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From the Principal

Welcome back to 2022!

Our Staff and Students have hit the ground running and have settled back into their academic routine.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the St Charbel's College of Class of 2021. The Class of 2021 is a shining example to us of how perseverance through the challenges they faced that they were able to achieve such great success.

This year, our College ranked 104 in NSW. There were many individual achievements to celebrate, but particular congratulations goes to 15 of our students who ranked an ATAR of 90.

Our College is extremely proud of the Class of 2021, however, a special mention should also go to the teachers and parents of these students whose tireless efforts in working with these students to help them achieve such outstanding results.

On Friday 11 February, a number of our Class of 2021, students and staff were in attendance of the College High Achievers Ceremony to celebrate their great success. The ceremony was livestreamed for our community to view this occasion.

The College has had much to celebrate in the first couple of weeks.

We welcomed back our year groups, our new Kindergarten classes and new families

to the College, I hope that this transition has been smooth and effortless one.

Our Year 7 and selected High School students were lucky to attend the swimming carnival, to which was a competitive and challenging event, with some positive achievements – well done to those students.

On Wednesday 9 February, we celebrated the Feast of St Maroun, the feast of the spiritual father of the Maronites. May St Maroun continue to intercede for all Maronites throughout the world, especially for our beloved Lebanon.

We understand the last two years have been difficult and trying, please be rest assured that the College will continue to provide our College community with the most updated information provided surrounding Covid-19.

To enable our College community to continue to work in a safe environment, please ensure that you advised the College of any positive cases as soon as possible, to allow our Leadership Team to act accordingly.

May God Bless you and your families.

Rev Fr. Maroun Youssef
Principal





From the Religious Education Department

It was with deep gratitude and appreciation that His excellency, Bishop Anotine-Charbel Tarabay, reflected on the institution of the Maronite Church in Australia at our Opening School Mass on the Feast of St Maroun. The school community, united in prayer, took away a deeper sense of belonging and a reignited sense of purpose for this academic year. We pray that the Maronite Church continue to flourish in Australia through perseverant witness to the message of the Gospel.

Mrs Joanne Mansour

Director of RE & Missions K-12



From the Director of Primary School

Welcome back to the new school year! It has been wonderful seeing all the students back on campus and happy to be back at school. The students look

really smart in their school uniform and it's pleasing to see girls' hair neatly tied back with the appropriate hair accessories and boys with the correct haircut. Thank you to parents for all your hard work in ensuring your children were prepared for Term One! I realise there is a lot to organise!

The students have settled in well and have been working hard in class. They are to be commended for how quickly they have adapted to 'school routine', especially given the disruptions of last year. The teachers have been really pleased with their behaviour, efforts and attitude towards their schoolwork. The Kindergarten students have also settled in quickly to school life at their new 'big school'. This is a great achievement considering many students did not have the opportunity to attend preschool last year due to COVID restrictions. They have been enthusiastic and working hard on their Kindy tasks.

A big thankyou to parents for respecting the COVID restrictions in place at the school and dropping off your children on time in the morning!

Please ensure your children are only wearing their sport uniform on the day they have sport. If there is a genuine reason they need to be in their sport uniform on a different day, then a note needs to be sent to their class teacher. Also, sports shoes are part of the official school sports uniform and need to reflect this, so brightly coloured, or fluoro sports shoes, are inappropriate and should not be worn.

A Parent Information evening for K-6 parents is being held on Wednesday 23 February at 6.00pm. The evening will be virtual again this year due to COVID restrictions. Communication will be sent home soon with the details.

Ms Maree Kelly

Director of Primary School

Primary School 2021 Awards Ceremony

St. Charbel's students worked very hard last year, including during remote learning. Given the disruptions, in place of the traditional end of year awards, three students in each Primary class were chosen to receive a St. Rafka award for Perseverance. The award recipients showed perseverance and resilience by being punctual, attending all their classes and submitting work that reflected their best efforts, whether learning at school or at home.

The awards were presented to the students at an assembly on Wednesday.

The school would like to congratulate all the award recipients!

K-6 Award Recipients December 2021

KG

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Amelia Azzi

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Elijah Makdessi

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Petra Yammine

KH

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Georgio Naddaf

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Christen Sadek

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Lily Boustani

KM

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Gabrielle El-Haddad

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Oliver Ayoub

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Skye Tannous

KP

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Anna Haddad

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Joseph Mteine

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Charbel Ayoub

1G

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Alexi Btaiche

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Karl El-Chidiac

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Noah Chidiac

1H

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Theresa Saad

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Paolo Ayoub

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Savana Bayeh

1M

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Eva Karam

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Naya Geagea

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Antonella Nazir

2G

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Victoria Yammine

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Marianne Mitri

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Clara Accari

2H

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Michelle Jaajaa

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Anthony Azzi

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – John Boustani

2M

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Elias Jaajaa

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Alanna Dagher

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Charlotte Kazzi

2P

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Evelyn Chayna

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Jade Abi Fadel

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Liam Ayoub

3G

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance Elijah Achmar

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance Michael Ibrahim

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** Christel Khalil

3H

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Sophia Maatouk

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Theresa Mary Tannous

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Ray Elamoud

3M

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Jessica Massoud

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Eden Haddad

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Ryan Elamoud

4G

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Daniela Haddad

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Gabriella Papantoniou

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Pedro Ayoub

4H

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Bella Abraham

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Joni Ayoub

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Simon Khoury

4M

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Mary Karam

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Anthony Younes

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Josette Ghossayn

5G

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Daniel El Inaty

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Christine Bejjani

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Carl Accari

5H

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Clara Turk

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Krystia Chehadi

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Christelle Mourad

5M

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Savannah Azzi

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance – Nicholas Abi-Hanna

St Rafqa Award for Academic Perseverance **in Arabic** – Suzie Sleiman





From Year 4

4M celebrated Saint Maroun's feast day with mass followed by a prayer and fantastic art work.

Mrs Charlotte Soueif and Mrs Rima Tahhan

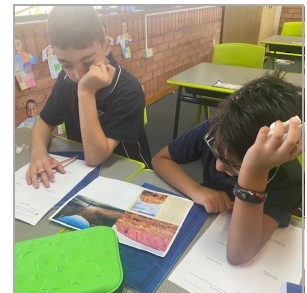
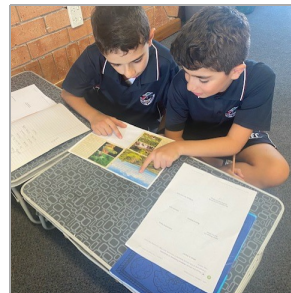
4M Teachers



'4H in pairs Learning about famous landmarks in Geography - The Great Southern Land!'

Miss F. Roditis

4H Teacher



From the Stage 3 Coordinator

Welcome back students, parents and guardians!

It is exhilarating to see how excited our students are how keen they are for their learning this year.

We are pleased to welcome the Year 5 students into the senior classes of our school. It is a very exciting time with Year 5 beginning their BYOD this term. Please ensure that your child's laptop is fully charged from the night before and all updates are completed outside of school hours. It would also be a good idea to have a laptop case to protect your child's device. NAPLAN will be online this year. Year 5 will sit their NAPLAN test in the middle of term 2 from May 16th to the 20th. Teachers will be working to prepare our students for these tests.

Also a warm welcome to our School Leaders and House Captains for 2022:

School Captains

Daniel El Inaty

Natalie Chahade

<u>Pastoral Care</u>	<u>Social Justice</u>	<u>Environment</u>
Jame Malki	Christine Bejjani	Clara Turk
Mary-Jo Nader	Sasha Najem	Sarkis Achmar

Sport Captains

<u>Blue</u>	<u>Yellow</u>	<u>Green</u>
Sienna Chidiac	William Mardini	Angelina Aoun
Nichloas Abi Hanna	Lourdes Souccar	Andrea Dagher

There will be a badge assembly for the leaders on Friday 4th of March. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

The last year of primary is always a very exciting time for Year 6 with events such as camp and graduation to look forward to. Our Year 6 teachers will be working with students to make their last year educational and fun as well as giving them the tools that they need to help transition into high school next year.

Our Stage Three team of dedicated and inspiring teachers include: Year 5 – Mrs Alam (5G), Miss Nelson (5H) and Miss Belcastro (5M). Year 6 – Mrs Zubak & Mrs Kazzi (6G), Mrs Papasavvas with Mrs Al-Kazzi (6M) and Miss Jackson (6P).

Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club will be starting again this term.

All orders are to be completed online through the LOOP ordering system. Please see instructions below:

1. Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the APP from Google Play or the APP store
2. Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either SIGN-IN or REGISTER your account.
3. Add your child's first name and last initial; for example, Shannon P (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your SCHOOL and your CHILD'S CLASS. Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
4. Click on ORDER and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
5. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

Mrs Shannon Papasavvas
Stage 3 Coordinator



From the English Department

Welcome Back to English

The English faculty are enjoying teaching in the classroom again, and we warmly welcomed back students 7-12 in the past weeks.

We have several new English faculty members this year whom you will know from other faculties: Joelle El-Nachar, Adriana Mucea, Nadene El-Beyrouthy, and Robert Bazina. They are doing a great job, and are highly trained in subject English. They have brought new ideas and insights, innovating our teaching and learning.

This year we are focusing on feedback to improve learning and writing. Students will be drafting and receiving both peer and teacher feedback on a variety of class tasks across the year.

The Writing Centre is operational again from Week 3 to assist students in developing their writing needs across all Key Learning Areas. Please encourage your children to attend Tuesdays from 3:30 in the Library.

We hope to have more excursions and incursions this year in English, which will enrich the learning of our students. Please be on the lookout for notices across the year.

Please keep reading with your children! Surprisingly, even older children still like to be read to sometimes. Or you might consider reading the texts your children are studying, so you can discuss them together.

Mrs Jennifer Fletcher
Head of English

From the CA TAS Department

2022 is off to a flying start. Students and teachers are excited to be back in the classroom. We are celebrating the success of the HSC 2021 group. Students performed very well in all CA TAS subjects with two Visual Art students achieving band 6 and in Food Technology twelve students achieved Band 6. Visual art, Music and Textiles had a majority of students achieve band 5's. I am so proud of all the CA TAS students and their teachers. It was an extremely challenging year for subjects with practical major projects forming 50-70% of their HSC mark. Thank God, perseverance, resilience and dedication prevailed.

The Creative Arts TAS exhibition was launched prior to the end of 2021, if you haven't seen the exhibition yet, scan the invitation or go to the school website where you will find it in News and events under 2021 Creative arts showcase. Scan to be amazed.

Major projects are underway by students in the 2022 HSC classes for Industrial Technology, Music, Visual Art and Textiles. Year 11 and 9 have made an enthusiastic start in their CA TAS electives. It is great to see new faces excited about learning, designing, making and creating. Year 7 students have adjusted well in Music, Visual art and Technology and are busting to begin creating and performing. Our students are all glad to be back and out of the virtual classroom. An exciting trend is that more girls and boys are electing subjects such as Industrial technology, Information processes Technology, Information Software Technology and Textiles.

Prior to and during lockdown last year, Visual Art students along with Artists

from the Canturbury Bankstown Council completed a beautifully inspiring mural on the wall of the Multipurpose hall. Look out for more works of art that will be emerging around the school.

Thank you to all the CA TAS teachers and students for a wonderful start to the year.

I look forward to sharing the amazing creative work of our students and teachers with you this year.

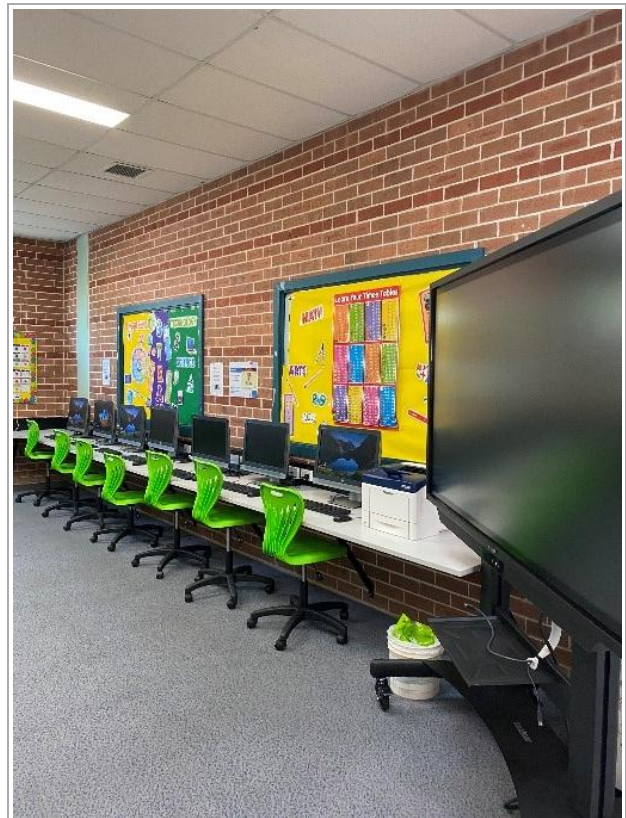
Mrs Mary Rose Maatouk
Head of CA TAS



From the Library

We are very excited to share the exciting additions to the library space:

- Two Interactive screens for primary and secondary lessons with colourful, supportive chairs
- Two rugs for primary students to read together during recess and lunch
- New books!! Students love the large range of new books across K-12 ranging from picture books, non-fiction and fiction. Our series sections are very popular with students. We also have many new books about Saints and sacraments.
- The College has purchased a subscription to JSTOR journal articles and GALE; providing a wealth of information for high school students for research and inquiry.



From the Wellbeing Coordinators



From the Careers Department

Welcome to a new school year. It is great to have the students back at the College.

Please navigate through the College's Library webpage to explore Career options with your children. Please feel free to contact me via the school office or email if there are any Careers related issues you would like to discuss.

Careers in the Spotlight

How to become an Accountant

What do Accountants do?

Accountants help individuals and organisations manage their money. This can be in a variety of ways – with taxes, finances, record management, auditing, budgeting, and much more. You might work as an employee in an independent accounting firm, or as an in-house accountant for a company.

If you're great with maths, are analytical and organised, and are a great communicator, becoming an Accountant could be perfect for you.

About you:

- Great with maths
- Analytical and thorough
- Great communicator
- Excellent problem solver
- Can work in teams and independently
- Organised and efficient
- Precise and deadline-oriented
- Fantastic attention to detail

The job:

- Examining the cash flow of businesses
- Preparing financial statements
- Creating and implementing budgets
- Providing advice about tax
- Undertaking audits
- Managing a client's investment portfolio
- Precise and deadline-oriented
- Providing general financial advice

Accountants are most in demand in these locations:

This is a very large sized occupation, with around 205,700 people working as Accountants in Australia in 2020 (source: joboutlook.com.au). Demand for Accountants is spread fairly evenly across Australia, with a large share of workers in New South Wales. Most Accountants work in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industry.

How to become an Accountant in Australia

Before you can practice as an Accountant, you will need to complete a relevant Bachelor's degree, and register with one of Australia's three peak accounting bodies.

Step 1 – Complete Year 12 with a focus on English and Maths.

Step 2 – Find work experience in an accounting or business setting.

Step 3 – Complete a relevant undergraduate qualification, such as a Bachelor of Accounting, or Bachelor of Business majoring in Accounting.

Step 4 – Apply to become a [Certified Practising Accountant](#) (CPA), a [Chartered Accountant](#) (CA), or join the [Institute of Public Accountants](#) (IPA).

Step 5 – Start working as a fully qualified accountant.

Find out more here –

<https://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/>

<https://www.charteredaccountantsanz.com/>

<https://www.publicaccountants.org.au/>

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What do Accountants do?

Accountants are responsible for managing and advising on a variety of finance- and money-related matters.

Which industries employ Accountants?

Accountants are mostly employed in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services industry.

What options are there for career progression?

You might like to specialise in a particular type of accounting, such as tax, forensic, investment, management, and more. Once you have build up lots of experience, you might even like to start your own firm or work freelance.

Do I need to go to university to become an Accountant?

You will need an undergraduate degree in order to work as a fully qualified Accountant in Australia.

Where do Accountants work?

There is demand for Accountants across Australia, particularly in New South Wales.

What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become an Accountant?

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if a career as an Accountant is right for you, here's a few things you could do right now:

1. Start up a budget or financial plan for yourself or your home and see if you can manage your money effectively. If you have a casual or part-time job, see if you can file your own tax return.
2. See if you can find work experience in an accountancy or business-based setting. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
3. Talk to an Accountant to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in accounting.

Happy Careers Searching

From the Administration Department

2023 Enrolments for Kindergarten and Year 7 are now open

2023 Enrolments will close on Thursday 7 April 2022

Please either collect an enrolment pack from the Administration Office or click on the 'enrol now' button below

<https://enrol.stcharbel.nsw.edu.au/enrolment-application/start>



A few key reminders:

- Should you need to pick up your children early from school, please send an email through to info@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au so that our friendly Administration Team can arrange for a smooth collection of your children
- A reminder to clearly label your children's items, so that any lost property items can be returned to it's rightful owner

Ethnic School Update

How to Install SZapp

Covid-19 reminders

GOOD HYGIENE IS IN YOUR HANDS.

Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds to prevent passing on germs. Dry your hands.

TOGETHER WE CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY.

For more information about **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** visit health.gov.au

HELP STOP THE SPREAD AND STAY HEALTHY

20 SEC

Authorised by the Australian Government, Canberra

Hygiene advice for people living in residential buildings

Coronaviruses, such as COVID-19, can survive on surfaces for a few hours or up to several days.

This may vary based on the temperature, humidity and type of surface.

Residents and common areas

People living in residential buildings should take care when moving through common areas to reduce the risk of COVID-19:

- Clean your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand rub/sanitiser after touching any frequently touched surfaces in common areas. This includes doorknobs or door handles when you enter and exit the building or when using communal washing machines or dryers
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing and sneezing or use your elbow, not your hands
- Avoid close contact with people unwell with cold or flu-like symptoms
- Avoid touching your face and avoid shaking hands with others
- Try to maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from others as much as possible in your apartment block, such as in elevators, stairwells or hallways
- Do not gather in large groups in common areas such as rooftops or courtyards.

Cleaning guidance for NSW strata managers and body corporates

- Regularly clean frequently touched surfaces in common areas with a detergent followed by disinfectant, or use detergent/disinfectant wipes
- Consider providing adequate alcohol-based hand rub (sanitiser) for residents to use.



More information:
www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

COVID-19 Testing

Who should get tested?

Anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms, even if very mild, should get a COVID-19 test as soon as possible. COVID-19 symptoms include:

- fever e.g. chills, night sweats
- respiratory symptoms such as cough, sore/scratchy throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, loss of smell or taste
- other symptoms including muscle and joint pain, diarrhea, nausea/ vomiting and loss of appetite.

What to expect when you get tested?

- Testing is free, easy and quick.
- If you have been referred to a testing clinic, please take your referral with you. This is not needed for most clinics.
- Staff at testing and respiratory clinics will be wearing masks, gowns, gloves and face shields.
- Staff will ask you about your symptoms
- Swabs are taken from inside your nose and your throat.

What happens after I get tested?

- You must stay at home (self-isolate) until you get your test result and are well.
- You cannot leave your home unless you are seeking medical care or in an emergency. You cannot have visitors.
- If your symptoms become serious (e.g. difficulty breathing), call Triple Zero (000). Tell the ambulance staff you have been tested for COVID-19.
- If you are sharing your home with others you should separate yourself in another room. Wear a surgical mask when you are in the same room and keep 1.5 metres away.

- Practice good hygiene. Wash your hands often. Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue.

Where can I get more information about self-isolating?

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/covid-19/Pages/resources.aspx>

- If you have been in close contact with a person with COVID-19, you need to stay home for 14 days after you last saw that person. (Close contact includes living in the same household or spending more than 15 minutes face-to-face or 2 hours sharing a closed space, with someone with COVID-19, from 48 hours before they became ill).
- Home isolation applies to all close contacts, even if you are currently feeling well and or have received a negative test result.

How will I get my results?

- You will usually receive your test result within 24 to 48 hours but please allow up to 72 hours.
- If you had your test done at an Emergency Department or public hospital COVID-19 clinic you can receive your COVID-19 negative test result by SMS if you register for Pathology COVID-19 SMS Results Service. If you don't register you will receive a call from a Public Health officer at your Local Health District.
- If you had your test collected by your GP or at other sites, your doctor will give you your results.

What happens if I test positive?

- NSW Health will look after you. There will be no cost for your treatment, even if you don't have Medicare.

