

## St Columba's Catholic College, Springwood

# The Dove

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Upcoming Events: Week 5

Tue 26 Feb 2019 09:30 Back up Opening School Mass Brick & Block Training @ McCarthy TTC CCC Berg Shield Cricket Final

Wed 27 Feb 2019 15:15 Year 7 2020 Information Evening Brick & Block Training @ McCarthy TTC

#### Thu 28 Feb 2019

12:00 Japanese Study Session 07:00 Triathlon Championships (Individuals) 12:00 PDSSSC Season 1 Round 3

Fri 1 Mar 2019 School Swimming Carnival 07:00 Triathlon Championships (Teams)

Week 6 Catholic Schools Week Mon 4 Mar 2019 08:00 NSWCCC Tennis

**Tue 5 Mar 2019** 08:00 PDSSSC Touch Gala Day / Selections (Wildcards)

Wed 6 Mar 2019 ASH WEDNESDAY Ash Wednesday Liturgy in classrooms

#### Thu 7 Mar 2019 12:00 Japanese Study Session 17:30 Commissioning Mass 201

17:30 Commissioning Mass 2019 12:00 PDSSSC Season 1 Round 4

Fri 8 Mar 2019 Year 7 Retreat "IT'S ALL ABOUT LEARNING AND HAVING HIGH EXPECTATIONS OF OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER"

## Dear members of the St Columba's community

### **Higher School Certificate 2018**

I am delighted this week to publish our HSC High Achievers' results. These results confirm our belief that everything we do at St Columba's "is all about the learning and having high expectations of ourselves and each other."

The 2018 cohort of students applied themselves diligently to their studies and worked with each other to improve one another's results, through their participation in a number of student and teacher-led workshops before and after school throughout the whole year.

Our congratulations go to all students in the class of 2018.

### Enrolments 2020

During the last few weeks the Assistant Principals have been visiting the Year 5 and 6 students in our Catholic feeder schools to speak to them about the College, Miss Muscat and Mr Gawthorne were very warmly received by the students who are so excited about coming to our great College.

Parents and Guardians, as you would understand we are not given the same access to our local State Primary schools, so could I ask you to let any of your friends or neighbours know, if they are considering whether to send their son or daughter to the College next year, that we are opening the College up next week on Wednesday afternoon and evening for tours and for an information evening.

#### **School Fees**

If any parent or guardian is having difficulty paying school fees please contact Mr Chris Carpenter our Business Manager and arrange for an interview to discuss this with him. Please be assured that you will be treated with absolute dignity and respect at all times. Whilst Catholic schools cannot exist without the support of school fees, no child will ever be refused an education in any Parramatta Diocesan Systemic Catholic school because of financial hardship.

May God bless you always,

Mr Paul Ryan Principal

### St Columba's Catholic College Platinum HSC Results of 2018



The students of Year 12, 2018 are to be congratulated for their exceptional results.

#### Most Outstanding Performance Award

Simone Cooper - ATAR 98.80

#### All Rounder

Simone Cooper received a Band 6 in all of her subjects

#### **Band 6 Recipients**

Agriculture: Thomas Peel

Ancient History: Lucy Curry, Ophelia Nyssen, Summer Mabon

Biology: Chloe Curtis-Orobello, Mikhayla Atkins

Community and family Studies: Kaitlin Hurley, Katie Moore

English (Advanced): Imogen Kelly, Chloe Humphrys, Jasmine Sharp, Simone Cooper, Ivy Beglinger, Lucy Curry

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English (Standard): Eden Vassallo, Michelle Bird

English Extension 1: Jasmine Sharp, Simone Cooper, Ivy Beglinger

English Extension 2: Grace Pizarro, Chloe Humphrys, Simone Cooper

Entertainment Industry: Keelan Ellis Food Technology: Hunter Love, Lauren Coleman, Madison Trigg, Thomas Micallef

Hospitality (Food & Beverage): Emily Bannister, Chloe Cartmell Legal Studies: Tegan Murphy Mathematics: Chloe Curtis-Orobello, Simone Cooper, Thomas Nassour, Harry Wrightson Mathematics Extension 1: Simone Cooper Mathematics General 2: Thomas Micallef Music 1: Ethan Karpathy, Simone Cooper Personal Development Health and Physical Education: Jenna Fisher, Katie Moore Eden Vassallo, Damon Lee, Ryan Eisenhuth, Tegan Murphy, Ivy Beglinger Primary Industries: Brooke Vaughan, Thomas Peel Society and Culture: Lucy Curry, Mia Badorrek, Ophelia Nyssen, Ivy Beglinger Studies of Religion 1: Jasmine Sharp Studies of Religion 2: Simone Cooper, Madison Adams Visual Arts: Imogen Kelly, Isabella Phillips, Ella Brennan, Eden Vassallo, Jasmine Sharp,

Madison Trigg, Oliver Smuhar

#### **Distinguished Achievers**

Jasmine Sharp 10th in the State for Visual Arts and her major work accepted into ARTEXPRESS Hunter Love 7th in the State for Food Technology Thomas Peel 4th in the State for Primary Industries Alexandria Hinley accepted into NIDA



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#### St Columba's Catholic College Platinum HSC achievements of 2018



#### HSC Major work accepted into ARTEXPRESS



Jasmine Sharp -10th in the State for Visual Arts with her Major Work being accepted into ARTEXPRESS.





#### Ryan Eisenhuth

Meg Jefferson

Competed in Penrith under 18 Rugby League Rep side. Selected, Penrith Panthers SG Ball under 18 Rugby League Rep side.

Represented in the AUSA Hoops and Adidas Gauntiet in Dallas Texas. Selected into NSW State Performand Training Program. Basketball scholarship to Virginia Polytech and State University USA.



#### Alexandria Hinley

Auditioned and successfully accepte into The National Institute of Dramati Arts (NIDA).





Oliver Smuha Wrote and had published his first novel

The Gift of Life'. A line taken from his Editor's review; "Smuhar's book is a shining example of dark 'X4 fantasy that keeps you guessing until the very end."

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ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE Year 7, 2020 Information Evening

### Wednesday 27th February, 2019

#### Session 1:

3.15pm Register for tour 3.30pm Tour of the facilities 4.30 - 5.00pm Address by the Principal Session 2:

Register for tour Tour of the facilities

5.15pm 5.30pm 6.30 - 7.00pm Address by the Principal

- Tours will begin at 3.30 and 5.30pm sharp to enable visitors to view all of the College facilities.
- Prospectus and enrolment application forms will be available on the night.

Enquiries: Sandra O'Brien, Enrolments Secretary 4754 8907

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Bookings are

not required.

Please register at the

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upon arrival.

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## From the Office

### School Fees

School fee statements for the first instalment of school fees for 2019 will be mailed out in the next two weeks. The due date for payment is on or before Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019. If you have not received your statement by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, please contact me on 4754 8902 to arrange for a copy to be sent home.

The Flexible Payment Plan will again be offered as an option for the payment of 2019 fees. The necessary information required to take up this convenient payment alternative will be provided with your first instalment fee statement. Please note that if you wish to be included in the Flexible Payment Plan option, all paperwork needs to be returned to Catholic Education Office, Parramatta by the date specified on the form.

The Catholic Education Office 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 College 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 arrangement will be made for you. Please note that as part of this process you may be required to complete an Application for School Fees Assistance Form so that the College is able to conduct an accurate assessment of your current financial situation. Please be assured of **complete confidentiality** with regards to any information you are asked to provide.

# N.B. If you were on a payment arrangement for 2018 (except Flexible Payment Plan or Salary Sacrifice) it is important that you contact me when you receive your First Instalment statement so that I am aware of your intentions for 2019.

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 the Catholic Education Office for actioning.

If you need to discuss any issues, or have any questions, regarding the school fees, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone on 4754 8902 or by email <u>rvion@parra.catholic.edu.au</u>

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

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## Student News

### Wagana

Anastasia Vickers (Year 12) is currently in Vancouver with the dance company, Wagana.

Anastasia is participating in an ongoing exchange between *Wagana* and Vancouver based company *Raven Spirit Dancers*. She will perform 6 times at the Coastal First Nations Dance Festival as well as participate in a Pow Wow workshop, Indigenous dance masterclasses and a performance at a local primary school.

Anastasia is an incredible young woman. She is passionate about connecting with and learning about her own First Nations Aboriginal heritage and we are so proud of her commitment to her dance and community.

You can read about the tour here (Anastasia is coming on the first leg of the tour) https://www.bluemountainsgazette.com.au/story/5881718/wagana-aboriginal-dancers-embark-on-international-festivaltour/?cs=1432&fbclid=IwAR1eVGOnFT5\_kRGqa2WWhd4w4UbtNMhAyHmZXc84oMbHMJ1wfi0O5bMCtSc

This experience is sure to have deep and wonderful learning for Anastasia and we are thankful to the St Columba's Teachers who have supported her on this journey.

#### Jo Clancy Wagana Aboriginal Dancers

https://www.facebook.com/waganadancers



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### **ArtExpress Success**

Jasmine Sharp's ceramics, "Trans-plants" are being displayed at the Hazelhurst Arts Centre for ArtExpress. They depict the comparison of illegal organ harvesting to rapacious orchid trafficking.

Some statistics - from about 8000 submitted HSC Visual Arts Body of Works, only 238 were selected for the Artexpress exhibitions.

Congratulations Jasmine.

Mrs Margaret Rust CAPA Leader of Learning



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## Sports News

Congratulations to both Zachary Konstantinoff and Monique Quirk who were presented with NSWCCC Blues Awards on the 11th of February for their outstanding achievements in their respective sports.

At the beginning of 2018 Monique competed at the Athletics ACT Championships. She won both the 100 and 200m events in the U18 competition. In February Monique competed at the NSW Juniors Championships at Homebush. Again, she competed in the 100 and 200m events, where she won the 200m and come  $2^{nd}$  in the 100m. Late February Monique competed in at the **Commonwealth Games Trials** on the Gold Coast, missing out on the 100m Semi-final by 0.6 seconds. Monique's competitions continued at the Australian Junior

Championships in March where she was crowned the U18 200m Australian National Champion. In this race, she was 0.2



seconds off the Youth Olympic qualifying time. After this competition Monique attended the Melanesian Games in Vanuatu. This is a meet for qualification into the Youth Olympics. Monique came second in the 200m but unfortunately missed out on Youth Olympic qualification. Monique has represented St Columba's Catholic College at the PDSSSC Cross Country carnival, PDSSSC, NSWCCC and NSW All Schools Athletics Carnival.

In 2018 Zachary had a very strong year in the pool with great success in breaststroke. He won all three breaststroke events at the Parramatta Diocesan Championships and backed it up at the NSWCCC Championships winning the 50m breaststroke and finished second in the 100m breaststroke. Zachary swam at the NSW All Schools Swimming Championships, winning the 100m breaststroke and finishing third in both the 50m and 200m breaststroke. He was rewarded with selection in the NSW Team for the School Sport Australia Championships in Hobart, where he won silver in the 100m breaststroke and bronze in the 200m breaststroke.

Ms Nyburg and Ms Gawthorne PDHPE & Sport Leaders of Learning

## **Facebook Posts**



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St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates



St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates 8 February at 2:53 pm · 🕢

Yesterday we were very proud to acknowledge the outstanding results from the 2018 HSC at the High Achievers Ceremony. Congratulations!





St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates 13 February at 3:28 pm · 🕢

Yesterday all of Yr 7 attended their Mass of Commitment. Each student was officially welcomed to the College and received a portfolio in which they can keep record of and build upon their achievements over the coming years. Welcome to St Columba's Year 7!

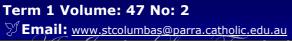


St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates Friday at 11:39 am · 🔇

Congratulations to Jasmine Sharp (HSC 2018) on the display of your Visual Art ceramics major work 'Transplants'! Jasmine's HSC result placed her 10th in the state.

'Trans-plants' is on display at Hazelhurst Art Centre in Gymea. Congratulations Jasmine!





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St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates

11 February at 10:58 am · 🕥

Our Yr 7 2020 Information Evening is on Wednesday 27th February. There are two sessions available -3.15pm and 5.15pm.

We are looking forward to meeting you all!







St Columba's Catholic College Celebrates 13 February at 8:52 pm · 🥥

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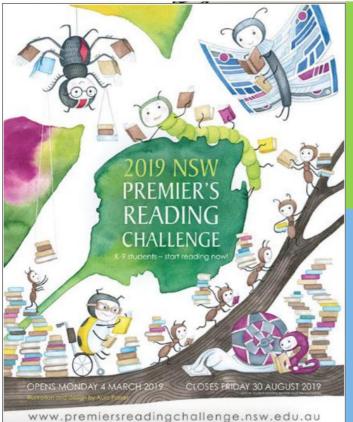
Tonight we welcomed all the families of our new students to the College at our Wine and Cheese night. It was wonderful for the teachers to meet all the families. Welcome to the St Columba's community!



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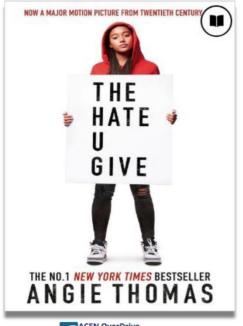
2019 Booklist For the complete 2019 Premier's Reading Challenge booklist, please go to: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/ prc/booklist/home.html



## Student eBook Of The Week



Secondary Schools Feb 11 2019





learning exchange **Mrs Belinda Sefton Teacher Librarian** 

https://goo.gl/DW2LtG

Sixteen-year-old Starr lives in two worlds: the poor neighbourhood where she was born and raised and her posh high school in the suburbs. The uneasy balance between them is shattered when Starr is the only witness to the fatal shooting of her unarmed best friend, Khalil, by a police officer.

Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, this is a powerful and gripping YA novel about one girl's struggle for justice.

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## **Careers** News

#### UNI

CSU Explore Day – Map Out Your Future 2019

Albury-Wodonga 26 June 2019 Bathurst 12 April 2019 Dubbo 12 April 2019 Orange 9 April 2019 Port Macquarie 9 April 2019

Wagga Wagga 15–16 April (Vet Science) and 25 June 2019 If you're in Year 10, 11 or 12, Explore Day is the perfect opportunity for you to choose your own adventure and select from lots of dynamic workshops in a broad range of study areas.

Have fun with hands-on activities and chat to lecturers and students about what uni is *really* like. Discover more about the courses you're interested in and all the services and support Charles Sturt University (CSU) has for you. Parents and carers are welcome too – be sure to check out our dedicated parents program.

#### https://futurestudents.csu.edu.au/unilife/social/events UNSW 360 Virtual Tour

Tour through UNSW on your mobile or PC. Explore the different departments and see what University life is like. Imagine yourself enjoying the experience of studying in a tertiary environment and making new friends along the way. Some of the greatest things happening on this planet are being developed in the labs and study rooms at UNSW. Check it out here:

#### http://www.360tour.unsw.edu.au/

#### ANU Tuckwell Scholarship - Be on the Mailing List

One of the most prestigious scholarships in Australia. The program has a focus on giving back to Australia and is the only one of its kind that nurtures Scholars to fulfil their broader community ambitions over and above the pursuit of an undergraduate degree.

#### https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/applying/tuckwell-scholarshipmailing-list

#### Sydney UTAS – Medical Programs

Darlinghurst - The University of Tasmania's Darlinghurst campus offers <u>Nursing</u> within the <u>School of Health Sciences</u> offers the two year fast track <u>Bachelor of Nursing</u> course through the Darlinghurst campus in partnership with the <u>St</u> <u>Vincent's and Mater Health Services</u>.

Rozelle - UTAS offers <u>Bachelor of Paramedic Practice</u> and this course is supported by the <u>Ambulance Service of New South</u> <u>Wales</u>. The School of Medicine at the Rozelle campus aims to provide the community with sound, comprehensive out-ofhospital care through the development of paramedic students conversant in the field of paramedic practice.

The University's <u>School of Health Sciences</u> offers the fast track two year <u>Bachelor of Nursing</u> course through the Rozelle campus in partnership with the <u>Sydney Local Health District</u>, <u>South Western Sydney Local Health District</u>, <u>South Eastern</u> <u>Sydney Local Health District</u> and <u>Illawarra Shoalhaven Local</u> <u>Health District</u>.

You can reach us at Liliana.Arango@utas.edu.au

## Experience a week as a Marine Biologists - UTAS Marine Discovery Scholarship

Applications close Sunday 24 February.

Course runs from 23 April until 28 April This predominately field-based unit consists of 5 days on picturesque Maria Island on the Tasmanian East Coast. The unit is open to 24 students and is designed to engage, challenge, excite and inspire you through a hands-on marine science program. It will encourage you to explore issues threatening biodiversity as well as the productivity of the marine system. Climate change, invasive species, pollution, debris and their associated social and economic impacts will be covered. Apply here:

https://secure.utas.edu.au/imas/study/undergraduate/marin ediscoverycompetition

#### University of Newcastle Science & Engineering Challenge

The Science and Engineering Challenge is a nationwide STEM outreach program presented by the University of Newcastle in partnership with communities, Rotary clubs, universities and sponsors. Through the Challenge, students experience aspects of Science and Engineering which they would not usually see in their school environment. The Challenge runs a range of programs but focuses on inspiring students in year 10 to consider a future career in science and engineering by choosing to study the enabling sciences and mathematics in years 11 and 12. See below for your nearest venue for an event. There is a location nearest to you here:

https://www.newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/governance-andleadership/faculties-and-schools/faculty-of-engineering-andbuilt-environment/science-and-engineering-challenge/events Main site at:

https://www.newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/governance-andleadership/faculties-and-schools/faculty-of-engineering-andbuilt-environment/science-and-engineering-challenge/about-us Science Forum – University of Sydney

#### 3 April, 5:45pm–7pm

Charles Perkins Centre Auditorium, D17

Join our panel of scientists who will share insights on ageing well, covering nutritional, psychological and physical activity research and perspectives.

https://sydney.edu.au/science/news-and-

events/events/sydney-science-forum/how-to-age-well.html University of Sydney - International Science School Closes

### Soon-Application Form Here

### Applications close 3 March

7 to 20 July

Every two years the ISS gathers 140 top science students from Australia and overseas for a two-week residential program of talks by world-renowned scientists, laboratory tours, hands-on activities and social events. Are you going to be in Year 11 and 12 in 2019? Do you love science? If so, you've got to apply for the Professor Harry Messel International Science School (ISS)! https://sydney.edu.au/content/dam/corporate/documents/fa culty-of-science/industry-and-community-

engagement/community-engagement/international-scienceschool-application-criteria-terms-conditions.pdf

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#### **Summer in Oxford Program**

International Summer In Oxford offers high school students between the ages of 14 to 19 an exclusive opportunity to catch a glimpse of studying at prestigious universities in the United Kingdom. Participants spend part of their summer in an academically renowned city, studying a subject of their choice, and attending workshops focusing on the university

preparation and application process. Summer I: 7 July – 20 July 2019

Summer II: 21 July – 3 August 2019 Summer III: 4 August – 17 August 2019 Summer IV: 18 August – 31 August 2019 To apply: <u>https://summerinoxford.com/</u>

#### **Open Universities Australia**

Study a university degree online and at your own pace. When you choose **Open Universities Australia**, you get more than online study. You get to choose between some of Australia's leading universities such as RMIT, Macquarie, Swinburne and many more. You can pick a degree, work your way through the course when and where it suits you (that's the beauty of online education), and then **graduate with the same** 

qualification as an on-campus student.

https://us5.campaign-

archive.com/?u=c8596eaa07dfb7895c61cfe9c&id=912c62d39 0&e=3e20277061

#### Free Guide to US, UK and Canadian Universities

For Careers Advisers and Students - download at

https://drive.google.com/file/d/14EHYRiDBCbztmVY2Mq2JUb mzyl-zNS-U/view

#### Study in the USA - SAT Testing Dates and Advice

For a full listing of 2019 testing dates go to the link below. Internationally Educated provides this and further advice in this link.

In September 2018 The ACT will be moving from paper based testing to Computer Based Testing (CBT). At time of posting this article, the ACT had not yet announced their testing partner locations nor testing dates for Sydney. Further information and updates can be found on the <u>ACT registration page</u> as they become available.

Sydney students are stuck between a standardised test crunch with ACT not having ANY future testing dates announced and SAT testing venues and seats already at a premium since the reduction to four testing dates per year. Students interested in studying in the US should plan ahead and book in to <u>sit their</u> <u>SAT test</u> well before the registration deadline. We encourage students in year 11 to sit a standardised test by the end of their school year so not to distract from local academic demands in year 12.

http://www.internationallyeducated.com.au/singlepost/2018/09/07/The-SAT-and-ACT-Standardised-Tests----Updated-2018-19-SAT-Testing-Dates

#### TAFE

### Horticulture School Based Apprenticeship Available

28 February. 9.30am to 2.00pm Andreasens Nursery 1543 Elizabeth Drive Kemps Creek Do you love growing things? Do you like getting your hands dirty? Do you like being outdoors? Naturally! Then a schoolbased NSW Amenity Horticulture traineeship should be perfect for you. Come along on Wednesday, 28 November. Your questions will be answered. There will be hands-on workshops — nursery/plant production; green wall construction and irrigation; pathing construction; and a climbing arborist (that's more of a demonstration). AND ... lunch. BUT ... you MUST book, you can't just show up. Contact <u>Suzanne.taylor22@det.nsw.edu.au</u>

#### **TAFE Degrees**

Achieve your academic and career goals with TAFE NSW Higher Education degrees or articulation and credit transfer from diploma study into degree programs.

https://www.tafensw.edu.au/search?q=degrees

New Year, New Career or New Hobby? Short Course - TAFE Whether you want to refresh your skills, learn new ones or start a new hobby, a short course with TAFE NSW is a rewarding and enjoyable way to help you get the skills you need. With online or face-to-face study options available, you can study your way and finish in just a few days, weeks or months with in-demand skills

https://www.tafensw.edu.au/short-courses

#### **HSC & Tertiary Preparation Certificate at TAFE**

Perhaps you want to do the HSC again to achieve a higher entrance score for entry into a degree course? The Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation is a Year 12 equivalent qualification emphasising skill-based learning as well as discipline-specific content. The Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation is available to study full-time, part-time or through flexible learning options. <u>https://www.tafensw.edu.au/course/-</u>

#### /c/c/10224NAT-01/Certificate-IV-in-Tertiary-Preparation Study online with TAFE

Select your TAFE course to study at your own pace in your own home. In your own time, in your own space, at your own pace, be whatever you want to be with TAFE Digital. TAFE Digital is an educational innovator, breaking new ground in online learning to provide you with the knowledge and skills for the job you want. <u>https://www.tafensw.edu.au/digital</u> Build a Career with REECE School-based Apprenticeship

#### Program(ASbA) – Retail or Warehousing

Offering exciting employment, training for year 10s or 11s continuing through to year 12 combining HSC with part time work. Contact: Vickie Shackley, E: <u>vshackley@mmtc.com.au</u> M: 0427 354 091

https://www.reececareers.com.au/school-based-traineeships/ HTN Apprentice Chef Opportunities

The largest recruitment Group Training Organisation in Australia for future apprentice chefs. We encourage, support, promote, develop the vocational skills of young people who wish to pursue a career in a range of food service industries. <u>http://htn.com.au/about-htn/</u>

Express your interest and contact them at: http://htn.com.au/contact-htn/

#### **Over 1000 Apprenticeships & Traineeships now available**

Group Training Organisations (GTOs) have over 1000 open apprenticeships and traineeships across the Sydney Metro and Regional areas. Many targeting school leavers. For more information and to contact a local GTO and visit: <u>http://aennswact.com.au/career-seekers/i-want-an-</u> apprenticeship/

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#### **TAFE NSW Environmental Studies Courses**

As society becomes more aware of the importance of living and working sustainably, the demand for environmental expertise grows. Managing, protecting and restoring the natural environment and monitoring the impact of physical and biological change requires people who are passionate about the wellbeing of the planet. When you study and work in this sector you play an important part in natural area restoration. You can help ensure flora and fauna are protected for generations to come.

Get Your Free Course Guide

https://www.tafensw.edu.au/courses/environmental-studiescourses

#### COLLEGES

## Aviation Australia Cabin Crew Career Training – Register Your Interest

Discover how you can travel for a living at an Aviation Australia Cabin Crew Career Session. Find out how to excel in a career as a flight attendant, speak to industry experts and learn about the world class training aids on offer. Come along to a <u>Cabin</u> <u>Crew Career Information Session</u> to talk to experts about how we can help you take to the skies.

https://www.aviationaustralia.aero/cabin-crew-careertraining-sydney/

#### JMC Academy Sydney Campus Tour or Enquiry

Career opportunities in the growing areas of Animation, Film and TV, Music, Songwriting, Game Design, Entertainment Management, Audio Engineering and Digital Design or if you want a private tour of their Ultimo campus, email to: <u>https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/contact-us/enquiry-form</u> JMC Academy Open Day

#### 18 May

Animation, Film and TV, Music, Songwriting, Game Design, Entertainment Management, Audio Engineering and Digital Design. On the day you can take a tour of our facilities, get your hands on some of our serious gear, grab a bit to eat and learn why JMC continues to lead the way in Creative Industries education.

https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/open-days White Card Training

To book your white card course or first aid for 2019 call us on 1300 400 64.

https://www.advanceohs.com.au/

#### AFTT Film & Acting Open Day

11 May. 9.30am to 2.30pm

41 Holt Street, Surry Hills

Experience Australia's most exciting creative arts academy, where taking risks is expected, pushing boundaries is encouraged, and collaboration is key.

If you're searching for information about a career in Film, Acting or Stage Management then come along to our open day in May and learn how to build your creative future. <u>https://www.aftt.edu.au/events/open-days/register-for-ournext-open-day</u>

#### Whitehouse Campus Tour for Fashion or Interior Design

Our campus tours give you the opportunity to visit either our Sydney or Melbourne campuses, meet staff and students and gain in-depth information on our courses, teaching and student life. You will be able to ask questions about the course, see the studios and facilities and get a taste of the creative atmosphere at Whitehouse.

#### https://whitehouse-design.edu.au/schedule-a-tour/ Coco Republic Design School Online Courses

24 O'Riordan Street, Alexandria

Unleash your creative potential doing a short course or on-line specialising in developing your interior design and decorating skills. See the full year of options at:

https://www.cocorepublic.com.au/design-school/courses AIT Games Mastermind

28 February. 6.00pm to 9.00pm

Come along and attend the Games Mastermind AIT Master Talk - a special night where leading Sydney game companies get together to share their wisdom and experiences of working in the current games industry. We're excited to have some of the best local indie game companies attend our campus such as:

Block42

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https://info.ait.edu.au/games mastermind event

AIT Create Me Workshops

#### 16 February

Games design, animation, film and more. Exclusive oneday **free** event will allow you to explore the endless possibilities in the creative and tech industries. From Digital Design to IT, you'll have the opportunity to choose one or more workshops to participate in on the day! Register your spot today.

#### http://info.ait.edu.au/attend-create-me-workshops AIT Information Nights

13 February. 5.30pm-7.30pm

6 March 5.30pm-7.30pm

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 and learn about our \$8,000 Scholarship for domestic students

#### https://www.ait.edu.au/information-night Barista, First aid and RSA Courses

Apply for Barista, First aid and RSA courses. Any questions, please contact us at <u>enquiries@kenvale.edu.au</u> / 02 9314 6213. For registration and more info, visit <u>https://kenvale.edu.au/news-events/short\_courses/</u>

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#### **GENERAL**

#### Astronomy – Big Event - Apollo 11, 50th Anniversary - Open Day at Parkes Observatory

#### 20 and 21 July

585 Telescope Road, Parkes

It was one giant leap for mankind, taken at 12.56pm (AEST) on Monday, 21 July 1969, and recorded by our own Parkes radio telescope along with NASA's Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Station near Canberra.

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission, we'll be holding open days at Parkes Observatory to celebrate the telescope's achievements. You are invited to visit the Observatory.

#### https://events.csiro.au/Events/2018/November/26/Parkes-Open-Days-2019

#### Science Alert – CSIRO Events

A one stop shop for some of the best science events in the country if not the world! There's something for almost everyone here. Go to: https://events.csiro.au/

#### Mission Australia – Transition to Work – Trainees & **Apprentices**

If you've left school early or have had difficulty finding work after school, our Transition to Work service can help you to build your skills and confidence and support you into work or education, including apprenticeships or traineeships. We'll work together on a Job plan that helps you achieve your education or employment goals.

#### https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/what-we-

do/employment-skills-training/transition-to-work? **Defence Forces Nearest to You This Week** 

23 February - Wollongong - Army Reserve Roadshow https://www.facebook.com/pg/DefenceJobsAustralia/events/ **Cultural Care Au Pair** 

Imagine exploring the USA. Imagine befriending people from all over the world. Imagine discovering a second family - and a second home. Imagine becoming an au pair.

### https://www.culturalcare.com.au/being-an-au-pair/au-pair-program

Sydney Writers Festival Secondary School Days

#### 1, 2, 3 May

Secondary School Days is one of the most engaging days on the educational calendar, and students will have the opportunity to speak directly with their favourite authors, think critically about new concepts, and be encouraged in their creative pursuits. During the sessions, authors will read from their works, share their creative successes and struggles, and take questions from the audience.

#### https://www.swf.org.au/secondary-school-days/ Study smarter this year

Marty Lobdells "Study Less Study Smart" video. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23Xqu0jXlfs

#### **The Australian Indigenous Education Foundation**

AIEF provides scholarships that enable Indigenous students to attend leading Australian schools and universities, as well as mentoring and career support to ensure students make a successful transition from school to further studies or employment, productive careers and fulfilling lives View the scholarship and educational benefits for indigenous students at: http://www.aief.com.au/about/

#### **Big Science Competition**

#### 20 May

Enjoy solving scientific problems. It's a 50 minute, multiple choice competition testing critical thinking and problem solving skills, not just factual recall, so you can find out what's really going on inside their heads. Questions are set in real-life, contemporary contexts, making them relatable (and interesting). Take a look at some sample questions. The Big Science Competition is an easy way to challenge students from years 7 to 10 and track their performance against state or national averages.

#### https://www.asi.edu.au/programs/big-science-competition/ **CSIRO Work Experience**

We are committed to giving students first-hand experience with working in a scientific or engineering environment; be it one of our many areas of science and research, or as part of our support services team.

Our work experience program aims to give year 10, 11 and 12 students all around Australia the opportunity to:

- gain insight and experience into our everyday work, which involves solving the big questions facing our country and planet
- find out the types of jobs that are available in the science industry

Contact: CSIRO Work Experience Team workexperience@csiro.au https://www.csiro.au/en/Careers/Work-experience

### **Country Education Foundation Scholarship Support**

A scholarship can help you get on your way to achieving your further study dreams by covering the costs of textbooks, course fees, equipment, accommodation and living costs. Search for your opportunities here:

https://cef.org.au/student-support/search-for-scholarships/ **Future Teachers Scholarship Opportunities** 

#### Closes 26 April

The NSW Teachers Federation Future Teacher Scholarships Committee will award 15 scholarships worth \$4,000 each to successful applicants across the following five (5) categories:

- Future teachers (Open to all applicants);
- Future teachers who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander;
- Future teachers from a rural or remote area (significant distance from the nearest tertiary institution);
- Future teachers in their first year of a teacher education program; and
- Future teachers from a Language Background Other Than English (LBOTE).

email at futureteachers@nswtf.org.au or phone 02 9217 2349 Background here: https://www.nswtf.org.au/pages/futureteachers-scholarship.html

#### Apply here: https://www.nswtf.org.au/future-teachersscholarship-application

#### How to stand out without work experience

Tips on how to get experience to impress an employer. It can be hard to get a job if you have no work experience. There are some things you can do to get work experience, even if you haven't worked in a paying job yet. These things will help you stand out without work experience.

http://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jobs-and-careers/applyingfor-a-job/how-to-stand-out-without-work-experience

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#### **Curious Minds Winter Camp**

#### 7 to 11 July

Mentoring for girls with interest and skill in mathematics, science, technology, engineering. Curious Minds is aimed at highly capable girls in Years 9 and 10 who have an interest in STEM learning areas.

This is a six-month program that combines two residential camps and a coaching program. The camps will enable the girls to explore all aspects of science, technology, engineering and maths through guest lectures, interactive sessions, practicals and field trips.

<u>https://www.as</u>i.edu.au/programs/curious-minds/what-iscurious-minds/

How to choose the right subjects for a career in printing, real estate or telecommunications

Download the industry-suggested school subject choices to help students start a career in these industries. They are suitable for both school-based and post-school

apprenticeships. Each flyer sets out a possible career path and then suggests the subjects that will make it happen. The lists cover choices for years 9 to 12. Find them at:

https://apprenticeshipengagementforum.com.au/pages/onep age.aspx

Women in construction—VET opens doors to opportunity "Driving the big machinery is the most enjoyable part of my day", says NSW Trainee of the Year Tara Proberts-Roberts, who's found a greater sense of self and purpose in the construction industry. Find out how VET is delivering the skills and confidence to drive her success at:

#### http://bit.ly/2FKp37w

#### **ENID - Program for Girls**

ENID is an online and in real life community of girls. We showcase real life career stories.

We feature stories, insights and experiences that are intelligent, informative and relatable.

We are dedicated to empowering girls to pursue the career and the future they desire.

We empower women by showcasing the diverse array of career, educational and life opportunities that are available beyond school, particularly those in which females are underrepresented.

We believe this happens when girls are equipped with the knowledge, mindsets and confidence to make informed decisions about their future

https://enidnetwork.com/what-is-enid/

### 2017 Western Sydney Careers Expo

27 June - 28 June, 9am-3pm

29 June - 30 June, 10am-3pm

The Dome Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park.

Universities, TAFE, gap year and employment opportunities.

\$10 per person or \$12 at the door.

Information and resources for the HSC

Information about university, TAFE and training courses

Career advice

Study advice

Employment advice and opportunities

Apprenticeship and traineeship advice

International exchange and gap year programs <a href="https://www.westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au/">https://www.westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au/</a>

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#### **Bradman Scholarship Applications Close**

#### Closes 28February

The emphasis on choosing a Bradman Scholar is placed on a blend of academic, sporting (cricket), personal and social skills, all of which best allow the Scholar to fulfil the purpose of the Scholarship. Valued to \$15,000.

http://www.bradman.com.au/bradman-scholarship/ Apply here:

https://internationalcrickethall.com/wp-

content/uploads/2019/02/Bradman-Scholarship-Application-Form-2019.pdf

#### Where to Study Surveying

Whether it's University or TAFE find all your options on one page here:

https://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/study/where-tostudy-nsw/

#### **Strong Demand for Surveyors**

Higher graduate salary and excellent job prospects are just two reasons surveying is a career path secondary students should take note of. According to The Good Education Group, which publishes The Good Careers Guide, surveying has the fourth highest average starting salary at \$60,049 compared with the national average of \$52,840.

Graduate surveyors are also among the most likely to be employed straight out of university, with the third highest employment rate at 78%.

https://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/increased-demandfor-surveyors/

**\$20** Boss – The Largest Entrepreneur Program for Students Pre-registration open.

\$20 Boss is a nationwide in-school entrepreneurship program for primary and secondary school students. Students are provided with \$20 of start-up capital to create, launch and operate a business venture over the course of a school term.

The \$20 Boss program is about putting skills development at the forefront of learning. The program toolkit includes comprehensive lesson materials, a variety of tasks and activities, teacher notes, assessment and monitoring tools, as well as advice and inspiration to enrich enterprise learning. Visit here:

https://www.fya.org.au/programs/20boss/ Register here: https://www.fya.org.au/2019-registration/

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## Diocesan News

### Spirituality Reflection Morning in the Blue Mtns

A joint effort of Aquinas Academy and Catalyst for Renewal



Santa Maria Hall 9:30–12:30pm Parking at: Lawson Catholic Church (enter by Somers St.) OR Kitchener St.

### 2019

Presenters for Catalyst for Renewal			
March 16	Mons. Tony Doherty Rules for Hitchhiking in the Dark Times of Faith		
May 18	Laurie Woods The Healing Power of Encouragement		
June 15	Loretta Brinkman Finding God in A Tin Can		
July 20	. Angie Moore Raising Holy Sparks: Jewish Mysticism		
August 17	Gerard Kelly The Way of Dialogue in the Future Church		
September 21 Jenny Washington Using Lamentations to Lament: Exploring healing for ourselves and through sorrow-filled stories.			
October 19	Carol and Len Teodori-Blahut To Be Announced		
November 1	16 Leone Pallisier 'Come and See': Being a disciple in our time and place.		

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Jordan and Israel, escorted by Father Peter Blayney, Parish Priest, St Patrick's Guildford, 30 October – 13 November 2019. Organised by Olive Tree Travel (Melbourne). For details of itinerary, cost etc., please contact the Parish Secretary, Guildford, on 9632 2672 or <u>patricksguilford@bigpond.com</u> or Olive Tree Travel on 03 8488 9696.

**Bishop's Lenten Appeal: 23-24 February** The Ephpheta Centre, supported by the Parramatta Catholic Foundation, gives hope, compassion, connectivity and care to the deaf and hard of hearing. Your kind-hearted support will provide chaplaincy and pastoral care for the vulnerable and isolated, in homes, hospitals, prison and aged-care facilities. Please be a channel of hope and give generously via the Appeal envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal.

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## THE LIAM AND FRANKIE DAVISON AWARD 2019

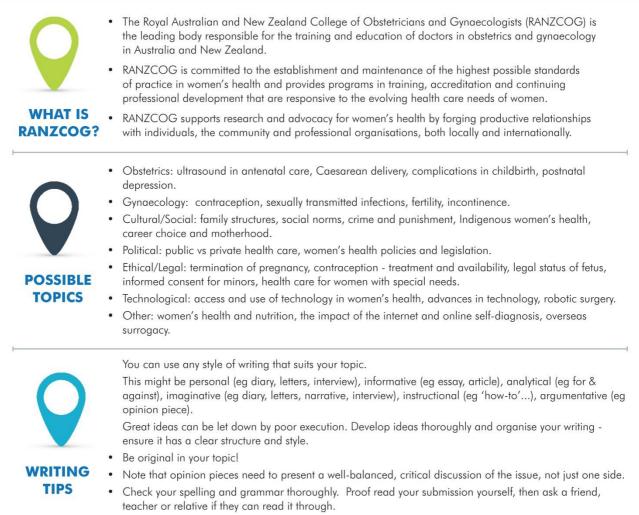


The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists

For outstanding achievement in literary writing on an issue in women's health

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Launched in 2014, the Award was renamed in 2015 in honour of RANZCOG staff member and award-winning author, Liam Davison and his wife Frankie, a secondary school teacher, in recognition of their shared passion for nurturing and encouraging young writers.



Attribute your sources accurately; do not use material from websites, texts or other sources without stating where it came from. Articles will be checked using an online plagiarism checker.

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#### **NEED TO KNOW MORE?**

The Terms and Conditions of Entry, Application Form and previous years' winning entries can be downloaded from the RANZCOG website at: www.ranzcog.edu.au/about/foundation/Liam-and-Frankie-Davison-Award

If you have any further queries, please contact the RANZCOG Foundation Coordinator on +61 3 9417 1699 email lfdaward@ranzcog.edu.au

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## **HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE ANXIETY**



Learn effective way to deal with child anxiety and positive behavior practices What can you do?

How is the Catholic Education Department Parramatta (CEDP) helping?

Our guest speaker for the evening is:

## Anoushka Houseman

## **Clinical Psychologist**

Wellbeing Coordinator - Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP)

## Register FREE now: WWW.prc.catholic.edu.au

## Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Doors open: 6:30pm for 7:00pm (2 hours) (PRC AGM- will be held prior to guest speaker) St Patrick's Primary School: 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown Light supper and refreshments will be provided and

a lucky door prize will be up for grabs!

www.prc.catholic.edu.au

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THANK YOU TO OUR 2019 SPONSOR **Floral Expressions** For details on the school fundraising program

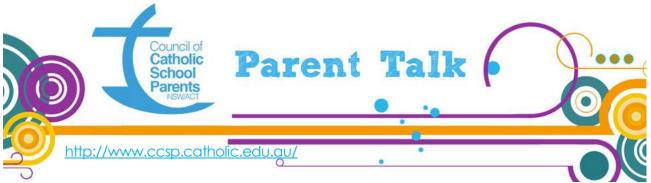
Call Charles Lukasik on 02 9683 1116

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

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### An excerpt from the Council of Catholic School Parents "Parent Talk" Newsletter Reading, reading, reading – how you can develop your child's love of reading

We actively encourage our children to run, jump, play and move to stay fit, healthy and strong. Well, reading is fitness for the mind. It's the running, jumping and moving of the intellectual and academic world and we should encourage our children to read daily getting them and keeping them fit for learning.

Most importantly, reading provides mental stimulation, requiring the brain to work to decode abstract symbols, synthesise the ideas and make meaning while providing a sense of relaxation and escape. And if you join a library you get all this brain exercise for free!

If your child is struggling to learn to read, be determined to expose them to the written word through sharing books with them, reading to them and of course audio books. Talk to them about the reading, the new words and the old words used differently. Talk to them about the story, the knowledge, the characters and the plot. Talk to them about what you liked and didn't like in a book and why. Let them see you sit and read for the quiet solitude that it offers, the entry into another world.

Click here to view tips on reading with toddlers https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/reading-toddler.html

In the OECD's 2012 PISA Report "Let's Read Them a Story! The Parent Factor in Education", results from PISA tell us that while most parents are often excited about their child's first day of school and dedicate time to preparing them for the start of their educational journey, such as buying uniforms and other equipment, most parents do not spend enough time thinking about an even more important school accessory: developing a habit of reading. According to PISA:

During their first year in school, around a quarter of children, on average, do not have someone in the household who reads to them regularly; and, as they struggle to make their way through reading their first words and sentences, only around 40% of young children will look up from their first book and see their parents enjoying a book of their own. Since parents are a child's most important role models, it is crucial that parents show their children the value of reading by reading with their children when they are young and demonstrating positive attitudes towards reading.

The Parent Hub website has some useful tips on reading for primary school children.

Click here to view tips on reading with primary school children https://www.parenthub.com.au/news/kids-news/top-reading-tips-parents-primary-school-children

The ABC also has useful tips on how to encourage your child to develop positive reading habits

Click here to view how to develop positive reading habits in your child <u>http://education.abc.net.au/newsandarticles/blog/-/b/2610113/5-ways-to-inspire-kids-to-read-for-fun-</u>?fbclid=IwAR1Ta-iRTybepajbHoQ2QnVKRH26TYKcGv20IE7ma3DqqaYuPYS\_QltHHSM

In secondary school, students are required to read novels as part of their learning. But encouraging young people to go beyond the mandatory reading requirements and to read for pleasure is critical at this stage. The Conversation has advice for parents and teachers about how to encourage regular reading in your teenager.

Click here to view how to encourage regular reading in your teenager <u>https://theconversation.com/how-to-get-teenagers-to-read-42757</u>

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## **Community News**



LOOKING FOR GIRLS/WOMEN TO JOIN OUR ALREADY ESTABLISHED TEAMS FOR THE FOLLOWING AGES U12s, U14s, U16s, U18s & OPEN WOMENS

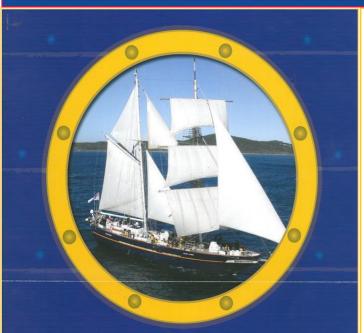


### EXCITING NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR OUR EMU GIRLS!

Emu Plains JRLFC has entered into an Open Womens Portability Agreement with the Mounties Open Women's & Harvey Norman sides! Creating yet another pathway for our Emu Girls to pursue their representative footy dream!

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#### TRAINING: MON & WED | 6:30-8PM | LEONAY OVAL (Top Field) For more info contact Joanne - 0410 439 348. You don't need to be registered to start training!



## Are you 16 to 23 years old? Looking for a challenge?

Don't miss the adventure of a lifetime sailing *Young Endeavour*. Cast off, set the sails, and join the crew for an amazing voyage along the Australian coast and beyond.

# www.youngendeavour.gov.au

1800 020 444 mail@youngendeavour.gov.au YOUNG ENDEAVOUR YOUTH SCHEME

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Dear Principal,

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme is pleased to announce that applications are always taken for young Australians aged 16-23 to join a voyage in the national sail training ship Young Endeavour.

A voyage in Young Endeavour is an exciting experience and a unique opportunity for youth to develop skills for life. Our internationally recognised development program builds self awareness, develops teamwork and leadership skills, and fosters a strong sense of community responsibility.

Since the ship was gifted to Australia in 1988 more than 13,000 young Australians have completed the Young Endeavour Youth Development Program. No sailing experience is required. Young Endeavour is operated by a professional Royal Australian Navy crew who ensure the highest standards of safety, and teach participants the skills to sail a square-rigged tall ship.

24 youth from across Australia will join each eleven day voyage during the 2019 program. As members of the crew they will keep watch and take the helm, handle lines on deck, cook in the galley, navigate using the ship's charts, and climb the 30 metre mast to set and furl the sails.

While at sea, they will be encouraged to pursue personal and team goals and challenges. By the end of each voyage they will have the skills and confidence to elect a leadership team and take command of the 44 metre brigantine, sailing *Young Endeavour* along the Australian coast.

Applications are open at <u>www.youngendeavour.gov.au</u>. Voyage fees and conditions will apply to successful applicants, who must be aged 16-23 year on the day of departure of their selected voyage/s. Potential applicants should apply now for the best chance of being drawn for a voyage.

I encourage you to provide this information to students and parents, and to support them in applying for the once in a lifetime opportunity to join a voyage aboard STS Young Endeavour. I hope the enclosed posters can be placed on noticeboards around your campus. If you would like to use something in an electronic format, please contact our office so we can help you right away.

Yours sincerely twok Stephen Moss

Stephen Moss Executive Director 04 February 2019

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PO BOX 1661 POTTS POINT NSW 1335 BUILDING 24 GARDEN ISLAND NSW TEL 02 9359 2990 FAX 02 9359 3591

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