



# St Patrick's College News

CATHOLIC CO-EDUCATION YEARS 7-12



Educating Young Men and Women Since 1873

**Thursday 5 December 2019**

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of St Patrick's College,

Welcome to Week 8 of Term 4. It is the time where students are recognised for their academic achievement and also the effort they have applied to their studies.

## LAUNCESTON CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ANNUAL CONCERT

The final newsletter for the year always comes around so quickly and before I reflect on the year that has been, I would like to acknowledge the success of the recent Launceston Catholic Schools Annual Concert. The opportunity for Catholic education to come together to celebrate the gift of music is always a highlight of the College year. I have been in leadership in a number of elite schools and the standard of music that St Patrick's College students produce is second to none of those schools.

It is such a highlight to see how these young people in Catholic education progress to perform outstanding pieces of music that you would pay money to watch and enjoy. It is wonderful to see the primary school students respond to *The Final Countdown* by the Concert Band and be in awe of the Senior School strings performing so professionally. Thank you to all staff and parents who organised the evening, with special mention to the talented music staff who continue to produce stars every year.

## REFLECTIONS

It is important to reflect on the year that is about to come to an end. When making major decisions at St Patrick's College, we always follow three simple questions:

- Is it in line with, and will it strengthen, the Mission of the College?
- Does it improve the Learning and Achievement of the students?
- Does it future-proof the College going forward?

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY & MISSION

It has been impressive to see the growth in mission and outreach within the College. Some of the many examples include the Year 9 students making soup for the local Vinnies van and undertaking the responsibility of cleaning the Carmelite Chapel, the largest ever number of Year 10 students participating in Ascent and numerous other fundraising activities including the successful Founders' Day, which raised thousands for Indigenous scholarships. Even this weekend will see some of our Ascent students having their yearly picnic for the students of St Giles. Certainly, none of this would be possible without the endless dedication from the staff involved.

## TEACHING & LEARNING

We continue to review and reflect on the teaching practice and learning within the College. Upskilling teaching staff is a continuous process and one which I am particularly passionate about. We are a College that aspires to produce lifelong learners and we must model this for our students, hence the importance of professional learning among both teaching and support staff. We need to provide a challenging and relevant curriculum that inspires the young people in our care. The journey of reforming the curriculum continues into 2020 as we are always looking to improve on what we do.

## STUDENT WELLBEING & LEADERSHIP

This year we have continued to focus on student wellbeing and leadership by taking the highly anticipated BeYou Learning Framework from Headspace, adapted to our context and rebranded to become BeSPC. We have conducted surveys and acted on the responses from the community with the formation of a student lead Wellbeing Committee so the students have more of a voice and impact on their own wellbeing. This culminated in the first successful Wellbeing Week which was held in Term 4.



Although many think we are winding down for the year, the T20 cricket begins, rowing continues with ongoing training, and students will participate in community outreach opportunities at St Paul's Catholic School in Bridgewater and St Giles.

### END OF YEAR MASS & GRADUATION EVENING

At St Patrick's College, it is compulsory for all students to attend the End of Year Mass and Graduation Evening with their parents/guardians to celebrate the Eucharist, farewell our Year 12 graduates and receive the College Yearbook.

Parents and Guardians of all students from Years 7 - 12 have been emailed a letter to remind them of this expectation, and a copy is also located on Schoolbox. In exceptional circumstances where students are unable to attend, parents/guardians must notify me of their apology to attend by completing the electronic form via the link in the letter.

In closing I wish all the community a restful break and wish all a happy and holy Christmas.

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 Stewardship:

We value a school where we respect  
the environment and commit to  
sharing God's gifts justly and wisely.

### Reflection

"Learning is a treasure that will  
follow its owner everywhere."  
Chinese Proverb

## Upcoming Events

### December

- 5 Year 7 2020 Orientation Day  
(Middle School Student Free Day)
- 6 Principal's Morning Tour
- 9 Year 7 Academic Awards  
Ceremony
- 9 Ascent Awards Night
- 10 Year 9 Academic Awards  
Ceremony
- 10 Year 9 Students Finish
- 11 Year 8 Academic Awards
- 11 Year 7 & 8 Students Finish
- 11 End of Term 4
- 12 End of Year Mass  
6.30pm for a 7pm Start
- 13 College closed
- 16 College open
- 17 College open
- 18 College closed until Monday  
14 January 2019

### January 2019

- 13 College re-opens for 2019  
including Uniform Store
- 27 College and Uniform Store  
closed for Australia Day  
holiday

## St Patrick's College HOLIDAY HOURS 2019/2020

### The College will be closed:

on Friday 13 December for our Staff function;  
and from 4pm on Tuesday 17 December for the Christmas holidays.  
The College will also be closed for Australia Day on Monday 28 January.

The **Front Office & Accounts Office** will re-open on  
Monday 13 January 2020  
(closed Monday 27 January 2020 in lieu of Australia Day)

Students approved for **STAS (Student Assistance)** can pick books  
up from the Library on  
Tuesday 4 February 2020 between 8.15am and 4pm  
or on their return to school.

### COLLEGE UNIFORM STORE

The new regular trading hours for the College store are:  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8.00am – 4.00pm.

The Uniform Store will be closed for the holiday period  
from Friday, December 13, 2019 at 4:00pm and will  
reopen on Monday 13 January 2020 at 8:00am.

### CITY UNIFORM STORE (MIDFORD)

Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 5.00pm  
Saturday: 9.00am – 2.00pm

The Midford city store in Charles Street will be closed  
for the holiday period from Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 2:00pm  
and will reopen on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 8.30am.

## 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 next 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.





## CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION

by Ms Rachael Holloway



*So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Mt 24:44*

We are now in the Season of Advent and I will admit, I am a Christmas tragic. It is such a special time of the year. Christmas trees, decorations, gift giving and copious amounts of food.

But, like many others, I too sometimes need reminding of what Christmas is truly about. This piece of scripture, from Matthew, points out the need for alertness, attentiveness and being open to a change of heart. I don't think this just means to the Holy Spirit, either, but to those around us, our loved ones and to new ideas, experiences and understandings. This is my wish for you this Christmas.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

One way, as a Catholic community, that we show our attentiveness and openness, is through the SVdP hampers we put together for some of the families in Launceston who find it especially tough at Christmas time. Thank you so much to those families who have contributed non-perishable food items and/or money to purchase gifts.

If you have not yet contributed, but would like to, there is still a very small amount of time. Simply give the item or money to your child to pass to their Tutor teacher tomorrow. The hampers are being collected by SVdP early next week, to go directly to the family your child's Tutor has been collecting for.



### END OF YEAR MASS AND GRADUATION EVENING

Of course the Season of Advent also signals the end of the school year, which is celebrated with our End of Year Mass and Graduation Evening. In this, the 100th Year since the opening of St Patrick's Christian Brothers' College, we have invited all Old Collegians to celebrate Mass with us. We look forward to welcoming all invited guests, students, family and staff to this special evening.

Parents of Year 12 students are asked to ensure they have RSVPd via the Google form, previously communicated.

Parents of students from Years 7-11, who are unable to attend for any reason, are required to complete the Google form sent out on Monday, indicating the reason for not attending.

### ASCENT

Wednesday 27 November saw the 2019 Ascent Presentation Evening. It was lovely to acknowledge the amazing work each of our Ascent groups does and the support they are given by a number of staff. We farewelled the Year 12 group, who were amazing ambassadors for St Patrick's College, in everything they did out in the community. I have absolutely no doubt they will all go on and remain active in the space of social justice.

As I write this, our Year 11 Ascent group is in Bridgewater, walking alongside the students of St Paul's. This is a truly wonderful relationship the two schools have shared for a number of years now.

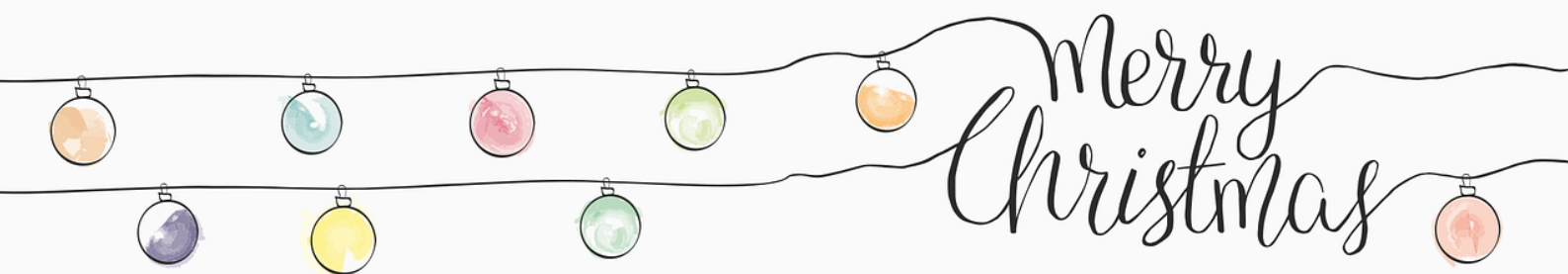
Thank you!

Catholic Identity and Mission forms the heart of what it means to be, St Patrick's College, we are: A Catholic College in the traditions of the Christian Brothers, Presentation Sisters and the Sisters of St Joseph. I cannot thank my team enough for everything they have done this year, but in an attempt, I would like to acknowledge:

- Mr Patrick McManus - Head of Faculty - Religious Education
- Mr Adrian Viney - Ascent Coordinator & Acting Head of Faculty: Religious Education (Term 4)
- Mr Luke McCormack - Retreat & Reflection Coordinator/Chaplain (Senior School)
- Mrs Sharon Woolridge - Mission & Outreach Assistant

To everyone in our community, I wish you a safe and merry Christmas.

God bless.





## YEAR 9 ETHICS OLYMPIAD

by Lily Baillie

What would you do if aliens came down to earth willing to give us knowledge to solve our world problems, however, in return they want five humans to take back to their planet to use as test subjects for pain limit experiments. Who would you send to save humanity?

It is questions like these that allow us to delve into complex thoughts and discussions in ethics. This week 11 students travelled down to The Friends' School in Hobart to compete against various schools from around Tasmania in the state Ethics Olympiad for 2019. In a round robin format, our teams received a question much like the aliens invading the earth and had to think on their feet to find the best possible solution.

Our two teams consisted of:

### Team A:

- Kalani Ciantar (Captain)
- Adele Jack
- Tasman Hielscher
- Alexander Smith
- Cooper Heerey

### Team B:

- Jaimie Duffy (Captain)
- Charlton Allen
- Jorja Love
- Matilda Lenthall
- Kyle Petrusa

Teachers: Dr Rebecca Seward-Linger and Mr Joshua Martin



Both of our St Patrick's teams performed well on the day. We were delighted when Team A were announced gold medallists and state winners of the competition. Well done to all involved and thank you to The Friends' School for their kind hospitality.

## ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE PIPE BAND

Times – After School Mondays

The St Patrick's College Pipe Band is a new beginners bagpiping ensemble for 2020, meeting on Monday afternoons. Any student wishing to learn the bagpipes should come along. Group tuition will be provided in the Monday afternoon sessions, and learning will commence on a practice chanter for the first 1-2 terms, and then progress onto bagpipes. Instruments will be provided. There is space for 10 students to start with, so be quick and join up to secure your spot!







## WANTED TO BUY - BLAZERS & TIES

Are you wishing to sell a St Patrick's College blazer or tie? The College requires girl's and boy's dry cleaned blazers and ties and will purchase these if they are in good used condition.

Please bring your blazer and/or tie to the Main Campus Reception on Monday 16 or Tuesday 17 December, 2019 between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

**BLAZERS:** A price will be provided at the time of sale, according to the condition of the blazer (up to \$80.00 maximum). Only blazers which have been dry cleaned and in good used condition will be purchased.

**TIES:** \$5.00 per tie that is in good used condition.

## END OF YEAR MAGAZINE REMINDER

Families receive one Year Book magazine per household. The youngest child in each family will receive a copy of the 2019 College Magazine at the End of Year Mass. If a family has a Year 12 student in their household, they will also receive a copy of the Magazine. All Year 12 students receive their own copy of the End of Year Magazine.

We will have a limited number of magazines available for families wishing to purchase an additional copy. These can be purchased from the Accounts Office from January 14, 2019 for \$40 each.

## NOT RETURNING TO COLLEGE IN 2020?

Students not returning to St Patrick's College in 2020 will need to save and backup all files in their College Google Drive and Schoolbox accounts to a personal storage device, or a cloud service. Your College account and Gmail will close in mid January and your data may not be recoverable after this time. Instructions on how to do this can be found at: <http://bit.ly/33sd466>

## CHANGES TO METRO TASMANIA BUS SERVICES IN 2020

Metro Tasmania has undertaken a network review of general and school bus services and routes for 2020. Changes to new routes and timetables general services are published on the Metro Tasmania website and will take effect from Sunday 19 January 2020.

Changes to the school bus services can be viewed on the St Patrick's College page of the Metro Tasmania website, which can be accessed by clicking the following link:  
<https://www.metrotas.com.au/schools/st-patricks-college-2020/>

The new school bus network will take effect from **Wednesday 5 February 2020**. With school bus services starting on this date, families of students entering Years 7 and 12 will need to make their own transport arrangements for Tuesday 4 February. Please note the 2020 Term Dates below.

## 2020 TERM DATES

### TERM 1

Tuesday 4 February – Years 7 and 12 students commence  
Wednesday 5 February – Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 students commence  
Thursday 9 April – Term 1 concludes

### TERM 2

Tuesday 28 April – Students commence  
Friday 3 July – Term 2 concludes

### TERM 3

Tuesday 21 July – Students commence  
Friday 25 September – Term 3 concludes

### TERM 4

Monday 12 October – Term 4 commences  
Wednesday 9 December Term 4 concludes

## TASC RESULTS

Students must register on the TASC website to receive their 2019 results by email. Registrations do not carry over from previous years and all students wanting to receive results on Tuesday 17 December 2019 must register their email. Hard copy results and certificates will be sent in January 2020 for those who do not register via email. You can register with your TASC ID here:  
<https://bit.ly/37Jyr6d>



## WORLD FLY FISHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

The Student Executive were out at the opening parade for the World Fly Fishing Championships on Saturday 30 November.

Anglers representing 24 countries celebrated together prior to this week's competition around the State's beautiful lakes and waterways. And what a chilly week they are having, during what should be the first week of summer. To follow the championships see the FIPS Mouche World Fly Fishing Championships Tasmania Facebook page: @worldflyfishingchamps2019Tasmania



## CRICKET PRESENTATION EVENING



Monday 9th December - 6-7:30pm - Nano Nagle gymnasium classrooms

STUDENTS MUST WEAR FULL COLLEGE UNIFORM TO PRESENTATION

All players (year 7 to first XI) - please bring a plate of supper to share



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



### NHSSA Basketball Premierships

We picked up two premierships at the NHSSA Basketball held at the Elphin Sports Centre on 28 November, with wins in the Girls 7/8 1sts and Boys 9/10 2nds.

Well done to coach Ms Bianca Johnstone, coach and former School Captain Dylan Headland and Manager extraordinaire Mr Paul Thomas. We finished runners-up in the four other finals we were involved in with some narrow losses including 2 points and 3 points.

All the teams are to be congratulated on their seasons and thanks to PIC Mr Harri O'Toole for his work in organising the 15 teams.

Image left – back row: Mr Paul Thomas, Matthew Saunders, Aaron Gunsar, Old Collegian Dylan Headland, Aidan Williams, Tony Aganas. Front row: Hayden Neu, Oscar Mansell, Cody Jones.

Image right – back row: Ms Bianca Johnstone, Imogen Richards, Annaliese Leeflang, Emily Watts-Heazlewood, Subi Daly. Front row: Sienna Drew, Keely Morrison, Alice Jones, Shae Nichols.

### Cheerleading

Recently Isabella Wyley and Indiana Carman competed in the largest cheerleading competition in Australia.

Over 1900 teams and 13,000 athletes from every state and from Asia, competed in AASCF Nationals this year in Melbourne. The girls represented Allstar Cheer and Dance Launceston in both Lyrical dance and Senior Level 1 cheer. Grabbing a 4th in cheer, making their team the 4th best in their category in Australasia!



### Golf

Good luck to Matthew Duffy who is representing Tasmania in the Australian U/15 Schools Golf Championships in Sydney.



### Mountain Biking

Congratulations to Oliver Hunt, who competed in the Tasmanian State MTBA, XCO Series and came third in the U/15 male section.

Images courtesy of Roger Nicholls.





## BOYS @ WORK FURNITURE FOR SALE

There are still items available for purchase from our Boys @ Work event held in August.  
All funds raised go to St Giles Organisation.

3 Tier Shelf Bookcase - \$35 | 4 Cube Shelf - \$40  
6 Cube Shelf - \$45 | 8 Cube Shelf - \$50

Please [click here](#) if you are interested in purchasing some of the items.

# PERFORMANCE PROJECT 2020

Disney

# THE LITTLE MERMAID



**MORE INFO TO COME  
EARLY 2020**

# SMARTER BYOD SOLUTIONS FOR EDUCATION

[www.jbeducation.com.au/byod](http://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod)

**JB HI-FI SOLUTIONS**  
FOR EDUCATION

To ease the burden on trying to shop for a suitable device, St Patrick's College has partnered with JB Hi-Fi Education Solutions to deliver the BYOD purchase portal.

On this portal you will find a range of education specific products at discounted prices. These products have been specifically chosen as they are the most suitable products for the use of students within schools. Typically these products are non-retail products, meaning you won't find them in JB Hi-Fi stores. What sets them apart as education products is their stronger design and build (providing additional

protection) as well as extra onsite (at school) warranties and accidental repair options.

St Patrick's College would ask all parents to consider insurance. Students and parents will have full responsibility for the care and use of their personal device including any costs of repair, replacement or any modifications needed to use the device at school. St Patrick's does not accept responsibility for the theft or the loss of the device or parts/accessories. It is strongly recommended therefore that families ensure these devices are insured under relevant policies.

Parents can log into the portal at the following link:  
<https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod>





Should you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me at the College.

**Mr Matthew McGee**  
Learning Leader - Digital Technologies

JB Hi-Fi BYOD Online provides families with access to a wide range of education-specific laptops, tablets, accessories and insurance, at an affordable price.

Products differ from those available in retail stores, as they are education specific and selected for their compatibility to school's ICT infrastructure and curriculum, as well meeting the student's needs at home.

The devices selected are designed to enhance learning experiences:

-  Products **specifically selected and approved** for Education use
-  **Robust devices** suitable for school environment
-  **Enhanced performance and speedy connectivity**
-  **Extended battery life**

The BYOD portal provides a simple step-by-step process that allows you to purchase your devices, accessories, extended warranty and insurance all from the one place. The portal will give you access to:

-  A customised **dedicated online portal** for managing your device purchases
-  **Finance options** including interest free finance
-  **Education specific products**, not available in retail stores
-  A wide range of **accessories** to support your device
-  Extended **warranties and insurance** options
-  Education specific **discounted pricing**
-  Pick up from your selected **JB Hi-Fi store, or from your school** (where possible)

## HOW TO ORDER

1. Go to [jbeducation.com.au/byod](http://jbeducation.com.au/byod)
2. Enter your school code **2020STPATTAS**
3. Once logged in, select the relevant student programme.
4. Select your preferred JB Hi-Fi store for pick up, or pick up from your school (where possible).
5. Follow the prompts to choose your device, insurance cover and device accessories.
6. Enter your personal details.
7. Select a payment method and complete your order.
8. If you have any questions, please contact us at [jbeducation.com.au/byod](http://jbeducation.com.au/byod) or call **1300 730 548**.

