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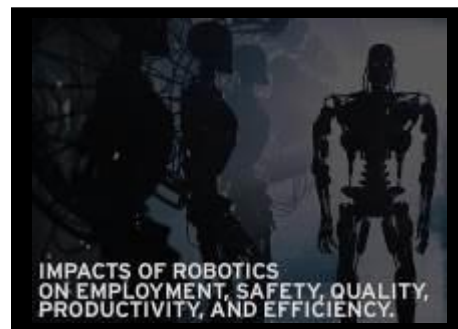
7 March 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians, Students & Friends of SFX

Recently I had the opportunity to attend a lecture that explored the changing nature of employment. It was presented by an employment specialist from Singapore. Singapore is a country where employment opportunities are not based on resources or industry, rather where employment is dependent on other forms of productivity.

There were several key elements of this presentation that are worth due consideration.

1. The use of robots in industry is now well established and their usage is increasing. The robots themselves are becoming more advanced and more economical and as a result are now affordable for many sectors of the workplace. Accordingly, robots are now common place in many industries and they are taking the jobs that were previously undertaken by trained people.
2. The availability of freelance expertise is also well established and increasing. Advice can now be obtained by suitably qualified people from anywhere in the world on a 24/7 basis. Services can be provided on an hourly rate in a wide variety of areas. It is now possible to get legal advice, economic advice, medical advice, etc as required, when required.
3. The 3D printer is now affordable and productive. They are no longer seen as the latest technological fad. Rather, they are a reliable machine that can deliver practical objects at a fraction of the price of the more traditional methods of production.



These were some of the technological advances that were presented as having an impact on the future of work. Technology is disruptive and employment opportunities are constantly changing as a consequence to changes in technology. There have been plenty of examples in the past where new technology has ended some careers and created others.

It is certainly worthwhile being fully aware of current advances. Students will be transitioning into the workforce in a few years and they would be well advised to be knowledgeable about these, and other changes, and make their plans accordingly. Perhaps a driving question is; what are the knowledge and skills that will be required into the foreseeable future? No one has the magical crystal ball, but it would be futile to launch into a career that may become redundant in a few years time.

Br Robert Sutton, fms
Principal

Scholarship Presentation

On Tuesday, 16 February 2016, four of our students were presented with scholarships from the Hunter Youth Mentor Collaborative. The scholarships are to be used for educational purposes and were awarded following a written application and an interview.



Congratulations to **Patrick Mududa, Fabiola Mwamikazi, Rayden Hobson and David Sekunzi** on this achievement.

Higher School Certificate

Legal Studies

Excursion



As part of our study of the Crime topic, Year 12 students travelled to Parramatta Courts on Thursday, 18 February. The focus of the day was an observation of the Drug Court, a recent initiative to address offending caused by drug addiction. As well, students viewed serious cases in the District Courts, including sentencing, the NSW Parole Authority and a Committal Hearing in the Local Court. Students found the day to be a very worthwhile experience, as it exposed them to many facets of the criminal justice system.

Mr A. Stone
HSIE Coordinator

**2015
HSC**



On Monday, 22 February 2016, College students choosing to study Music had the opportunity to attend a matinee concert of "Encore" at the Sydney Opera House. "Encore" is a concert for selected HSC Music 1, Music 2 and Music Extension students from across the state of New South Wales who were nominated for outstanding achievement in performance and composition practical examinations for 2015. Year 12 Music 1 and Music 2 students, and a few Year 11 Music 2 students, experienced what makes a highly commended HSC Practical Examination and were given motivation for completing their own practical components later this year. For some, this was the first opportunity to visit the Sydney Opera House and the students were very impressed with the high level of talent they witnessed.

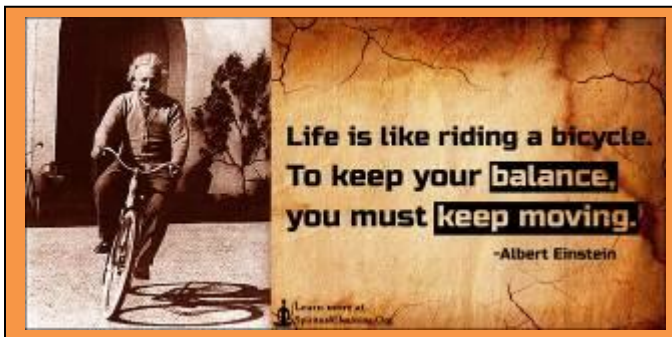
Mr Luke Baker and Mrs Melissa Wattus
Music Staff



Regards from Jarod Clarkson and the SRC

Hi all

2016 is moving faster than is believable. Especially Year 12, as we edge into the last 100 school days of our schooling careers. With our mid-year exams just around the corner, I can see the angst and worry starting to set in on the Year group. With stressful times ahead in our lives, I thought it was best to share a quote I found from Albert Einstein.



I thought this quote was special, as it relates to us as students in many ways. Our lives are like bicycles, as we struggle to find the balance between life and our studies, as it's difficult and requires constant concentration, as it's continuous and needs us as 'riders' to keep pushing forward in an effort to keep that balance. But in saying this, I know we all have days where we fall off our bikes, and possibly scrape our knees. It's these times that we really do need to keep moving forward, to move past the struggle and come out the other side stronger and better for it. Not long now.

Year 11, I'm sure you can tell how fast your time is going already. Your Year group has settled in well, and can see the change in you all from those first few days. So, Year 12 on behalf of the SRC, we wish you all the best for the next few weeks and hope all your efforts pay off. And to Year 11, we hope you're making the most of your time at SFX, as it moves faster than believable.



**Year 12
HSC & Beyond Day**

Year 11 Getting to Know You Day Celebration





Monday, 14 March – Thursday, 24 March (Weeks 8 and 9)

Year 12 Mid-Course Exams

These exams commence on **Monday, 14 March and conclude on Thursday, 24 March**. 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.

Friday, 25 March – Monday, 28 March (Weeks 9 and 10)

Good Friday and Easter Monday

Friday, 8 April (Week 11)

Term 1 Concludes



St Vincent de Paul Society!

Every year we give Easter Eggs to nursing homes in the area to make the residents feel included and enjoy this joyous time of the year. Last year, we had great success, delivering Easter Eggs to about 430 residents in seven nursing homes. We want to make this year's appeal just as fantastic, if not more so.

So please bring chocolates and sweets to your Tutor Group room, and from there they will be collected and delivered. Year 12 students please bring them in from Friday, 4 March to Friday, 11 March and Year 11 students from Friday, 11 March to Friday, 18 March.

Many of these residents are diabetics, so it would be great if diabetic chocolates and sweets were also included in donations. Thanking you in anticipation of your generosity.

Perri Webber & Cara Marks

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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.**



Invitation

Living with a Senior School Student

Guest Speaker

Craig Moore
Psychologist

Craig Moore, a local psychologist, will address parents on

Tuesday night 15 March 2016
between 7pm and 8:30 pm
in the College Hall.

Craig has spoken to parents in the past
and has been very well received.

Senior school presents pressures to students as they try to balance their school commitments
with work, social life, family commitments and an array of other issues.

Keeping things in perspective and building resilience are essential skills in managing life.

I guarantee this will be a beneficial evening.

Craig is an engaging and informative speaker.

This will also be an opportunity to meet with other parents.

Br Robert Sutton (Principal), Mrs Patricia Hales (Assistant Principal, Dean of Studies),
House Coordinators and myself will be available to talk to.

I hope to see you on this night!

Mrs Julia Lederwasch
Assistant Principal, Dean of Students

From the Careers Desk



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Study in USA Fair 10 March 2016

Redlands School is hosting the annual Study in the USA Fair on Thursday, 10 March from 5-7pm in the Redlands Hall. Universities attending include: Georgetown, Emory, Colorado-Boulder, Princeton, Yale, Michigan, NYU, Virginia,

Fairleigh Dickinson, South Carolina and more.

RSVP essential: www.trybooking.com/KJVA.



The C S University Representatives will be at the College on Tuesday, 5 April in the Theatre

The first of the MY Day events – in **Communication** will be held at the Bathurst Campus.

This will be an interactive day giving students a taste of living and learning on campus at CSU. The Communications day is one of the more popular events.

All the details and registration have been emailed to students AND can be found on the School Portal under Careers.

MN Live / SFX 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.

NEW: Bachelor of Science (Chiropractic)

CQUniversity Sydney is home to the newest chiropractic program. There is a great demand for qualified and registered chiropractors. This career delivers work-life balance, travel and self-employment opportunities.

Business and Engineering & Technology Cadetship Programs



PCA provide the opportunity to apply to leading companies for cadetships. This allows you to attend University studies and have paid employment. Generally a student needs to be intending to study Business, Commerce, Economics, and the Humanities. Applications open Monday, 7 March and close on Wednesday, 11 May. For all details go to www.businesscadetship.com.au

A U P a i r i n t h e U S A



A reminder that there is a follow up meeting on Saturday, 12 March at the Charlestown Library if you are still interested in AU Pair work for your Gap Year. If you are one of the many keen students who attended last week, you should be taking a parent along to listen.

Women in Science Symposium

On International Women's Day 8th March, the Australian National Maritime Museum, in partnership with the University of New South Wales is hosting a Women in Science Symposium. To encourage high school girls to look beyond the lab coats and see the possibilities for careers in science. Students can visit the ANMM onsite or view the morning speakers via live webstream. <http://www.anmm.gov.au/womeninscience>

AIE Work Experience in 3D Animation and Games



The Academy of Interactive Entertainment's Work Experience Program is designed for students 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 <http://www.aie.edu.au/workexperience>



Mrs Amanda Corrigan
Sports Coordinator



Joseph Hart has been selected for the NSWCCC Open Boys Cricket Team. Joseph will be competing at the NSW Schoolboys Cricket Championships on 7 March.

We wish Joseph all the best in his upcoming match.

Upcoming Sport Events

We have some Representative Sport opportunities for NSWCCC and Diocesan Sport

- NSWCCC Hockey Boys & Girls Trials
- NSWCCC Volleyball Trials
- NSWCCC Rugby League Cup Match Wednesday, 9 March
- Dio Swimming Carnival Tuesday, 15 March
- Dio Rugby League Trials
- Dio Football (Soccer) Trials
- Dio Touch Trials

For all NSWCCC Sports, students must register online at
<https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-home.aspx>



Although not a sport 'pathway' for school representation, **Sarah O'Toole** has recently represented Australia in the Nationals Water Skiing Championships in New Zealand. Sarah performed outstandingly, finishing 2nd in Slalom, Jump and Trick events.



From the Finance Office ...

Finance Office Hours

8:30 am to 3:00 pm – Monday to Friday

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

Term 1 Statements were emailed on 15 February with a due date of 7 March. Please ensure your account is finalised by this date.

Payment Method Update



For your convenience, when paying for excursions and activities the new Qkr! app is available for families of our students, **and will be available for fee payments before the end of Term 1.** Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded for

free from Apple's app store for iPhones, iPad users can also download the iPhone app or from Google Play for Android phones. Simply:

<p>Step 1 Download Qkr!</p> <p>on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app</p> <p>AVAILABLE FOR ANDROID Google play</p> <p>AVAILABLE ON THE APP STORE</p>	<p>Step 2 Register</p> <p>Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register</p>
<p>Step 3 Find our school</p> <p>Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in "Locations Nearby" if you are within 4kms of the school</p>	<p>Step 4 Register your children</p> <p>When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.</p>

For more information about QKR visit our website www.hamilton.catholic.edu.au/. (Click on Information, Fees, select QKR information.) Or Hyperlink to QKR video

Instructions for registration if selected in a Diocesan Representative Team

Student Registration

You must register your child for this sport through the CSSS website <https://www.csss.nsw.au/nswccc-home.aspx>. Steps on how to do this are shown below. Please ask your child's school Sport Coordinator for assistance if you are experiencing any difficulties.

There are two steps to this process:

- 1 Creating a Login (if you don't already have one) the login/Account is ONE per family (not per child). If you have an account and your child has moved schools use the "Edit" tool to change your child's details.
- 2 Registering your child for their specific sport.

1 CREATING A LOGIN

If you have not used the website you will need to create a LogIn.

Go to <https://www.csss.nsw.au/nswccc-home.aspx>

- ❖ Click Help
- ❖ Click on I am a Parent/Guardian for a student
- ❖ Click on Secondary student (NSWCCC)
- ❖ Click on "how do I get a login for the website?"
- ❖ Scroll down to the information "If you don't have a login"
- ❖ Click on 'Click here to get a new account and login'
- ❖ Complete the page titled Parents Register Here and click Register after you have completed all fields. Only parent email addresses and mobiles are to be used as these contact details will be used to send updates.

You will now need to check your email account for the password and the login. You will receive a computer generated text and email with your password (you may need to check your Junk Mail if you don't receive an email).

If you wish to change your password, go to my account and Edit my Details. Here you can change your password and add other children. Please note that your child will stay in the system and will go up an age group each year. The only time a parent will need to edit their child's details is if your child changes schools. Each year we roll the system over to progress them to their next school year. Always remember to click 'Save your details' button on the bottom of the page.

2 REGISTERING YOUR CHILD TO A SPORT

- ✚ Login to your account
- ✚ Go to NSWCCC Home Page
 - Go to the Sports link (eg SWIMMING, ATHLETICS, CROSS COUNTRY ,TOUCH FOOTBALL, FOOTBALL BOYS/GIRLS)
- ✚ Click on Register
- ✚ Click on the team you wish to register for (it is a hyperlink)
- ✚ Follow the prompts to register
- ✚ Click on Register for this Sport to complete your registration
- ✚ Once you have successfully registered, both the Sport Coordinator and Principal of your child's school will be notified of your nomination. Your registration will then be accepted or declined by the Diocesan Sports Representative
- ✚ PLEASE NOTE you will be unable to register if the Closing Date has passed. Please check the Sports Specific Information page for these dates. Once you have completed all the information an email will be sent immediately to the Diocesan/Association Rep, Principal and Sports Coordinator for approval (Consent)
- ✚ You can log in at any time to see the status of your registration
- ✚ Please make sure you details (email address and mobile) remain up to date so that you can be emailed or sent a text message