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Feast of Corpus Christi

*"He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
Lives in me and I live in him.
As I, who am sent by the living Father,
Myself draw life from the Father
So whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
Not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead.
But anyone who eats this bread will live forever." (John 6.57-58)*

God of all goodness and source of our strength,
You nourish us through the Eucharist
As a sign of your undivided love for us.
Empowered by this gift,
May we live our lives in loving service of our sisters and brothers
And work together to build your kingdom here on Earth.
Amen

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

COLLEGE FEAST DAY

Each year, the College celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi as our College Feast Day. This year we will celebrate on Wednesday 29 June. Attendance on this day by students is compulsory and required. Our Crest takes the shape of a quatrefoil which is a cruciform configuration of five intersecting circles. In the medieval church, the quatrefoil symbolised the 'Catholic' or 'Universal' church's mission to preach the Word throughout all of a creation. The four peripheral circles depict the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John), touching at four points on the principle circle; that is – the four corners of the earth. The quatrefoil is common in ecclesiastical architecture throughout Christendom, both as a decoration of stonework and as a component of window design. It is at the centre of the crest that we draw our Feast Day. That we acknowledge the Eucharistic presence of Christ through the miracle of the Mass, is indicated by the abstract graphic at the centre of the College Crest. The interpretation of this abstract contends that it depicts Christ's Body and Blood under the worldly appearance of Host and Chalice. Since 1983, the College has taken as its own festive day of prayer and celebration, the feast of Corpus Christi. Only when the whole College shares in one Eucharist is the true meaning of College and community illuminated. I therefore invite parents to join us on our Feast Day which will commence with a gathering on the 'village green' followed by the traditional procession by the community from the Corpus Christi Sculpture. From here we will all process to the Mass in the multipurpose hall. Please join us on this day as a member of our community and as people of the Eucharist.

DESTINATION DATA

Each year, the Victorian Government surveys Year 12 students from the previous year to ascertain their destination post secondary school. This information is reported to the community and back to schools. This year the On-Track data is the best to date and is as follows:

Total completed Year 12 in 2010: 306

Tertiary Applications and Offers

Tertiary Applicants (Actual Number): 251

University Offers 64%

TAFE/VET Offers 33%

Any Tertiary Offer 95%

In 2007, 32% of students were university enrolled. We have seen a steady increase in students taking up education and training options with a decline in those looking for work immediately after school. Our VET and VCE programs as well as our VCAL programs are providing better pathways for students to post school destinations. It was encouraging to see that 6% of our students also picked up apprenticeships and traineeships straight out of Year 12 in 2010.

The real measure of success for a College such as ours is the destination data. No matter what the pathway a student may choose, they should be supported. Doctor, lawyer, chef, teacher, plumber, engineer, builder, scientist, hairdresser – whatever students wish to be, they can be that at Catholic Regional College Sydenham.

The data provides an accurate snapshot of what young people are doing in the months after the end of the school year. It recognises that not all young people attend university, or wish to do so, and that there is a range of other possible successful outcomes available. In addition to collecting destination data, the *On Track* survey identifies young people who may need further help in reaching their career goals. Young people who at the time of the survey, were not in full time employment, or education and training, were offered a referral for additional assistance to their Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN). The College also works to support these past students and found that many of these students were taking a year out to travel.

The current Year 12 students will soon be guided through the process for course selection in 2011. The Careers Department support students with a comprehensive program so as not to limit their options for the future. Hard work, consistent application and revision will ensure that students' hopes, dreams and aspirations have every opportunity of being realised. I urge families to ensure that 2011 destinations are topics of discussion at home these holidays and encourage you to seek support from the College if students are still at a loss to know what to do.

Finally, I wish to thank all Year 11 families who have enrolled their son or daughter in Year 12 for 2012. We are now looking to close enrolments and start offering places to those external applicants on our waiting list for 2012. If you have not enrolled your son or daughter and require a place in Year 12 for 2012, please take urgent and immediate action by contacting the College.

Yours faithfully



BRENDAN J WATSON OAM—PRINCIPAL

VCAL HAIR AND BEAUTY CLASS

On Friday June 10 2011 our Hair and Beauty class had the pleasure of taking a short trip to St. Albans primary school to give the staff a service of manicures and to show them skills learnt during the year so far. We were challenged with what tables and chairs to use to perform our manicures on as they were too small for adults to use, but surprisingly we managed to complete our treatment in a comfortable manner. We performed a full manicure including file, message and painting. Some students had to perform two manicures as there were many staff members coming through for our luxurious treatments. All the clients who we serviced were very friendly, which made it very easy to have a conversation throughout their manicure. Our clients had a wide range of OPI nail polishes to choose from, along with a French manicure. All the feedback from the staff members of St. Albans primary school was very encouraging and positive. The question was asked a number of times when are we returning to perform more manicures. So our short trip was extremely successful.

By Elisha Punicki, Kayla Chiaia and Crystal Dahdah.



The Catholic Regional College Sydenham bakery is now open Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 4.00pm. The bakery has a wide range of pastries, cakes, hot pies, pasties, sausage rolls, pizza rolls, bread rolls, loaves of bread and coffee. The bakery can also bake cakes for special occasions. For further information please contact Belinda on 9361 0070.



Having trouble with Maths or Physics? Then Cheap tutoring is now available.

Being a past student from Catholic Regional College Sydenham, I definitely understand how stressful VCE can be. Currently studying Mechanical Engineering at RMIT, I am more than capable to tutor Year 11 & 12 Mathematics and physics and other subjects. Please ring on the number below for further information.

Contact: Daniel Messina
Phone Number: 0434 129 751
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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT WEEK

During the second week of June, we held Personal Development Week, and despite the inclement weather it was a huge success. The idea of the week was to raise awareness of the choices that we make as individuals in our daily lives, and ultimately, how they impact on our health. We have many students studying subjects at our College that fall under the banner of Personal Development, including, Health and Human Development, Outdoor and Environmental Studies, Physical Education, VET Community Recreation, VET Community Services and VCAL Personal Development Studies. During the week, teachers and students from each subject area worked together to provide valuable community information in relation to health on many different levels.

The VCAL Personal Development students had been working on adolescent health during the semester. VCAL students had produced a series of PowerPoint presentations which were displayed on the flat screen monitors around the College.

The Health and Human Development group organised a display in the library foyer, and associated with it was a quiz (a health related question which appeared in the bulletin). The winners of the quiz, each receiving a \$20 gift voucher from the 'Body Shop' were: Aaron Planinic in B1 and Lisa Le in M3. Our cafeteria staff also supported us, by hosting a free healthy breakfast on the Monday morning.

The Outdoor and Environmental Studies students were able to strut their stuff on the College "Green". Organised, was a competition with cluster against cluster, in a race to see which pair could set up a tent the fastest, however this was called off due to rain. Instead, the Outdoor Education staff were able to offer students some 'gortex' rain jackets and competed in a game of 'hoe down', the eventual winner was Seamus Grech in D6. For his efforts, Seamus earned himself a \$20 gift voucher from 'Rays Outdoors'.

And finally, Personal Development Week came to a close with 'Zumba' being hosted by Physical Education and VET Community Recreation. It was a party-like atmosphere inside the 'Crate Theatre' at recess, as the photos show opposite, with staff and students joining in together. This turned out to be a fantastic opportunity for staff and students to let off some steam in the busy lead up to exams. For their outstanding participation, Bianca Babic in M7 and Stephanie Murdaca in D5, both earned themselves a \$20 gift voucher from the 'Body Shop'.

The message of the week was quite simple, that in an endeavour to lead a healthy lifestyle there are decisions and choices that we make every day, that in the long run will have an impact on our wellbeing. We have all

been given the gift of life and one body; we must all strive to become lifelong learners when it comes to looking after ourselves.

There are many images of people throughout the week, thoroughly enjoying themselves, whilst displaying healthy behaviour that will live with me for a long time. So I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and students who were actively involved in such a memorable week.

Regards,

Andrew Mollica

Head of Faculty – Personal Development





Christmas in July at Quatrefoils



Enjoy a hearty winter Christmas meal at Quatrefoils restaurant without the usual work and fuss.

The menu for the evening:-

Cream of Pumpkin Soup

or

a delicate prawn cocktail

Followed by

A traditional Christmas Roast Turkey with Honey Baked Ham, bread stuffing, roast vegetables and gravy.
and finally

Aunty Betty's Christmas Pudding smothered in a velvety custard sauce.

Tea, coffee and non alcoholic beverages included.

\$45 per person, children 12 years old and under \$20.

Call on 9361 0077 to make a booking.



LOOKING AHEAD

Important Dates		Important Dates	
Friday 24 June	Year 11 & 12 VCD excursion to Top Designs	Monday 18 July	Term 3 commences
Monday 27 June	Year 12 PE excursion to Anglesea		10.00am - Awards Assembly
Wednesday 29 June	College Feast Day	Wednesday 20 July	Year 12 Practice English Examination
	SACCSS Boys Futsul	Thursday 21 July	Year 12 Biology Excursion
Thursday 30 June	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews - 4.00pm - 8.30pm		Year 12 Theatre Studies Excursion
Friday 1 July	Student Free Day		
	Term 2 concludes		
	Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews - 11.00am - 3.00pm		