



Lighthouse

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Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Friends of SFX

The College has now launched its new Website. Those associated with the College will find this a useful point of contact to obtain information that is relevant and current. Of course it is accessible anywhere, anytime and it has been designed for the use of students, staff and parents.



1. Calendar

The College Calendar is located to the right of the Home Page. It contains a listing of excursions, assessments and major events with the most immediate events displayed first.

2. Policies

The College policies are being systematically added to the website. These policies relate to curriculum, administrative and wellbeing matters. This is a worthwhile point of reference when parents or students have questions in relation to a matter of policy.

3. Photo Galleries

As various events occur during the year a sample of photos from these events is added to the Home Page. These galleries are designed to give viewers some insight into these events and see staff and students involved in a range of curricular and extra-curricular activities.

4. News

Short descriptive articles are also added about many College events. These snippets can be easily assessed by clicking the appropriate box which takes the reader to an extended passage in relation to the event.

5. Newsletter

The most current Newsletter, and past Newsletters, can also be viewed from the Website. A special box that is located on the Home Page will take readers to the latest Newsletter and previous Newsletters can be viewed under "News and Galleries".

6. Forms

Various College Forms are also be systematically added to the site. These can be downloaded and printed as required.

7. Contact with Coordinators

The College's curriculum and well being coordinators can now be contacted by email directly from the Website. By going to "Information", then "Staff Contact Information" and then clicking on the relevant co-ordinator's name, an email can be sent as required.

The Website also contains a considerable amount of other information, such as careers, and sport that parents and students may find useful at various times.

Br Robert Sutton, fms
Principal

2014 Higher School Certificate Diocesan Awards Presentation



Congratulations
Michael Williams

Mathematics 2 Unit
PDHPE
7th in the State PDHPE
2014 Dux of the College
2014 Dux of the Diocese

*Congratulations to the
following students who were
presented with 1st in the
Diocese Awards*



Matthew Allan	Equal 1 st – Industrial Technology
Thomas Baines	Metal & Engineering Exam
Corbyn Bisschops	Equal 1 st – Senior Science
Jake Blatchford	Equal 1 st – Senior Science
Lautaro Brieva	1 st Spanish Continuers
Lilly Chaffer	Equal 1 st – Senior Science
Lauren Couch	Community & Family Studies
Courtney Edstein-Boyes	Equal 1 st – Studies of Religion 2 Unit
Jordan Grant	Information Processes & Technology
Nicholas Hendry	Software Design & Development
Victor Hondermarck	French Continuers
Dominic Jory	Equal 1 st – Industrial Technology
Angela Kelly	Equal 1 st – Legal Studies Modern History
Lewis Kempton Sladden	VET Construction Exam 3 rd in the State VET Construction
Amy Lewis	Textiles & Design VET Retail Services Exam
Bronte Linich	Equal 1 st Business Studies 1 st English Advanced Premier's All Rounders List 3 rd Highest ATAR in Diocese
Cameron McDonell	Earth & Environmental Science 6 th in the State Earth & Environmental Science Equal 1 st – Geography
Madeleine McVie	VET Entertainment
Charmaine Orlowski	Tourism & Events Exam
Emma Parker	Equal 1 st – Industrial Technology Nominated for InTech Exhibition
Kathleen Ryan	Equal 1 st – Business Studies
Jessica Smith	Equal 1 st – Studies of Religion 2 Unit French Beginners 2 nd in the State French Beginners
Marija Tadic-Vulin	Equal 1 st – Geography
Zachary Thurlow	Spanish Beginners
Isaac Zenini	Physics

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES

On Wednesday, 18 February 2015 Year 12 Early Childhood Studies students visited St Paul's Primary School Gateshead as part of their unit on Starting School. We spent over two hours observing and interacting with the kindergarten children in the playground and in class.

The students learned a lot from their visit and would like to thank Kinder teacher Mrs Whitbread, KW and the rest of the St Paul's staff for their warm welcome and for providing us with such an enjoyable and educational experience.

Mrs Walmsley
Early Childhood Teacher



Students in Harmony with Community Gardening



On Monday, 23 February, Year 11 and 12 Life Skills students, from both the Technology and Work in the Community classe, visited the "Habitat in Harmony" community garden operating at Belmont Neighbourhood Centre, to research how to grow and maintain a successful garden of their own.

The excursion was facilitated by Mr Chris Brown, who explained the importance of native flora and fauna in creating a healthy balance throughout any garden.

Chris taught students about safe bush foods, the endangered Blue Banded Bee and how to make a bush 'band-aid' using paperbark and a grass plant called Lomandra Longifolia. After identifying and drawing various edible plant species, the students went to work planting flowers and watering seedlings.

Life Skills students are now eager to grow their own vegetables at SFX, and build a small hive for native bees. "Chris was interesting and informative" said Josh Culley, and all students reported feeling good after a day's work in the garden.

Overall, it was a great experience and will certainly be included for work placements and future excursions. Thanks to Ms Hanlon, Mrs Unie and Mr Dangarfield for making it happen.

Mrs Sharon Unie
Learning Support Teacher



Scholarship Recipients

On Tuesday, 24 February, four of our students were the recipients of an Educational Scholarship from The Hunter Youth Mentor Collaborative (HYMC).



Scholarships are open to young students at least 15 years old who are committed to achieving educational goals, but who, because of difficult circumstances, are at significant risk of being unable to do so. Scholarships are not necessarily awarded because of academic achievement, but rather because of a student's demonstrated desire to achieve educational goals despite adversity.

Congratulations to **Benta Okumu, Lidya Mehari, Fabiola Mwamikazi** and **David Sekunzi**.

Mrs Janine Gorman & Mrs Karen Pasterfield

Wednesday Afternoon Music Performance Practice and Exam Preparation

An Open Invitation to our Music Students

Each Wednesday afternoon after school, the Music Staff will be available in the music rooms to work with our SFX music students. The afternoons provide an opportunity for music students to develop and refine their performance skills in a guided and supported environment. The students will be able to use all of our music equipment as they prepare for their Performance Exams. The Music Staff will also be available to provide extra assistance with Composition, Aural and Musicology work to assist students with the other aspects of the music courses.

This invitation is for all Year 11 and Year 12 music students and the staff would work with the students from 3.15pm until 4.15pm. Students need to inform their music teachers by Wednesday Afternoon Tea time each week if they wish to stay on a Wednesday.

We do hope the students take up this opportunity as we move towards upcoming Assessment Tasks.

Mr Luke Baker and Mrs Melissa Wattus
Music Staff

EASTER EGG APPEAL

St Vincent de Paul Society

What an '*eggciting*' year ahead
for our 2015 Vinnie's group.

Last year we were able to deliver
delicious Easter eggs to around 450 residents
at seven local nursing homes.

This year we are hoping to do the same and are
appealing for donations of Easter Eggs
and diabetic sweets/chocolates.

Students are encouraged to bring in their eggs
to their Tutor Group or to the cartons
in the Student Office.

Year 12: Friday, 13 March- Friday, 20 March

Year 11: Friday, 20 March- Friday, 27 March

*Thankyou in advance for your generosity,
it will be greatly appreciated!*



Dates for your Diary

Monday, 23 March – Thursday, 2 April
Year 12 Mid-Course Exams
Refer below for details

Thursday, 2 April
Term 1 concludes

Year 12 Mid Course Exams

These exams commence on Monday, 23 March and conclude on Thursday, 2 April. Students have been emailed an examination timetable and received a hard copy. 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.

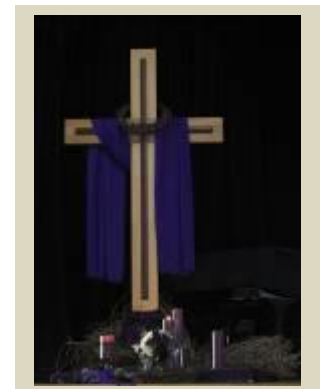
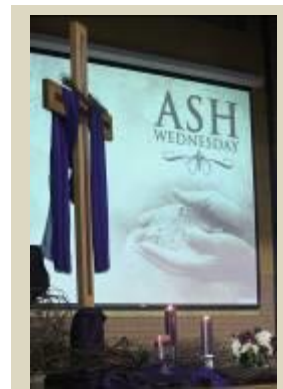
Mrs Patricia Hales
Assistant Principal – Dean of Studies

Student Photo Gallery

Year 11 Getting To Know You Day



Year 12 HSC & Beyond



From the Careers desk



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.



Upcoming Sessions 528 Hunter Street Newcastle

- Tuesday, 10 March 6:30pm – Army Reserve - held at the Adamstown Barracks
- Wednesday, 11 March 6pm - ADFA
- Wednesday, 18 March 6pm – Tri-Service Trades
- Tuesday, 24 March 6pm – Engineering
- Wednesday, 25 March 6pm – Indigenous
- Thursday, 26 March 6pm – Royal Military College

Bookings: please email cptnewcastle@dfr.com.au
or call 02 4974 5427



These external courses have been booked for Term 2. Notes and details will be put out to year 12's only, at the start of term 2. I do not “save” places or take names for these courses; it's a first in with the payments basis!!



Applications opened on
Monday, 2 March 2015

Applications close on
Monday, 16 March 2015

Check the School Portal for all
the details

University Destinations



The Year 12's of 2014 have begun their university journey. 2014 saw 53 % of the SFX cohort choosing University as a pathway, so where are they?? 86 % of the students chose Newcastle University as their first option. We also had 14% of the students choosing to study at other Universities including Sydney University, UTS, The Catholic University, Macquarie, University of Western Sydney, La Trobe, Charles Sturt, ANU, New England, Griffith and Canberra Universities.

Once again the students have opted for a very diverse array of degrees: Pharmacy, Law, Physio, Teaching, Engineering, OT, IT, Business, Maths, Psychology, Music, Communications, Nursing, Fine Arts, Radiography, Podiatry, Biomed and a number of different sciences.

18 students from SFX have taken up the offer from Newcastle University to study Newstep this year.

**We wish them all the very best
in their new endeavours!**



MyDay events are interactive days targeting Year 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. The most popular day for us is the Paramedics day held in April. There is also the- Physio / Dentistry / Clinical Sciences / Pharmacy day which you can also find on the **School Portal**.

Apprenticeship Stories

Apprentice stories can be found at

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PO9TR_IGDW8.

The videos highlight young apprentices who relate their stories visually and with humor. Search

Beginyourjourney.com.au

to access support materials on State Training Services website.



IN THE USA!



Are you interested in Au Pair work for your Gap Year?

This organisation will be holding an information evening on Sunday, 22 March @ 10am - 12noon.

Belmont Library
19 Ernest Street, Belmont

To register go to www.culturalcare.com.au
or call 1800677373



**Chartered
Accountant**

Cadetship Evening 2015

Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand are hosting the annual Meet The Business Leader (formerly Cadetship Evening) on Wednesday, 20 May, 2015 at Luna Park. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to connect with universities and top employers and secure highly sought after **cadetships**. More information email careers.nsw@charteredaccountantsanz.com



Interior Decoration Class

Interior Decoration Master Class is for students who want to get a taste of life as an Interior Designer or Decorator. Over two fun, intensive days, learn how to put together an interior scheme including planning your layout, selecting furniture, furnishings, colour and lighting. Dates: 15- 16 April 2015 Cost: \$330 (GST inclusive) More information: amanda@sydneydesignschool.com.au

William
Angliss
Institute

Specialist centre
for foods, tourism,
hospitality & events

School Holiday Trial-a-Trade

William Angliss Institute School holiday trial-a-trade and information session in Surry Hills. These sessions are short, two-hour glimpses into the exciting careers available within Cookery, Patisserie, Coffee and Hospitality/Events/Travel. Please register on www.angliss.edu.au/register-for-trial-a-trade?country=syd



AIE Work Experience Program (Games, Animation and Visual Effects)

The Academy of Interactive Entertainment's Work Experience Program returns for 2015. The program is designed for students in Years 11 and 12 who are considering a career in animation, games or visual effects. Students spend the week in a mini studio where they create a small game or film while learning some core skills along the way. To register, head to www.aie.edu.au/workexperience



Applications Open

The Tuckwell Scholarship program offers the most transformational undergraduate scholarship in Australia. It's the only one of its kind that nurtures outstanding school leavers to fulfil their wider ambitions over and above the pursuit of an undergraduate degree. Applications for first stage are open from 2 March until 20 March. For further details visit <http://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/home/>

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SPORTS DESK REPORT



NSW CCC Cricket – Joseph Hart



Congratulations to Joseph Hart who has gained selection in the NSW CCC Cricket XI for 2015. Considering he is only in Year 11, speaks volumes for his talent and future leadership potential. Joseph will now continue to prepare for the NSW SSSA Tournament later in the year by hopefully keeping the scorers and batsmen on

their toes in local cricket where he plays for Toronto District Cricket Club.

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NSW CCC Triathlon Success

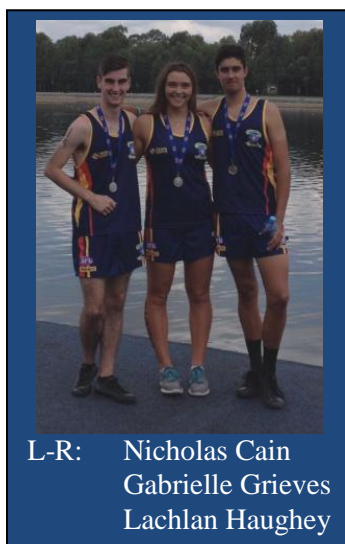
On Friday, 27 February, Gabrielle Grieves (Swim), Lachlan Haughey (Bike) and Nicholas Cain (Run) competed at the NSW CCC Triathlon Championships held at the International Regatta Centre, Penrith. A 4am start was well and truly justified when our team surprised possibly everyone but themselves by emerging as worthy silver medallists.

Interestingly, this makes it the second year in a row that SFX Hamilton has made the podium with last year's team consisting of Meg Bailey (Swim), Lachlan Haughey (Bike) and Ryan Bailey (Run) finished in third place.

As the 'veteran' of the team, Lachlan expressed how proud he was of the effort of his teammates and the determination that was shown in gaining this fantastic result. "We knew we were a chance when Gabby swam us into the top five, considering she was up against an all-male field of competitors just shows how good of an athlete she is". He continued "that meant it was a matter of Nick and I just trying our best to mirror the effort she had already put in, standing on the podium at the end and being awarded for the second time, I think made us all so proud".

The event was raced over the following distances:

Seniors: 17, 18, 19 years
750 m Swim
20 Km Cycle
5 Km Run



L-R: Nicholas Cain
Gabrielle Grieves
Lachlan Haughey

Congratulations to all three students and their parents for the huge amount of effort required to compete.

Our Champion Teacher

Mrs Patricia Stallard

Wins Multiple Medals

Patricia 'Trish' Stallard is our new 'Golden Girl' after competing at the recent State Masters Athletics Championships at Homebush.



Despite being very reluctant in actually revealing her results, due to her humble and quiet nature, some 'investigative journalism' revealed that our beloved teacher, colleague and friend performed outstandingly at the championships and is certainly worthy of the College's congratulations.

Here is a list of her achievements from the championships:

- Gold in the 2km Steeple Chase and 5km Walk
- Silver in the 1500m
- Bronze in the Triple Jump

After these results, it is with 'quiet' confidence that Trish has gained entry into the Australian Masters Athletics Championships to be held at Bankstown later in the year.

From everyone in the College community may I extend hearty congratulations on your success to date and wish you all the best for your upcoming events.

BMX National Titles Gillian Anderson-Fox

The BMX Australia National Series was held over two days on February 28 and March 1 in Perth, Western Australia and our very own Gillian Anderson-Fox was

present and ready for action. On what proved to be a very 'tricky' course Gillian lined up and competed strongly. In a sport that requires its fair share of 'luck', unfortunately it was not on her side however she was rightfully proud of her efforts and no doubt picked up valuable racing experience and nouse.



Congratulations Gillian and keep pushing those pedals hard!

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Australian team for UCI Junior Track World Championships Named Nicola MacDonald



Nicola MacDonald has been named in the Australian U19 Women's Cycling Team to compete at the upcoming UCI Junior Track World Championships. The Championships are to be held from the 19-23

August in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Interestingly, Australia topped the medal tally at the 2014 Championships in Korea with a total of 13 medals; five gold, three silver and five bronze. So expectations are high for 2015 – so watch this space for more information.

On behalf of the College community, we wish Nicola all the best in her preparation and are certain she will perform outstandingly in August. Congratulations on a fine achievement.

A link to the official team/media announcement can be found at:

<http://cycling.org.au/News/All-News/Track/australian-team-for-uci-junior-track-world-championships-named>



**From the
Finance Office ...**

Finance Office Hours

8:30 am to 3:00 pm – Monday to Friday

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

YOUR COLLEGE FFE ACCOUNT

Term 1 statements were sent on 16 February and the due date is Friday, 6 March. **To locate the emailed statement the sender details are hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au. Please contact the Finance Office as a matter of urgency if you have not received your statement.**

Thank you to those families who have finalised their school fees or made payment arrangements with the Finance Office.

If you are paying your school fees by instalments via BPay or Direct Debit, you need to check your school fees are reducing as you would expect them too. It is your responsibility to ensure your school fees are up to date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**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.**

Student Photo Gallery

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Welcome Morning Tea for Students from Non Associated Schools



Bishop William meets with College Student Leaders



'WARDROBE WORKOUT'

St Francis Xavier's College
Hamilton students have
indulged in ethically
responsible retail therapy at
the school's first recycled
shopping event, dubbed the
'Wardrobe Workout'



