

A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG MEN



From the Principal

As we approach the end of November, we are closer to Advent, the season in which Christians wait and prepare for the celebration that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ.

Waiting is not the strong suit of many of us in our hurry-up culture. Everything is urgent. Hope is foreign to people who expect quick relief, cures, and solutions. We struggle to guard Advent jealously because popular culture short-circuits this season of hope. We are tempted to go directly to celebrating Christmas without getting in touch with the part of ourselves that is longing, hoping, and trusting.

Br Denis is also in this time of waiting: recuperating from hip and heart surgery. He would dearly love this healing time to end, so he can return to Parade College. But he trusts that he is in God's healing hands and knows that it will take time. He continues to appreciate the Parade community's thoughts and prayers.

Our Year 10, 11 and 12 students have completed their exams. This week the Years 8 and 9 students are completing their examinations and details have been issued about their camp/activities program for next week.

Friday 23 November is a student-free day for all students, except for Year 10 (Work Experience) and 11 students (Year 12 Headstart Camp).

The timetable for 2019 classes is being completed in readiness for the "Headstart" program next week (2019 VCE

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students) and continues for all students in the week beginning Monday 3 December.

On Friday evening the Graduation Formal takes place as the final farewell to the out-going Year 12 students.

The finals of the ACC fixtured games of Tennis, Cricket and Volleyball are being played this week and we acknowledge the efforts of coaches and teams in another very successful season of good sportsmanship.

A reminder that the final part of the orientation program for the new Year 7 students for 2019 will take place on Monday 10 December.

Classes finish for all students for the summer break at 3.15pm on Friday 7 December.

Mr Andy Kuppe Acting Principal















This year Preston Campus is supporting St Vincent de Paul by running a Christmas Toy Drive.

Students will be participating in activities to raise funds for the purchase of toys and sporting equipment for children age 0-16.

Some of the activities students will be participating in are guess the lollies in the jar, and crossbar competitions.

BBQ and food stalls will also be operating between now and the end of term.

Donations of any items for the Christmas Toy Drive are also gratefully accepted and can be left at Preston Campus Reception.

The toys will be presented to St Vincent de Paul at Assembly on Friday 7 December.













From the Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning

Year 9 ExCEL Program 2019

The ExCEL Orientation Program takes placed during Activities Week from 26 to 30 November this year.

In the week following Activities Week, day one of the eightweek Extended Learning Project One commences on Wednesday 5 December at either campus.

This week, current Year 8 families will be advised about ExCEL subjects and campus locations for 2019.

Year 8 to 12 Headstart Classes for 2019

The 2019 curriculum begins for all classes this year in the Headstart period, a compulsory requirement for all current Year 7 to 11 students.

Year 8 to 10 (2019) classes run from Monday 3 December to Friday 7 December 2018

Year 11 and 12 (2019) classes run from Monday 26 November to Friday 7 December 2018.

Please note that Friday 23 November is a student-free day for current Year 7 to 9 students, set aside for report writing.

2019 Booklist Orders

All students have received their provisional subject allocations for 2019, as well as their booklists for 2019 subjects and accompanying letter explaining the procedure for online order.

Year 11 and 12 (2019) students' subjects are conditional on performance this year.

The letters explain the method of ordering books. Year 7 to 12 (2019) booklists can only be ordered online or by visiting the store.

Year 8 to 10 novels should only be ordered online as a separate order from other purchases, so they can be delivered to the College during Headstart and read over the holidays.

Final dates for submission of booklists are:

Years 11 and 12 in 2019

by 19 November 2018 (online)

Year 8 to 10 in 2019 by 12 December 2018 (online)

Novels by 30 November 2018 (online only separate order)

Booklist Collection Days in 2018

Year 11 and 12 (2019) Monday 26 November 12.50–1.45pm Hickey Foyer

Bundoora Years 8 to 10 (2019) – Novel collection only Wednesday 5 December 12.50–1.45pm Yarangabee Centre

Preston Years 8 and 9 (2019) – Novel collection only Tuesday 4 December 12.40–1.30pm MacKillop Centre

Booklist Collection Days in 2019 Bundoora Years 7 to 10 (2019)

Thursday 24 January 9.00am–2.00pm Students attending Bundoora campus in 2019 collect books at the Yarangabee Centre

Preston Years 7 to 10 (2019)

Thursday 24 January 9.00am–12.00pm Students attending Preston campus in 2019 collect books at the Mackillop Centre

Mr Geoff Caulfield Assistant Principal - Teaching and Learning





From the Assistant Principal - Organisation

2019 College laptop allocation for Years 7 and 10 students

Parents will be aware of the College's transition from iPad to laptops for Years 7 and 10 students. In support of students and their families, the College will supply each 2019 Year 7 and Year 10 student with a College laptop device for their individual use at the commencement of 2019.

This fully supported program will allow our students to continue their learning and advancement with an individual laptop device and will conclude our rollout to one to one-laptop devices and finalise our iPad program. The costs of the device will be offset through a subsidised Levy over the three-year period of the device.

Please note the College does not make available fully supported BYOD programs.

More information will be provided to incoming Year 7 parents later in November as part of the enrolment package and to the Year 9 students moving into Year 10 in 2019 in an information package sent out at the end of the year. If parents have a specific query, please direct your enquiries to the following email address: Laptops@parade.vic.edu.au

2019 new Learning Management System at Parade College

In 2018 the College reviewed a number of the communication tools it uses, including the College Webpage and our Learning Management System. As a result of this review, parents will note a number of exciting advances in 2019. The College Webpage will be updated to provide clearer communication and easier access to a number of links within the community.

The College is in the process of making a transition across to a new Portal and interactive Learning Management System called Simon Schools. This is an exciting step as it will enable parents to interact directly with the College and their sons teachers via the Portal or the Parent Access Module (PAM).

As Simon is rolled out in 2019, parents will be able to interact and rationalise attendance and learning information, booklists and learning resources, update medical and excursion details and make bookings for events such as Parent Teacher Interviews through the one Portal or App via their phone.

Simon will offer students and parents more efficient and consistent access to the College and the day to day interactions in their sons education.

Log in details and support information will be sent out later this year/early in 2019.

Activities Weeks – Monday 19 to Friday 30 November

The following activities are planned for all students:

Year 7

A special activities week program incorporating the Year 7 Retreat Day in House groups at the Preston Campus and a range of learning activities at our Bundoora Campus throughout the week of 26 to 30 November.

Year 8

An overnight House camp and special program for the week at our Bundoora Campus from 26 to 30 November.

Year 9

Camp throughout the week of 26 to 30 November

Year 10

Work Experience for the week 19 to 23 November

Year 11

Camp Wednesday 21 to Friday 23 November, and Year 12 2019 classes commence on Monday 26 November.

These learning activities are compulsory for each student at each year level; specific details have been sent to families.

Headstart 2019

Monday 26 November to Friday 7 December

All students from Years 7 to 11 will be timetabled into 2019 classes commencing at the conclusion of their camp/activity weeks. Attendance is compulsory for the entire week and any assessments will carry over into 2019 as the courses have commenced.

2019 Term Dates and Students Holiday Absence

Please note below the 2019 term dates. Parents are asked to consider carefully holidays or events that withdraw students from the College and their studies during the term. If you wish to withdraw your son during the school term, please notify the College by contacting your sons House Leader prior to the event and advising the College Principal by writing to Mr Callanan, Assistant Principal Organisation.

Term 1

Saturday 26 January Monday 28 January Tuesday 29 January Thursday 31 January Friday 1 February Monday 11 March Friday 5 April Australia Day Australia Day Holiday All staff return Year 7, 11, and 12 commence Years 8, 9, and 10 commence Labour Day Public Holiday Term 1 finishes

Term 2

Monday 22 April Tuesday 23 April Thursday 25 April Monday 10 June Friday 28 June Easter Monday Term 2 commences Anzac Day Public Holiday Queens Birthday Public Holiday Term 2 finishes

Term 3

Monday 15 July Friday 20 September Term 3 commences Term 3 finishes

Term 4

Monday 7 October Tuesday 5 November Friday 6 December Friday 13 December Friday 20 December

Term 4 commences Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday Term 4 students finish Staff Eucharist and Luncheon CEM gazetted final day/College Office closes

Mr Michael Callanan Assistant Principal - Organisation

Key dates for the commencement of the 2019 school year

Wednesday 23 January Year 7 and Year 10 Laptop collection

Thursday 24 January Year 7 and Year 10 Laptop collection

Thursday 24 January

Booklist collection Year 7 to 10 2019 Preston (9.00am - 1.002pm) - Mackillop Centre Bundoora (9.00am to 2.00pm) - Yarangabee Centre

Tuesday 29 January All staff return

Thursday 31 January Year 7, 11, and 12 commence

Friday 1 February Years 8, 9, and 10 commence

Monday 4 February 2019 College Photo Day

Sunday 17 February 2019 College Open Day

Monday 11 March Labour Day Public Holiday

Thursday 21 March Staff PD Day (Student Free Day)

Friday 5 April Term 1 finishes





2019 Construction Induction Training

Register Interest by 12 December

A CI Card is required for anyone wishing to work on a construction site anywhere in Victoria.

As a Registered Training Organisation, Parade College are approved to deliver and assess CPCCOHS1001A Work Safely in the Construction Industry unit of competency.

With such a great demand for training in 2018, we are already planning for training dates in the first half of 2019 for this popular course, and invite interested persons to register their interest with our RTO Office by 12 December.

If you require more information prior to registering interest please call me on 9468-3300, or email <u>tony.mckay@parade.vic.edu.au</u>

Call for Expression of Interest - School Based Apprenticeship Training

School Based Apprenticeship Training sees students doing one day of training and one day of work per week, with the three remaining days per week spent in the VCAL program.

There are places available in the 2019 SBAT program for Carpentry.

Any students considering commencing a Carpentry SBAT in 2019 will require their parents to register an Expression of Interest by email no later than Friday 30 November to tony.mckay@parade.vic.edu.au

If you require more information prior to registering your interest please call me on 9468-3300.

Mr Tony McKay Executive Officer - Parade RTO





Expressions of Interest Sports Administrator Traineeship

Parade College has a well-developed Sports Program which has been further enhanced with the commencement of the Senior Sports Academy in 2018.

The College has an exciting opportunity commencing in January 2019 in the form of a one-year Sports Administrator Traineeship.

The Sports Administrator Traineeship position would be best suited to young people who have recently finished secondary studies.

The successful candidate will be physically fit, enjoy practical learning, and be prepared to undertake training in sport.

The one-year traineeship will be particularly valuable for people considering career pathways in the education or sport industries.

The Sports Administrator Trainee will be keen on participating in a variety of sports and physical education, and looking to commence tertiary studies or complete a Certificate III or IV in Sport and Recreation or similar.

Experience in team sports, capacity to organise programs and willingness to set up practical classes will be valued.

The Sports Administrator trainee position will attract a National Training Wage and superannuation.

Applications close Friday 30 November 2018 at 4.00pm

Please visit the College website for the position description and full details of the application process www.parade.vic.edu.au/Employment.aspx



From the Business Manager

2019 Tuition Fees

Invoices for 2019 tuition fees were emailed in the first week of November. Hard copies have also been posted out.

If you have not received your invoice please contact Ms Emily Hosking on 9468-3327.

Generous discounts are available to families who wish to pay their invoices in full. The discount is also extended for Charter Bus invoices.

Please be aware some additional charges are levied throughout the year, eg; private music lessons, and a separate payment is required for these.

If you have any questions about your fee statements or are experiencing financial difficulty with meeting your fee obligations please contact Ms Emily Hosking on 9468-3327 or via fees@parade.vic.edu.au.

Alternatively if you would like to make an appointment with the Business Manager to discuss your situation, please contact the College.

Please Advise Change to your Email Address

The College is emailing fee statements of account monthly. This will assist families to keep track of their payment plans and act as a reminder for any payments in arrears.

Please ensure you advise us of any changes to your email address as this is also the address used for the College Newsletter.

Finance Committee Members

The College Finance Committee is looking for potential members. If you are interested in joining or would like to know more please contact the Business Manager, Mr Paul Harris, on 9468-3309 or via paul.harris@parade.vic.edu.au

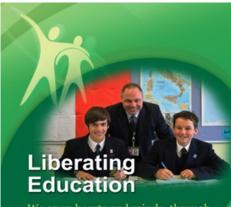
Mr Paul Harris Business Manager



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CAROLS UNDER THE CROSS

to be held in the RIVERGUM THEATRE



Featuring all College Bands and Ensembles and Special Guests

WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2018, 7.30pm



Music Department News

Christmas Carols 'Under The Cross' – Wednesday 5 December 7.30pm

All music students will be performing at the annual Christmas Carols 'Under the Cross' in the Rivergum Theatre on Wednesday 5 December at 7.30pm.

A great night is assured to see in the Advent season – entry is free and there is no need to book a ticket!

Instrumental Music 2019

Students wishing to continue (or start) Instrumental Music Lessons in 2019 are reminded that enrolments applications will be taken **online** for the first time.

The on-line form is located at: https://www.parade.vic.edu.au/Forms/ Instrumental Lesson Booking Form.aspx

Parents please note that charges go onto your Parade school fees account – there is no need to pay up-front.

Australian Music Examinations Board/Trinity College External Music Examinations

Congratulations to the following music students that achieved passes in the recent round of external music examinations:

Ethan Power Year 7 H12 Grade 2 Drums - Merit

Lewis Nguyen Year 10 B06 Grade 3 Drums - Distinction

Blake Draper Year 10 L05 Grade 3 Drums - Distinction

Evan Paini Year 7 L12 Grade 1 Drums - Merit

Christopher Moran Year 9 T14 Saxophone Grade 3 - 'B' Credit



Ethan Power (above) and Lewis Nguyen (below) proudly holding their music examination results



Luke Lazzara Year 10 H02 Saxophone Grade 4 - 'B' Credit

Jaden Stephen Year 10 L01 Saxophone Grade 4 - 'C+' Credit

Gabriel Garofolo Year 8 H15 Piano Preliminary Grade – A+ High Distinction

Randiv Tennekoon Year 7 H11 Piano Grade 3 – B Credit

Mr Martin Macaulay Director of Music





From the Registrar

Enrolments for Year 7 2021

Applications for Year 7 2021 are now being accepted. If you currently have a son enrolled at the College you are still required to submit an application for younger siblings.

Please contact me on 9468-3304 or via email <u>registrar@parade.vic.edu.au</u> if you require an enrolment form. Alternatively, application forms can be downloaded from our website.

Students not returning in 2019

If your son is not returning in 2019 please contact me directly via email at <u>registrar@parade.vic.edu.au</u> so the correct process can be followed and the relevant paperwork completed.

Academy Uniforms

A reminder that families can purchase uniform items from Academy Uniforms online at <u>http://www.academyuniforms.com.au/</u>

To order online please follow the instructions below:

- 1. Go to: <u>www.academyuniforms.com.au</u>
- 2. Select ORDER ON-LINE
- 3. Your School's login Select Parade College
- Enter the following password Bundoora (this is the password for all families regardless of which campus your son attends)
- 5. Submit
- 6. Place your order

The uniform shop at both campuses will close in the final week of school - Tuesday 4 December at Preston and Friday 7 December at Bundoora. They will re-open on Friday 1 February (Bundoora) and Tuesday 5 February (Preston).

Mrs Angela O'Connor Registrar

Uniform Enquiries

Academy Uniforms is the official uniform supplier for the College and is located in the College's main Administration Building at both the Bundoora and Preston campuses. During the term it is open from 2.30pm to 4.00pm on Tuesdays and 8.00am to 9.00am Fridays at Bundoora and from 10.30am to 11.00am on Tuesdays at Preston.

Academy Uniforms are located at 238 Wolseley Place, Thomastown - Phone 9460-8011. Trading hours are: 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 12.00pm Saturday.

Secondhand Uniform Enquiries

Parents/Students wishing to sell items

Parents may be able to sell some secondhand items directly to Academy Uniforms, eg; blazers and jumpers. Items will not be accepted at Reception.

All items for possible sale must be drycleaned and still in the drycleaners plastic sheath with each item having the drycleaners ticket stub pinned to the collar or tag.

Items are to be delivered to the Uniform Shop at either Preston or Bundoora during the shops trading hours. Items left outside the shop door will not be accepted.

Items left at the College Reception will be considered donations and given to families in need.

The staff at the Uniform Shop are not obliged to purchase any items and have right of refusal.

Parents/Students wishing to buy items

Anyone wanting to know about the availability of secondhand uniform pieces should enquire via Academy Uniforms shop at either campus during the above trading hours.



From the Director of High Performance Sport

Victorian All Schools Track and Field Championships

The Victorian All Schools Track and Field Championships were held at the Lakeside Oval from Friday 2 to Sunday 4 November. Congratulations to the following students who competed for Parade – Vicson Jackley Yr7 L18, Xavier Bui Yr8 H19, Bede Collis Yr9 T17, William Dynes Yr10 T09, Rainier Pezzin Yr10 T04, and Andrew Howe Yr11 T03













Top row L-R Vicson Jackley Yr7 L18, Xavier Bui Yr8 H19. Second row Bede Collis Yr9 T17, William Dynes Yr10 T09. Third row Rainier Pezzin Yr10 T04, Andrew Howe Yr11 T03

A special mention to Will Dynes who won the U/17 5km Walk and will now represent Victoria at the Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships which will be held in Cairns in December; Bede Collis, 3rd U/16 3000km walk and Vicson Jackley, 3rd U/14 200m sprint.

Manchester City's EPL Trophy comes to Melbourne

As Melbourne City is part of the Manchester City organisation, the English Premier Trophy which Manchester City won in 2018 was recently on display at the Melbourne City Headquarters at LaTrobe University.

With the recently announcement Melbourne City Soccer Academy being established at Parade College, three senior Parade students were fortunate to be invited to get their photo taken with the trophy - pictured below from left to right Christian Chan Yr11 L09, Christian Lugli Yr11 B05 and Jake Stafrace Yr11 H10



Mr Phillip Gaut Director of High Performance Sport



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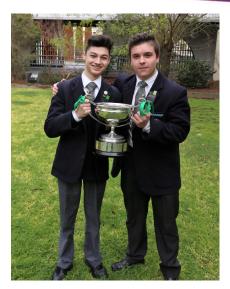
A long, victorious year lies ahead for Lynch House after a back-to-back win at the Treacy House Cup, the dragon continues to reignite our 'Men of Fire and Honour'.

Next year, like the two before it, will be no different; the other houses may have the benefit of the doubt as of now, but the dragon is sure to put the red-back crawling back into the hole from which it came, the lizard licking its wounds, and the cockatoo in flight, presumably in response to said tongue-and-"beak" repartee.

This year, our Year 7 to 12 'Men of Fire and Honour' under the hands of our student Prefect Leadership/House Committee team have excelled in all areas of College life. Our very own 2018 Lynch Vice-Captain, Dante Arestia L04, was presented with the Edmund Rice Shield at the Valete graduation ceremony for his continued service to the College through his commitment to the Theatre, Community Action, and Drama. In 2018, the call to leadership in Lynch, as well as the wider College, has been widespread, and somewhat symptomatic of our boys' eagerness to step up to the challenge.

As the 2019 Lynch House Captain, I am accompanied by Lynch House Vice-Captain, Amir Yacoub L08, and Parade College Captain, Max Tricarico L05, in Lynch House; whose exploits in representing Australia in the 2018 World Bocce Championships in China has certainly shown him to be on the ball in terms of commitment to the College. Kudos to Max on his ground-breaking success, and to the many others in Parade who have achieved success on many sporting fronts representing Parade at ACC events and the wider community. Our congratulations to all those who stepped up the responsibilities of Prefect positions, and we extend our wishes to the 2019 Prefect group.

Our 2018 Year 12s are dearly missed, for their friendship, counsel, and example, have left the newly inducted graduating class of 2019 with a tremendous fervour for the year ahead. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours: may the good name of Parade be forever with them.



Above L-R Dante Arestia Yr12 L03 (2018 Lynch Vice-Captain) and Joshua Trcka Yr12 L08 (2018 Lynch Captain) with the Treacy Cup

With Year 10 to 12 exams coming to a close, the 2019 Year 12 cohort look forward to the Headstart Retreat with preparations finalised for the many activities offered to those involved. For the Year 10s, this month will see them working in their prospective careers, carrying out the spirit passed onto them in the work experience interview opportunity given to them early in the year. They will experience the dynamics of the changing workplace, and apply their interests, talents, and knowledge to discern their dream jobs.

The year of 2018 has been a widely successive one, and the staff and Lower House students of Parade are looking forward to the upcoming Year 9 and 8 exams followed by their respective camps - sure to provide them some peace and quiet after a rather hectic year. The Year 7s will also have a range of activities to undertake as they complete their first year at Parade. We look forward to soon welcoming our newest cohort the Year 7 2019 Lynchies who have already undertaken an orientation evening and later in December will have an orientation day.

2019 is secured to be yet another busy, yet rewarding year of friendship, success and development for all the staff and students of Parade.

Carl Perera Year 11 L06 Lynch House Captain 2019



What an Honour

Recently our Trade Centre Team of SBAT (School Based Apprentice Trainees, Carpentry) were approached by the Northcote United Cricket Club and asked if they would be interested in constructing a new Honour Board for the Cricket Club.

A very challenging and rewarding exercise it was, where the students had to research where to acquire the correct materials for the project.

The Board itself, being Victorian Ash veneer board, was sourced locally from Melbourne Ply Panels in Thomastown.

The kiln-dried Tasmanian Oak trim and fretwork was purchased from Templestowe Timber and Hardware in Templestowe.



With all the materials at the Trade Centre the students were able construct the Honour Board over a period of two weeks with the assistance of Trade Training Teachers Mr White and Mr Hogan.

On completion, the Honour Board was then taken to C.L.T. Polishing in South Morang where it was French polished to the required standard.

Once the French polishing process was completed it was then taken to Heidelberg's Pep Sign Writing Company where the initial gold leaf lettering process began. From here it was transported to the Northcote United Cricket Club in Alphington and installed by local council representatives from the Darebin City Council.



One might say on this occasion the boys stepped up to the plate and absolutely nailed it!

A special thanks to Mr White and the SBAT Team for all his assistance in this fantastic project.



Northcote United Cricket Club President, Mr Billy Hogan (pictured above with Trade Teacher Joel White) is extremely grateful for the Clubs new Honour Board that was constructed by Parade Trade students and looks forward to continuing the relationship with the school.

Well played boys!

Mr Simon Hogan Trade Teacher





Parents of Parade (POP)

Parents of Parade 2019

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Boardroom on Wednesday 14 November, where as well as recalling the successes of the year, members moved towards 2019 with the election of the Committee.

Congratulations to the following POP Committee for 2019. We look forward to another successful year.

President:	Jeff Warke
Secretary:	Veronica Spiteri
Treasurer:	Shelli Tait
Communications:	Clare Love
Assistant Secretary:	David Holmes

We look forward to another busy year in 2019 and encourage parents to offer their assistance at one or more of the many College activities. It is a great way to get to know other parents, meet some of the teachers and support the College.

2019 Meeting Dates

Meeting 1	Wednesday 6 February
Meeting 2	Wednesday 13 March
Meeting 3	Wednesday 3 April
Meeting 4	Wednesday 8 May
Meeting 5	Wednesday 12 June
Meeting 6	Wednesday 17 July
Meeting 7	Wednesday 14 August
Meeting 8	Wednesday 11 September
Meeting 9	Wednesday 9 October
Meeting – AGM	Wednesday 13 November

All meetings will be held at 7.30pm in the Boardroom at the Bundoora Campus

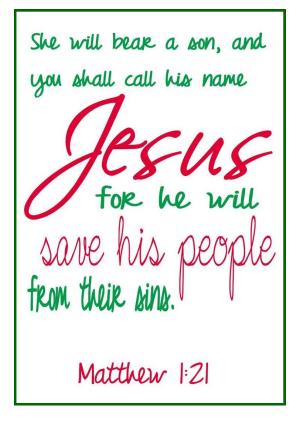
Please consider attending a meeting to learn more about POP, find out about future events and enjoy the friendship of a hard-working group of parents.

If you would like further information please contact Jeff Warke, President Parents of Parade on 0409 174 208 or email <u>pop@parade.vlc.edu.au</u>

Keep up to date with POP events and activities Download the POP app >> <u>Apple iOS</u> <u>Android</u>

Please take note of details in this newsletter if you can come along and help and download the POP app; which is always up to date with our events.

Jeff Warke President Parents of Parade 0409 174 208 pop@parade.vlc.edu.au





From The Old Paradians

"Free To Fly" - Vale Brendan Tresckitta

The family and friends of the late Brendan Tresckitta have paid heartfelt tribute to a much-loved 19 year-old, now at peace after bravely battling an extremely rare neurodegenerative condition.



Brendan died on 1 November, with news of his passing conveyed by his father Joe, on behalf of his wife Irene and twin sons Daniel and Matthew.

"It is with broken and heavy hearts that we say goodbye to our much loved, beautiful son and brother Brendan," Joe wrote in a Facebook post.

"He fought his condition with strength and courage to the very end. Against all odds his determination shone through and will remain an inspiration to us all. His infectious character and cheeky smile touched all that came in contact with him and will remain in our hearts always and forever." By rights, Brendan would now be completing his Year 12 examinations, having followed in his older brothers' footsteps to Parade College, and joined the Bundoora Campus as a Year 7 student in 2013.

It was at about this time that Brendan's battle with what was later identified as SMA-PME began. As Joe explained in an earlier interview, his son first experienced an issue with his hearing ("which we now know was caused by the same condition".).

"That problem was manageable for a time, and when Brendan pursued his studies as a Year 7 student in 2013 his teachers backed him all the way. But then other issues began to manifest themselves and Brendan was diagnosed with epilepsy," Joe said.

"Usually epilepsy can be kept under control with medications, but in Brendan's case it was caused by the underlying condition (SMA-PME). At the time the doctors completed a lot of tests – blood tests, skin biopsies and the like - and Brendan was off for a month. But the results all came back negative and the doctors were left baffled."

By mid-2013, Brendan's hearing was on the decline, prompting Joe and Irene to withdraw their son from Parade and find a placement for him at St. Mary's College for the Deaf within Marymede Catholic College at nearby South Morang. The College's special school for the hearing impaired was good for Brendan. He enjoyed the school environment and specialized assistance he received and continues to receive.

"Brendan was an active child too, He was a good crosscountry runner, a basketballer and a soccer player, but then he started falling and dropping things and finally had to resort to using a wheelchair," Joe said.

"From there Brendan's condition deteriorated and he started experiencing full Tonic Clonic seizures. He was finally diagnosed with SMA-PME in mid-2016 and is the only person in Australia known to be afflicted with this condition."

As the Tresckitta family desperately sought a medical breakthrough for their boy, a fundraising event was organised at Tullamarine's Melrose Receptions back in April, proceeds of which were put aside for Brendan's ongoing treatment.

That fundraiser, at which Brendan himself somehow found the strength to attend, attracted hundreds of people all of whom gave what they could for his cause – amongst them the singer/songwriter and Old Paradian David Cosma (1992) and members of his five-piece band Sun Rising who belted out the songs that made Memphis.

That Brendan is now gone at just 19 years of age is truly tragic . . . but maybe, just maybe he's found his own rising sun. As Joe wrote: "You have now earned your wings and are free to fly and soar to wherever your heart desires".

The Funeral Mass for Brendan James Tresckitta was held on Friday 9 November at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Mill Park

Lone Pine planted in honour of Parade's soldiers

On the eve of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, a Lone Pine sapling has been planted at Parade College's Bundoora Campus, in commemoration of all Old Paradians who fought in both World Wars and as a living memorial to those who died in them.

The Old Paradians' Association, with the support of Parade College, recently arranged for the planting of the sapling in a prominent grassed area in front of the campus' administration block, opposite a cross dedicated to those who gave their lives in conflict.





Parade College Acting Principal Andy Kuppe was in attendance for the planting ceremony, as was the College's Vietnam veterans – former students Paul Stock, Paul Vaughan and former teacher John Joss.

So too Old Paradians' Association President Lewis Derrico and CEO Tony De Bolfo.

In 2015, on the occasion of the Centenary of the Gallipoli Landing, the Lone Pine was acquired as a seedling in a forestry tube from the Australian War Memorial via Yarralumla Nursery. As council requirements dictated that the seedling was of insufficient height and root volume to be planted at the time, the seedling remained the responsibility of the Association for the next three years.

This year, the Lone Pine, which can reach a height of 35 metres, met the planting requirements.

Sunday, November 11, marked the 100th anniversary of the Armistice which ended the First World War.

In the four years of that war, more than 330,000 Australians served overseas, with in excess of 60,000 of them having died. The social effects of these losses cast a long shadow over the post-war decades.

At the outbreak of hostilities, the Old Paradians' Association was in its first year of existence.

But it was not untouched.



In World War I, 193 former students of Parade are recorded as having enlisted for service, 24 of whom were killed in action; in World War II 1067, 34 of whom did not return – and in Vietnam 55 with one lost.

The Lone Pine was a solitary tree on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey, which marked the site of the Battle of Lone Pine in 1915. The tree was obliterated during the battle; however, pine cones that had remained attached to the cut branches over the trenches were retrieved by various Australian soldiers and brought home to Australia.

The resultant seedlings sent home by one soldier, were propagated from the pine cone. Today, an Old Paradians seedling finds a home at Parade College.

LEST WE FORGET

Is this Parade's first music video?

It's more than a quarter of a century since David Cosma last wandered the vast open spaces of the Bundoora Campus in his College uniform.

But the singer/songwriter fronted for his final day armed with his trusty guitar, and to his eternal credit he's now put words and music to precious film of that momentous occasion all those years ago.

In marrying the tune "Take Me" from his newly-released album *The Death of Discovery*, David may well have pieced together Parade's first music video – which in part includes pictures of the since-demolished Edmund Rice Campus beyond the Brothers' Cemetery to the rear of the Bundoora property.

Here David reveals the story behind the story;

Okay, so a few weeks ago, my mate Enzo Tomasiello, found a couple of old VHS videos. One was titled 'Cosma's



18th². Not sure how he ended up with it all these years but nonetheless, I got hold of it. As detailed, it had (ancient) footage of my 18th birthday shenanigans but I was pleasantly surprised to find more footage, of my last day of school, Year 12, Parade College 1992.

Upon viewing, I half expected to find the typical pranks and madness you hear about with a 'last day at school' and sure, there were some cheeky moments, choice language and bravado on display however I was pleasantly surprised to find a snap shot of time which gave me a glimpse into my teenage years and specifically my time spent at school, which for me were the most memorable, enjoyable and life defining years of my life.

I loved my time at Parade. I was no academic genius yet I loved the environment and the people in it.

The video camera was mine. Unlike today where everyone carries a HD camera with them at all times, a video camera in the early 90's, especially in a school environment, was a bit of a novelty. The opening shot with me and my car was shot by one of my best mates, Joe Tricarico (whose son coincidently, Max Tricarico, was just elected as 2019 school captain).



Thereafter, I shot some of the footage and when I appear in front of camera, Nick Milano is cameraman...

Upon seeing it, I recall wanting to capture a few things for posterity, the ERC campus (long gone), various staff (you can see us talking to Mr Joss at the start, we tried to evoke a reaction out of the librarians where we'd often be causing mischief, we visited Anne Mills in the tuck shop, our adopted God Mother was a wonderful woman), there's a big free for all footy match taking place (which was pretty much a daily occurrence), I remember taking the guitar and performing for some mates in the ERC quadrangle, there's lots of general standing about, taking about things of the time, lots of buffoonery.

I had enough close up footage to identify nearly 40 students and staff, names which are listed below. I wish I had filmed more students and teachers!

There's many more faces in the video which I can't identify but I'm sure ex-students may see themselves or friends they know...

Here's a list of the staff and students I was able to identify -Stephen Baggio, Jason Balazinec, Michael Basile, Michael Cavedon, Marco Centofanti, Brad Cordina, David Cosma, Paul Damiano, Joe De Fazio, Andrew Demaria, Damien Del Medico, Jason Findling, David Gargaro, Marco Gatino, Tony Gospic, Dean Horsington, John Joss, Michael Kavanagh, Darren Kozul, David La Greca, Daniel Lepore, Library staff, David Mariani, Nick Martello, Michael McCrohan, Nick Milano, Anne Mills, Lino Murdocca, Cameron Murphett, David Murulli, Robert Pegoraro, Ivo Pes, Mark Rainer, Matthew Rumuno, Brendan Thomas, Enzo Tomasiello, Joe Tricarico, David Vespa and Bruno Zangari."

To quote Molly Meldrum, do yourselves a favour and check it out - "Take Me" from *The Death of Discovery* - <u>https://</u> youtu.be/VwbVeBAMX5k

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Delivery of Messages and Unplanned Departure of Students

Parents and Guardians are reminded that timely delivery of messages and/or personal items is not possible due to constant student movement in a Secondary School.

Whilst every reasonable attempt will be made to deliver <u>important messages only</u>, parents are advised that we cannot guarantee timely delivery.

Parents/Guardians arriving unexpectedly requesting to collect students for urgent appointments may face a delay of up to 45 minutes. Please ensure you allow sufficient time prior to the appointment.



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Calendar

The following important dates in the College calendar		4 December	*	Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm	
can also be found on our website under the 'News' tab			*	2019 VCAL Orientation Day for Year 11	
19-23 November * Year 10 Work Experience				and 12	
21-23 Novembe	r *	Year 11 Camp	5 December	*	Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm
21 November	*	VCAA Exams conclude		*	Christmas Carols "Under the Cross",
	*	Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm			7.30pm Rivergum Theatre
22 November	*	Year 8&9 Exams conclude	6 December	*	Year 11 2018 Final Assembly,
	*	Year 7&8 Sport Finals			Rivergum Theatre
23 November	*	Staff Report Preparation Day - no scheduled classes		*	ERPP 2019 Parent Information Evening, Preston
×	*		7 December	*	Year 7 to 10 Final Assemblies
				*	Term 4 ends for students
	*	Year 12 Graduation Formal	8 December	*	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
26-30 November	r*	Year 7 Retreat/Activity Week	9 December	*	Second Sunday of Advent
	*	Year 8 Activities Week	10 December	*	"Saturday Detention"
	*	Year 9 Camp		*	2019 Orientation Day
	*	Headstart VCE 2019 Week	14 December	*	VCE Results released at 10.00am
26 Nov-7 Dec	*	VCAL Year 11/12 & Pathways ERPP		*	Staff Eucharist
		Students Work Experience	16 December	*	Third Sunday of Advent
26 November	*	Finance Meeting, 7.30pm Boardroom	21 December	*	CEM gazetted final day
27 November	*	Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm		*	Final Day for Staff
28 November	*	Senior Sport 2019 Term 1 Round 1		*	College Reception closes at 12.30pm
	*	Homework Club 3.15-4.30pm	23 December	*	Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 December	*	First Sunday of Advent	25 December	*	Christmas Day
3 December	*	Board Meeting 7.00pm	1 January	*	New Years Day
	*	Rite of Passage Assemblies in House Groups	7 January	*	Bundoora Office opens



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