



# The Dove

**Term 2**  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2018**  
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**Week 3**

**Tue 15 May 2018**

- ◆ NAPLAN Language Conventions and Writing paper test

**Wed 16 May 2018**

- ◆ NAPLAN Reading paper test

**Thu 17 May 2018**

- ◆ NAPLAN Numeracy paper test
- ◆ 12:00 PDSSSC Season 2 Trials

**Fri 18 May 2018**

- ◆ NAPLAN catch up day
- ◆ Hospitality Incursion
- ◆ 2018 Varuna Schools Program

**Week 4**

- Tell Them From Me Survey

**Mon 21 May 2018**

- ◆ Year 8 Retreat (Group 1)

**Tue 22 May 2018**

- ◆ Year 8 Retreat (Group 2)

**Wed 23 May 2018**

- ◆ Year 10 and 12 Careers Market

**Thu 24 May 2018**

- ◆ 12:00 PDSSSC Season 2 Round 1

**Fri 25 May 2018**

- ◆ School Athletics Carnival
- ◆ NSWCCC Rugby League

**Sat 26 May 2018**

- ◆ Sorry Day 26th May 2018

"IT'S ALL ABOUT LEARNING

AND HAVING HIGH EXPECTATIONS

OF OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER"

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

Welcome back to another Term of learning!

and Happy Mothers' Day to all the College mums for Sunday.



**"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love"~Mother Teresa**

***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 Wednesday the 25th of April students and staff from the College with thousands 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. I pay tribute to these students and staff, and I thank you for being such wonderful ambassadors for our great College.

***NAPLAN 2018 Week 3***

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will this year be sitting for a battery of tests designed for the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy in Week 3.

Testing will take place over three days, with all students across Australia being assessed on the following days:

Tuesday May 15: Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation); Writing

Wednesday May 16: Reading

Thursday May 17: Numeracy

There will be a 'catch up' day on Friday May 18 for any student who was

unable to do their tests on the nominated day.

Parents, you will receive feedback about your son or daughter's performance in August, which will indicate to you how your child performed in the tests compared to other students across Australia. This report will also indicate:

Whether or not your child achieved the National benchmark in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy

What band your child achieved in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy

What the National average was for students in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.

If you would like any further information about the National tests you can go to the websites at

[www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/index.html)

### **Tell Them From Me Survey**

In the coming weeks, we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to provide feedback on their experience of our College using an online survey - *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)*. The survey results will form an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process. Many schools in Australia, including NSW Government Schools, and schools around the world have used this survey to help them improve.



The survey will open on 21 May and close at 5pm on 4 June 2018.

All students will be given the opportunity and time to participate in the survey during regular school hours. Students will give feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Results will show all student scores combined so that it remains anonymous.

We would like to invite parents and carers of students in the College to complete the *Tell Them From Me (TTFM)* Partners in Learning survey. We value your role within our school community and would greatly appreciate your feedback. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at St Columba's.

The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. You can access the parent survey on your computer or mobile device between 21 May and 4 June by using the URL below:

[www.tellthemfromme.com/sccc2777](http://www.tellthemfromme.com/sccc2777)

Information has been uploaded to the College Skoolbag app.

If you would like more information, please contact Ms Candice Ferey at the College on 4754 8900.

### **ECSI Survey Hamper Results**

Thank you very much to all parents who completed the Enhancing Catholic School Identity survey. Congratulations to the Holmes family who won the Easter Hamper in the draw from the names of the families who notified us that they'd submitted their survey responses.

May God bless you always,

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

# From the Office

## School Fees

School fee statements for the second installment of school fees for 2018 have been mailed out. The due date for payment is on or before Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018. If you have not yet received your statement, 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 is aware of your current 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, Direct Debit, EFTPOS, credit card or cheque.

**Roselee Vion**  
**Senior Officer – Finance and Fees**

YEAR 7, 2019 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW DUE.





# Student News

## Week Two in Sport

### We have a Harpist!

Chloe Corbett of Year 7 performed a harp recital during sport this week. Chloe has been playing the harp for six years and we were delighted that she could share her gift of music with us. Well done Chloe, it was absolutely beautiful.

### RFS Cadets

This week we started off Week 1 of the RFS Cadetship for our enthusiastic group of Year 10 students. These students will learn about the elements of the Rural Fire Service over the next 10 weeks with both theory and practical experience.





# Facebook Posts

**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** shared a post. 13 April at 3:30 pm · 🌐

What a wonderful display of sportsmanship from our ex-student Celia. Congratulations on your achievements.

📶 Telstra 4G 🔋 58%

🔍 Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is 🥰 feeling proud. 13 April at 3:16 pm · 🌐

Did you know that champion runner Celia Sullohern went to **St Finbar's Primary, Glenbrook** and **St Columba's Catholic College, Springwood**? This heartwarming Commonwealth Games story is a **MUST-READ!** 🇦🇺 ❤️

<https://www.9news.com.au/national/2018/04/10/08/15/commonwealth-games-australia-sportsmanship-10000m-lesotho-runners>



9NEWS.COM.AU

The show of Aussie sportsmanship that sticks out among the medals

**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** Friday at 2:50 pm · 🌐

🏆🏆, Congratulations to all students who participated in the PDSSSC Cross Country Carnival at Jamison Park today. We wish all of our students who qualified for NSWCCC the best of luck! 🏃🏃



**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** Yesterday at 4:12 pm · 🌐

💙💛 Today our College came together for a whole school assembly. We celebrated our Swimming and Cross Country Age Champions, introduced Alfie to staff and students, and heard about ways we can all get involved in the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal.



**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** 24 April at 5:26 pm · 🌐

All students are most welcome to come and participate in the Springwood Anzac Day march tomorrow. We are meeting outside Vinnies at 10am - make sure you wear full winter school uniform :)

**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** 25 April at 6:21 pm · 🌐

Thank you to all students and staff who joined together at the Springwood ANZAC day ceremony and ceremonies across the Blue Mountains to commemorate the Spirit of ANZAC.

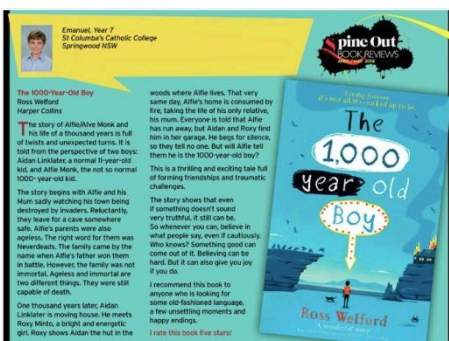


**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** is 🥰 feeling proud. Friday at 8:22 pm · 🌐

Congratulations and good luck to Myiah Kodjak (Yr 11) who is dancing in Ian Cooper's The Proms - A Musical Spectacular at Panthers tomorrow night! We wish you well Myiah!

**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** 1 hr · 🌐

Congratulations to Emanuel in Year 7 for having a piece of writing published in the latest addition of SpineOut! Emanuel reviews the book "The 1000 year old Boy" by Ross Welford. SpineOut can be accessed through the Library and Weblinks page on the College website.



**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** Friday at 7:42 pm · 🌐

Welcome to our new steer Alfie! Students and Staff from our Unischools Challenge team picked up Alfie today. He will spend the next 100 days at the College while the team care for and train him, and learn how to show and judge healthy steers. Good luck team and welcome Alfie!



**St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates** Yesterday at 12:45 pm · 🌐

🏆 We would like to wish Monique Quirk of year 11 the very best of luck when she competes in the 200m at the Melaynesian Championships in Vanuatu this week.

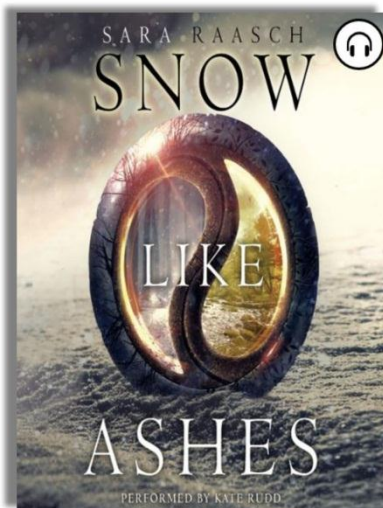






## Student eBook Of The Week

~ Secondary Schools  
April 10 2018



<http://bit.ly/2uZ7c8g>

**Premier's  
Reading  
Challenge**

Suitable for  
years 7 - 9

Orphaned Meira, a fierce chakram-wielding warrior from the Kingdom of Winter, must struggle to free her people from the tyranny of an opposing kingdom while also protecting her own destiny.

ACEN OverDrive  
Audio & eBooks

learning exchange



## Student eBook Of The Week

~ Secondary Schools  
May 07 2018



<http://bit.ly/2K1VcWa>



My disease is as rare as it is famous. Basically, I'm allergic to the world. I don't leave my house, have not left my house in seventeen years. The only people I ever see are my mom and my nurse, Carla.

But then one day, a moving truck arrives next door. I look out my window, and I see him. He's tall, lean and wearing all black—black T-shirt, black jeans, black sneakers, and a black knit cap that covers his hair completely. He catches me looking and stares at me. I stare right back. His name is Olly.

Maybe we can't predict the future, but we can predict some things. For example, I am certainly going to fall in love with Olly. It's almost certainly going to be a disaster.

ACEN OverDrive  
Audio & eBooks

learning exchange

Suitable for years 10 - 12



Mrs Belinda Sefton, Teacher Librarian.

# Careers News

**REMINDER: Western Sydney Careers Market for Years 10 and 12**  
**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Periods 1-4. Normal lessons Periods 5&6.**  
**Full school uniform.**

## UNI

### **Applications for Notre Dame's Early Offer Program are now open.**

Applications close 31 July

The Early Offer Program allows your high-achieving students to secure a place at the #1 university in NSW for overall quality of educational experience before sitting their Year 12 exams. Students can qualify under two categories:

- Academic Achievement
- Extra-Curricular Achievement and Leadership

The Early Offer Program recognises students who've excelled in one or both of the following categories: Academic Achievement, and Extra-Curricular Achievement and Leadership. Successful applicants will secure a place at university before undertaking their final exams and be eligible for Notre Dame's Leadership Program.

Find out more. Contact on 02 8204 4404 or at [sydney@nd.edu.au](mailto:sydney@nd.edu.au) or visit our website at [notredame.edu.au](http://notredame.edu.au).

More information is available at: [www.notredame.edu.au/early-offer](http://www.notredame.edu.au/early-offer).

### **Australian Catholic University – University Experience**

10 July – North Sydney Campus

11 July – Canberra

12 July – Strathfield

Registrations open 8 May

University Experience is a free program that gives you the opportunity to sample the degree of your choice. Get a taste of life at ACU by meeting academic staff and current students – and trying out the course you're interested in. If you're considering tertiary study for next year or in the future, University Experience provides the perfect chance to explore your study options by living a day in the life of an ACU student.

[http://www.acu.edu.au/student\\_experience/student\\_life/experience\\_uni\\_before\\_you\\_start/university\\_experience](http://www.acu.edu.au/student_experience/student_life/experience_uni_before_you_start/university_experience)

### **CSU MYDAY**

**27 June – Albury – Wodonga**

Allied Health, Accounting, Business, Environmental Science and Outdoor Recreation, General Studies (Science), Information Technology, Nursing, Teaching and Education.

**5 July - Dubbo**

Nursing, Social Work, Teaching and Education.

**6 July - Wagga Wagga**

Accounting, Agriculture, Animal and Veterinary Science, Arts, Business, Communication and Creative Industries, Information Technology, Nursing, Medical Radiation Science, Medical Science, Oral Health, Psychology, Social Work, Teaching and Education, Science, General Studies (Science).

Our series of MyDay events gives Yr 11 and 12 students a taste of university life for a day. Come on campus and participate in sessions relating to the course(s) you're interested in. Plus, you can meet academics, current students and support staff to get the information you need about any aspect of studying at CSU. Register at: <https://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/social/campus-events/myday>

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

15 May. 6.30 - 7.30 pm

UTS Campus - Ultimo

Contact : Carin Alberts : [carin.alberts@uts.edu.au](mailto:carin.alberts@uts.edu.au)

Register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/uts-bachelor-of-accounting-bacc-co-op-scholarship-information-evening-tickets-43537750584>

### **UTS Bachelor of Accounting Scholarship Round 1 Applications**

Close 1 June

Online applications: [www.bachelorofaccounting.com](http://www.bachelorofaccounting.com)

Contact : Carin Alberts : [carin.alberts@uts.edu.au](mailto:carin.alberts@uts.edu.au)

Note that applicants will need to apply through UAC as well.

[www.bachelorofaccounting.com](http://www.bachelorofaccounting.com)

### **La Trobe University Open Days**

12 August – Albury-Wodonga Campus

30 August – Sydney

Find out more:

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

### **The Ultimate US/UK University Expo: Real Australian Students**

26 May. 12.30pm to 5.00pm

SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney

Hear from past Aussie students who now attend Harvard, Stanford, Yale, Oxford, Columbia and other Colleges.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-ultimate-usuk-university-expo-real-australian-students-sydney-tickets-44572935851>

### **Global Study Immersion UK July**

Be immersed in a stimulating environment with other like-minded students from across the world and accelerate your growth.

- Two-week intensive academic program
- Live and study on the campuses of leading universities
- University of Cambridge and Durham University
- Highly qualified and knowledgeable academic staff
- Choice of specialist subject courses ranging from Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Creative Arts & International Relations

Visit: <https://learn.crimsoneducation.org/GSI>

## **TAFE**

### **NECA Indigenous Electrical Apprenticeship Readiness Program**

This program opens up opportunities for electrical apprenticeships and develops real electrical skills to obtain employment.

<http://www.necatrainning.com.au/electrical-apprentices/empower-indigenous-program/>

### **NECA Electrotechnology Apprenticeships**

The electrical field is one of the most dynamic and growing industries. At NECA we're here to help you complete a national qualification that supports a career in data/ communication, home automation, renewable energy, construction, the installation of lights, power, air conditioning, fire protection, building management systems and more. Once qualified you can start your own business and take your trade and work anywhere in the world.

<http://www.necatrainning.com.au/electrical-apprentices/>

## **COLLEGES**

### **Correction - JMC Academy Open Day**

**5 May – Sydney. 10.00am**

561 Harris St, Ultimo NSW

On the day you will take a campus tour, undertake a focused overview on your course of interest, speak first-hand with current students, scholarship winners and the Heads of JMC Academy's Music, Audio, Animation, Game Design, Film and Television, Digital Design and Entertainment Business Management departments. You'll also be able to view student work, listen to bands, view student films and even see live audio and television production at work. Contact : Dani McOrrie : (02) 8241 8899. Visit

<http://www.jmccademy.edu.au>

### **Interior Design School Courses**

See the full listing of courses. Develop your interior design skills and create a creative portfolio of furnishing work.

Visit:

[Interior Design School](http://www.idschool.edu.au)

### **AIE Open Day**

19 May. 10.00am – 3.00pm

Level 2, Wentworth Park Grandstand, Wattle St, Ultimo  
Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation and visual effects at the AIE  
The day will include presentations on different areas of industry to get into as well as information about AIE full-time and part-time courses and entry requirements.

Student work will be on display and our teachers will be available to speak with you one on one about our courses and how AIE can get you into a creative career. Jessica Bull: [jessicabu@aie.edu.au](mailto:jessicabu@aie.edu.au) Ph: 85148800.

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

### **AIT Info Night**

23 May. 5.30pm – 8.00pm

Level 2, 7 Kelly street Ultimo

Trudy Pihelgas : [info@ait.edu.au](mailto:info@ait.edu.au)

AIT's Info Night is perfect for those wanting to explore the

endless opportunities available in the growing creative industry. This fun and interactive seminar is a great way to get further information on our curriculum, course requirements, study pathways. Our friendly staff & students will also be there to talk to and get advice from. Learn about careers and study options in film production, 3D animation, digital media, game design, mobile apps and IT. Take a campus tour. Learn about our \$8,000 Scholarship for domestic students

### **Australian Film Television and Radio School Open Day**

11 August. 10.00am to 3.30pm

The Entertainment Quarter, Sydney

Find out how to start and progress your career in the screen and broadcast industries with the Australian Film Television and Radio School. This is a great opportunity to learn about our courses, meet our professional tutors, check out AFTRS state-of-the-art facilities in action and see for yourself why AFTRS is the premier screen and broadcast school in Australia.

<http://www.aftrs.edu.au/events/aftrs-open-days>

### **Australian Institute of Music Open Day**

25 August. 10.00am to 3.00pm- Sydney

1 Foveaux St, Surry Hills

Enjoy the free music workshops, masterclasses, live performances, demonstrations, course information, hear industry experts, meet course staff, alumni & current students. Ph:02 9219 5444 [enquiries@aim.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@aim.edu.au)

Find out more:

<https://www.aim.edu.au/events/2018-open-day>

### **The Hotel School Open Day**

18 August

The Hotel School will once again open its doors to students interested in knowing more about the Tourism and Hospitality industry. This will be the perfect opportunity for students to speak to Academic staff, current students and alumni and get all the facts they need to know about the fastest growing industry in Australia and globally. Students will also get a chance to experience our campus, conveniently located in the heart of the Sydney CBD.

<https://hotelschool.scu.edu.au/>

### **NIDA Open Day Applications for 2019**

16 June. 9.00am – 4.00pm

NIDA, 215 Anzac Parade, Kensington NSW

**By registering to attend, you will receive advance info about performances, workshops and presentations for the day, event schedule, and after the event when recordings are available.** Event photography and filming: by registering to attend this event you agree that photos and videos taken during this event may be used in the recording of the event and in future for NIDA promotional purposes (website, social media etc) and archival purposes.

<https://s.myfeedback.io/survey/?c=50176&id=248>

### **Top Education Institute Open Day for Business and Law**

3 August 2018

Find out more:

<https://www.top.edu.au/>



## GENERAL

### Career Kickstarter 2018

23 May 4.00pm-7.00pm

Luna Park

Insights and work opportunities in Business & Accounting for year 12 and first year University Students

Contact : Eleni Carkagis :

[eleni.carkagis@charteredaccountantsanz.com](mailto:eleni.carkagis@charteredaccountantsanz.com)

### Keep Posted on Becoming a Teacher

Get paid to study to become a teacher and have a guaranteed job on graduation.

<https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/get-paid-to-study>

### Subject Selection

Here is a survival guide for Year 10 students choosing their year 11/12 subjects.

<https://www.careerfaqs.com.au/news/news-and-views/navigating-subject-selection-in-year-10>

Here is a list of questions to consider when selecting your HSC subjects.

<https://www.matrix.edu.au/subject-selection-guide-for-year-10-students/>

### National Youth Science Forum – Applications Open Now

The NYSF Year 12 Program is a 12-day residential program designed to give students a broader understanding of the diverse study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to encourage them to continue their studies in these fields. Participants also take part in sessions on entrepreneurship, critical thinking, how to work together effectively, and more.

<https://www.nysf.edu.au/programs/year-12-program/>

### Westmead Social Work Careers Day One Day Workshop

10 May. 9.00am – 3.00pm

Westmead Hospital

Year 11 or 12 who are interested in Social Work should apply.

Contact: [Kimberley.sherwood@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Kimberley.sherwood@health.nsw.gov.au)



McCARTHY  
CATHOLIC TRADE  
TRAINING CENTRE

## YEAR 10 STUDENTS & FAMILIES



## 2019 INFORMATION EVENING

## 6PM WED 30 MAY

Combine your HSC Studies with Trade Qualifications and the opportunity to be employed as a School Based Apprentice/Trainee

**Trades/Vocations Include but are not limited to:**

- Automotive
- Metals and Engineering
- Carpentry
- Hospitality
- Electrotechnology
- Hairdressing
- Bricklaying
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Plumbing
- Shopfitting

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W [www.mccarthycttc.catholic.edu.au](http://www.mccarthycttc.catholic.edu.au)

## THOUGHT ABOUT A TRAINEESHIP OR APPRENTICESHIP? GAP YEAR OPTION, PLAN B...

- No ATAR required
- Paid full-time employment
- Nationally recognised qualification
- Gain skills & industry experience
- Career pathway for your future
- Travel Concession card

### Castle Hill

Position available in Castle Hill to undertake a Business Traineeship Certificate 3 with our host a well-established energy consultancy company. This is a 12 month traineeship. As a Business trainee, you will be trained in, and actively undertaking, duties such as: Customer Service Phone Enquiries Data Entry Administration Processing Mail Banking and other duties as required. Skills/Experience Required Effective communication skills including verbal and written Excellent presentation and grammar Attention to detail Customer service skills Ability to work independently and in a team Excellent organisational and multi-tasking skills Should have experience using Microsoft Office.

Contact Nicky Bruce on 9704 1512 | Reference No: 2281815747 | Job ID: 816/18

### Sydney

If you are interested in learning and being trained in events, marketing, business and administration this is a great career start to the industry. We have a Traineeship in Certificate III in Business available a research and membership based organisation, who create events, research and publications, for their members. Duties include administration of events and marketing, assist with the organising of events, coordinating activities related operational support, telephone enquiries, emails, booking catering, update website and social media, maintain database and many other related duties and administration tasks.

Contact Nicky Bruce on 9704 1512 | Reference No: 2281879461 | Job ID: 785/18

### North Sydney

#### Information Technology Traineeship

Leading business software & technology provider located in CBD is seeking a trainee to undertake a full time. This is a Level 1 Technical support role to internal and external clients. You will be supporting teams in the deliver of server, network and desktop support services. This role is an excellent opportunity to develop your IT skills. You will be responsible for installing, maintaining and servicing computer-related products. This will mostly include, but will not be limited to desktop and laptop computers, printers, basic network devices and troubleshooting client profiles, MS office software and tailor made software within the environment.

Contact Nicky Bruce on 9704 1512 | Reference No: 2281879489 | Job ID: 705/17

### St Marys

#### Drafting Traineeship

3 Year Traineeship available in St Marys in Engineering Drafting Certificate IV. Training will be on the job including 2 years at TAFE in Mt Druitt. You will be trained to draw and compile drawings using Auto CAD and efficiently manage drafting time to produce quality detailed fabrication drawings. You will learn to read and import drawings, liaise with construction staff and develop appropriate methods for detailing projects. Lots of phone work, you will be liaising with builders, contractors and architects and engineers. Good communication skills are essential. Also need to have above average organisational skills, and eye for detail and a self starter. Hours are Monday – Friday 7.30am-4pm with half an hour for lunch. Own transport is preferred but public transport is available depending on where you live.

Contact Nicky Bruce on 9704 1512 | Reference No: 2281850743 | Job ID: 815/18

### Gosford

#### Information Technology Traineeship

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 in Information Technology. The location for this role is in a school environment supporting teacher's IT requirements. 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. You will need to have an aptitude for learning technical tasks and systems with the ability to troubleshoot IT issues.

Contact Jane North on 9704 1500 | Reference No: 2280688485 | Job ID: 760/17

### Bondi Beach

#### Lifeguard Traineeship

Are you looking at becoming a beach lifeguard? Australian Training Company has the opportunity to gain a Certificate III Sport & Recreation qualification while working at iconic Bondi Beach as well as Tamarama and Bronte beaches. As a Beach lifeguard trainee you will be trained in and actively undertake, duties such as: Put out the flags and rescue equipment, Patrol designated public surf bathing and surfcraft areas, Closely monitor dangerous swimming areas, Provide information on surf and beach conditions to the public and give beach and water safety talks to schools and community groups. Skills/Experience Required: Must be a strong swimmer and have a high level of physical fitness.

Contact Nicky Bruce on 9704 1512 | Reference No: 2281879501 | Job ID: 782/18

### Granville

#### Swim Instructor Traineeship

Seeking energetic, motivated and enthusiastic candidates to become learn to swim instructors! If you are a confident swimmer, like working outdoors and wish to obtain a qualification, this job may be for you. Position is located in Granville. The initial education component of your traineeship will involve successful candidates undertaking their AustSwim qualification. On completion you will then undertake the remainder of your education at our Training Centre one day per week. Upon successful completion you will receive a Certificate III in Sport and Recreation. Duties: Supervise swimmers, pool administration, pool maintenance, hospitality, and teaching learn to swim. Don't miss an opportunity to join an organisation that is an leader in this industry. School leavers are encouraged to apply.

Contact Nicky Bruce on 9704 1512 | Reference No: 2281879510 | Job ID: 786/18

### Parramatta

#### Flooring Apprentice

Great career opportunity to learn this skills shortage trade. This is a 4 year apprenticeship including 3 years at TAFE. You will learn how to lay vinyl flooring in commercial and industrial buildings. There is also some carpet tile laying. Duties include laying vinyl, welding joints, floor preparation, grinding and many other duties. You will learn to use relevant power and hand tools. Drivers licence required, own transport preferred, although can receive a lift if able to get to Frenchs Forest. Should have or be willing to obtain OH & S Induction Card (Whitecard). Work is in Sydney metro. Hours are Monday - Friday 7am - 3.30pm with some overtime required.

Contact Nicky Bruce on 9704 1512 | Reference No: 2281879337 | Job ID: 730/17

### Castle Hill

#### Parks and Gardens Apprentice

Great career opportunity to complete a 4 year apprenticeship in Horticulture (Parks and Gardens) Certificate III. You will learn all aspects of garden and lawn maintenance with high end residential properties in the Hills and Northern Suburbs including Dural, North Sydney, Hornsby, Willoughby region. Duties include mowing lawns, edging, planting, hedging, pruning, identifying soils and plants, irrigation systems, new gardens and other related duties. Drivers licence and own transport required. OH & S Induction Card (GreenCard/Whitecard) is also required or be willing to obtain.

Contact Nicky Bruce on 9704 1512 | Reference No: 2281879341 | Job ID: 803/18

### Frenchs Forrest

#### 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Year Apprentice Landscaper

We are looking for 2nd or 3rd Year Apprentice to complete their apprenticeship in Landscaping Certificate III. Duties include, garden renovation, new landscaping, planting, retaining walls, paving, brickwork, pergolas, fencing, water features and lots of other duties related to building new gardens. Most work is in commercial premises. Work is all over metro Sydney. Drivers Licence and own transport is essential. Must continue with TAFE if not already complete. Successful applicant will be well presented for public contact with good communication skills. Must be fit for physical work. Hours are Monday – Friday 7am – 3.30pm.

Contact Nicky Bruce on 9704 1510 | Reference No: 2281842040 | Job ID: 817/18

### Blacktown

#### Parks and Gardens Apprentice

Great career opportunity to complete a 4 year apprenticeship in Parks and Gardens. You will learn all aspects of garden and lawn maintenance. Duties include mowing lawns both ride on and push mowers, edging, planting, hedging, pruning, identifying soils and plants, irrigation systems, new gardens and other related duties including cleaning BBQ's and picking up rubbish. Work is mostly in Western Sydney Parklands and some in Parramatta Park sometimes alternating between the two. Uniforms will be supplied. Drivers licence required and own transport preferred.

Contact Nicky Bruce on 9704 1512 | Reference No: 2280747098 | Job ID: 762/17

### Darling Harbour

#### Apprentice Chef

A highly motivated person is required to complete a 4 year apprenticeship in Commercial Cookery (Chef) for a restaurant in Darling Harbour. This is a varied role including food preparation, cooking for various foods in a bar and bistro environment. There will also be good rotation throughout various areas of the kitchen. This is a fast paced kitchen environment. Some experience or school subjects highly preferred. This is a Monday to Friday position with split shifts. Hours are between 10.00am to 3.00pm and 5.00pm to 8.00pm approximately. Total of 38 hours per week. Some overtime may be required occasionally.

Contact Nicky Bruce on 9704 1512 | Reference No: 2281879375 | Job ID: 755/17

### Riverstone

#### Civil Construction Apprentice

A civil construction company specialising in surfacing sporting and leisure infrastructure and landscaped environments, require an apprentice to complete a 3 year apprenticeship. Duties include irrigation and laying pipes, calculate quantities of materials, load and unload equipment and much more. Work can be located around Sydney area so must be prepared to travel. Some country work away is also required. Some construction experience or school related subjects will be highly regarded. Drivers Licence and own transport is required. OH & S Induction Card required (Whitecard).

Contact Nicky Bruce on 9704 1512 | Reference No: 2281771744 | Job ID: 814/18

### Marrickville

#### Painting and Decorating Apprentice

Great opportunity to commence a 4 year apprenticeship in this trade including 3 years at TAFE. Duties include preparation work for internal and external work on local buildings. Full time position, most work is in inner west area. Own transport preferred, not essential. Some overtime may be required. Hours are Monday – Friday 7am – 3.30pm

Contact Nicky Bruce on 9704 1512 | Reference No: 2281764109 | Job ID: 813/18

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## UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS 2018-19

UAC is gearing up for the opening of the 2018–19 admissions period in August.

Applications for undergraduate study will open on **Wednesday 1 August**. Encourage your Year 12 students to apply before early bird applications close at midnight on **Friday 28 September** to avoid a jump in the application charge, even if they're not sure of what course they want to study.

The key dates for admissions this year are below. Mark these in your diary.

### KEY DATES

#### Applications

Wednesday 1 August	Applications open
Friday 28 September	Early bird applications close
Friday 8 February 2019	Applications close for semester 1, 2019

#### Year 12 results and ATARs released

Thursday 13 December	HSC results released by NESA
Friday 14 December	ATARs released by UAC

#### Main offer rounds for Year 12 students

Tuesday 18 December	December Round 2
Wednesday 23 January 2019	January Round 2

#### Educational Access Schemes

Wednesday 1 August	Applications open
Tuesday 13 November	EAS eligibility letters release commences
Friday 23 November	Last date to apply to receive letter before December Round 2

#### Equity Scholarships

Wednesday 1 August	Applications open
Friday 21 December and Saturday 12 January 2019	Most Year 12 applicants' offers made

#### Schools Recommendation Schemes

Wednesday 1 August	Applications open
Friday 28 September	Applications close

### THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ATAR

There's been lots of media attention on the ATAR recently and not all of the commentary has been accurate and well-informed.

Dr Rod Yager, Chair of the Technical Committee on Scaling, which is responsible for calculating ATARs, says recent commentary overlooks evidence that students who choose the more demanding maths and English options get higher ATARs than those who choose the easier options.

For instance, looking at students who were placed in the 80th percentile in the 2013 NAPLAN numeracy tests, the students from this percentile group who went on to study Mathematics in the HSC had an average scaled score of 60.3 across their other subjects. The students from the same percentile group who chose to study Mathematics General had an average scaled score of 55.7 across their other subjects. The same phenomenon occurs with the 2013 NAPLAN literacy scores and choice of English subject.

Dr Yager believes this illustrates that there are many factors which are far more important in determining student success than subject choice. 'The support and encouragement that students receive from their teachers, schools and families to pursue the more demanding options, together with their own desire to be challenged and well prepared for their future, are the real keys to better outcomes.'

We've released a lot of information to the media in the last few weeks, and you can see all our media releases on [UAC's website](#).

For accurate information about the ATAR, visit [UAC's website](#) or [contact UAC](#).

### TRANSPARENCY

A reminder that new transparency measures are being implemented for the coming admissions year. This means that all universities and admissions centres across Australia will adopt a standard approach when providing information to students about admissions criteria and processes.

You'll see that certain terms will be changed, the most notable being:

- 'bonus points' will be replaced by 'adjustment factors'
- 'course 'cut-off' will be replaced with lowest selection rank.

You'll also see changes in how course information is presented. Universities will also be required to publish the minimum, median and top ATAR mark (without any adjustments) of an applicant to whom an offer of a place was

made, as well as the minimum, median and top selection rank (including any adjustment factors) of an applicant to whom an offer of a place was made.

You'll see these measures adopted in all UAC publications, on UAC's website, including in the course descriptions and the UAC app.

### **EAS IS GOING ONLINE**

For this first time this year, Educational Access Schemes applications are going online and will become part of an applicant's UAC application.

Once applicants have submitted their undergraduate application, they'll have the option to immediately access the EAS application via the 'Apply for EAS' button, or they can log back in to their undergraduate application at any time and apply for EAS.

Applicants will be able to download the necessary forms, including the educational impact statement form, and then upload their completed application when done.

### **UMAT (UNDERGRADUATE MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES ADMISSION TEST) REGISTRATION REMINDER**

UMAT is used specifically to help with the selection of students into medicine, dentistry and some health science degree programs at undergraduate level.

The test assesses general attributes and skills gained through prior experience and learning, such as critical thinking and problem solving, interactions with others, and abstract non-verbal reasoning.

UMAT is only held once a year and a reminder that registrations close on 1 June 2018. UMAT will be held on 25 July 2018.

For more information, visit the [UMAT website](#) or call (03) 8508 7643.

### **2020 ADMISSIONS ARE OPENING EARLY**

Admissions for 2020 will open in March/April 2019 to accommodate university trimesters and early entry schemes. More information will be available closer to the time.

#### **University of Wollongong**

Upcoming UOW Information Evenings for Year 12 students and their parents:

- May – Sutherland, Campbelltown, Wollongong, Canberra, Goulburn and Dubbo
- June – Nowra, Liverpool, Bankstown, Southern Highlands, Southern Sydney, Central Sydney, Penrith, Kogarah and Parramatta
- July – Batemans Bay, Bega and Griffith.

Click here for [more information and booking details](#).

### **UNIVERSITY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS 2021 FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS**

This booklet is designed to help students in Year 10 in 2018 decide which HSC courses to take in Years 11 and 12. It lists courses UAC's participating institutions will offer in 2021 with details of prerequisites, assumed knowledge, recommended studies and additional selection criteria.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/assets/documents/Year-10-students-uni-entry-requirements-in-2021.pdf>

**Dr John Taccori**  
**Careers Advisor**



#### **THE CAPSTONE EDITING**

## **Textbook Grant for Undergraduates**

A \$3,000 grant for one undergrad to cover the cost of their textbooks for the duration of their degree. (The recipient receives one \$1,000 gift voucher per year for 3 years.)

Applications are open all year.  
The grant will be awarded on 1 February every year.

For more info or to apply, please visit  
[capstoneediting.com.au/textbook-grant](http://capstoneediting.com.au/textbook-grant).



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# Diocesan News

## Catholic Outlook Survey

Tell Bishop Vincent and the Diocese of Parramatta what you think about CatholicOutlook. All responses are anonymous and confidential. Take the survey here:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/catholicoutlook)

## CatholicCare has a new website

Remaining committed to their core mission to be the compassionate face of Christ and be a strong and visible provider of care for all in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains with a special concern for the poor, CatholicCare now also has a new website to help them on their journey. Visit the new website at [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)

## We want to hear YOUR voice!

The Council for Australian Catholic Women, an advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, and will be holding a consultation session with women in the Diocese of Parramatta on the evening of 21 June 2019. Share your thoughts with us and/or let us know if you would like to be part of that consultation event on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParraWomen>

## Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. All people are invited to reflect on the question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?" Find out more at:

[plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

## Get Fired Up: 12 May

One day retreat with Fr Isuru Dinesh Weliwatte MGL, assistant parish priest of St Declan's Parish, Penshurst. Fr Isuru is blessed with the gift of Prophecy and Prayer Ministry. From 9.00am - 5.00pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall, Waltz St, Rockdale, NSW 2195. BYO lunch, coffee, tea and biscuits provided. Enquiries: Helen Aldana Mob. 0433 455 114 or Ida Krisnadi Mob. 0416 464 221. Email: [jlowcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:jlowcommunity@gmail.com) - From Jesus light of the World communities

## Christian Meditation: 20 May

You are invited to our Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Days for 2018 at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia on Sunday 20 May. Arrival time at the monastery is from 10am for a 10:30am start. Conclusion is around 3pm. Mass is celebrated at 2pm. There will be presentations and periods of meditation with the opportunity of an introduction to Christian Meditation for newcomers. Bring your own picnic lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Registration is on the day. There is no set charge, a donation may be made for the monks. There may be accommodation available at the Monastery Guest House enquiries to Br Terry Cavanagh on 0438 282 318. Other enquiries to Ann Bergman 02 9498 2625 [anniebergman@hotmail.com](mailto:anniebergman@hotmail.com) or Ann Lomas 02 9456 4775 [atlomas@bigpond.com](mailto:atlomas@bigpond.com)

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

## Spirituality Reflection Morning in the Blue Mtns

A joint effort of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal



May 19, 2018, Santa Maria Hall, Lawson. 9:30-12:30pm  
Parking at: Lawson Catholic Church (enter by Somers St.) OR Kitchener St.

## Seeking renewal through conversation

Mary of Magdala -  
Sinner? Prostitute? Disciple? Apostle?  
presented by Sister Catherine McCahill, sgs

What does the New Testament actually say? What are the implications for our contemporary faith communities? The presentation and conversation will explore our understanding of Mary Magdalene in some art forms and in the canonical Gospels.

Since joining the Sisters of the Good Samaritan, Catherine has been engaged in learning and teaching in secondary schools, tertiary institutions and various faith communities. She is passionate about the scriptures and the insights, challenges and nourishment that come from communal engagement in their study.

Entry by donation. Morning tea provided, no need to book.

For more information contact Carol Teodori: 02 4758 7549

Program also on Catalyst for Renewal web-site: [catalyst-for-renewal.com.au](http://catalyst-for-renewal.com.au)

For railway travellers to Lawson: Go east on the Great Western Highway. Turn right at Orient St., left into Mary St. Walk to the end.  
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## Community News

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Springwood High School  
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### SAT JUNE 2, 7.30PM

Wycliffe Christian School  
133 Rickard Road, Warrimoo

### TICKETS

Adult — \$25  
Conc/youth under 18 — \$18  
Child — \$15  
Family — \$65  
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### CONTACT

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Wednesday 6 June

12.00pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 7 June

12.00pm – 6.00pm

Friday 8 June

8.30am – 2.30pm

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## SCHOOL FETE



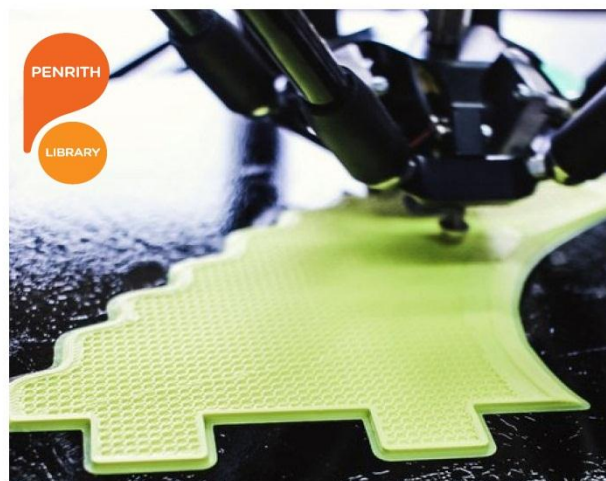
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## 3D DESIGN WORKSHOPS

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4 - 5.30pm

**COST** \$144 for 8 weeks

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