

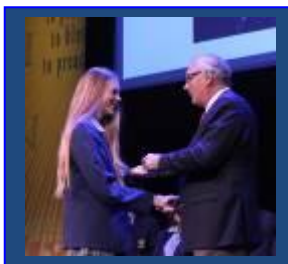


# Lighthouse

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## 2017 COMMISSIONING CEREMONY



The College community would like to take this opportunity to thank the special guests who attended the Commissioning Ceremony.

### Representatives from the Catholic Schools Office, Maitland-Newcastle Diocese

Dr Michael Slattery, Director of Catholic Schools

Mr Tony Kelly, Assistant Director of Catholic Schools

Ms Kathryn Fox, Head of Teaching & Learning

Mr Brian Lacey, Head of Religious Education & Spirituality Team

### Representatives and Student Leaders from

San Clemente High School Mayfield

St Pius X High School Adamstown

St Mary's High School Gateshead

and

Parents/Guardians and Family Members



# COMMISSIONING

## Captain's

"It is our *light*, not our *darkness* that most frightens us... Your playing small does *not* serve the world. We are *all* meant to shine. And, as we *awaken* to our light, and let it shine through, we give others permission to do the same."

Good morning everyone. It is with great honour and excitement, in which I address you all today. Before I hit you with any more motivational quotes, I would just like to congratulate *all* students, of both Year 11 and Year 12 for coming today, in honour of school tradition.

"Awaken". That's our theme for this year. Whilst it doesn't mean that you need to put more effort into staying awake last period Friday, it might be a pretty good start for some of us. The theme "Awaken" *challenges* us to realise our potential, and stop life from passing us by.

In preparation for today, my first instinct was to hit up google to get that perfect "a wise man once wrote" moment. Although I did find some heart-warming words from some of our historical intellects such as Mandela, Obama and of course Kimmy K, I decided that I would go rogue after being hit with the memory of something very relevant said to me back in the day. Back when Rebecca Black's "Friday" was our weekend anthem, and the idea of Year 7 seemed *so* grown up, I encountered a student of "Frannies". This student's advice to me, was "to get involved" in *anything* and *everything* that the college had available. He told me of the *mysterious* HSC, and how it was just another chance for us to be involved as students of SFX. This was the first I'd heard of the HSC, and I'm pretty sure, of St Francis Xavier's too. But what stuck with me most about this advice was his passion for me to make the most of my short two years at the college, and to "wake up" to the opportunities before me.

Here we are, six years later, and I ask *you* a question that was put to me last year; What are you going to do with your **one, wild, precious** life? ... **Get involved**. It's that simple! You get out what you put in, and here at the college, there is so much for you to get out!

Year 11, your SFX journey is only just beginning. Whilst even the simplest of tasks like finding your way around the school seems about as hard as getting out of bed on a Monday morning, remember that you *can* do it, just like we did, and like so many others before us. But this year goes *so* fast. So, start ticking off that Frannies bucket list. Join Vinnies: check! Sing the entire Sub Tuum by heart: check! Head bang in the front row of Battle of the Bands: check! Make your way through the year ticking off as many boxes as you can, to *get involved*!

And to Year 12, the class of 2017, possibly the best group of people I've ever had the privilege of being a part of: It's not over yet. We're already ticking the box by being here, why not take the extra step and make the very most of our time? "HSC Year" can be as big and fulfilling as you make it, but it is up to *you* as an individual, and *us* as a school community to make it happen. We became the leaders of the school no faster than the time it took for us to realise that sweat and blue school shirts do not go together well, so imagine how quickly these next few months are going to go!

And in these upcoming months, we need to remember each other. When I was in Cambodia last year on the SFX Immersion program, the immersion team and I were welcomed as brothers and sisters, into a community that had suffered enormous adversity. The family spirit and love that emanated from that community is something that reminds me of SFX. Whilst we are all here with our own personal goals that we are setting out to achieve, we must always remember that we are *all* here to work with, *and for*, each other. We are here as brothers and sisters of the college; to celebrate that friend who blitzed their music performance, to congratulate that peer who made it into the school basketball team, to support that mate who's crying in the corner because they didn't get a grooving ticket, and to come together under the Marist spirit of compassion, respect, and love for one another, for the family of SFX.

So, to the students sitting before me today, this is your chance to awaken your inner go-getter, to change from a human being to a human *doing*, and to take action towards your future. This is your chance to involve yourself in the family of SFX. This is your chance to take charge of your one, wild, precious life. Nobody is going to do it for you. Your life is your responsibility and you are the captain of your own ship. The only question is, how are you going to get involved in leading it?

Before I finish today, I would like to say a massive thank you to all the teachers of the college, who are always striving to support their students. And also, a never-ending thank you to all our beautiful parents and guardians, and for coming along today, yet again, in support of your children. Even though some of us may not show it all the time, we are truly grateful for the countless opportunities you give us.

And lastly, I'd like to congratulate all the leaders who have been commissioned today. May we represent the Saint Francis Xavier's College Family to the very best of our abilities.

So, from Lewis and I, we wish the absolute best of luck in the year ahead, with the hope of being able to look back at the end of this year, knowing that we all got involved, gave it our best, and that we absolutely smashed it!

Thank you, good-luck and, in the year of Awaken, *stay woke*!



Rose  
Cousins

# CEREMONY

## Speeches

Good Morning executive team, staff, family, guests and students. Welcome to the St Francis Xavier Commissioning Ceremony for 2017, I am Lewis Mason, one of your college captains for 2017 and it is an honour to be before you today.

As some of you may know the Marist theme for 2017 is "Awaken". Awakening is the door opening to a new day, a moment full of anticipation and expectancy in what lies ahead. Or at least that's what the Marist Schools Australia website says.

Upon reading this a few nights ago, I couldn't help but be relieved.

1. Because finding a meaning of awakening that was appropriate to school life was a lot easier than anticipated, and
2. Because it really is an appropriate theme to enter our final 3 terms of schooling life with.

As you all know and have been told since starting at SFX, there really isn't long to go until the end, we are in the last few minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, the final sprint, the last over of a long innings.

I'd like to read you a short story that I heard for the first time during my time at San Clemente

"Imagine there is a bank account that credits your account each morning with \$86,400. It carries over no balance from day to day.

Every evening the bank deletes whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every cent, of course?

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is TIME.

Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds.

Every night it writes off as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to a good purpose.

It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft. Each day it opens a new account for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no drawing against "tomorrow."

You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness and success!

The clock is running!! Make the most of today."

Year 12, we currently sit at the beginning of 2017, a new year, and our final year of schooling. And whilst it is important to enjoy ourselves and this final 3 terms, we must also make the most of our time before it is over. Every day, make the most of all 86,400 seconds that we are granted and really make sure that the last year is one to remember.

This is where we really get into the thick of Stage 6 schooling. I'd like to put it into the words of one of my favourite sporting personalities, the always inspiring, Australian Rugby player – Nick, 'the Honeybadger', Cummins.

"Last year we were all sizzle and no steak, but this year, we are off like a raw prawn"

I think this quote from the badge truly expresses the commitment that will go into the next 9-10 months in comparison to the last 12 years of our lives. From now, we have to put our foot on the gas and power on home to really make sure we make use of the time we have left at SFX.

To the staff of SFX, I'd like to thank you on behalf of Year 12 for your ongoing commitment and dedication to your students, and for always being there to push us over the line. Your continued support will forever be appreciated.

To the class of 2018, welcome to SFX, I'd like to wish you the best of luck for the next 2 years, and let you know that it's okay to ask questions from anyone in year 12, we have all been in your position, only 12 short months ago.

Best of luck to you, Year 12. Keep pushing to achieve your goals and do what you want to do. It will be over before you know it.

I'd like to leave you with one more quote, from Mr Dan in PE on Tuesday.

"Don't get nervous, get ready"



Lewis  
Mason



# St Francis Xavier's College

## Student Leaders 2017

### Captains



Lewis  
Mason



Rose  
Cousins



Vincent  
Bush



Shelby  
Candian

### House Leaders



Christopher  
Turner  
*Champagnat*



Siane  
Fonua  
*Dominic*



Laura  
Chapman  
*MacKillop*



Cavelle  
McLeod  
*McAuley*

### Solidarity Leaders 2017



Jordan  
Clarkson



Joseph  
Delbridge



Sophie  
Gonano

# College St Vincent de Paul Society Leadership Team 2017



Brittany Spooner  
President



Sophie Gonano  
Vice President



Tim Harrison  
Secretary



Phoebe Maguire  
Treasurer



Chloe Ashton  
Committee Member



Rachael Copas  
Committee Member



College St Vincent de Paul  
Society Christmas Appeal 2016

Many thanks to all students, especially our members, and to staff, who helped in organising the various activities of our Christmas Appeal on St Francis Xavier's Day late last term and also to those who supported it. The total amount raised was \$780.65 and several cartons of presents were also donated. A generous result!

The money and presents were given to the Hamilton Parish Conference who delivered food vouchers and presents to about 20 needy families in the local area on the Sunday morning before Christmas. A special thanks to our members, *Charnice McGrath* and *Bianca Woodley*, who assisted with this delivery.

*Joe Delbridge* won the first prize in the Fashion Parade for his Most Stylish Santa outfit. Other prize-winners were: *Shelby Candian* and *Vin Bush*, *Izaak Johnston* and *Jack Ryan*, *Laura Chapman*, *Siane Fonua*, *Sophie Gonano* and *Chris Turner*, *Nathanael Griffiths* and *Chloe Ashton*, *Marnie Bice*, *Natasha Emerton* and *Brittany Spooner*.

Br David



# Success for our 2016 HSC Students



*Congratulations to the following students  
who received BAND 6 in the 2016 HSC in the following courses.*

Maitland-Newcastle  
Diocese

**Dux 2016**

ATAR 99.50



**SAM HARRISON**

Chemistry  
English (Advanced)  
Mathematics Extension 1  
Physics  
Studies of Religion 1

## All Rounders



**Jarrod  
Balcomb**

Biology  
English (Advanced)  
Modern History  
Personal Development,  
Health & Physical Education  
Studies of Religion II



**Ivania  
Coluccio**

Drama  
English (Advanced)  
Mathematics General 2  
Music 1  
Studies of Religion 11  
Business Services Examination



**Ellie  
Sullivan**

English (Advanced)  
English Extension 1  
Legal Studies  
Modern History  
History Extension  
Studies of Religion 11

## Top Achievers



**Brielle  
Bellamy**

Chinese  
Beginners



**Jack  
Scollay**

Industrial  
Technology

## Distinguished Achievers

**Agresti, Tovah**  
Drama  
English (Advanced)  
Studies of Religion II

**Balcomb, Jarrod**  
Biology  
English (Advanced)  
Modern History  
Personal Development,  
Health & Physical Education  
Studies of Religion II

**Beed, Chloe**  
Visual Arts

**Bellamy, Brielle**  
Chinese Beginners

**Benson, Zoe**  
Society & Culture

**Berryman, Olivia**  
Mathematics General 2

**Bleakley, Jonathon**

Legal Studies

Music 1

**Bool, Samantha**

Business Studies

**Bradbery, Bevan**

Senior Science

**Cannon, Tayla**

Biology

English (Advanced)

Mathematics

Studies of Religion II

**Castro, Sophia**

Legal Studies

**Coluccio, Ivania**

Drama

English (Advanced)

Mathematics General 2

Music 1

Studies of Religion 11

Business Services Examination

**Cook, Eliza**

Ancient History

English (Advanced)

Legal Studies

Studies of Religion 11

**Craig, Matthew**

Information Processes &amp;

Technology

**D'Andrea, Nadia**

Ancient History

**Delbridge, Alex**

Studies of Religion 1

**Deverell, Corey**

Studies of Religion 11

**Drain, Bianca**

Mathematics

Senior Science

Studies of Religion 11

**Gilbert, Chelsea**

Personal Development, Health &amp;

Physical Education

**Gleeson, Patrick**

Senior Science

**Godfrey-Smith, Keely**

Community &amp; Family Studies

**Goodman, Anthony**

Senior Science

**Guest, Mia**

Ancient History

Legal Studies

**Harrison, Sam**

Chemistry

English (Advanced)

Mathematics Extension 1

Physics

Studies of Religion 1

**Hendry, Christopher**

Biology

Earth &amp; Environmental Science

**Joshi, Aditya**

Mathematics Extension 1

**Keegan, Joe**

Business Studies

**Leadbeatter, Isaac**

English (Advanced)

Studies of Religion 11

**Leggett, Ellen**

Industrial Technology

**Lovell, Cameron**

Engineering Studies

**Lynch-Griffiths, Abbey**

Mathematics General 2

**McSpadden, Kristen**

Geography

Studies of Religion 11

**Miller, Thomas**

Engineering Studies

Industrial Technology

**Morrissey, Brooke**

Legal Studies

**O'Connor, James**

Biology

**Pearce, Catherine**

English (Advanced)

French Beginners

**Rae, Joselyn**

Mathematics General 2

**Redpath, Elizabeth**

English (Advanced)

English Extension 1

Studies of Religion 11

**Reed, Emily**

Legal Studies

**Rees Parkes, Harrison**

Geography

**Reid, Bronte**

English (Advanced)

Studies of Religion 11

Visual Arts

**Richardson, Sophie**

Studies of Religion 1

**Robinson, Benjamin**

Industrial Technology

**Scollay, Jack**

Industrial Technology

Mathematics General 2

**Sharman, Charli**

Food Technology

Personal Development, Health &amp;

Physical Education

Studies of Religion 1

**Slater, Zachary**

Mathematics

**Smith, Dominic**

Mathematics General 2

**Smith, Gabrielle**

Mathematics General 2

**Sneddon, Olivia**

Senior Science

**Soans, Jordan**

English (Advanced)

**Soars, Lucas**

Industrial Technology

Mathematics General 2

**Sullivan, Ellie**

English (Advanced)

English Extension 1

Legal Studies

Modern History

History Extension

Studies of Religion 11

**Swain, Declan**

Industrial Technology

**Tinsey, Ashling**

Society &amp; Culture

**Vandenberg, Thomas**

Earth &amp; Environmental Science

Mathematics Extension 1

**Walliker, Madeleine**

Mathematics General 2

**Webber, Perri**

Studies of Religion 1

**Wilkins, Chloe**

English (Advanced)

English Extension 1

Mathematics Extension 1

Studies of Religion 1

**Wroe, Max**

Biology

Mathematics

Mathematics Extension 1

Physics

Senior Science

**Zenini, Emma**

Community &amp; Family Studies

**Zerbes, Anneka**

Community &amp; Family Studies

Personal Development, Health &amp;

Physical Education





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### Switch/Reception

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### Finance Office

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### Student Office

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*All student related phone calls can be made directly to the Student Office.  
If the phone is unattended please leave a message.*

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### Uniform Shop

Telephone: (02) 4962 4423  
Email: [stfrancisxaviers@alinta.com.au](mailto: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**

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

Shop Online at [www.alintaapparel.com.au](http://www.alintaapparel.com.au)



# St Francis Xavier's College Community

## Welcome Year 11, 2017







Year



### Year 12 Information Evening

College Hall – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, 15 February

*Year 12 Students and Parents Welcome*

### Year 12 Mid-Course Exams

**Monday, 13 March until Friday, 24 March**

These exams commence on **Monday, 13 March** and conclude on **Friday, 24 March**. Students will be emailed an examination timetable and receive 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 10 day period.

Year



### Year 11 Parent Information Evening

College Hall – 7:00 pm

Tuesday, 28 February

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 (Principal) 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.**



# 2018 Enrolments



*San Clemente High School and St Pius X High School parents will be posted their enrolment package in the last week of this term.*

**For all other enquiries please refer to details below.**

## **2018 Enrolments have now opened for entry to St Francis Xavier's College Hamilton.**

Enrolment Form and Enrolment Payment Tax Form are available on the

*St Francis Xavier's College Home Page*  
go to *Quicklinks* (shown at the bottom of the page)  
click on *Enrolment Application*

When the **Enrolment Form and Enrolment Payment Tax Form** are completed please email to

[susan.maloney@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:susan.maloney@mn.catholic.edu.au)

or post to **Enrolment Committee, St Francis Xavier's College, PO Box 300, Hamilton 2300**



**As an ongoing initiative to improve student well-being at SFX,  
the College continues to offer introductory yoga for interested students.**

As a student wellbeing initiative, SFX offers a free, weekly yoga class for students. The benefits of a regular yoga practice include increased flexibility, strength and general fitness but it is also a very effective way to reduce stress and anxiety during periods of emotion and stress. Yoga is also fun and a great way to build confidence. All great things for senior students!

Student yoga is on before school every Wednesday morning from 8:15 am – 9:00 am (starting in Week 3 Term 1). These classes are suitable for all levels of fitness and ability and can be enormously beneficial for releasing physical and mental stress. Students are advised to wear appropriate, comfortable clothing. Students will be expected to change into full school uniform before Tutor Group.

Yoga mats will be provided, however if students have their own mat they can bring it along. A qualified, external yoga teacher will facilitate the classes and there is no cost to the students.

Please encourage your child to consider this opportunity. If your child intends to participate in the classes he/she will need to collect (and return) a permission note from Student Services.



## STUDIES OF RELIGION EXCURSION

**Wednesday, 5 April and Thursday, 6 April 2017**

**North Shore Synagogue (*to be confirmed*)**  
**Auburn Gallipoli Mosque**  
**Nan Tien Buddhist Temple (*near Wollongong*)**



**Open to Year 11 and Year 12 SOR Students**

**COST – \$160** (*Includes – transport, entry, workshops, overnight accommodation and most meals*)

Contact Rev Noble if you have any questions or check your emails for application forms and details.

A permission slip and information will be emailed to all students and should be returned to the Student Office ASAP.

Payment should be made to the Accounts Office to secure your place as places are strictly limited.

**Applications close and payments to be paid by Friday, 24 March 2017.**

(Rev. Jon Noble – [jonathan.noble@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jonathan.noble@mn.catholic.edu.au))

## From the Careers Desk



Mrs Julie McLoughlin  
Careers Coordinator

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On the SFX School Portal you will find a **NEW** Careers page from me. There is a lot more information that could be useful to students: including

- How to make a booking
- How to navigate the Hunter TAFE site
- Documents for Work Experience / UMAT PP/ Scholarship PP/ How to apply for Uni PP / Early Entry PP- these are all from 2016 and will be updated as the year progresses.
- A guide to searching successfully on the Newcastle Uni web site.
- Guides for searching information at most other Unis.
- A copy of all the newsletters (that will contain helpful links)
- A job site that is created every Monday- particularly designed for school leavers.
- There is even a page set aside if you need help in making decisions
- Current offers for Gap Year programs

### Update for Newcastle University



The new ATAR cut offs for 2017 are now available.

Mrs McLoughlin has placed them on the notice board outside her office if you are keen to know how “high” you need to jump to enter a particular degree.

### Find a career you will love this Valentine's Day.

Tuesday, 14 February at 6:00pm  
DFRC Newcastle, 528 Hunter Street.

Defence Force Recruiting invites you to our upcoming Careers Information Session. This information session will show how you can do what you love in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Featuring currently serving personnel, this is the opportunity to discuss what life is like in the Navy, Army and Air Force and where a career in the ADF can take you.

Go to; [defencejobs.gov.au/dowhatyoulove](http://defencejobs.gov.au/dowhatyoulove) or phone 131901 to make a booking.

### Windale Xmas Party

*A MASSIVE thank you*

to everyone who contributed to the Windale Xmas appeal  
at the end of 2016!



Another wonderful,  
heart-warming experience.





## NSWCCC Downie Shield Quarter Finalist!



The Downie Trophy squad were victorious Friday 3 February in the Downie Shield Quarter Final Game against Trinity College, Lismore. The squad travelled to Coffs Harbour Thursday afternoon, having only returned to school on Wednesday.

The squad have qualified for the Semi-Finals which are to be played on Monday 13th February at Raby Oval, Campbelltown. If victorious, the boys will progress straight to the Final the very next day (Tuesday 14th February).

The boys have done really well to make the final 4 out of a field of 60 teams and are very eager to continue their winning streak and bring home the trophy.

Thank you to Mr. Justin Gordon and Mr. Bob Sheridan for managing and coaching the squad on the day. The St Francis Xavier's College are very proud and impressed by the boys' effort and incredible sportsmanship.

## Registering for NSWCCC Sport

There are many Sport Opportunities and Pathways available for highly accomplished athletes within our School. These include opportunities to represent and compete as part of the Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC) Teams. Any student who is interested in pursuing these opportunities is required to register on the NSWCCC site. For information regarding registering or creating an account, please go to the following website <https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-home.aspx> or refer to the information pamphlet in this Newsletter.

I look forward to supporting our students in their 2017 Sport Endeavours.

Yours in Sport  
Mrs Amanda Corrigan  
Sport Coordinator

## Upcoming Sport Events

Some Representative Sport opportunities for NSWCCC and Diocesan Sport are:

- NSWCCC Triathlon (*Feb 22-23*)
- Diocesan Swimming Carnival (*March 7*)
- NSWCCC Girls Softball *Trials* (*Registration closes Feb 14*)
- NSWCCC Baseball Trials (*Registration closes Feb 22*)

## **Secondary Schools Sports Association**

**Congratulations, your son/daughter has been selected in a Diocesan Representative Team for:**

**Date:**

**Venue:**

**Cost:**

### **Student Registration**

You must register your child for this sport through the CSSS website.  
<https://www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-home.aspx>

Steps on how to do this are 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.

And

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 Log In. Go to  
[www.csss.nsw.edu.au/nswccc-home.aspx](http://www.csss.nsw.edu.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 (e.g. 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 Sports 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 your details (email address and mobile) remain up to date so that you can be emailed or sent a text message.

Anne-Maree Shipman

Education Officer (Secondary Sport)





## From the Finance Office

### Finance Office Hours

8:30 am to 3:00 pm – Monday to Friday

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## College Fee



### Your College Fee Account

Your first statement for Term 1 will be issued this week. The statements will be sent home by email, statements will only be posted if we do not have an email address. Please ensure your email and address details are up to date and you notify us of any changes immediately. The email will contain the following sender information: [hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au). The Subject will always include 'St Francis Xavier's College Fee Statement'. Please ensure that this does not go directly to your spam account. It is your responsibility to ensure you receive the statement. If you do not receive an email please contact the Finance Office immediately. Payment of your account is required within 21 days of the statement date unless you are paying by direct debit or BPAY.

Items listed on the College Statement include: Tuition fees, Diocesan Family & School Building levy, Technology levy, Facilities and Resource fee, and Additional Cost Electives (if applicable to your student) and other course related costs for example work placement insurance, if applicable. Year 12 Retreat is a compulsory part of the School's ethos and a vital element in the spiritual development of students. The cost of these events will be billed in Term 1. As a result of this Term 1 School Fees will be more than Terms 2 and 3.

### Method of Payment Options



#### **QKR is now our preferred option to receive school fees**

Details of which are available on our website [St Francis Xavier's College website](#). Please take the time to read the information and download the app as this provides a secure method of paying for excursions and fees.



Alternatively, BPAY, the Biller Code and Reference Number can be found on your statement. Your nominated deduction amount must finalise your account in full no later than end of Term 4 for Year 11 students and end of Term 3 for year 12 students.

Excursions and sport payments cannot be paid via BPAY but can be paid using the QKR app



**Credit Card / EFTPOS:** The College accepts Mastercard or Visa only. Please be aware that if you are paying by credit card you can email, fax, post or telephone your credit card details to the College. An authorisation slip is provided at the bottom of your statement.

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

**Direct Debit:** Please contact the Finance Office.

Receipts will be

**E-MAILED**



# IMPORTANT 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.

## 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*

## 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!

## Library

Opens at 8:00 am of a morning  
***Wednesday opened until 4:15 pm***  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
opened until 3:30 pm

## 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.

## 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 cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones.

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

## 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.

## 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.***

## 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.

## 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

## 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.

### Parking in Parkway Avenue

A reminder to students and parents that it is illegal to park on the median strip in Parkway Avenue. 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!

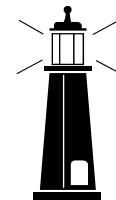
**Students are NOT to park in the Staff Car Park.**

Students driving to school are to hand in their registration number to the Student Office.  
Please refer to 'Road Safety' form on the back of this Lighthouse.

## Lighthouse Newsletter

is available on the  
College Web Site

[www.hamilton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hamilton.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](mailto:admin@hamilton.mn.catholic.edu.au)

Web Site: [www.hamilton.catholic.edu.au](http://www.hamilton.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.**



The Canteen requires  
volunteers!

*Can you help?*

Please phone the College  
on 4961 2863



## Instructions for student/parent/caregiver/legal guardian

1. Please read this document carefully.
  2. Discuss the Road Safety rules with your child.
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### Arriving and Departing

Parents/carers and family members are encouraged to inform students about and reinforce correct and responsible road use behaviours.

There are four designated points of entry to St Francis Xavier's College.

- Everton Street
- Parkway Avenue
- Hebburn Street
- Ada Street

### Arrival and Departure on Foot

Given the large number of students who drive to school, students need to exercise caution when approaching and leaving the College grounds and the environs. Students are not to walk along the median strip along King Street but must use the pedestrian crossing and lights appropriately.

Staff will be on duty after school to supervise the students using the crossing on King Street in front of the TAFE.

### Arrival and Departure by Car

Parents/carers, family members and students are expected to use the legal street parking spaces for pick up and delivery of students. It is illegal to park on the median strip in Parkway Avenue.

The College has a large student population. Drivers should ensure that they exercise caution and arrive and depart the College and its environs in a safe, responsible and legal manner. Similarly pedestrians must exercise due caution given the large number of relatively inexperienced drivers who arrive and depart around the same time.

The car park is for staff and visitors only. Students are **NOT** to use the car park unless given permission by the Principal for exceptional circumstances. There is a disabled parking spot for appropriate use.

Students who utilise the Assisted Travel Scheme are accompanied to and from the vehicle by a staff member.

The school is located in a 40km school zone where a 40km speed limit applies for the hours of 8:00 am – 9:30 am and 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm on school days. The speed limit is lowered to 40km during these hours to increase the safety of the students arriving and departing the school. Drivers must abide by these speed regulations.

# ROAD SAFETY



## Students who drive a car to and from school



Please read the following, complete this document and return to the Student Office when you start driving to school.



## Agreement

The following information is required as a part of the College Road Safety Policy which seeks to provide a framework of common understanding for students, staff, parents/carers and the community who interact with the College to provide a safe environment.

This information will also be used to inform students should their car need to be moved if they have inadvertently encroached upon a neighbour's driveway which prevents access.

In the event of complaints from members of the public regarding dangerous or careless driving practices, parents will be informed.

I agree to the following:

1. My car will not be used during the day to leave the school grounds without permission from the College who will seek permission from a parent/carer.
2. I must hold a valid driver's licence.
3. The car I will drive must have current registration, together with current comprehensive insurance or third party property insurance.
4. I will drive in a safe manner and follow all road rules.
5. I agree that no student passenger will be transported in this vehicle unless permission has been given by their parent/carer.

**Please print**

Student Driver's Name & Tutor Group

Student's Licence Number

Date of Licence Issue P1

P2

Vehicle Make/Model

Registration

Insurance Details

Company

Comprehensive/Third Party

Policy Number

Parent/Carer Phone Number/s

Student Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



