



14 June 2019

## Prayer

### Sacred Heart Prayer

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart,  
that so desiring, we may seek and find you;  
and so finding you we may love you;  
and loving you we may hate those sins from which you have redeemed us;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**St Anselm of Canterbury**

## Principal

Last Sunday was the day of Pentecost, celebrated seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus; the Holy Spirit was poured out upon those followers of Jesus who had gathered together in Jerusalem. In Pentecost, God pours out the Spirit upon all who put their faith in Jesus Christ and become his disciples (see Romans 8:1-11).



Celebrating Mass on the solemnity of **Pentecost** in St Peter's Square, **Pope Francis** urged the faithful to implore the gift of the Spirit that makes us artisans of concord, sowers of goodness, apostles of hope. Reflecting on the liturgy of the day, the Pope explained that thanks to the Holy Spirit, the disciples' worries disappeared. Rejuvenated by the Spirit, he said, their lives were changed, and he pointed out that "far from being an abstract reality: he is the Person who is most concrete and close, the one who changes our lives".

"How does he do this?" the Pope asked. "The Holy Spirit did not make things easier for them," he said. "He didn't work

spectacular miracles; he didn't take away their difficulties and their opponents. The Spirit brought into the lives of the disciples a harmony that had been lacking, his own harmony, for he is *harmony*".

The Pope said that "seeing the Risen Lord is not enough, unless we welcome him into our hearts." He explained that it is the Spirit who makes Jesus live within us, raising us up from within. "That is why when Jesus appears to his disciples, he repeats the words, 'Peace be with you!' and bestows the Spirit", he said.

Peace, Pope Francis explained, is not a matter of resolving outward problems, it's about receiving the Holy Spirit. Only filled with the Spirit, he said, our hearts can be peaceful and we can achieve a harmony so profound that it can "even turn persecutions into blessings...Resolving momentary problems will not bring peace. What makes a difference is the peace of Jesus, the harmony of the Spirit", he said. Pope Francis said that at today's frenzied pace of life, harmony seems swept aside and often we look for quick fixes.

Pope Francis said that in "the age of the computer, distances are increasing: the more we use the social media, the less social we are becoming". We need the Spirit of unity, he said, to regenerate us as Church, as God's People and as a human family. He decried the temptation to "cling to our little group", to resist all contamination.

"The Holy Spirit, on the other hand, brings together those who were distant, unites those far off, brings home those who were scattered" he said. The Pope continued saying, "He looks at individuals before looking at their mistakes, at persons before their actions" and explained that the Spirit shapes the Church and the world as a place of sons and daughters, brothers and sisters. Those who live by the Spirit, he said, "bring peace where there is discord, concord where there is conflict. Those who are spiritual repay evil with good. They respond to arrogance with meekness, to malice with goodness, to shouting with silence, to gossip with prayer, to defeatism with encouragement".

Pope Francis concluded his homily with the invitation to adopt the Spirit's way of seeing things: "Then everything changes:

with the Spirit, the Church is the holy People of God, mission is the spread of joy, as others become our brothers and sisters, all loved by the same Father". Without the Spirit, he warned, "the Church becomes an organization, her mission becomes propaganda, her communion an exertion...Let us daily implore the gift of the Spirit," he said.

Pentecost and the words from Pope Francis homily, present us with an opportunity to consider how we are living each day. Are we relying on the power of God's Spirit? Are we an open channel for the Spirit's gifts? Are we attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Pentecost offers a chance to confess our failure to live by the Spirit and to ask the Lord to fill us afresh with his power. We pray that the Holy Spirit empowers us to truly live and enact our College motto of 'Live Fully Act Justly'.

### CRC Federation Mass

On Friday 31 May, staff from all five Colleges gathered at CRC Melton for our annual Federation Mass. It was a very special afternoon, with Archbishop Peter Comensoli celebrating Mass, assisted by the Canonical Administrators. It was also a great opportunity to spend time with fellow staff, and reflect on the special mission that we all share.

It is apparent that the key factor which has brought into existence the five colleges which form the Federation of Catholic Regional College has been an unswerving commitment by all those involved to the call to mission given by Jesus and carried by the Church. Today this vision, symbolized in a single school crest, is entrusted to all those, staff, students and parents, who follow.



Federation Mass



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### Early Finish Friday 28 June

Please note that on Friday 28 June (final day of Term 2) students will be dismissed at 12:45pm. The College reception will close at 3:30pm.

### Student Free Day Friday 21 June

Please note that Friday 21 June is a student free day as it is report writing/correction day for staff.

### Term 3 Student Free Day Monday 15 July

Please note that Monday 15 July will be a staff Professional Learning Day (student free day). Students will return to the college on Tuesday 16 July. Please place this student free day date into your calendar.

## Mission and Faith Leader

### National Reconciliation Week - Smoking Ceremony

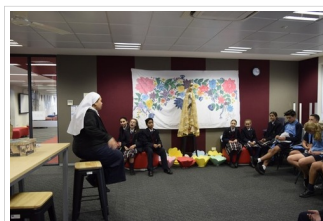
On Thursday 30 May the College invited Ron Jones Wurundjeri Elder to conduct a smoking ceremony on the grassed area of the Siena Building. This traditional ceremony of the Aboriginal people connects them with their ancestors. Ron lit gum tree branches which is significant to them. Once the branches were on fire they put the soles of their feet over it and then put it up to their faces to inhale the smoke. Ron then explained the story of his people and the need for all of us to work together for peace and harmony. He also gave us a bit of a history of the local area and on William Barak the namesake of one of our homerooms.

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### May - Month of Mary

On Tuesday 28 May students gathered during lunchtime with the LIHM Sisters (Leaven of Immaculate Heart of Mary) to celebrate Mary, traditionally honoured during the month of May. The students participated in some games before settling in for a talk about the significance of Mary our Mother and how we can always turn to her with our prayers whatever state we are in our lives. Students then had the opportunity to pray in front of a beautiful statue of Mary offering our petitions to Mother Mary. We thank the LIHM Sisters for sharing their faith with our Catholic community.



## Friday 8am Mass – St Catherine of Siena Parish Church

Please note that Friday 8:00am Mass at St Catherine of Siena Parish will not occur on the following Fridays of Term 2 7 June, 14 June, 21 June, 28 June and will recommence in Term 3 on Friday 19 July. All students and their families are welcomed to attend.



**BEGIN THE DAY WITH  
CHRIST  
8am every  
Friday of School Term  
St Catherine of Siena Parish  
Caroline Springs  
FAMILIES, STUDENTS, STAFF &  
PARISHIONERS ARE ALL WELCOME**

*Friday 8:00am Mass – St Catherine of Siena Parish Church*

## Learning and Teaching Leader Student Pathways

### Higher Education Tertiary Experience

On Thursday May 23, the entire Year 10 cohort went on one of seven excursions that they had selected as part of their potential future career aspirations.

During Pathways classes, students have been exploring possible occupations and industries that they could see themselves working in and this opportunity gave them a small insight into what their future may look like.

The excursions that the students attended were as follows:

- Sport and Exercise Science - Victoria University and Essendon Football Club
- Health Sciences - Australian Catholic University and Victoria University
- Business and Law - Australian Catholic University and The Melbourne Magistrates Court
- Beauty - Victoria University and Elly Lukas Beauty School
- Trade - RMIT and Victoria University
- Creative and Performing Arts - Victorian College of the Arts and JMC Academy
- Science and I.T - LaTrobe Bundoora

A big thank you to the Pathways team, Xavier Hayes, Paul Sammut and Victoria Lalor for their assistance.

### Work Experience

Work Experience week for our Year 10 students is right around the corner (June 24 - June 28). This will provide our students with an insight to the world of work, immersing themselves in a range of occupations this year from Disease Control, Childcare, Architecture and Retail.

Your child's arrangement forms, introductory letter and evaluation form have been sent out to the employers. Any questions please let Adam Ray know at [aray@crccs.catholic.edu.au](mailto:aray@crccs.catholic.edu.au)

## Year 9 and 10 Exams

### Year 9 Examinations

The Year 9 Semester 1 examinations are being held from Friday 14 June – Wednesday 19 June

Year 9 students will be required to attend their regular classes after their examinations.

For Year 9 students, who are absent for an examination, a medical certificate is required and an opportunity will be made available for these students to complete their examinations during a re-sit session on Thursday 20 June.

### Year 10 Examinations

The Year 10 Semester 1 examinations are being held from Wednesday 12 June – Thursday 20 June

Year 10 students are not required to be at school when they do not have examinations scheduled.

The College is offering a supervised Study Hall in the library for Year 10 students. Parents/carers are asked to indicate, by completing the Study Hall permission form, indicating whether their child will be attending. Students not attending Study Hall are required to be at the College on time for all of their examinations.

Supervised study sessions are available for Year 10 students in the College Library on the following days: Friday 14 June periods 1 and 2; Monday 17 June periods 1 and 2; Tuesday 18 June periods 1 and 2 and on Wednesday 19 June periods 1 and 2.

For Year 10 students who are absent for an examination, a medical certificate is required and an opportunity will be made available for students to re-sit their examinations during Periods 3 – 6 on Thursday 20 June.

### Important Examination Information

Examinations are an important method of assessment at the College and are a learning experience in themselves. The purpose of examinations are to:

- test students' subject specific content knowledge and skills
- provide students with opportunities to maximise future examination performances
- develop subject specific examination skills

- enhance confidence in examinations
- allow teachers the opportunity to give feedback to students after the examinations.

During examination week, all students are expected to attend in full winter uniform, including their blazer, and with the correct equipment. Students should not have their mobile phone with them in the examination hall, even if the phone is clearly switched off. In order to avoid the risk of accidentally taking a phone into an examination, I would ask all students to leave mobile phones and any other electrical devices at home during the examination period.

Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Learning and Teaching Team if you have any queries.

## Semester One Reports

The College continually looks to ways of improving our reporting to provide rich information about student progress. With this in mind, our Semester One reports have been designed to provide students, parents/carers a clearer and more concise picture of a student's level of attainment.

The Overall Result is designed to give students, parents/carers an indication of how they have performed in a subject throughout the semester, as a score out of 100.

This year you will note some further changes to our reports. The Semester One report now embraces the following:

- our learning area achievements appear on each subject page to display students' progress, and are denoted in both written and progression point form;
- our assessment and weighting table have been combined to show the weight of an assessment task and the student result;
- each subject is now summarised on one page.

As we are still transitioning from a previous report structure, this semester's *Learning Area Achievements* progression points (dots) may have only a solid shaded dot appearing. This will only occur if the *Strand* was not reported to in the previous 2018 Semester Two Report.

The open dot represents the last report progress; the shaded dot the current report progress; and the shaded band the expected achievement at this report.

Learning Area Achievement				
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Learning Area Achievement				
Strand	Achievement	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Measurement and Geometry	At Standard Consolidated	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meta-Cognition	At Standard Consolidated	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Questions and Possibilities	At Standard Consolidated	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Report Example

If you have any questions about the Semester One Reports, please feel free to contact a member of the Learning and Teaching Team.

## Term 3 Student, Parent, Teacher Interviews

Student, Parent, Teacher Interviews are taking place on Thursday 18 July. Interviews will be commencing at 1:30pm and conclude at 8:00pm. Students will be dismissed at 12:45pm on this day and will be required to attend interviews with their parents in full College uniform. Interview times can be booked via the Parent Teacher Online Portal. Please feel welcome to use this opportunity to make appointments with teachers to discuss progress made to date and also as a time for setting future learning goals.

## Volleyball: Teachers versus Students

The **Great Volleyball Game: Teachers versus Year 10 Students** (Edition 2019) was held on Friday 24 May. This annual event has already been established as one of the most popular sports event within our College.

It was a great opportunity for students to see their teachers' athletic and competitive side.

There was a lot of buildup leading up to the event. Within the two weeks that the Year 10 students had to sign up and prepare, they were able to form a highly capable and confident team to proudly represent the CRCCS Senior class of 2019. The teachers, however, were certainly not lacking in confidence themselves as they possessed the skill and experience of weathered veterans from previous years. As such, both sides aimed to display their skills at the highest level.

During lunchtime the hall filled with hundreds of students from all year levels eager to witness an exciting match. The energy of the hall was absolutely brimming with positivity, fun and competitive camaraderie. The students were able to get off to a great start through powerful serving taking the first set. Not to be outdone, the teachers gathered themselves in the second set and started to pull ahead with excellent set ups and strong spikes.

After two competitive sets, the game was tied. The third set was the decider, and as much as the teachers tried, they could not stop the forward momentum of the Year 10 students. The Year 10s pulled ahead and never relinquished the lead. Afterwards, both teachers and students shared friendly handshakes and well-deserved compliments to each other.

If the cheers and applause of the crowd was anything to go by, it definitely proved that the event was a success. The crowd watched the entire event until the very end. Every single student and teacher were cheered for. While there was some light banter from both sides, it was all in the name of celebrating our College culture of community and positive relationships. The current Year 9s have a lot to live up to if they're to continue student domination for next year.

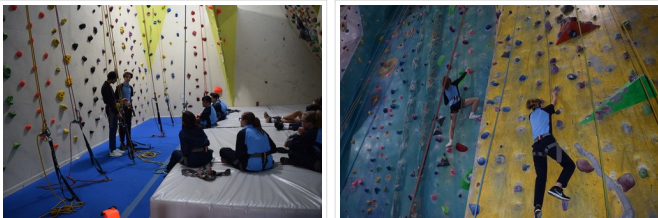
## Outdoor Education Rock Climbing

On Wednesday 5 May the Year 10 Outdoor Education class participated in their final excursion for the semester. The students have been studying the theory behind the way humans perceive risks and the physical responses we display when faced with fear and were keen to test themselves to see the theory in the real world.

After a brief safety induction to learn how to safely participate, the students eagerly found themselves a climb to start and quickly scaled the 18m walls. Some discovered muscles they rarely use, while others found that technique outweighs strength in the long run.

All students worked really well together, ensuring safety was adhered to, while challenging themselves both physically and mentally. Students will now prepare for their semester exam and reflecting on their practical experiences this year.

**Rannoch Wilkinson**  
**Sports Coordinator**



*Year 8 Team*



*Year 10 Team*

## Lunchtime Basketball Tournament

Everyday at lunchtime from May 13 - May 17 a lunchtime competition was held for students to showcase their skills and earn points for their respective Houses. With over 50 students making up 18 teams, it highlights our College's aim to provide students' opportunities to display their athletic skills in a fun yet competitive atmosphere.

Teams were formed from all year levels which shows that basketball is a highly popular sport within our student body. Each team had cheerleaders and supporters from their respective cohorts to cheer on them on.

Team earned points based on their wins and how many goals they scored. While it is clear that there are some very promising basketball players who will proudly represent CRCCS in the near future, the Grand Finals held on May 17 provided two clear champions

**Year 8 Team:** Deng D, Austin Pi and Jaidyn A

**Year 10 Team:** Miguel J, Reuben E, Xavier M and David T

Congratulations!

## Vinnie's Winter Food Drive

Since the start of Term 2, the Social Justice Team has focused on raising awareness of the fantastic works of the St Vincent de Paul Society, by tackling the issue of homelessness. After the incredible success of our first annual Vinnies Winter Sleepout, the Social Justice Team initiated the Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs Winter Food Drive. Our school community gathered together to collect non-perishable items of food to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Conference of Deer Park. Every homeroom took part in this, and the overall result led to approximately 25 baskets of food being collected by Tony Bacon on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Conference. This food will go directly to supporting the community in Deer Park and its surrounding suburbs.

We thank the CRCCS Community for coming together to contribute to the Food Drive and look forward to continuing to support St Vincent de Paul Society in years to come.

**Social Justice Team**

## Enrolment for 2021 Year 7

Enrolment applications for 2021 Year 7 are now open. You can download the application form from our website. Applications close Friday 23 August 2019.

Parents who have children attending the College that have siblings in Year 5 will still need to complete an enrolment form.

## Library

### Hours of opening

The library is open

From 8:00 until 4:15 Monday - Thursday

From 8:00 until 3:40 on Fridays

Recess is for borrowing books and photocopying or printing only.

*\*Please note that there is an expectation that students will be productively occupied when using the library before or after school.*

### Loans

Students may borrow up to three books at any time for a loan period of three weeks. Books may be renewed if so desired.

### Overdue books

Students are asked to be considerate of others and return items as soon as they are finished with them. If students have overdue books, they should be returned or renewed before any new items are borrowed. Students will receive regular reminders when their books are overdue via a message on SEQTA. At the end of each semester, parents will be notified of outstanding loans.

### Lost/damaged books

Students should speak to a library staff member if they have damaged a book or if they think it is lost. Each incident will be assessed individually, but generally, payment will be requested for books that are lost or damaged, so that replacement copies may be purchased.

### Photocopier/ printer

Students are credited with \$5 at the start of every term towards their photocopying or printing requirements. Credit amounts may be topped up if necessary by paying at reception.

## Accounts Department

### Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sport programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions.

Applications for 2019 are now open and will close on 21 June 2019 (end of Term 2)

### Who can apply

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card, or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

To be eligible for CSEF payment your health care card must be valid from 29 January 2019

Please download a CSEF application form or obtain a form from Reception and return to the College along with a copy of your valid health care card.

## College Uniform

### Academy Uniforms - Catholic Regional College Sydenham

**Address:** 380 Sydenham Rd Place, Sydenham

Monday 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Thursday 8:00am – 10:00am

Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm

To order uniform online

<https://www.academyuniforms.com.au/login.php>

**Username:** CRC Caroline Springs

**Password:** caroline springs