



From the Principal

Welcome Back to Term 4

On behalf of all of the staff at Parade College, we warmly welcome back all of the students to classes for Term 4. Since our return to classes last Monday, there has been plenty on at the College. Our Year 12 students are busy preparing for their upcoming VCE examinations, finalising their VCE VM work port folios and completing all of the required work prior to their final day as a cohort this coming Friday.

Many Year 12 students are still undertaking VET classes too and we wish each and every one of them the very best in the coming months.

The AFL Grand Final has come and gone and I have no doubt there are many happy Collingwood supporters amongst the Parade College community. It was a wonderful game, highly entertaining and I am sure lots of Collingwood supporters were worried about potential Grand Final loss #28 when they kept peppering the scoreboard and kicking points.

The Brisbane Lions were amazing and it was fitting that a fantastic game ended with both teams so close to winning within the final minute of the game.

Whether you follow the AFL or not, I hope that everyone had a safe and restful break and our students are fully recharged for the final term ahead.

Instrumental Music Soiree Concert and VCE Music Performance

Last Wednesday, 4 October, many of our talented musicians gathered at the Bundoora campus to perform in different venues. It was fantastic to see many of the students perform individually and collectively in bands, as they were able to showcase their musical talents in front of families and friends.

Congratulations to all of the performers and to the staff that dedicated their time to working with the students and preparing them for the event.



Above: Students performing in the Chapel for the Instrumental Music Soiree

Arts and Technology Exhibition – Opening Night

We welcomed families, friends and students to the opening night of our Arts and Technology Exhibition. It was lovely to see so many families present to support the great work of the students.

A thank you to all of our Arts and Technology staff for their guidance of the students. Congratulations to all of the students who contributed to the exhibition and to the overall prize winners.

Participation in Term 4 and Beyond

I urge every student to put their best foot forward in Term 4. I encourage you to continually reflect on our College Theme for 2023:

Walking Together: Relationships, Respect and Resilience Always strive to be a respectful person and value the positive relationships in your lives. Know that you are not alone and that you will be supported in your journey at Parade.

Strive to be the very best version of yourselves and look to make a positive impact on the lives of those around you. Creating a positive and inclusive culture at Parade will allow you to be your best and achieve great things.

I wish everyone within the Parade College community the very best for Term 4.

Mr Mark Aiello Principal



Student Artwork from 'Bloom' Art and Technology Exhibition









From the Assistant Principal - Partnerships & Organisation

Parent and Carer Breakfast

As we start to look towards the end of the school year, our Parent and Carer Breakfast provides an opportunity for our Mothers, Fathers and Carers join with their sons in a relaxed breakfast on Wednesday 25 October, from 7.30am to 8.30am.

The Parents of Parade will be cooking up a storm with bacon and eggs, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and fruit juice on the menu. Tickets for the breakfast are \$10 per family. Confirm your attendance, and go in the draw to win a Weber BBQ generously donated by 'BBQs and Outdoor' bbgsandoutdoor.com.au.

Please visit https://events.humanitix.com/parent-and-carer-breakfast by Wednesday 18 October.

Year 9 Development Week

In the final week of Term 3, our Year 9 students participated in a range of excursions and activities designed to take them out of their comfort zone, while building resilience and camaraderie amongst the cohort as they prepare for the senior years of their education. The activities included kayaking, surf lessons at URBNSURF Tullamarine, Indigenous games and activities, and the very important ManCave program.



Above: Year 9 Students enjoying the day at URBNSURF Tullamarine as part of Development Week

I would like to thank the boys for their enthusiastic participation in the week and for their willingness to support each other in trying new things.

Key Dates

Please note the following significant dates for your diaries:

Monday 6 November Student Free Day

15-17 November Year 12 2024 Commencement

Camp

Friday 17 November Student Free Day

20-22 November Year 8 Camp (Bodkin Hughes,

and Nolan):

22-24 November Year 8 Camp (Lynch and Treacy):

Friday 1 December Final day for all students

Friday 8 December Preston Reception closes

Friday 15 December Bundoora Reception closes

12.00pm

Monday 15 January Bundoora Reception reopens

Thursday 1 February Year 7, 11, and 12 students

commence

Friday 2 February All students return

Mr Michael Torpey
Assistant Principal - Partnerships & Organisation



Above: It was great to have ManCave at the College for Year 9

Development Week



From the Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing

Preparing for Tests and Exams

As our Year 12 students come to their final exams and Year 8 to 11 also begin to prepare for exams, we look to support them this week with some advice from Andrew Fuller, a clinical psychologist who works extensively with teenagers. He has provided some advice on preparing for tests and exams

We hope, especially for our Year 12 students, that this provides some help in preparation and in facing the upcoming exam period. The College thanks our Year 12 students for all of the service and contribution during their time at Parade College, and we wish them all the best for their upcoming exams.

Preparing for Tests and Exams - Andrew Fuller

If you have ever looked at a test or exam paper and thought, "I know that I know this, but I can't remember anything", if you have stayed awake in the middle of the night worrying about a test the next day, if you have ever felt butterflies in your stomach or a headache whenever you think of a coming test, here are a few ideas for you.

Everybody gets stressed

Everyone gets stressed during tests and exams, even the people who say that they don't. Look around in a room where people are doing a test or exam. Even those people who are yawning, looking bored, or stretching and looking as cool as cucumbers are stressed. That means everyone has to learn how to cope with these feelings. It is not just you! Stress can block your memory, give you a queasy tummy, make you lie awake at night, give you a dry throat, or a headache. These aren't nice feelings to have.

Get Stressed

The first strategy for dealing with stress is to get stressed. Huh? Makes no sense? Let me explain. Stress feels yucky, but it is actually your body's way of getting ready to take on a challenge.

Stress prepares you to perform at your best. Blood gets pumped to your arms and legs, your heart speeds up, and

nonessential services like your digestion slow down - you are ready to take on the world.

So stress might feel unpleasant, but realising that it is your body's way of revving you up and helping you to perform at your best will help you to keep these feelings in perspective.

Write Out Your Worries

The second strategy to deal with the stress of an upcoming test or exam is to grab a piece of paper one or two days before the test and write down all your concerns about it.

Write out an answer to the question, "What would happen if I fail this test?"

Then write out an answer to the next question, "If I did fail, what would happen then?" Read your written answers aloud to yourself. Even if doing well on this test or exam is really, really important to you, knowing your fears will calm you. Knowing the answer to the question, "If I did fail, what would happen then?" helps you to make a back up plan.

Chew Something

Ok you've done all of that and you still feel nervy. The third strategy is to eat or chew on something either before or during the test or exam. Check with your teacher that chewing something is allowed in test and exam rooms. If chewing is not allowed, at least chew something just before entering the test. Some jellybeans or fruit would be ideal.

Chewing gum is not a good idea. Stress happens when we feel we are in a dangerous situation. It is an automatic process that we can't completely control. Eating or chewing on something sends a signal to your body that says, "Well, if I'm chewing something I can't be in total danger, so relax a bit."

Focus on now

Stress can spin your head. It can have you thinking all sorts of weird ideas. Stress can have you remembering that time you failed all those years ago or that time you were so embarrassed by something. Stress can also blow things out of all proportion and have you predicting bad things in your future. The past is no longer with you and the future hasn't happened yet.

Worrying has never changed anything in the past and predictions about the future are usually wrong. Doing well on a test or exam means you need to focus on the question

in front of you now. Keep reminding yourself, "What do I need to do right now?"

Breathe Out - S L O W L Y

When you feel stressed one of the fastest ways to calm down is to breathe out slowly. We all have a calm down system that is controlled by our breathing. If you breathe out and count silently to yourself, "one thousand, two thousand, three thousand", you will start to feel calmer.

Stand Tall Walk Proud

Your brain is incredibly intelligent. In fact, you possess at the top of your neck, humanity's latest upgrade - the most intelligent brain in all of history. But! Your brain is also incredibly stupid. It believes what you tell it. This means if you stand-up and maintain a powerful posture your body sends a signal to your brain that tells it you are feeling in charge of things and it can reduce the stress hormones.

Remember the 5 Ps

There is an old saying, "Perfect preparation predicts powerful performance". The best way to prepare for a test or exam is to: study the whole area you have learned; test yourself; sort the areas into those that you answered correctly and those you did not; re-study the areas you answered incorrectly; retest yourself; re-study until you are getting close to 100% right; test yourself on the entire topic.

Look after yourself

Breakfast: eat "brain food" the morning before a test or exam. Have a higher protein, lower carbohydrate mix at breakfast. That means less toast and more eggs. Drink water- water lowers your levels of cortisol, which causes stressful feelings. Avoid energy drinks, as they rev you up and may interfere with your levels of concentration.

Sleep well- try to get a good night's sleep the night before a test or exam. If you are feeling really worried, set an alarm so you can wake up early and do some revision.

Make Yourself Smarter

The biggest obstacle you face in doing well at a test or exam is not your brain. You have plenty of intelligence. The big issue is your level of anxiety. If you take the time to prepare for the test or exam and use the strategies suggested in this sheet, you will perform at your best.

Keep Calm and Carry On

You have many, many skills that will not be assessed by this test. Tests and exams are important, but they are not the big predictors of life success. Do your best and prepare as well as you can, but don't make the mistake of thinking that your score on a test is a measure of your intelligence or predicts your future.

For the full article, please visit andrewfuller.com.au.

Ms Sarah Pyle Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing







Parents and Carers Breakfast

Wednesday 25 October 7:30am - 8:30am

RSVP by Wednesday 18 October https://events.humanitix.com/parent-and-carer-breakfast



From the Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning

As the Unit 3 and 4 VCE examinations approach and our Year 12s conclude their formal classes, we would like to acknowledge the dedication, resilience, and hard work of our Year 12 students and their teachers.

To our Year 12 VCE Vocational Major students, we wish you all the best in pursuing your next chapter in your chosen applied learning pathway. On behalf of the College Leadership team, we were most impressed with the portfolios that our VCE VM students presented and discussed with us.

To our Year 12 VCE students sitting examinations, during this time it is crucial to maintain regular exercise, a balanced diet, and adequate sleep, which can significantly support your learning and wellbeing.

Ensure that you seek assistance with your studies from your teachers, who are here to support you. And finally, to our Year 12 families, your role in this journey in supporting your son is invaluable. Importantly, remind them that while their results are important and that they are encouraged to do the best that they possibly can, they don't define one's worth or potential.

2024 JacPLUS - Jacaranda e-Textbook Bundle for Years 8 to 10 in 2024

In 2024, Parade College will continue to use Jacaranda's Digital Bundle as its digital textbook and educational resource provider for students in Years 7 to 10. Parents should have received a letter on 11 September with information regarding this.

To ensure that you receive your son's 2024 school year digital textbooks and resources, you are asked to order and pay the fee online via Jacaranda's payment portal by 27 October 2023.

Please note that Year 10 Edmund Rice Pathways Program (ERPP) students at the Preston Campus in 2024 are not required to purchase the Jacaranda Bundle.

Years 8, 9, 10, and 11 Semester 2 Examinations

Semester 2 examinations will commence in late October early November, dates and details are provided below. During the examination period Year 10 and 11 students are not required to attend school other than for scheduled examinations.

Students are to ensure that they attend school wearing the correct College Summer uniform. Supervised revision will be arranged for those attending school.

During the examination period, our Year 8 and 9 students attend as normal and will have regular timetabled classes when not involved in examinations.

All students are encouraged to allocate time from now, not only for homework but also for revising for the semester examinations. Your sons will receive revision materials to assist in their preparations.

Year 11: 30 October to 10 November
Year 10: 31 October to 10 November

Year 9 and 8: 13 to 16 November

Mr Maurice Petruccelli
Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning





From the Dean of Learning - Years 10 to 12

VCAA VCE and VET Unit 3 and 4 Written Examinations

The first written exam for most students is English, which will take place on Tuesday 24 October. However, language oral and music performance examinations already commenced on 4 October, and minor language exams will also precede the English examination. Students involved in these exams should carefully check their timetables.

Each student should have been issued the VCAA Exam Navigator, which contains all the rules and regulations regarding the exam period. An electronic copy is available here:

https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/Navigator/ VCEExamsNavigator2023.pdf

With formal classes for Year 12 students now concluded, Unit 3 and 4 teachers will still be available for revision in timetabled classes right up until the scheduled subject exam in their usual timetabled classroom. Students are strongly encouraged to attend school during this time to assist them with their preparation.

Upon commencement of the examination period, Unit 3 and 4 students should arrive at the College no less than 30 minutes before the commencement of their exam. Students are to make their way to Westcourt Walk in preparation for the commencement of their examination, where seating lists will be displayed. All necessary items for each exam are listed in the VCAA exam navigator.

A reminder to all Media, Specialist Mathematics, and History: Revolutions students who have their exams on 6 November that there will be no College buses on that day. Students must arrange their own travel to and from the College. The VCE Study Centre will be open from 9.00am and will close at the commencement of the afternoon exam.

We wish all students the very best in their exams and trust that this final preparation period allows them to enter the examination room confident and ready to peak for each exam.

Accelerating Year 11 Students Involved in VCAA Exams

Accelerating Year 11 students studying a Unit 3 and 4 subject will continue to attend their timetabled classes until the date of the respective VCAA examinations. If a student has a Year 11 exam on the same day as their VCAA exam, the Year 11 exam will be rescheduled.

Class of 2023 VCAA Results

VCE results will be released by VCAA at 7.00am on Monday 11 December. Details on obtaining results are available on the back page of the VCAA Navigator.

Student Wellbeing Support and Careers Counselling

The College will be offering both career counselling and emotional support on Monday 11 December and Tuesday 12 December with careers counselling only available on Wednesday 13 December. More information is contained in the letter to VCE students that was included with the graduation certificates at the Valete Evening.

Mr Paul Fahey Dean of Learning - Years 7 to 9





From the Dean of Learning - Years 7 to 9

Year 7 to 9 ACER Testing

During this term, students in Years 7 to 9 will participate in the ACER Progressive Achievement Tests for Mathematics (PAT-M) and Reading (PAT-R).

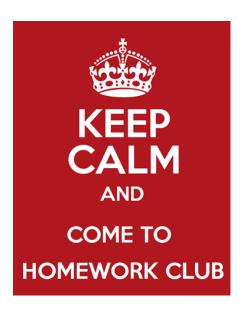
Your son does not need to study for these tests, and the results are not reported. To reduce disruption, the test date and the lesson that each test will occur in will be at the discretion of your son's English (PAT-Reading) and Mathematics (PAT-Math) teacher to choose.

Your son's subject teacher will oversee the administration of the online test. As tests will be conducted on student laptops, it is important that your son has fully charged his device.

The College believes that the data obtained from ACER PAT testing should not be used in isolation when making judgements about a student's needs or ability but should form part of a broader range of information available to his teachers about each student.

Mr James Fogarty

Dean of Learning - Years 7 to 9





Careers @ Parade

Year 10 Work Experience

A reminder to all Year 10 students that Work Experience forms are now due. Work Experience will be held between 13 November and 17 November. It is compulsory that students complete all sections of the official Work Experience document for legal purposes.

All forms must be returned to the Careers Office as soon as possible. If students are working with a tradesperson and will be travelling in a car to different workplaces throughout the week, they will also need to collect a travel form from the Careers office and complete it. Both forms must be submitted.

If you are having any issues finding a placement, please contact Mrs Bult, ebult@parade.vic.edu.au or Ms Barnes, jbarnes@parade.vic.edu.au in the Careers office or via email.

Year 12 Information

Once you have submitted your course preferences and paid the fee, you can change your preferences until Wednesday 13 December, which is when VTAC officially closes. Mrs Bult and Ms Barnes will be available if you have questions about courses until this date.

Mrs Liz Bult Careers Leader





From the Development Office

Family Tours

Our Family Tours commence at 9.15am and conclude at approximately 10.45am.

Term 4 Family Tours are taking place on the following dates:

- Thursday 19 October
- Tuesday 24 October
- Friday 10 November

Bookings can be made online at https://www.parade.vic.edu.au/book-a-family-tour

Future Students

Applications can be made online via the College website: https://www.parade.vic.edu.au/enrolments/enrolment-process

Ms Jenine Fogarty

Development Manager



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From the Dean of High Performance Sport

Term 3 Junior ACC Grand Finals

Late last term, we had nine of our Junior teams compete in ACC Grand Finals. Congratulations to the Year 8 Hockey Team, coached by Mr Simpson, who were Division 1 Premiers, with a thrilling win in penalties after the scores were tied at 4-4 at full time. The team has now won two thrilling Grand Finals decided in the final moments to be back to back premiers in Year 7 and now again in Year 8.

Competition	Score	Result	
Year 8 Division 1 Hockey	Parade 5 def De La Salle 4	Premiers	
Year 7 Division 1B Basketball	Parade 37 def Whitefriars 30	Premiers	
Year 8 Division 2D Basketball	Parade Blue 33 def St.Bernard's 29	Premiers	
Year 8 Division 2 Table Tennis	Parade Blue 8 def Emmanuel 7	Premiers	
Year 7 Division 1 Hockey	St.Bede's 2 def Parade 1	Runners Up	
Year 7 Division 1A Basketball	St.Bede's 37 def Parade 34	Runners Up	
Year 8 Division 1B Basketball	Whitefriars 63 def Parade 53	Runners Up	
Year 7 Division 1 Table Tennis	St.Bede's 8 def Parade 7	Runners Up	
Year 7 Division 2 Table Tennis	Parade Blue 8 def St.Mary's 7	Runners Up	

State Representation

Congratulations to Year 10 Xavier Mahar B02 who recently competed at the National Under 17 Water Polo Championships, representing Victoria.



Above: Year 10 Victorian Under 17 Water Polo squad member Xavier Mahar B02

Senior Sport Awards

The Senior Sports Awards Presentations were held last Wednesday in the Rivergum Theatre. The individual award winners were as follows:

Senior ACC Team of the Year Representatives

Badminton Nathan Lam Year 11 B04 Basketball Paddy Carr Year 12 T07 Jensen Miles Year 12 L08 Cricket Lewis Clive Year 11 T06

Nate Caddy Year 12 B04 Football (AFL)

Zak Johnson Year 11 T04 Isaac Kako Year 12 T08 Kristian Lawson Year 11 H01 Thomas Sims Year 11 T03

Football (Soccer) Ben Matusko Year 11 L09 Hockey Jesse Pearce Year 12 T03

Sam Abolencia Year 12 H06

Swimming Makaio De Thomasis Year 12 T06

Harper Wallace Year 11 L07

Nirmana Fernando Year 11 L05

Table Tennis James Philipou Year 11 B10

Nathan Lam Year 11 B04

Tennis Zac Heczey Year 12 T08 Volleyball Alexander Bui Year 12 H02

Lucas McNiven Year 12 H06

Parade College Most Valuable Player Awards

Badminton Nathan Lam Year 11 B04 Basketball Jensen Miles Year 12 L08 Cricket Nirmana Fernando Year 11 L05 AFL Kristian Lawson Year 11 H01 Soccer Ben Matusko Year 11 L09 Hockey Sam Abolencia Year 12 H06 Table Tennis James Philipou Year 11 B10 **Tennis** Zac Heczey Year 12 T08 Volleyball, B Lucas McNiven Year 12 H06 Basketball and Lucas McNiven Year 12 H06 2^{nds} AFL Lucas McNiven Year 12 H06 **Athletics** Dylan Costantin Year 11 L07 Makaio De Thomasis Year 12 T06 Swimming **Cross Country** Thomas Crookshanks Year 11 H02 Golf Zentis Meehan-Laurins Year 12 T07

B-Volleyball Isaac Kako Year 12 T08

B-Soccer Francesco Gargaro Year 12 B07

Isaac Kako was named Senior Sportsman of the Year for 2023 for his contributions in AFL, Athletics, and Volleyball.

The school's most prestigious sport award the Clarkson Shield, will be announced at Valete celebrations.

Upcoming Events

Friday 20 October Athletics Squad for 2024 commences training (invited

athletes)

Wednesday 8 November Year 9 and 10 Term 4 ACC Semi

Thursday 9 November Junior Term 4 ACC Semi Finals **Tuesday 14 November**

Year 9 and 10 Term 4 ACC

Grand Finals

Thursday 16 November Junior Term 4 ACC Grand Finals

Monday 20 November Commencement classes. Year 8

to 10 High Performance Sport classes semester 1, 2024

Monday 20 November Year 7 -10 High Performance and

ACC Awards Evening

Sunday 26 November Under 17 Basketball Squad for

Schools Nationals

Championships departs for the

Gold Coast

Mr John Baxter Dean of High Performance Sport





From the Director of Music

Instrumental Soiree

It has been a busy start to Term 4 with our Instrumental Music Students performing across the Performing Arts Centre, Rivergum Theatre, and Chapel for the annual Instrumental Music Soirees.

Students prepared a short piece or duet to perform and delighted audiences with a solo performance. This was also an opportunity for some of our VCE Music Performance Students to perform their more challenging selections from their upcoming solo performance exams and for some of our smaller instrumental and vocal ensembles to perform.



Above: Students performing at the Instrumental Music Soiree

A big thank you to the Instrumental Music Staff for their work in preparing the students for this.

Farewell to the Year 12s

During the last week of Term 3, the VCE Music Students completed their final Trial Recitals under exam conditions. Students have spent the year preparing a 20 minute program of works to be assessed externally to demonstrate a range of skills and techniques on their instrument.

The VCE class exams commenced on Saturday 7 October and conclude at the end of the month, and we wish them well and thank all of our Year 12 music students for their

contribution to the Performing Arts this year and during their time at the College.

VCE Music Performance Year 12 Students

- Willem Dicandia T04
- Logan Draper L03
- Luca Falvo H03
- Isaac Marchionni B04
- Ruben Petrilli L08
- Ethan Power H03

VCE Instrumental Music Year 12 Students

- Matthew Warke H05
- Evan Paini L03
- Jimmy Tran-Vu T04
- Kristian Scicluna B07
- Zentis Meehan-Laurins T07
- Patrick Neal T01

Bloom Art and Technology Exhibition

On Thursday 7 October the Year 10 and 11 Music Performance Classes performed at the opening of the College's Art and Technology Exhibition, Bloom.

This was a great opportunity to perform in a different setting for these students, and we were pleased to collaborate with the Art, Technology, and Media faculties, where there is plenty of crossover work from our wonderful Music students.

Congratulations to the Art and Technology department on a fabulous Exhibition and thank you for inviting us to be a part of it.



Above: Students performing at the Art and Technology Exhibition

ACCent On Music Documentary

Last year, students from Parade College were a part of the wonderful ACC event, ACCent on Music, at Hamer Hall. This concert featured close to 600 students performing in various ensembles, and Creed Media was there to document the entire process!

We are delighted to share the feature-length documentary, which features many of our students, staff, and even some parents:

You can watch the documentary here: https://youtu.be/uTWMQ08RaYg?si=uo64WEVd diFfOYo

And leave a testimonial here: https://www.accvic.au/accent-on-music-testimonial/

Carols Under the Cross

Carols Under the Cross is the final Music event of the year. It is always a fun filled night with singing, laughing, and even an appearance by Student Santa.

Please put Wednesday 29 November in your calendars to make sure you are free for one of our favourite events of the year!

Instrumental Lessons and Ensembles

Students and families are reminded to check their timetables for Instrumental Lessons and communicate any changes early. Term 4 is a busy term with many events and exams. Instrumental Music staff are happy to accommodate changes where possible in accordance with the Music Handbook and appreciate your communication and support in this.

Students enrolled in Instrumental Lessons are allocated to a College ensemble as a condition of their enrolment. Term 4 is a time where staff are now looking to try new repertoire for 2024, develop ensemble playing skills that we often don't have time to fully develop while preparing for concerts, and see which students we can promote to senior ensembles.

It is important that students attend regularly in the lead up to preparation for Carols Under the Cross.

As per the Instrumental Music Handbook, any withdrawal from lessons must be communicated in writing to the Director of Music with eight weeks notice.

Ms Melissa Calia
Director of Music



From the Director of Ministry

Laudato Deum

On 4 October, the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis released *Laudato Deum*, his apostolic exhortation to follow up *Laudato Si*. He addresses his missive to "All people of good will.", and the topic: "the climate crisis."

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/ apost exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

Synod

The Synod is being held in Rome this October, with a second phase in October 2024. A report on the Opening of the Synod can be found at the link below:

https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2023-10/pope-to-synod-may-christ-lead-the-way.html

Ms Anne McLachlan
Director of Ministry







From the Learning Centre

Primary School Tech School STEM Immersion

In the last week of Term 3, Parade College hosted a STEM Immersion for all the Year 4, 5, and 6 students from St Joseph's Primary School Mernda. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Immersion was designed and facilitated by Banyule-Nillumbik Tech School. Parade College has been partnered with the Tech School since 2017, who offers STEM and technology-rich learning experiences for students in the Banyule-Nillumbik area.

St Joseph's provided Parade and the Tech School with learning intentions for the immersion, which covered creating design solutions, functional properties of systems, and types of resources. Parade then worked in collaboration with the Tech School to develop a learning experience for the students, themed "Mission Impossible: Ecocide".

In the immersion, students learned about the importance of insects in the ecosystem and then completed challenges to save the insects from extinction.



Above: St Joseph Mernda students working on their STEM activity in the NLC

The "Mission Impossible" theme set the students the task of flying a drone to pick up a microfilm and drop it into a moving car, drive the car through the window of a building, then use the information on the microfilm to defuse a device that would otherwise eradicate all insects! Hence, students had three

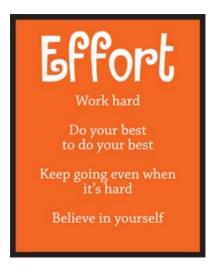
challenges to complete: code and fly a mini-drone through standing hoops, create a cardboard ramp that would send a toy car flying into a tub, and solve a series of puzzles to unlock a padlock on a briefcase.

The feedback from St Joseph's students was overwhelmingly positive, with many of the students heavily invested in the fate of the insects! Lots of fun and learning was had, and we are proud that the Nash Learning Centre was a flexible and engaging learning environment for this Immersion to occur in.

Many thanks to the Learning Centre Ambassadors who gave up their time to help the primary school students over the three days:

- Aarav Thakur Year 8 N11
- Alessandro Fato Year 8 N17
- Benedict Raphael Glow (and Tech School Student Ambassador) Year 8 B18
- Christian Young Year 8 T12
- George Papas Year 8 N12
- Ian Corlett Year 8 L11
- Jake Freeman Year 8 T16
- Julian Di Marco Year 9 N13
- Lucas Miatello Year 8 N17
- Snehath Perera Year 8 T16
- Viyan Perera Year 8 N17

Mr Dante Gabriele Learning Centre Leader





From the Old Paradians' Association

Hall of Fame Dinner

The Old Paradians Association (OPA) had cause to celebrate at its annual dinner that held the induction of our most recent Hall of Fame recipients. Retired County Court Judge David Jones AM (1958) and Hon. Andrew Robb AO (1968) were proud and humbled by the OPA's generous award.

We were able to welcome Mr Mark Aiello, Principal of Parade College, and members of the College leadership team, Mary Dourios (Deputy Principal), Doreen Cutajar (Director of Human Resources), and Michael Torpey (Assistant Principal: Partnerships and Organisation), Mr Andy Kuppe, EREA Director of Victorian Schools and CEO, Mr Ray Bongiorno, Chairman of the College Advisory Board, Mr Darryn Borg, Chairman of the Parade College Foundation, Mr Flavio Cosmelli, President Parents of Parade, Mr Angelo Mazzone, President of OPA, and Fr Brian Glasheen, to the evening. Previous Hall of Fame recipients Peter Bedford (1963) and Terry Moran (1967) were also warmly welcomed. Past Principal and Honorary Old Paradian Br Laurie Collins joined guests also.

The evening was proudly sponsored by Total Tools and Striking Constructions, and we thank them for their support.

Dr Paul Shannon, a former College staff member and OPA Committee member, Vice President and President was also recognised on the night and awarded the prestigious Tenete Award for outstanding services to the College and the OPA. Our award winners were joined by family and friends who enjoyed the evening immensely. I have included a brief biography of the recipients below.

They are so proud to have attended Parade College. A theme in all the acceptance speeches was enormous gratitude to their families and the College for the values instilled, the opportunities provided, and the lifelong friendships established. David Jones and Andrew Robb have made an enormous contribution to the community since leaving the College. The Old Paradians Association and the College are so very proud of them.

Dr Shannon continues his journey in educational leadership as Principal at Mazenod College. Below is an extract from our Annual Dinner Booklet that gives some idea of the contributions made by our award recipients.

David Jones AM

David Jones graduated from Parade College in 1958 after matriculating with a Commonwealth Government scholarship. He excelled in the College's sports programs representing the College in 1st XVIII football, cricket, and athletics. David was a member of the Prefect team.



Above: David Jones accepting his Hall of Fame award

David accepted a place in a Bachelor of Laws at the University of Melbourne. This was the beginning of an outstanding and diverse career in law. From commercial and personal injuries litigation, President of the Law Institute of Victoria, Chairman of the Legal Aid Commission, which he was heavily involved in creating, and the Australian Broadcasting Commission, David was appointed a County Court Judge in 1985 and remained a Judge until 2002.

In his role with the judiciary, David was a model for the efficient, courteous and just conduct of both criminal and civil trials.

David's dedication to the legal system saw him carry out responsibilities as President of the Accident Compensation Tribunal and President of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. After retiring from the Bench, David remained active by overseeing Government reviews and chairing the AFL Tribunal and Anti-Doping Tribunal.

Hon Andrew Robb AO

Andrew Robb's connection to Parade College commenced in 1964 at East Melbourne and concluded with his matriculation at the Bundoora campus in its first year, 1968. On leaving school, Andrew attended Dookie Agricultural College and La Trobe University where he qualified in Agricultural Science and an Honours degree in Economics. This led to a varied career as an Agricultural Economist with the Victorian Department of Agriculture, Executive Director of the Cattle Council of Australia, and Executive Director of the National Farmers' Federation.



Above: Andrew Robb accepting his Hall of Fame award

Andrew's career then transitioned to the political sphere where he was appointed Federal Deputy Director and Director of the Liberal Party, Chief of Staff to the Leader of the Opposition, the late Andrew Peacock AC GCL, Federal Campaign Director in the winning 1996 election, and member of the NSW Liberal State Executive.

Andrew was elected in 2004 to the Federal Parliament seat of Goldstein in Victoria which began an extensive parliamentary career including a range of ministerial and shadow ministerial positions. Following the coalition victory at the 2013 election, Andrew was appointed to the Cabinet as Minister for Trade and Investment. He negotiated Free Trade Agreements with our largest trading partner, China, as well as South Korea and Japan.

After retiring from politics in 2016, among other roles, Andrew has served on the Board of Mind Medicine Australia since

2020. This followed Andrew's disclosure in 2009 of a lifelong battle with depression prompting him to write 'Black Dog Daze: Public Life, Private Demons', a tome on the challenges brought on by depression. Today Andrew is Chairman of The Robb Group, a corporate and investment advisory company.

Dr Paul Shannon

Paul completed his HSC at the College in 1985 and spent the following year as a gap year working on College grounds and in the sport department. Teachers College followed and a career in education followed.

Paul has made an outstanding contribution to the College and the Old Paradians Association. Paul has been a teacher, House Leader and Assistant Principal at the College. Dr Denis Moore, Principal at the College expressed a desire to reinvigorate the Old Paradians Association that had not had a functioning Committee for a few years and gave Paul the brief to see what he could do to re-establish a Committee. Paul proved to be the right man for the job.

He accessed a commitment from Lewis Derrico to be President of the newly formed Committee and enlisted a number of other willing volunteers all committed to serving the College and the Association. Paul also contacted Tony De Bolfo and sort his services in the newly created part time paid role of Executive Officer of the Old Paradians Association.

A wise move as Tony proved to be just the right man for the role. His passion and energy for the Association was readily seen. Whilst still on staff and after Paul left the College where he had senior positions in schools and at Edmund Rice Education (EREA), he continued to serve the Association in roles as Vice President and President.

Paul stood down from his formal involvement on the Committee this year after taking up a Principals position at Mazenod College. The Old Paradians Association and the College are indebted to Paul for his outstanding contribution and is a most worthy recipient of the *Tenete Award*.

Mr John Nicholls Alumni Officer



From the Director of Preston Campus

Preston campus celebrated the AFL finals series on the last Friday of Term 3. Students were invited to bring along their AFL teams' colours and share stories about their teams' favourite moments.

During our lunch break, the students listened to the famous AFL theme songs and Grand Final songs. Our staff and students enjoyed a hotdog lunch served by their Wellbeing Leaders. A lot of our students are keen Carlton and Collingwood fans, and the week leading up to the Preliminary Finals saw our Campus buzz! Well done to all those Collingwood supporters!





Above: Students enjoying hot dogs as part of the Footy Day on the last day of Term 3

Mr Jacob Williams
Director of Preston Campus





From the Preston Student Wellbeing Leader Years 10 to 12

On Friday 6 October the Preston Campus held a Year 12 Farewell and Liturgy.

All students and staff from the Preston Campus attended in an atmosphere of respect, gratitude, and collegiality. There was an obvious spiritual feel that was further enhanced by the liturgical readings from our junior cohort of students.



Above: Preston Campus gathering together for the Year 12 Liturgy

Below: Junior students forming a guard of honour for the Graduating Class of 2023



The Year 12 boys were treated to a collage of photos of themselves from Year 7 through to Year 12. The sound of

laughter peppered the building as each boy's photos were displayed on the big screen.

Each Year 12 student received a Certificate symbolising the conclusion of their time at Parade College that included best wishes for their future.

To conclude the Liturgy, our junior students formed a guard of honour and applauded our Year 12 students as they left the McKillop building for the last time.

Mrs Kim Nicholls Preston Student Wellbeing Leader Years 10 to 12



From the Preston Student Wellbeing Leader Years 8 to 9

With Term 4 underway, students have settled into classes and are focused on their learning in preparation for their final assessments and exams. With this in mind, we will not be travelling to Bundoora for any activities until later this month. We will continue to prepare the students for their transition through class based activities.

This includes creating profiles to give to the 2024 Tutor Teachers, so that they can gain insights into the students before they meet. Other activities will focus on encouraging students to develop a range of friendship circles and reflect on their different areas of social need and interest. A variety of social connections are important for students to build resilience and strengthen support networks.

Parents and carers will be notified by email about upcoming transition activities, including an opportunity to meet with members of the leadership team at Bundoora

Ms Jessica Wogan Preston Student Wellbeing Leader Years 8 to 9

Calendar

30 October

The following important dates in the College calendar can

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12 October	*	Year 7 and 8 Sport
	*	Year 12 Lunch hosted by the OPA
	*	Year 12 Activities and Liturgy
13 October	*	Year 12 Students Last Day
	*	Year12 Breakfast
	*	Year 12 Funfields Day
16 - 23 Oct	*	Year 12 SWOTVAC
16 October	*	Year 12 Valete Evening
17 October	*	Year 9 and 10 Sport
	*	Intermediate Lawn Bowls Tournament
	*	Homework Club
18 October	*	POP Meeting
	*	Homework Club
19 October	*	Family Tour
	*	Year 7 and 8 Sport
20 October	*	Offers will be posted to Year 7 2025 students
	*	Athletics Trial Carnival
23-27 Oct	*	Year 11 Exam Revision
24 Oct - 15 Nov	*	VCAA Exams
24 October	*	Family Tour
	*	Year 9 and 10 Sport
	*	Homework Club
25 October	*	Parents and Carers Breakfast
	*	Homework Club
26 October	*	Year 7 and 8 Sport
	*	College Assembly
	*	Year 7 2024 Family Transition Evening
	*	Junior Lawn Bowls Tournament
27 October	*	Class of 1993 - 30 Year Reunion

Year 7 and 8 Debating and Public

Speaking Competition

Finance Committee Meeting





CALLING ALL PARENTS, FRIENDS AND PARTNERS OF PARADE COLLEGE

We are looking for employers to host our Edmund Rice Pathways and VCE Vocational Major students for Work Learning Placement from Monday 20 November to Friday 1 December.

This is an opportunity for our students to experience the world of work and practise the skills that they learn in the classroom in a real-life working environment.

We are looking for host employers from the construction industry, Business, Retail Management and Real Estate.

For any questions or more information, please contact worklearningprogram@parade.vic.edu.au

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