



# The Dove

"IT'S ALL ABOUT LEARNING

AND HAVING HIGH EXPECTATIONS

OF OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER"

## Term 1

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

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### Upcoming Events:

#### Week 3

Year 12 Work placement - Construction, Hospitality, Primary Industries

#### Tue 12 Feb 2019

- 09:30 Year 7 Mass of Commitment
- Fire Drill (Period 5)
- 17:00 Year 11 2019 Assessment Information Night (students no uniform)

#### Wed 13 Feb 2019

- 13 Feb Anniversary of Apology to Australian Aborigines
- 17:00 Year 7 & New Yr 8 - 12 Families Welcome Evening

#### Thu 14 Feb 2019

- Year 7 Blazer Fitting Day
- 12:00 PDSSSC Season 1 Round 1

#### Week 4

#### Mon 18 Feb 2019

- Census Day - rescheduled
- HSC English Ex 2 incursion

#### Tue 19 Feb 2019

- NSWCCC U19 Boys Cricket

#### Wed 20 Feb 2019

- 09:30 Opening School Mass
- 17:00 Year 10 Assessment Information Night
- 08:00 NSW U19 Boys Cricket

#### Thu 21 Feb 2019

- 12:00 PDSSSC Season 1 Round 2

#### Fri 22 Feb 2019

- 09:00 Year 7 Water Safety Program - Lawson Pool

## Dear members of the St Columba's community

Welcome back to another exciting year of learning at St Columba's Catholic College and a very special welcome to all of our new families who have joined our community this year.

The 2019 academic year has begun, and this year we celebrate 40 years as a College. To celebrate the beginning of another academic year, we will gather in Week 4 on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> to commemorate this milestone. And as a community we will share in a Eucharistic meal, to unite each of one of us in the belief that we are never alone, because our God walks with us, each day of our lives.

### Taking small steps to succeed

The beginning of a new academic year is a good time for all students to reflect and think about taking the small steps necessary towards success. Success comes in small steps- and so does failure. Failure is not a single event. We don't fail overnight or on a single test day. For most of us, failure is nothing more than a few errors in judgement, a few poor choices, repeated every day.

On their own, these daily choices don't seem that important. One more TV programme, an extra hour or two on the iPad or laptop, sleeping in for another hour, spending time with friends, not doing your Learning Prep - these don't usually result in an instant and measurable impact. More often than not, we escape from any immediate consequences for our actions. Since nothing drastic happens to us, we repeat our poor choices day after day, week after week, and month after month and before we know it, we are standing at the door of an Assessment task or examination regretting these wasted moments.

Unfortunately, failure doesn't shout out its warnings. This is why we have to develop our own early warning system so that we make better choices and take the small daily steps towards success. The great news is that, the formula for success is easy to follow; it's a few simple disciplines practised every day. Try these:

- ✓ Turn off the TV and read over your day's work.
- ✓ Stop playing games or spending time on 'Facebook' and use your iPad or laptop to do your Learning Prep.
- ✓ Get up an hour early and use the time to study and revise or come into the Senior Learning Centre each morning to prepare yourself for a day of learning

- ✓ Take just a few minutes every day to look further down the road.
- ✓ Consider the future consequences of your present choices. Then make new choices for success.

By looking towards the future, we can change our thinking, improve our choices and develop new habits.

One of the exciting things about the “small steps formula for success” is that the results are almost immediate. As we change our daily habits, we experience positive results in a very short period of time. When we begin studying and doing our Learning Prep each night, we experience a growing confidence and a new level of understanding in all our classes. Success breeds success and, once we taste the pleasures of succeeding it becomes too difficult to slip back into our old habits of failure.

So make today the first day of a new life leading to a better future. If we start today to make a conscious and a consistent effort to change our choices, to take the small steps, we are already on the road to success.

Students, your College year begins full of untapped possibilities. And as St Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, “*It is time for you to walk in the newness of life.*”

### Welcome to our new staff

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the following new staff to the College:

**MRS REBECCA ZAMMIT**

Maths Leader of Learning



**MS CHRISTINA TEMPLIS**

HSIE Teacher



We are honoured to have each one of them contribute to this exciting place of learning.

May God bless you always,

**Mr Paul Ryan**  
Principal



## 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:

- 5.15pm Register for tour
- 5.30pm Tour of the facilities
- 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  
College Library  
upon arrival.



# From the Office

## School Fees

School fee statements for the first instalment of school fees for 2019 will be mailed out during the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> February. 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 installment 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 [rvion@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:rvion@parra.catholic.edu.au)

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

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



## Student News

Congratulations to Walter Robson of Year 8 for living out our school motto "Act Justly". We are very proud of your service Walter.



### 62<sup>nd</sup> NSW Wentworth Falls Boys' Brigade

*A Contemporary Company*

## LETTER OF COMMENDATION

*Awarded to:*

**Walter Robson** - SENIORS - Cadets

*Walter is commended FOR:*

Supporting a JUNIORS member by assisting him to safety out of the water after a canoe capsized at the Dunn's Swamp Camp.

Walter then continued to assist by giving reassurance to the rescued Junior member who was visibly upset.

*This was a fine expression of good servant leadership by example.*

Mr Colin Gabriel, Company Captain

Mr Jeff Ray, Lt. QM

7<sup>th</sup> December 2018



# Facebook Posts





## From the Library

# February is Library Lovers Month.

To celebrate, the Dove Tales Book Club has created a Blind Date with a Book display. We urge all students to **BE BRAVE AND BORROW** a mystery book from the College library during February.

**Mrs Belinda Sefton**  
Teacher Librarian







## COMSEC SYDNEY TRAINING PTY LTD

Phone: 1300 851 581 Training Centre: (02) 9643 5911  
46 Joseph Street, LIDCOMBE NSW 2141

Course Name	Duration	Running On	Booking Requirements
<b>Workplace Health &amp; Safety</b> <b>Construction White card Induction Course</b> WorkCover Approved, Nationally Recognised	6 Hours (1 day)	Monday – Sunday <b>start 8.30am</b>	Bookings to be made at least 1 day Prior to commencement. Must bring current <b>USI +100 Point Photo ID</b>
<b>RTA - Traffic Control Course – BLUE</b> (Stop/Slow Bat) NSW Roads & Traffic Authority Approved WHS White Card Induction required.	7 Hours (1 day)	Please check the Available Timetable <b>Start 7:30am</b>	Bookings to be made at least 1 day Prior to commencement. Must bring current <b>Photo Identification + White Card +USI</b>
<b>RTA – Traffic Control Course – YELLOW</b> (Apply TC plans) NSW Roads & Traffic Authority Approved RTA – Blue (stop/slow) Card required WHS Induction required.	7 Hours (1 day)	Please check the Available Timetable <b>Start 7:30am</b>	As above current <b>Photo Identification + White Card +USI</b>
<b>RTA – Traffic Worksite Planning – RED</b> (Select & Modify Plans) NSW Roads & Traffic Authority Approved	3 Days	Times by appointment	Subject to availability. Must bring current <b>Photo Identification+White Card Must have current RTA– BLUE card and Yellow Card over 12 Months</b>
<b>Apply First Aid / CPR</b> HLAI0001 WorkCover Accredited Nationally Recognised Training	7 Hours (1 day)	Saturday <b>8:30am</b>	Bookings to be made at least 1 day Prior to commencement. Must bring current <b>Photo Identification + USI</b>
<b>Forklift Driver Training Course</b> Including High Reach component WorkCover Approved	Flexible	Monday - Saturday <b>8.30am – 3.30pm</b>	Bookings to be made at least 1 days Prior to commencement. Must bring current <b>Drivers License + 100 Point ID +USI</b>
<b>Enter and work in confined spaces</b> <b>RIIWH202D</b> Includes Apply First Aid HLTA301C & WHS White card - WorkCover Approved Nationally Recognised Training	1 days	By appointment	Bookings to be made at least 2 days Prior to commencement. Must bring current Photo Identification.
<b>Work Safely at Heights</b> <b>CPCCCM2010B or RIIWH204D</b> Nationally Recognised Training	7 hrs.	By appointment	Bookings to be made at least 1 day prior to course commencement. <b>USI+ID</b>
<b>Asbestos Awareness</b>	5 hrs.	By appointment	Bookings to be made at least 1 day prior to course commencement. <b>USI+ID</b>
<b>RSA – Responsible Services of Alcohol</b>	6 hrs.	By appointment	Bookings to be made at least 1 day prior to course commencement. <b>USI+ID</b>
<b>RCG – Responsible Conduct of Gambling</b>	6 hrs.	By appointment	Bookings to be made at least 1 day prior to course commencement. <b>USI+ID</b>

# BE EMPOWERED

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### Indigenous Electrical Apprenticeship Readiness Program

#### IS THIS COURSE FOR YOU?

- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people from anywhere in NSW Aged 16-24 years (school students who have not completed Year 10 can co-enrol)
- Not afraid of heights or enclosed spaces
- Able to distinguish between colours

#### WHO FUNDS THE PROGRAM?

You pay no course fees. This program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business, as part of the Empowering Youth Initiatives. The program is run by Mulga Gidgee, NECA Electrical Apprenticeships and TAFE NSW.

#### WHAT'S AFTER THE COURSE?

NECA Electrical Apprenticeships and other organisations employ many graduates as apprentices.

"At the start of this course, I was very nervous and didn't think this was the course for me. I felt very overwhelmed because I hadn't done maths in a number of years"  
"I was not confident with my math skills at all!"  
"However, by simply turning up every day and working hard, I was able to achieve perfect test results and felt a great sense of pride."  
"This course has taught me to believe in myself and amazing things can happen!"  
Kaleem McLean (pictured)



#### WHEN AND WHERE

TAFENSW Eora College (Redfern)  
Program 9 starting February 4, 2019

#### WHAT'S IN THIS COURSE FOR YOU

- Highly sought after electrical apprenticeship
- A job that pays minimum \$550 per week in your 1st year
- A life long career

#### THE JOURNEY

- 10 week course at TAFE – Abstudy approved
- Work experience
- New maths skills you've only dreamed of
- NECA uniform
- Lunch every day

#### READY TO BE DEADLY?

##### Contact us

**Darren Sherwood**  
Email: [Darren.Sherwood@tatenw.edu.au](mailto:Darren.Sherwood@tatenw.edu.au)  
Phone: 0400 342 770  
Or Sheila 0404 488 383  
Website: [tatenw.edu.au](http://tatenw.edu.au)

Info sessions: 10am Thursday 24th January  
(Eora College) 10am Tuesday 29th January

#### BE CONNECTED

131 601 [tatenw.edu.au](http://tatenw.edu.au)





# Public Forum

Listening - 'Have your say'

## WHAT IS YOUR EXPERIENCE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TODAY?

Date: Sunday 24 February 2019

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:45 pm

Venue: Mavis Wood Hall

Mid Mountains Centre -

3-7 New St, Lawson

*This Public Plenary is being conducted by the  
Catholic Parishes of the Blue Mountains.*

The **purpose** of this gathering is for **all** in the community  
to gather to express their thoughts and opinions  
on the Australian Catholic Church in Australia today.

The **process** will involve reflection, small group sharing,  
whole group plenary and afternoon tea.

**PlenaryCouncil2020**  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

For more information go to [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/)

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



# Community News

## Awesome Autumn: time to go on an Outward Bound adventure

### What's in this email?

Upcoming school holiday programs, dates and prices  
Latest Blog on Resilience

Duke of Edinburgh adventurous journeys now available!

"Outward Bound gave me the time, space and environment to reflect on my purpose and goals." Zoe - Summit to Sea 2019

Outward Bound Australia's fantastic programs give people the chance to build greater resilience, leadership and confidence that will give them the skills to achieve their personal best! We would love to see you on our next adventure!

Can resilience be taught? <https://www.outwardbound.org.au/news/blog/>  
AJ attended the 14-day Scenic Rim-to-River 2018 expedition courtesy of her employer Inspire Group. In the latest blog, AJ explores resilience on her Outward Bound adventure.

Contact us to find out more <https://www.outwardbound.org.au/>

### Upcoming Adventures!

Whether you are looking for an experience of a lifetime for your child aged 12- 17 years old or even for yourself or a friend, we have the perfect adventure for you! Contact us soon to book a place.

#### For Young People

##### April Holidays

Young Explorer - Rainforest for 12-14 years old

5 days - 14th April - 18th April 2019 - \$990

Young Explorer - Australian Alps for 12-14 years old

5 days - 14th April - 18th April 2019 - \$990

Navigator - Rainforest for 15 - 17 years old

12 days - 15th April - 26th April 2019 - \$2280

Navigator - Australian Alps for 15 - 17 years old (Additional group added)

12 days - 15th April - 26th April 2019 - \$2280



## FAULCONBRIDGE NETBALL REGISTRATION DAY 2019

Where? Faulconbridge Public School Hall  
When? Saturday 9 February 10am - 2pm

or visit our website for instructions on how to register online:

<http://faulconbridgenc.nsw.netball.com.au/>

### FEES

Netta (9 years and under) \$160

Junior (10-17 years) \$180

Senior (18 years and over) \$199

(includes BMNA, Netball NSW, admin fees and Council levy)



Contact: Cassandra (Registrar)  
on 0407 288 361 or by  
email: faulconetball@gmail.com

We're excited to launch a new uniform for the 2019 season and will offer current members a subsidy to assist with the transition

#### Cost for existing members

Dress: \$25

Skirt & top: \$25

♦ Get a further \$5 off if you introduce a new member to the club!

#### Cost for new members

Dress: \$60

Skirt & top: \$80

Don't forget your Active Kids rebate voucher for \$100 off registration!

Know someone under 10 years that might be interested in playing netball but hasn't played before? Bring them along to our free netta clinic 10.30-11.30am on registration day so they can learn the basics and see what the game is all about!

#### For Families

Family - Rainforest for 12 - 16 years old + adult

5 days - 18th April - 22nd April 2019 - \$950 each

Family - Australian Alps for 12 - 16 years old + adult

5 days - 22nd April - 26th April 2019 - \$950 each

Family - Australian Alps for 12 - 16 years old + adult

5 days - 28th September - 2nd October 2019 - \$950 each

#### For Adventurous Adults

##### NEW!! Discover

5 days 18th April - 22nd April 2019 - \$1870

5 days 11th December - 15th December 2019 - \$1870

Women of Courage (Inquire about scholarship support)

5 days 20th May - 24th May 2019 - \$1580

##### Scenic Rim to River

14 days 1st July - 14th July 2019 - \$2800

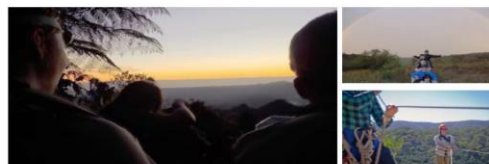
##### Summit to Sea

26 days 6th January - 31st January 2020 - \$5200 (Already taking enrolments)

#### Duke of Edinburgh

Outward Bound Australia provides supervised hikes for the Adventurous Journey and Residential Project components of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Our team act as supervisors and assessors. Enroll online

[D of E Website](#)



## A COMMUNITY Conversation WITH REFUGEES

Find out more about this important issue & take part in discussion

Choose From either:

➔ 3.45pm for 4.00pm start Sat 23rd Feb OR

➔ 1.15pm for 1.30pm start Sun 24th Feb

Springwood Presbyterian Church Hall

160 Macquarie Rd Springwood

Afternoon Tea provided

RSVP to Springwood Drop-In Centre

[www.tiny.cc/swood](http://www.tiny.cc/swood) or 4751 4956

Hear personal stories from a refugee and an asylum seeker.  
Questions answered by an expert working in the field





# GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

## Mobile Blood Service visiting: Springwood IGA Car Park

175 Macquarie Road, Springwood

**Tuesday 5 March** 8.30am – 2.30pm  
**Wednesday 6 March** 12.00pm – 6.00pm

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

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



**WEP**

**SYDNEY**

**COME ALONG!**

**WEP STUDENT EXCHANGE INFO SESSION**

**12 FEBRUARY 7:30PM**  
**SURRY HILLS NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE**  
**L1, 405 CROWN STREET**  
**SURRY HILLS**

**TXT 'EXCHANGE' TO 0428 246 633 FOR A FREE INFO PACK!**

[WEP.ORG.AU](http://WEP.ORG.AU) [INFO@WEP.ORG.AU](mailto:INFO@WEP.ORG.AU) 1300 884 733

### What's On at Penrith Observatory in March 2019

**Date:** Saturday 2 March 2019

**Event name:** Public Astronomy Night: From Dust to Destruction

**Event details:**

**Speaker – Dr Luke Bozzetto**

Explore the evolution of the Universe - from the cosmic soup present during the Big Bang, to the formation of the first stars & planets, up until our present day, and then travel into the future and look into the fate of our Sun and Earth, and the possible ends of the Universe.

Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

\$18.00 Adult

\$12.00 Child/Concession

\$50.00 Family (2 adults + 2 children)

Children under 3 years of age free.

IMPORTANT: Parents/Carers are responsible for and must remain with their children at all times.

BOOKINGS VIA OUR WEBSITE ESSENTIAL

**Time:** 8pm – 10pm

**Venue Address:** Penrith Observatory (Building AO), Western Sydney University, Werrington North campus, Great Western Highway, Werrington 2747

**Contact phone or website for public enquiries and bookings:**

[https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith\\_observatory/whats\\_on](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/observatorypenrith/penrith_observatory/whats_on)

**Facebook Event** <https://www.facebook.com/events/737164206670523/>

**Date:** Saturday 16 March 2019

**Event name:** Public Astronomy Night: Space Junk

**Event details:**

**Speaker – Ms Raelene Sommer**

Orbital debris is circling around our planet. How did it get there, why do we care and what can we do about it.

Includes presentation, short 3D movie, tour of the dome and viewing of the night sky through a range of telescopes (weather permitting).

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**Facebook Event** <https://www.facebook.com/events/1972538313043047/>



### A fantastic choral opportunity for Blue Mountains children!

At the request of indigenous elder Aunty Carol Cooper, Blue Mountains Youth Choir has been invited to perform at the opening of the Zest Awards Ceremony on 15th February, 2019. Aunty Carol is a patron of the BMYC and an ambassador for Zest. The ZEST Awards showcase the great work of the Community Sector across the region, promoting a positive image of Greater Western Sydney region by highlighting our assets, our diversity and our creative and innovative work. It will be held in a function room at the ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park and will be attended by approximately 500 people.

Blue Mountains Youth Choir is inviting all interested children aged 9-16 to join them in representing the Mountains in this exciting event. In preparation for the concert there will be two rehearsals at the Mid-Mountains Community Centre, Lawson on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of February led by choir leader Jenni Mills. The singers are fortunate to have distinguished conductor and composer Paul Terracini to direct the final performance.

The cost will be determined by the number of children participating. We expect it to be no more than \$60 per child, which includes all tuition, rehearsal and performance time, bus travel and our choir leader and conductor expenses. Travel to and from the venue will be by charter bus, with pick up and drop off points at Katoomba and Springwood.

The Zest Awards Ceremony is a highly sought-after prestigious event and Blue Mountains children are very fortunate to be invited to participate. The performance will be filmed and the DVD will be available to our families.

Register online at the Blue Mountains Youth Choir page of our website [www.academy Singers.com.au](http://www.academy Singers.com.au)

Further enquiries, phone Glenys on 0409 602 016