

FROM THE HEADMASTER
Dr Peter Casey

Dear Friends

Welcome to our last newsletter for the year marking the end of classes for 2012. The last week has hardly been normal. While the weather was leaping from one extreme to the other, our electrical substation melted down. This brought about the failure of our normal means of communications with our community. While traditional media such as The Courier, the ABC, 3BA and Red Symons brought the news of our discomfort to many people, it was the social media: Facebook and Twitter that had the greatest effect to pass an important message very quickly.

Not many of the boys needed encouragement to spread the news of our school closure on Friday, rather it was parents who were skeptical! With our ICT down, our phone system down and our sms provider blocking any attempt to disseminate messages from offsite sources, we were faced with our own mortality and dependence on technology. However I am grateful to our ICT staff and Paul Nolan, our Director of Community Development, for their work to minimise the damage and expedite the solutions.

While the boys had time to prepare for exams at home, should they have taken the opportunity, staff responded positively. At short notice we held update sessions on first aid, CPR and anaphylaxis, as well as a number of curriculum meetings that would have been held later in the year. I think that most of the Year 7-9 boys just enjoyed the day off!

A major casualty of the meltdown was the Junior School Awards evening which is eagerly anticipated by many parents. This was rescheduled but we lost the opportunity to have the massed presentation of the 250 Year 7 musicians. Sorry!

Friday's highlight will be the Middle School Awards Presentation in the OCA Pavilion. This is one of those in-house occasions of great moment to the boys as they mark their movement from Middle School to Senior School, a rite of passage from being boys to being men. I think that each of us who is able to be present enjoy the moment each year. It is an occasion where many of the boys are centre stage, if only fleetingly, but they are honoured.

A major breakthrough for our bus travellers has been the State Government's decision to rescind means testing of the Conveying Allowance. I have appended the Simon Ramsay press release. I thank each of you who made contact with local members over this issue, as well as Stephen Elder and the Catholic Education Office Melbourne for its lobbying.

As we journey through Advent, I wish you well for the holiday season and the great Feast of Christmas. I hope as always that you are able to enjoy the company of family and friends, mindful of the blessings we share as a family unit, a school, a community and a nation. I thank you for entrusting your boys to us for another year.

God bless us all.
PeterC



Olympic Rower Anthony Edwards (SPC 1985-90) christens the new rowing boat named in his honour.

The Hon Martin Dixon MP Minister for Education
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Media release

Thursday, 29 November 2012

Helping families send children to school

The Coalition Government has listened to the concerns of rural and regional Victorians, and has made adjustments to assistance for travel to and from school.

Education Minister Martin Dixon said Coalition MPs, Independent Schools Victoria (ISV) and the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) had raised several concerns about unintended consequences the policy may have had on essential local bus services and the ongoing viability of some small rural schools.

“The Government recognises that regional families need assistance with travelling to and from school,” Mr Dixon said.
“The Government has listened and will remove the means testing in relation to the conveyance allowance.”

The Victorian Government currently spends more than \$27 million a year helping families across Victoria with school transport.

The policy change was announced on October 31, and included a new boundary that matched the Urban Growth Boundary, the first update since 1983.

“In the weeks since the announcement, my Coalition colleagues have approached me with feedback from their communities,” Mr Dixon said.

“They told me of genuine concerns in rural and regional Victoria in regards to means testing.

“I have heard these concerns, I have listened to these concerns, I understand and appreciate these concerns,” Mr Dixon said. Mr Dixon said CECV and ISV had made strong representations about unintended consequences for schools and local bus services.

“Despite the generous grandfathering arrangements included with the announcement to assist with the transition of changes, communities and families who don’t consider themselves rich felt these changes would impact on them unfairly,” Mr Dixon said.

“The Government recognises that transportation to and from school is a shared responsibility between parents and government. “This is why the Coalition Government provides a conveyance allowance to students in rural and regional Victoria to assist with the cost of transportation to and from school,” Mr Dixon said.

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2012 Valedictory Dinner

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Teaching and Learning

Mr Stephen Hill

Use of the Parent Access Module for End of semester reports

In June and September you received letters outlining the introduction of the Parent Access Module (PAM) which provides parents online access to a range of information specific to their son. Currently, you are able to view your son’s timetable, his attendance records, daily messages, the College calendar and your son’s Interim and End of Semester reports for both the current and previous years.

With the Student Assessment section now open, and having successfully trialled its use to deliver the 2012 Term Three Interim reports, the College will be extending our use of PAM to include online delivery of End of Semester reports.

While we are asking you to use PAM to access all of your son’s reports instead of the College printing and mailing a paper copy to you, we recognise that some parents will still require or want a paper copy. Parents who want to receive a paper copy of the reports are asked to phone the College on 5331 1688 before Friday, December 7 to confirm this. Parents who previously indicated they wish to receive a paper copy of reports do not need to contact the College again.

The 2012 Semester Two reports for Years 7-11 students will be accessible via PAM from 4.00pm on Friday, December 14. Parents requiring further assistance with their PAM login are asked to phone the College on 5331 1688. A copy of the *Parent User Guide* for PAM has been placed on the College webpage. The College is also in the process of creating a PAM login for non-custodial parents which will be mailed as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College should you have any further questions or concerns regarding the use of PAM.

FROM THE DEPUTY HEADMASTER

Student and Staff Wellbeing

Mr Chris Caldow

As this is the final Crest for 2012, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the St Patrick’s College community a very safe and happy Christmas and summer holiday. For some in the community this time will include receiving VCE results and then confirming plans for 2013 at university or in another tertiary setting, or commencing an apprenticeship or other employment. For boys undertaking Units 3&4 VCE subjects, this time should include some form of preparation for the year of work ahead. It is important, however, that we enjoy the time shared with family and friends and that we express gratitude to our Lord for these gifts and blessings.

The year has been marked with great energy and success in many areas at the College. Congratulations to all boys who committed themselves to their studies, to the co-curricular sporting and cultural activities available at the College and who were involved in some form of community service activity throughout the year. These are the boys who will gain the most from their time at St Pat’s.

I wish to thank everyone associated with the St Patrick’s College community for the support that you have provided over the past 12 months. I look forward to this continued support in the future as we strive to strengthen the St Patrick’s College community and achieve positive outcomes for all associated with our community.

This week all teaching staff will be involved in meetings as we evaluate the work of 2012 and continue our planning for the 2013 school year. In addition to these important meetings, we are finalising in excess of 7000 individual reports which will hopefully provide meaningful feedback to families and each of the students about their performance in Semester Two of 2012. On behalf of the wider school community, I would like to thank all staff (teaching and non-teaching) for their commitment, dedication and enthusiasm for providing the best for all boys.

This Advent, as we prepare for the Blessings of this Christmas Season, may I thank all St Patrick’s College parents for your support of the College throughout the year and for your partnership with us in the education of your sons. May Christ’s Peace and Joy be with each of you and with your loved ones.

The Happy Season

As we approach Christmas and the holiday season, it’s sobering (even frightening) to bring to mind the fact that the World Health Organisation predicts that by 2020, depression will be the second leading cause of morbidity in the world, affecting 30% of all adults.

Research consistently shows us that the things that make us happy are:

- Strong relationships with family and friends;
- Having a sense of meaning and purpose;
- Contributing to the lives of others; and
- A sense of control in our lives.

What's NOT associated with happiness are the following:

- Age;
- Gender;
- Cultural Background;
- Education;
- Urban or rural place of residence; and
- Wealth.

Happiness is the experience of joy, contentment, positive wellbeing, a sense that life is good, meaningful and worthwhile. Happiness is not a mere pleasurable feeling, a

fleeting emotion or mood ... but an optimal state of being. If we are concerned that we and our children are given the best chances of leading a happy life now and into the future, it is important to look at what happiness is and how we achieve it.

At this time of year, advertisers barrage us with all sorts of gift ideas, so that we can make our family and friends "happy" (and so that they can rake in the cash!) When we look at the first list above and activate the items on that list, we are preparing ourselves and our children to experience a very happy Christmas and holiday.

Sources: Ricard, M. 2006, Lopez, A.D (WHO), Lyubomirsky, S 2007

This article appeared in the Age / National Times on 12 November 2012. Steve Biddulph is Adjunct Professor of counselling at the Cairnmillar Institute in Melbourne and the author of 'The New Manhood' and 'Raising Boys'.

How to put an end to the cycle of creating defective men

The incubators of our nation's leaders are failing them and us. You'd have to say it's a theme in the culture - the outrageous mistreatment of girls at Sydney University's St John's College, which almost took the life of a student there this year. The scandal that shook the Australian Defence Force Academy over sexual violations present and past, and similar problems right across the defence forces. And of course the recurring sagas involving sportsmen's behaviour towards women.....

...There is much thinking going into helping boys turn into men. Schools across the world have begun to deliberately tackle this issue, since it clearly does not happen if merely left to chance.

Secondary schools, both church and government, hold programs that involve parents, staff and boys, usually in year 9 or 10, as they begin a formal parting from boyhood and spend a year studying manhood.

The qualities of respect for self and others, of becoming a responsible adult, are meshed into the curriculum, with the active involvement of men the boys know and respect.

Read more at: <http://www.theage.com.au/opinion/society-andculture/how-to-put-an-end-to-the-cycle-of-creating-defective-men-20121111-2968a.html#ixzz2Ccaq1Y00>

This article ties in nicely with the end of the year which sees our Year 9 boys graduate from the Middle School having completed the Stepping Stones program which highlights the transition from boyhood to manhood. It also ties in with the emphasis and promotion of the White Ribbon Day to prevent violence against women and with our current Vision statement "Raising fine boys to the status of great men."

DIRECTOR OF MISSION

Mr Geoff Brodie

Almighty and merciful God,
let neither our daily work nor cares of this life
prevent us from hastening to meet your Son;
enlighten us with your wisdom and lead us into his company. (*Prayer for Sunday Week 2 Advent*)

This is a prayer of anticipation that reflects the desire to change and be conformed to the ways of God's love. It is a prayer that captures the spirit and intention of the Advent Season. It is also a challenging prayer for any community immersed in the many tasks that bring a year to conclusion. *My prayer is that every person in our community may find Advent a time to be transformed by what is truly worthwhile.*

After the VCE exams had finished I was speaking with a Year 12 student who started at St Patrick's College but had been at another school for Years 9 and 10. He was saying that he was very pleased that he came back; for the College had changed him greatly and the changes were all for the better. I believe that to the extent our College community is a witness to the transforming power of God's love we are active participants in God's plan of sheer goodness. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1*). The invitation to be an active part of God's plan is most clearly communicated in Christmas – in the mystery of God sharing in all our struggles.

Almighty God,
your incarnate word fills us
with the new light brought to men.
Let the light of faith in our hearts
shine through all that we do and say. (*Prayer for Christmas Day*)

DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

Ms Elizabeth Till

Final Crest and Mail Out

The final 2012 edition of The Crest is part of the last mail out to all families. Reports will be sent out electronically via the Parent Access Module in SIMON.

Unit 3 & 4 Results

Unit 3 & 4 results are released on Monday December 17. Mr Anthony Meehan and other staff will be available during the week to assist any Year 12 students and parents with change of preferences.

Key Dates

The College Office will be closed on Wednesday, December 19 and will re-open on Monday, January 21 2013.

Term 1 2013 start date

Students will begin classes on Thursday, January 31 2013. Timetables will be given out to all students during pastoral care on this day.

DIRECTOR OF BOARDING

Mr Alex Hunt

Dear Parents/Guardians and Pupils (present, past and new)

Well, the year is almost over. I am sure I am not the only one breathing a sigh of relief, as the past few months have been a tiring time for all, culminating in the exam period and a busy end of year all round.

I would like to take this opportunity once again to bid our 23 Year 12 leavers the very best of luck for the future. Whether that be in the AFL, at university or along the myriad other pathways individuals are choosing to follow, I thank them again for all they have given to the boarding community over the years and hope that we see them back for a visit now and again and at Old Collegian events.

In 2013 we look forward to welcoming a good number of new boys from close by and far afield. We have boys joining us from Year 9 through to Year 12. I know all our seasoned boarders will do all they can to settle them in quickly and make them feel at home and part of the tight knit boarding community.

We say goodbye to a number of staff from boarding this year but I know they will maintain a link with our community. Rick Balchin is stepping down as Housemaster and Assistant Director of Boarding. He will focus on the important role of Indigenous Education Manager. Brett Dickinson will no longer be Housemaster of McCann House but stays on at St Patrick's College as a teacher in the PE department.

Replacing Rick in Sturt House is Mike Silcock who brings with him a wealth of experience in boarding. He will be the Assistant Director of Boarding and also teaching English and History in the Junior school. He is joined by his wife Ainslie who will be teaching in the Food Technology department. Andrew Schuyler, Housemaster of Nangle, will be joining the teaching staff full-time next year which will enable him to have an even greater influence within the boarding community.

As ever, we are hugely indebted to our Housekeepers. They have done a fantastic job, sometimes in trying circumstances!

I decided to increase the hours and number of Housekeepers partway through the year, as I am only too aware of the important role they play in a boarding community. I, along with many others, feel this been to very good effect. The boys have been afforded even greater levels of care and it has been very noticeable in the appearance of the Houses. I would like to thank the maintenance team for all they have done throughout the year.

The Catering Team also deserves recognition and thanks for having worked hard all year to cater for the boys. Bernie and his team work tirelessly, often behind the scenes, always with the boys' well-being in mind. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our three GAP students who contribute to the boarding community in a wide variety of ways.

The boarders have involved themselves in a wide variety of sporting and cultural activities throughout the year. The boarders' football team beat all before them under the guidance of Rick and Bernie. We had valuable contributions from a number of boys in the rugby teams while the basketball teams were dominated by a group of extremely talented boarders.

We had a dedicated group giving their time to tutoring at St Albans, which is such a worthy and valuable pursuit. Local football clubs benefitted from the talent and dedication of many in our community and the TAC Rebels were very well represented by St Patrick's boarders.

We have made our weekly trips to Mass which has been a time to reflect on the week past and the week ahead and the way in which we conduct our lives. We have always been welcomed at St Columba's and the congregation held a coffee and cake evening after a recent Mass to say farewell to our leavers and wish all the boys luck with their exams.

In the last month an enormous amount of money has been spent on furniture in all the boarding houses. I felt a need for this and it was something that many of you also felt necessary, as was highlighted in the recent online surveys many of you completed. Each boarding house, from January 2013, will have fit-for-purpose beds with an under-bed locker on wheels, new residential quality wardrobes and new desks so that all boys have somewhere to study. The boys are slowly but surely beginning to get the message about locking valuable items away, although unfortunately there are still mobile phones, iPods and laptops left out during the day. Every boy has a secure area, i.e. a locker and a combination safe. Please reinforce the message at home that it is **their** responsibility to lock items up when they are out of the house.

Damage to property, personal items and thefts have been minimal this year, which is pleasing, but they do still happen on occasions. We know that damage is occasionally caused and it has been very encouraging that most of the time the culprits come forward and acknowledge it. Long may that continue! I will, once again, be reinforcing the need for all new and existing school property to be treated with respect.

As many of you are aware I implemented a number of changes to the boarding system throughout the year, a few of which have been met with a good degree of resentment. These are changes that I, and others, felt necessary and vital to the on-going safety and well-being of your boys here at St Patrick's College. Increased levels of supervision and a more proactive approach to 'boarding duty' is something I am continually pushing to instil in my boarding team. A programme of professional development for all boarding staff is planned for 2013 which will further enhance our team.

In an effort to build an even more cohesive community and increase the level and quality of pastoral care we are changing the boarding structure in the Houses from January 2013. From next year, Sturt House, our boarding house on the other side of Sturt Street, will become a weekly boarding house. It will shut on Friday afternoons and reopen on Sunday evenings.

This will result in the other three Houses being more highly populated over the weekends and therefore allowing a more vibrant atmosphere to exist for our full boarders.

One of the roles of our new Assistant Director of Boarding is to develop, with input from the boys, a weekend activities programme. I know from conversations with our current boarders that many just want to relax and do their own thing after a busy week but others want the opportunity to partake in organised activities. Go-karting, movies, bowling and fishing have proved popular this year so I am sure that all of these and more will be on offer to those interested in getting involved next year.

Joanne and Adam and I wish all boarders and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing everyone rested and refreshed in January. As always, please do get in touch if you would like to discuss anything further.

Best wishes



Alex Hunt
Director of Boarding

Dates for your diary and important information for 2013:

- Boarders return **Wednesday 30 January**. There will be a BBQ and drinks on the lawn outside McCann House from **2pm**. Please endeavour not to return your boys before this time as staff will be involved in other school commitments and the Houses may not be open. There will be an activity organised for all the boarders on the Wednesday night before lessons commence on the Thursday morning.
- Boarders' Family Dinner Saturday 23 February (Term 1)
- Boarders' Family Dinner Saturday 27 July (Term 2)
- Boarding Parent-Teacher Interviews Monday 15 April 3:30pm-5:00pm
- Boarding Parent-Teacher Interviews Monday 15 July 3:30pm-5:00pm

Weekly boarding

- To ensure equity and fairness for all families, any boys enrolled as weekly boarders who wish to stay at College over a weekend will be charged \$110 per weekend. We will be working on the premise that, from January 2013, all weekly boarders will go home on Friday afternoon unless arrangements have been made with the Director of Boarding in advance. Leave arrangements for full boarders choosing to go home or stay with friends at weekends need to be made with the Housemaster by the Thursday prior to the weekend. If you have any queries about your son's enrolment status a call to our Business Manager, Shirley Walters, should clarify your situation.

Housekeeping

- On a housekeeping note we would request that all boys arrive in January with a rigid rectangular plastic laundry basket. We recommend the type sold in Big W or K-Mart for around \$10. Please do not send your son back with a collapsible basket as it makes life very difficult for our Housekeepers when they are moving to and from the Laundry. Any boys returning without a laundry basket will have one purchased by us and the cost added to their bill.
- It is advisable that each boy brings two combination padlocks: one for his under-bed locker and one for his desk.

Exeat weekends

- Each year there are published Exeat weekends which provide a chance for boys and staff to take a break from school and recharge their batteries. I have listed them below so please make note of the dates as the boarding houses will be closed to all students on these weekends.
- It is expected that boys will make their way home or arrange to stay with family or friends on these weekends.

Boarding Houses closed

- Friday, March 8 from 4:00pm to Monday, March 11 at 5:00pm (Labour Day holiday)
- Friday, June 7 at 4:00pm to Monday 10 June at 5:00pm (Queen's Birthday holiday)
- Friday, August 23 at 4:00pm to Monday, August 26 at 5:00pm
- Friday, November 1 from 4:00pm to Tuesday, November 5 at 5:00pm (Melbourne Cup weekend).*

*boys in years 11 and 12 with exams on the Monday may stay at College.

There are student free days on Monday, May 20 and Friday, June 14. On these weekends a limited number of boarding houses will be open but boys are encouraged to make use of the weekend by going home or staying with friends if possible.

DIRECTOR OF PERFORMING ARTS

Mrs Kathleen Plastow

Outstanding AMEB results:

As we move closer to the end of the year, many boys have been undertaking Australian Music Examination Board Performance and Theory of Music Exams. Brass, Woodwind and Piano students have been preparing for these exams all year and the following results have been achieved:

Woodwind

Cameron Adams: Grade 3 Saxophone, Pass
Thomas Hallett: Grade 4 Saxophone, Pass with Credit

Callum Holland: Grade 4 Saxophone, Pass with Credit

Lachlan Fuller: Grade 4 Saxophone, Pass with Credit

James McKinnon: Grade 5 Saxophone, Pass

Mitchell Steele: Grade 5 Saxophone, Pass

Brass

Liam Jess: Grade 2 Trumpet, Pass with Credit

Alec Robinson: Grade 2 Trumpet, Pass with Credit

Piano

Lachlan Fuller, First Grade Piano for Leisure, Pass with Honours

Louis Edwards, Preliminary Piano for Leisure, Pass with Credit

Emerson McMaster, Preliminary Piano for Leisure, Pass with Credit

Congratulations to all boys for their dedication.

Sweeney Todd Cast Announced

A record number of students from both St Pat's and Loreto College auditioned for the 2013 production of Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street. This show promises to be bigger and better than anything done thus far and the use of Her Majesty's Theatre will add a bit of history and atmosphere to the show. Auditions were very competitive and the standard from both boys and girls was exceptionally high making the panel's job very difficult.

Congratulations to all students on their preparation and participation. Students that still wish to be involved in the show are welcome to discuss this with Mr Greg Shawcross or Mrs Kathleen Plastow.

Sweeney Todd: Luke Wilson

Mrs. Lovett: Maggie Muller

Anthony: Jake Crawford

Johanna: Sarah Parkin

Judge Turpin: Linus Tolliday

Beadle Bamford: Daniel Sully

Beggar Woman: Jessica Hillman

Pirelli: Peter Oakley

Tobias: Josh Scoleri

Ensemble

Daisy Kennington	Rebecca O'Dowd	Leteisha Rinaldi	James Wait
Jessica Van Gaans	Brayden Ward	Jarrold Cosgriff	Madelaine Johnson
Marcel Schlooz	Bethany Counsel	Katelin Anderson	Alia Ryan
Jerome Wallace	Melissa Hocking	Gabriella Middleton	Bianca Laidlaw
Jack Wakefield	Danielle Anstis	Amy Harwood	Tess Hardie
Tiarne Dalli	Catherine Gay	Kate Flynn	Emily Bray
Courtney Farrell	Renny Conroy	Judith Sully	Anna Tinney
Darcy Cargeeg	Josh Rose	Ceri Hocking	Allanah Showell
Paige Ryan	Emily Beggs	Georgina Fuller	Julia Howes
Jack Hardie	Ashley Duffy	Bethany McKee	Julia Richards
Will Lovison	Gabriella Martino	Callum Hoffler	Lily O'Shea
Paige Haddon	Charlotte Crowley	Tiernan Somers	Tegan O'Dowd
Dominic Flynn	Emerson Tolliday	Daniel Hillman	Kyara Strachan

HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL
Mrs Elizabeth Ryan

With Christmas just around the corner I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support throughout 2012. The education of your sons is truly a partnership, one which is only effective when both parties are in sync. I look forward to this continued support in the future as we strive to strengthen the St Patrick's College community and achieve positive outcomes for all associated with our community.

2012 VETiS Cluster Awards

Congratulations to three VET students for being awarded the cluster prize in their area of study.

- Jake Muscat – Automotive
- Christopher Borell – Multimedia
- Joseph Zreikat – Music Performance

Senior School Awards Ceremony

At the Senior School Awards ceremony on November 27, 2012 the following students were recognised and congratulated for their achievements in the areas listed below:

The Wiltronics Pursuit of Excellence Award: Jake Muscat.

The Q Construction Award for Excellence in VET Building & Construction: Jake Laidlaw.

2012 Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars: Hamish Clydesdale and Rhys Goad.

Subject Awards

Subject Award Winner	Subject Award
Michael Snaith	10 Australian Business Issues
Thomas Baxter	10 2D Art
Christopher Callil	10 Information Technology (Multi Media)
Liam Hanrahan	10 Information Technology (Core)
Lachlan Hewitt	10 Visual Communication & Design
Matthew Lakey	10 VET Sport and Recreation
Kieran Wynne	10 Physical Education
Angus Thompson	10 Design and Technology (Wood)
Nicholas Thacker	10 VET Building & Construction (1st Year)
Paul Liston	10 VET Engineering
Thomas McMaster	10 Food and Technology
Matthew Hall	10 Religious Education
Jed Bilney	10 3D Art
Thomas Keogh	10 Japanese
Noah Delosa	10 Biology
Linus Tolliday	10 VET Music
Mitchell Thomas	10 Architectural Design
Luke Delahey	10 General Science
Bradley De Vires	10 Media Studies
Bradley De Vires	10 Information Technology (Hardware)
Bradley De Vires	10 Information Technology (Programming)

Bradley De Vires	10 Systems Technology
Hamish Clysdale	10 Chemistry
Hamish Clysdale	10 Mathematics
Harrison Robertson	10 History
Harrison Robertson	10 Physics
Harrison Robertson	10 English
Harrison Robertson	10 Health
Angus Rooney	11 Economics
Louis Gillett	11 Legal Studies
Aidan Willowwhite	11 Specialist Mathematics
Gerard Clifford	11 Accounting
Luke Wilson	11 Biology
Mark McCowan	11 Physics
Kyle Andrews	11 Food and Technology
Harrison Spratling	11 History
Oscar McDonald	11 Physical Education
Dylan Phasey	11 General Mathematics
Declan Leishman	11 Religion and Society
Peter Oakley	11 Japanese
William Baker	11 Information Technology
Matthew Crouch	11 Foundation Mathematics
Matthew Couch	11 Art
Jake Muscat	11 Systems Engineering
Peter Oakley	11 VET Music
Andrew Groch	11 Music(Technical Production)
Andrew Fay	11 Health and Human Development
Timothy Crowe	11 Chemistry
Timothy Crowe	11 Maths Methods (CAS)
Timothy Crowe	11 Literature
Jake Laidlaw	11 Outdoor Education
Jake Laidlaw	11 Christian Youth Ministry
Jake Laidlaw	11 Product Design and Technology
Jack Harrison	11 English
Jack Harrison	11 Media Studies
Thomas Hoy	11 Studio Arts
Thomas Hoy	11 Visual Communication & Design
Thomas Thorpe	11 Text and Traditions
Thomas Thorpe	11 Music Styles & Composition

Senior School Cultural Awards

Student Name	Award
Tom Keogh	Trombone Award
Linus Tolliday	Year 10 Composer of the Year
Paul Barresi	Tuba Award
Timothy Crowe	Alto Saxophone Award
Andrew Groch	Vocal Award
Alexander Fiegert	Clarinet Award

James McDougall	Percussion Award
Luke Wilson	Senior School Performer of the Year (Lead Actor)
David Adams	Year 10 Public Speaking Award
Thomas Thorpe	Year 11 Debating Award
Peter Oakley	Year 11 Public Speaking Award
Timothy O'Shea	Tenor Saxophone Award
Joshua Peters	Bass Guitar Award
Thomas Thorpe	Year 11 Composer of the Year
Thomas Thorpe	Flute Award
David Adams	Trumpet Award
Sam Castleman	Year 10 Debating Award

Senior School Sports Awards

Student Name	Sport
Brad Ryan	Intermediate Volleyball Award
Tyler Constable	Year 10 Athletics Award (Shared)
Nicholas Weightman	Year 10 Athletics Award (Shared)
Laiton Sullivan	Year 11 Athletics Award
Elliot Yeung	Intermediate Tennis Award
Tyler Constable	Intermediate Cross Country Award (Shared)
Thomas Mooney	Intermediate Rowing Award
Paddy Taylor -Potter	Intermediate Hockey Award
Declan Leishman	2 nd IV Tennis
William Gallagher	2 nd V Basketball (Blue) Award

Year 12 VCE Results

VCE and VCAL results will be published on December 17, 2012. Following receipt of VCE results boys will then embark upon either confirming plans for 2013 at university or in another tertiary setting, changing preference options in light of their ATAR score, commencing an apprenticeship or other employment or a combination thereof.

A reminder that Mr Anthony Meehan, the College Careers and Transition Councillor will be available to assist all boys in this vital decision making process.

I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas.

HEAD OF MIDDLE SCHOOL Mr Neal Arthurson

Middle School Graduation Assembly

On Friday, December 7 at 2.10pm, the Middle School Graduation Assembly will take place in the Old Collegians Pavilion. At this assembly a number of items including a Multimedia Display, Musical Items, and an Awards Ceremony will showcase.

All parents and families are warmly invited to attend the assembly.

Middle School Prize Winners

Congratulations are extended to following the Middle School prize winners. These boys will be presented at our Middle School Graduation Assembly.

Their application to school work and involvement in College activities sets an excellent example for all. Well done boys.

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Thomas Schreenan
Nicholas Frawley
Kelsey Gannon

Subject Awards

Religious Education English

Thomas Schreenan
Thomas Schreenan, Kelsey Gannon and
Campbell Milne

Maths Science Humanities

Lachlan Fuller
Ryan Ringin
Thomas Schreenan

Electives

Art (2D) Ceramics Criminology Gadget Science Healthy Living ICT

Liam Deutscher
Liam Deutscher
Mitchell Steele
Shaun Ainley and Ethan Haintz
William Briggs
Thomas Schreenan

Music Multimedia

Harris Robinson
Callum Holland

Linguistics

Joseph Thorpe

Linguistics

Jack Lewis

Japanese

Patrick Collier

Japanese

Ryan Ringin and Chris Milroy

Science of Human Conflict

Thomas Schreenan

Systems Engineering

Timothy Martin

Metal

Tom Evans

Wood

Nicholas Anokye

Visual Communication

Alec Robinson

Wilderness

Jacob Coxall, Samuel Cranage
and Joel Willmott

Public Speaking

Campbell Milne

Performing Arts

Performer of the Year - Leading Actor

Oliver Iles

Public Speaking Award

Campbell Milne

Debating Award

Campbell Milne

Chess Award

Lachlan Fuller

Music

Flute

Ryan Shaw

Tuba

Oliver Iles

Alto Saxophone

Lachlan Fuller

Classical Guitar

Connor McMillan

Tenor Saxophone

Nicholas McKenna

Trumpet

Alec Robinson

Trombone

Thomas Paarhammar

Bass Guitar

Harris Robinson

Percussion

Thomas Elliott

Clarinet

Jack Shaw

Sport

Athletics

Ryan Shaw

Basketball - Green

Mitchell Hay

Basketball - White

Jack Walter

Tennis

Edwin North and
William Jury

Football

Benjamin Simpson

Lawn Bowls

Laurence Cashin

Rowing

Christopher Milroy

Swimming -

Jack Walter and
James McKinnon

Outstanding Contribution to Shed Rowing

Callum Holland

Hockey

Connor Dowie

Class Most Positive Contribution

9A	Jack Hynes
9B	Nick Strachan
9C	Christopher Kan
9D	Nick Brown
9E	Jarli Morton
9F	Pat Fitzgibbon
9G	Adam Stevens
9H	Mitch Steele

Most Supportive of Others

9A	Tom Button
9B	Jordan Wilkie
9C	Nicholas Frawley
9D	Nick Anoyke
9E	Chris Saunders
9F	Rhys Scott
9G	Kelsey Gannon
9H	Jacob Wheelahan

Most Improved

9A	Tom Houlihan
9B	Leeroy Sheridan
9C	Adam Smith
9D	Nick Caulfield
9E	Tom Thacker
9F	Bryce Dunn
9G	Billy Hoye
9H	Alex Ross

Class	Mona Run	Beep Test
9A	Ambrose Gillett 6.20	Ambrose Gillett 13.2
9B	Cameron Banks 6.10	Cameron Banks 12.4
9C	Simon Butler 6.36	Lochie Fitzgerald & Daniel Rioli 11.10
9D	Nick Caulfield 6.36	Darcy Kelly 13.1
9E	Leigh Spiteri 5.45	Leigh Spiteri 14.1
9F	Patrick Fitzgibbon 5.41	Patrick Fitzgibbon 14.4
9G	Jackson Carrick 7.09	Jackson Carrick 12.3
9H	Mitchell Canny 6.46	Jacob Wheelahan 13.2

CAREERS AND TRANSITION**Mr Anthony Meehan****Careers & Transition Diary Dates**

December, 17 2012	Year 12 VCE results
January, 17 2013	Year 12 University & TAFE offers
March, 25 2013	Year 10 OHS training
June, 24 2013	Year 10 Work Experience Week

Careers & Transition Successes

Congratulations to the 2012 Year 12 cohort for successfully completing their VCE. Many have applied to the Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre for places at University and TAFE in 2013. Good luck to those seeking apprenticeships or employment as their chosen pathway. As a quick reminder I have received many offers from local employers of trade positions - call me for more details.

Congratulations also to these Senior School students for their successful nominations to various programmes:

ACU Early Achiever Programme - **John Brown** (Paramedicine)

Jordan Fraser (Education)

VET Cluster awards_- **Jake Muscat** (Automotive), **Christopher Borell** (Media) and **Joseph Zreikat** (Music)

Melbourne Zoo 2013 Work Experience - **Ryan Ringin** (Royal Park)

Victoria Police 2103 Work Experience - **Thomas Button** (Flinders Street HQ)

Apprenticeships available in the trades

Please see Mr Anthony Meehan for more details or make direct contact for these positions:

Joiner/Woodworker	Paarhammer Windows, Ballan
Wall & Floor Tiler	Straightline, North Ballarat
Commercial Painter	Rod Hishon Brothers, Ballarat
Carpenter/Builder	Jetsonian Constructions, Ballarat
Automotive	Peter Stevens Motors, Wendouree
Roof Plumbing	DH Roofing, Ballarat
Painter	Creswick Painting P/L
Chef or Kitchen Hand	Lydiard Wine Bar
Chef	Lake View Hotel
Chef	City Oval Hotel
Chef	Crown Hotel, Buninyong
Chef	Dyers Steak House

2013 Year 10 Work Experience Week: June 24 - 28

Only 29 weeks to go! Students and parents are encouraged to start looking for suitable placements over the school holidays. Please contact me for help if you get stuck. Happy to assist after my return to the office on January 17, 2013. Merry Christmas.

Bonus for young builders

St Patrick's College has struck a new partnership with Ballarat firm Q Construction to provide a fantastic new incentive for boys to study and excel in Vocational Educational and Training (VETiS) at the College.

The Q Construction Award for Excellence in VETiS Building and Construction celebrates the outstanding achievements of students who excel across a variety of criteria in the College's building and construction carpentry stream.

The winner of the annual award will be presented with a \$500 tools voucher courtesy of Q Construction. Winners will also be offered the opportunity for a work trial period at Q Construction with a potential offer of employment to follow.

St Patrick's College Head of Technology Peter Ryan said the award would provide students with further incentive to excel and would give each year's winner an incredible opportunity to find employment.

"This award will recognise the actions and achievements of current students who have gone above and beyond what could reasonably be expected," Mr Ryan said.

"Recipients of the award will have been judged to have excelled across a range of criteria including safe work practice, work ethic, initiative, aptitude, attitude, teamwork, enthusiasm and skill development."

Q Construction owner Andrew Quinlan said he decided to become involved in the award after hiring an apprentice from St Patrick's College and being impressed with the high standard of employee the College's VETiS Building and Construction course had produced.

"From there I wanted to introduce some way to encourage the College to keep producing apprentices of such a high standard and this award is my contribution towards doing that," Mr Quinlan said.

"If this annual award encourages St Patrick's College students to attain even higher levels in trade than they are doing now, then the whole

Ballarat community emerges as a winner as we will have some of the best apprentices in Victoria right here.”

The inaugural winner of the Q Construction Award for Excellence in VETiS Building and Construction in 2012, as determined by VETiS teacher Mr John Sullivan, Mr Peter Ryan and College Headmaster Dr Peter Casey, was Year 11 student Jake Laidlaw.



Q Construction owner Andrew Quinlan with the inaugural winner of the Q Construction Award for Excellence in VETiS Building and Construction Jake Laidlaw (Year 11).

For Further Media Information please contact: Director of Community Development, Mr Paul Nolan on 5322 4450 or pnolan@stpats.vic.edu.au

**DIRECTOR OF SPORT
Mr Chris Gleeson**

In the final Crest article for 2012 may I take this opportunity to thank all staff for their continued commitment to the extracurricular sport programme at SPC. Thanks also to the students for their valued time and effort. I trust that they have enjoyed all the activities on offer throughout the year. Best wishes to all for the Christmas period.

Rebel Sport Seasons Pass. If you are shopping at Rebel Sport over the holidays be sure to include St Patrick's as your school for your seasons pass. Ask the friendly staff for more details. This will ensure a small rebate comes back to the school to assist with the Sports and PE programme.

**Cricket
Director of Cricket
Mr Michael Busscher**

The First XI continued its season with participation in the Crusaders Merv Hughes Shield competition conducted at Carey Grammar School this week. Scores were unavailable at the time of printing however the students enjoyed their participation against some of the best school programmes in the State.

**Year 8 Development Programme
Mr Peter Brady**

The Year 8 Development Programme lead by Mr Peter Brady will participate in a home match against St Kevin's College on Thursday December 6. Good luck to all the boys competing.

**Year 10 Cricket
Mr Mark Emerson**

Friendly v St Virgil's College Hobart

SPC - 9/226 Defeated SVC - 9/224

On Tuesday, December 4 a combination Year 10 team played against a visiting team from St Virgil's College Hobart. This fellow Edmund Rice School were touring with their First XI playing matches against St Bernard's Essendon and St Joseph's Geelong. The match was interrupted several times in overcast and rainy conditions. Captain, Mitch Crosier won the toss and elected to bowl on a green wicket on the Main Oval.

The St Virgil's boys batted very well to post a complete total of 9/224 from their 50 overs with Riley Backhouse compiling 81 not out and Caleb Jewell scoring 46. Best for SPC were Michael Snaith (10 overs 3/30) and Jake Wilkie (10 overs 2/42).

At lunch, the rain returned and made the pitch unplayable. It was then decided to complete the game on hard wicket over at Victoria Park. SPC aided by the considerably smaller and quicker outfield scored freely but lost regular wickets. Mitch Crosier blazed 72 runs (13 fours, 1 six) and was ably supported by Jake Wilkie with 50 runs (6 fours, 1 six). When the 9th wicket fell, SPC still required 20 runs to win. Joe Clarke (20 not out) and David Adams (0 not out) got the team home in a tense finish.

Thanks to the students who made themselves available to play in this game. It was well received by our visitors from Hobart.

January Cricket

The First XI will participate in matches against St Kevin's College and St Patrick's College, Launceston in January. The match against SPC Launceston is played for the Br Breach Trophy named in honour of Br Breach who was Principal of both College's. These matches will be of a high standard and we look forward to close and competitive games.

Basketball

Ms Tamara Westwood

The College has had two teams participating in the National Schools Championships in Melbourne this week. Both teams are having some competitive games and are looking forward to a strong finish to the week.

2013 SPC Kokoda Track Expedition

Thank you to those parents and students who attended the information session on Thursday last week. Unfortunately, due to the power outage, many students and parents may have missed out. As such, I will be running another information session early in term 1 next year. If anyone has any questions or concerns before then, please email me at moloughlan@stpats.vic.edu.au Have a great holiday and I look forward to seeing you all fit and firing in 2013.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Mr Paul Nolan**

Enrolment @ St Patrick's College 2014 Year 7

To receive a 2014 Enrolment Package please contact Ms Caitlin Bennett on 53 311688 or cbennett@stpats.vic.edu.au

The closing date for all 2014 Year 7 enrolment applications is Friday February 15, 2013.

Scholarships at St Patrick's College

The 2014 Scholarship programme is now open for students entering Year 7, 10 and 11 in 2014.

ACER Online Candidate Registration System

Applicants are to register via the ACER Online Candidate Registration System via the St Patrick's College website at **website at <http://www.stpats.vic.edu.au/scholarships.php>**

The fee for ACER online registration is \$90.00 which is payable at the time of registration.

The closing date for registrations is midnight Monday, February 4, 2013.

Scholarship Levels

Please note that Level 1 refers to Year 7 entry level (current Grade 6), Level 2 is Year 10 entry level (current Year 9) and Level 3 refers to Year 11 entry (current Year 10).

All applicants will be considered for an Academic Performance Award based upon their test results. Follow-up testing and interviews for art, sport, music and performing arts may be required. Individual candidates will be contacted in March to confirm details of category specific testing.

CONDOLENCES

Woof – Kevin (SPC 1969-74) passed away on November 28, 2012. Uncle to Luke Woof (2013 Year 7) and brother to John Woof (1978-84). Sincere condolence to the Wood family.

THE COLLEGE SHOP Ms Michelle Lloyd

College Shop Hours

The College Shop will close on Thursday, December 13 2012 and re-open on Monday, January 21 2013.

EVENTS AROUND THE COLLEGE

LOST PROPERTY

A LARGE NUMBER OF UNIFORM ITEMS HAVE BEEN HANDED INTO LOST PROPERTY AT STUDENT SERVICES. ALL ITEMS ARE UNNAMED.

All unclaimed items will be donated to St Vincent de Paul at the end of the year.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday December 13

College Shop Closes

Friday December 14

Last Day for Teaching Staff
Year 9 Rowing Camp

Saturday December 15

Year 9 Rowing Camp

Sunday December 16

Year 9 Rowing Camp

Monday December 17

End of Year Rowing Mixed Combo followed by BBQ - 4:00pm

Wednesday December 19

Office Closes

Monday January 14

Sale Rowing Camp - Senior & Year 10 Crew

Tuesday January 15

Sale Rowing Camp - Senior & Year 10 Crew

Wednesday January 16

Sale Rowing Camp - Senior & Year 10 Crew

Thursday January 17

Sale Rowing Camp - Senior & Year 10 Crew

Friday January 18

Sale Rowing Camp - Senior & Year 10 Crew

Saturday January 19

Ballarat Rowing Regatta

Monday January 21

Office Opens

Tuesday January 22

Year 9 Rowing Camp

Wednesday January 23

Year 9 Rowing Camp
SPC First XI Cricket v St Kevin's College "Dr Peter Casey Cup" (Home) 9.00am

Thursday January 24

Year 9 Rowing Camp
First XI Cricket v SPC Launceston "The Breach Cup" (Home)

Friday January 25

First XI Cricket v SPC Launceston "The Breach Cup" (Home)

Saturday January 26

Barwon Rowing Regatta - Senior Crew

Monday January 28

Australia Day Holiday

Tuesday January 29

Staff Day 1

Wednesday January 30

Staff Day 2
Boarder's Family BBQ – McCann Grass Area - 2:00pm

Thursday January 31

Students commence

Friday February 1

Open Morning Programme - 9.00am
First XI Cricket v BG (Home) - 4:00pm

Monday February 4

Year 12 Retreat
Year 7 Camps
Year 7 Swimming Trials

2013 TERM DATES

TERM 1

Monday January 21	Office Opens
Monday January 28	Australia Day Holiday
Monday January 29	Staff Commence
Thursday January 31	Students Commence
Monday March 11	Labour Day Holiday
Thursday March 28	End of Term 1

TERM 2

Tuesday April 15	Staff Commence
Tuesday April 16	Students Commence
Thursday April 25	Anzac Day
Monday, May 20	Student Free Day
Monday, June 10	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday, June 14	Student Free Day
Friday June 21	Last day for Students End of Term 2

TERM 3

Monday July 15	Students Commence
Monday, August 26	Student Free Day
Friday September 20	End of Term 3

TERM 4

Monday October 7	Students Commence
Wednesday October 23	Year 12 Concluding and Thanksgiving Mass
Monday November 4	Exeat
Tuesday November 5	Exeat
Tuesday, November 26	Year 11 Students Finish
Friday December 6	Year 7 – 9 Students Finish
Friday, December 13	Last Day Teaching Staff
Wednesday, December 18	College Office Closes



*The famous **SPC College Ball** is back,
a night of fun, dancing and festivities!*

Saturday March 23 2013
Old Collegians Pavilion

save the date!

7.30pm

Band: Green with Envy

\$30 per person includes finger food and drinks on arrival

Dress Code: 'After Five', Drinks at bar prices

*Tickets can be purchased from the
St Patrick's College Shop prior to March 15, 2013. Please remember to bring your ticket on
the evening for entry and door prize. All funds raised on the night will go to projects that
help all students at the College.*