



St John's College



"Keep in mind God's precept that states, 'Judge not, and you will not be judged' (Luke 6:37), and in no way meddle in the lives of others."

St Symeon the New Theologian

Co-Acting Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the end of the 2019 year approaches, it allows opportunities for reflection. It has been a year full of student success, both in and out of the classroom, and I would like to congratulate all students on their achievements. I would also like to thank all of the education support staff and the teachers, for their commitment and effort throughout the year.

Thank you to Mrs Danielle Triantafillou for her work as President of the Parents' Association. Throughout 2019, Mrs Triantafillou and the PA worked extremely hard to raise a significant amount of money to go towards both the Music and Arts Departments. Congratulations to Sarah Vogias, who was recently elected as the new President for 2020.



It is with some sadness that I announce the retirement at the end of this year of Mr Salmanidis. Our much loved and respected Greek teacher has been a part of St John's College for 39 years and contributed enormously to the College, in various roles throughout his time. His professionalism, dedication to the students and his love of the Greek language have always been consistent and reflected in the many past and present students and parents who have known and spoken fondly of Mr Salmanidis. On behalf of the entire College community, I would like to thank Mr Salmanidis for his service and wish him health and happiness as he enters the next chapter.

We also farewell Dr O'Leary and thank him for the expertise and guidance to staff in developing student centered curriculum and assessments. His work will continue to be utilised by our teachers to improve student outcomes in 2020.

I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Christmas with your families, and a healthy and safe 2020.

Derek Sherwood
Co-Acting Principal

Senior School News



End of Year

I would like to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and safe holidays and may your return to the College in 2020 be filled with happiness and success.



IMPORTANT TERM 4 DATES

Head Start 2020

The current Years 7-11 (2019) students have begun the Head Start program (Monday 2/12). Students are expected to take this program seriously, attend classes on a regular basis and prepare themselves for 2020 with the guidance of their teachers.

Year 7 students starting in 2020, have also been invited to attend the 'Head Start' program in order to meet their peers and teachers and to start to transition into the Senior College.

Speech Night

We have great pleasure in inviting all Senior College students and their parents to our Speech Night on Tuesday 10 December. This will take place in the College Sports and Arts Centre (Gymnasium) and will commence at 6.30pm.

This event will celebrate and acknowledge the exceptional performance of our students in 2019. Numerous Years 7 – 12 students will receive academic, community service, sports, Science Talent Search, Geography competition, Pontian Commemoration, debating, creative writing and other awards.

Awards will also be presented to our students from the ADF (Long Tan award), Melbourne University (Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars award), Caltex Best All Rounder award, La Trobe University (Aspire program) and the Insight English award. All students must attend in full school uniform, including their blazer.

We hope to see all parents and students at this significant event.

Last Day of Term

Term 4 concludes for all students on Wednesday 11 December at 1.10pm. The last day of school is also a casual dress day.

Hot Weather

Students are encouraged to keep hydrated and refrain from unnecessary physical activities during hot days. There are adequate shaded areas around the Senior College to be used by students on extremely warm days. The College Resource Centre is also available during recess and lunch for students to attend.

Thank You!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff, parents and friends of the College for all their support and encouragement throughout the year. Teachers worked tirelessly during the year to achieve high academic standards. Our students remained focused and achieved successful results at various times during the academic year.

Term 1 Commencement

Term 1 commences on Thursday 30 January. All students in Years 7-12 must be in full school uniform including blazer.

Mr J Savopoulos
Director of Students, Years 7-12

Excursion - L'Oréal Girls in Science Forum

St John's College was pleased to be invited to attend The L'Oréal-UNESCO Women in Science Forum, held at The University of Melbourne, with eight of our students. They were joined by 250 secondary students from across Victoria.

The L'Oréal Foundation and UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) have strived to support and recognise accomplished women researchers, encourage more young women to enter the STEM field and to assist them as they progress their careers.

Students were given the opportunity to hear from the 2019 Fellows, including their scientific interests and the discoveries they have made:

Dr Valerie Sung, *Understanding the best management for children with hearing loss.*

Dr Alisa Glukhova, *Understanding cancer at its core.*

Dr Samantha Solon-Biet, *You are what your mum eats – is obesity programmed in the womb?*

Dr Ashleigh Hood, *The hunt is on to find ancient life forms.*

Dr Yvonne Anderson, *Demedicalising health care across New Zealand.*

After a Q&A session, followed by lunch and a tour of the glorious grounds of the university, our students participated in two workshops. They were introduced to the topic of coastal evolution, where they were able to analyse a core sample from an estuary near Cairns. They then went on to explore Ecosystems and Forest Sciences, where they were given the opportunity to propagate Devil's Ivy from plant cuttings.

The event was a great opportunity to inspire and encourage students to continue studying STEM subjects. Here's what some of our attendees had to say about the forum:

'What a wonderful experience! My attendance at the 2019 *Girls in Science* annual event has further inspired my view to pursue medical science and initiate a string of meaningful change within our world. Following the opportunity to personally interact with five established Fellows in the field of STEM, I, along with hundreds of other passionate females, were provided with a comprehensive insight into topics such as management for youth with hearing loss, cancer at its core, the influence of prenatal diet on obesity and many other multidisciplinary subjects. I would like to thank Mrs Sarigianoglou, for her efforts in organising this excursion since the beginning of the year. Our Year 9/10 girls are very lucky!'

Yianna Manifavas

'The Girls in Science Forum was a very eye-opening experience and I learnt a lot about potential career paths for women in science. The day was well run and I really enjoyed myself and I believe most of the other girls would say the same. I hope to do something like that again.'

Kayla Zarkos

'I really enjoyed going to the university and seeing the influential women of science talk about their journeys and experiences of how they were able to build to where they are today. It was such a great experience in finding out the different pathways and options for a career, as someone who is intently interested in a career within a science and maths based field. Overall, it was very inspiring to go to an event that is completely revolved around promoting girls in science.'

Monique Kolyvas



Mrs F Sarigianoglou
Psychology Teacher

Art Exhibition and Art Day

On Saturday 9 November, the SJC Art Exhibition was opened to coincide with the College Festival. Students, parents and community members came to see the work that was produced during the year. On Monday 11 November we had **Art Day**. On this day, students were able to dress as their favourite artist and partake in the art activities running at lunchtime.

There were some fantastic costumes such as Frida Kahlo, Salvador Dali, Vincent van Gogh and Bob Ross. I was dressed as Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama (well done to Alexander Nastos who guessed my identity). At lunchtime, there were several activities for students to participate in. These included chalk drawing a path of kindness, a self-portrait collaborative project (currently on display in the Resource Centre) a pom-pom making workshop and a photo booth with lots of props for students to use.

Thank you to the following students who helped with running the activities: Stephanie Nastos, Kalina Vasileva, Emily Lontos, Sotiris Mastrogiannopoulos, Marina Stavrinidis, Jamie Kondilis and Veronica Matti.

“Art Day was a huge success! We were running the photobooth. All the kids had so much fun and had huge smiles on their faces. Everyone had a great time regardless of their year level.” **Jamie and Emily Year 9**

It was great that students immersed themselves in the activities on the day and that it brought students together.



This is the last newsletter from the Art Department for 2019. I am in the process of distributing work for students to take home. Displaying your child's art around your home, in their room or giving as a gift makes them feel special. There are some awesome art pieces that your child has made this year.

Doughnuts anyone?



Year 3 students have been working on making three dimensional doughnuts. Students designed and made their pieces using newspaper, plaster strips and paint. Served on individually painted plate.



Year 1 Pizza slices and Owl drawings.



Foundation Line Sculptures.



Merry Christmas. See you next year.

Ms P Gogos
Art Department

Saint Stylianos, protector saint of infants and children

Feast Day - 26 November

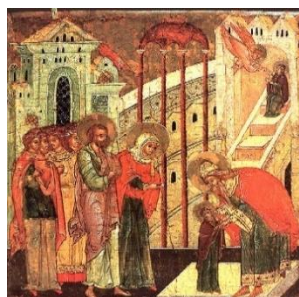


On Tuesday 26 November, a group of Year 8 students represented the College at the Divine Liturgy held at Axion Estin Monastery, Northcote. The Divine Liturgy was officiated by the Very Rev Father Evmenios, representing His Eminence Makarios, Archbishop of Australia and he was helped by a number of local priests. During the Divine Liturgy, a memorial service took place for our late Archbishop Stylianos. Our students were praised by parishioners for their excellent behaviour and ethos during the service. It is worth mentioning that in the past, and during this day, students from St John's College celebrated the name day of our late Archbishop Stylianos and were visited His Eminence to greet him and receive his blessing. May God rest his soul. *Αιωνία η μνήμη αυτού.*





The Presentation of Our Lady to the Temple Feast - Day 21 November



Our Parish Church, the Presentation of Our Lady, was celebrating on Sunday 24 November. St John's College students were cordially invited by Rev Father Nicholas to attend the Divine Liturgy that was officiated by His Grace Bishop Ezekiel of Dervis. During the Liturgy, students recited the Creed and the Lord's Prayer, in both Greek and English.

After church, our students were invited to attend the luncheon with His Grace and other parish priests. We thank Father Nicholas for his warm hospitality. We also thank all our lovely and tireless parents who brought their child to church. The students who represented the College were Deanna Pace, Steven Pace, Christian Psarakos, George Stavros, Konstantinos Kouklatzis and Elih Gentikoolou.



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You who were lifted. The Saviour's most pure and immaculate temple, the very precious bridal chamber and Virgin, who is the sacred treasure of the glory of God, on this day is introduced into the House of the Lord, and with herself she brings the grace in the divine Spirit. She is extolled by the Angels of God. A heavenly tabernacle is she.

Mrs A Papakonstantinou
Events Coordinator



Η ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΥΣΤΡΑΛΙΑΣ

THE GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AUSTRALIA

για 36η συνεχή χρονιά παρουσιάζει τα πανορθόδοξα

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΥΓΕΝΝΙΑΤΙΚΑ ΚΑΛΑΝΤΑ

PRESENTS THE 36th ANNUAL PAN-ORTHODOX

CHRISTMAS CAROLS



MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

90-130 SWANSTON STREET

ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ,
22 ΔΕΚΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ 2019
ΩΡΑ 5 - 8 μ.μ.
ΕΙΣΟΔΟΣ ΕΛΕΥΘΕΡΗ

SUNDAY
22 DECEMBER 2019
TIME: 5 - 8pm
FREE ADMISSION



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Music Instrumental Tuition

Instrumental forms are now available for students who would like to learn a musical instrument in 2020.

Please see Ms Exintaris for relevant form and information.

Reminders for Year 12 Parents and Students,

Mrs Sarigianoglou is available for consultations regarding pathway opportunities. If students require assistance with updating/amending VTAC applications, searching for courses or employment opportunities etc, please arrange an appointment via email.

Payment of the VTAC application fee is due

If the fee is not paid to VTAC by the deadline (December 14th), applications will not be considered, as only paid applications are forwarded by VTAC to institutions to be considered for an offer. To pay the application fee, please log in to the payment portal on your VTAC account.

2019 VCE Results and ATAR Service

Any student receiving Unit 3 & 4 subject results, including Year 11 students completing a single Year 12 subject, can register for and use the [VCE Results and ATAR service](#) to access their results. This service is separate from the VTAC account.

Students must register to access results online or via the app. Students are to register in advance at resultsandatar.vic.edu.au or by using the Results and ATAR app on their smartphone. Your results and ATAR will be released from 7:00am Thursday 12 December, 2019 and will be available free of charge through this service.

Students will require their VCAA student number and personal details to register, and will be asked to create a secure password when registering, which they will then use to access their results. Students are advised to complete this registration process by 5:00pm Wednesday 11 December, 2019.

2020 - Minor Changes To College Uniform

- The colour of the boys' shirt has slightly changed, as we want consistency in colour across all our garments.
- The first run of new shirts did not have a top button, this has been rectified and ties can now be worn with the shirts as per normal.
- The first run of new dresses did not have the white collar and cuffs. This too has been rectified.
- The blazer and tunic will now be made of Poly/viscose (P.V) rather than wool. This is for several reasons; the price of wool has increased considerably, which will make them more expensive. In addition, most schools are switching to P.V as it more affordable and wears extremely well after many washes. By doing this, we can reduce the cost of the tunic by \$35.
- A new PE uniform is being rolled out due to overwhelming feedback about the quality and style of the current one. The new PE uniform includes a navy soft shell jacket, cotton cool mesh shorts and polo. The uniform is still navy, with sky blue inserts on the polo shirt and pants.
- We are introducing a broad brim hat to comply with sunsmart policies. The new hat has elastic rather than a chin strap to comply with ACCC guidelines/child safety.

Please contact A Plus Schoolwear to check stock availability and trading times over the Christmas break. We understand there will be a mismatch of some uniforms at the start of the 2020 year as it will take time for new stock to be rolled out.

[A PLUS SCHOOLWEAR](#)

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Diary Dates

2019

December

Week 10

Tuesday 10

Wednesday 11

Thursday 12

Friday 13

Speech Night, Sports & Arts Centre at 6.30pm

Term 4 Concludes for F-11 at 1.10pm

Casual Day, Gold Coin Donation

Staff Professional Development Day

Staff Professional Development Day



2020

January

Sunday 26

Thursday 30

Archbishop Makarios Name Day Dinner, School Representation

Term 1 Commences for students

Archbishop Makarios Name Day Dinner



Date: Sunday 26 January, 2020

Student Representation.

Tickets will be available to purchase next year.

2020 Term Dates

Term 1

Thursday 30 January – Friday 3 April

Term 2

Tuesday 21 April – Friday 26 June

Term 3

Tuesday 21 July – Friday 18 September

Term 4

Monday 5 October – Friday 11 December



From all the staff

*Merry Christmas
and Happy New
Year 2020*

Καλή Χρονιά!



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