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Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Friends of SFX

Last week I had the privilege of visiting the Year 12 students on their retreats. The logistics of running eight different retreats that were spread across various locations around Sydney was daunting enough in itself.

Of course activities, such as retreats, can only occur due to the goodwill and generosity of the staff. I would like to publicly thank all the staff who attended the retreats for leading the students through the experience and giving of their time and energy.

Student retreats are a journey in themselves. They begin with a lot of uncertainty, apprehension and excitement. They generally end with feelings of satisfaction and gratitude. The students are grateful for the opportunity to have some time where they can learn more about themselves and each other. They are grateful to be away from the normal busyness and stressors of life. They also appreciate the time to talk about who they are and what is important for them.

Opportunities like these are treasured moments for growth. We can grow in maturity at critical times in our lives, be they times of crisis or triumph. We can also grow when we have the opportunity to reflect, listen and discuss those things that are important.

The word 'retreat' is interesting in itself. By 'retreating' from our normal world, with all its activity, we are in a better position to ponder the more important things in our lives. Things that matter. Like relationships and goals and life in general. As we would realise the incidental issues in life can easily overwhelm us and even take control.

In reality it is very difficult to have a few days off in order to think, reflect, discuss and plan. It may actually be more about taking a few moments off. I guess it's more about making the effort, pause our minds rather than always trying to fill the time with activities.

Br Robert Sutton, fms  
Principal

# Mid HSC Awards



Firstly we would like to thank Mr John Wakely, former School Captain and Diocesan Principal, a member of the Advisory Council Catholic Schools and Board of Catholic Care for attending the Awards Ceremony.

# AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who performed:

*Dance presentation performed by Amara McHugh-Shahani*

*Musical item performed by Emmanuel Herman, Daniel Byrne and Madelaine Lloyd*

*Congratulations to the College students who received three or more awards.*

## Three Award Recipients

### **Jasmin Blanch**

- Equal Third Place: Studies of Religion 1U
- Equal First Place: Business Studies
- Equal First Place: Legal Studies

### **Phoebe Cousins**

- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U
- Equal Second Place: English Extension 1
- Equal Third Place: English Extension 2

### **Lauren Freemantle**

- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 1U
- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Equal First Place: Legal Studies

### **Nikola Groves**

- Second Place: Mathematics
- First Place: Chemistry
- Second Place: Community & Family Studies

### **Clancy Lantry**

- Academic Achievement: Construction
- First Place: Metals & Engineering
- Equal First Place: Furnishings

### **David Lobb**

- First Place: Visual Arts
- First Place: Entertainment
- First Place: Industrial Technology

### **Christopher Mather**

- Equal First Place: Mathematics Extension 1
- Third Place: Chemistry
- Second Place: Physics

### **Joshua Morrison**

- Academic Achievement: English Standard
- Equal First Place: Business Studies
- First Place: Modern History

### **Ashleigh Moylan**

- Academic Achievement: Mathematics General 2
- Third Place: Legal Studies
- Equal First Place: Society & Culture

### **Shay O'Callaghan**

- Equal First Place: Studies of Religion 2U
- Third Place: English Standard
- Equal Third Place: Physics

### **Callum O'Connor**

- Academic Achievement: English Standard
- Equal Third Place: Mathematics
- First Place: Engineering Studies

### **James Seldon**

- Equal Third Place: Mathematics
- Academic Achievement: Biology
- Equal Third Place: Physics

### **Brooklyn Tolhurst**

- Second Place: English Standard
- Equal First Place: Mathematics General 2
- Third Place: Hospitality

### **Claudia Wallis**

- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U
- Equal Third Place: Mathematics Extension 1
- Second Place: Chemistry

## Four Award Recipients

### **Connor Ballinger**

- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- First Place: Mathematics
- First Place: Physics
- First Place: Economics

### **Dominique de Gail**

- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U
- First Place: English Extension 1
- Equal First Place: English Advanced
- Equal First Place: Society & Culture

### **Eden Klitgaard**

- Academic Achievement: Mathematics General 2
- First Place: Biology
- Academic Achievement: Community & Family Studies
- Equal Second Place: Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

### **Grace Lancaster**

- Equal Second Place: English Extension 1
- Equal Third Place: English Extension 2
- Equal First Place: English Advanced
- Equal First Place: Drama

### **Sophie Mamic**

- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U
- Academic Achievement: English Standard
- First Place: Community & Family Studies
- Academic Achievement: Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

### **Kate Slowey**

- Equal First Place: English Extension 2
- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Equal First Place: French Beginners
- Equal First Place: Drama

*The College also acknowledges all those students who have applied themselves fully during the past six months, but who were not award recipients.*

# AWARDS



## **VINNIES DAY – RESCHEDULED**

Thursday, 11 June will now be the College's annual St Vincent de Paul day! On this day we ask all staff and students to raid their local Vinnies store in order to create their best op shop creation with prizes awarded to the best dressed.

Pizza slices for \$1.50, cans of soft drink for \$1 and cups of hot chips for \$2 will also be sold during the lunch break. This money, along with an out of uniform gold coin donation from each student, will be donated to a number of worthy causes, including The La Valla School for disabled children in Cambodia and the Matthew Talbot Centre at Wickham which supports homeless men in our community. So please, rock your favourite second-hand attire and support Vinnies!

Thank you! Lara Fuller

## ***Dates for your Diary***

### **Thursday, 25 June**

#### **Year 12**

- **NO CLASSES**
- University of Newcastle Open Day

#### **Year 11**

- **Normal classes until 1pm**
- Parent/Teacher Interviews  
1:30 pm to 7:00 pm in College Hall

### **Friday, 26 June**

Last day Term 2

**Normal classes for Year 11 and Year 12**

## Reconciliation Liturgy



On Tuesday, 2 June five of our Year 12 students and our Aboriginal Support Teachers attended the Diocesan Reconciliation Liturgy at Sacred Heart Cathedral. The liturgy was held as part of National Reconciliation Week which celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with other Australians.

Thank you to these students who represented the College in a respectful and thoughtful manner.

Mr Hales and Mrs Gorman

### 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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## RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE WORK PLACEMENT



*Congratulations* to the following Year 12 Entertainment students who have been awarded Work Placement Excellence Recognition from Career Links and their Work Placement employers.



**Abbey Dorman**  
Newcastle Jazz  
Festival



**Emilia Flaherty**  
Tantrum Theatre



**David Lobb**  
Tantrum Theatre



**Elizabeth Moody**  
ASPIRE  
CSO



**Conagh Punch**  
Tantrum Theatre



**Tessa Ryan**  
ASPIRE  
CSO



**A reminder to leave  
enough distance  
from neighbours'  
driveways when  
parking.**

We would also like to remind students of the importance of being considerate of neighbours, especially on garbage collection day ensuring **you don't move the residents' bins or block access to the bins.**

*This is an ongoing issue with neighbouring residents of which the Council and the Police are working together to rectify.*

Parents please do not park across neighbours' driveways whilst waiting for your child of an afternoon or of a morning when you are dropping them at school. *Thank You!*



## MOCK TRIAL TEAM

*A pedestrian falls into a hole in a footpath and is injured. She sues the Local Council. We are engaged to defend the Council in a civil action for damages.*

Round 2 saw us opposed to Newcastle Grammar at Newcastle Court on Friday, 1 May 2015. Our team was:

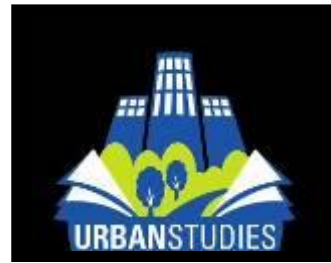
**Barristers:** Eliza Cook  
Bridie Nesbitt  
**Solicitor:** Daniel Soldas  
**Witnesses:** Jacob Askew  
Elizabeth Redpath  
**Court Officer:** Gabrielle Smith

The case was skilfully contested with each side holding the advantage at different times. In the end the Magistrate, Mr Justice ruled in favour of the plaintiff and awarded the points to Newcastle Grammar 236-223.



Well done to the team on a fine performance.

Mr A Stone  
HSIE Coordinator



On Tuesday, 5 May Year 12 Geography classes travelled to Sydney to study urban dynamics as part of the Urban Places topic. Students visited the sustainably designed community at Rouse Hill

then on to the Norwest Business Park and finally had a walking tour of Balmain to study urban renewal.

The students found the day to be very informative and are to be commended on their involvement in the day.

Mr A Stone  
HSIE Coordinator

Ms J Rees  
Teacher

## COLLEGE GATES



ENTRANCE TO THE COLLEGE VIA  
PARKWAY AVENUE

Parkway Avenue entrance gates will  
be closed from  
9:30 am until 2:30 pm each day.

Hebburn Street will be the College  
entrance available  
during these times.



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Get your Entertainment™ Membership  
sales campaign off to a great start!



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 4961 2863 or Cassie Mowbray [cassie.mowbray@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cassie.mowbray@mn.catholic.edu.au)

*Thank you for your support!*



## UMAT Applications

These close on Friday, 5 June. If you need a second or third test see Mrs Mac.

## RSA & RCG

The certificates have arrived for pick up. Next course will be run towards the end of Term 3.

## Newcastle University Open Day

All Year 12 students should have received a letter home regarding the outline of the day. The timetable for this should be available early in June.

## Serious about applying for the Co-op Program-Scholarship with UNSW??

The Create your Career sessions offer students the opportunity to hear from Industry Leaders and gain an insight into the career opportunities which exist through the degrees available in the Co-op Program.

The Co-op Program is a Career Development Scholarship which offers students an unprecedented head start in their chosen career, while still at university.

### **The spotlight is on 6 exciting career paths**

- Accounting & Business Management
- Actuarial Studies
- Finance & Banking
- Information Systems & Technology
- Marketing
- Engineering

### **Each session will include:**

- Introduction to relevant degree and academic requirements
- Career opportunities within the Industry
- Co-op scholar experience of studying & working
- Q&A Panel

## Cadetships in Business, Engineering and Technology

Applications for the Business Cadetships Program closed on 13 May: [www.businesscadetships.com.au](http://www.businesscadetships.com.au)  
Applications for the Engineering & Technology Cadetships (ETCAD) Program opened on 28 April. The 2015 Program provides Year 12 students with the opportunity to apply for an Engineering Cadetship at Rolls-Royce or a Technology Cadetship at Westpac: [www.etcad.com.au](http://www.etcad.com.au)

## An offer of Part time office work

A small office in Carrington requires a junior for office work on Saturdays and possibly school holidays. The position would ideally suit a self-starter and motivated person, someone who is also mature and can use initiative when required. The person will be trained and supported and will eventually manage the office on their own.

## Advertisement

*Junior casual required for Saturday morning office work in small allied health office near CBD. Duties include SMS of client reminders, filing, making up invoices, booking clients into diary, using Eftpos machine, cleaning and general office duties. Experience not necessary but excellent communication skills, polite friendly manner and ability to initiate work practices is vital.*

Forward your resume to Innervision Psychology  
P.O. Box 132 Carrington NSW 2294 which must include a cover letter stating why you would be suitable for this work. Kathrine Finn **Office Manager**.

ph 49614989

[www.innervisionpsychology.com.au](http://www.innervisionpsychology.com.au)

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## Sydney University Scholarships Information Evening

Tuesday, 16 June: 6pm-7:45pm. To maximise your chances of receiving a scholarship, they are hosting a Scholarships Information Evening for Year 12 students. The evening is hosted by the Scholarships Office and will share insider hints and tips on completing the Sydney Scholars application. Register at [www.sydney.edu.au/future-students/high-school-students/scholarships-information-evening/](http://www.sydney.edu.au/future-students/high-school-students/scholarships-information-evening/)

# From the Careers Desk



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## Raffles College - School Holiday Workshops

Experience the creative culture at Raffles College of Design and Commerce. Try one of Raffles workshops in fashion, graphics, digital media, interior or photography. Workshops will be held on June 29 – July 2 at the new Parramatta Campus. For more information email [contact@raffles.edu.au](mailto:contact@raffles.edu.au) or (02) 96333800 website <http://www.raffles.edu.au/workshops>.

\*\*\*All University & College Open Days dates for 2015 can be found on the School Portal\*\*\*

## University Experience – Australian Catholic University

University Experience is a free program that gives you the opportunity to sample the degree of your choice. Get a taste of life at ACU by meeting academic staff and current students – and trying out the course you're interested in. You must register online at [www.acu.edu.au/uni-experience](http://www.acu.edu.au/uni-experience) North Sydney Campus - Friday, 10 July and Strathfield Campus - Wednesday, 8 July.

## The Actors College of Theatre and Television

Are holding a workshop on Wednesday, 8 July- Sydney. The session will cover Intro to auditions and casting / acting. Visit [actt.edu.au](http://actt.edu.au) to register.

## Hospitality and Events Scholarship Competition, Kenvale College

The High Flyer Program is a joint project of Kenvale College and five star Radisson Blue Hotel Sydney for Year 12 Students. The program involves work experience at the Radisson Blue, hosting a Gala dinner and the announcement of a partial scholarship winner. For more information and to enter, contact Bernie McFarlane on 02 9314 6213 or [mcfarlaneb@kenvale.edu.au](mailto:mcfarlaneb@kenvale.edu.au)

## Au Pair in America Scholarship

The Au Pair in America Scholarship is a *fully paid* scholarship awarded to one individual each year. The Scholarship will enable you to experience the benefits of cultural exchange and gain valuable personal and professional experience over 12 months as an Au Pair in the USA. For more information, visit <http://www.aifs.com.au/aupair-america/scholarship/>



## *Free Information Night*

Certificate IV in Design: Colour & Design  
&

Certificate IV in Design: Graphic Design

### *When & Where*

Date: 11 June 2015

Day: Thursday

Time: 6 – 7pm

Venue: Hunter Design School  
67 Parry Street

NEWCASTLE WEST 2300 RSVP

[hello@hds.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hello@hds.nsw.edu.au)

### *Details*

Topics:

- What you will learn on the program
- Creating your assessment portfolio
- Meet an industry expert, Luke Burrell
- Student Q & A



St Francis Xavier's College presents...

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BY NIKOLAI GOGOL



**Civic Playhouse**  
**12 & 13th June**  
**7.30pm**

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