

Invitation to Parents

All parents are invited to the Opening College Mass followed by the Opening and Blessing of the new College Hall. The College Mass will begin at 11.00 a.m. and will be followed by morning tea.



Please RSVP to zumg@crccsydenham.net

Sunbury United Junior Rugby League Club

Rugby League and Girls Tag competitions

Registration and Pre-season Training Nights

Friday 20th and 27th February, 6:30pm

Langama Park, Mitchell's Lane, Sunbury.

Boys and Girls aged 5 – 19

All welcome, no experience necessary.

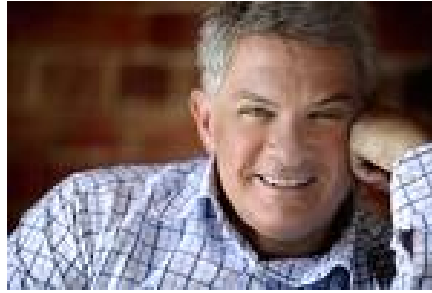
Quality coaching, state representative players, and Storm U20's associated with our senior club.

<http://sunburyjnr.leaquet.com.au>



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.



This is an excellent opportunity for our Year 12 students to benefit from the expertise of one of the countries leading adolescent psychologists. He will present information and insights with regard to balancing the demands of the final year of secondary schooling with emphasis on maintaining mental and physical health as students set and achieve their own study goals. Support and understanding from family is a crucial element in achieving Year 12 goals and Michael will share parental insights and practical advice to provide a supportive home environment throughout the challenges of Year 12.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Dates		Important Dates	
Tuesday 10 Feb	Awards Assembly	Monday 16 Feb	SACCSS Golf
Wednesday 11 Feb	Yr. 11 Wellbeing Afternoon all Yr. 11 students to attend. Yr. 11 students will be dismissed at 3.30 pm	Tuesday 17 Feb	Parents Association Meeting 7.30 - 9.30 pm Yr 11.Meet the Tutor evening 7.30 - 8.30 pm
Thursday 12 Feb	Student photos	Wednesday 18 Feb	Yr 11 Geography Field trip to Airley's Inlet. Depart 7.00 a.m.—Returning approximately 5.00 pm
		Thursday 19 Feb	Opening Mass—Blessing of the Hall



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God of wisdom
As we begin the school year
You bring us together as one school community
Parents, students, staff,
From different parishes, backgrounds and nationalities.
With many different talents and gifts to share.
As one body, may we grow together this year
Living our lives in loving service of you
Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new year. I hope that students return having had a good break and are ready to work. This year we welcome a number of new staff members. Mr Leo Mc Inerney will be known to some of our families as the Deputy Principal at Catholic Regional College Melton. We welcome Leo as the Deputy Principal Students at Catholic Regional College Sydenham teaching Year 12 Text and Traditions. Mrs Alison Roberts joins us from St Bernards as the Director of Staffing Administration, teaching Economics and Accounting. Jade Barr joins us on exchange for one year from CRC North Keilor teaching Biology, Health & Human Development and Food Technology. We welcome Mr Nick Weiler to the staff from St John's Regional College Dandenong. Nick is a teacher and qualified Chef who will be heading up the new Trade Training Centre and teaching VET Hospitality. Mr Adam Ray joins us to teach Health & Physical Education, Health & Human Development and Religious Education. Miss Siobhan O'Shea is also new to the College as a teacher and will be taking Religious Education, English and History classes. Miss Bronwyn Rees-Allen joins the staff to teach English as does Mrs Urho Redcliffe. Mr Dubravko Vucic joins us from Loretto College as our new IT Manager. I take this opportunity to welcome these new members of staff and wish them all the very best as they start work in our community.

We farewelled a number of staff at the end of 2009 including Mr Peter Danger who moved to CRC St Albans, Mr Bill Dunne to Penola College, Mr Colin Grant to Samaritan College and Ms Alexa Wells took up a position outside of education in industry. Staff on contract also completed their contracts with the College and included Mrs Daniela Mariani, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Brendan Coyne, Mr James Slade, Miss Alex Zvi and Mr Les Brown. We wish these staff all the very best in their new roles.

We are fortunate that we are starting the year with a full complement of teachers and staff as many schools are not in the same position. We also start the year with a new look. Over the break much work has been done to renovate the school and prepare for the new \$6.6 million Federally funded Trade Training Centre. We have:

- ◆ Moved eight of our portable classrooms from one side of the campus to the other and connected the required services;
- ◆ Set up a temporary food technology kitchen while the new one is built;
- ◆ Relocated the Materials Technology Fabrics room while the old one is renovated;
- ◆ Installed water tanks so as to water gardens and maintain the environment;
- ◆ Painted and renovated classrooms in B and C Blocks;
- ◆ Installed 3 new digital whiteboards in the Studio Art, VCAL and Mathematics rooms;
- ◆ Completed the construction of the multi-purpose hall;
- ◆ Undertaken landscaping projects around the Science block, portables and hall; and
- ◆ Installed new lockers so that every student now has their own locker.

We aim to provide the best facilities for our students so that they start the year with all that they require in order to achieve their best. Now it is up to the students to commit themselves to do just that – their very best.

In VCE, it is expected that each student will complete homework each night. There should never be an occasion during the year where a student can legitimately say that they do not have homework. Year 11 students should be completing 3 hours each night and Year 12 students should be completing 4 hours each night. Our VCE results in 2008 were excellent with a higher number of students achieving ENTER scores of 90+, 80+ and 70+. I wish to congratulate and acknowledge the Dux of the school for 2008, Bethany Hooper who achieved a score of 98.1. Bethany was offered a place at Melbourne University studying Science. Our other top students were:

LORIENTE	LIAM	97.1
MENDOZA	CHENNELLE	96.55
FABRIS	STEFANIE	95.9
CIANTAR	TARA	94.65
MANGIAGLI	SAMANTHA	94.5
SIVEGES	BENJAMIN	94.35
RIZARDO	IRVIN	93.85
FLORES	DANIEL	93.6
DEL GROSSO	RENEE	93.35
DUCA	NATALIE	92.6
REBELLO	RICHARD	91.85
BORG	DALTON	91.2
FARRUGIA	JUSTIN	91.05
DO	TAM	90.9
TEDESCO	NICOLE	90.85
HADID	MATTHEW	90.15
HARRINGTON	MATTHEW	90.15
BLAZANIN	LANA	90

We congratulate all of these students on their outstanding efforts in 2008, their consistent hard work and dedication was justly rewarded. I urge all students to ensure that they make the most of every opportunity afforded them this year so that they too can achieve their best in 2009 and hopefully be one of our top achievers.

Yours faithfully

Brendan J Watson OAM
Principal

Welcome to the following new staff for 2009



Jade Barr

Biology
Food Technology

Health & Human Development



Karen O'Brien

Futher Maths
Maths Methods



Urho Redcliffe

English



Dubravko Vucic

Network Manager



Susan Cross

Work Placement Officer



Siobhan O'Shea

History
English
Religion



Bronwyn Rees-Allen

English
English Language
Program Support



Nick Weiler

Director—Trade Training Centre



Leo McInerney

Deputy Principal—Students

Religion & Society



Adam Ray

Physical Educ
Religion
Health & Human Development

VET—Community Sport and Rec.



Alison Roberts

Economics
Accounting

To all bus travellers and their parents

Once again I would like to reiterate the obligation that students have with regards to bus travel. This was mentioned to all Yr 11's at a recent assembly but needs to be said again to Yr 12's. Unfortunately, an incident occurred this Tuesday afternoon when a group of Yr 12's yelled abuse at a pedestrian who then reported this to the school. As a member of the parish he was extremely concerned at the bad language used by our students.



The obligation our students have if travelling by any public transport is to:

- ◆ Have a valid ticket and concession card.
- ◆ Behave in a responsible manner, being seated at all times and not distracting the driver.
- ◆ Not use bad language.
- ◆ Not throw things around the bus or out of the window.
- ◆ To get on and off the bus in an orderly fashion.
- ◆ Remember that when they are wearing the college uniform they are representing the college and are easily identifiable.

As a school we will endeavour that buses are booked each week to suit the school schedule. However, we cannot be responsible for the buses if they are running late. Certainly if that occurs I will speak to the company concerned but I ask you as parents to also convey your concerns directly to the bus company.

This year we will have a Yr 12 bus, a Yr 11 bus and the 3rd Sita bus will be for students who maybe running late. This bus usually comes about 3.50pm. Students who choose not to behave in the above manner will be banned from using this form of transport. All bus companies have the school's backing in this regard.

If you have any queries please contact Alison Mahoney at the college.

School Photographs

School photographs will take place next **Thursday 12 February**. All students will be photographed for ID cards, regardless of whether they are placing an order. Each student has been given an order envelope which must be returned next Thursday with the correct payment. The office and canteen are unable to give change.



Students are to wear full, neat summer uniform (no ties) but we ask that blazers be worn. If it is a very hot day then blazers will just be worn for the photograph. A roster will be published when each tutor group is to go to be photographed. Students must be on time.

To all the staff and students at CRC Sydenham,

I have just come back from Perkins Shipping Yard, at the Port of Dili, in possession of the pallet of goods sent from CRC Sydenham. We have been having a marvelous time going through all the boxes! Can't tell you how thrilled we are with all the goodies! The printers are brand new! Did the College buy these for us? I can't thank people enough so would you please try and convey my, and our, very deep thanks? The coloured paper is gorgeous and the kids are loving the sports magazines. They all want to play with the soccer balls (no takers for the Aussie Rules - someone will have to come up and teach it!). The same excitement applies to everything sent. Father Sami has taken a map of the world as he wants to use it in his lectures to the novices. I tried to take photos to send you but as soon as the camera appears they all go serious! The Timorese just won't smile for photos



Sr Rita

Railaco, East Timor



because they consider a photo to be very important!

Anyway I hope you get some idea of how truly delighted we are to get so many good things. Please do thank EVERYONE involved! Gratefully,



CRC SYDENHAM STUDENT MEMBERSHIPS

LUNCHTIME SPECIAL

\$5 per week paid up front for the 10 week term
\$50 per term.

This membership will only allow access to lunchtime—45 minute session e.g. Year 11 boys, Year 11 girls, etc. A limit of 15 students per session and bookings must be made prior to attending with a parents' signature of participation required. Payment is required at the beginning of each term. Each term enrolment will only be carried over and confirmed on payment. This will only be available in Term 1, 2 and 3. Not available in school holidays.

FULL STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

\$20 per week paid via direct debit on a monthly basis. \$88 per calendar month. This membership is ongoing. All morning and afternoon sessions will be available and will include 1 lunchtime session per week. Access for all school holidays will also be available. Parent signature will still be required on enrolment before participation.