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

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*Dear members of the St Columba's
Community*

**"It's all about learning and having high expectations
of ourselves and each other."**

Higher School Certificate 2019

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 expectation of ourselves and each other."**

The 2019 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 2019.

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St Columba's Catholic College Outstanding 2019 HSC Results

The 2019 Year 12 HSC students are to be congratulated on their exceptional results.

Most Outstanding Performance Award

Peter McNair - ATAR 99.20

All Rounder

Peter McNair received a Band 6 in all of his subjects

Band 6 Recipients

Aboriginal Studies: Jenna Richardson. **Biology:** Salvador Elias Arce. **Business Services:** Sarah Arnold. **Business Studies:** Lachlan Britton, Lachlan Conway, Sinead Gordon, Kyle McPherson, Matthew Sullivan. **Chemistry:** Patrick Daley, Louise Jones, Peter McNair.













































Community & Family Studies: Sophie Clement-Davies, Julia McIlveen. **Drama:** Sarah Arnold, Annie Buckley, Sophie Clement-Davies, Elizabeth Makepeace. **English (Advanced):** Annaliese Casha, Alex Everingham, Lachlan Leehy, Peter McNair, Isaac Whitford. **English Extension 1:** Alex Everingham, Teani Faivre, Jude Howe, Kyle McPherson, Isaac Whitford. **French Beginners:** Genevieve Blandin de Chalais. **Hospitality (Food & Beverage):** Sophie Dirs, Sinead Gordon, Anastasia Vickers. **Industrial Technology:** Dylan Cox. **Legal Studies:** Paris Buchtmann, Jude Howe, Kyle McPherson, Annaliese Casha, Lachlan Leehy, Isaac Whitford. **Mathematics:** Richard Martinello, Alannah Santi, Alexander Toth, Hannah Ward. **Mathematics Extension 1:** Patrick Daley, Peter

McNair. **Mathematics Extension 2:** Patrick Daley, Peter McNair. **Mathematics Standard 2:** Annaliese Casha, Sophie Dirs, Eva Kooma de Ble, Ryan Skinner, Matthew Sullivan. **Modern History:** Isaac Whitford. **Music Extension:** James Parbery. **Personal Development Health & Physical Education:** Richard Martinello, Lachlan Morris, Annie Buckley. **Physics:** Patrick Daley, Richard Martinello, Peter McNair. **Society & Culture:** Teani Faivre. **Spanish Extension:** Salvador Elias Arce. **Studies in Religion 1:** Peter McNair. **Visual Arts:** Mackenzie Barglik, Annie Buckley, Myah Kodjak, Phoebe Weaver.

2019 Year 12 HSC Cohort

66 Band 6's and 334 Band 5's

ATAR Results 80.00 and Above

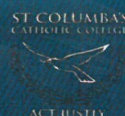
										
Peter McNair 99.20 Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) (Electrical) University of New South Wales	Patrick Daley 98.15 Bachelor of Actuarial Studies and Bachelor of Mathematical Sciences Macquarie University	Isaac Whitford 96.35 Bachelor of Laws and International Studies Macquarie University	Lachlan Leehy 95.15 Bachelor of Laws/ Environment Macquarie University	Annaliese Casha 94.40 Bachelor of Laws/ Environment Macquarie University	Matthew Sullivan 93.95 Bachelor of Physiotherapy Australian Catholic University	Alannah Santi 93.95 Bachelor of Science University of Sydney	Ricky Martinello 93.90 Bachelor of Engineering and Bachelor of Business University of Technology, Sydney	Louise Jones 93.45 Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering University of Technology, Sydney	Sophie Clement-Davies 93.25 Bachelor of Applied Science and Occupational Therapy University of Sydney	Alex Everingham 92.75 Bachelor of Medical Chemistry University of Technology, Sydney
										
Sinead Gordon 92.65 Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) Macquarie University	Sophie Dirs 92.30 Bachelor of Primary Teaching Australian Catholic University	Kyle McPherson 92.20 Bachelor of Laws and International Studies Macquarie University	Hannah Ward 91.35 Bachelor of Medical Science University of Sydney	Sarah Arnold 91.15 Gap Year	Jude Howe 90.50 Bachelor of Arts/Laws University of Sydney	Daniel Zukac 90.25 Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Mechanical and Mechatronic University of Technology, Sydney	Teani Faivre 90.20 Offers from University of New South Wales and University of Sydney	Salvador Arce 90.15 Bachelor of Laws/ Medical Science University of Technology, Sydney	Annie Buckley 90.10 Gap Year	Lachlan Britton 88.75 Bachelor of Finance Macquarie University
										
Mackenzie Barglik 88.50 Bachelor of Biomedical Science University of Sydney	Anastasia Vickers 88.15 Bachelor of Advanced Science Western Sydney University	Lachlan Morris 87.85 Bachelor of Exercise Physiology University of Sydney	Joshua Holmes 86.75 Bachelor of Criminology/Laws Western Sydney University	Elizabeth Makepeace 86.70 Bachelor of Nursing Western Sydney University	Alexander Toth 86.50 Bachelor of Business/ Mathematics University of Technology, Sydney	Eva Kooma De Ble 86.40 Bachelor of Nursing Western Sydney University	Paris Buchtmann 85.25 Bachelor of Laws Western Sydney University	Karl Himmelreich 84.85 Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Advanced Studies (International and Global Studies) University of Technology, Sydney	Luca Segedin 84.80 Bachelor of Laws University of Canberra	Sophie Camilleri 84.35 Bachelor of Primary Education Australian Catholic University
										
Andrew Vasiliev 84.20 Bachelor of Property Economics University of Technology, Sydney	Oscar Dodd 84.05 Combat Engineer in the Australian Armed Forces	Jack Hamblin 84.00 Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) Western Sydney University	Astrid Sarazan 84.00 Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) Macquarie University	Julia McIlveen 83.90 Bachelor of Public Communications University of Technology, Sydney	Celeste Lederthoug 83.80 Bachelor of Engineering/Arts University of New South Wales	Lachlan Conway 83.80 Diploma of Commercial Aviation Adelaide	Phoebe Weaver 83.75 Bachelor of Secondary Education University of Newcastle	Riley Thompson 83.70 Bachelor of Science (Zoology) Western Sydney University	Cameron James 83.15 Bachelor of Architecture Western Sydney University	Monique Quirk 82.85 Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science Western Sydney University



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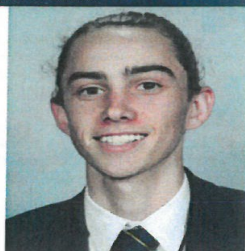
St Columba's Catholic College Outstanding 2019 HSC Results



Our Top 3 ATAR Achievers



Peter McNair 99.20



Patrick Daley 98.15



Isaak Whitford 96.35

The Arts



Grace Butler

Nominated for *Onstage* - showcases outstanding group performances and individual projects in Drama across the state



Noah Carliato



Dylan Cox

Technical & Applied Sciences



Samuel Moore



Benjamin Roberts

These students were considered for nomination for the exhibition of exemplary major projects in Industrial Technology (Timber Products and Furniture Technologies)

Sporting Stars



Mackenzie Barglik
NSWCCC Touch
Football Team



Kaitlin Bell
World Triathlon
Championships,
All Australian
Schools Athletics
Championships,
NSWCCC Cross
Country



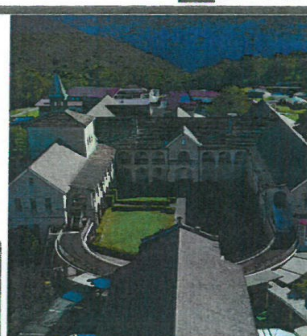
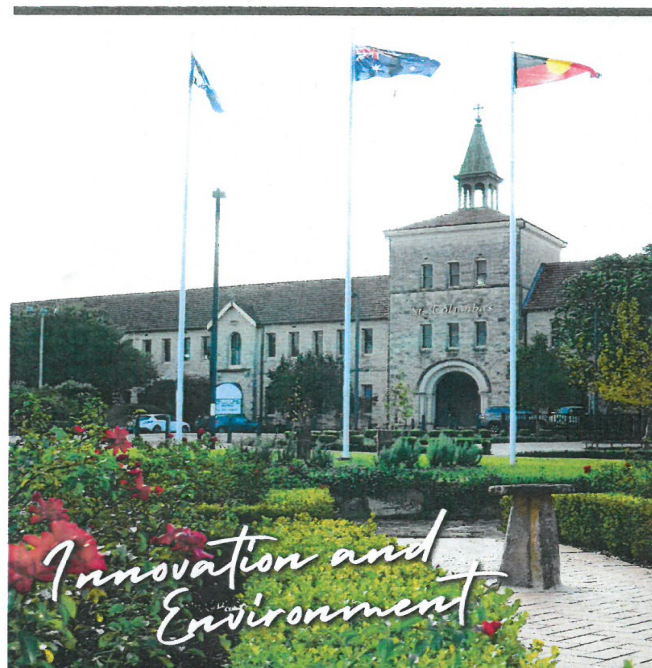
Annie Buckley
NSWCCC Hockey
Team



Monique Quirk
Australian Junior
Track & Field
Championships,
Australian All
Schools, World Junior
Athletics Kenya



Brenna Tarrant
Giants VWFL Team,
Melbourne Football
Club, AFL.



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Enrolments 2021

Over the last two 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 Tuesday afternoon and evening for tours and for an information evening. **Please refer to the advertisement for this event on page? of the Newsletter.**

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**

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FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Who do I communicate with at St Columba's if I have an issue or concern?

Please follow these guidelines to ensure that a concern regarding your child's learning and/or wellbeing is managed appropriately and in a timely fashion:

Nature of Concern	Concern is directed to:
Classroom learning e.g. homework, challenges your child is experiencing with the learning in a subject, etc	The class teacher
Pastoral and Wellbeing e.g. medical reasons impacting attendance, uniform, etc	The Leader of Mission
Safety e.g. bullying	The Leader of Mission. Please note that safety issues will be given urgent priority. That being said, if your child's Leader of Mission is unavailable at the time of your enquiry, any of the Leaders of Mission, the Head of Mission or the Assistant Principals will speak to you.

Year 7 Families Welcome Evening

Unfortunately it was necessary to postpone this event due to wet weather last week. It has been rescheduled for Year 7 Families on Wednesday 4th March, 5-6pm. We look forward to seeing all Year 7 parents and students on this night.



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Attendance - Every Day Matters !

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify their school on the first day of absence if at all possible. All explanations to the school must be provided within **7 days** from the first day of any period of absence.



Swimming Carnival - Friday 28th February

We look forward to our annual Swimming Carnival at Lawson Pool this coming week. We encourage all students to get dressed in their House colours, and participate in the various races and activities organised for the day.

Ms Carol Muscat & Mr Ross Gawthorne
Assistant Principals

STUDENT NEWS

Six Month Exchange Program at our sister school in Japan

If you ever have the opportunity to travel overseas. *Take it.* And if you ever have the chance to go to Japan. *Go there.*

Living on exchange in a country with such a distinct, rich and established culture as well as a proud, kind people was an eye-opening and amazing experience. Through bustling cities, sacred temples and wonderfully unique restaurants we found ourselves engulfed in this ancient yet modernised culture. Studying overseas helped widen our sense of the world and our love for beautiful traditions such as those found in Japan. For example, we were able to be a part of and learn the elegant art of the Japanese tea ceremony, suddenly becoming graceful beings in the art of tea making (enjoying Japanese sweets was one of the best parts)!

In some areas, polar opposite to Australian school life, Japanese school life was something that we immersed ourselves in and learnt to love. Going to our sister school every day meant we participated in many interesting school lessons like food technology, Japanese calligraphy, art, Japanese history, as well as mandatory after school clean-up activities!

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We were amazed by the diligence of the Japanese students, who also attended club activities every day after school and on weekends! Of course, we joined in with sports such as kendo, judo, tennis, and track and field, as well as cultural clubs like calligraphy, tea ceremony club and band whose sound serenaded you as you left the school. As exchange students we were also a part of the English-speaking club and Wednesday lunch meetings in the cafeteria to help students with their English. Our classmates were always welcoming and willing to help us out and we found many who wanted to speak to us in English. The exchange allowed us to make friends along the way that we will treasure for the rest of our lives, including friends from all over the global community, Turkey particularly. Our host families treated us with such generosity and kind hospitality that we felt a part of the family. Overall, the six month exchange was such a wondrous experience. We were able to see and do so much and we have friends and loving host families to visit again in Japan. But of course, this couldn't have happened without the long-standing relationship between our sister school, Hokusetsu Sanda Senior High School and St Columba's. Thanks to the hard work of our parents and both school communities, we are very grateful for the opportunity that was given to us. We hope that the relationship between the two schools will flourish in the future. The Six Month Exchange is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Thank you.

The fundraiser Tea Ceremony (all funds going to helping out people who lost their homes in the typhoons) that Maddie and Mirei performed in for parents and teachers at the sister school.



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Together in English Club; Zeynep, our friend from Turkey, Karen, an English teacher, Mirei and Maddie.



Wearing a kimono while travelling Kyoto with my host family.



Mirei Oguro and Maddison Goodwin
Year 11 Students

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CAREERS NEWS

University

ANU Applications 2021

Direct applications for 2021 will open in March 2020 for all domestic school leavers. There is no application fee, students will be required to meet the co-curricular or service requirement, and they will apply for admission, guaranteed accommodation, and over 200 scholarships all in one application. For more information: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/domestic-applications-anu-undergraduate>

University of Melbourne 2020 Updates

Important updates on how to apply, Scholarships, events information for the year.

[Click here.](#)

UNSW United Nations Workshops

27 March

Or 26 June

Law Building, Kensington Campus, UNSW

Do you dream of being part of the United Nations, or making a difference in how world events play out? Join us for our UNSW Arts & Law United Nations Workshop.

In collaboration with the UNSW United Nations Society, this unique opportunity will enable you to learn about the work and operation of the United Nations through a Model UN (MUN) - a simulation of the debate and diplomacy which occurs in the UN's real General Assembly.

If you're in Years 10-12, come and be inspired by addressing and resolving real world issues affecting our global society – building your skills in diplomacy, negotiation and public speaking.

[Click here for more details.](#)

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/>

University of Sydney 360 degree tour

Enjoy looking across all parts of the university in any direction you choose. Look at what university life is like across the lecture rooms, activities, research labs, sport and much more.

<http://tour.sydney.edu.au/>

Cochlear Autumn School of Engineering

20-24 April

For Year 11&12 Students studying Adv/Ext Maths; Physics/Chemistry. Engineering Studies an advantage but not compulsory. 5 Day program visiting 5 x Unis & 5 x organisations. Meet Engineers; Graduates & Uni Students & Lecturers. Learn about opportunities & career paths



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DETAILS: limit 4 students per school; For Regional Students. E:

stemnsw@engineersaustralia.org.au

During the day the students will visit the following universities and split into smaller groups for problem solving activities that range across Engineering disciplines.

- University of Sydney
- Western Sydney University
- University of NSW
- Macquarie University
- University of Technology Sydney

They will visit the following engineering organisations:- *(to be confirmed)*

- RAAF Richmond (Defence/Mechanical/Electrical/Aerospace)
- Cochlear (biomed/mechatronic/mechanical/materials/sound & acoustics)
- TfNSW
- ANSTO
- Thales

*Autumn School is not a residential course, however, we have arranged 20 subsidised packages for Regional students. Based across the road from UTS *(our daily meeting point)* includes 5 nights accommodation, breakfast each morning and dinners each night. There will be 2 Engineers Australia Staff onsite at the hotel.

VIP: attendance at CASE2020 is recognised by NSW Universities and serves to support students' application into Engineering Degree courses.

UTS Girls in STEM May 2020

21 May, 2020. 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Engineering and IT Building, Building 11 Broadway

This one-day event provides an opportunity for female students to explore different areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Design and Building. Students participate in a range of hands-on activities plus they get an inside look at life as a student and professional in the STEM.

<https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/events/uts-girls-stem-may-2020>

Charles Sturt Advantage 2020

The Charles Sturt Advantage is back in 2020. Year 12 students can gain a conditional offer to study at Charles Sturt University through demonstrating a variety of soft skills. Applications open 1 June and close on 31 August. Students can register their interest at the link below. For more information 1800 ASK CSU.:

<https://www.csu.edu.au/advantage>

Charles Sturt University Medicine Information Night

Come and hear all about Charles Sturt University's new Doctor of Medicine. Find out about admissions, UCAT, and rural or Indigenous entry as well as CSU's brand new facilities and Orange campus life. Contact infoevents@csu.edu.au or 1800 ASK CSU Register :

<https://study.csu.edu.au/med-info-night>

UCAT Workshop

MedEntry will be running a two day UCAT workshop at UTS Broadway campus on 7-8 March 2020. You will be taught by Dr Ray Boyapati, MBBS (1st Hons), MD (Research, Edinburgh),

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FRACP (Gastroenterology). Dr Ray is a Gastroenterologist, Hepatologist & Endoscopist at Monash Health and is a Senior Lecturer at Monash University. He is your perfect medical school mentor. Details at :

www.MedEntry.edu.au

Study Medicine Resource – Free Parent Information to Assist Your Son/Daughter Applying for Medicine.

Study Medicine has helpful information for parents – including the ATAR Scaling Guide

<https://www.studymedicine.com.au/atar-scaling>

10 Step Application Guide

<https://www.studymedicine.com.au/10-step-application-guide> .

Parents can also understand university deadlines for medicine applications by reading the latest deadline information :

<https://www.studymedicine.com.au/deadline-info>

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-scholarship-mailing-list>

Sydney UTAS – Medical Programs

Darlinghurst campus

The University of Tasmania's Darlinghurst campus is located in Sydney's inner city and is serviced regularly by public transport. [Nursing](#) within the [School of Health Sciences](#) offers the two year fast track [Bachelor of Nursing](#) course through the Darlinghurst campus in partnership with the [St Vincent's and Mater Health Services](#).

The University's Darlinghurst campus is co-located on the site of the [St Vincent's Hospital](#) Darlinghurst campus. St Vincent's Hospital is Australia's second oldest hospital and has a long history as a premier teaching hospital. A major public and principal referral hospital, it specialises in heart/lung transplantation, bone marrow transplantation, cardiology, cancer, HIV medicine, respiratory medicine, mental health as well as drug and alcohol services.

Rozelle campus

The University of Tasmania's Rozelle campus is located in the inner western suburbs of Sydney, in close proximity to the Sydney central business district and regularly serviced by public transport. The Rozelle campus is part of the Callan Park Precinct, which is known as the old Rozelle Psychiatric Hospital, now no longer used for this purpose. There are numerous government organisations within the precinct including Ambulance Service of New South Wales headquarters and community education departments.

The University's [School of Medicine](#) offers the [Bachelor of Paramedic Practice](#) through the Rozelle campus and this course is supported by the [Ambulance Service of New South Wales](#). The School of Medicine at the Rozelle campus aims to provide the community with sound, comprehensive out-of-hospital care through the development of paramedic students conversant in the field of paramedic practice.

The University's [School of Health Sciences](#) offers the fast track two year [Bachelor of Nursing](#) course through the Rozelle campus in partnership with the [Sydney Local Health District](#), [South](#)

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[Western Sydney Local Health District](#), [South Eastern Sydney Local Health District](#) and [Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District](#).

Apply Now - Experience in 2020 a week as a Marine Biologists - UTAS Marine Discovery Scholarship

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/marinediscoverycompetition>

2020 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-and-leadership/faculties-and-schools/faculty-of-engineering-and-built-environment/science-and-engineering-challenge/events>

Main site at:

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/governance-and-leadership/faculties-and-schools/faculty-of-engineering-and-built-environment/science-and-engineering-challenge/about-us>

University of Sydney - Coming soon - Earth Hour 2020

Soon we will be announcing a special Earth Hour event presented to you by the School of Geosciences - stay tuned.

Every year hundreds of millions of people around the world in more than 7,000 cities in over 180 countries, take part in this amazing global conservation event.

The School of Geosciences joins communities around the world participating in a wide range of activities to show they care about our planets future.

<https://sydney.edu.au/science/news-and-events/events/climate-emergency.html>

TAFE

New Year, New Career or Hobby? TAFE Short Courses are the Answer

Whether you want to refresh your skills, learn new ones or start a new hobby, a short course is a rewarding and enjoyable way to help you get the skills you need:

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

TAFE - Get your 2020 Career Guide delivered straight to your inbox

Click the link, fill in the form and you will receive your free career guide [click here](#).

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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>

HSC & Tertiary Preparation at TAFE

Many areas of study require you to have attained your Higher School Certificate (HSC). If you did not complete your schooling, for whatever reason, you can still achieve your study goals by completing HSC or Tertiary Preparation studies through TAFE Digital.

We are passionate about helping students to unlock their dream careers, by providing courses that equip them with the skills, knowledge, and confidence they need to get them there. By offering our HSC courses and other Preparation for Work & Further Study Courses via online correspondence around Australia, you also can enjoy the ultimate flexibility in your studies.

<https://oten.tafensw.edu.au/courses-and-careers/uni-via-tafe-oten/hsc-and-tertiary-preparation/>

Master Chefs of the Future - 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.

<http://htn.com.au/about-htn/>

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:

<http://aennswact.com.au/find-an-apprenticeship-nsw/>

COLLEGES

Aviation Australia Cabin Crew Career Training – Register Your Interest

20 April - 15 May 2020

20 April - 1 May 2020

25 May - 12 August 2020

25 May - 1 July 2020

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 [Cabin Crew Career Information Session](#) to talk to experts about how we can help you take to the skies.

<https://www.aviationaustralia.aero/cabin-crew-career-training-sydney/>



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JMC Academy Sydney Campus 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:

<https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/contact-us/enquiry-form>

Becoming a Creative Professional Masterclass

25 February

JMC Academy Sydney, 561 Harris St, Ultimo

Led by Australian Producer, Singer, Songwriter, Graphic Designer and Photographer, Michael Carpenter, this masterclass will explore a variety of avenues to get students started on their careers outside and during their Uni degree. First up Michael will cover general concepts such as developing your public profile, show reels, social media perceptions and strategies, through to some financial basics when starting your own business, including learning how to charge for your services, and being aware of your tax and debt commitments. Lastly he'll discuss the psychology of dealing with clients, building a client base, and refining your professional practices. The 2 hour class will conclude with a thorough Q and A, so bring along your questions!

<https://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/industry-events/becoming-a-creative-professional>

Journalism Micro-Courses

Jschool has added two micro-courses to its suite of journalism-related units - open to senior secondary students. Each 4-week online unit gives a basic foundation with considerable feedback to enable ongoing solo study. The units are Teeline Shorthand Basics and Keys to Journalism. Units are run in April, June, September and December 2020, at \$299 per unit. Call 1300 859 975. Or visit:

<http://www.jschool.com.au>

NIDA Work Experience Program

What's it like to study at NIDA? What skills do you need for a career in performing arts? In 2020 NIDA offers non-Acting work experience to students interested in design, making, building, sewing, lighting, sound. NIDA's work experience program offers Year 10 and 11 students the chance to spend a week in Kensington, Sydney to observe and, where possible, participate in classes. Apply :

www.nida.edu.au

Macleay Journalism Student Wins Best Text-Based Story at 2019 Ossie Awards

Macleay College is pleased to announce that its Journalism student, Indi Brummelen, has won Best Text-Based Story at the recent Ossie Awards. Read more about Indi's award and the Ossie's her - <https://www.macleay.edu.au/blog/macleay-journalism-student-wins-best-text-based-story-at-2019-ossie-awards>



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White Card Training On Campus

White Card Training On Campus \$99 per student. Delivered by experienced trainers who know how to make this course interesting and engaging. Call Now 02 4382 3055 or

info@coastalohs.com

<https://www.coastalohs.com>

White Card Training

To book your white card course or first aid for 2020 call us on 1300 400 647.

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

AFTT Film & Acting Open Day

9 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.

<https://www.aftt.edu.au/events/open-days/register-for-our-next-open-day>

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/>

Interior Design - Coco Republic Design School Online, Day or Evening Course Options

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>

Open Day at Avondale - Teaching, Nursing, Arts, Business and Ministry and Theology

10 June

Open Day is an opportunity for you to realise your potential and immerse yourself in the Avondale experience. Explore the possibilities and discover what 2020 could hold for you. Hear from current students, lecturers and staff and find out everything you need to know about studying at college.

Your day will include:

- Tours of our Lake Macquarie campus
- Interactive course sessions
- Information about courses, scholarships, applying, alternate entry options and student life
- Sessions on HSC lectures and study tips
- Career profiling to help find the best course for you
- An information expo
- Free lunch

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Offering accredited degrees in Teaching, Nursing, Arts, Business and Ministry and Theology, as well as VET courses in Outdoor Recreation and our pathway option - General Studies. Avondale also has catered, on-campus accommodation available. Call admissions on 02 4980 2377. Visit below to register:

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

GENERAL

The Sydney US & UK University Expo

March 14 1pm to 5pm

SMC Conference & Function Centre, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney

Crimson's biggest event for the year. **Get crucial advice from recent student admits and speak with world leading admission experts at the US & UK University Expo!**

Put the world's top universities like Harvard, Yale, Oxford and Stanford within your reach!

Perfect for students in Years 7-12, parents and teachers, this will be a day that could dramatically change your future. The link to the event is here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-sydney-us-uk-university-expo-tickets-93446239217?discount=JOBUMP>

Generation Entrepreneur - Startup 101, A High School Entrepreneurship Program

Generation Entrepreneur's Startup 101 is an entrepreneurship program that has impacted almost 1000 students in 2019. Designed as a business-building competition, it challenges students to think critically, creatively and collaborate with peers. The content can be tailored for the curriculum for subjects in Commerce & Business Studies.

<https://bit.ly/caa-startup101>

One for the horse lovers! Applications for the Fast Track traineeship program opening soon

Applications for Fast Track 2020 will open at the end of January. The 12-month program sees successful applicants commence a full-time traineeship with a reputable stud farm, while studying a Cert III in Horse Breeding. Open to students 18 years & over this is a great opportunity for anyone with a passion for horses. For more info visit the link below or email

cecelia@tbaus.com

<http://www.tbaus.com/>

Formula 1 and Logistics

Formula 1 requires some of the most complex levels of logistics planning you'll find in any sport. It's a good reminder that without top level logistics and planning solution, one of the world's most spectacular sports would come to a screeching halt. Consider a career in logistics.

<https://www.atbns.com.au/>

Don't miss out on cutting edge Science - 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/>

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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

17 Feb – Sydney - Defence Info

19 Feb – Sydney – ADFA

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/DefenceJobsAustralia/events/>

Sydney Writers Festival Student Sessions 2020

29 April

Join the 2020 Festival's brightest minds for a thought-provoking program of talks, specially curated to complement the school curriculum in ways that inform, challenge and inspire. With sessions led by world-renowned writers and respected social commentators across film, theatre, journalism, television, literature and more, our Student Sessions program is rich in opportunities for secondary school students. It builds on students' classroom learning, extends their capacity for critical thinking, and engages them in thoughtful discussion and meaningful

debate. Each talk runs for 45 minutes and all sessions are stand-alone – we invite you to create your own schedule of sessions. Book here:

<https://www.swf.org.au/student-sessions/>

Study smarter this year – Good Advice

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

Register by 22 April

Running from 20 to 29 May

Yr7 to Yr 10 - 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.](#) Track their performance against state or national averages.

<https://www.asi.edu.au/programs/big-science-competition/>



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Future Teachers Scholarship Opportunities

Closes 24 April

Value - \$4,000. 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).

Where possible, applications should be made online: www.nswtf.org.au/pages/future
Information here:

<http://www.nswtf.org.au/future-teachers-scholarship-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/applying-for-a-job/how-to-stand-out-without-work-experience>

2020 Western Sydney Careers Expo

Thursday 25 June - Friday 26 June, 9am-3pm

Saturday 27 June - Sunday 28 June, 9am-3pm

The Dome, Sydney Showground, Showground Rd, 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

<https://www.westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au/>

2020 Voyages – Join the Young Endeavour

Apply now to sail STS Young Endeavour

Aged 16 - 23 and looking for a new challenge? Join tall ship *Young Endeavour* for an unforgettable adventure!

Test yourself as you learn to navigate, set sails and climb the 30 metre mast. Develop your confidence, teamwork and communication skills and make new friends. Apply now to sail in 2019.

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

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Bradman Scholarship Applications Close

Closes 28 February

Value - \$45,000. 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 X 3 Years.

<http://www.bradman.com.au/bradman-scholarship/>

Apply here:

<https://internationalcrickethall.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/BRADMAN-SCHOLARSHIP-application-form-2020.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-to-study-nsw/>

Future Demand Still Strong 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-demand-for-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/>

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FROM THE OFFICE

DENTIST VISITS THE COLLEGE 16-20 MARCH

The School Dentist by Totally Smiles is visiting St Columba's Catholic College on 16 – 20 March 2020.

4 Steps to Healthy Teeth

Tooth decay occurs when bacteria in our mouths use sugars from foods and drinks to produce acids that attack tooth enamel (the hard outer layer of teeth). Tooth decay can cause pain, infection and tooth loss. Without treatment, it can destroy teeth and have a serious, lasting impact on overall health and quality of life.

Dental disease can be prevented by 4 easy steps:



BRUSHING

teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste



FLOSSING

daily



LIMITING SUGAR

consumed in foods and drinks



VISITING A DENTAL PROFESSIONAL

for a check-up at least once a year

Professional dental care is an important part of overall health and wellbeing. Part of the dental service is to educate children on good oral hygiene practices and to provide a thorough dental treatment. Here's a short video why dental care is important, what The School Dentist does to help care for your child's teeth through professional dental services and how your child can participate in the program.

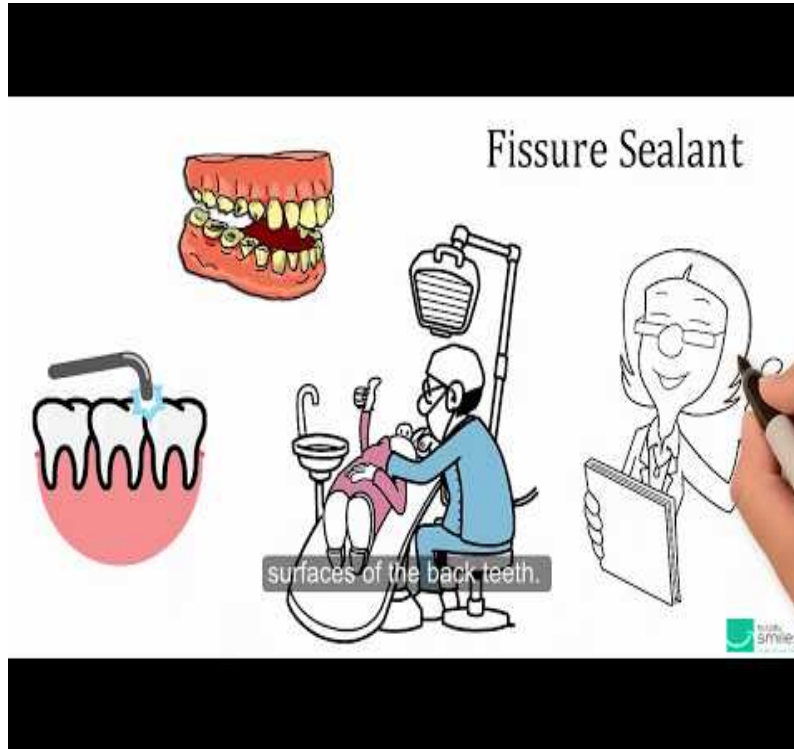
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Please find a copy of the Parent Information Pack which provides you with information about the service and recommended oral hygiene practices. If you wish to have your child participate in the dental program, please follow the

link <https://tinyurl.com/rxdq83y> to complete the consent form. The consent form can be completed and signed online. Alternatively, you can print the form at the back of your Parent Information Pack, sign it and return it to your child's school or email it to bookings@totallysmiles.com.au, consent forms are also available at the school.

If you have any question or need assistance completing the consent form, give The School Dentist a call on 1800 276 453 or email bookings@totallysmiles.com.au.

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CONSENT FORM

CHILD INFORMATION

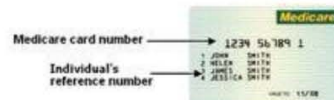
School Name _____
First Name _____
Last Name _____
Date of Birth _____
Gender _____
Year/Class _____
Medicare Card Number _____
IRN Number/ Expiry Date _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Parent Name _____
Parent Email Address _____
Mobile Number _____
Home Phone number _____
Home Address _____
Suburb/State Postcode _____

PLEASE TICK

- ☐ I give consent to conduct a Child Dental Benefit Schedule eligibility check
- ☐ I give consent to a free dental examination by Totally Smiles (if x-rays are required it will be bulked-billed through Medicare)
- ☐ I give consent to a dental assessment, scale and clean, polish & fluoride treatment carried out by Totally Smiles (Bulked-Billed; NO GAP payable; to the value of \$176.90 if eligible through Medicare Child Dental Benefits Scheme (CDBS) and if required fissure seals (\$46.05 each) and X-rays (30.45 each)
- ☐ If NOT eligible please provide a scale and clean, polish and fluoride treatment for \$99. X-rays (\$15 each) and Fissure Seals (\$28 each) (Payment will be taken over the phone once your child has been examined).
- ☐ I would like to be present at all the appointments if possible
- ☐ I do not want to participate in the program



MEDICAL AND DENTAL HISTORY OF PATIENT / CHILD

Is the patient receiving any medical treatment at present?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Details _____
Has the patient had any serious or long-standing illness?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Details _____
Has the patient ever been hospitalised?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Details _____
Are the patient's immunisations up to date?	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Details _____
Please indicate if the patient has EVER had any of the following:		
Allergies (e.g. latex, penicillin, milk protein, etc.)	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	If YES to allergies, please give details:
Any heart complaint/treatment	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Rheumatic fever or heart valve surgery	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Does your child have any conditions or disabilities that may affect their treatment? (Example ADHD, Anxiety, Autism)
High or low blood pressure	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Blood disorders / bleeding disorders	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Current Medications:
Epilepsy	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Diabetes	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Details if YES to any of the conditions listed:
Infectious disease (measles/chicken pox), especially in the last three weeks	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Tuberculosis	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Any nervous system disorders	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Asthma/bronchitis/lung conditions	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Thyroid disease	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Hepatitis, jaundice or liver disease	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Treatment for any form of cancer	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Transplanted organ or bone marrow	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Kidney conditions	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
When was your child's last dental visit?	_____	
When was your child's last X-rays taken?	_____	

*Please note the form is double sided

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CONSENT FORM

CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE BULK BILLING PATIENT CONSENT FORM

I, the patient / legal guardian, certify that I have been informed:

- › of the treatment that has been or will be provided from this date under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule;
- › of the likely cost of this treatment; and
- › that I will be bulk billed for services under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule and I will not pay out-of-pocket costs for these services, subject to sufficient funds being available under the benefit cap.

I understand that I / the patient will only have access to dental benefits of up to the benefit cap. I understand that benefits for some services may have restrictions and that Child Dental Benefits Schedule covers a limited range of services. I understand I will need to personally meet the costs of any services not covered by the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. I understand that the cost of services will reduce the available benefit cap and that I will need to personally meet the costs of any additional services once benefits are exhausted.

I agree that the above is true and accurate information given. I understand that all information including all photos will be kept private and confidential which Totally Smiles collect during all stages.

Patient/Legal guardian : _____

Patient/Legal guardian signature : _____

Date: ____/____/____

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I attend my child's dental appointment?

Yes. You are welcome to attend your child's appointment. If you have received a Parent Information Pack, you can contact us to find out when your child's school and/or appointment is scheduled.

Who will be providing dental care to my child?

Your child's dental care will be provided by experienced registered dental practitioners (oral health therapists, dental therapists or dentists) and qualified dental assistants.

What will happen as part of my child's care?

Parents of children at participating schools will receive a Parent Information Pack from the school before a mobile dental clinic visit is scheduled. For a child to receive care, parents will need to complete and return the consent forms.

At the first appointment, children will receive the following care (if clinically indicated and if parents have consented):

- a comprehensive examination
- dental x-rays
- a scale and clean
- mineral varnish application
- fissure sealants

If a child needs further dental care, the dental practitioner will contact parents to discuss options for treatment. This may involve providing treatment at the mobile dental clinic or at a local dental clinic. Parent consent is required for any further treatment.

How will I know what happened at my child's dental appointment?

A report outlining what was done at your child's appointment will be provided. If your child needs further dental care, you will be provided with a treatment plan.

What will happen to my child's information?

Information that you provide on the Consent Form or collected as part of your child's healthcare is subject to strict confidentiality and privacy protections in State & Commonwealth legislation (see Privacy Statement in Parent Information Pack).

What if my child is scared or anxious about dental treatment?

All Mobile Dental staff are experienced in working with children. Every effort will be made to ensure that children participating in the program feel safe and confident about their dental care. If your child becomes upset, unwell or is otherwise unable to complete their care, they will be able to return to class and a staff member will contact you to make alternative arrangements. You may be asked to attend a follow-up appointment with your child at the mobile clinic or attend at your local dental clinic.

What will the program cost me?

There are no costs for parents/carers or children if your child is eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). You will be asked to sign a form allowing us to bulk-bill care provided to your child. Details about the use of CDBS benefits in this program have been included in the Parent Information Pack.

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SCHOOL FEES

School fee statements for the first instalment of school fees for 2020 (Billing Period 1 – 28/01/2020-15/05/2020) have been mailed out. The due date for payment is on or before Wednesday 18th March 2020. If you have not yet received your statement, please contact me on 4754 8902 to arrange for a copy to be sent home.

The cutoff date for returning the required paperwork for the payment of the 2020 school fees by way of the Flexible Payment Plan to the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta, is 6th March 2020. The Catholic Education Office will not accept late requests. If you would like to pay the 2020 fees as per the amounts shown on the Flexible Payment Plan paperwork but have missed the cutoff date, please contact me as soon as possible so that I am able to set the arrangement up for you.

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 understanding and an appropriate payment 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 so that the College is aware 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 2019 (except Flexible Payment Plan or Salary Sacrifice) it is important that you contact me when you receive your Billing Period 1 statement so that I am aware of your intentions for the 2020 fees.

Payment Due Date: Please be advised that unless alternative arrangements have been made regarding the payment of your account it will be assumed that full payment of all Fees and Charges for the Current Term Fees will be made on or before the due date as stated on your Fee Statement. 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.

Withdrawal of a Student: A full terms notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before a parent/guardian terminates the Student's enrolment. If sufficient notice of termination of the Student's enrolment is not given, the parent/guardian is to pay the College one term's school fees including any Diocesan Fees applicable. This amount reflects the College's financial loss associated with the Student's withdrawal without sufficient notice of termination. Exceptions to this policy include family relocating due to employment placement, a student gains full-time employment or commences an apprenticeship. One other exception is that notice in writing will be accepted at any time during Term 4 in relation to the following year's enrolment.



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Split Accounts: Please note that the College does not recognise 50/50 split of accounts. Enrolment signatories are joint and severally responsible for payment of fees. This means that both enrolment signatories are equally responsible for the payment of 100% of the total amount owing on the school fees account and not a proportion of it. If you have any questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sibling Discounts: Reconciliations to external sibling discounts are regularly conducted by CEDP. If your circumstances change regarding sibling discounts, please notify me immediately. Failure to do so could result in an increase in fees throughout the year and your current payment arrangement may not cover the balance of your account.

School fees can be paid by Bpoint, Bpay, Postbillpay, Direct Debit, EFTPOS or credit card.

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

Roselee Vion
Senior Officer – Finance and Fees



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2020 Diocesan School Fees

22 November 2019

Dear parents and carers

Please find below the Annual Diocesan fees schedule for 2020. The new schedule includes a very modest 1.5% increase on the fees from 2019, a reflection of Bishop Vincent Long's aim of making our Catholic schools as affordable as possible for families.

School-based fees will also be limited to a 1.5% increase. School-based fees cover the costs of things such as technology and school administration.

School fees are generally billed in instalments during Terms 1, 2 and 3. The fee is made up of three main parts:

1. Diocesan tuition fee

These are set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and are the *same for every school*. There are **significant sibling discounts** for families with more than one child at a Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta school (it does not have to be the same school).

Those discounts and a list of the annual Diocesan tuition fees for 2020 are outlined below:

2020 Diocesan tuition fee schedule (per year)

	1 st child (100%)	2 nd child (75%)	3 rd child (50%)	4 th Child (0%)
Kindergarten	\$1,224	\$918	\$612	No fee
Years 1 – 6	\$1,581	\$1,185	\$792	No fee
Years 7 – 8	\$2,190	\$1,644	\$1,095	No fee
Years 9 – 10	\$2,430	\$1,824	\$1,215	No fee
Years 11 – 12	\$3,102	\$2,328	\$1,551	No fee

2. Diocesan Building Levy

This fee is set by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta and is the same for every school. The annual Diocesan building levy for 2020 is \$822. This is an increase of 2% from 2019. This increase is slightly higher than the tuition fee increase of 1.5% as governments do not provide sufficient capital funding for our school provisioning program.

There is only one Diocesan building levy per family with one or more children in a Parramatta Diocesan school or at St Dominic's College, Kingswood and it is billed in instalments over the first 3 terms of the year. A sibling discount for the building levy of 50% applies to families with children within the bordering Archdiocese of Sydney and Dioceses of Wollongong and Broken Bay.

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3. School-based fees

These are determined by the school according to the needs of that school and billable for each child. School-based fees are often called 'resource fees' or 'activity fees'. These fees help schools cover the costs of things like teaching resources, technology, excursions etc.

This fee varies between schools. Please contact the school to find out more about their school-based fees.

Although it varies from school to school, as a guide, the Diocesan tuition fee represents roughly half the overall fee per year.

Here's how we can help

We appreciate that from time to time, some families experience financial challenges. As well as sibling discounts, confidential fee support is available through the following means:

- **Flexible payment options**

Families enrolled in CEDP schools are offered flexible payment options at the start of each year. These options provide opportunities to select a payment plan that best suits you. Payments can be made by direct debit on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis at no additional charge.

- **Fee assistance**

We understand financial circumstances can change and that these changes can impact on families. Please speak with your school principal confidentially if your family experiences financial difficulty or hardship so an appropriate arrangement can be made.

- **Bishop Manning Support Fund**

In addition to fee assistance programs, the Bishop Manning Support Fund is available to families who experience challenges meeting the cost of school fees due to financial hardship. Further information is available at the [Bishop Manning Support Fund](#) page of the CEDP website.

- **Byallawa Co-contribution Scheme**

The Byallawa co-contribution scheme provides assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families to ensure a quality Catholic education is affordable and accessible. Further information is available on our [Byallawa Co-contribution Scheme](#) page of the CEDP website.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Catholic schools.

Yours sincerely

Gregory B Whitby AM KSG
Executive Director
Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

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ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE – YEAR 7, 2021 INFORMATION EVENING



Tuesday 25th February 2020

Bookings are not required, upon arrival please register at the College Library

Session 1:

3.15pm - Register for tour

3.30pm – 4.00pm: Address by the College Principal

4.00pm - 5.00pm - Tour of facilities

Session 2:

5.15pm - Register for Tour

5.30pm – 6.00pm: Address by the College Principal

6.00pm - 7.00pm - Tour of facilities

Tours will begin at 4.00pm and 6.00pm *sharp* to enable visitors to view all the College facilities.

Prospectus and enrolment applications will be available on the night.

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Fact Sheet for Parents and Caregivers - Explanation of Absences

CEDP promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify their school on the first day of absence if at all possible. All explanations to the school must be provided within **7 days** from the first day of any period of absence.

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

1. SMS: respond with reason to school notification of absence
2. Email: the school at stcolumbas@parra.catholic.edu.au
3. Telephone: the school office 02 47548900
4. Note sent with your child

Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe or the explanation has not been accepted, the school will record the absence as unexplained or unjustified on the student's record. The school will not be able to accept explanations which are not received within the 7 day timeframe.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Parents of children aged 6 to 17 years are legally required to ensure their children attend school every day or provide an explanation if they are absent. Notifying the school and providing an explanation for your child's absence will fulfil this legal responsibility.

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for schools. Parents need to know if their child isn't at school, and schools need to know when and why a child is absent. Notifying the school of your child's absence helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children in school.

What is your responsibility?

- Ensure your child attends school every day
- Notify the school immediately if your child is absent
- Provide an explanation for any absences within 7 days
- Make sure the school has your correct contact details so that you can receive attendance information about your child