Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Friends of SFX

I would like to extend my best wishes to all families for the Christmas season. I hope that you are able to enjoy this important time with your loved ones.

Christmas is full of powerful messages and symbols. They are at the core of our beliefs and cultural traditions. Perhaps a most significant message is the dire circumstances of the nativity where Mary gave birth in basic conditions without the support of her family, friends or any real medical help.

Another powerful symbol is that of the Magi. Of course we are all well aware of the Magi being led by the star to Bethlehem. The Magi were men who studied the stars who we would call astronomers. They reported seeing a star rise in the east which disturbed them to the extent that they left their homes and countries to go and give worship. We are told that the event also disturbed the ruling king of the area, King Herod, who sadly responded with violence and death.

We tend to think of Christmas as being a time of good news and joy. Which it should be. But if we look a little further there is also a message of challenge and guidance.

In the message of the Magi we are asked to leave the comfort and security of our own world and look for what really matters in life. We are asked to look for inspiration that will encourage us to take some risks, travel new roads and listen to our hearts. Perhaps this is where we will eventually find the true joy of Christmas.

Of course there are plenty of instances where people are actually living-out this message of Christmas. You only have to look and take notice. I can see it every time our students and staff volunteer their time to go and help on the Night Care Van, or help teach in the local primary schools, or help those in need in the local area through Vinnies, or donate money at the various fund raising events held during the year.

So may the joy and peace of Christmas be present in our lives now and throughout the year ahead.

Br Robert Sutton
Principal
The Award’s ceremony provides an opportunity to recognise the commitment of students to school life, to congratulate them on their sporting and academic achievements, and acknowledge those students who have made a significant contribution to the life of the College.

**SPORTING AWARDS**

**Sporting Achievement Awards**

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**Recognition for Sporting Excellence across Multiple Sports**

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Congratulations to these students on their sporting achievements.
Faculty Awards are for Academic Achievement in a Single Course. These awards recognise those students who have achieved First Place, and in the case of subjects with a large cohort, students placed Second and Third, or who have demonstrated Academic Achievement.

**RELIGION FACULTY AWARDS**

**Catholic Studies**
- Jye Coren: Academic Achievement
- Nicholas Kingham: Second Place
- Jade Cannon: First Place

**Studies of Religion 1 Unit**
- Samantha Richardson: Equal Third Place
- Laura Slatter: Second Place
- Beau Valentish: Equal Third Place

**Studies of Religion 2 Unit**

**Academic Achievement**
- Marnie Bice
- Jordan Clarkson
- Grace Dever
- Sophie Gonano
- Elise Jones
- Joshua Kerr

**ENGLISH FACULTY AWARDS**

**English Studies**
- Logan O’Brien: Equal Second Place

**English Standard**

**Academic Achievement**
- Michaela Connors
- Emily Dwyer
- Kayla Nielsen
- Jackson Turner
- James Wooden
- Bonny Evely: Third Place

**English Advanced**

**Academic Achievement**
- Jane Jenkins Fearon
- Madeleine Levey
- Isaac Szekelyhidy
- Emily Whelan

**MATHEMATICS FACULTY AWARDS**

**Mathematics General**

**Academic Achievement**
- Bodie Bradford
- Samantha Callan
- Melanie Cavill
- Jacob Foy
- Belinda Hall
- Jasper Kilkelly-Thieme
- Keith Moody
- Benjamin Napoli
- Oakley Richards
- Marcus Roddenby
- Grace Tully
- Samuel Best: Third Place

**Mathematics**
- Benjamin Jones: Academic Achievement
- William Davis: First Place

*Benjamin and William have been part of the Stage 6 Accelerated program at St Francis Xavier’s College. Whilst in Year 10 they have completed the Preliminary Course in Mathematics and have been outstanding in their dedication and enthusiasm attending classes for two hours after school each week. This award is a testament to their love of Mathematics and commitment to excellence in learning.*

**SCIENCE FACULTY AWARDS**

- Georgia Brennan: Academic Achievement
- Thomas Wagener: Equal First Place
- Jarrod Hockings: Second Place
- Emma Bailey: First Place
**HSIE FACULTY AWARDS**

Mary Martens  
First Place  
*Aboriginal Studies*

Jesse Taggart  
Second Place  
*Ancient History*

Madeleine Wilson  
Equal Third Place  
*Business Studies*

Joseph O’Donoghue  
First Place  
*Geography*

Lucy Sheppard  
Equal Third Place  
*Society & Culture*

Liliana Wills  
Equal Third Place  
*Society & Culture*

**PDHPE FACULTY AWARDS**

Megan Sharkey  
Equal Second Place  
*Community & Family Studies*

Abby Rooke  
First Place  
*Exploring Early Childhood*

Josie Jamadar  
Second Place  
*PDHPE*

Brittany Spooner  
Academic Achievement  
*PDHPE*

Finn Parris  
First Place  
*Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation Studies*

William Dundas  
Third Place  
*Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation Studies*

**CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS & LOTE FACULTY AWARDS**

Charlotte Gapps  
Second Place  
*Drama*

Lauren Saunders  
Equal Third Place  
*Drama*

Chelsea Storrie  
Equal Third Place  
*Drama*

Cielle Perrin  
Third Place  
*Music 1*

Lily Blyth  
Equal Second Place  
*Photography*

Kirstyn Maher  
Second Place  
*Visual Arts*

Camille Wills  
Third Place  
*Visual Arts*

Brielle Bellamy  
First Place  
*HSC Chinese Beginners*  
*Southern Cross Distance Education*

**TAS FACULTY AWARDS**

Joshua Dawson  
Equal Second Place  
*Engineering Studies*

Thomas Nolan  
Equal Second Place  
*Engineering Studies*

Pearcen Nicholson  
First Place  
*Industrial Technology*  
*Graphics*

Thomas Howlett  
First Place  
*Industrial Technology*  
*Multimedia*

Hollie Keegan  
First Place  
*Textiles & Design*

**VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING VET AWARDS**

Jorja Bailey  
Equal Second Place  
*Business Services*

Kelly Byrne  
Equal First Place  
*Construction*

Daniel Bise  
Second Place  
*Entertainment*

Cavelle McLeod  
First Place  
*Sport Coaching*

**TWO OR MORE ACADEMIC AWARDS**

**Two Academic Award Recipients**

Ashlee Anderson  
- Second Place: *Modern History*  
- Academic Achievement: *English Advanced*

Olivia Boglev  
- First Place: *Mathematics General*  
- Academic Achievement: *Community & Family Studies*

Samara Brown  
- Equal Second Place: *VET Business Services*  
- Third Place: *Catholic Studies*

Rachael Copas  
- Equal First Place: *Music 2*  
- Equal Third Place: *Society & Culture*

Phoebe Evans  
- Equal First Place: *Society & Culture*  
- Academic Achievement: *Studies of Religion 2U*

Stella Flick  
- First Place: *Studies of Religion 1U*  
- First Place: *Visual Arts*  

*Brielle has been an accelerated student who has recently completed the Higher School Certificate Examination*
Two Academic Award Recipients continued

Siane Fonua
- Equal Third Place: Modern History
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U

Stella Fuller-Simpson
- Second Place: English Standard
- Academic Achievement: Mathematics General

Tallis Haydon
- Third Place: Legal Studies
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U

Reece Hicks
- Second Place: Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation
- Second Place: VET Hospitality

Leilani Knight
- Equal Third Place: Ancient History
- Equal Third Place: Society & Culture

Phoebe Maguire
- Equal Third Place: Modern History
- Second Place: Mathematics General

Lewis Mason
- Equal Third Place: PDHPE
- Academic Achievement: Biology

Lily Mason
- Equal Second Place: Studies of Religion 2U
- Equal Third Place: English Advanced

Hamish McKie
- Second Place: Economics
- Academic Achievement: Legal Studies

Connor McKinnon
- Equal Third Place: Ancient History
- First Place: Earth & Environmental Studies

Madeleine Munro
- First Place: Food Technology
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U

Matilda Murphy
- First Place: Photography
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 1U

Eilish O’Malley
- First Place: Music 1
- Academic Achievement: Biology

Jacob Richards
- First Place: Information Processes & Technology
- Equal Second Place: Software Design & Development

Samantha Richardson
- Equal First Place: Marine Studies
- Second Place: Music 1

Jessica Smith
- First Place: VET Retail Services
- Equal Second Place: English Studies

Reece White
- Equal Second Place: Software Design & Development
- Academic Achievement: Biology

Boyd Williams-Styles
- Equal First Place: Business Studies
- Academic Achievement: Legal Studies

Three Academic Award Recipients

Shelby Candian
- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Biology
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U

Rose Cousins
- First Place: Drama
- Second Place: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U

Harrison Crook
- Equal Third Place: Business Studies
- Academic Achievement: Biology
- Academic Achievement: Pdhpe

Harrison Dal Molin
- First Place: Studies of Religion 2U
- Third Place: Pdhpe
- Academic Achievement: Chemistry

Tyalah Harris
- First Place: English Studies
- First Place: VET Business Services
- Second Place: Exploring Early Childhood

Gabrielle Mason
- Academic Achievement: English Standard
- Academic Achievement: Mathematics
- Academic Achievement: Physics

Amelia Mernagh
- First Place: Engineering Studies
- Academic Achievement: English Standard
- Academic Achievement: Physics

Peta O’Connor
- First Place: Economics
- Academic Achievement: English Standard
- Academic Achievement: Business Studies

Lara Phillips
- First Place: Ancient History
- First Place: Modern History
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U

Miranda Smith
- Equal Third Place: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Biology
- Academic Achievement: Modern History
TWO OR MORE ACADEMIC AWARDS

Three Academic Award Recipients continued

Heulwen Spencer-Goodsir
- First Place: VET Hospitality
- Equal Second Place: Photography
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 1U

Eva Tew
- Second Place: Earth & Environmental Science
- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U

Ashleigh Thomson
- Equal First Place: Society & Culture
- Second Place: Biology
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U

Connor Wild
- First Place: VET Furnishings
- First Place: VET Metal & Engineering
- Equal First Place: VET Construction

Tyler Williams
- Second Place: Geography
- Third Place: Earth & Environmental Science
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U

Four, Five or Six Academic Award Recipients

Chloe Ashton
- Equal Second Place: Community & Family Studies
- Equal Third Place: PDHPE
- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U

Tegan Bryde
- First Place: Community & Family Studies
- Second Place: Chemistry
- Third Place: Biology
- Academic Achievement: Mathematics

Brittany Evans
- Equal First Place: Business Studies
- Academic Achievement: Community & Family Studies
- Academic Achievement: Mathematics General
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U

Eulalia Angeli
- First Place: English Extension 1
- First Place: French Beginners
- Equal First Place: Legal Studies
- Academic Achievement: English Advanced
- Academic Achievement: Studies of Religion 2U

Alexander Edwards
- First Place: Mathematics Extension 1
- First Place: Physics
- First Place: Software Design & Development
- Equal First Place: Legal Studies
- Academic Achievement: Mathematics

Vincent Bush
- First Place: Chemistry
- First Place: Industrial Technology – Timber Products & Furniture Technologies
- Second Place: Mathematics
- Equal Second Place: Mathematics Extension 1
- Equal Second Place: Physics
- Academic Achievement: English Standard

Connor McRae
- First Place: English Standard
- First Place: PDHPE
- Equal Second Place: Mathematics Extension 1
- Equal Second Place: Physics
- Third Place: Mathematics
- Academic Achievement: Biology

Megan Purkiss
- First Place: English Advanced
- First Place: Biology
- Equal First Place: Music 2
- Equal Second Place: Studies of Religion 2U
- Third Place: Chemistry
- Academic Achievement: Mathematics

SPECIAL ACADEMIC AWARDS

The University of Newcastle have generously sponsored awards to recognise excellence in the fields of Science and Technology, Economics, Business Studies and Legal Studies.

The University of Newcastle Awards in Science and Information Technology

Alexander Edwards
Award for Excellence in Software Design & Development

Amelia Mernagh
Highly Commended Award for Physics

The University of Newcastle Awards in the Humanities

Peta O’Connor
Award for Excellence in Economics

Brittany Evans
Award for Excellence in Business Studies

Boyd Williams-Styles
Award for Excellence in Business Studies

Eulalia Angeli
Award for Excellence in Legal Studies

Alexander Edwards
Award for Excellence in Legal Studies
**Phoebe Smith**  
*Winner of the University Challenge in Business Studies*

Phoebe was one of 330 entries in the competition and was required to not only develop a sound, innovative business plan but to present her plan at a series of competition events. Phoebe’s prize was $2,000 and if she takes up the option to study in the Faculty of Business & Law post HSC, Phoebe will receive the awarding of a scholarship.

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**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE and AGGREGATE AWARDS**

The College recognises the academic achievements of students who have performed consistently at a high standard throughout the Preliminary Course by presenting an Academic Excellence Award to those students who have received a combination of Grade As and / or 85% plus in at least four Board of Studies Category A Courses.

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**COLLEGE MEDALS**

**1st Place in a Course HSC 2016**

**COLLEGE MEDAL FOR MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 2**

Aditya is a Year 11 student who has accelerated through the Mathematics curriculum commencing in Year 8 at San Clemente High School and culminating in his completion of the HSC in Mathematics Extension 2 this year and he was placed 1st in Year 12.

![Aditya Joshi](image)

**COLLEGE MEDAL FOR VET HOSPITALITY**

Laura is a Year 11 student who has accelerated through the VET Hospitality course, commencing her studies in Year 10 at St Pius X High School. Laura is now dual accredited in Hospitality and has been awarded the College Medal for 1st Place in the HSC VET Hospitality Course.

![Laura Slatter](image)

The College acknowledges all those students who have applied themselves fully but who were not award recipients.
AGGREGATE AWARDS & DUX OF THE PRELIMINARY COURSE FOR 2016

The Aggregate and Dux Awards are determined by a panel based on an aggregation of the student’s marks from their top 10 Category A Units including English, in the assessments completed throughout the Preliminary Course. These Awards are highly prestigious and very competitive, and reveal consistent achievement at a very high level.

Roman Anderson
Samantha Anderson
Chloe Ashton
Madeline Bull
Paige Cameron
Jordan Clarkson
Ben Clifford
Michaela Connors
Rachael Copas
Erin Cullen
Joseph Delbridge
Grace Dever
Joel Donnelly
Brittany Evans
Siane Fonua
Matthew Gardener
Courtney Haynes

Nicholas John
Jackson Johnson
Chris Justin
Ebony Lucas
Phoebe Maguire
Emily Malone
Else Marais
Charnice McGrath
Aliza O’Brien
Peta O’Connor
Lara Phillips
Deandra Rego
Abby Rooke
Brittany Spooner
Nicholas Vaisey
Boyd William-Styles

COMMUNITY SERVICEWARDS

The College recognises and acknowledges those students who have accepted the challenges and contributed in a positive and generous manner to the College community.

SPORTSMAN & SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR

These awards are given to students who have been significantly involved in school sport.

Sportsman of the Year

Rory is a talented hockey player. He has not only represented the College but was a member of the NSWCCC Hockey Team to compete in the NSW All Schools Championships. He is a member of the Australian U17 Hockey Team to tour South Africa. Rory is a part of Hockey Australia athlete monitoring program and manages to balance these commitments with an academically demanding school program. Rory has also stepped in to coach the College side when the regular coach was involved with convening duties.

Rory Walker
Year 11 Sportsman of 2016

Connor has already been recognised for his excellent attendance and his outstanding achievement across all subjects studied in the Preliminary Course. He has demonstrated diligence, a love of learning, and the determination to succeed.

Connor McRae

DUX of the Preliminary Course 2016
**Rose Davies**  
Year 11 Sportswoman of 2016

Rose is a talented athlete who has not only represented the College, but was part of the NSWCCC Athletics Team to compete at the All Schools Athletics Championships. She was a member of the NSWCCC Cross Country Team to compete at the All Schools National Championships. Rose was also a member of the College Triathlon Team which competed at the NSW Triathlon event.

**THE REUBEN F SCARF AWARD**

This award is offered in every school in NSW to recognise a student’s application to school life, their personal integrity and for the regard shown to others.

Roman has shown persistence, dedication and application and has involved himself in all aspects of school life. Some of the activities he has been involved in this year include Battle of the Bands, presenting at What Works for Me, performing at Champagnat Day and House Assemblies as well as attending student leadership workshops.

**CALTEX ALL ROUNDER AWARD**

This award is a medallion provided by Caltex and recognises participation and excellence in a range of activities. This award also recognises leadership attributes.

Vincent has achieved success in an academically demanding program of study for which he has already received two 1st in subjects, three 2nd in subjects an an Academic Achievement Award in his remaining subject, an Academic Excellence Award and he achieved the 3rd Aggregate Award. Vincent is an active member of the St Vincent de Paul Conference at the College, has been a volunteer for Disability Provisions, was in the College Mock Trial Team and was a member of the SRC as Year 11 House Captain for Champagnat House.
COLLEGE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

This award is presented for outstanding service to both the College and the wider community.

The College is truly blessed for the large number of students who volunteer for various community service activities.

Laura has made significant contributions to the College and wider community. Laura is an active member of the College’s Vinnies Conference, has been a volunteer for Disability Provisions, has been involved with the Teaching in Primary Schools Program. Laura was a member of the Mock Trial Team, assisted as an usher at the Combined Schools ANZAC Service and the Year 12 Graduation Evening. She was a Tutor Group Representative as well as attending student leadership workshops. Laura is always willing to help and is active in looking for avenues to be of assistance.

Laura Chapman
College Community Service Award

ST FRANCIS XAVIER’S AWARD

This most prestigious award is in recognition of total involvement in College life. It includes:

Active participation in the liturgical aspects of College life,
Diligence in Studies,
Community involvement,
Active participation in sport, club or cultural activities

Rose has been involved in a variety of activities and is a valued member of the College community.

Rose is an active member of the Vinnies conference at the College, she has volunteered for Disability Provisions, has collected for Legacy, was a Year 11 House Captain for McAuley and a member of the SRC. Rose went to Cambodia earlier in the year to assist at La Valla – a school for disabled students. Rose also attended the Marist Youth Forum in Mittagong in September where the focus was Social Justice.

Rose has achieved in an academically rigorous program of study, significantly with two 1st and a 2nd place in three subjects.

Rose is seen regularly at the College weekly Masses in the Chapel. She presents herself in the College uniform with dignity and pride and she is approachable and friendly to all.

Rose Cousins
St Francis Xavier’s Award
STUDENT LEADERS 2017

Captains
Lewis Mason
Rose Cousins

Vice Captains
Vincent Bush
Shelby Candian

House Leaders

Champagnat
Christopher Turner

Dominic
Siane Fonua

MacKillop
Laura Chapman

McAuley
Cavelle McLeod

SOLIDARITY LEADERS 2017

Jordan Clarkson
Joseph Delbridge
William Dundas
Sophie Gonano
**Music Items Performed**

Christopher Turner from Year 11 Music 2 course opened the Awards ceremony by performing on electric guitar, “Jiffy Jam” by Jerry Reed.

Charlotte Gapps performed “Nel cor piu non mi sento” (Translation: Why feels my heart so dormant) by Giovanni Paisiello.

**Special Guests**

Mr Ray Collins
Director of Catholic Schools

Dr Patricia Johnson
Faculty of Business & Law
University of Newcastle
SFX DAY
‘THANK YOU’

To all Tutor Group Leaders and staff who readily volunteered and assisted in distributing the barbeque lunch; Br Robert and staff who cooked and organised the barbeque lunch; Br David and ‘Vinnies’ students; and those of you who supported and participated in the activities. A very successful day, despite the heat and space constraints, students (and staff) enjoyed and participated with excellent spirit.

On Friday morning, Joseph, Laura, Cavelle and I attended the Hunter White Ribbon Day Breakfast, accompanied by Mr Mitchell. The breakfast raised awareness about the issue of violence against women, and how we as a community can help combat it. Domestic violence is a huge issue facing Australia, with sixty-eight women killed in domestic violence incidents this year alone. We all took a lot away from the breakfast, and hope we can continue to raise awareness for the issue within the school community.

Siane Fonua
Year 11 Student

Year 10 Orientation Performances

Well done and congratulations to the new Year 12 Music Students who performed for our Incoming Year 10 students at the recent Year 10 Orientation Days. Thank you to our music students who performed a variety of songs and pieces to entertain and display some of the creative talents of SFX students.

Isaac Alchin
Ashlee Anderson
Roman Anderson
Eulalia Angeli
Christopher Bass
Ellyse Bell
Abraham Britz
Rachael Copas
Jake Cragg
Nicholas Crameri
Olivia Dominish
Phoebe Evans
Charlotte Gapps
Matthew Gardener
Nicholas Gunn
Lachlann Howard
Monica Howlett
Ben Moonen
Patrick Mududa
Matilda Murphy
Eilish O'Malley
Ashleigh Ovenstone
Deada Rego
Jonathon Rodd
Jack Ryan
Temarah Smith
Christopher Turner

End of Year 11 Awards Ceremony

Last Friday, at our annual Year 11 Awards Ceremony, there were two music performances for parents, staff and students. Christopher Turner’s solo guitar performance of the Jerry Reed jazz classic ‘Jiffy Jam’ along with Charlotte Gapps’ vocal performance of the solo Italian song ‘Nel cor piu non mi sento’ by Giovanni Paisiello, were entertaining and professionally presented. Congratulations Chris and Charlotte.

St Francis Xavier’s Day Mass

Our music students were asked to sing as a choir at our St Francis Xavier’s Day Mass. The Music Staff really do appreciate the students’ generosity and willingness to be involved. It’s fun to sing, but it’s also hard work and the Music Staff thank the music students on behalf of the College.
On Wednesday, 23 November Multimedia students travelled down to Sydney, for a guided tour of the ABC Studios, at Ultimo. The students were split into three groups, and given a glimpse of the “behind the scenes” of multimedia productions and broadcasts. A couple of highlights included Triple J Radio studios, where we watched state of the art recording equipment in use, and bumped into Matt Okine and Alex Dyson who were loitering before their appearance at the Arias that night (we caught them in a generous mood, with one lucky student receiving two brand new records as a souvenir). Other highlights included: being on the set for Giggle and Hoot, learning some green screen lighting techniques and seeing Good Game and its host Bajo in the second largest television studio in the Southern Hemisphere (used to record programs like Q & A).

After the ABC tours, students visited the Powerhouse Museum to experience some interactive and innovative technologies used by artists and designers. One fascinating piece demonstrated 3D printing from soundwaves by using your voice to shape a vase in a CAD program, rendering an object ready for printing in life size scale.

It was a busy but excellent day, with all students enjoying themselves and representing the College well. Big thanks to Mrs Trish Stallard and her Textiles students who shared the coach to and from Sydney, visiting specific exhibitions at the Maritime and Powerhouse Museums during the day, and to Mrs Susan Bone and Mr Cormac O’Riordan for their assistance and supervision.

Ms Eleanor Hanlon, Multimedia Teacher
Every week students from SFX go to St Pius, Windale to work with the staff in the classrooms assisting with anything from Maths to Sport and we have developed a wonderful bond with this school.

As a community we also help them celebrate Christmas by donating toys and gifts every year. Last year the generosity of the SFX community was overwhelming and I would like to think we can repeat that this year.

The Windale kids are fantastic and full of life, often coming from disadvantaged homes where Christmas is either non-existent or limited. Windale is only 11 kms from our school, so let’s start giving to families at our “back door”.

I will accept used toys that are clean and work!! All wonderful donations can be dropped off to Mrs McLoughlin’s Office.
On Monday, 28 November, St Joseph’s Aberdeen travelled to Empire Park, Bar Beach to take on St Francis Xavier’s 1st XI in the third match of the Downie Shield. Leading into the match, we had the momentum of two convincing wins. With the hopes of travelling to Lismore as a part of the final eight, Captain Keith Moody pulled off our first win of the day with the coin, electing to bat.

Wickets fell early. After putting away a few boundaries, Daniel Standing was the first to proceed back to the sheds, followed by Michael Owen. Captain Keith Moody was, again, the most notable with the bat, notching 40 runs before being dismissed. All out for 121, the effort in the field needed to be strong.

St Joseph’s were stubborn at first, gathering runs quickly through their opening batsman. Andrew Saville had the ball dancing off the pitch, however the breakthrough came through a pearl from Rhys Hudson. With wind in the sails, we managed to take a few quick wickets before lunch.

It was surely the sausage sandwiches that gave the St Francis Xavier players fuel for the final effort. With 50 runs required from the last 16 overs, Aberdeen’s middle order showed talent, seemingly aware of the slim total they were chasing. After a grinding effort in the field and a series of half-chances gone begging, Michael Kelly, in a moment of sheer brilliance, plucked a catch in mid-wicket, sending the Aberdeen batsman packing.

The strategic minefield of St Francis Xavier’s outfield was the ultimate winner in the end. With two players left to bat, St Josephs struggled to clinch runs, finishing their innings at 8/112. The final eight teams in NSW await, with thanks to Mr Gordon, Mr Mitchell and Brother Robert. Special mention also to Mr Burke and Mr Pichler.

Hamish McKie, Year 11 student

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Commonwealth Youth Championships

One of the College’s very own, Emily Whelan, has qualified for the Commonwealth Youth Games in Barbados on 19-23 July, 2017. Emily who is only 16 years of age competed up an age group in the under 18’s division at the Australian All Schools Championships in Canberra held on 1- 4 December. She competed admirably and was placed second, setting a new PB by jumping an incredible 1.77m to compete on the international stage.

Emily is a very accomplished and talented athlete, having competed as part of the NSWCCC Athletics Team throughout her secondary school years, as well as being selected to compete in the All Schools National Team. Emily will begin her training for the Commonwealth Youth Games and now turns her attention to competing with the Little Athletics Zone Championship at Wallsend this weekend.

Emily has balanced her training and competition commitments with an academically demanding program.

We at the College are very proud of Emily and wish her all the best in her preparation for the International Stage.
Check your emails on a regular basis!!

HSC Summer Lectures

Throughout January “The School for Excellence” is running Year 12 Head start lectures for Biology, Mathematics 2Unit and Extension, Chemistry, Creative Writing, English, Economics, Legal Studies and Physics. They are hosted by the Sydney University but some lectures are also being held on the Ourimbah Campus of the Newcastle University. They run from 9 January until 24 January, and have a COST. Please see Mrs McLoughlin for further details.

ADFA Information Sessions

6th December at 6:00 pm
ADF Careers Information Session
at Defence Force Recruiting
258 Hunter Street, Newcastle

8th December at 5:30pm
Engineering Activity & Information Session
(Virtual Reality Experience)
20 Watt Street, Newcastle
Bookings phone 131902 or cptnewcastle@dfr.com.au

Future Teacher Scholarships - Cadetships

Students interested in getting paid to study teacher education can sign up and be reminded when the 2018 round of NSW Department of Education future teacher scholarships, cadetships and internships open in 2017. Find out more about our wide range of scholarships, cadetships and internships at https://teach.nsw.edu.au/getpaidtostudy and remember to sign up for an ‘Alert me’!

Students interested in pursuing study in the USA should sit the SAT or ACT standardised test in the coming months, prior to returning to school in January 2017. Internationally Educated works with students and their families through the complex identification and application process to US universities. Contact: www.internationallyeducated.com.au

Summer Camp directors from across the USA are heading to Australia with one thing in mind, to hire staff for their camps. Participants are hired on the spot to work for 9-12 weeks as camp counsellors in America. This cultural exchange is perfect for a gap year. For details head to the website http://campamerica.com.au/ or call 1300 889 067.

Au Pair Jobs in China, Spain, France, USA, UK

Au Pairs are immersed in a new culture as they become part of a family whilst providing in-home childcare. The program gives Au Pairs the opportunity to develop language skills and meet other Au Pairs from all over the world. Includes 3-12 months placement, accommodation, food and pocket money. For further information and to apply visit http://www.aifs.com.au/aifs/ or call 1300 889 067.
Last day for Students  
*Tuesday, 13 December*

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**Staff Professional Development Days**  
**STUDENT FREE DAYS**  
*Wednesday, 14 December – Tuesday, 20 December*

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**College Switchboard/Reception will be opened on the following days from**  
*8:30 am until 3:00 pm*  
*Wednesday, 14 December until Monday, 19 December*

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**College will be closed**  
*Tuesday, 20 December*

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**Finance Office**

Family Discount Forms have been emailed.  
*Please return by Friday, 16 December*

**Last day to receipt payments for 2016**  
*Wednesday, 14 December*
College Switchboard, Reception and Finance Office

OPEN from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Thursday, 19 January – Wednesday, 25 January

CLOSED Thursday 26 January

OPEN again from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Friday, 27 January

Staff Day Only – NO STUDENTS
Friday, 27 January

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Please be aware of the following dates.
Information will be available in the new year.

- Wednesday, 8 February
  Year 11 VET Information Meeting
  at 7:00 pm

- Thursday, 9 February
  Year 11 and Year 12
  Commissioning Liturgy
  9am at Civic Theatre

- Tuesday, 14 February
  Year 11 ‘Getting to Know You Day’
  Year 12 ‘HSC & Beyond Day’

- Wednesday, 15 February
  Year 12 HSC Information Meeting
  at 7:00 pm

- Tuesday, 28 February
  Year 11 Information Meeting
  At 7:00 pm

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Year 11 Students
Commence School
Year 11 Students Orientation Days
Monday, 30 January and
Tuesday, 31 January

Year 12 Students
Commence School
Year 12 Students Commence
Wednesday, 1 February
Bell Shakespeare announce 2016
John Bell Scholarship winners  
(Media Release 2 December 2016)

Congratulations to Joel on being announced as one of the three winners of the inaugural and prestigious John Bell Scholarship, giving young aspiring actors from remote and regional areas in Australia the opportunity to learn and perform Shakespeare with some of Australia’s best known Shakespearean actors.

The scholarship, held at the Bell Shakespeare HQ in Sydney, will take place next year from Monday, 16 January to Friday, 20 January 2017.

This scholarship affords three students to be flown to Sydney for a week-long programme with the Company, where they participate in acting masterclasses, are taken on backstage tours watch live theatre and have behind-the-scenes access to rehearsals of the Company’s first production of the year. In 2017 that will be Artistic Director Peter Evans’ production of Richard 3, starring Kate Mulvany.

The week will culminate in Joel and the other two winners, all 17 years old, being mentored by John Bell, who will workshop their winning monologues and give them masterclasses focusing on voice, movement, and language. During the week, they will be invited to perform their monologues for the Company, receiving expert feedback and career advice.

Peter Evans, in announcing the winners said, “Since our inception in 1990, education and learning have been at the core of Bell Shakespeare’s activities and programming.

The College Community congratulates Joel on being announced as one of the three winners of this prestigious John Bell Scholarship.