



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE NEWS

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Educating Young Men and Women Since 1873

Principal's Message

Welcome back to our College community for 2020. Much work has been undertaken over the Christmas break and this week we have enjoyed welcoming the students for the school year.

Earlier in the week, we spent an uplifting day with the new Year 7 students commencing their St Patrick's College journey. Many come from our Catholic feeder schools with ready-made friendship groups, however there is also a large number who come from other primary schools within the community. It has been reiterated with the Year 7 students to ensure they embrace and make everyone feel welcome.

STUDENT EXECUTIVE

On the weekend I had the pleasure of spending quality time with the 2020 Student Executive. This group of inspiring young men and women were polite, motivated and intent on making the College a better place.

The Student Executive theme for 2020 will be announced at the next College assembly.

CO-CURRICULAR

The co-curricular program has begun in full swing with a number of Cricket 1st XI games already completed and the Rowing State Pennant Championships held at Lake Barrington this weekend.

STUDENT WELLBEING

The College will continue its focus on student wellbeing this year. Studies indicate that increasing resilience helps student wellbeing which in turn increases academic outcomes.

In 2020 we will be using the CPR of Wellbeing program to highlight and enable students to develop a more resilient outlook on life. In various newsletters throughout the year I will focus on one of the letters of the CPR acronym.

The 'C' of CPR stands for Connected. It is essential that we encourage students to be a part of something, whether it be a sporting team, chess club, drama club, music ensemble or participation in House activities to name a few. Student engagement in such activities provides them the vital opportunity to connect with others.

At the College, students also have the opportunity to participate in the Outreach Program, where they help others in the community who are less fortunate than themselves. The gift is in the giving, and at the same time they are developing connections with others which assists to develop resilience.

MEET THE TUTOR EVENING 25 FEBRUARY

It is also important that parents and

guardians engage in their child/ren's learning and they should ensure to check [Schoolbox](#) regularly and are encouraged to participate in events at the College.

Our new parents and guardians of the College are invited to the Meet the Tutor evening on Tuesday 25 February. This is an opportunity to meet your child/ren's Tutor, who will be a significant person in their education over the coming years, while enjoying some food and drink with fellow parents and staff.

CONDOLENCES

Finally, in a week of incredible sadness, I ask the College community to please keep Jasmine Burleigh and her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

John 16:33

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

God Bless

Mr Tony Daley
Principal



Our mission is to be a school of faith, learning, respect and service in the Catholic tradition.

OUR VALUES

Relationships:

We value a school where partnerships between parents/guardians, students, staff, parishes and the community are fostered and developed.

REFLECTION

"Let us all meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."

Mother Teresa

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 11-12 College Photos
- 12 Croagh Patrick Welcome Tours
- 13 Middle School Swimming Carnival
- 14 Senior School Swimming Carnival
- 17 College Catch-up Photos
- 18-21 Croagh Patrick Camp - Rivers, Animals & Mountains
- 25 Meet the Tutor Evening (Yr 7)
- 25-28 Croagh Patrick Camp - Valleys & Plants
- 26 Launceston Cup Hospitality Work Placement

MARCH

- 2 Theatre Performance Evening
- 2-4 Yr 8 Camp, Various Venues
- 2-6 Yr 7 Camp, Camp Clayton
- 3 The Rite Journey Calling Ceremony – Nagle Females
- 5 Senior Outdoor Education Day

[Launceston Catholic Parish Blog - click here](#)



SCHOOL PHOTO DAYS

will be held on

**TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY
&
WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY**

The College photographers will be on campus Tuesday and Wednesday to take individual photos and sibling (family) photos. Students and parents will be advised of the photo timetable via Schoolbox this week.

Please ensure your children are in full school uniform on the days they are to be photographed, including hair tied back and being clean shaven.

An order envelope has been sent home through your child(ren) this week.

PHOTOGRAPHS ARE TO BE PURCHASED ONLINE VIA THE INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED ON THE ENVELOPE.

If you are unable to access a computer and need to pay with cash, please have your child/children visit Student Reception for a cash envelope.

For parents wanting to order sibling photos, students are asked to visit Student Reception to pick up an envelope. Students must hand the sibling order form directly to the photographer for the photo to be taken.

All orders need to be placed by Monday 17 February, 2020.

Online order envelopes do not need to be returned to the College. Please hold on to these for your reference.

IMMUNISATIONS

The Launceston City Council's immunisation team will be providing vaccines to students on Tuesday 24 March in the Middle School.

Your child has been provided with a forms to be completed and returned by Friday 21 February. If your child has already been vaccinated by your local doctor/council, with the relevant vaccine listed below, please complete the NO section and return.

The following vaccines will be provided to Year 7 students:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough (Pertussis) (dTpa), Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

The following vaccine will be provided to Year 10 students:

- Meningococcal (ACWY)

If you have questions please contact Launceston City Council on 6323 3208 or your family doctor.

STUDENT ID CARDS: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Students and parents are reminded that students need to retain their existing 2019 ID cards until they receive their new cards during Term 1 this year. 2019 cards have an expiry date of 31/03/2020. ID cards are required to sign in and out of the College, print, access Flexischools accounts and borrow Library books.



If students misplace their 2019 cards over the holidays and need to replace them when they return to College in 2020, there is a \$5 replacement fee.



EXAM PROVISIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH AN IMPAIRMENT, DISABILITY OR DISORDER

By Mrs Lindsey Hills

The Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification (TASC) provides for special assessment arrangements to be made for students who are unable to be assessed in the same way as other students due to an impairment, disorder or disability. This enables such students to provide evidence of their achievement in different ways or under different conditions thus enabling them to access exam questions and communicate their responses within a timed examination. The provisions provide equity and fairness for all students, while preserving the integrity of the assessment process.

TASC considers the following reasons could qualify a student for Special Considerations for exams:

1. Significant Health Impairment (includes Psychological/ Mental Health)
2. Significant Physical Disability
3. Learning Disability (includes Disorder)
4. Hearing Impairment
5. Vision Impairment

Applications need to be submitted to TASC by St Patrick's College by the end of Term 2 2020, however, the College must commence the application process in Term 1 to ensure the application is fully prepared by the application due date. If granted, Special Provisions will also apply to arrangements for the internal exams and any tests that are conducted during the year of study.

Please be aware that some students will need to undergo further assessment. Further information regarding this requirement can be obtained from Ms Alexa Headlam, Director - Student Wellbeing Support Services.

Information regarding criteria and eligibility for exam provisions is available on the TASC website at <https://www.tasc.tas.tas.gov.au>

Please contact Mrs Lindsey Hills, Director of Curriculum - Senior School, or Ms Alexa Headlam, Director - Student Wellbeing Support Services, as soon as possible if you believe that your child may be entitled to special provisions for the exams. A certificate, report or letter from a relevant Professional is needed to accompany the application.

CULTURAL CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SIGN UP PROCEDURE

1. Go to **Schoolbox**
2. Scroll down and look for '**Cultural Co-Curricular**' tile
3. You can look at the various activities here
4. To sign up for any activities, click on the ***Co-Curricular Activities Expression of Interest Form*** located just above the activity tiles
5. The teacher in charge of your chosen activities will get in touch regarding starting dates and venue
6. Keep an eye out on the daily bulletin for information as well
7. Please email at sally.angus@stpatricks.tas.edu.au if you have any questions



CULTURAL CO-CURRICULAR OPTIONS

Performance Project
Art Club
Debating
Public Speaking
Chess Club
Textiles Club
Choir - Harmonia
Tournament of the Minds
Rock Music Club

NEW FOR 2020:
Gardening Club
Writer's Society
LitWits Book Club
Minecraft Club
Environment Committee
Middle School Vinnies
Tabletop Games

SENIOR SCHOOL CARNIVAL

YEARS 10, 11 & 12 – FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY

All students attending will automatically score a point for their House towards the House Swimming Shield.

- Venue:** Launceston Aquatic Centre
- Time:** Students to meet on the grassed area at the side of the centre by 8:45am for attendance. Students will be dismissed from the centre at 3:15pm.
- Uniform:** Full college sports uniform with House coloured polo shirt.
- Bathers:** **Girls** are to wear either sports two-piece or one-piece swim wear. **No string bikinis** are to be worn. **Boys** are to wear swimming briefs or board shorts. **All participants** must wear their House coloured swimming cap while competing.
- Transport:** Students are responsible for making their own way to and from the pool. There will be a bus departing SPC at 8:45am for country bus students only. This bus will return to the College from Launceston Aquatic at 3pm to allow students to catch their usual country buses home. **All country bus students must collect a bus pass from Mr Boon or Mr von Stieglitz in their office in the Nano Nagle Gym.**
- Lunch:** Students will need to bring a packed lunch and drink, as **no canteen facilities will be available.**
- Reminder:** In accordance with pool regulations students are not permitted to wear coloured zinc, body paint or hairspray.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CARNIVAL

YEARS 7 & 8 – THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY

All details for the Middle School carnival are the same as the Senior School Carnival (above) with the exception of Transport.

- Please note:** All Year 7 and 8 students are to arrive at St Patrick's College as normal on Thursday 13 February and meet at the bus stops near the Nano Nagle Gymnasium for attendance at 8:40am. Students will be bused to the Launceston Aquatic Centre for the carnival. **Students do not attend Tutor on this day.**

At the conclusion of the day, students will need to find their own way home from the Launceston Aquatic Centre. **A bus will return to the College for country students only** to catch their connecting buses home. All country bus students must collect a bus pass from Mr Boon or Mr von Stieglitz in their office in the Nano Nagle Gymnasium.

PARENT HELP

If you hold a Working with Vulnerable People card (WWVP) and can assist at either of these carnivals for all or part of the day please contact Mr Craig Boon at the College by phone on 6341 9988 or by email at craig.boon@stpatricks.tas.edu.au. No experience is necessary.



2ND XI CRICKET: ROUND 1. V. HUTCHINS

By Mr Luke McCormack

SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY

SPC 3-69 (game washed out) Ryan Arnott 26no, Pat Best 23no

Prior to the school term starting, a group of dedicated young men attended two training sessions in preparation for the start of the 2nd XI roster. After a smoky 36 degrees the previous day, we were unfortunately denied the chance, by a cold front, to push for a big total. A lunchtime

15 minute downpour left lake-like puddles around the covers.

But back to the start. Skipper Callan Ryan won the toss and batted. 1st XI squad member, Ryan Arnott, was as smooth as a shortbread cream in handling the Hutchins' bowling. At the triple treble score of 3-33 we needed a partnership. Up stepped Patrick Best, on his College debut. Pat showed great intent to score. His brisk, undefeated 23 came from only 31 balls

and included a sweetly timed six over the bowler's head. Tina Turner would have described it as, 'Simply The Best'! While nobody won this washout match, Callan Ryan was the real winner on the day – beating all-comers in an entertaining game of spoons.

This weekend, Saturday 8 February, we play Grammar at Grammar.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



2019 St Patrick's College Captain and Dux, Sasha Massey, received the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award from Her Excellency, Catherine Ann Warner AC at Government House on Monday 3 February. These awards recognise students who achieved the highest academic results in Tasmania in 2019. Congratulations, Sasha!

Erin Massey was recently received the Rotary Club of Evandale - Junior Citizen of the Year award. In her keynote address, Erin spoke highly of the quality of education she receives at St Patricks College, her vision for reconciliation in Australia and a the need for youth to be a committed voice for change.



Be SunSmart when UV Index Levels are 3 and above.

Check Schoolbox, the College website/Facebook page or Daily Bulletin to monitor times when sun protection is required and:

SLIP on a shirt
SLOP on some sunscreen
SLAP on a hat
SEEK shade
SLIDE on some sunglasses.

For smartphone users, we encourage the use of the free SunSmart app as a great way to check the UV Alert when you are out and about. iPhone users can download it at the iTunes App Store, Android users at Google Play and Samsung users at Samsung Apps.

For information on the College SunSmart Protocol, view <http://bit.ly/SPC-Sun-Smart>



The flexischools app has had an update. Ordering from the College Canteen is now easier with the recent update. Check out their video, Our Place... How to Order Food, for further information by visiting <http://bit.ly/SPC-Flexischools20>



ROWING CAMP

By Ms Shanelle Spencer

It has been a busy summer for St Patrick's College rowers. The senior team has spent numerous weekends at Lake Barrington competing in the State Pennant regatta series and all crews have been back to training since mid January, preparing for the school season.

Rowing camp was held at Lake Barrington from Thursday 23 to Saturday 25 January with over 60 students in attendance. While the weather conditions were less than ideal, with heavy rain and cooler temperatures making Thursday particularly challenging, the students demonstrated admirable resilience and good humor. The camp provided all crews with an opportunity to train together multiple times a day as well

as time for students in different crews and year levels to get to know each other and build relationships. Some activities that the students noted as particularly valuable for team building were tackling fitness challenges with their crews, working together to load and unload boats, and participating in very competitive and inventive ping pong challenges. Appreciating the beautiful surroundings was a common theme among student's fondest memories of camp, which included rowing to the waterfall at Forth and early morning training on the calm water. Another highlight of camp was the inaugural 'St Patrick's College Handicap Race', where the College crews competed against one another, with appropriate handicaps applied for the senior teams. The

proud winners of this year's race were the Under 13 Boys, who will enjoy bragging rights for the remainder of the season! The rowers and staff would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to the coaches and parent volunteers who gave up their time to make the camp possible.

The school season officially kicks off with the North West School's Regatta at Lake Barrington over the last weekend in February. The Launceston and Henley Regatta, which is held in Launceston on the Tamar River over the weekend of the 7 and 8 March, is a wonderful opportunity for school families to come and see our crews in action. We would love to have the wider school community come to support our rowers at this event.

