



ST JOHN'S
— COLLEGE —

Wednesday, 11 September

The Forerunner



"Even if we have thousands of acts of great virtue to our credit, our confidence in being heard must be based on God's mercy and His love for us. Even if we stand at the very summit of virtue, it is by mercy that we shall be saved."

St John Chrysostom

Co-Acting Principals' Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am always impressed by the depth of our students' talent. Our Junior School students performed exceptionally in the Rising Star evening, as did our Junior and Senior students during the Annual Music Concert. It clearly demonstrates that hard work pays off, and stepping out of your comfort zone can lead to bigger and better things. I would like to thank Ms Exintaris for her efforts in preparing our students.

Congratulations to our Parents' Association for organising such a terrific and welcoming Annual Dinner Dance. The biggest night on the PA calendar did not disappoint as they brought the College community together, as well as raise funds to go back into school initiatives.

The old saying that *'It takes a community to raise a child'* is very true and highlights the importance of the 3-way partnership within our College. Students/Teachers/Parents must work together for successful outcomes in all aspects of school life. Open communication between all stakeholders will ensure student success and is demonstrated everyday within our College community.

I would like to invite you all to our special College Assembly on the last day of Term 3 to farewell our Principal, Mr Lance Ryan. This will be our opportunity to thank him for all of the great work he has done for the College over the last three and a half years. The assembly will start at 2pm on Friday 20th September in the Sports and Arts Centre.

Derek Sherwood
Co-Acting Principal

Dear St John's College Community,

CAR PARK:

St John's College is committed to the safety of our children both inside and outside the College grounds. To reinforce safe driver behaviour around the College, we strongly urge parents /guardians to drop off and collect their children safely from school by adhering to the parking regulations and relevant signage.

Parents are also reminded that the designated "Staff Parking" areas are for staff members only. Please observe this regulation and utilise the general car parking areas around the College.

John Bourikas
Co-Acting Principal



Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held for Years F-12 on **Wednesday 18 September** from 3.30pm – 7.30pm.

You can organise your Parent Teacher Conferences through the online booking system called School Interviews (www.schoolinterviews.com.au).

Step 1. Go to the website www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Step 2. Enter school code – **ye3jd**

Step 3. Enter your email address, your name and your student's name(s). The email address you provide will be used to send you a confirmation of your interview times.

Step 4. Choose the teachers and subjects.

Step 5. Choose the times you want.

Step 6. Print your bookings.

A confirmation email will also be sent to you with your interview times.

Bookings close at 11am Tuesday 17 September.

It is of paramount importance that parents attend these interviews, if we are to achieve the best collective outcome for your child.

A letter was emailed to parents on Friday 6 September.

Senior School News



Important Term 4 Dates

We have listed the Term 4 program for our Year 12 students, and all Year 11 students, enrolled in a Unit 3 & 4 subject as they come to the end of the academic year. It is important for students and parents to be aware of the timetable and important dates in order to prepare for and attend all scheduled classes/events, in the appropriate attire.

Please encourage students to revise their work and to prepare and study for their exams during the September holidays. VCE exams begin on Wednesday, 30 October. VCE students are expected to attend scheduled timetabled lessons in the week prior to their exams commencing.

It is also vital that students take the October Trial exams seriously, and revise and study accordingly. We have included a copy of the October Trial Examination timetable for your reference. **Year 11 students enrolled in a Unit 3 & 4 subject must also sit for the October trial examinations.** If you require any further information, please let us know.

We are also pleased to invite you to the Year 12 Rose Ceremony to be held at St John's College on Thursday, 17 October (8.30am) and the Year 12 Valedictory Doxology and Dinner to be held at the church of 'The Presentation of Our Lord', 29 Victoria St, Coburg, on Thursday 17, October (5.45pm). Documentation regarding the Year 12 Valedictory Doxology and Dinner will be sent out next week.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 17, October to celebrate your child's achievements.

Important VCE Term 4 Dates

Oct 7-10 Timetabled VCE classes (school uniform) at school

Oct 11 VCE Trial Exams (school uniform) – revision classes for students, if required.

Oct 14 VCE Trial Exams (school uniform) – revision classes for students, if required.

Oct 15 VCE Trial Exams (school uniform) – revision classes for students, if required.

Oct 16 VCE Trial Exams (school uniform) – revision classes for students, if required.

Oct 17 8.45 am - Year 12 Rose Ceremony (full school uniform including blazer, shirt, tie, hair neat and tidy, boys no facial hair, no Year 12 jackets).

Oct 17 9.40 am - Morning Tea for Year 12 students, their parents and teachers.

Oct 17 5.45 pm - Doxology and Valedictory Dinner (full school uniform including blazer, shirt, tie, hair neat and tidy, boys no facial hair) at the Greek Orthodox Parish of 'The Presentation of Our Lord', Coburg.

Oct 18 Teachers will be available at the College to guide and support students; however, students must attend during the timetabled lessons for each subject.

October 21 – 25 Timetabled VCE revision classes at school for Year 12 students sitting exams (full school uniform).

Oct 21 Greek Oral examination.

October 28 – 29 Study days - Teachers will be available at the College to guide and support students during these two days; however, students must attend during the timetabled lessons for each subject and in school uniform. Encourage students to attend.

Year 11 students studying a Unit 3 & 4 subject will have the option of studying at home for 3 days prior to their VCE exam.

Oct 30 Written Examinations commence (students should read the VCE Exams Navigator 2019 which has information regarding approved materials and equipment, examination rules and examination timetables to make sure they are aware of the exam expectations – full school uniform, appropriate materials for each subject). **All exams will be held in Room 18 unless otherwise noted. (Year 12 English EAL exam will be held in room 17).**

Dec 10 Speech Night – all Year 12 students are to attend in full school uniform (including blazer, shirt, tie, hair neat and tidy, boys no facial hair, no Year 12 jackets) for their graduation.

Dec 12 VCE/VCAL results available.

VCE Study Program

As we come to the end of Term 3, it is important to remind all VCE students that they must study for at least 2-3 hours per day during the break in order to consolidate the content taught during the semester. They may focus on the following areas:

1. Reflect on their level of achievement during Semesters One and Two.
2. Identify areas requiring improvement and develop strategies to improve.
3. Study all content taught during the semester i.e. short answer questions, glossary, extended response questions summary notes, work booklets etc.
4. Prepare cue cards to help with revision.
5. Revise all assessment tasks completed during the semester i.e. SACs, tests, short answer questions etc.
6. Re-read the English novels.
7. Complete all Edrolo tasks.

VCE students are also encouraged to read the 'How to Study for VCE Exams' booklet, to support them with their revision and to attend all holiday classes organised by their teachers. Students are to enter the College via the main administration entrance via Showers Street.

I have also included email details of all VCE teachers. Students are encouraged to contact their teachers if they require any assistance during the holidays.

Contact details for Year 12 VCE teachers:

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Loizou, Angelica	EAL Teacher	angelica.loizou@stjohnspreston.vic.edu.au
Lonie, Adam	Legal Studies Teacher	adam.lonie@stjohnspreston.vic.edu.au
Mikhail, Akram	Mathematics/ Physics Teacher	akram.mikhail@stjohnspreston.vic.edu.au
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Richards, Kate Dr	Biology Teacher	Kate.richards@stjohnspreston.vic.edu.au
Sarigianoglou, Franziska	Psychology Teacher	franziska.sarigianoglou@stjohnspreston.vic.edu.au
Savopoulos, John	VCE Co-ordinator/ Revolutions Teacher	john.savopoulos@stjohnspreston.vic.edu.au
Sherwood, Derek	PE Teacher	derek.sherwood@stjohnspreston.vic.edu.au

VCE Study/Exam Tips 2019

1. Give yourself enough time to study. Don't leave it until the last minute. Set out a timetable for your study.
2. Organise your study space. Make sure you have enough space to spread out your textbooks and notes and make sure you have adequate lighting.
3. Design a flow chart. This is a bit like brainstorming, but instead of coming up with new ideas, you're writing down everything you already know about a topic.
4. Practise on old exams. It's always good to find out what kind of questions are going to be on the exam and the best way is to look through old exams. Read Examiner's Reports for your subject.
5. Explain your answers to others. Parents and little brothers and sisters don't have to be annoying around exam time. Use them to your advantage.
6. Organise study groups with your friends. You may have questions that they have the answers to.
7. Take a break. Don't force yourself to sit and study for 24 hours a day. If you're training for a marathon you don't try and run 24 hours a day. Develop a study routine that works for you.
8. Snack on brain food and keep away from junk food. You need to fuel your body while you study so make sure you eat nutritious foods such as fish, yoghurt and blueberries etc.
9. Pack your pencil case. Make sure your pens work and your pencils are sharpened. Nothing is worse for your nerves than having your pen run out of ink at the start of an exam. If you're sitting a maths or science exam, make sure you have all the necessary equipment you'll need, such as rulers and calculators.

10. Physical exercise is the best possible way to condition the mind prior to an important exam. Going on a run or doing some sort of sport two or three times a week throughout the exam period will help to clear your mind. **MAKE SURE YOU GET ENOUGH SLEEP!**

Remember: the ultimate wisdom in life is to try your best, and then accept philosophically whatever happens after that. Good luck and best wishes!

School Uniform

The College prides itself on students being correctly attired and the majority of our students wear their uniform with pride. Unfortunately, we have noticed some Senior College students wearing unsuitable clothing without an explanation. In order to maintain standards, we ask for your support in this matter.

Please support the College by ensuring that your child shows pride in the College by wearing the College uniform correctly. Uniform details are published in the Student diary/planner. Only school issued uniform items will be acceptable.

We are very proud of our school and of our students and believe that high standards of uniform, behaviour, being properly equipped as well as attending classes and school regularly give each and every one of our students the very best chance of learning and achieving to the best of their ability.

Thank you all very much in advance of your anticipated support and understanding.

Mr J Savopoulos
Director of Students, Years 7-12



The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland Inc

Earlier this year, Years 7 – 10 students of St John's College tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2019 Australian Geography Competition.

The Competition is an initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers' Association and The Royal Geographical Society of Queensland and, in Victoria, it is sponsored by Monash University.

The Humanities teachers were pleased with the results achieved by St John's College students.

We had a number of students at our school who performed to a very high level in the Competition this year with a number in the top 1% of their Year level across Australia. Congratulations are extended to all those who participated, particularly the following students who achieved outstanding results in this national competition.

Year 7

Alexandros Papadopoulos	High Distinction
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Year 8

Helena Petrou	Distinction
Rudi Haramis	Credit
Nikolas Vandoros	Credit

Year 9

Kayla Zarkos	Distinction
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Year 10

Steven Chhiev	Credit
Anna Roussos	Credit

Well done to all staff and students who were involved with this initiative.

Ms A Pastorelli
HELP Instructional Leader

VCE Greek Bonegilla Excursion

The annual excursion to the Bonegilla Migrant Centre was a great success. Students took away a lot of information that they are now going to use in order to prepare for their external VCE Oral Exam. Students travelled by train up to Albury and spent the night there. In the morning they went by bus to Bonegilla Migrant Centre where they had first-hand experience of some of the challenges faced by early migrants living at the centre.

Students' thoughts...

"It was an interesting trip because we got to experience a bit of the life style of the early migrants."
Stella Glykokalamos

«Απολαύσαμε πολύ τον καλό καιρό και την ξενάγηση στα μέρη των πρώτων Ελλήνων μεταναστών της Αυστραλίας. Το κέντρο της Μπονεγκίλας ήταν ανακαινισμένο... μα από φωτογραφίες συνειδητοποιήσαμε τις δύσκολες καταστάσεις.»

Σταυρούλα Θωμοπούλου

"The Bonegilla Migrant Centre was exciting to go to, and to get an idea of what most of our forefathers were put through."

Dimitris Tamvakis

"The Bonegilla trip was nothing less than an amazing experience which will most definitely help me with my VCE Oral Examination."

Evangelia Eliades



Mrs A Papakonstantinou
Greek Teacher

National Science Week

August is always a fabulous month as an entire week is dedicated to Science! The Senior School STEM Faculty thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to immerse our Junior School students into the realm of Science by hosting two interactive lessons. We would like to thank our Years 9 and 10 students for leading our Junior School students through the various activities.

Foundation to Year 2 students were awed by various demonstrations, but it seemed that dry ice and rocket teabags were the favourites. Students then went on to make their own Chicken in a Cup, demonstrating how sounding boards work - the cup makes the vibrations louder while the wet paper towel provides friction to create the sound. The Science area was overwhelmed with lots of clucking chickens!

Years 3 to 6 students were also shown demonstrations, with a favourite being the reactivity of alkaline metals, through the use of sodium exploding in water. They then went on to explore various workstation activities including Magic Flowers. Invisible Ink, sand and iron separation, visual illusions, hovercrafts and specimens under microscopes, and we finished off by making Lava Lamps.



Art News

Years 1 and 2 are working on different projects. Year 2 are painting. Year 1 are working on a round robin doing different art activities. We are working on cooperation and teamwork. There is also a giant pencil in the Art Room. How inspiring!



Years 9/10 Visual Arts



Left - Made by Viktoria Patsaki Year 10

Below- Made by Marina Stavrinidis Year 9



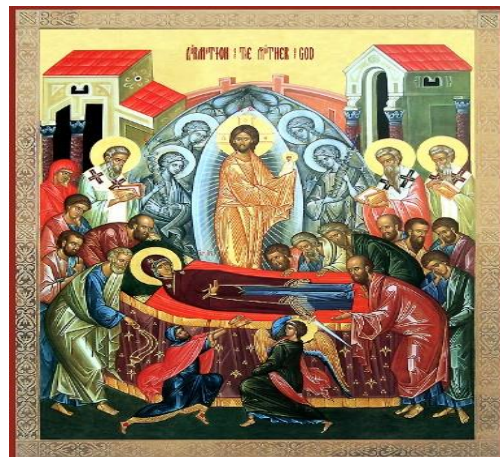
Years 9 & 10 students working on their 'Expressive Hands' Drawing. Students are extending their practical knowledge and understanding of Design Elements and Principles.

Ms P Gogos
Art Teacher

Δεκαπενταύγουστος, ο μήνας της Παναγιάς

Την Πέμπτη, 15 Αυγούστου ομάδα μαθητών και μαθητριών του Κολλεγίου μας, μαζί με μέλη του διδακτικού προσωπικού παρέστησαν στην Θεία Λειτουργία η οποία έλαβε χώρα εις τον εορτάζοντα ιερό ναό Παναγίας Σουμελά Κίλορ. Της Θ. Λειτουργίας προεξήρχε ο Σεβασμιώτατος Αρχιεπίσκοπος Αυστραλίας κ.κ. Μακάριος βοηθούμενος υπό τους Επισκόπους Δέρβης και Μιλητουπόλεως. Αναφερόμενος εις την εορτή της Μεταστάσεως της Υπεραγίας Θεοτόκου, ο Σεβασμιώτατος εξήρε την παραδειγματική της υπομονή και ταπείνωση καθώς και την αγνότητά της, σημειώνοντας ότι και αυτά τα δένδρα υποκλίνονταν και έκλιναν τα κλαδιά τους στο διάβα της Θεομήτορος.

Ευχαριστούμε τους ακούραστους γονείς του σχολείου οι οποίοι έφεραν τα παιδιά τους εις την εκκλησία για να παρακολουθήσουν την Θεία Λειτουργία και να λάβουν την ευλογία του Σεβασμιωτάτου.



15 August, The Dormition of the Theotokos

The month of August is a special month in the ecclesiastical calendar of the Orthodox Church as it is associated with two great feast days : The Transfiguration of our Lord and Saviour, and the Dormition of His Most Holy Mother Panagia.

On Thursday, 15 August, a group of students from both Junior and Senior Schools represented the College at the parish church “*Panagia Soumela*” at East Keilor. Our students’ behaviour needs to be commended as they observed with piety, respect and faith the Divine Liturgy by His Eminence, Makarios Archbishop of Australia and the two Bishops, Ezekiel of Dervis and Iakovos Miletoupolis. Students had also prepared in order to receive Holy Communion.

Special Thanks to Rev Father Konstantinos, the parish priest and the ladies from the Philoptohos and Mrs Popi Vrakas, for their excellent hospitality. Each one of our students was given a special voucher in order to buy food and drink at the end of the service. We also extend our thanks to all our lovely parents who brought their child to church on this special feast day. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We thank the staff, Mrs Anamourlis, Ms Giannos and Mrs Papakonstantinou who attended and supervised the students.



List of students who attended:

School Captains Evangelia Eliades and George Simos, George Stavros, Christian Psarakos, Maria Skantzou, Elias Xibraku, Kayla Zarkos, Sophia Skantzou, Nikolaos Ioannou, Victoria Doukas, Vasilis Chronopoulos, Paul Ketikidis, Alexander Ioannou, Georgia Zarkos, Emmanuel Skantzou and Harris Anamourlis.



Lecture by His Eminence, Tuesday evening 13 August



We also thank all the parents who, despite the very short notice and during afterhours, made the effort to bring their child to the lecture delivered by His Eminence Makarios Archbishop of Australia on Tuesday evening, 13 August. The lecture was especially directed to the youth, and our students carried away with them a lot of wisdom from the paternal advice of His Eminence. Students were able to talk to His Eminence, received his blessing and even have a photo with him.

List of students who attended:

Florentina Pop, Elih Genticoglou, George Stavros, Christian Psarakos, Athanasi Triantafillou, Deana Vadoros, Kayla Zarkos, Constantia Triantafillou, Nikolas Vadoros and Maria Pop.

Mrs A Papakonstantinou
Events Co-ordinator



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>). If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Mrs H Vlahos
Learning Enhancement Co-ordinator

*2019 St John's College English
Department presents.....*

A WRITING COMPETITION

- **Short Story**
- **Personal narrative**



To celebrate National Literacy Week, St John's English department is proud to announce its Writing Competition. This competition is open to all students in the Senior College. The theme is 'Forgiveness'. Students may submit an entry as a short story or personal narrative in no more than 300-500 words. Entries will be judged by a panel and winners (one winning entry per year level) announced in Term 4, during Speech Night. All entries must be received by Friday 8th November 2019. Please direct all enquiries to Mr Savopoulos.



EXTEND UPDATE

Next Week's Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Making Rock Art Pieces	Learn how to make mini boxes from cardboard pieces - Enrichment Program	Baking Chocolate Brownies	Making Elephant Toothpaste - Science Experiment	Making Bracelets

What's Been Happening?

Each year, the **Extend-a-Hand** initiative lends support to an important cause and we encourage children, families and the wider school community to help make a difference. Extend has partnered with **The Pyjama Foundation's Love Of Learning Program** to support children living in foster care. As part of the initiative, children were actively involved in writing a special storybook to donate to the foundation. The story book they wrote is about a girl named Mikala!!!!!! Also, children enjoyed their time in After Care and getting involved in a variety of art and craft activities.



Enrol and book now: extend.com.au

Thank you
Jimmy Abraham

Diary Dates



Term 3

September

Wednesday 18
Friday 20

Parent Teacher Conferences, Sports & Arts Centre from 3.30pm- 7.00pm
Casual/Footy Day, Gold Coin Donation
Term 3 Concludes F-12

Term 4

October

Monday 7
Friday 11
Saturday 12

Term 4 Commences F-12, 8.30am (Week 2)
Year 12 Trial Exams Commence
Working Bee

Monday 14
Thursday 17

Year 12 Trial Exams Continue from Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 October
Year 12 Rose Ceremony, 8.40am
Year 12 Morning Tea

Friday 18

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
Year 12 Study Day
Years 3 & 4 Production, Sports & Arts Centre at 6.30pm