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Lord Jesus Christ, inspired by your unconditional love for even the poorest of the poor. Your compassion for the sick, the bereaved, and the dispossessed. Your willingness to teach and teach again even those who refused to understand. Your welcome, which you gave to strangers. Your forgiveness of those who crucified you to the cross. Your commitment to Justice for all people. May we now go and do likewise. Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,
Welcome to a new year and a particular welcome to those families joining our community for the first time. I take this opportunity to welcome and introduce the staff new to the College this year:

Jeff Mulcahy
~
Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching



Elizabeth Howe
~
Director of Staffing - Administration



Josie Albano
~
Pathways Coordinator



Monica Dennis
~
College Psychologist



Gregory Power
~
Teacher of English, RE and Humanities



Darren Fitzpatrick
~
Teacher of Mathematics, Psychology and Technology



Anita Stark
~
Teacher of Humanities and Mathematics



Jennifer Stockton
~
Teacher of Media and English



Maria Forde
~
Media Liaison Coordinator and Teacher of Humanities



Janine Molloy
~
Retail Operations Manager and Trainer



Michelle Salera
~
Teacher of Mathematics and Health



Danielle Weiler - Hospitality Trainer and Front of House Manager for Quatrefoils

Our VCE results for 2010 were exceptional. Congratulations to Dylan Morrison, College Dux, on achieving an ATAR score of 98.75. Our students achieved over 250 A or A+ results in the end of year exams with 65 of students achieving a study score of 40 and above in their respective subjects. These are outstanding results and a testament to the individual students hard work and dedication as well as the guidance and support provided by staff at the College. Well done to the 23 students who achieved an ATAR above 90.



Michael Marazita ~ 96.65



Marc Naimo ~ 95.5



Kevin Singh ~ 95



Sophie Cirillo ~ 94.85



James D'Souza ~ 94.7



John Doan ~ 94.45



Shaun Dali ~ 93.75



Kimberley Coleiro ~ 93.6



Sandra Abouzeld ~ 93.2



Ace-Christopher Dacaya ~ 92.5



Ken Bui ~ 92.3



Matthew Pelly ~ 92



Sam Tempone ~ 91.9



Melanie Modafferi ~ 91.65



Joanna Fitzgerald ~ 91.5



Karleen Lapie ~ 90.75



Pierre LeMinor ~ 90.65



Sophie Salibi ~ 90.5



Joanne Romell ~ 90.45

During the holiday period, work commenced on the refurbishment of the Biology and Chemistry laboratories. This work will be finished in the next two weeks providing outstanding new facilities for our students. Work has also commenced on a new room and preparation area in the Science block. The new state of the art industry laboratory will be a welcome addition when it opens midyear. Thanks to the Commonwealth Government who are contributing \$1 million to these projects.

The College theme for this year, 'Go and Do Likewise', is taken from the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke's Gospel. I plan to write on the theme in a future newsletter but take this opportunity to invite all families to join us for the Opening College Mass to be celebrated by our Archbishop at the College on Tuesday 15 February at 11am. If you are able to join us, please complete the reply slip in this newsletter and return it to the College.



2010 College Dux
Dylan Morrison
98.75



Andrew Pyta
98.7



Daniele Zarosinski
98.5



Tegan Kay
97

It is my hope and prayer for 2011 that this will be a year filled with joy and peace for our community. I always look forward to the start of a new year as the new year brings new hope, a new start and new opportunities. I look forward to sharing 2011 with you as a community, the community of Catholic Regional College Sydenham.

Yours faithfully



BRENDAN J WATSON OAM - PRINCIPAL

I/We will be attending the Opening College Mass on Tuesday 15 February

Name _____

Number of guests attending _____

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2011

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children. To be eligible for the receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either parent or guardian of a secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA is they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card. The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (**28 February 2011**) and Term 3 (18 July 2011).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by (**28 February 2011**) for the first instalment and 5 August 2011 for the second instalment. The EMA provides an annual amount of \$460 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the College. Students turning 16 years in 2011 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Payment Amounts

Instalment	Portion	Secondary School
One	Parent	\$161.00
	School	\$161.00
Two	Parent	\$69.00
	School	\$69.00
TOTAL		\$460.00

Parents who received EMA in 2010 and are still eligible must reapply to receive the payment in 2011. Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2011 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after **28 February 2011** and prior to or on 5 August 2011, must re-apply at the new school for the second instalment.

Please contact the office for an application form and further information.

ACADEMIC AWARDS CEREMONY

On Friday February 11 between 9.00am and 11.00am the College will host an awards ceremony to celebrate outstanding student achievement that occurred at CRC Sydenham during the 2010 school year. The ceremony will incorporate awards for students with the highest study score in each VCE subject, the Top 20 ATAR scores, the College Dux and the Most accomplished VCAL Student.

All parents are invited to attend. If intending to do so please RSVP by calling Gina Zumbo on 9361 0004 or via an email to rsvp@crtsydenham.net.

Jeff Mulcahy

Deputy Principal – Learning and Teaching

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Arthur Reed photographers will be at the College on **Monday 7 February**. Students have been given an order/payment envelope which they must return to the photographer on that day. The correct money **must** be in the envelope as the college office will not provide change. Please wear the full correct summer uniform which includes **blazers**. **All** students will have individual photographs regardless of whether they are ordering.



BUSES

This year as we only have Yr 12 students travelling from Melton and Bacchus Marsh there will only be one Bacchus coach which picks up at CRC Melton and one Sita bus. For the route information parents will need to contact the bus lines direct.

Buses will be provided at 12.55pm on Wednesdays as well as after school at 3.30pm. Vet students who have later classes will need to make their own travel arrangements.

YEAR 12 PARENT INVITATION—DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG AFTERNOON

An invitation is extended to all parents of Year 12 students to join us at the College on Tuesday 22 February from 12.00pm – 12.55pm 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 country's leading adolescent psychologists. He will present information and insights with regard to balancing the demands of the final year of secondary schooling with an 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.

OPENING COLLEGE MASS

The Opening College Mass will be held on Tuesday February 15 beginning at 11.00am with Archbishop Denis Hart DD presiding. All parents are welcome.



INTRODUCING OUR NEW PSYCHOLOGIST MONICA DENNIS

Hello everyone, I am so excited to have been provided the opportunity to become a part of the CRC Sydenham community. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead.

Within my role as the College Psychologist I aim to provide psychological services to members of the CRC Sydenham community through the provision of one-to-one counselling and therapeutic intervention. Essentially, I act as an avenue of support to students whereby I can assist on a number of well-being issues inclusive of – but not limited to – stress management, problem solving, relationship or family issues, sleep disturbance, coping strategies, anxiety and depression, or any other mental health issues.

My office is located in the Student Services building, above the cafeteria, and I strongly encourage students to make an appointment with me to discuss any concerns or issues that they may be experiencing. I also welcome contact from parents and guardians should they need to discuss concerns relating to their child's well being.

I look forward to getting to know you all.

Best wishes,
Monica Dennis

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

The 2011 College Production is *Alice In Wonderland*. We have decided to use a modern script by Australian playwright Les Winspear. In addition, the production will be produced by the Yr 11 and 12 Theatre Studies students.

The season will be earlier this year, running from May 26 to May 27. Make sure you mark these dates in your diary!

LUNCH ORDERS

This year students will have the opportunity to order their lunch from the College Cafeteria. Orders must be written on a paper bag (paper bags will be available from the Cafeteria) and placed in the lunch order box with their name and order clearly written. Orders must be in the box by 9.00 am. Collection will be from the Cafeteria at lunchtime.



SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

Electronic projects and the portfolios of Daniel Messina, Wayne Rodrigues and Nicholas Grech were short listed by VCAA 'Season of Excellence'. Daniel Messina's project and the Folio was chosen into the Top Ten Designs. Daniel constructed a functional 'Bomb disposal robot' machines operated via blue tooth signal sent to the robot from his laptop computer. His work will be displayed in Melbourne museum from March to July 2011. Daniel also came as the number one student in Australia in 2010 in NECA engineering competition. He was awarded a certificate and \$1000 by NECA at a function held in Hilton Hotel, Sydney. Second place for 'Secondary student's Electrotechnology' projects was awarded to Wayne Rodrigues.

Bruno Wisidagama - Systems Engineering teacher.



Daniel Messina with his functional 'Bomb disposal robot' machines.



CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE CAROLINE SPRINGS ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Parents of current Grade 6 students who are zoned to Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs have until 2nd March 2011 to place their applications for enrolment for Year 7 in 2012. This is the final date of acceptance for applications.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WALKING IN AUTISTIC SHOES

An Autism Presentation

By Renowned Author, Lecturer and Autism Consultant

Donna Williams BA Hons, Dip Ed

Born in 1963, thought deaf and assessed as psychotic at the age of two, Donna acquired functional speech in late childhood and was diagnosed with autism in her 20's.

".....if you think you know a lot about autism then think again"

Friday 18th February 2011

7.00pm — 8.30pm

Includes Question-Answer Forum

Donna will provide a fascinating insight into the world of Autism as someone who has actually been there as both a person with Autism and a consultant who has worked with hundreds of children and adults on the autism spectrum.

Darley Neighbourhood House

33 Jonathon Drive, Bacchus Marsh

Bookings: Anna Curry 5357 4390

Cost \$7.00 per person

For more info: www.donnawilliams.net



**Kick start your
New Year with
EFM Health Clubs**

5 weeks for \$25*

I Lost it with EFM!

-you can too in 2011!

EFM HEALTH CLUBS

Be Quick Offer Ends 28th Feb!

*Conditions Apply

ACADEMY UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is located at the rear of the College Access is via Peck Road, Sydenham.

Uniform Shop Hours

- ◆ Monday 2.30 pm ~ 4.30 pm
- ◆ Thursday 8.00 am ~ 10.00 am
- ◆ Saturday 9.00 am ~ 12.00 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Important Dates

Monday 7 Feb	All Day - College Photos 4.00pm - SLG Camp departs
Tuesday 8 Feb	3.30pm - SLG Camp returns
Wednesday 9 Feb	Year 11 Wellbeing Afternoon. All Year 11 students to attend. Year 11 students will be dismissed at 3.30pm
Thursday 10 Feb	7.30pm Year 11/12 Meet the Tutor/ Information Evening - Please bring your student's diary
Friday 11 Feb	9.00am - 11.00am Awards Assembly

Important Dates

Monday 14 Feb	SACCSS Golf
Tuesday 15 Feb	Opening College Mass 7.30 pm External students Information Evening
Wednesday 16 Feb	Year 12 Outdoor Education Group A excursion to Bogong
Thursday 17 Feb	Year 12 Outdoor Education Group A excursion to Bogong
Friday 18 Feb	Year 12 Outdoor Education Group A excursion to Bogong

Important Message to all parents/guardians - It is highly advisable that all students at the College are covered under an ambulance subscription in case of any medical emergencies.