



# Lighthouse

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## **The College ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremony Speech**

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Good Morning Ladies and Gentlemen, my name is Matthew Sander and I am quite honoured to be here today representing the Australian Defence Force. When preparing for this ceremony I considered very carefully what I would speak to you all about, particularly given that in your final years of school I believe you would have a good understanding of the historical origins of the ANZAC legend.

However, in the weeks leading up to ANZAC Day this year, I noticed a lot of public speculation about the purpose of ANZAC Day and its relevance to Australia's 21<sup>st</sup> century society. It's an excellent discussion to have because we are a very different group of people to those who began the tradition of commemoration in 1916.

Since that first ANZAC Day, Australian servicemen and women went on to fight in the various theatres of WWII, Korea, the Malayan Emergency, Vietnam, Rwanda, Sudan, East Timor, Iraq, Afghanistan and the ocean off the coast of the Horn of Africa. The Australian Defence Force has contributed to countless humanitarian missions throughout the Pacific, South East Asia, Africa, Europe and the Middle East, to further strengthen our relationships with our neighbours.

So there is no argument that the ANZAC legend is indeed alive and well in the men and women of our Australian Defence Force.

What has changed is our understanding of war and conflict in its various forms. For the last 10 years the media has had an almost unrestricted access to the battlefield that it has never really had before. You can research any conflict on the internet and easily access footage of combat and the aftermath of battle. In our living rooms each evening the news brings us footage and firsthand accounts of the very nature of warfare and human conflict the world over.

It should be clear to all of us that war and conflict is the host to the very worst parts of human nature, horrors from which no one is spared. Ultimately we see the reality, that there is little glory in the conduct of war and violence, the good guys do not always win and in every case the countless innocent suffer terribly.

I believe that Australians are changing their understanding of conflict and, with that, their view of the role of the Australian Defence Force. Unlike the society of the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century we no longer glorify sending our servicemen and women into harm's way as a nation proving its strength. We expect our

government to only use force as a last resort in all situations; to do otherwise would rightfully spark public outcry. Our pride in the ADF is now focused on the success of their aid and protection of others as with our forces in East Timor and Afghanistan.

We as members of the ADF no longer see ourselves as a combat force that exists solely to fight an enemy army. We see ourselves as an organisation that is prepared to provide all forms of aid and protection much of which does not require us to fire a single shot. In situations where we must respond with force, we seek to do so proportionally and attempt to cease it as soon as it is possible in an effort to de-escalate the conflict. Where we are able, we take every step to move away from the use of violence to achieve our mission.

This is something as a serviceman I am very proud of; it is a part of a much greater change that the international community is beginning to set in motion. To move away from violence as a method of settling our differences. Though it only takes 5 minutes of watching the news to realise that there is still a lot of hard work ahead for people of this planet before that becomes a reality.

So as a veteran and serviceman for many years to come, I'd like to leave you with my final thoughts about commemoration, what it means to me. When we commemorate those men and women whose names adorn the Roll of Honour after falling in service to the country, it is quite simple:

They gave their lives, so that you and I can live ours.

That's not an opportunity to be squandered.

It is not a responsibility that is to be ignored.

With this chance we must all grow to be strong and full of love,

Lead our family and friends to do the same.

We must work towards making this world a better place for the people we are here with.

That is how we honour the fallen,

That is how we begin to repay the debt,

To them and their families for the loss and grief they have endured.

This is how we lead one another away from the violence and conflict that plagues us the world over.

This is what we must remember forever,

This is what I think of, each ANZAC Day, when I say the words, 'Lest We Forget'.



## Student School Photos

The date for the 2014 SFX school photos is **Thursday, 15** and the photos will be taken by Academy Photography. It is important to understand that **all students** need to have their

photos taken on this day. Students who are on Work Placement on this day can come to SFX from 8am onwards to have their photo taken. Students will receive an envelope from Academy during TG and these envelopes need to be presented to Academy when your photo is taken. If you wish to purchase your photo the **correct money** needs to be placed inside the envelope. Neither Academy nor SFX can provide any change on the day of the photo. Full school uniform is required for the photo ie **blazers and ties for the boys and blazers for the girls**. If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Mr Robert Sheridan at the College.



## St Francis Xavier's College



Many thanks to all students, staff and families who supported this appeal so generously late last term with a huge number of donations. Thanks also to the students who delivered the eggs on the afternoon of Tuesday, 8 April to about 450 residents at Kara Aged Persons' Home at Mayfield, Bethel Aged Care Facility at Waratah, St Martin de Porres Hostel at Waratah, Charles O'Neill Hostel at Mayfield West, BUPA Care Services at Waratah, St John's Villa at New Lambton and Mayfield Aged Care at Mayfield. Easter Eggs were also sent to St Joseph's Home at Sandgate.

The students were *Corin Ayliffe, Christopher Chapman, Lucy Cook, Phoebe Cousins, Liezl Factor, Hannah Farnham, Lara Fuller, Grace Gibson, Jessica Grosskreutz, Kadisha Haynes, Liam Janczuk, Madeleine Jordan, Alexandra Kerr, Grace Lancaster, Vanessa Lim, Janice Muller, Rex Muir, Jessica Murray, Thomas Newman, Emily Ogden, Erica Owen, Kieran Palmer, Emily Roberts, Alessia Sakoff, Taylah Smith and Jessica Sorby*. A special thanks to Ms Gollan, Mrs Horton, Miss Murray, Mrs McLoughlin, Mrs Sakoff and Mr Wilson who assisted with transport and supervision.

Br David



## Flaggy Creek Fieldwork

Year 11 geographers were in the field on Tuesday, 25 March undertaking a study of the Flaggy Creek catchment at Kahibah. Students have been studying biophysical

interactions, and how they produce varying vegetation communities. Students rotated through work stations testing water quality, soil and recording field observations which enabled them to complete their first formal assessment.

Thanks to Ms Rees and Ms Hopkins for their assistance in this fieldwork.



## University Experience

On Wednesday, 9 April a group of 45 of our students from the Economics, Business Studies and Legal Studies courses attended a day organised by the Faculty of Business and Law. The aim of the day was to allow our Year 11 and Year 12 students to attend the Callaghan Campus and see what a day in the life of a tertiary student is like. Former student, Paul Docherty facilitated the first session, looking at pathways to university, ATAR and study alternatives. Students attended a Criminal Law Lecture, had a tour of the campus and finished with attendance at a real Finance Accounting Lecture. Students said the experience was enjoyable and very informative.

Special thanks to Br Patrick and Mrs Julie McLoughlin for accompanying our group.



## From the Careers desk



*Organisation + Time Management = Less stress*

*Julie McLoughlin*

**Careers Coordinator**

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### **Women in Engineering Morning Tea** **(Information, map and consent form on the school portal)**

**Date:** Friday, 16 May 2014

**Time:** 10:30 am

**Venue:** Newcastle Uni; Callaghan Campus  
Engineering Precinct

### **School Library**

For the next month the following universities will be highlighted in the display carousel.

- Charles Sturt University
- Australian Catholic University
- University of Technology
- Sydney University

### **RSA / RCG**

A reminder of dates :

Monday and Tuesday, 5 & 6 **AND** 12 & 13 May

**OR**

Saturday, 10 & 17 May

All sessions are in the Theatre. On the weekdays it will start as soon as school is dismissed and finishes at 6:15 pm. For both days weekend sessions start at 9:00 am promptly. The trainers have every right to refuse you entry if you are late, as you must complete the required hours to qualify.

### **Careers Expo- Newcastle- 2014**

The Year 12 students are invited to the Careers Expo on Thursday, 22 May, at the Broadmeadow Jockey Club. - The Cost will be \$5 and you will need to have paid this before the day. Notes for this will be out at the start of week 2.



### **Thinking of taking a Gap Year?**

On the school portal under / Careers / Documents is a list of every organisation in Australia that offers some form of organised placement as well as all the Volunteer Organisations that cater for Gap year.

### **Police Recruitment 2014**

The NSW Police Force is highly competitive and the process has changed from January 2014.

The NSW Police Force recruits, selects and trains future police officers through a collaborative arrangement with Charles Sturt University.

Potential applicants need to meet a multitude of academic and personal criteria to be placed in the eligibility pool to be selected for a place in the recruit training program.

The number of applicants progressing to each recruitment phase will be dependent on future places in the Associate Degree in Policing Practice and are determined by the future operational needs of the NSW Police Force. There are generally three intakes per year in January, May and September.

If you are considering a career as a police officer with the NSW Police Force you must be:

- a minimum of 18 years and 4 months of age
- have a clear driving behaviour record and received no driving offences for 12 months prior to submitting your professional suitability application with the NSW Police Force
- as a minimum, hold a current NSW **Green** Provisional license
- an Australian citizen/permanent resident or a New Zealand citizen with Special Category Visa
- Meet the requirements of the Body Art and Body Modification Policy.

If you intend applying for a future career with the NSW Police Force the process/requirements include (but are not limited to) the following:  
Stage 1 - Academic eligibility assessment with Charles Sturt University  
Stage 2 - Lodge an on-line Police Application (professional suitability)  
Stage 3 - Literacy / Reasoning Assessment  
Stage 4 – Detailed Background Checks  
Stage 5- Physical Capacity Assessments  
Stage 6 - Medical Assessment  
Stage 7 - Face to Face Interview  
Stage 8- Eligibility Pool



### **Additional mandatory certificates you must provide?**

1. Keyboarding Skills Certificate - evidence of achieving the minimum typing standard of 25 words per minute with 98% accuracy
2. Apply First Aid + Pocket Mask Certificate
3. Aquatic Rescue Sequence Certificate

### **What is the eligibility pool?**

Applicants who have successfully completed all requirements of our recruitment process are ranked and placed on the eligibility pool list.

The eligibility pool list is dynamic; meaning an applicant's position in the pool will fluctuate as additional applicants are scored for inclusion into the eligibility pool AND as other applicants are selected from the eligibility pool list for an offer into the Associate Degree in Policing Practice. As a result, an applicant's position is not fixed and may move up or down during the year.

Please note:

The Summary information above is taken from [NSW Police Recruitment website](#).

Go to: <http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/recruitment> for full details and links to application resources, videos, instructions and other relevant information.

**My advice has remained consistent on this application process. You will increase your chances if you are OLDER; MORE MATURE; HAVE SOME LIFE EXPERIENCES; and have achieved some SKILL BASE.**

### **Cadetship Evening hosted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants Australia.**

Are you interested in applying for a 2015 Business cadetship, where graduate high school students gain paid work experience whilst completing their business or commerce degree at university?

Students and parents are invited to attend the Institute's Cadetship Evening 2014 to meet top firms and universities offering cadetships and co-op scholarships. Being held on Thursday 22 May at Luna Park! Go to

[www.charteredaccountants.com.au/cadetshipeveningNSW](http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/cadetshipeveningNSW) to register for this event.

### **Sydney Design School**

Focuses exclusively on Interior Design and Decoration. Students are taught by practicing designers, given career coaching and VET FEE-HELP is available for the Diploma and Advanced Diploma. Sydney Design School is holding an Open Day on Saturday 28th June from 12 – 2pm. For more information go to:

[www.sydneydesignschool.com.au](http://www.sydneydesignschool.com.au) or email: [info@sydneydesignschool.com.au](mailto:info@sydneydesignschool.com.au)

### **Ski and Snowboard Instructor Internship**

EA have just released more places on the popular Ski and Snowboard Instructor Internship Programme for the upcoming 2014/15 winter season in Canada. This is the final recruitment stage, the Programs start late November this year with flexible start dates for those finishing exams.

The program is offered in conjunction with top Canadian ski resorts Lake Louise, Revelstoke, Cypress, Big White, Castle Mountain, Nakiska and others. Successful applicants will receive:

- A guaranteed offer of employment as an instructor which includes uniform, full season pass.
- Instructor training and accommodation package
- International Instructor Association membership and level one ski or snowboard examination
- Training, support and further qualifications throughout the season
- Assistance with obtaining working visas, flights and insurances.

EA are looking for school leavers who:

- ✚ Have a passion for skiing or snowboarding- low, intermediate & advanced ability
- ✚ Have an interest in travel and adventure
- ✚ Will be 18 years of age by November
- ✚ Have the financial support to participate

You need to go to the school portal – Careers -for the application information.

Additional information can be sought by emailing Nicky at [sstraining@educatingadventures.com](mailto:sstraining@educatingadventures.com)

### **All University & College Open Days dates & Major Dates for University application- for 2014-2015**

These can be found on the school portal under Careers – Documents folder.

### **Some Statistics from UAC- May Newsletter 2014**

- 54,642 students received an ATAR in 2013
- The median ATAR was 69.20 slightly lower than the year before.
- 16.7% of students received an ATAR of 90.00 or above
- 33.1% received an ATAR of at least 80.00
- 48.9% received an ATAR of at least 70.00
- 63.3% received an ATAR of at least 60.00



## From the Careers desk *(continued)*

### Up-coming information session with the Defence Forces

- ❖ ADFA Information Session – Monday, 26 May, 6pm
- ❖ 1 year of Adventure (RAAF & ARMY) – Wednesday, 7 May, 6pm
- ❖ Air Force – Thursday, 8 May, 6pm
- ❖ Royal Military College Duntroon (Army Officer) – Tuesday, 27 May, 6pm
- ❖ Women in Defence – Saturday, 17 May, 11am

All Information Sessions will be held at Defence Force Recruiting  
528 Hunter St Newcastle

For bookings please email [cptnewcastle@dfr.com.au](mailto:cptnewcastle@dfr.com.au) or call (02) 4974 5427



The image shows a promotional banner for Entertainment magazine. On the left, there are several copies of the magazine, one of which is titled 'HOLIDAYS'. In the center, there are two smartphones displaying the magazine's digital version. To the right of the smartphones is the Entertainment logo, which consists of a diamond shape containing a stylized 'E' and the word 'entertainment' in a lowercase, sans-serif font. Below the logo, the text reads 'Get your Entertainment™ Membership sales campaign off to a great start!'. On the far right, there is a circular emblem that says 'Celebrating 20 Years'.

Support our fundraiser for the La Valla School, Cambodia by purchasing an Entertainment Book through the College. You can purchase a hard copy of the book through the College Finance Office or you may prefer to try the new digital book! Books can be bought on line at

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/3484k6>

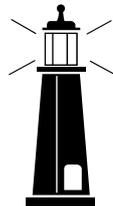
or contact the Finance Office 49612863

or Cassie Mowbray [cassie.mowbray@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cassie.mowbray@mn.catholic.edu.au)

*Thank you for your support!*

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College Web Site  
[hmltn.mn.catholic.edu.au](http://hmltn.mn.catholic.edu.au)



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## The Uniform Shop

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Uniform Shop opening hours during  
school terms are:

**Tuesday: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Thursday: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

The uniform shop can be contacted during these  
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# *Invitation*

## *Tuesday, 13 May*

Craig Moore, a local psychologist, will address parents on Tuesday, 13 May between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm in the College Hall. Craig spoke to Year 12 parents in Term 4 last year and Term 1 this year. We have asked him to return and he will focus specifically on strategies that help build resilience. This date has been targeted as it is two weeks prior to the Mid Preliminary Exams and students are now feeling the pressure.

Senior schooling presents pressures to students as they try to balance their school commitments with work, social life, family commitments and an array of other issues. Keeping things in perspective and building resilience are essential skills in managing life.

I guarantee this will be a beneficial evening. Craig is an engaging and informative speaker. This will also be an opportunity to meet with other parents.

Br Robert (Principal), Mrs Patricia Hales (Assistant Principal-Dean of Studies), House Coordinators and myself will be available to talk to from 6:15 pm. Cheese and biscuits will be available from this time and Craig will speak from 7:00 pm.

I hope to see you on Tuesday evening.

Mrs Julia Lederwasch  
Assistant Principal – Dean of Students



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## An evening with **Dr. John Irvine**

Dr. John Irvine is one of Australia's most prominent child psychologists.  
Come along and hear him speak about

### **"Anxiety K-12: Red flags & what parents can do to support their children"**

*Light refreshments served from 6:30pm*

May  
**14**

Wednesday 14 May, 2014  
6:30pm for a 7:00pm start  
The Factory - St Pius X high school Adamstown  
Park Avenue, Adamstown

**All welcome!**

*R.S.V.P. For catering purposes*

**Entry: Gold coin donation**  
All proceeds benefit charity.



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# DIOSOUNDS 2014

Our annual **DioSounds** music students concert will again be held at the **Civic Theatre**. This year, the concert will be held on **Wednesday, 11 June beginning at 6.30pm** and our students have begun rehearsing for our SFX performances. The concert will be a great opportunity for our Diocesan students to take to the stage and share their musical talents.

Please come along to see and hear our wonderful musicians and singers.

Tickets are available at the Civic Theatre Box office, any Ticketek outlet, or by phone on 49291977. Ticket prices include GST. Booking and transaction fees may apply.



# DIOSOUNDS 2014

11th June  
Primary Schools  
Matinee: 10.30am  
Evening Performance:  
6.30pm

Civic Theatre  
Adults \$30  
Students & Concessions \$15  
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