



14 February 2014

2014 COMMISSIONING CEREMONY





COMMISSIONING

Captain's

Good morning Brother Robert, special guests, teachers, family and fellow students.

I am so incredibly honoured and grateful to be addressing you all on such an important day in St Francis Xavier's calendar year in the position as one of the School Captains for 2014. In this role, my main aim is to motivate, communicate and empower you all to be the best you possibly can this year. I also hope to promote a joyful atmosphere in which we all feel driven to strive for the top.

Today marks the day where many of my fellow Year 12 students are recognised for our leadership contributions within our College. Whether it is Tutor Group Rep, Solidarity Leader, House Captain, Vice Captain or School Captain, today is very special for all of us and I congratulate all of you on your achievements. However, we all know that you don't have to wear a badge to contribute to our wonderful, stable community spirit which is so prominent here at St Francis Xavier. Every one of you here today are empowered to embrace our school culture and spirit to maintain the high standards and reputation which St Francis Xavier's holds within the wider community.

First of all to Year 11, on behalf of everyone in Year 12, I would just like to warmly welcome you here to SFX. If I could just give you one piece of advice it would be to please make the most of your time here, as it truly is a privilege to attend this school. I can't stress to you enough how worthwhile it is for you all to embrace the countless opportunities that come your way. There is more to "Frannies" than just 5 lessons a day, 5 days a week. To sum it up in two words: get involved!

To my fellow Year 12 students, as we are reminded almost every day, these next 8 months are going to fly. So let's make each day count. Let's work together to motivate, encourage and most importantly keep each other sane. Make it your aim to be able to receive **your** graduation certificate at the end of this year and be able to look back with no regrets on the effort you put in. The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, nor a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will. It's up to **you** to make it happen.

To the supportive staff here at SFX, on behalf of all the students, I ask for your continued support, guidance and resilience you all willingly provide to us during our time here.

I would like to finish my speech today with a significant word I learnt in Term 3 last year while I was in Mittagong on a Marist Youth Camp. Ubuntu. Ubuntu is a famous African philosophy which means:

"I am who I am because of who we all are."

In the words of Nelson Mandela: "Ubuntu speaks particularly about the fact that you can't exist as a human being in isolation. It speaks about our interconnectedness." Mandela describes how "We think of ourselves far too frequently as just individuals, separated from one another", when in fact we are connected and what we do in a sense affects those around us. So I guess on a much smaller scale, this is particularly relevant to life here within the St Francis Xavier College community. Year 11 and 12 we are all bound here together in ways which are invisible to the eye, there is a unique oneness and cohesion prominent within our college. Keeping Ubuntu and this year's theme in mind, let us serve each other by encouraging, motivating and working together to help one another be the best we possibly can in 2014. Because in the end, I am who I am and you are who you are because of everyone around us.

Thank you!

Olivia Carroll



CEREMONY

Speeches

Good morning everyone!
Hashtag serve one another. Yep, that rights.
Hashtag serve others is the theme for our year ahead. The hashtag threw me off a fair bit and I had no idea what I was going to write, so like any teacher would suggest, lets break it down.

The hashtag originates from twitter. It shows when something is cool or trending or a global phenomenon, recent ones include #sochi2014 and #miley Cyrus. And slowly it's made the move to Instagram with a tag that focuses on an element of the picture however you could be that person that tags for likes on their photos #instapest. But apart from that it's kind of this global tool to link us all together.

I'm hoping that the statement "serve others" is pretty self explanatory to a room of Year 11 and 12 students and the people teaching us, but we'll give it a rundown anyway. So this year, is our year to be selfish. It's 100% all about you. Not the person sitting next to you, but You! and deservedly so. We've got a lot on our plates and we want to do the best for ourselves. However, it's especially important that we keep others in mind, particularly those who are doing things for us to help us through the HSC.

I'm really beginning to understand how important it is to look after others especially when we're only thinking of ourselves and in such a big group. The music festival Big Day Out in Sydney a couple of weekends ago proved this point to me and I think it's a good, relevant analogy especially since this year's theme has a hashtag in it.

There I was, at the red stage waiting for American rapper Snoop Dog aka Snoop Lion to come on stage, don't judge me. And it was then in that moment that I realised how reflective a moshpit could be of the need to serve others. In a moshpit people can get easily overwhelmed, so it's important to help them by making their path clearer. Serve others. In our lives we need to be looking out for others, we don't even have to drag them out of the problem ourselves but as long as we do our bit.

And this is the basis for my next point. We always have to be aware of others. Unfortunately a select few people at Snoop Lion felt they needed to see the stage more than others. Promptly hopping up onto someone else's shoulders, with all of their friends doing the same and blocking the rest of the crowd's view of the artist. #extremelyannoying. You are no more significant than anyone else in that moshpit. If we cast our minds back to the now infamous listening task of December 2013, you'll remember that "none of you are special". In order to serve others we must be selfless, something difficult to remember when Snoop Dog's on stage, but still.

Just like at a festival when everyone pushes past each other to get to the front, sometimes it's better to let others get their own way, be grateful for what you have and who knows you might end up with the better view anyway. To the Year 11's, I ask a very simple service from you guys to us. We understand what Year 11 is like, we were there a year ago, but, please do not whinge to anyone in Year 12 about how much homework you have. We really cannot sympathise with you.

And lastly, did any of you hear Maria Sharapova's scream when she served at the Australian Open? Yep! That's because in tennis when you put 110% into serving to others you set yourself up for the best chance of winning. And the same is said for real life. The balls in your court, so what's your move? Forehand, backhand, trick shot, it doesn't matter as long as you're giving your most to someone else.

From myself and Liv, we really want to wish the best of luck to all of us for the year ahead and let's hope the Board of Studies bark is worse than its bite.

Joel Webber



St Francis Xavier's College

Student Leaders 2014

Captains



Joel Webber



Olivia Carroll



William Tribe



Katie Macneill

Vice Captains

House Leaders



Thomas Baines
Champagnat



Drew Easton
Dominic



Gabrielle Lynch
MacKillop



Corey O'Brien
McAuley

Solidarity Leaders 2014



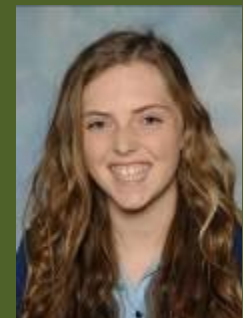
Lillian Mowbray
Champagnat



Isabella Gray
Dominic



Louis Flemming
MacKillop



Jessica Smith
McAuley

St Vincent de Paul Society Leadership Team



Olivia Kelly
President



Thomas Fletcher
Vice President



Katherine Pendlebury
Secretary



Joel Oliver
Treasurer



Meg Bailey
Committee Member



Chloe McKinnon
Committee Member

Congratulations **First in the Diocese in 2013 Higher School Certificate**

Jessica Blunt	English Extension 2 Music 2 Music Extension Visual Arts	Eamonn Mayo	Ancient History
Amy Borg	PDHPE	Julien McCarthy	French Continuers
Maddi Brock	General Mathematics	Alexandra Nesbitt	Earth & Environmental Science English Standard
Matthew Burke	Music 1	Madeleine Pearce	Business Studies Food Technology
Mubashra Choudhari	Business Studies History Extension	Alice Peart	Studies of Religion 2
Alexandra Donovan	History Extension	Dylan Roberts	Metals & Engineering Exam
Gabrielle Fanning	Community & Family Studies	Rachael Scott	English Advanced French Beginners
Amy-Kaye Grant	Japanese Beginners	Alexandra Seldon	Biology
Holly Harrison	Geography	Lauren Smith	Modern History
Jessica Haworth	Business Services Community & Family Studies	Aaron Ting	Software Design & Development
Ebony Heath	Senior Science	Jordan Velich	Chemistry Mathematics Extension 1 Mathematics Extension 2 Physics
Selena Hilder	Entertainment Industry Exam		
Megan Koster	French Beginners		



For your information

Classes

- The school day starts for the majority of students at 9:05 am with Tutor Group and finishes at 3:10 pm.
- Extension classes and some other classes commence at 8:00 am.

Switch/Reception

Opens at 8:00 am until 3:30 pm each day

Phone: 02 4961 2863

Student Office

Opens at 8:00 am until 3:10 pm each day

Phone: 4961 2110

All student related phone calls can be made directly to the Student Office on 4961 2110.

If the phone is unattended please leave a message.

Finance Office

Opens at 8:30 am until 3:00 pm each day

Library

Opens at 8:00 am of a morning

Monday and Wednesday opened until 4:30 pm

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday opened until 3:30 pm

School Leaving Age

17 Years of Age

If students leave under the age of 17 years the College must sight documentation that they have enrolled in approved education or training or have gained full time paid employment (average 25 hours/week) or a combination of these.

Students on School Premises

Students are to remain on the premises for the entire school day unless permission has been granted for leave.

The consequence of leaving without permission is suspension!

Parking in Parkway Avenue

A reminder to students and parents that it is illegal to park on the median strip in Parkway Avenue, however, even more importantly, parking in this manner puts students and drivers at risk as it is a very congested area at 3:10 pm.

Newcastle Council Officers will be monitoring this area, with our full support, and therefore it would be in everyone's best interests to comply with regulations!

Change of Addresses and Phone Numbers

In case of an emergency it is important that students' contact details are up to date.

If there have been changes to family details please have your student go to the Administration Office where an appropriate form will be issued.

Mobile Phone, iPod and other Devices

LIABILITY

Students bringing mobile phones to the school do so at their own risk.

The College will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones.

The same applies to portable computer games, MP3s, iPods and similar devices.

Students Applying for Exemption from Attendance at School

Students wishing to apply for leave from the College are required to submit a letter from a parent/guardian describing leave requested.

*Please be aware that leave will **NOT** be approved during exam periods.*

End of the School Day

The school day concludes at 3:10 pm.

Please **DO NOT** phone to collect students earlier, or for students to leave early, unless it is an emergency.

*Julia Lederwasch
Assistant Principal – Dean of Students*

TAFE

Students approaching the College in the morning or leaving the College in the afternoon in the direction of the TAFE are asked to walk AROUND the TAFE not through it. The TAFE grounds are private property and are not to be used as a shortcut to King Street

Crossing Roads

All students are reminded of the importance of crossing roads in an appropriate manner and at an appropriate place. Students who need to cross King Street of an afternoon are to cross at the Traffic Lights at the crossing in King Street, in front of the TAFE, opposite Wood Street. Students are to follow the directions of staff on duty at this crossing

Jewellery

Eyebrow rings, lip rings and nose rings are NOT permitted. Large earrings and coloured beads and necklaces are not part of the College uniform. Students who fail to abide by these simple rules will be asked to remove the items or may have them confiscated.

Out of Uniform Days

Due to Work Health & Safety regulations, on these occasions students are still required to wear covered in shoes. Dress should be appropriate for a school setting ie no inappropriate slogans on clothes, no short shorts, singlet tops.



The Uniform Shop

(02) 4962 4423

stfrancisxaviers@alinta.com.au

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 hours by phone or email:

stfrancisxaviers@alinta.com.au

Payments can be made direct to Alinta Apparel in the form of cash, credit card, or debit credit card.

Uniform price list & online shopping available at:

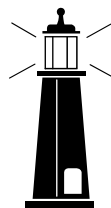
www.alintaapparel.com.au

Lighthouse

is available on the

College Web Site

hmltn.mn.catholic.edu.au



St Francis Xavier's College

Phone Number: 02 4961 2863

Facsimile Number: 02 4961 2384

Student Office Phone Number: 02 4961 2110

Email: admin@hamilton.mn.catholic.edu.au

Web Site: hmltn.mn.catholic.edu.au

FOOTWEAR

Girls' Footwear



FOOTWEAR

Boys' Footwear



ALL girls and boys must have *black Canvas shoes* are **NOT** an option. The the upper foot and have safe heels and soles.
This has been a requirement of enrolment.

From the Finance Office ...

Finance Office Hours

8:30 am to 3:00 pm – Monday to Friday

E: hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au

2014 School Fee Structure

Yearly Tuition Fee

\$2,274.00 – family discount is applied if applicable

Diocesan Family & School Building Levy

\$609.00 per family

Resource Fee Year 12: **\$300.00**

Year 11: **\$390.00**

Catholic Network Australia Levy

\$65.00 per student

Technology Levy **\$100.00** per family

2014 High Cost Elective Course Fee

D&T: Textiles or Wood	\$100.00
Ind Tech Graphics Tech	\$120.00
Ind Tech: Multimedia	\$120.00
Ind Tech: Timber & Furniture	\$120.00
Textiles & Design	\$100.00
Visual Arts	\$120.00
Furnishings:	\$150.00
Sport, Fitness & Rec	\$100.00
Business Services	\$100.00
Construction	\$150.00
Entertainment	\$150.00
Hospitality	\$200.00
Info & Digital Tech	\$150.00
Metal & Engineering	\$200.00
Retail Services	\$120.00
TVET Courses	\$300.00

Work Placement Insurance

\$20.00 per student – if applicable

Laptop Parent Contribution **\$120.00** per student

NB: It is important to finalise this payment in Term 1 so that your student's laptop access is not compromised

Year 12 Retreat **\$250.00** per student

Year 11 Reflection Day **\$20.00** per student

Excursions, events and additional activities will incur separate costs; letters advising the exact details will be issued throughout the year

Family Discount

A new family discount was introduced in 2013. The discount is **applicable only to Tuition Fees**, which will be applied to each child enrolled in a Maitland Newcastle Diocesan School. Please check your statement to ensure a discount has been applied – if applicable.

1 Child Family	0% Discount – full rate to be applied
2 Child Family	10% Discount for each child
3 Child Family	20% Discount for each child
4 Child Family	40% Discount for each child
5 Child Family	50% Discount for each child

Fee Concession

If the person responsible for paying school fees holds a low income Australian Government Health Care or Pension Card they continue to receive a 50% discount off their Tuition fees. You must submit a copy of this card to the Finance Office for processing.

Example:

Full Tuition Fee	\$2,274.00
Less HCC discount (50%)	\$1,137.00
Tuition Fee payable for 1 child at SFX	\$1,137.00

However, the total eligible discount if you have a Health Care or Pension Card & entitled to the Family Discount, your total reduction **will not exceed** 50% of the Tuition Fee.

Example:

Full Tuition Fee	\$2,274.00
Less 3 Child Discount	\$ 909.60
Less HCC discount (difference up to 50%)	\$ 227.40
Tuition Fee payable at SFX	\$1,137.00

For Year 11 parents, the College will assist those families committed to the Catholic faith and practice, who are experiencing genuine financial difficulties. Those families are encouraged to contact the College to arrange an interview.

A reminder to Year 12 parents that their **fee concession arranged last year was valid for 2013 only**. If you are seeking financial assistance again for 2014 fees, you will need to make an appointment.

Method of Payment Options

BPay is our preferred option to receive school fees. Your Biller Code details will appear on the top right hand side of your statement.

Current users of the Bpay method of payment, please adjust your deduction amount to suit 2014 fees.

Credit Card / EFTPOS. The College accepts **Mastercard or Visa only**. Please be aware that if you are paying by credit card you can fax or post your credit card details to the College. An authorisation slip is provided at the bottom of your statement each term. Your signature is required to authorise these transactions.

Credit Card payments ARE NOT accepted over the phone.

In Person Parents are welcome to pay directly at the Finance Office between 8.30am and before 3pm. Students can only pay before the start of school and in their lunch and recess breaks.

Receipts Any receipts not collected from the Finance Office at the time of processing will be given to the relevant student during their Tutor Group the next day to take home to you.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday, 18 February

Year 11 Getting to Know You Day
Year 12 HSC & Beyond Day

Wednesday, 26 February

Year 11 Information Evening
7:00 pm (refer details below)

Monday, 31 March – Friday, 11 April

Year 12 Mid-Course Exams
(refer details below)

Message from the SRC



Dear Fellow Students, Parents and Staff of SFX

Welcome to the new faces of Year 11 and welcome back to Year 12. The 2014 SRC are planning big goals this year and hope that you too are planning your goals and ambitions for what I am sure will be a big year ahead.

The Sochi Winter Olympics began last Friday, with hundreds of athletes competing after years of intense training, hard work and persistence. For some, the goal is to come home with a medal, for others just participating in the Olympics is a major achievement in itself. Yet every athlete competing would have achieved small goals along their journey to finally end up representing their country over the next two weeks. Not all of the athletes would have succeeded in their first attempt at their goal, in fact I'm sure that most of the athletes endured many set-backs and hurdles during their journey. Yet with resilience and persistence they have managed to discover success. Resilience and persistence are equally as important as having a goal. Setting a goal can seem somewhat pointless if we don't have persistence to move forward through the hurdles that we may face during our journey and resilience to keep going when set-backs occur. A set-back doesn't mean it can't be achieved, it is simply a lesson learned.

This year the SRC has set many goals for the next three terms and know we will face some challenges along the way. However we hope to work with our fellow students and teachers throughout 2014 and make a positive contribution to the school in our final year whilst embracing the 2014 Marist Theme #SERVE oneanother

On behalf of the 2014 SRC I wish you the best of luck throughout 2014. May you set achievable goals, move forward with strength overcoming any hurdles and stand tall and proud at the end of the year with what you have achieved.

Sincerely,
Gabbie Lynch
Year 12 MacKillop House Captain

Year 11 Parent Information Evening Wednesday, 26 February 7:00 pm – SFX Hall

Parent Evenings

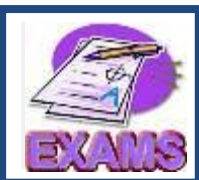
A letter will be sent home shortly with all Year 11 students inviting parents to attend this evening. We encourage all parents to commit to

this evening. *Students are not required to attend.*

The session will commence in the Hall with a welcome from Br Robert and short presentations from Mrs Lederwasch, Dean of Students and Mrs Hales, Dean of Studies.

Parents will then join their child's Tutor Group Leader for a briefing and to answer any concerns.

Mrs Patricia Hales
Assistant Principal – Dean of Studies



Year 12 Mid Course Exams

These exams commence on Monday, 31 March and conclude on Friday, 11 April. Students have been emailed an examination timetable with venues to be confirmed closer to the exam dates. Please be advised that as per our Assessment Policy leave will not be granted during exam blocks, therefore students should carefully check commitments during this nine day period.

Mrs Patricia Hales



Our Golden Girl Wins the Highest Award for NSW COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES

It came as somewhat of a surprise, but to those involved in swimming it was seen as the perfect recognition for hard work and dedication when Meg Bailey swept the 17th Annual NSW CCC Sporting Awards on Monday night. The ceremony, held at Santa Sabina Catholic College, Strathfield brought together the best student athletes from the NSW CCC system. Awards were presented on the night for outstanding achievements both in and out of the sporting arena as well as acknowledging the wonderful contributions made by volunteers throughout the 2013 year. The entertainment for the evening was excellent and guest speakers Mr Gerry Collins, of ABC Radio and Mr Ray Collins, Director of Schools Maitland-Newcastle Diocese, shared stories of success, trials and tribulations they had witnessed throughout their careers and the lessons that could be learnt from these such as resilience and perseverance.

Then it was on with the show and Meg Bailey, the NSW All Schools Swimming Captain and Junior Olympics Squad member, was firstly awarded the NSW CCC Bar Award for her efforts in leading both the NSW CCC and NSW All schools swim teams to victories at their respective meets in 2013. Her parents Gary and Therese along with Meg were justifiably proud of this achievement alone. However, this was to be soon overshadowed by the realisation that Meg's achievements throughout 2013 had clearly stood her out from the field of other athletes and she was awarded the highest honour – the Vince Villa Award. This award is presented to 'the most outstanding Catholic Secondary School Sportsperson of the Year for Male and Female' and many previous winners including two former students of the College in Jarrod Mullen (2004) and Kelly Pepper (2004) have gone onto professional careers in sport.

After receiving the award Meg was given the responsibility of responding on behalf of the athletes and completed this role superbly. She stated that "No success on the sporting field occurs without hard work, dedication and team work", referring to her fellow peers, parents and those of the other student athletes. She went on to say that "Our teachers, coaches, managers and parents must be thanked for their ever present love, support and guidance." This was met with thunderous applause before her fellow Vince Villa Award winner Cheyne Whitelaw (Marcellin College Randwick) concluded the ceremony with a prayer.

The College community would like to extend our congratulations to Meg and her parents on another wonderful achievement and hope that she sees this as recognition of not only the wonderful athlete she is, but perhaps more importantly the wonderful member of our College that she is. We could not be prouder!

Congratulations from everyone at SFX! We are looking forward to 2014!



L to R: Mr Ray Collins, Director of Maitland-Newcastle Catholic Schools, Mrs Therese Collins (mother), Meg Collins, Mr Gary Collins (father), Mr Gerry Collins, Guest Speaker



Meg delivering the Acceptance Speech on behalf of all NSW CCC Athletes



Ben Balcomb hits out with Debut Win!



During the Christmas break, Hamilton - Wickham District Cricket Club competed in the hotly contested SCG Country Cricket Cup. Our College cricket captain, Ben Balcomb, was a debut member of this team that went on to beat Tamworth in the Final held at the amazing SCG. A huge contingent of supporters followed the players down to watch the final in which Hamilton - Wickham easily accounted for their country rivals chasing a comfortable 167 run total to win their 5th title – the most of any team to ever contest this competition. Ben (29 runs) batted superbly, in setting up his team's chase, putting on a partnership of 75 for the first wicket. This quick fire partnership quelled any chance of a Tamworth boilover and 'Hamwicks' went on to win easily.

Ben now moves onto the NSW CCC and NSW All Schools pathways and the College community would like to congratulate him on the success of winning the SCG Country Cup and wish him all the best for the remainder of the season.

Well done!

Daniel Collins

Ironman Champion

Another of our busy student athletes, Daniel Collins TG 52, had a very productive holidays in which he competed at numerous Surf Lifesaving & Swimming carnivals.

Known for his ability in both the pool and the ocean, Daniel was extremely busy over the Christmas break ensuring what was probably a period of rest for most students, was in fact one of his busiest competition times for the year. Here is a rundown of his exhausting schedule and his very impressive results:



Australian Royal Life Saving Competition – 3rd place in the U19's Ironman (Daniel is currently U17's)
State Age Swimming in Homebush – 9th place in the U18's 400m freestyle (inc. 7 sec personal best time)

NSW Team Surf Lifesaving Championships – Named Super Lifesaver after placing 1st and receiving the Gold Medal in the Ironman, 3rd place and Bronze Medal in the Ocean Swim, 1st place and Gold Medal in the Tube Rescue as well as 1st place and Gold Medal in the Taplin team event

Cooks Hill Classic – 1st place in the Ironman and 1st place in the Ocean Swim (U 18's Division) as well as 3rd place in the Open Age Ocean Swim.

Daniel will now turn his focus back to the books however does have some heavy competition in the form of the Australian SLSC Titles, to be held in Western Australia in April, where he will be looking to continue this rich run of form.

On behalf of the College community we would like to congratulate Daniel and look forward to his continued success throughout the year and the future.

Well done!

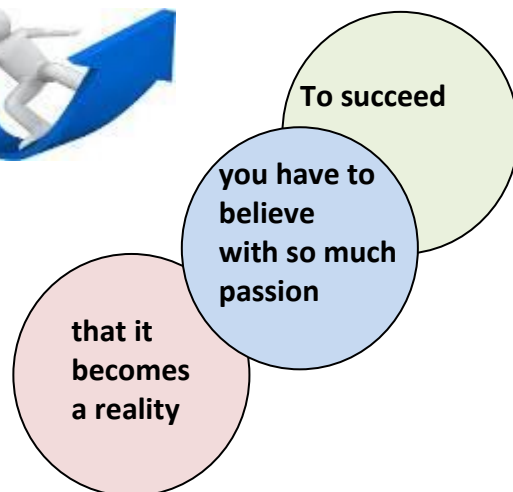
Staff Touch Team Finishes with a Bronze

A staff team of SFX teachers and their partners competed in the 'Hamilton Hawks Pre-Season Touch Comp'. Early expectations were that the team of Educators would finish last (and not a point higher), however through perhaps 'Divine Intervention' or perhaps skill (more than likely the former) the teachers team known as 'Diddy's Dancers' won the 3rd vs 4th playoff to sneak into the medals!

The team members from the College included: Mr Rowan Kelly, Ms Catherine Murray, Mrs Louise Fanning, Mrs Andrea Sellis, Ms Olivia Gollan, Ms Amanda Calvi, Ms Melissa Asquith and Mr Paul Dan.



From the Careers desk



Proud St Francis Xavier's students



Zoe Corcoran, Jarrah Gosbell & Patrick O'Donoghue at their enlisting ceremony for the Australian Airforce. Only 14 students from the

Newcastle, Central Coast and Northern NSW areas were chosen. We wish them the very best in their new adventure.

The Timber and Building Materials Association (TABMA)

Careers Education Centre offers school students info about careers within the timber industry. TABMA covers everything in Timber including Timber Logistics, Timber Merchandising, Timber Frame and Truss Manufacture to Estimating & Design, Carpentry, Shopfitting, Wood Machining, Saw Doctoring and Cabinetmaking to Joinery. TABMA Workforce & Career Development employs trainees and apprentices throughout Australia. For further information visit www.tabma.com.au or call a careers advisers on 1800 TABMA1.

Nursing

My Health Career has just released five new videos where a nursing tutor shows how nursing students learn the hands-on skills

<https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/nursing/>.

For the latest news on nursing in Australia, go to:

<https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/latest-news/nursing/>

UNE Open Day Friday, 2 May 2014

Years 11 and 12, along with their parents and friends, will be able to find out all they want to know about living and learning at the University of New England when the University stages its Annual Open Day on Friday, 2 May. Keep this in mind if you are considering this University as an option.

Defence Force Recruiting Newcastle

Will be hosting the following Information Sessions in February. If you wish to attend please RSVP to rsutcliffe@dfr.com.au or call 4974 5427.

***All Information sessions will be held at
528 Hunter Street, Newcastle.***

Navy Information Session
Wednesday, 19 February at 6pm
<http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/navy/>



Women in the Army Information Session,
Thursday, 20 February at 6pm
<http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/army/lifestyle/women/>

Rustic Pathways specialise in travel and programs focus on **community service, cross-cultural immersion, adventure and personal development**. Their website www.rusticpathways.com.au provides an overview of the programs.

- **Rustic Trips: Volunteer and adventure travel** for students during school holidays.
- **School Leaver Programs** - Alternatives to the traditional schoolies week
- **Gap Year programs** for students after high school.

The range of programs span 19 countries and are designed to cater for all students. Students may find themselves volunteering with refugees in India, caring for elephants in Thailand or Laos, studying Mandarin in China, tutoring in remote villages in Fiji, riding horses across the open plains of Mongolia, supporting NGO's in Cambodia and more.

My Day Calendar – At Charles Sturt University My Day events are interactive days targeting Years 11 & 12 students to give them a taste of living and learning on campus at CSU and the opportunity to find out more about their chosen course and career. Students will also receive key information about opportunities and support available. All the details can be found on the School Portal under Careers.

MN Live / The School Portal



Every week you will find on the School Portal a list of potential jobs available. Most of these are full time – some are part time positions. The portal, under Careers, will also contain all the relevant careers information for students

throughout the year.

The Library

The Library will now offer a display of Careers Information for students to use during their study periods and breaks. There will be copy of the latest jobs available each week as well as the basic information for the Newcastle TAFE and University, as this is where most of the SFX students attend. Each month a different institution will be highlighted. Can I ask that you refrain from taking this information as it's for all to share?



AIE Work Experience Program

The AIE Work Experience Program is in place to give students who are interested in a career in the video games, 3D animation and visual effects industries a chance to get some hands on experience. Students use industry standard software in a studio environment as they learn what it is like to be an independent developer in the digital creative industries. The program catered to over 200 students in 2013. Places fill up fast so students need to apply early to ensure they don't miss out. www.aie.edu.au/workexperience

Hairdressing Apprenticeship available



Warners Bay area!

If you're interested see Mrs Mac as soon as possible!

*Mrs Julie McLoughlin
Careers Coordinator*

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