

# ST CHARBEL'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



Issue 2

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## Principal's Message - Rev Fr Maroun Youssef

We recently celebrated the Closure of the Year of Martyrs and Martyrdoms presided over by His Excellency Bishop Antoine Tarabay. It was a very significant event for our Maronite traditions and it was very much appreciated to have so many families and students of the College participate. Your support and commitment to the College is always very much appreciated.

We encourage you and your families to participate in as many College and Church events, in particular during the Season of Lent. *Lord, we commit each family member to You now during this season of Lent, and ask for Your blessing to rest on our home. Guide us and keep us. May our family always glorify You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*



# Thank You

At St Charbel's College we are very fortunate to have such an outstanding team on the Parents & Friends Association. The College recently received a payment of \$44,000 from the P & F Association which gratefully contributed to the wall art and playground renovations.

The Parent's & Friends Association is an integral part of our College and recognises and values the role that parents and carers play in the education of their children and aims to strengthen the partnership between family, school, parish and the wider community for the benefit of their children's overall development and learning.

The St Charbel's Parents & Friends Association plays an important role in fundraising and building a sense of community for our school. Ultimately, the P&F exists for the benefit of our school and its students.

We as a College & Community are grateful for the entire work of past and present members of the Parents & Friends Association and we encourage all our parents to support the efforts of our Parents & Friends in their on-going commitment to the College.





Message from New South Wales Education Standards Authority:

### Important changes to the HSC minimum standard

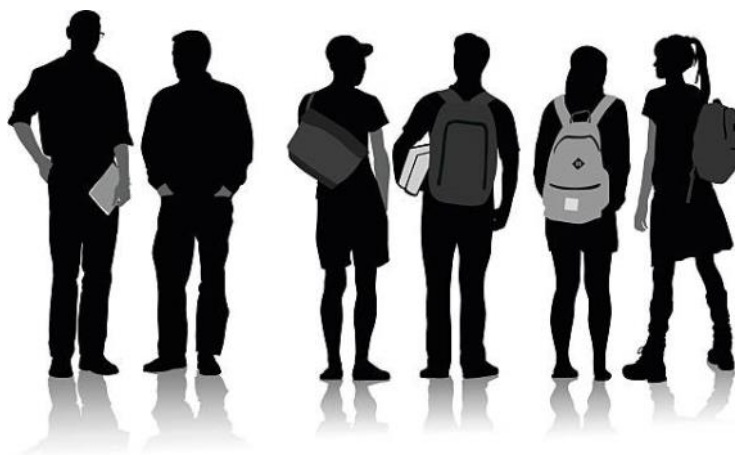
From this year, Year 9 NAPLAN tests will no longer be available as an early way for students to demonstrate the standard. This change has been made to ensure NAPLAN remains focussed on its diagnostic purpose and to reduce unnecessary stress on young people.

Current Year 10 students who achieved a Band 8 or above in a 2017 Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing or numeracy test are recognised as having met the HSC minimum standard in that particular area and will not need to sit the corresponding online test.

If Year 10 students did not get Band 8s or above, they will need to take the corresponding online tests which will be offered at various times throughout Years 10, 11 and 12. Students will decide with their teacher when they are ready to attempt each test.

The NSW government remains committed to requiring a minimum standard to receive the HSC due to the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for success in everyday life. From 2019, all students will show they have met the HSC minimum standard by passing online tests of basic reading, writing and numeracy skills, which are available for them to sit when they are ready from Year 10 until a few years after Year 12

For more information, including sample online test questions, visit [www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard](http://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/HSCminimumstandard)



**Pastoral Care Highlights: Spreading the gift of JOY**



Miss Nguyen and the Rosary Group praying the Joyful Mysteries every Monday at lunch time in the Chapel.

**Year 7:** Reflective music played as the Pastoral Care teachers eagerly guided students in writing a special letter to self about their joys, challenges, fears and goals. This letter will be given back to students at the end of the year and in Year 12!



**Year 8:** Learning to live the season of Lent; to encounter Christ.



**Year 8:** Getting along: forming new relationships to build connections and joy.

**Year 9:** Male teachers guided Year 9 young men in an honest discussion about 'being a young man' in today's society. Female teachers shared their wisdom with Year 9 young women on 'being a young woman'. Students brainstormed exciting community service ideas, and they are also promoting 'almsgiving' through Project Compassion.

**Year 10:** Insightful discussions on Work Experience options and career paths. Students have commenced working through an interactive book that identifies their strengths to help inform their future vocation choices.

**Year 11: Organisation a key to success**

I would like to share the successes of our Year 11 students using their desk planner. I have encouraged the students at the end of February to send me a photo so I can sight their day to day activities around school work. I have been overwhelmed with most students in the grade following through and producing a busy schedule around school work.



As you can see from these samples our students are very keen in achieving great results. Please encourage your children to maintain their enthusiasm in the way they have commenced the year.

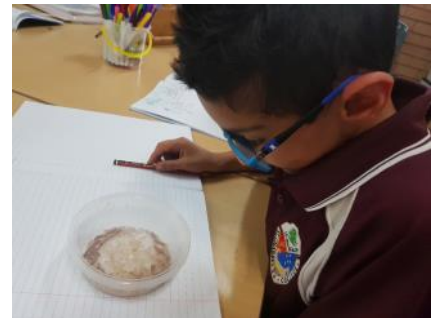
**Year 12:** Students reflected on their *strengths* and *weaknesses* in various aspects of their lives and how these can impact study and organisation. Students explored possible ways to overcome study hurdles, with particular attention to tips on time management.

It is a joy to be part of a dynamic & passionate team of students and teachers!



Watch It Grow! Our Science unit is an ideal way to link Science with Literacy in the classroom. It provides opportunities for students to explore the growth of a range of living things.

Over the term, Year 2 will be observing the process of growth and change of Meal Worms. Students are thoroughly enjoying the process of observing and documenting their learning about Meal Worms and how they change over time. We are looking forward to seeing their transformation!



### Year 1 Teacher—Ms Ashley Rae

In Year 1R we have been learning about Procedure Writing.

The students were so excited when they found out we were going to make FAIRY BREAD!

First they watched Miss Rae follow the procedure, then the students did a cutting and pasting activity where they put the steps into the correct order.

Finally it was their turn to make the fairy bread. The students followed each step perfectly and finally got to EAT IT!



On Friday we had the new investiture ceremony of the new Primary Student School Leadership team.

Father Maroun spoke to our students about the importance of being ready to serve our community humbly and selflessly like our Lord Jesus did. We congratulate our new Primary Student leadership team and look forward to working with.



SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Joseph Sarkis  
Ashley Noujaim

LITURGY LEADERS

Alanah Chidiac  
Richard Nasr

PASTORAL LEADERS

Tony Lichaa  
Daniella Al Akiki

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

Solana Saade  
Jonathan Zoghaib

SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERS

Jad Haidar  
Isabelle Jaajaa

RED	YELLOW	GREEN	BLUE
Gabriel Ghafari Grace Shalala	LillyAnn El Badawi Andrew Mahfoud	Patrick Habib Sonia Said	Antonio Al Alam Chloe Seif

**CHESS**

We are quietly cultivating some chess champions at St Charbel's College. Chess lessons are held every Friday at lunch time in the 6L classroom. If you are interested in enrolling for Term 2 please ask at the office or see Mrs Leas. Congratulations to George Khachan of Year 5 for earning a Bronze Pawn Award.



## TAP REPORT

On Friday the 23rd of February till Sunday the 25th of February, Celine Najem– Year 9, Charbel Chahine- 10 and Gabrielle El Kazzi- Year 12 and I, were privileged enough to take on the 2nd phase of our audition at a music camp for Canterbury Bankstown Talent Advancement Program at The Namarroo Conference Centre in Chatswood.

This program is for students from Years 7 to 12 in the Bankstown/Canterbury area, who are dedicated musicians who will take part in a series of workshops (13) where experienced coaches and mentors, as well as former TAP students like Paulini & Jess and Matt - who went onto X-Factor, help them develop and strengthen their stage abilities, performance and vocal techniques.

The program also provides the opportunity for vocalists to perform at a range of festivals and events - The Easter Show, Martin Place & events within the Canterbury-Bankstown Region giving them the much needed confidence to advance in the world of the Performing Arts.

For me this program has changed my life for the better. It has taught me the right techniques of singing that I never even thought of as a performer, such as correct ways to use a microphone, how to stand while on stage and even connect with the audience as it has a great impact on whoever is watching.

The camp taught me many things but most importantly it got Charbel (2nd year in the program), Gabrielle (3rd year in the program), Celine (1st year in the program) & myself (3rd Year in the program), through to the final group for 2018.

We hope to have many of our school supporters join us this year in our end of year concert at Bankstown Library and hope to see many auditioning for the program next year. It can absolutely transform your lives in to the performer you wish to be! For more info head to

<https://www.cbccity.nsw.gov.au/community/cultural-services/talent-advancement-program>

We wish our students all the best for 2018 within the TAP Program!



On a different note, this will be my last newsletter report, as I am leaving St. Charbel's College to embark on a more challenging role as Head of Creative and Performing Arts at St. Narsai Christian College.

I would like to thank all of the students, teachers and parents who I have worked alongside over the past 7 years, who have helped the St. Charbel's Music Department flourish.

I hope you continue to use your gifts from God to promote the Music life within the College even more in the future.

Thank you for the memories.

*"Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure" - Martin Luther*



I would like to welcome you to the first edition of “**Career’s News**” for 2018. I will use this article to publish important information to Students of Years 9 - 12. It is imperative that each student be aware of the information published in this section as well as the weekly careers newsletter and use the time and resources available at the College for the betterment of their educational future.

### **Upcoming ‘Careers Events’**

Students, please email me or book an appointment to see me if any of the following are of interest to you.

#### **NSW High School Study Skills Course**

Organisational skills, exam techniques and stress relief for High School students in years 7 - 12 in 2018! This six hour workshop will help you power through your assignments and your exam preparation whilst leaving you with strategies to manage your own stress levels! For further information contact [enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com](mailto:enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com) or 0417 208 562. Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nsw-high-school-study-skills-course-april-2018-tickets-42934908467?aff=erelexpmlt>

#### **Secrets of the HSC Seminar**

Saturday 24 March 3.30pm – Chatswood. Learn what schools don't tell you in this ONE HOUR seminar presentation that demystifies scaling and the HSC. Learn what it takes to achieve your desired ATAR score as early as possible. Find out more - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/secrets-of-the-hsc-seminar-chatswood-saturday-24th-march-2018-tickets-43635931245?aff=erelexpmlt>

#### **HelloUni UMAT Study Course**

HelloUni's advanced software will help you to learn not only the content for your exam, but it will also teach you about your own study habits, strengths and weaknesses. Get the course - <https://www.hellouni.com.au/>

#### **AusID Personality Quiz**

This fantastic quiz only takes a few minutes and it will show you what makes you tick. You get an answer which correlates with the [Myer-Briggs Type Indicator](#) results, which tells you a lot about how you work and the kind of things you prefer. Take the quiz here - <https://ausidentities.com.au/the-four-types/>



### Primary School Swimming

On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February, a team of 17 students represented St Charbel's Primary at the Inner West Swimming Carnival held at the Ruth Everess Aquatic Centre in Auburn. The students competed in 50m events such as freestyle, backstroke, breast stroke as well as butterfly. We commend them for their extraordinary efforts on the day and are very proud of them for making it to this representative level. Congratulations go to Jad Haidar and Alex El-Inaty who competed at the Mackillop Carnival on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March.

### Secondary Sport Coordinator - Mr Frederick Zalloua

#### High School Swimming Championships

Over the course of the last three weeks St. Charbel's has been involved in three swimming carnivals.

Firstly, we had our very own High School swimming carnival held at Roselands Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. The day proved to be a success with fantastic weather, a busy program and an idyllic swim setting. We congratulate St Rafqa (Red House), crowned the champion house on the day. I'd also like to congratulate the age champions who shone through the day with fantastic performances.

Congratulations to:

U/12 Elias Daoud and Brianna Chidiac, U/13 Joshua Zakhia and Daniella Khalil, U/14 George Zakhia and Joelle Azzi, U/15 Michel Chaghoury and Christina Elazzi, U/16 Joshua Casey and Gemma Zakhia, U/17+ Daniel Azzi and Micha Chaghoury.

However, the day also proved yet again that we all need to take swimming seriously, unfortunately we had over a 100 students who didn't participate on the day. It is of paramount importance that all children are taught to swim and take the opportunities to swim seriously as drownings are one of the biggest killers in Australia. Something which you might consider is taking advantage of the Government's Active Kids

incentive for more information click onto [www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher). This incentive offers all families of primary aged children a \$100 voucher which can be used in conjunction with most sporting activities such as swimming lessons and football registration.

Following the High School swimming carnival we had the CBSA and SCC Swimming Championships held at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre. Well done to both teams for representing St. Charbel's College with enthusiasm and vigour. All swimmers came away from both events happy with their efforts and we congratulate them all. We need to give special congratulations to George Zakhia who qualified to swim at the NSWCCC Swimming Championships in the next month. Well done George!

Thanks to:

#### CBSA SWIM TEAM

Elias Daoud, Elias Azzi, Joshua Hayek, Charlie Chahade, Joshua Zakhia, Charbel Azzi, George Joseph, Salim Chidiac, George Zakhia, Jerome Azzi, Paul Said, Jimmy Azzi, Michel Chaghoury, Anthony Ayoub, Paul Matar, Yaacoub Nader, Markos Abdallah, Kaleem Assaf, Joshua Casey, Roudi Mendelek, Daniel Azzi, Michael Zakhia, Mark Khodair, Andrew Hadchiti, Antonio El-Kazi

#### SCC SWIM TEAM

Brianna Chidiac, Dia Maria Tawk, Charlize Azzi, Daniella Khalil, Taylah Farah, Georgette Wakim, Joelle Azzi, Bernadette Chalhoub, Sara Joseph

I also want to thank the following teachers who dedicated their time and effort as officials across the two representative carnivals, thanks to Charlie Shalala, Martin McConville, Catherine Zalloua, Chris Tanza, Belinda Whittle and Jessy Alagha. Your efforts are much appreciated.



*The College is very fortunate to have one of our students chosen to represent the Rugby League advertising campaign.*

*Jude El-Ters with his handsome looks has his photo on billboards and bus stops representing the Juniors NRL drive.*

*All parents are invited to send any details or pictures of their children's exceptional honours in activities like: arts, music, sports, and so on!*

**facebook**

The College is ensuring that many events and messages are being advertised through our Facebook page. Please take the time to check us out. Additionally, there are times pictures of students are used. If you do not wish for your child's picture to be used please inform the College by emailing your request onto [info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au)

### Morning Supervision

Access to the College grounds will be centralised through the 'Kiss and Go' and Monastery gate from 8am only. There will be **NO** supervision for any students prior to 8am, for their own safety and wellbeing. Also please be mindful that it is dangerous to use the driveways to U-turn.

### 2019 Enrolments

Enrolments for 2019 are currently open. We invite prospective families to visit the College administration office to collect an enrolment pack. Please be aware that the enrolment application deadline is Thursday April 12.

### Coles Sports for Schools

Please send all of your Coles Sports for Schools to the front office for collection. Your assistance with this is much appreciated. Thank you!

### Ethnic School Classes

Ethnic School Classes are available for students and adults.

Classes are held every Friday 4.30 – 6.30pm and enrolments are now open!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### March

Mon 12	Photo Catch Up Day
Fri 16	P&F Spirituality Day
Mon 19	St Joseph's Feast Day
	Yr 7 Immunisation
Thurs 22-23	Yr 6 Camp Canberra
Fri 23	St Rafqa's Feast Day
Sun 25	Palm Sunday
Thurs 29	Holy Thursday
	Staff Spirituality Day
Fri 30	Good Friday

#### April

Mon 2	Easter Monday
Wed 4	Parent Teacher Interim Interviews
Fri 6	Year 10 Spirituality Day
Tue 3-Fri 13	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
Mon 9	Primary Athletics Carnival
Tues 10	College Open Tour Day (Bookings Only)
Thurs 12	2019 Enrolment Applications Deadline
Fri 13	Last Day of Term 1
Mon 16-Fri 27	School Holidays
Wed 25	Anzac Day
Mon 30	Term 2 Commences
	Anzac Day Ceremony



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Weldon Children's Services is offering a before and after school care program at St Charbel's College which commenced. Weldon has been operating before and after school programs and vacation care programs for families for more than 30 years. The St Charbel's program is running on-site from the Multi-Purpose Hall. Information about our onsite program can be provided by contacting the Weldon Head Office at:

Telephone: 8741-0500

Email: [kids@weldon.com.au](mailto:kids@weldon.com.au)

- The hours of operation will be as follows:
- Before School Care: 6:30am until 8:20am
- After School Care: 3pm until 6:30pm
- Vacation Care: 6:30am until 6:30pm

Our programs offer a range of activities suitable for school aged children. We provide breakfast in the mornings and light nutritious snacks in the afternoons.

The school office have enrolment packages and information about our programs.

[Kids @ Weldon:](#)



Before & After School Care Contact Details:

**Centre co-ordinator:** Souraya Maatouk

**Centre Number:** 0418 735 976

**Email:** [stcmcs@weldon.com.au](mailto:stcmcs@weldon.com.au)