



# The Dove

"IT'S ALL ABOUT LEARNING  
AND HAVING HIGH EXPECTATIONS  
OF OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER"

**Term 2**  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2016**  
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**Mon 9 May 2016**

- Year 7 & 9 Formal Naplan Practice
- 3:30pm Yr 12 HSC Drama Study Session
- 3:30pm Yr 12 Soc. & Culture Study session
- Yr10 English Author Visit to College

**Tue 10 May 2016**

- 8am Yr 12 FOTE & HOSP Study Session
- NAPLAN Tests

**Wed 11 May 2016**

- NAPLAN Tests
- Yr 11 & 12 Mixed Touch Football State Cup @ Tempe

**Thu 12 May 2016**

- NAPLAN Tests

**Fri 13 May 2016**

- 8:10am Yr 11 & 12 Japanese Study Session
- NAPLAN catch up day

**Week Four**

- Progress Checks by LOMs - Behaviour students

**Mon 16 May 2016**

- Yr 7, 9 & 10 Aust Geography Comp.
- 3:30pm Yr 12 HSC Drama Study Session
- 3:30pm Yr 12 Soc. & Culture Study session
- Yr 8 Retreat Group 1, Wirbourn Mulgoa

**Tue 17 May 2016**

- 8am Yr 12 FOTE & HOSP Study Session
- Yr 8 Retreat Group 1, Wirbourn Mulgoa

**Wed 18 May 2016**

- 8:10am Yr 11 & 12 Japanese Study Session
- 2-7pm Yrs 7 - 10 Parent Teacher Evening

**Thu 19 May 2016**

- Yr 8 Aust Geography Comp

**Fri 20 May 2016**

- School Athletics Carnival
- NSWCCC Rugby League @ St Mary's

## *Dear members of the St Columba's community*

Welcome back to another exciting Term of learning!

Lest we forget....



*They shall grow not old, as we that are  
left grow old;*

*Age shall not weary them or the years  
condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the  
morning  
we shall remember them.*

On Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of April students and staff from the College, with hundreds of others, commemorated this very special and sacred day by marching in the Anzac Day march through the streets of Springwood. The young men and women who gave up their time to represent us at this ceremony and all of the ceremonies across the Mountains, remind all of us that the stories and memories of our ANZACS will never die and will continue to shape future generations. We pay tribute to these students and staff, and we thank them for being such wonderful ambassadors for our great College.

## **NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Plan for literacy and Numeracy will take place for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 next week:

Testing will take place early in the school day over three days:

**Tuesday 10 May:** Language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and writing.

**Wednesday 11 May:** Reading.

**Thursday 12 May:** Numeracy.

with a make-up day on **Friday 13 May** for students who missed a test or were absent on a particular test day.

Parents, there is a dedicated website managed by BOSTES (the Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards NSW). This website provides information for parents. The address for the website is:

[www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent\\_Carer\\_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).

## Learning Interviews

Learning interviews for students in Years 7–10 will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May at the College.

These evenings always prove to be very worthwhile for both parents and teachers who appreciate the opportunity to meet with each other and discuss the progress of the students. Information sharing like this is critical in the education of young people and it reinforces for them that their education is a partnership between the College and the home.

If any parent /guardian is unable to attend an interview and would like to speak to their son/daughter's teachers, please ring the College and speak to the appropriate Leader of Mission (Year Co-ordinator) who will arrange for the teachers to contact you.

## College Fees

Many people in our community are experiencing financial difficulties due to the high cost of living and a range of other circumstances often beyond their control. I would like to assure all families in our community that we are here to support you in whatever way we can, but in order for us to help and support you, we need for you to tell us.

Parents, our Catholic education system only survives as an alternative education system because fees are charged to cover the shortfall from the Commonwealth and State Government's funding of your child's education. At present this contribution from both Governments, accounts for 80% of the monies needed to fund your son or daughter's education. The shortfall of 20% is raised through school fees, fundraising and donations.

Our process in collecting fees works in this way: All letters are system generated from the Catholic Education Office Parramatta. However, all enquires and issues relating to your child's School Fees are handled by the College:

**Letter 1:** Our first contact with each family is the School Fees notice, which outlines the schedule of fees. When fees are not paid within the required time frame, an overdue notice is sent out.

**Letter 2:** If a response is not forthcoming after the overdue notice is sent, a reminder letter is sent out.

**Letter 3:** Failing to respond at this point in time, results in another letter being sent out from the School Fees Collection Unit at the Catholic Education Office and if this is not responded to by the due date, consultation with the school and your Parish Priest will take place, to ascertain if we are aware of any extenuating circumstances which may be affecting your lack of communication. Failing every avenue to support our families, legal action may need to be taken.

Parents, letters two and three can be avoided if you are experiencing difficulties by contacting the College when the first statement of fees is sent out at the beginning of each term. When this happens, arrangements are discussed with each person privately and confidentially.

At no time will any family be refused an education in our College because of your financial circumstances, however, for us to support anyone who is experiencing difficulty in paying school fees we must be informed.

If any family is experiencing difficulty paying school fees please contact **Mr Chris Carpenter our Business Manager** immediately. I can assure you that you will be always be treated with the utmost dignity and respect.

May God bless you always,

**Mr Paul Ryan**  
**Principal**

## National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2016

### LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10-12 May 2016.

TUESDAY 10 MAY	WEDNESDAY 11 MAY	THURSDAY 12 MAY
<b>Language Conventions</b> (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)  <b>Writing</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Numeracy</b>

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 13 May** – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent\\_Carer\\_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).

## From the Office

### School Fees

The school fee statements for Term 2, 2016 have been posted out. The due date for payment is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016. If you have not received your statement by the 16<sup>th</sup> May, please contact me on 4754 8902 to arrange for a copy to be sent home.

Catholic Education Diocese, Parramatta, is committed to supporting families experiencing genuine financial hardship. If you are having difficulties with the payment of your school fees, you are encouraged to contact the school office to arrange an appointment with either me or the Business Manager to discuss payment options. Your situation will be treated with care and confidentiality and an appropriate payment arrangement will be made for you. Please note that as part of this process you may be required to complete a Statement of Financial Position so that the school can accurately assess your financial situation. Please be assured of **complete confidentiality** with regards to any information you are asked to provide.

Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made regarding the payment of your account it will be assumed that full payment will be made on or before the due date. Fees are payable in accordance with the Diocesan School Fees Policy which states "all fees are due and payable within 30 days of the date the school account statement is issued". Outstanding accounts will be forwarded to Catholic Education Diocese, Parramatta, for actioning.

If you need to discuss any issues regarding the school fees, please contact me by phone on 4754 8902 or by email [rvion@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rvion@parra.catholic.edu.au)

School fees can be paid by Bpay, Postbillpay, cash, EFTPOS or cheque.

**Ms Roselee Vion**  
**Senior Finance Officer**

### Year 7, 2017

A reminder to parents, that enrolment applications for Year 7, 2017 are due by Friday 6th May. Contact the Enrolment Secretary on 4754 8907 for further information.

**Mrs Sandra O'Brien**  
**Enrolments Secretary**



## Music on the Lawn

### World Youth Day Fundraiser at St Columba's Catholic College

#### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm

Music provided by "Lazy Drive" – band made up of teachers from our Diocese.

BYO chairs/picnic rugs/food and drink

Great prizes involving dinner and accommodation to be won on the night.

Cost: \$10 per person (Adults only event) – tickets purchased on the night.

Enquiries: St Columba's office – 02 4754 1022

If weather not suitable on the night, the event will be transferred to St. Thomas Aquinas Primary school hall.



# School Counsellor

## headspace Fathers Campaign

### 87 per cent of young men with mental health issues do not seek out help

Friday April 22, 2016

Fathers and sons of Australia, it's time to talk.

The stigma surrounding men, young and old, opening up about their struggles with mental illness is a nation-wide problem.

With the forthcoming ANZAC Day remembrance looming, it's a timely reminder that previous generations of Australian men often had nowhere to turn to talk about their worries.

This is not the case in 2016.

headspace is proud to launch a striking new national campaign aimed at assisting fathers to support their sons through mental health challenges.

The campaign focus is to help open up the mental health conversation between those fathers and sons who may not know how to start it.

headspace CEO Chris Tanti said a lot of things go unsaid between young men and their dads, especially when it comes to mental health.

"In past generations men were sometimes reluctant to open up about mental health issues," he said.

"Fathers can play a vital role in identifying the early signs of mental illness and helping their sons get the support they need but many men are unsure how to start the conversation or what services are available."

"Studies have shown that only 13 per cent of young men with mental health issues seek out professional help. It's time that we changed this."

This statistic is backed up by the fact that young men are accessing headspace at a lower rate than women. In 2014/15, 61 per cent of those accessing headspace centres were female, while 38 per cent were male (1 per cent identified as other).

headspace provides face-to-face support at its more than 90 centres across Australia as well as online and telephone information and support to young people and their family and friends.

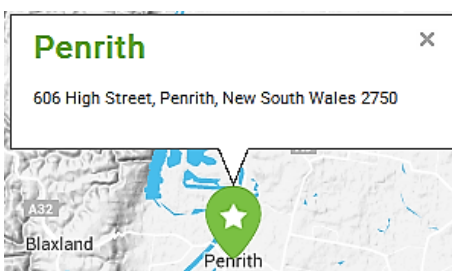
The headspace website also provides fathers with tips about how to approach important conversations with their son and how to be proactive in supporting their son's mental health.

You can view the headspace Fathers campaign at <http://www.headspace.org.au/dads>

If you are having a tough time contact headspace on 1800 650 890 or [www.eheadspace.org.au](http://www.eheadspace.org.au).

#### Media contact:

Michael Bennett, headspace Senior Corporate Communications Adviser Mob 0413 025 385



Mr Craig King  
School Counsellor

ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE THEATRE ENSEMBLE  
PRESENTS...

# A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS®



**SHOW DATE:**  
THURSDAY, 2ND  
JUNE

**TIME:**  
6:30pm - 8:30pm

**VENUE:**  
THE HUB  
MACQUARIE ROAD,  
SPRINGWOOD

**COST:**  
\$20.00 ADULTS  
\$15.00 CONCESSION  
(STUDENTS AND  
PENSIONERS)  
\$65 FAMILY

**BOOKINGS:**  
CONTACT THE  
HUB BOX OFFICE  
PH: (02) 4723 5050  
OR online at  
[bluemountainstheatre  
andhub.com.au/  
buytickets](http://bluemountainstheatreandhub.com.au/buytickets)

*A comedy-cabaret full of fun,  
frivolity and famous people*



## ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

### ~ "A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS!"

Ladies and gentleman, it's time again for another of entertaining cabaret style variety shows. This show is set to dazzle and sparkle like NO other!

Welcome to the Oscars! Come and walk on the red carpet, rub shoulders with a super-star for ONE night ONLY at Springwood Theatre and Community Hub' on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. All the acts are performed by our many and varied talented students. We are thrilled to have (90) students in the show.

The show is set at **The Oscars** and covers an eclectic mix of comic send-ups and renditions of famous songs, scenes and dance pieces from several genres films that have been nominated for an Oscar. Come and be entertained a Bad Oscars speech from **Brave-heart**, a rendition of **Forrest Gump** scene, "Life is like a box of Chocolates"; a parody of **FROZEN**; *The Good The Bad and The Ugly* and *Titanic*; even **Gladiator** and **Darth Vader** drop in to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, unexpectedly. There are songs for *Mary Poppins* and *The Sound of Music* and Marilyn Monroe drops in to sing, "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend," just to name a few. The nostalgia keeps on coming as infamous dances from classic 80's and 90's films such as Flash-dance, Dirty Dancing will hit the stage like a MANIAC, promising you'll have 'The time of your Life!'

There is so much more to see. This is an action packed extravaganza for THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Don't miss this fabulous spectacle of dance, music and drama performances as we take you on a trip down memory lane, to revisit some of the most memorable films in the past five decades AND, make sure you put on a fabulous frock and suit because, you will be at the Oscars! We encourage everyone to get dressed in fancy clothes and embrace the spirit of the show.

**DON'T MISS OUR ONE NIGHT ONLY NIGHT AT THE OSCARS!**

Bookings are essential and are on sale NOW through The Hub in Springwood. Please see the poster for details.

Carmen Noonan  
Production Co-ordinator

GLENBROOK

# Noah dives in for top times



Personal bests smashed at the Australian Age Championships

Pranesh Nageshwar

COMPETING against the best at the Australian Age Championships in Adelaide has spurred Noah Cariolato to improve his times in the pool.

Noah, 14, who is nominated for the *Penrith Press* Junior Sports Star, competed in five events at the championships last weekend: 200m individual medley, 100m and 200m breaststroke, 50m and 100m freestyle.

He achieved some personal bests in the national competition and said the experience had been inspirational.

"I want to be up to that national level," he said.

The Glenbrook resident has shown commitment with early morning training sessions and after school training sessions, training 15 hours every week.

The Year 9 St Columba's Catholic College student also received an academic achievement award in 2015.

A member of the Spring-

Enter now

Categories are Junior Sports Star, Young Sporting Spirit, Team Spirit and Service to Sport  
Rebel is the major sponsor, with Fox Sports Pulse and Simonds Homes  
Nominate now at [juniorsportsstar.com.au](http://juniorsportsstar.com.au)

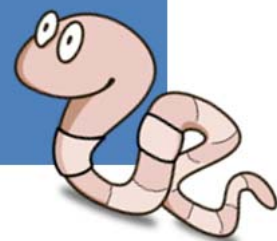
wood Swimming Club, Noah finished third in both the 2016 NSW Country Championships 50m freestyle and the 400m individual medley.

He was a finalist (top 10) in the 200IM (4th), 100m freestyle (5th), 400m freestyle (6th), 200m freestyle (7th), 100m breaststroke (8th), 100m backstroke (10) and 11th in the 200m backstroke.

At the 2016 NSW State Age Championships, Noah made the finals in the 200m breaststroke (7th) and 400m IM (9th). He is working towards competing in the NSW Catholics swimming competition on April 29.

Courtesy of the Penrith Press 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

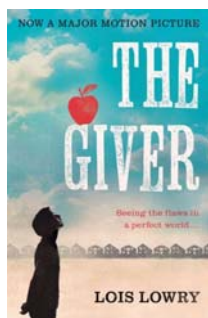
# Library News



## Premier's Reading Challenge

It's not too late to sign up for the Challenge. The 2016 Challenge opened on 7th March and closes for students on 19th August. Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by 19th August. Once you have been enrolled, you can [log in](#) to the [PRC website](#) to add the books you have read to your Student Reading Record.

Please contact the library if you have any queries.



## Student ebook of the Week

By Lois Lowry  
Suitable for Years 7 - 9

In a perfect world, Jonas begins to see the flaws... There is no war, no hunger, no pain. No one in the community wants for anything. Everything needed is provided.

Twelve-year old Jonas has never thought there was anything wrong with his world. But from the moment he is selected as the Receiver of Memory, Jonas discovers that their community is not as perfect as it seems.

It is only with the help of the Giver, that Jonas can find what has been lost.

**This eBook is available through the eBook platform**  
Student eBook platform is easily accessible via  
[classm8.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://classm8.parra.catholic.edu.au) - student login - eLibrary - eResources -  
ePlatform



# Careers

## **UNI**

### **UNSW Year 10 Subject Selection & Information Evenings**

5 May, 10 May, 18 May 2016. 6.15pm to 7.30pm  
Sir John Clancy Auditorium, UNSW Kensington  
Subject advice for UNSW courses.

<http://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/whats>

### **UNSW City Planning Workshop**

27 May. 9.30am to 3.00pm

Year 10, 11, 12. Whole day fun workshop.

<https://www.be.unsw.edu.au/events/1-day-workshops-high-school-students-%E2%80%93-year-10-11-12>

### **UTS Bachelor of Accounting Information Evening**

17 May. 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Haymarket

Years 11 and 12 and parents.

<http://www.uts.edu.au/about/uts-business-school/accounting/events/bacc-information-evening>

### **ANU GET Set Program**

13 May 8.30am

Ian Ross Building 31, North Road, The Australian National University

The Girls in Engineering and Technology program for girls in years 11 and 12.

Register at [marketing.cecs@anu.edu.au](mailto:marketing.cecs@anu.edu.au)

<https://cecs.anu.edu.au/events/get-set>

### **UOW Open Day Wollongong Campus**

13 August, 10.00am to 4.00pm

<http://www.uow.edu.au/openday>

Penrith. 12 May. 6.00pm to 8.00pm

[http://mkto.uow.edu.au/20160512Penrith-Year12InformationEvening\\_1.Registration.html](http://mkto.uow.edu.au/20160512Penrith-Year12InformationEvening_1.Registration.html)

### **Your Path to Sydney Uni 2016 an Information Evening for Students and Parents**

25 May

Revesby Workers Club

Find out about ATARs, marks, cost and courses offered, scholarships and alternative pathways.

<http://sydney.edu.au/study/admissions/events-for-future-students/your-path-to-sydney-uni.html>

### **University of Sydney Year 10 Information Evenings**

16 May, 18 May and 23 May. 6.00 to 8.00pm

HSC subject choice advice and how to apply in the future to university. ATAR, scaling, prerequisites and assumed knowledge, career pathways and Uni life.

Register at

<http://sydney.edu.au/study/admissions/events-for-future-students/year-10-information-evening.html>

### **RiAus 2016 Ultimate Science Guide**

Latest STEM careers, study options, course information and surviving uni.

<http://riAus.tv/content/ultimate-science-guide>

## **TAFE**

### **2016 Open Day - Northern Sydney Institute - TAFE**

20 August. 10.00am to 3.00pm

St Leonards Campus

Learn about the courses students can study, speak to our teachers about their industries, hear from our inspirational alumni and visit world class facilities.

Register at [karina.connell1@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:karina.connell1@tafensw.edu.au)

### **TAFE SWSi Open Days**

Granville 27 August

Campbelltown College 3 September

It's a great opportunity for students to enjoy an all-access pass to courses offered by TAFE SWSi. For more info, call 9796 5438.

### **Australian Apprenticeships Job Pathways Charts**

Career pathways from an Australian apprenticeship.

<http://www.aapathways.com.au/Career-Resources/Job-Pathway-Charts-Link/Job-Pathways-Charts-PDF>

### **My Gain Australian Apprenticeships YouTube Channel**

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AAPathways/featured>

### **Australian Apprenticeships Government Website**

Info on apprenticeship programs, apprenticeship centres, government initiatives.

<http://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/>

## **COLLEGES**

### **College of Event Management Info Session**

6 May. 6.00pm

Lvl 9, 28 Foveaux St, Surry Hills

Course and career prospects. To register

<http://www.collegeofeventmanagement.com.au/information-sessions/>

### **Clinical Coding Courses and Careers**

Online training courses in Elementary and Comprehensive Medical Terminology and Clinical Coding available from the Health Information Management Association of Australia Limited. RTO ID 91660. Career opportunities available across NSW and ACT in clinical coding in public and private hospitals and day procedure centres. Contact 02 9887 5898,

[education@himaa.org.au](mailto:education@himaa.org.au),

<http://himaa2.org.au/education/>

### **Sturt School for Wood 2017**

Certificate IV in Furniture Design and Technology. One year study. Contact: Mark Viner, Head of Sturt. Phone: 02 4860 2080 or email: [mviner@sturt.nsw.edu.au](mailto:mviner@sturt.nsw.edu.au)

<http://www.sturt.nsw.edu.au/education/1year-fine-furniture>

### **Le Cordon Bleu Prospectus NSW**

Course and career prospects.

<http://www.cordonbleu.edu.au/Files/AAMCEN1597.pdf>

## **GENERAL**

### **Joint Meeting on Planetary Parliament**

10 May. 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start

CSIRO Life Sciences Centre, 11 Julius Ave North Ryde

\$50p.p. - Fourma Café - 56 Delhi Road, North Ryde (across the road from CSIRO)

02 9717 3090 or [tours@ansto.gov.au](mailto:tours@ansto.gov.au)

<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/planetary-parliament-tickets-23946879762>

### **Bringing the Cosmos Down to Earth – Astronomical Adventures in Antarctica**

11 May. 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm start

Science Room 2.3, Trinity Grammar School, 119 Prospect Road Summer Hill

02 9581 6040 or [fosman@trinity.nsw.edu.au](mailto:fosman@trinity.nsw.edu.au)

<https://www.physics.unsw.edu.au/events/bringing-cosmos-down-earth>

### **Australian National Chemistry Quiz**

21 July

Fun chemistry quiz. \$5.75 per student entry

Register by 7 June

<http://schools.raci.org.au/competition/ancq/>

### **UN Youth Sustainability Summit**

22 May

Years 9 to 12 .Sustainability world issues and your community action to help. Email Karen Du:

[karen.du@unyouth.org.au](mailto:karen.du@unyouth.org.au)

<https://unyouth.org.au/event/sustainability/>

### **Architecture on Show Surry Hills**

28 May. 2.00pm to 3.00pm

405 Crown St, Surry Hills

Planning a career in architecture. Purchase tickets to Architect and Builder Relationship Show here.

<https://upto.com/embedded/detail/5HQ1O?pt=a1SO>

### **Antipodeans Abroad Schoolies Unearthed**

10-day journey to Borneo, Thailand or Indonesia helping with a local community development project.

Ned Murphy at [ned@antipodeans.com.au](mailto:ned@antipodeans.com.au) or (03) 9827 9541 <http://www.antipodeans.com.au/Programs/Expeditions-and-Tours/Programs/Unearthed.htm>

### **Student Flights Gap Year Options**

Students to work, teach, volunteer or learn a language.

<http://www.studentflights.com.au/gap-year>

### **UOW HSC Study Days**

Business Studies. 21 June. 9.45am to 2.15pm

<http://business.uow.edu.au/hscstudydays/index.html>

Maths HSC Revision Day. 24 June. 8.30am to 2.45pm

<http://eis.uow.edu.au/smas/hsc-revision/index.html>

Economics. 6 September. 9.45am to 2.15pm

<http://business.uow.edu.au/hscstudydays/index.html>

### **Australian Catholic University HSC Enrichment Day**

8 July. North Sydney Campus

HSC advice on business, economics and law.

[https://www.acu.edu.au/connect\\_with\\_acu/events/north\\_sydney/hsc\\_enrichment\\_day](https://www.acu.edu.au/connect_with_acu/events/north_sydney/hsc_enrichment_day)

### **National Science Week**

13 to 21 August

Great science activities and also grants your school.

<http://www.scienceweek.net.au/>

### **Toolkits Program for Young Writers**

Express Media provides a 12 week program for young writers to develop their skills involving mentoring with a writer, meeting established and new writers.

Apply now. Commences June.

<http://www.expressmedia.org.au/toolkits/>

### **13 Study Tips to Guarantee Success**

<http://pin.it/3l6bFEf>

### **Youth Central Career Profiles**

Great resource for helping students with school, careers and personal plans.

<http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs-careers/career-profiles>



Adventure, travel, great pay and diverse career opportunities – just to name a few of the benefits on offer when you join the Navy, Army or Air Force. If you're up for the challenge and would like to find out more, come along to one of our upcoming information sessions:

2 May 16	6.30pm - 8.30pm	ADF Careers	DFRC Parramatta
3 May 16	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Women in Defence	DFRC Parramatta
5 May 16	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Health Roles	DFRC Parramatta
10 May 16	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Army Reserves	DFRC Parramatta
17 May 16	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Army Officer	Dee Why RSL
18 May 16	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Army Roles	DFRC Parramatta
23 May 16	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Trades	Hornsby RSL
25 May 16	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Commando	DFRC Parramatta
30 May 16	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Australian Defence Force Academy	DFRC Parramatta

Information sessions will take place at the following locations:

- **Defence Force Recruiting Parramatta: Level 4, 9 George Street, Parramatta**
- **Hornsby RSL: 4 High St, Hornsby NSW 2077**
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**Dr John Taccori**  
**Careers Advisor**



### "GIVE ME A DRINK" (Jn 4:7) – CHARITY and MERCY

#### Reflection Day for Women—7th May

Looking for some quiet time in this Year of Mercy to reflect on the gifts of the Merciful Father? Then this day is FOR YOU!!

*A Presentation* by Sr. M. Isabell Naumann on this topic will form part of the program for this day

**When:** Saturday 7th May, 2016  
9.30am – 3.30pm

**Where:** Mount Schoenstatt,  
230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

**Cost:** \$25 (includes morning & afternoon tea )  
BYO lunch



**Bookings:** [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au)  
OR: 47738338

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### 13-15 MAY

from Friday 7:30pm  
to Sunday 5pm

At Mount Schoenstatt  
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230 fairlight road  
Mulgoa

#### Price (all included)

early birds (up to 1st May)  
student: \$160  
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after 1st May  
student: \$180  
employed: \$200  
sponsorships available

#### REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

#### Contact:

Sr M. Julie Bracar  
m: 0408 738 334  
e: [juliebracar@gmail.com](mailto:juliebracar@gmail.com)

## Annual Marian Pilgrimage

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016

### PROGRAM

#### 10.00 AM WELCOME

- Sacrament of Confessions available

#### 10.30 AM Solemn High Mass

#### 2.00 PM

- Eucharistic Procession with four altars from the Valley with Final Benediction at the Shrine
- Alternative Program with the Anointing of the Sick and Elderly at the Shrine

**LUNCH** - Hot food, tea & coffee available or BYO

**OUTDOOR EVENT: PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS & RUGS**

**CHILDREN** are encouraged to come dressed in white with a basket of petals for the procession

Venue: Mount Schoenstatt

230 Fairlight Road MULGOA NSW

Inquiries: Ph 02 4773 8338

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# Community News

## MountainsCare - HSC Family Support Evening

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 from 7pm  
Hosted by MountainsCare  
Blue Mountains City Church Auditorium  
172 Rusden Road, Mount Riverview NSW 2774

**7:00pm – Start time**

**AIM:** Providing skills and insight into how to do the HSC well from the perspective of families and students so that everyone doesn't end up burnt out at the end of the process.

Speakers and information we will be covering:

### Clive Coutman – MC

Performing Arts Teacher - Nepean Christian School

### Antony Mayrhofer

Director of Learning Services – St Pauls Grammar  
(Also able to speak to IB questions)

### HSC Overview

- \* HSC Process – over the 2 years – exams / trials and HSC
- \* Road Blocks to getting started – dealing with procrastination
- \* Pacing themselves
- \* Creative Study Techniques
- \* Time Management

### George Statheous

Senior Chaplain – Penrith Anglican College

### Darren McMahon

Speaker and Presenter - Your Dream Incorporated

### Family Success

- \* Family schedule – clear the calendar
- \* Accepting the way that they study
- \* Space please – different for everyone
- \* Handling tension in the home
- \* What works for us as a family and as an individual student

### Youth perspective

- \* Understanding our teenager
- \* Pressure that youth are under to perform
- \* Building resilience for the long haul
- \* Goal setting
- \* Life after the HSC – if you results don't match the plan

### Panel - Question and Answer

9:30pm - finish



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# Gateway Family Services Parenting Group Program Term 2, 2016



Program	Date & Time	Location	Registration
<b>Circle of Security</b> <i>Learn how to be a strong, wiser &amp; kinder parent with your kids. Suitable for parents of 0-12 year old.</i>	Every Wednesday 18th May—22nd June 10:00am-12:00pm	Blaxland  <i>*Childcare Available Bookings essential</i>	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
<b>Strong Willed &amp; Sensitive Child</b> <i>Understanding &amp; responding as parents &amp; carers.</i> <b>Facilitated by Barry Palm</b>	Every Thursday 2nd, 9th, 16th June 12:00pm—1:30pm	Waratah Cottage 27 Waratah St, Katoomba (3 doors down from Centrelink)  <i>*Childcare Available Bookings essential</i>	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
<b>123 Magic Parenting</b> <i>Learn how to understand &amp; manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for parents with 0-12 year olds.</i>	Every Monday 16th, 23rd, 30th May 10:00am—12:00pm	Mid Mountains  <i>*Childcare Available Bookings essential</i>	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
<b>123 Magic for Dads</b> <i>Learn how to understand &amp; manage your child's difficult behaviour. Suitable for dad's with 0-12 year old.</i>	Every Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th May 6:30pm—9:00pm	Waratah Cottage 27 Waratah St, Katoomba (3 doors down from Centrelink)	Gateway— 1300 316 746 (free call)
<b>Life Story—for Foster parents</b> <i>Learn how to help your child express their journey &amp; map their life.</i>	Every Monday 23, 30 May, 6 June 10:00am—12:00pm	Waratah Cottage 27 Waratah St, Katoomba (3 doors down from Centrelink)  <i>*Childcare Available Bookings essential</i>	ENRICH- 4782 5326

For more information and individual flyers go to:

[www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au](http://www.gatewayfamilyservices.org.au) or [www.facebook.com/GatewayFS](https://www.facebook.com/GatewayFS)

Gateway family services parent group program is funded by DSS and NSW FACS.

Gateway works collaboratively with community partners to bring parent groups to communities from St Marys to Blackheath.

Thanks to MMM for providing childcare for the Daytime groups.

Gateway encourages, supports & respects diversity in families & communities. Our Groups are open to everyone.



## PENRITH OBSERVATORY

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

### Astronomy Night – Dr Jill Rathborne: Saturday 14 May 2016 (7.00 pm – 9.00 pm)

The evening will include a presentation from our guest speaker Dr Jill Rathborne, a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes. Dr Jill Rathborne is a research scientist with the CSIRO, and is part of the international group that is setting up the Australian part of the most powerful telescope in history in outback Western Australia, the Square Kilometre Array (SKA).

**Cost:**

\$18 adult, \$12 child/concession and \$50 family

**Bookings are essential:**

To book and pay for tickets visit [westernsydney.edu.au/observatory](http://westernsydney.edu.au/observatory)

**Kwaya KWAYA AUSTRALIA PRESENTS**

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**CONCERTS**

**7.30pm Thurs May 19**  
Katoomba High School  
Martin St Katoomba

**7.30pm Fri May 20**  
Springwood High School Hall  
Grose Rd Faulconbridge

**7.30pm Sat May 21**  
Nepean High School of Creative and Performing Arts Hall  
115 Great Western Highway, Emu Plains

**TICKETS**  
\$20 Adult - Conc \$15 Child \$12  
Family of 4 - \$50

**WORKSHOP**  
7.30pm Wed May 18  
Lawson Public School Hall  
Adelaide Street, Lawson

**TICKETS**  
Adults \$18, Conc/Child \$12,  
Family of 4 - \$48

**BOOK ONLINE**  
[www.kwaya.org](http://www.kwaya.org)

**CONTACT**  
Brendan O'Reilly  
0437 347 657

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## Term 2 2016 Art lessons after school

Students are taught art in term time at various locations in the Blue Mountains, including Springwood, Faulconbridge and Hazelbrook.



left: student's work from Portrait class in Avalon January 2016

A range of media is offered each term including drawing, painting & ceramics. In Term 2 Students will make objects then layered paintings of them using light and colour. Poster design will also be introduced so students can see how to make an impact using graphic elements. Classes are offered for primary school and high school students. For bookings and enquires please contact Liz theartclub@yahoo.com and look at [www.lizperfect.com](http://www.lizperfect.com) for details



## Weekend Workshop – for children who love to sing!

Ages – 8 to 15 years

Dates: Saturday and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Venue: Mid-Mountains Community Centre, Lawson

Presented by Academy Singers and Blue Mountains Youth Choir

Internationally acclaimed teacher, composer and conductor of music for children Paul Jarman is coming to conduct a weekend workshop especially for Blue Mountains Youth Choir and invited friends! Paul regularly works with Gondwana choirs and is in very high demand both in Australia and overseas, so we are very excited to be hosting this special event for our local children's choirs and their leaders. Paul grew up in the beautiful Blue Mountains and is looking forward to returning and sharing his knowledge, experience and skills with our singers.

Places for this workshop will be limited, so please register early to avoid disappointment.

For further information and registration details, go to [www.academysingers.com.au](http://www.academysingers.com.au)

Fees: \$50 per participant – for the two days of workshops!

Concert tickets: \$10 per family, \$5 single

## Springwood East Timor Support Group INVITATION

**17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
To aid educational and  
medical initiatives  
in Timor Leste

# Trivia Night



Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Springwood Sports Club  
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## Experience It! Student Conference 2016 Sydney Women in Engineering



DATE & TIME  
Thursday 14 July  
8.15am to 3.30pm

VENUE  
Level 5, Great Hall,  
UTS City Campus,  
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If you like designing solutions to problems, want to contribute to society and make a difference to the world, come see what engineering is about at the Experience It! student conference.

**What you will do?**  
It will be a day of fun, interactive and hands-on workshops and team-based activities, exploring the peculiar and bizarre applications of engineering!



Hear from current engineering students and our industry representatives, learn what careers and opportunities are available to you and be inspired by their journeys and achievements.



**Who is this for?**  
This conference is aimed at NSW high school girls in Years 9-11. **No prior engineering, maths or physics experience is required** and students will have the opportunity to do workshops based on their areas of interest. You'll also get to work as a team in challenges to win some great prizes!

**Do you live or go to school more than 100 km from UTS?**  
You may be eligible for our Rural Scholarship to offset the cost of travels, please apply on the registration webpage.

**For further information contact:**  
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