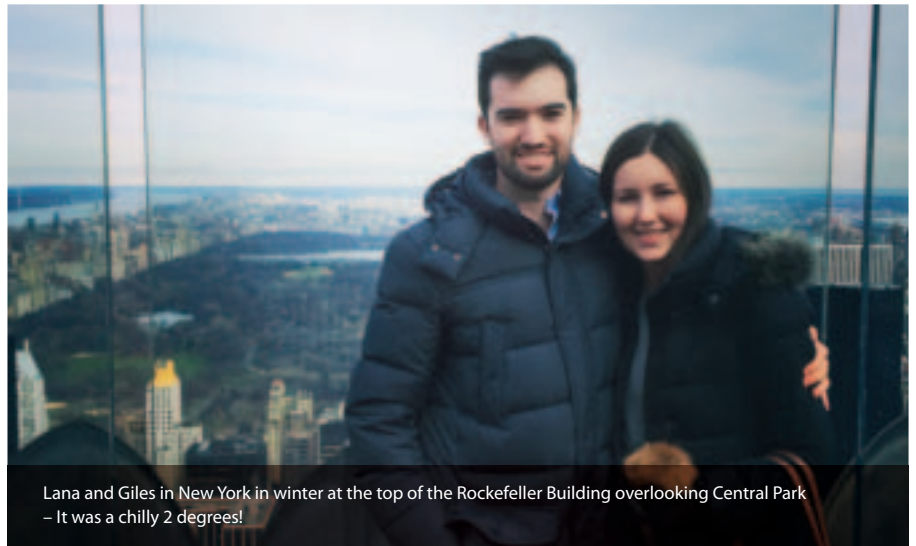
CLASS OF 2008

I graduated from Whitefriars College in 2008 and like most boys I had to decide which path to take at University. I was looking at either undertaking an Engineering or a Commerce Degree.

Entering Monash University in 2009 to study Commerce was a blessing in disguise. This, as we now know, was the height of the Global Financial Crisis, and turned out to be the best time to begin studying. The dynamics of the Commerce world was undergoing massive changes. I undertook a Bachelor in Commerce with a double major in Finance and Economics.

During my time at Whitefriars I had been involved in many student activities and it was no different at Monash. I wound up on the Monash Snow Sports Committee as the first year representative. As I progressed with my degree, I sought out various internships at prestigious firms focusing on different aspects of commerce and finance. In my first placement I worked at Baillieu Holst (formerly E.L & C Baillieu Stockbroking Ltd) a full service stockbroking firm.

During 2011 I secured a four month position at the Royal Bank of Canada Capital Markets. I worked as an Assistant Research Analyst focusing on the Oil & Gas industry, particularly in the exploration and production space.



Lana and Giles in New York in winter at the top of the Rockefeller Building overlooking Central Park – It was a chilly 2 degrees!

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In 2012, I graduated from Monash and again faced with another choice, to undertake further study in the Monash University Honours program or to start my professional career. On the very day that I submitted my Honours application, I was called in to meet the Executive Chairman David Evans of the prestigious financial firm Evans and Partners in Mayfair Place Collins Street Melbourne.

I was offered a position in the firm. As luck would have it, two weeks later, I was also accepted into the Monash University Honours program. As the employment market for university graduates was tough, and continues to be tough in this area,

I decided to accept the Evans and Partners offer, and see if I could pursue my studies part time.

I am now a Financial Adviser with Evans and Partners and looking back, I have no doubt that I made the right decision. The Executive Chairman David Evans has been a significant influence on my career. He gave me both the opportunity to progress up the executive ladder while concurrently undertaking further study. As well, my job has given me the opportunity to travel, which in private wealth management, with demanding clients, can often prove to be very difficult.



The lead group in Mens A Grade at the Victorian Kermesse Championship in November 2014



Whitefriars College 2008 – Giles (front row, fifth from left side)



Whitefriars College 2008 – Senior A Basketball Giles (front row, fourth from left side)

Finally, I would like to say that I recently attended the Twilight expo at the College and, despite the fantastic new facilities, it is the quality of the staff that I knew and respected that still stands out as the X-factor in my education.

Recently, while on a holiday in New York during their winter, I had the opportunity to meet up with a number of our business partners. In New York's financial district it amazes me how many Australians have made their careers here. Even better, the number of quality Australian coffee shops helped to put to rest the fear of bad American style coffee! I look forward to going back soon as my girlfriend Lana has decided that we need to go to New York in summer, to compare the seasons!

Outside of my work with Evans and Partners, I am actively involved in the cycling community. Up until recently I was Secretary at Blackburn Cycling Club, and

I regularly help coordinate and manage new races and events, such as the Mens A Grade at the Victorian Kermesse Championship, held in November.

I enjoy competitive cycling and, touch wood, I have not had too many serious crashes (and I would like to keep it that way!).

I have kept in touch with many of my mates from Whitefriars, and in particular Liam Gibcus who has just settled back in Ballarat, Victoria, after completing his education at the University of Alaska on a basketball scholarship.

Dr Andrew Wise

Bionics Institute

CLASS OF 1989

I first came to Whitefriars in 1986 where I started in Year 9 and subsequently completed my VCE in the class of 1989.

I have many fond memories of my time at Whitefriars, none more so than the camaraderie of the 1989 group that was formulated over many hours spent at the barbeque area.

After graduating from Whitefriars, I completed my undergraduate Science degree at Monash University with an honours year in the Department of Physiology. I was awarded a post graduate scholarship and undertook a PhD in neuroscience, with my main focus on research in the sensorimotor system. Throughout my university days I kept a strong link with Whitefriars via the Old Boys Football Club, where I played under 19s and senior footy. It was a great way to keep in touch with good mates from the College and keep myself occupied on a Saturday afternoon. I also lived in shared accommodation with a couple of my Whitefriars mates (Robert Reidy and James White), so there was always a strong connection with past Whitefriars students.

Throughout my doctoral studies I became interested in medical bionics and I was fortunate to be offered a research position at the Bionic Ear Institute in Melbourne, a not-for-profit medical research institute. I guess many of you will be aware that one of Australia's great science success stories is the development of the bionic ear, here in Melbourne. Given my interest in bionics it was an opportunity too good to refuse. The Institute was (and still is) interested in developing new technology to improve



Andrew on a boat trip at Hamilton Island

outcomes for bionic ear recipients and I was certainly interested in this field, so it was a great match.

I worked at the Institute for two years and then took up a postdoctoral research position in the United Kingdom, at Bristol University. I had wanted to gain experience overseas and the Bristol position was an excellent opportunity to work in a University well regarded in neuroscience. An added bonus was the chance to travel to many places throughout Europe, which were typically only an hour or so away by plane. After three years at Bristol another opportunity arose at the Bionic Ear Institute and so I returned to Australia to again work in bionic ear research.

The work is very rewarding and is very diverse, both in terms of the range of research that we do, but also the diverse skill set needed for the job. The Institute has now changed its name to the Bionics Institute as we have additional research programs, such as a bionic eye program and a deep brain stimulation program to treat conditions such as Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders.

There are many challenges facing medical research, none of which are greater than the challenge of funding research projects!

One great benefit with my job is that I get to travel to some great destinations to visit research collaborators and attend conferences. This has also afforded me the opportunity to make an annual skiing trip to Canada, which has been great as it's enabled me to rekindle my interest in skiing from my teenage years.

On a personal level, I'm in a relationship with a wonderful woman (Amelia). Although I've never had children, Amelia has two (a boy and a girl), and spending time with them has been really great and certainly an eye opener!

I think that a common theme from many of the articles that I've read from past students is the strong sense of community and mateship that is unique to Whitefriars.

“The bonds of friendship made at Whitefriars have stood the test of time and I think it is a terrific reflection on the values that the College holds important.”



I have kept in contact with many of the students from our VCE year and even catch up with past students from other year levels every so often. I also bump into a number of my teachers from Whitefriars at various functions and still see Fr Noel Kierce, who does the occasional wedding that I attend. I think that most of the Whitefriars cohort I see regularly haven't changed that much over the years (accept maybe in their waistlines and hairlines!), although now the demands on time are certainly greater with family and work making it more difficult to arrange boys' weekends away for golf trips, etc. The bonds of friendship made at Whitefriars have stood the test of time and I think it is a terrific reflection on the values that the College holds important.



A cochlear implant device. The most common cause of deafness is damage to the sensitive hair cells of the inner ear (cochlea), known as sensorineural hearing loss. For people with the most severe hearing loss, the only therapeutic intervention available is the cochlear implant.



Whitefriars College 1989 – Andrew (second row, second in from right)

Where Are They Now?



Paul Coffey - Director, Paul Coffey Architects / Lecturer and tutor, RMIT School of Architecture.

CLASS OF 1994

Paul commenced a carpentry apprenticeship in late 1994 and concurrently studied furniture design and fabrication at TAFE. Construction experience and exposure to the wider world of the built environment drove a deeper interest in meaning and representation in buildings. Why do humans make things, particularly buildings, the way they do?

This fascination led Paul to commence a Bachelor of Architecture at RMIT University in 2000. Parts of his studies were conducted at the Universidad de las Americas, Puebla, Mexico. Life and architecture in Latin America, like Whitefriars, had a significant influence on his personal and professional life.

Subsequent to graduation, Paul gained registration to practice in Victoria in 2007 and established Paul Coffey Architects Pty Ltd.

Two years later, he was elected to the Victorian Chapter Council of the Australian Institute of Architects.

Paul is currently the director of Paul Coffey Architects. Their work is predominately within the Catholic education, workplace and housing sectors. Since 2007, he has tutored and now also lectured for 3 years at the RMIT School of Architecture and Design. He designed prototype furniture as a means to retain carpentry skill and with the view to building a furniture design brand to accompany his architectural work. Pieces of his furniture have been included in various art and design exhibitions around Melbourne.

In 2010, he married Cait Jones and they now have two children, Francis and Stella. Stella will be commencing primary school in 2015. Cait has experience as an industrial organiser and is currently completing her Master's of Urban Planning at the University of Melbourne.



Brendan Earle - Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills / Non-Executive Director, St Vincent's Health Australia Ltd.

CLASS OF 1989

After graduating, Brendan commenced his Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Arts at the University of Melbourne. On completion Brendan worked at Herbert Geer Rundle before commencing at Herbert Smith Freehills in 1998 and is now partner.

Brendan works at Herbert Smith Freehills, in the Corporate Group, where he specialises in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic contracting and business restructures. He also leads the Healthcare Group in Australia and is a member of the Global Steering Committee for Healthcare within the firm.

Brendan has been a director of St Vincent's since 2010. He chairs the Clinical Ethics Committee for St Vincent's Public Hospital, Melbourne. He sits on the Finance and Investment Committee and the Audit and Risk Committee.

Brendan has very fond memories of his time at Whitefriars College. He enjoyed a close association with the Carmelites both during and after leaving school; he regularly attended Taize Prayer Around the Cross at the Carmelite Monastery in Donvale.

Brendan recalled the Carmelites recently when he was asked to speak at a meeting of the St Vincent's Board and the Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries. He offered reflections on Pope Francis' encyclical, 'The Joy of the Gospel: A Health's Response'. Pope Francis made the point that a necessary component to enact the message of joy of the Gospel is joy. The Holy Father commented that there are Christians whose lives seem like lent without Easter!

The Carmelites were a joyful bunch and Brendan recalls with great affection their wonderful sense of humour, humanity and skill as educators. Fr Noel Kierce was very generous of his time and wisdom with Brendan, as was Br Daryl Moresco and Fr Shane O'Connor. Brendan recalls the following exchange with Fr Shane:

Brendan: "How are you Shane?"
Shane: "Marrying the living, burying the dead!"

When St Vincent's was looking for non-executive directors, Brendan felt called to the task. The charisma of the Carmelites, and the tradition of the Sisters of Charity who founded St Vincent's are very similar.

Brendan is married to Dr Kylie Blackwell. They have three children, Tom (age 8), Jamie (age 5) and Sybilla (age 4) and a dog, Mollie (the Collie).

So 25 years after finishing at Whitefriars, Brendan is able to maintain a connection with his formative years at the College in trying, imperfectly, to live a life for others. Brendan would like to say that he was blessed to be educated by the lay and religious teachers at Whitefriars.



David Henderson – CEO of software start-up company Driver Design Studio.

CLASS OF 1994

Born in the Seychelles, David moved to the UK when he was 8 years old. His family settled in Farnham just outside London. They lived there until 1986 when they re-located to Melbourne.

David attended Whitefriars College, graduating in 1994. He commenced a Bachelor of Arts at Monash University majoring in History and Cinema which he undertook for one year before deferring. He left to travel overseas and went back to the UK and Europe, and lived in Ireland for 18 months. When he was in Ireland he joined the Communist Party and resumed his political activism which he had started at Whitefriars; he had been a member of the Youth branch whilst at school and university.

David was a keen supporter of the underdog and wanted to demonstrate his strong sense of social justice. When David returned to Melbourne he continued his studies, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts from Monash University.

David's career has been varied and mainly in the business sector, primarily in banking. He travelled for work between Melbourne and the UK many times and lived in London between 2006 and 2012. However, David never felt this career path truly reflected who he was and a year ago he decided to leave the corporate world for a role that offered him a greater sense of purpose and satisfaction. This led him to set up his new business, Driver Design Studio.

The company develops software which helps vehicle fleets save money on fuel and also aids the environment.

The business is thriving and he and his wife, Ana, are moving to Bangkok in April to set up offices in Thailand and Burma, whilst still operating out of Melbourne. Ana is a Personal Care worker in Aged care but she will join David who also has family living in Burma. They are very much looking forward to their new venture overseas.

David enjoyed his time at Whitefriars College. He particularly remembers and appreciates some of his favourite teachers' with whom he formed good relationships. Some he described as "awesome" as they really inspired him to do his best. The teachers' he remembers fondly are the ones who were approachable and easy to talk to, and who encouraged him and led by example. He was particularly inspired by his English teacher in Years 10 and 11, who gave him the confidence to believe in himself. David still shares strong bonds with the boys from his year and in 2010 whilst he lived in London, he and a group of his friends had an 'old boys' reunion of their own. David also attended the recent class of 1994's reunion and he thoroughly enjoyed seeing many of the old boys again.

Reunions



CLASS OF 1974 – 40 YEAR REUNION



CLASS OF 1984 – 30 YEAR REUNION





CLASS OF 1994 – 20 YEAR REUNION



CLASS OF 2013 – 1 YEAR REUNION



Community Connections

Guests of Honour at Australia Day Function



Another Australia Day was celebrated in Eildon, this year with two former Whitefriars students taking a major part in proceedings. As is customary, Eildon Lions Club put on a free breakfast of bacon and eggs, and the event was attended by hundreds of locals and tourists. The Shire of Murrindindi was represented by police officer, councillor and former Whitefriars student, Bernie Magner, who welcomed everyone prior to the flag-raising ceremony and singing of Advance Australia Fair. The guest speaker for the day was well-known award-winning author, photographer and former Whitefriars student, Clancy Tucker (Tony Barber), who gave an inspiring speech about the values of volunteering, community service and the lucky country.

Boots for Timor



Whitefriars is committed to helping Timor. Annually, staff and students dedicate time to the Timorese community helping in any way they can, including raising funds and much needed resources to help secure a better quality of life. We will soon ship a container of medical equipment, classroom furniture and other items, including boots to Timor. If you have any second hand football / soccer boots that you don't need and would be happy to donate to the Timorese community, can you please deliver them to the College by the end of June.

Believe in Music



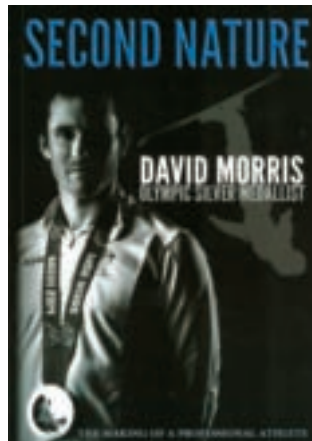
We welcomed Year 3 and 4 students from local primary schools to attend our Believe in Music concert. For 1 ½ hours students were entertained by our music students from Years 7 to 12. There are too many performances to mention but they ranged from singing in the choir to performing in a rock band. The boys were exceptional, both on and off the stage as we had all of the lighting, sound and stage set up managed by our students, under the guidance of the staff. The final number, a huge crowd pleaser, was the Stage Band's performance of 'Uptown Funk' by Bruno Mars. Thank you to all the Performing Arts staff and students for a thoroughly entertaining show.

Strawberry Fair



Students from Whitefriars College bands 'After Hours', 'Deaf Sentence' and 'Wednesday's Lieutenants' rehearsed intensely and prepared well to represent our College at the recent 'St Anne's Strawberry Fair'. The weather was warm and there were many people circulating and enjoying the performances. The bands played a variety of material, from 80s pop rock to 90s grunge all the way up to contemporary rock. The bands all played well, presented themselves professionally and, best of all, entertained the audience and had a great time.

Second Nature



"I was in the right place at the right time. It was completely by chance that I was introduced to aerial skiing. It would change everything about me and I would learn what I was truly capable of.

Despite initially being rejected from the sport for two years and told I wouldn't be good enough, I found amazing people who would help shape and mould me into a World-class professional athlete. In time I learned to rely less on luck, and more on the fact that I was trained and ready." David Morris

'Second Nature' is the story of David Morris, Olympic Silver Medallist (Whitefriars Old Collegian) who, despite what anyone said, decided aerial skiing would be the sport he would be successful in.

For details on how to purchase the book visit <http://aerialskier.com/biography/>

Are you an Old Collegian?

We welcome past students to contact the Development Office at woca@whitefriars.vic.edu.au if you would like to contribute an article to the next issue of Whitefriar.

Important Dates

APRIL

Thursday 30 Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30 – 8.30am

MAY

Monday 4 College Open Morning Tour 9 – 10.30am

Year 7 Mother & Son Evening 7 – 10pm

Friday 8 Year 7 2016 Enrolment Acceptances Due

Monday 18 - 22 Multicultural Week
Library and Information Week

Monday 25 Visual Arts Week

Thursday 28 - 30 Musical Production – Fame

Friday 29 Class of 1995 20 year Reunion

JUNE

Friday 5 College Open Morning Tour 9 – 10.30am

Wednesday 10 GAT exam

Friday 12 Student Free Day

Wednesday 17 Brandsma House Feast Day

Monday 22 - 26 Year 9 Program

Tuesday 23 - 26 Year 11 Kairos Retreat

Thursday 25 Year 12 Formal, Leonda by the Yarra

Friday 26 Last Day of Term 2

JULY

Monday 13 **First Day of Term 3**

Social Justice Week

Thursday 16 Our Lady of Mt Carmel Day

Mother and Son Mass

Monday 20 - 24 Senior Play Production Week

Wednesday 22 Soreth House Feast Day

Friday 24 House Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 28 - 31 Year 11 Kairos Retreat

Wednesday 29 Year 7 2016 Welcome Evening

AUGUST

Monday 3 Science Week

Wednesday 5 Edith Stein House Feast Day

Monday 10 Environment Week

Wednesday 12 Avila House Feast Day

Thursday 13 Jazz Soiree

Monday 24 Book Week
Leadership Retreat

Wednesday 26 Lisieux House Feast Day
Melbourne Writers Festival

Thursday 27 Rock Concert

Friday 28 Father's Day Breakfast

Monday 31 Health and PE Week

SEPTEMBER

Friday 4 Student Free Day

Monday 7 Super Really Cool Week

Wednesday 9 Trinity House Feast Day

Friday 11 OLMC Feast Day Mass and Celebrations

Saturday 12 Italian, History and Chinese Study
Tours depart

Monday 14 Timor Immersion

Year 10 Community Service
and Work Experience

Friday 18 Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 5 **First Day of Term 4**

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