



# The Dove

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

**Term 4**  
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**Week 7**

**Tue 21 Nov 2017**

- 9am Online Reading Trial (Selected Yr 9) P1&2
- 5pm PDSSSC Girls Softball Trials

**Wed 22 Nov 2017**

- 15:45 Retirees Thanksgiving Mass
- 18:00 Retirees Dinner

**Thu 23 Nov 2017**

- 9am Online Writing Trial (Selected Yr 9) P1&2

**Week 8**

**Mon 27 Nov 2017**

- Years 7 - 10 Reports Distributed
- Yr 11 Music Excursion to St Paul's

**Wed 29 Nov 2017**

- 11:00 Milo Cricket Excursion

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

### **Nourish the dreams of others – some wise advice for our students**

Too many students seem to limit their plans for the future because they have listened to others tell them that they will never achieve the dreams they have for their lives. A young person's dreams have to be nourished with positive affirmation and enthusiasm not cynicism or what so many people call reality.

### **Dream Big Dreams**

Everyone is trying to become the best person he or she can be. We are always finding out what we can and cannot do, what's right and what's wrong, how to handle our problems, who we can really trust, and how we are alike and different from everyone else. With all this going on you can feel very confused sometimes. And when you're feeling confused it can be very difficult to decide what's right for you.

The best advice I can give you is to:

- Have the courage to dream big dreams for your life.
- Be serious about your needs.
- Take the risks necessary to make your dreams come true.
- Trust your intuitions – about people, about the right directions to take and decisions to make.
- Find people who will help and support you.
- Use your creativity and imagination to make school work for you.

You can make things happen, you can open new doors, you can make a difference, you can be responsible, you can start this minute.

Living without dreams is like speeding in the dark down a motorway and not knowing where you are going. You are never quite ready for changes, things just seem to come out of nowhere and happen to you, you can only react and usually too late. It is scary to drive like that and scary to go through life this way too. Our dreams pull us forward and give meaning to our lives. When you lose the courage to dream, you can lose your sense of direction in life and be too easily swayed by people who think they know the direction that's best for you.

All around us we are surrounded by the results of other people's dreams – people who mixed inspiration with courage and a little luck. As you find the courage to move in the direction of what you dream for yourself, you will be amazed at how the world will move to support you.

The journey you are on at school can be an exciting and challenging one. You can use your talents and gifts to achieve your dreams. You are limited only by your fears of what you cannot do. You've got to have a dream if you want to make a dream come true.

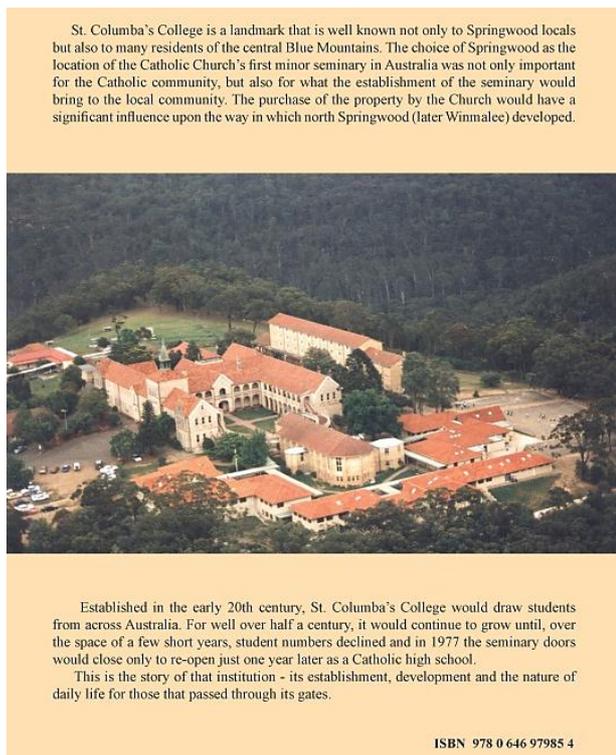
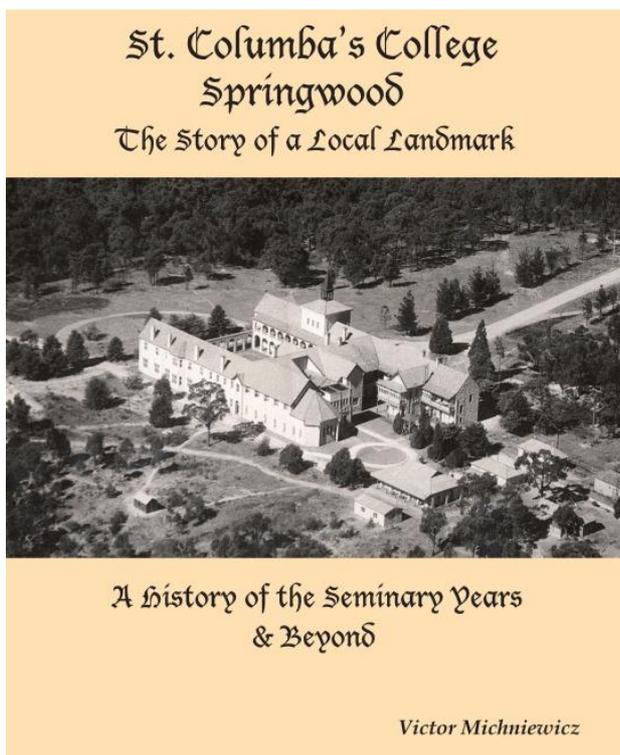
### The Story of the St Columba's College site

Victor Michniewicz, a past staff member and previous seminarian, has written the definitive history of St Columba's College. This book is the product of the author's association with St Columba's, stretching back almost 50 years. He spent 3 years at the College when it was still a seminary and then returned some years later as a teacher for over 25 years. Victor was in a unique position to research and write about its history.

For anyone and everyone who has been associated with St Columba's in any way, and for all those in the local community who only know of it as a local landmark, this book is essential reading. It is a story that will surprise, captivate and enlighten. Every trip into the College grounds will take on new meaning.

Orders can be placed at the Reception Office or directly from the author. The cost is \$40.

God bless you always,



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

## From the Uniform Shop

Year 10, don't forget to return your Senior Shirt Orders for Year 11, 2018 to the Permission notes and Money box outside the Student Office.

Year 7 Layby instalment payments are due. All Laybys are to be finalised by 30th November. Please call the Uniform Shop on 4754 8920 on Thursdays to finalise Layby payment, prior to collection.

**Chantal Morris**  
**Uniform Shop Manager**

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*Get Justly, Love Tenderly and Walk Humbly with our God*

## Sport News

- 🏆 Congratulations to the Berg Shield cricket team who had a victory against Bede Polding yesterday. Thank you to Mr Turnbull for coaching the team. They progress to verse Stannies at Bathurst this week.
- 🏆 Congratulations to Ryley Smith, Ben Tracey and Ethan Muller who have been selected in the NSW CCC Cricket Team that will play at the NSW All Schools Selections on the 4th-5th December.
- 🏆 The PDSSSC Awards evening was held at OLMC on Tuesday night. St Columba's took out the following major carnival awards:

Athletics Champion Overall School

Athletics Champion Boys School

Cross Country Champion Boys School

Swimming Champion Boys School

The following students were awarded PDSSSC Age Champion Awards for their respective sports.

Kienan Brown- PDSSSC Athletics Age Champion

Caleb Dryer- PDSSSC Swimming Age Champion

Jack Hamblin- PDSSSC Athletics Age Champion

Hannah Stanford- PDSSSC Athletics Age Champion

We had many students receive a PDSSSC Blues Award. Not all could attend on the evening but congratulations to all award recipients who have excelled in their chosen sports this year.

Annie Buckley- Hockey

Jenna Fisher- Softball

Ryan Hackney- Cricket

Meg Jefferson- Basketball

Jenna Jones- Swimming

Zach Konstantinoff-  
Swimming

Georgie Purcell- Athletics

Monique Quirk- Athletics

Brenna Tarrant- AFL



A big thank you for all that you do to support sport at St Columba's.

**Lisa Nyburg & Chelsea Gawthorne**  
**PDHPE/Sport Leaders of Learning**

# Facebook Posts

**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** added 5 new photos. 6 November at 10:30 am

On Saturday 28 Oct a number of our students attended Lifted Live! The evening showcases the talents of Catholic singers, bands, and dancers as well as food stalls run by various youth groups and information about active youth groups and ministries in the Diocese. The students had a fantastic night and enjoyed meeting other young people! Thanks to Ms Fam for supervising the students!



**St Columba's Catholic College Students** 7 November at 4:01 pm

This Advent season we are all encouraged to "pay it forward" and bring kindness and love to others by becoming an "Advent Angel".

Google defines "pay it forward" as: responding to a person's kindness to oneself by being kind to someone else.

How does it work?

Do between one and three good deeds for others without asking for anything in return. Instead, the recipient should pay it forward to someone else in need.

For example: you might offer to help someone with their LP which you know they are struggling with. Then that person pays it forward by doing a good deed for another person.

It can be as simple as carrying someone's bag to class for them or shouting the next person in the canteen line their meal.

OR you might decide to bring cupcakes for your classmates one day just because. Then those classmates need to find other people to do random acts of kindness for.

Acts of kindness don't have to be material. If you see someone who is being treated unkindly, say something. Giving support is one of the most powerful acts of kindness.

With acts of love the chain continues!

To get involved it's easy. Just start being kind to those around you. We encourage you to record acts of kindness (things people have done for you or things you have done for others) on our coloured Christmas cards in the library. These will also be distributed in RE classes and can be found in your homeroom boxes. Once you have recorded your act of kindness make sure you drop it into the library. Then our kindness cards will be strung together to create a beautiful Advent garland for our tree in the eating area. A symbol of people bringing God to each other through kindness!

So spread love and kindness by becoming an Advent Angel today!

**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** added 6 new photos. 9 November at 8:26 pm

We had a wonderful Year 7 2018 Welcome night last night. It was great to meet many of the students and families who will join our College community next year. We are also excited about the Yr 7 Orientation Day tomorrow!!



**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** Wednesday at 11:18 am

🎉 Congratulations to our Berg Shield Cricket team who had a victory against Bede Polding yesterday. Thank you to Mr Turnbull for coaching the team. They progress to verse Stannies at Bathurst on Friday.



**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** added 2 new photos — feeling proud. Wednesday at 2:44 pm

🏆🏆 SPORTING SUCCESS 🏆🏆

Last night our College walked away from the PDSSSC Sports Awards with

👉 Athletics Champion Overall School.

👉 Boys Athletics Champion School.

👉 Boys Cross Country Champion School... See more



**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** added 9 new photos. Wednesday at 9:30 am

Last Friday we introduced our new Yr 7 students for 2018 to our College during their orientation day. Students were able to attend different classes during the day such as Food Tech, Agriculture, Maths, creative thinking, Science, Textiles, English, PDHPE, Music, HSIE, RE and Art!! We also shared in a sausage sandwich BBQ at lunch! Welcome to our College!



**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** Wednesday at 11:21 am

🌟🏏 Congratulations to Ryley Smith, Ben Tracey and Ethan Muller who have been selected in the NSWCCC Cricket team that will play at the NSW All Schools Selections on the 4th-5th December. 🌟🏏



**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** Wednesday at 5:21 pm

Year 9 Drama  
Very proud of themselves after their fantastic Children's Theatre production in their latest unit of work.



**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** added 2 new photos. Yesterday at 6:47 pm

👉 Goodluck to our Berg Shield Cricket team who play St Stanislaus at Bathurst tomorrow. We wish them all the best.



# Careers News

## Are you aware that the Good University Guide is now available online?

It is a great resource to investigate university courses, university institutions, selected TAFE and VET providers and the ratings of these institutions as given by students. You can compare institutions and fields of study to each other.

Free ebook: [www.ebook.gooduniguide.com.au](http://www.ebook.gooduniguide.com.au)

An interactive website with eGuides, course links and job descriptions. These are all downloadable and printable: [www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au](http://www.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au)

## WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



### HSC TRUE REWARD

#### What is HSC True Reward?

This is the only program of its kind in NSW; open to 2017 NSW HSC students that make an early offer for entry to a degree based on corresponding HSC subject band outcomes.

At Western, we believe hard work deserves its own reward – a reward that reflects your ability to succeed. If you do well in your subjects at school, we know you can go on to do well university.

Applications are now open. Offers will be made on December 14 – the same day HSC results are released, and a full day before ATARs are released.

To apply for Western Sydney University HSC True Reward early offer program, apply via online portal on our website. All students need is their HSC student number and 4 digit PIN to get started.

[westernsydney.edu.au/earlyoffer](http://westernsydney.edu.au/earlyoffer)

#### How is it different?

It's based on HSC, not ATAR. Western is the only university in NSW to offer a program with the chance to apply for an early offer based on HSC, not ATAR. It is one of many programs offered by Western Sydney University.

#### What are the requirements?

You need to meet a specified Band outcome in nominated subjects related to the degree.

#### Which courses are available to HSC True Reward?

All courses excluding Music, Paramedicine, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry, Law (on its own-graduate and non-graduate entry), Midwifery, Medicine, Ba Arts (Pathway to teaching birth-5-birth-12/Masters of Teaching (Birth-5/Birth-12) Diploma pathway, Ba Education (Primary) ASTIE and Open Access via The College.

## What are the HSC subject band requirements to receive a HSC True Reward offer?

Depending on the degree requirements vary. There is a list of requirements on our website.

[westernsydney.edu.au/earlyoffer](http://westernsydney.edu.au/earlyoffer)

## When do applications open and close?

Applications are now open.

Applications close midnight, 11 December, 2017.

HSC True Reward early offers will be made on December 14, from 10am onwards. This is the same day that HSC subject band outcomes are released.

## How will you know if you get an offer?

Students will receive a HSC True Reward early offer from Western from 10am onwards on Thursday 14th December. It will arrive at the email address originally used to apply for the program. The email will provide details about how to enroll at Western to secure the offer (an easy 4 step process). As backup, they will also receive an SMS (to the mobile phone number you originally used to apply for the program) informing of the offer on Thursday 14th December.

## Do offers expire?

HSC True Reward early offers will have an effective (and enforced) expiry date of 22 December 2017, 5pm. To ensure the offer does not expire, students need to complete stage 3 of your enrolment by this date.

## How many Western preferences are needed?

The minimum number of preferences is 1. The preferences that will be considered for HSC True Rewards are preference 1 and preference 2 only.

## Can UAC preferences be different to True Reward preferences?

Yes, you can have different UAC and HSC True Reward preferences.

## What happens if I get a HSC True Reward offer and then another offer on December 21?

If you get more than 1 offer, you can choose which one to accept.

## What if I change my mind about what I want to study?

You can change your preferences on your HSC True Reward application until midnight, 11 December, 2017.

## If I apply for HSC True Reward can I apply for courses at other universities?

Your application for HSC True Reward is a direct application to Western Sydney University. You can still apply through UAC for courses that are not available through HSC True Reward, including courses at other Universities.

### Junior Receptionist

#### Duties include:

- Incoming mail: collecting, opening, recording, scanning
- Outgoing mail: recording and posting
- Emails: printing and filing
- Telephone: answering calls, taking messages, making appointments
- Clients: meeting and greeting
- Files: opening, closing, scanning and filing
- Typing: correspondence and documents
- Client database: maintenance
- Stationery: maintaining and ordering
- Accounts: reconciling monthly accounts from suppliers
- Banking: banking, trust account entry and petty cash
- Kitchen: making coffee and tea, washing up

#### Traineeship:

The successful applicant will undertake a traineeship for Certificate III in Business Administration.

#### Conditions:

The successful applicant will:

- have a willingness to learn
- willing to work in a team within a fun environment
- be proactive
- be neat and well presented
- be given all the support needed for the position
- have a drivers licence or have commenced the procedure to obtain a licence within 6 months from commencement

#### Advancement:

This position is entry level for a career in the legal industry including:

- legal secretary
- conveyancer
- paralegal

Liability limited by a scheme approved under Professional Standards Legislation



## BSB30415 Certificate III in Business Administration

### An exceptional program to gain the advantage in business administration

The BSB30415 Certificate III in Business Administration is designed to provide students with the opportunity to learn and practice the skills and knowledge to work effectively in a business administration environment.



#### Program Features

- Nationally Recognised Training
- Student centered approach to education delivery
- Comprehensive learning materials
- Industry experienced trainers
- Arranged work experience for classroom based training

#### Entry Requirements

- Adequate level of Language, Literacy and Numeracy
- Unique Student Identifier (USI)

#### Course Details:

**Course Type** Classroom and Traineeship (on-the-job training)

**Fees\*** \$240 concession\*  
\$1000 - traineeship for eligible students\*  
Fee-free Scholarships & Fee Exemptions available for eligible students\*

To find out more about this course, simply visit  
[www.benchmark.edu.au](http://www.benchmark.edu.au)  
or call us on 1800 286 916

## Information Technology Traineeship

### Certificate III

#### Are you keen to start a Traineeship?

Australian Training Company has an exciting entry level opportunity available for an enthusiastic, committed and focused person with a keen interest in Information Technology.

#### The successful candidate:

Will be completing a Certificate III and IV in Information, Digital Media and Technology over 24 months.

The location for this role is in the Western Sydney area in a school environment supporting teacher's IT requirements. You will need to have an aptitude for learning technical tasks and systems with the ability to troubleshoot IT issues. You should be able to get on with tasks independently or as part of a team. Good communication skills are a must while you follow instructions and show initiative in the workplace. The ability to work across both MAC and PC platforms is an advantage although not essential.

#### The role:

This is a full time role that will be providing technical and user support while receiving on and off the job training. Previous experience or qualifications are not essential although a background in IT at the HSC level completing IPT or VET IT or equivalent will be desirable. Would highly suit a 2016 or 2017 HSC leaver. Those with qualifications of Certificate III or above, including university graduates, need not apply.

Own transport is an advantage but not essential.

Australian Training Company (ATC) employ apprentices and place them with host employers. ATC pay wages, superannuation and all administration related to payroll.



#### The Rewards:

Receive a qualification upon completion. Eligible for a transport concession card. Those with qualifications (including Certificate III, diplomas, and degrees) need not apply.

To apply for this position email your resume and cover letter quoting I.T Parramatta to [jnorth@atc.com.au](mailto:jnorth@atc.com.au) If you have any queries contact ATC on (02) 9704 1500

## Discover Engineering

A forum for Year 10 & 11 students interested in learning about engineering as a career choice

- Why be an engineer?
- What do engineers do?
- Examples of engineering projects.
- How do you become an engineer?

#### VENUE

Chatswood High School  
24 Centennial Avenue  
Chatswood, NSW, 2067

#### DATE & TIME

Thursday April 12th  
9am - 2.30pm

#### COST

\$20 per student (includes morning tea and lunch)

#### CONTACT

Patrice Belcher  
[pbelcher@engineersaustralia.org.au](mailto:pbelcher@engineersaustralia.org.au)  
02 9410 5615

**REGISTER NOW**

<http://www.cvent.com/d/xtqgmc/4W>

[engineersaustralia.org.au](http://engineersaustralia.org.au)

## Diocesan News



A warm invitation is extended to all Parents family & friends to attend an evening of beautiful Christmas Carols which will be performed by St Thomas Aquinas Parish Choir together with Bible Readings to be held at **St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 168 Hawkesbury Road, Springwood on MONDAY 18th DECEMBER commencing 7.30 p.m.** Admission is free & Supper will be served at the conclusion of the evening.

**Catalyst for Renewal** Reflection morning, 9:20am - 12:20pm, Saturday November 18th, Santa Maria Hall, **Lawson** (entry by Somers St. and Lawson Catholic Church Car Park).....**The Human Jesus: How his Faith Shaped his Choices and Met his Challenges.** Leonard Blahut, presenter.

### **Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv statement on Manus Island**

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, Bishop Delegate for Migrants and Refugees has issued a statement on behalf of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, following the closure of the Manus Island Centre. He states: "The policy of offshore detention has failed and it is time for us to deal with the issue of asylum seekers and refugees according to this nation's proud tradition and the best nature of its citizens. We can do a whole lot better, just as we did welcome "those who've come across the seas" after the wars in Europe and in Southeast Asia. The concern for maritime border security does not have to make us into a mean-spirited people. The policy of offshore detention has cost Australia dearly. But it has cost the detainees and their families even more. I appeal to the government and political leaders to act in accordance with our honourable tradition. It is time to find an alternative and conscionable solution, including accepting New Zealand's offer of resettlement and bringing the remaining detainees on Manus Island to Australia for further processing."

### **The Catholic Foundation: 19 November**

The Diocese of Parramatta is delighted to announce the establishment of The Catholic Foundation, which will replace and expand on the good work of the Diocesan Works Fund. The Catholic Foundation needs to raise \$2.5 million annually to sustain the works of the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains - including the formation of our seminarians, providing Christian education in public schools, empowering our disabled with job training, supporting our deaf and assisting single mothers facing homelessness. For more information please visit: <https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au>

### **Preparing our Hearts for Advent Reflection Day for Women: 25 November**

Preparing our Hearts for Advent Reflection Day for Women at Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd Mulgoa 25 November 9.30am – 3.00pm. Cost: \$25. BYO lunch. Take some time out to reflect on the Season of Advent Day includes talk, prayer, Mass and much more! For more info contact Sr Mary Louise (02 8838 3457). Register by 22 November – [info@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:info@schoenstatt.org.au) or 02 4773 8338.

### **Shrine Time for Young Adults 18-35: 26 November**

One Holy Hour with prayer, reflection, meditation, praise & worship. 2017 is devoted to Praying for Vocations and Devotion to Mary as per our Holy Father's intentions for WYD 2018 in Panama. From 7.30pm-8.30pm followed by social gathering. Mary, honoured as the Mother Thrice Admirable, offers 3 graces in the Shrine, this monthly event is a unique opportunity to experience them regularly: Discover your HOME in the hearts of Jesus and Mary; See breakthrough TRANSFORMATION in your life; and Get your spiritual boost to be an authentic WITNESS. In the Shrine at Mount Schoenstatt, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa.

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: 24-26 November**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a Marriage Enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage!

Weekend date: 24th -26th November, at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com)

### **Volunteer overseas information session: 29 November**

Palms Australia is looking for people - such as teachers, health and community development workers - to volunteer in Catholic communities all over the world to mentor workers in their fields of expertise. Australian donors cover your costs and outstanding support is provided through the church's single biggest global volunteer mission agency. Information Session on Wednesday November 29, 5:45 - 7:00 pm. More information: [www.palms.org.au/projects/](http://www.palms.org.au/projects/).

For more events please go to: <http://parracatholic.org/events/>

## Community News

### GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

#### Mobile Blood Service visiting: Springwood Car Park

175 Macquarie Road, Springwood

Tuesday 5 December	8.30am – 2.30pm
Wednesday 6 December	12.00pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 7 December	12.00pm – 6.00pm
Friday 8 December	8.30am – 2.30pm

**Drink up!** Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate  
**Eat!** Have a good sized breakfast or lunch  
Please bring photo I.D. with you

To make an appointment call 13 14 95  
or visit [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)



# Breaths

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