

# ST JOHN'S COLLEGE BULLETIN

## Term Four, Issue Two, 2024

"Keep in mind that you must always be setting an example through your moral life and your actions." - Saint Anthony the Great

### Class of 2024 Valedictory & Doxology

A heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2024 for reaching this significant milestone! Celebrating your achievements, dedication, and resilience at the Valedictory and Doxology was truly special.

As you continue through your final exams, remember how far you've come and the strength you've shown along the way. Wishing you all the best as you complete this chapter and step confidently into the future—your hard work is paving the way for exciting new beginnings!



### GAGA PIT



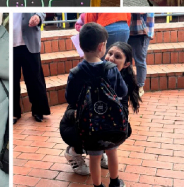
Last week, we unveiled our new GAGA PIT in the Junior School! From its arrival on a delivery truck on the first day of term to the hard work of Dennis and many others, students have already had a blast with this exciting addition to our school.

Under sunny skies, students flicked, kicked, and leapt as they played a modern twist on Poison Ball, bringing the game into the 21st century.

This addition wouldn't have been possible without the incredible generosity of the SJC Parents' Association. We are so grateful for their support and this year's fundraising efforts, which have made our active play area even more dynamic. Thank you to our wonderful PA!

Year levels are scheduled throughout the week to allow everyone a chance to enjoy this fun, shared space during breaks. Let's go GOO - GOO for GAGA every day!

### Foundation Orientation



Over the past three weeks, we've had the pleasure of welcoming our 2025 Foundation students and their families into our school community for our Foundation Orientation. This is a wonderful opportunity for our young learners to explore our learning spaces, meet our dedicated staff and start building confidence as they prepare to begin their formal education at St John's College. We're thrilled to embark on this journey with our new families and look forward to a wonderful year ahead!



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### State Athletics - Archer K



A warm congratulations to Archer K who represented our school in Javelin, at the School Sport Victoria State Competition. He performed exceptionally well, securing 3rd place with a throw of 38 metres - a personal best! Archer's dedication and hard work have truly paid off, and we're so proud of his success and achievement. Well done, Archer!

### Year 8 Boys Soccer

The Year 8 boys' soccer team, led by captains Konstantine P and Andreas X, showcased impressive talent and teamwork, finishing second in their recent tournament. Starting with a 1-1 draw against Thornbury, they built momentum with victories over Preston (5-0) and Lalor (3-0). In a closely contested final, they narrowly lost 1-0 to Preston A. The team's resilience and skill earned them well-deserved recognition. Congratulations to the team and their dedicated captains for a memorable tournament and an outstanding performance!

*Mr Stefanos Chrisoulis*



### Year 7 Boys Futsal

The Year 7 boys' futsal team, led by captains Peter R and Noah T, showed great improvement, determination, and resilience in their recent competition. Despite the results, they fought hard and represented SJC with pride, integrity, and excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations to the team for their dedication and for exemplifying our college's values on and off the court!



### Greek Public Speaking Festival

This year's Greek Public Speaking Festival saw more than 250 students from across Victoria come together to showcase their passion, skill, and dedication to the Greek language. St John's College proudly upheld its tradition of excellence, with numerous students achieving remarkable results and demonstrating their strong command of written and spoken Greek.

Congratulations go to everyone who participated but especially to:

- Andreas X. (Year 8), who earned 3rd place in his category
- John S. (Year 8), who secured 1st place in his category
- Anabelle F. (Year 10) who claimed 3rd place in her category
- Vaia K. (Year 10) who came 2nd in her category
- Sakis V. (Year 10) who secured 2nd place in his category
- Despoina K. (Year 9) who distinguished herself by winning 1st place in her category.

We commend all these students for their hard work and dedication, as well as their passion for Greek culture and language.

St John's College places immense emphasis on academic growth, with a strong focus on Hellenism and the exploration of language and culture in various ways. Events like the Greek Public Speaking Festival provide our students with unique opportunities to develop and showcase their skills beyond the classroom.

We encourage even more students to participate next year, as there are many categories to explore and countless chances to shine. Congratulations to all who represented our school so admirably!

*Mr Kristian Raspa*



### Confirmed Calendar Dates

- 11 NOV 2024 - Remembrance day
- 11 NOV 2024 - VCE Legal Studies Exam
- 11-15 NOV 2024 - Year 5/6 Camp - Canberra
- 12 NOV 2024 - VCE Chemistry Exam & History Revolutions Exam
- 14 NOV 2024 - Junior School Assembly
- 14 NOV 2024 - VCE Physics & VCE Greek Exam
- 15 NOV 2024 - VCE Global Politics
- 19 NOV 2024 - Divine Liturgy Service - Coburg
- 19 NOV 2024 - VCE Foundation Maths Exam
- 19 NOV 2024 - PA AGM Meeting
- 20-22 NOV 2024 - Year 3/4 Camp - Campaspe Downs