



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Term 4 Week 10A

Dear Parents, Staff and Friends of St Joseph's Community,

As the 2016 academic year draws to a close I would like to sincerely thank all who have contributed to the rich school life and spirit of the St Joseph's Catholic High School community throughout the year. Our school community is fortunate to have so many loyal supporters which results in such a positive learning environment for your daughters and sons.

At the end of this year we say farewell and a sincere thank you to the following staff who will be leaving us: **Mr Shane Dale, Mr James Dawson, Mrs Pauline Di Pietro, Mr Paul Hughes, Mrs Jo Lyddiard, Mrs Wendy McCann, Mr Matthew Pope, Mr Simon Quinn, Mrs Karelynne Randall, Mr Andrew Skvorc, Mr Denis Smith, Mrs Michelle Thomas and Mrs Jenny Thomson.** Best wishes to each and everyone as they take on new endeavours in 2017.

Also, best wishes to **Mrs Michelle Douglas, Mr John Lowrie, Mrs Maria Oliverio and Mrs Elizabeth Radnidge** who will be on leave from the start of the 2017 school year.



*On behalf of the St Joseph's Catholic High School Community  
I extend to you all the joys and blessings of the  
Christmas Season.*

*Wishing you a Holy and Safe Christmas*

*"The Word became a human being and, full of grace and  
truth, lived among us"*





### 2017 Calendar

26 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
27 January	Uniform Shop Open (9:30am to 3pm)
27 & 30 January	Staff Professional Development Days
30 January	Uniform Shop Open (12:00 to 4pm)
31 January	Year 7 Students only commence
1st February	Students in Years 8 to 12 commence

### Building Update

Earlier in the week I received confirmation from the Catholic Education Office that the planned **refurbishment of the Senior Toilets** will proceed early in 2017. **Mr John Barrington, Principal**



### Increased Social Media Presence

Following on from our recent renewal to our school's website in recent months, the school will be increasing its social media presence on *Facebook and Instagram*, as well as the existing Twitter Account.

The traditional newsletter and skoolbag app has a limited audience reach, so the additional social media presence allows the school to further promote and celebrate the great things happening at St Joseph's. This will reflect the great diversity of events in a more spontaneous way and present a more realistic aspect of our school life and provide a sense of our school's culture. Social media is seen by many as a current format to publish content in a visual and engaging way. The old adage that a picture tells a thousand words in one that is embraced by millions across the world on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc.

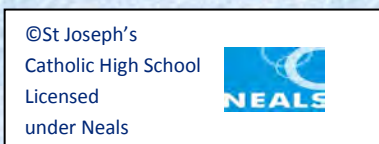
Social Media is an excellent opportunity for the school to connect with families and our community and share information rapidly.

As a school community we are well aware of concerns that some parents/students have regarding social media therefore we will endeavour to publish content appropriately and in accordance with parental approval. If you are not on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, we will be continuing to publish our existing newsletter.

Our website now has the links to the new Facebook Page and Instagram accounts. We hope that you will follow the school. We welcome any of your thoughts and feedback by emailing [info@sjchsdown.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@sjchsdown.catholic.edu.au).



Attached to this week's Newsletter is important information regarding Opal Card Applications. Application can now be made online and can be endorsed online by our Administration Team. Please take the time to read this information.



Canteen Roster 2017	
30th Jan	Staff Development Day
31st Jan	Canteen Closed
1st Feb	Nicole Oswald, Wayne Thomas
2nd Feb	Cathy Sperring, Joanne Barker
3rd Feb	Amanda Walker



## Important Dates for 2017

Below is listed some very important Technology dates for 2017 for our new students in Year 7 and for our Year 10 students. Please try to ensure that you have your devices ready for these dates. This information has also been emailed to Parents.

### Year 7, 2017

- ➔ **Connect Day** - Tuesday 31st January, 2017 students to bring iPads to IT for connection
- ➔ **Presentation** - Introduction to the Responsible Use of IT at SJCHS
- ➔ **Week 1** - Google Apps for Education at SJCHS
- ➔ **Bootcamp** (iPad Training Day) 15th February, 2017
- ➔ **Parent Bootcamp** (iPad training night 6:00pm - 7:30pm) 15th February, 2017

### Year 10

- ➔ **Year 10 BYODD Connect Day** - Week 1 - Wednesday - Friday, students to bring laptops into IT to be connected and software installed
- ➔ **1:1 Laptop Rollout Night** 6th February, 2017
- ➔ 6:00—6:45pm - Non school purchased BYODD parents and students 7:00pm— 8:30pm - School provided information night and roll out
- ➔ **Year 10 Bootcamp Day** Tuesday 7th February, 2017

*Mrs Christina Fraser, ICT Coordinator*

### Carols on the Cola

The first St Joseph's Carols on the COLA was a huge success!! Students and teachers alike turned up in their Santa hats and reindeer antlers and joined in the festivities. Our Year 9 and 10 carolers, supported by the Staff Christmas Ensemble, led the singing of our favourite Christmas tunes, while Santa and his Elves roamed around giving out candy canes and posing for "Elfies" in the photo booth! Thank you to all who participated in this wonderful show of Christmas spirit!

*Mrs Amanda Nascimento*







# Vinnies Christmas Appeal



St Vincent de Paul Society  
*good works*

What a busy week we had last week! The end of the Christmas Appeal saw the finalisation and sorting of the items generously donated by our community. Each Homeroom was given a local family who need assistance this Christmas and most students donated generously. Next year, we encourage all students to uphold our school motto and act justly by contributing to the Appeal. The families who receive our donations genuinely need our help to see through the Christmas season.

A huge thank you to the following students who helped sort the donations and who also were part of the procession of gifts at last Friday's Giving Mass:

*Harry Barnett, Grace Bendall, Kirra Bourke, Corrine Brereton, Nikita Charalambous, Dylan Costa, Ashley Cummins, Lara D'Alessio, Maddie Dale, Lara De oliveira, Alannah Dedis, Lara Hallam, Samantha Kerr, Jennifer Klepczarek, Emily Maidla, Lauren Milligan, Emily-Rose Mitchell, Madison Mitchell, Zali Mowbray, Amber Podmore, Zaiden Smith, Molly Sumner and Ellyse Tindal.*



## *Merry Christmas*

*from All the Staff at St Joseph's Catholic High School*



The following is an extract from **MHSCAREERS NEWS** if you wish to see more please email [sue.kennedy@dow.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sue.kennedy@dow.catholic.edu.au)

### **Top five ATAR questions answered**

<http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/Latest-news/Getting-into-university/Top-five-ATAR-questions-answered>

### **ATAR Q&A: What next?**

<http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/Latest-news/Getting-into-university/ATAR-Q-A-What-next>

### **AIE Information Evening**

Wed 18th January 2017

Find out about game development, 3D animation and visual effects courses starting at AIE in 2017 and 2018. <http://www.aie.edu.au/information-evening>

### **What to say when the hiring manager asks, 'Why should we hire you?'**

<http://www.businessinsider.com.au/what-to-say-when-the-hiring-manager-asks-why-should-we-hire-you-2015-4>

### **Camp Leaders America Applications for Summer 2017 Season**

Applications are now open for Camp Leaders for the Summer season in the USA. For further information or to complete an application refer to the website below.

<http://www.campleaders.com/au/summer-season/>

### **Scholarships Database**

This website has a list of external university scholarships offered for study in 2017.

<https://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/help-with-costs/scholarships/external>

### **National Indigenous Youth Parliament 2017**

Indigenous youth, 16 to 25 can now register their interest for youth parliament in 2017. The opportunity will allow them to learn about democracy and contribute to discussions on the future of Australia.

<http://www.aec.gov.au/indigenous/niyp/>

### **Meet a Keeper Taronga Zoo**

The Meet a Keeper program is for those aged 14 years and over interested in becoming a zoo keeper. Students will learn about the required qualifications for becoming a keeper, responsibilities, and career opportunities.

<https://taronga.org.au/education/sydney/meet-keeper>

### **UN Youth State Conferences**

17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017

The Conference is for students in years 9 to 12 and will help students learn about international relations, public speaking and diplomacy skills. The focus in 2016 will be gender and how the gender roles intersect. For further information:

<https://unyouth.org.au/programs/#local-programs>





## Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online process for you to submit school travel applications.

This means we will be able to process your applications online, making it easier and faster for parents, guardians and students to apply for school travel.

Applications for school travel in 2017 are now open, including for travel to Mascot and Green Square station and for private ferries. Parents, guardians and students are encouraged to apply as soon as they are able via:

## Applications for 2017 school travel are now open via [www.transportnsw.info/school-students](http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students)

A new application is required when:

- applying for a School Opal card or travel pass for the first time,
- enrolling in Kindergarten, or
- requesting an additional entitlement as a result of a shared parental responsibility situation.

You will need to do an update application if the student has a current school travel pass and:

- is progressing from Year 2 to Year 3,
- is progressing from Year 6 to Year 7, or
- changes address, or
- changes school or campus.

Already have a School Opal card or travel pass?

- When you've updated, and you are eligible for free school travel next year, Transport for NSW will send you an email confirmation once your application has been processed. For travel in rural or regional NSW, we'll also inform your nominated transport operator(s).
- If you already have a School Opal card that does not need updating, or you've successfully re-applied, the Opal card will automatically be updated for travel next year. Do not throw it out as you'll be able to use it when the school year starts in 2017.
- If you currently have a printed travel pass provided by your transport operator, a new pass will be ready at the beginning of the new school year.