



# Lighthouse

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## **Catholic Schools Student's Award**

A tradition of the annual Mass is the awarding of the Bishop's Award – Catholic Schools Student's Award which seeks to recognise the efforts of a select group of students from Years 7 to 11, currently enrolled in our Catholic Secondary Schools. In this category, there are up to six awards each year with two being awarded for a male and female for each stage 4, 5, and Year 11. Recipients received \$1000 to contribute to their education or faith formation.

### **Grace Dever**

St Francis Xavier College, Hamilton



Grace is commended for her strong commitment to her school and parish community where she is an active member of her All Saints Blackbutt South parish. Her ministries at Mass include proclaiming the Word, assisting in children's liturgy, taking part in the offertory procession, general preparations for Mass and hospitality. Grace participated in the St Francis Xavier's College immersion program in Cambodia last July where support was offered to the Marist Community and has also volunteered and supported the Community Care van in Islington Park. Grace is an active student representative for St Francis Xavier's College and has assisted in fund raising efforts and the provision of assistance to students with additional needs.



Year



### Year 12 Mid-Course Exams

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

These exams commenced on **Monday, 13 March and conclude on Friday, 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 10 day period.

Year



### Term 2

### Year 11 Mid-Course Exams

**Monday, 22 May until Wednesday, 31 May**

These exams commence on **Monday, 22 May and conclude on Wednesday, 31 May**. 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 8 day period.



# 2018 Enrolments



*San Clemente High School and St Pius X High School parents will be posted their enrolment package before the end 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 2303**

***All documentation to be returned to St Francis Xavier's College by Friday, 28 April 2017.***

## Easter Eggs Appeal

Egg-citing news from the Vinnies Group! Our first appeal for the year, our 2017 Easter Egg Appeal, is under way! Students are asked to bring in Easter eggs, which we plan to deliver to more than 400 residents in aged care homes in the last week of this term. We ask that students be aware that some residents have diabetes, so diabetic chocolates or sweets would be egg-cellent.



We will be accepting donations as follows:

**Year 11: Thursday, 23 March-Friday, 31 March**

**Year 12: Monday, 27 March-Friday, 31 March**

Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Ash and Britt ☺

**St Francis Xavier's College**

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

## Student Services

**Hours:** 8:00 am until 3:10 pm

**Telephone:** 4961 2110

**Email [hml-studentservices@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hml-studentservices@mn.catholic.edu.au)**

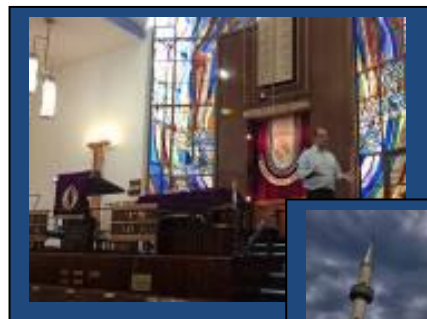
***All student related phone calls can be made directly to the Student Services. If the phone is unattended please leave a message.***



## STUDIES OF RELIGION

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

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



**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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### Why Should I study Health Care?

Healthcare and Social Assistance – which includes doctors, nurses, dentists, physiotherapists, childcare workers and aged care providers – has made the largest contribution to the nation's jobs growth over the past 15 years.

It now employs more than 1.5 million people, or one in every eight Australian workers, accounting for 13% of Australia's workforce. It's also a well-educated sector – about three-quarters of its workers hold a post-school qualification, which is well above the national average.

Around 250,200 more jobs are expected over the five years to November 2020 (up by 16.4%).

Nearly four in five workers in Health Care and Social Assistance have completed post-school study. While a large proportion holds a bachelor degree or higher qualification (44%), vocational education and training (VET) qualifications is also a significant pathway to employment.

### PCA

#### Business and Engineering & Technology Cadetships

Business Cadets can study at the university of their choice in Sydney and can select from degrees in Business, Commerce, Economics and the Humanities. At the same time, receiving paid employment with leading companies. Westpac and the Macquarie Group will continue to offer Technology Cadetships.

**Applications opened 6 March and close 10 May.**

Visit [www.businesscadetships.com.au](http://www.businesscadetships.com.au)

### Defence Force Gap Year



It's a unique opportunity for students to experience military life and to gain a greater understanding of what's involved in the Army, Navy or Air Force. There are 14 roles to choose from, plus this year we're offering Army Officer as a new role, with only 30 placements to fill.

[An Email has been sent to all students with the relevant links.](#)



Charles Sturt University have **MYDAY** options, where they showcase their degrees - these are REALLY worthwhile.

In particular, those students who would like to consider:

- Paramedics
- A wide variety of Communication degrees
- Policing and Criminal Justice
- Dentistry
- As well as many others

Registration is essential as many of these are held in holiday periods.

Register your interest at [csu.edu.au/myday](http://csu.edu.au/myday)

**OR** [infoevents@csu.edu.au](mailto:infoevents@csu.edu.au)

Are offering a scholarship (full tuition fees) to the Bachelor of Design at Whitehouse Institute of Design commencing 2018.

For more information on Wool4School go to:  
<http://www.wool4school.com/about>



## Scholarship 2018

Students successful in receiving a Scholarship at Bedford College are covered for half the tuition cost of their course. Applications are NOW OPEN for 2018. All submissions must be completed by 1 December 2017.

Please follow the link for more details:  
<http://www.bedford.edu.au/about/scholarship%20information>



Are you interested in Mathematics, Geography, IT and the outdoors? Land Surveying could be ideal. Students can register their interest on the website. 25 placements are available across NSW - depending on local availability.

Most students will need a white-card.  
<http://www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au/student-work-experience/secondary-students/>



## Teach in a Rural NSW School

Are you interested in becoming a teacher in a rural NSW school?

The NSW Department of education is offering scholarships to school students with a guaranteed permanent job, financial assistance throughout the course of study and \$5000 appointment allowance.

Head to the website to find out more  
<https://www.teach.nsw.edu.au/getpaidtostudy>



There will be no clinical placements made available at John Hunter Hospital in 2017 for work experience students.

As in 2016, John Hunter Hospital in 2017 will be offering healthcare showcases, which allow students to hear and speak directly with a diverse range of healthcare professionals.

All interested students need to contact Mrs McLoughlin. Applications MUST go through her. There has been an email sent to all students regarding this offer.



### **Diocesan Swimming Carnival**

On Tuesday, 7 March six students competed at the Diocesan Swimming Championships at Lambton Pool. The students were dominant throughout the carnival, with every student qualifying for the Combined Catholic College Championships at the Sydney Olympic Park in Homebush.



*Jack Curran*



*Isabella Hawke*



*Ella Cameron*



*Darcy Castaldi*



*Eliza Limn*

**Jack Curran** placed first in all 7 events that he entered. **Isabella Hawke** placed first in four of her six events and third in her other two. **Ella Cameron** had three first places and four second places, and **Darcy Castaldi** recorded five firsts and one second in his six events. Ella and Isabella were joined by **Eliza Limn** and **Naomi Fanning** to compete in the Relays where they won both events, and only narrowly missed a new Freestyle relay record.

Congratulations to all of our students on their results and their sportsmanship during the carnival. We look forward to your results in the Combined Catholic College Championships! Also, a massive thank you to our staff who went along to help out & support the students on the day, Mr Nick Jones, Mrs Julie McLoughlin & Ms Geraldine Hook.

### **Cycling Australia National Track Championships**



**Lucie Fityus** competed as part of the NSW State team in the Cycling Australia National Track Championships in Brisbane, March 2 to March 5. She endured severe Brisbane heat during the competition but excelled in her events placing second in the Team pursuit and coming home with a silver medal. Lucie is very talented and unique in her field, as she competes in both speed and endurance events. She also placed, 6<sup>th</sup> in the Scratch race, 9<sup>th</sup> in the 500m Time Trial and 9<sup>th</sup> in the Kierin race. Lucie's tremendous performance has now placed in contention for the Junior World Championships 2017 in Japan.

*We wish Lucie all the best for her training and future cycling endeavours.*

### **Upcoming Sport Events**

#### **There are some Representative Sport opportunities for NSWCCC and Diocesan Sport**

- Girls Rugby 7's Gala Day (March 21)
- NSW CCC Cup- Rugby League (March 29)
- NSWCCC Swimming & Diving Championships (March 31)
- Northern Country Rugby League Trials (April 4-5).
- Diocesan Football Trials (April 6)
- College Basketball Team Trial (Week 10-11: Date TBA)
- College Hockey Team Trials (Week 10-11: Date TBA)
- College Touch Football Trials (Week 10-11: Date TBA)

#### **Open for Registration via NSWCCC website**

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

- NSWCCC Swimming & Diving
- NSWCCC Tennis
- NSWCCC Hockey
- NSWCCC Volleyball
- NSWCCC Basketball
- NSWCCC Netball
- NSWCCC AFL (Boys & Girls)
- NSWCCC Golf





## From the Finance Office

### College Fees



#### Finance Office Hours

8:30 am to 3:00 pm – Monday to Friday

E: [hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au)

#### **REMINDER**

Your Term 1 statement was issued on 14 February. Statements were sent home by email, the subject was 'St Francis Xavier's College Term 1 Fee Statement', sender details:

[hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au](mailto:hml-finance@mn.catholic.edu.au).

Please ensure emails from the College do not go directly to your spam account. **It is your responsibility to ensure you receive the statement.** If you have not received an email please contact the Finance Office immediately.

**Payment of your account was required by 7 March 2017,** unless you are making regular payments by direct debit or BPAY. Please note accounts must be finalised no later than end of Term 4, 15 December for Year 11 students and end of Term 3, 22 September for Year 12 students. If you are making regular instalments a calculator has been provided [St Francis Xavier's College Fee calculator](#) to enable you to check your payments will finalise your account by the required date. Alternatively please contact the Finance Office to assist you in calculating a weekly, fortnightly or monthly payment or if you are unable to finalise your Term 1 account by 7 March.

Receipts will be

**E-MAILED**

#### **Diocesan Pastoral Contribution**

Please return the letter indicating your decision regarding the voluntary contribution. This item is notarised on your statement **BUT IS NOT** included in the amount owing.

		Paid (\$)
Amount owing	939.36	
Voluntary Contribution	50.00	
<b>Total including Voluntary Contribution</b>		

If you have elected to contribute please return the letter which was sent on 7 February to ensure voluntary contributions are correctly recorded. In the absence of a letter confirming this we are unable to determine whether payments made include the contribution.

#### **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, activities and fees.**



Alternatively payments can be made by BPAY, the Biller Code and Reference Number can be found on your statement.

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 each term.

**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.

**Skoolbag** is an App which students and parents/guardians *can download free of charge.* Important information and updates regarding excursions, exams and upcoming events are sent out to students and parents/guardians through **Skoolbag**. *Download now!*

For iPhone and iPad users:



1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:



You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.**

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:



1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.