



# Lighthouse

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## St Francis Xavier's College, Hamilton 2014 Year II Awards

We would like to thank Ms Helene O'Neill, Parish-Family Liaison Officer with the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, and parents, for attending the Awards Ceremony.

Congratulations to the following music students who performed:

### 'Something More' by Sugarland

Shania Smith	Voice
William St Claire	Guitar
Mitchell Bourke	Bass Guitar
Joseph Willis	Drumkit

### 'Dream' by Priscilla Ahn

Clare Brennan	Voice
Nicholas Price	Guitar

## Congratulations to all students!

*Shown below are the Major Award Winners*

### University of Newcastle Prizes

<b>Jasmin Blanch</b>	Economics
<b>Joshua Morrison</b>	Business Studies
<b>Lauren Freemantle</b>	Legal Studies

### University of Newcastle

#### Awards in Science and Technology

#### **Nikola Groves**

Highly Commended for Achievement in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics

#### **James Seldon**

Award for Excellence in Biology, Physics and Mathematics

### Reuben F Scarf Award

#### **Shay O'Callaghan**

### Caltex Award for Best All Rounder

#### **Kadisha Haynes**

### College Award for Community Service

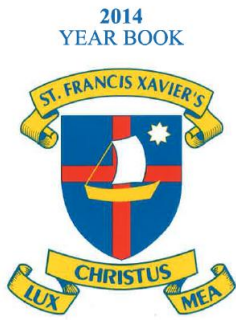
#### **Lara Fuller**

### Preliminary Course Dux

#### **Dominique de Gail**

### St Francis Xavier's College Award

#### **Phoebe Cousins**



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S  
COLLEGE, HAMILTON



## 2014 College Magazine



This year's College Magazine is available for sale to current students while stocks are available. Students may purchase it for \$25 at the Finance Office.

## College St Vincent de Paul Society

### 2014 Spring Food Appeal

The SFX St Vincent de Paul group would like to thank everyone who brought in donations recently for our Vinnies Spring Food Appeal. We collected ten large cartons of non perishable food items – a very generous response. These have been delivered to the House of Hospitality at Broadmeadow which provides short term accommodation for struggling families, and to the St Vincent de Paul Society food banks at Merewether Beach and Waratah. Thanks again for all your support.

Br David



## JOIN VINNIES!

Do you want to be more involved in the school community? Why not join Vinnies! Help others, have some fun and make new friends. We meet each Thursday at 11:25 am in room B116.

We organise activities such as the Easter Egg Appeal, Vinnies Day, the Winter Clothing Appeal, the Spring Food Appeal and the Christmas Appeal, as well as visiting needy families and the Vinnies Store at Islington.

Hope to see you 11:25 am, Thursday in B116. Bring a friend as well.

Lara Fuller

## Two Bishop's Dialogue



On Tuesday, 28 October three students (**Lydia Frazer, Lara Fuller and Maddie Jordan**) joined Rev Jonathan Noble at St Pius X High School for the Two Bishop's Dialogue. This is a great example of ecumenism (that is, Churches working together) in action. Students from Catholic and Anglican schools came to St Pius to share in a discussion with Bishop Bill Wright (Catholic) and Bishop Greg Thompson (Anglican), the two Bishops of this region. The two Bishops spoke for some time and then there was an opportunity to ask questions. These ranged from political concerns to ethical issues and provided much food for thought.

Lydia Frazer wrote the following report.

*'The **Two Bishop's Dialogue** last Tuesday, 28 October saw the opportunity for the current leaders of both the Catholic and Anglican dioceses of Newcastle to openly discuss the issues that present themselves to the Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to a selection of current Year 12 students. The group were not only enlightened on both Bishop Bill and Bishop Greg's thoughts but were active in generating the discussion in bringing their own questions to be added to the table. Not many topics were left out of the conversation where many hot topic current affairs issues were brought forward. The afternoon saw Christian youth from across the region openly discuss issues which were topical and important to them and given valued insight from two of the region's major leaders both in and outside the Church. The event aimed and succeeded in further developing relationships between the wider Christian communities and provided an interesting afternoon's worth of debate. A big thank you to Rev. Noble for organising and providing transport to the event.'*

## Year 12 Sports Coaching

This term the Year 12 Sports Coaching class are currently undertaking an 8 week unit of work involving planning

and organising coaching lessons for Primary School students at Holy Family Primary School, Merewether Beach. Our students plan coaching lessons each week for a group of between 8-12 students. These lessons involve our Year 12 students coaching netball and touch footy skills to Years 3-6. They have to write a lesson plan, organise and pack the equipment for each lesson, conduct the lesson and evaluate their coaching. Each week I video a number of the coaches and this is used as part of their lesson evaluations. Our Friday practicals at Holy Family have given our beginner coaches the opportunity to improve their coaching skills, and the Year 3-6 Primary students the chance to engage in well planned and challenging physical activities.



We are very much indebted to the staff (especially the Principal, Sidonie Coffey), and the students at Holy Family for supporting our Year 12 Sports Coaches.

Mr Mark Wright  
Sports Coaching Teacher



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### Official Opening Yula-Punaal Education Centre



On Wednesday, 5 November our 2015 School Captains, **Kadisha Haynes** and **Andrew de Souza**, along with representatives of the Catholic Schools Office and students from other Diocesan Catholic Schools attended the official opening of the Yula-Punaal Aboriginal Education centre, a multipurpose facility at Mandalong. This centre was established to support the Aboriginal community through cultural education and provide training as part of the Maitland Newcastle Trade Training Consortium.

Mr Pat Conroy, member for Charlton, officially opened the Trades Training Centre located on the site, which offers pre-trade courses to local secondary students in hospitality, horticulture and land management. Mr Conroy stated "I am proud to open the Trade Training Centre on this site, as this is a practical way of ensuring young people get the skills they need to reach their full potential."

The experience provided us with an opportunity to appreciate the true spiritual background of our Aboriginal people. Andrew commented that the native and bush tucker food was exceptional!



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### Holiday Workshops

Up to 18 years.  
Taught by industry professionals. Go to the following link for further information.

<http://www.sydneydancecompany.com/classes-and-courses/holiday-workshops/#.VFdKOzSUE8A>

### Entry Standards for Future Teachers from 2016



This is the latest information on entry to all Universities regarding Teaching as of 2016 - your year of entry. It does not mention Maths but I know there are Numeracy levels that must be passed before you can move into second year.

Entrants for accredited undergraduate teaching degree will need, a minimum of three Band 5 HSC results, including one in English **or** to complete bridging units equivalent to a minimum of three Band 5 HSC results, including English, as approved by BOSTES before entry **or** to enter via an alternative pathway as advised by their university and approved by BOSTES.

<http://nswteachers.nsw.edu.au/about-us/news/raising-university-entry-standards-for-future-teachers/>



### Women in Defence

Tuesday, 2 December

6:00 pm

### Latest Sessions

528 Hunter Street,  
Newcastle

### More early Success for our Year 12's

A number of our Year 12 students took the opportunity to apply for a university position and accept entry to a university of their choice before the ATARs arrive in December. This can be a fabulous stress free option for some. **When this offer comes up next year you should consider this. NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY does NOT offer Early Entry.**



### Not sure what you want for next year??

If you are pondering over a variety of pathways and having trouble deciding, and you are contemplating doing Work Experience over the Christmas break, you will need to have the paper work completed by the end of Week 9. Ask Mrs Mac for further details.

### Safe Drivers Course



#### Where?

Joblink Plus Wallsend  
75-81 Nelson St,  
Wallsend.

**Date:** Wednesday, 21 January 2015

**Time:** 9am

**Cost:** \$140

This is combined decision making sessions, fatigue and late night driving presentations as well as practicals. You must have 50 hours or more on your log books.

Nationally Consistent  
Collection of Data  
School Students with Disability

All Australian schools will be collecting data on all students with a disability in their schools, who meet the criteria for the Disability Discrimination Act and receive an adjustment in their school program.

The collection of data will better enable the government to support teachers, Principals and education authorities, to assist students with a disability, access schooling on the same basis as students without a disability.

If this is relevant to your child you will be receiving further information via post within the next few weeks.

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