



### Summer School Scholarship Program

Towards the end of the summer holidays, Ana-Maria Jurjevic, Marina Opacak, Marina Zovin and Kristy Mansour attended La Trobe University Bundoora Campus for the Access Education Scholarship Program. We each had the privilege of attending three different lectures over two days which alternated between Maths Methods, Chemistry, Biology and Health. These were three hours long in duration and very informative. It was great to get a different perspective from the teachers and a great taste tester as to what to expect in Year 12 and university. It was very interesting to meet other students from all around Victoria and to hear about their expectations for their final year in VCE. It was a great experience and we are all very grateful to those teachers who nominated us.

Written by: Ana-Maria Jurjevic, Marina Opacak and Marina Zovin

### Yr. 12 Parent Invitation—Michael Carr– Gregg Afternoon

An invitation is extended to all parents of Year 12 students to join us at the College on Wednesday 4 March from 1.45 pm to 3.00 pm when Dr. Michael Carr–Gregg will address all Year 12 students.



Reply Slip—Michael Carr-Gregg Afternoon

Wednesday 4 March 1.45 pm—3.00 pm

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

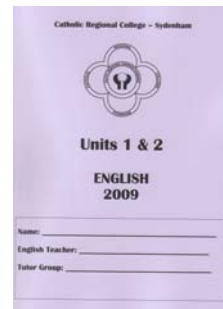
Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Parents/Guardian attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return slip to Tutor

### English Course Book



These books are available from the English office in D Block

Yr. 11 English \$20    Yr. 12 English \$20.  
Yr. 11 Literature \$25    Yr. 12 Literature \$30  
Yr. 11 English Language \$30

If parents have any questions or concerns, please contact Libby Krepp or Lindy Junor at the College.

### Buses

Recently it has been brought to our attention that there is over crowding on the Bacchus Marsh coach because many students who live in Melton West near CRC Melton are catching this bus. The Bacchus Marsh coach has a priority to take Bacchus Marsh, Darley, Coimadai and Maddingley students. This leaves approximately 18 seats for 52 students who live in West Melton. The Department of Infrastructure has been in touch with the bus lines and hopefully they will designate that the third Sita bus will travel to Melton West and CRC Melton. We are awaiting further confirmation of this. Until such time students have been given a coloured bus card for the designated bus they are to travel on.

### Catholic Regional College North Keilor Year 7 2010 Enrolment

Parents of students currently in Grade 6 are reminded that Enrolment applications for Year 7 2010 close on **February 27 February 2008**

Parents seeking enrolment for their child at Catholic Regional College North Keilor should contact Mrs. Harrison at the College (Telephone 9361 5900 for an Enrolment form). Please note that no late applications will be accepted after this date for the first round offer.

### Educational Tax Refund

Some enquiries have been made to the College regarding being able to claim a tax refund for the purchase of second hand books. Unfortunately, as the school was not advised of the new tax refund in 2008 and did not issue receipts for second hand books, we are unable to issue any retrospective receipts as we have no record of purchase. At the end of 2009 we will set up a system whereby receipts are issued. This has been on the advice of the Business Adviser at the Catholic Education Office. We hope that parents will understand.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### Important Dates & Excursions

Monday 24 Feb	VCAL Excursion Yr. 12 Outdoor Education leaves at 4.00 pm
Tuesday 25 Feb	Yr. 12 Biology Excursion—GTAC Yr. 12 Outdoor Education Camp

### Important Dates & Excursions

Wednesday 4 Mar	Ash Wednesday Yr. 12 Michael Carr-Gregg Afternoon All Yr. 12 students to attend. Yr. 12 students will be dismissed at 3.30 pm
Friday 6 Mar	Professional Development for all staff Study Day at home for all students.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

In recent weeks we have all seen the devastation caused by the fires in communities around Victoria. The tragic loss of life and property has moved each and every one of us. Our own community has, like many others, rallied to raise funds and collect goods to support all those who have suffered in Australia's worst natural disaster.

Next week, we begin the liturgical season of Lent .There was a shift in the understanding of the nature of Lent following the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. This movement has taken us from a private to a more public dimension of our faith with an emphasis on the social aspects of fasting, alms giving and prayer. There has been a shift from personal penance to communal reconciliation with people seeking to speak the truth of pain, fear and sin within a community of authentic forgiveness. During Lent, we must continue to remember in our prayers and alms giving the bush fire survivors and all who are suffering in our world at this time.

We should also remember that Lent, for Christians, is a time of preparation and reflection as we approach Easter and the joy of the resurrection. Easter is the liturgical and sacramental celebration of renewal, of the passage from death to life, of new birth through our participation in the death and resurrection of Christ in baptism. The Paschal mystery gives witness to our belief that Jesus is risen and present among us. We believe that from the ashes comes new life, from death and destruction comes hope and eternal life.

### Prayer for the victims of the Bushfires

*We join in prayer with people from across our nation and the world in remembering those affected by the bushfires in Victoria.*

*We pray for those who have lost their lives in this national tragedy.*

*We also hold in prayer those who have lost family, friends, homes and possessions.*

*We remember the many firefighters, emergency personnel and volunteers who have worked so hard under such difficult circumstances.*

*As one community and members of the one Body, we ask God that through our collective efforts, new life may grow from the ashes.*

*Amen*

In the past week we have taken time to gather as a whole community for the first time in the new multipurpose hall. The College has not previously had a gathering space large enough to hold all staff and students which has meant hiring Luxor Receptions. We are blessed to now have such a facility where we celebrated the VCE and VCAL results for 2008. The top achievers of the Class of 2008 returned with their parents to be recognized and honoured for their hard work, dedication and commitment to their studies. Families are always welcome to attend College Masses and Assemblies, please do not hesitate to call and let the office know that you will be present.

Yours faithfully

Brendan J Watson OAM  
Principal

Pictured right is College Dux 2008—Bethany Hooper with Brendan Watson



## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL— LEARNING AND TEACHING

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate and celebrate the excellent academic achievements of our students in 2008. Excellent results are only achieved via commitment, dedication and hard work. We acknowledge the achievements of our award recipients. For our current students, these high achievers represent what is possible, and the importance of working to the best of your own ability. Craig Holmes – Deputy Principal

Bethany Hooper	98.1	University of Melbourne-Science
Liam Loriente	97.1	Swinburne-Vice Chancellor's Scholarship-Engineering
Chanelle Mendoza	96.55	University of Melbourne-Physiotherapy
Stefanie Fabris	95.9	RMIT-Journalism
Tara Ciantar	94.65	ACU-Teacher Education-Primary
Samantha Mangiagli	94.5	La Trobe University-Speech Pathology
Benjamin Siveges	94.35	University of Melbourne-Arts
Irvin Rizado	93.85	RMIT-Engineering-Aerospace/Management (Double Degree)
Daniel Flores	93.6	University of Melbourne-Science
Renee Del Grosso	93.35	Deakin-Health Sciences

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### Year 11 Academic Awards

These Awards are presented to Year 11 students who achieved a minimum of 7 A+ or a combination of 14 A/A+ in Semester Two in Units 1/2.

Stefanie Aranza	Ana-Maria Jurjevic
Jason Au	Benjamin Kennedy
Stefanie Basile	Rhys McIntosh
Anthony Bianco	Stephanie Morra
Jayden Blanco	Melinda Nuzzaco
Charmaine Cini	Sherimaine Pedraza-Sampang
Amanda Claessen	Breanna Slattery
Jessica Duda	Cleon Soares
Anthony Giummara	Emily Spiteri
Brigette Hosking	Gloria Ursino
Alvin Jeremiah	

**VCAL** Recognition of Outstanding Achievement  
Jessica Liparota

### The University of Melbourne - Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Award Year 11

Andrew Pyta	(CRC Nth Keilor)
Tegan Kay	(CRC Melton)
Daniele Zarosinski	(CRC St Albans)

### Language Faculty

English	Stefanie Fabris
English Language	Renee Del Grosso
English as a Second Language	Aaron D'Souza & Patrice Ventura
Literature	Siobhan Korbut
LOTE / Italian	Laura Zarosinski

### Health & Physical Education Faculty

Health and Human Development	Tara Ciantar & Samantha Mangiagli
Outdoor & Environmental Studies	Jesse Failla
Physical Education	Renee Del Grosso

### Humanities Faculty

Accounting	Jeremy Fernandez
Business Management	Adriana Aquilina
Economics	Liam Loriente
Geography	Fiona Bituin
History / Australian	Siobhan Korbut
History / Revolutions	Ashley Bouvet & Brianna Del Vescovo
Legal Studies	Nicole Tedesco

### Mathematics Faculty

Further Mathematics	Liam Loriente
Mathematical Methods	Chennelle Mendoza
Specialist Mathematics	Chennelle Mendoza

### Religious Education Faculty

Religion and Society	Stefanie Fabris
Texts and Traditions	Tara Ciantar & Justin Farrugia

### Science Faculty

Biology	Bethany Hooper
Chemistry	Bethany Hooper
Physics	Daniel Flores
Psychology	Kristy Mansour
Systems Engineering	Cameron Borg

### Technology

IT Applications	James Matas
IT Software Development	Alvin Jeremiah
Food and Technology –	Michelle Amiguet & Samantha Mikolajczak
Design and Technology / Fabrics	Theresa Nguyen & Amy Gauci

### Visual & Performing Arts

Art	Rhys Parkinson
Studio Arts	Carli Bonavia
Drama	Nicholas Jenkins
Visual Communication and Design	Lana Blazanin
Media	Benjamin Siveges & Laura Zarosinski
Music Performance / Group	Anthony Santoro

### VCAL

Recognition of Outstanding Achievement – Wilson Jong

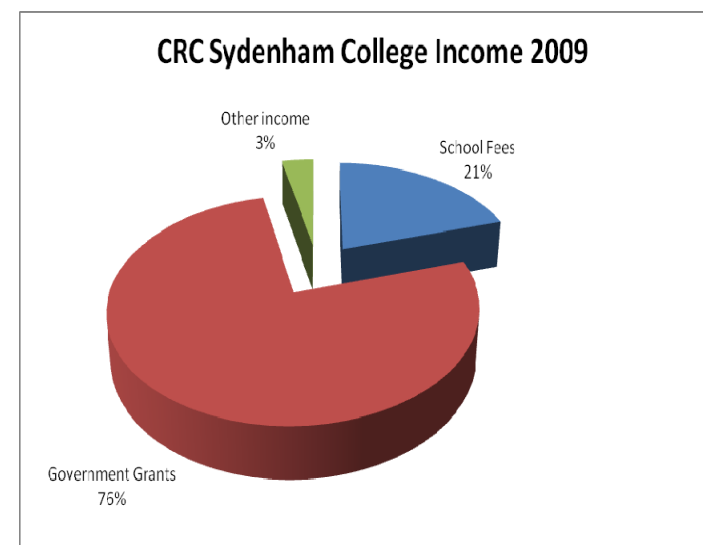
### VET

Cert. II in Business Office Administration	Graziella Fenech
Cert. II in Community Services	Kate Ashton
Cert. II in Hospitality	Charlene Sultana
Cert. III in Multimedia –	
Jacqueline Nguyen	
Cert II in Sport & Recreation –	
Simon Tollie	



## COMMUNITY NEWS

This week, many families will receive invoices for fees. While fees have increased this year, they do not cover the actual cost of educating individual students. All students are subsidized by the State and Federal Governments. Unfortunately, the reality is still that Catholic students in Victoria are among the lowest funded students by the State Government in the country. You will recall last year the funding campaign, which many of you were a part of, to lobby the State Government to improve funding for Catholic Schools. This year the College will receive an additional \$85000 while oncosts will increase disproportionately. The reality is that we will rely on school fees to remain operational. Included are some details of our income and expenditure in the graphs below.



### Counselling and Welfare Support Services

Counselling and welfare support is available to the students at Catholic Regional College. College Counsellor, Anne Cook and College Psychologist, Kelly O'Leary provide support and counselling for students who present with a wide range of concerns. It is often helpful for students to discuss their problems with an independent person so that they may solve them more effectively. These include:



- ◆ relationship issues
- ◆ school related stress
- ◆ bullying
- ◆ depression and anxiety
- ◆ health issues
- ◆ grief and loss

Students can make an appointment to see either Anne or Kelly in Student Services. Anne is available Monday to Thursday and Kelly is available on Friday.



If you would like to speak with Anne or Kelly they can be contacted at the College on 9361 0000.

### Student Leadership Group



On Thursday 5 and Friday 6 February the Student Leadership Group along with Leanne Clark, Emma Mahoney and Leo McInerney gathered in Riddells Creek to have an opportunity to bond together and be involved in leadership formation. Over the two days we partook in a number of wonderful activities including:

- ◆ Getting to know you games
- ◆ Prayer sessions with Paul Reed
- ◆ Team Building activities
- ◆ Dinner with the School Leadership Team

The exercise proved to be a wonderful session with the group moulding well together and planning for a very busy and exciting 2009.

### Sport 2009

Here at CRC Sydenham there are a range of opportunities for students to be active from the less formal 'Cluster sport' activities that run at lunchtime, to the more formal competitions like SACCSS (Sports Association of Catholic Coeducational Secondary Schools) and CAS (Catholic All Schools) where students are selected to represent the College. VCE can be very demanding and although time may be limited due to the extra hours of study, there are many benefits to participating in physical activity, including stress reduction and increasing concentration in class.

### Sports Events for Term One

#### Cluster Sport

Mixed basketball

Dates: From the 19 February - 13 March.

Each cluster is represented and plays off in a round robin competition in the hall at lunchtime. For more information check the sports display board located just outside the hall foyer.

#### SACCSS Sport

Golf – Monday 16 February (results will be available in the next edition)

Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 17 March (Training will run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Melton Waves from 17 February – 12 March).

Senior Sports Day 1 – Monday 23 March (basketball, indoor cricket, softball)

#### CAS Sport

Golf – Monday 23 February

Tennis – Monday 2 March

Swimming Carnival – Tuesday 31 March

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the sports program in '09' please come and see me in the sports office located at the end of the new hall.

**MEGAN HILL - SPORTS COORDINATOR**