

A word from the Coordinators.



{Coordinators' Report}

LEE ROSE AND ANNELIESE PRESTIPINO would like to thank the Year 7 Pastoral Team for the outstanding effort they have made toward transitioning the year group. 2012 has been an action packed year for the new Year 7s. Some of the events have included Community Day, Brainstorm's "the Hurting game" and the Collaroy Camp. It has been a pleasure to see the students develop and grow over the year. They have learned important skills in teamwork, academic challenges and leadership.

Our Pastoral Program has challenged students to be better organised, be better friends and to be community spirited. We would also like to thank the Year 7 SRC and Ms Pearson for all the hard work they have provided for Year 7 this year.

We have enjoyed being involved with such important events and we wish the students well with their transition to Year 8.

Lee Rose & Anneliese Prestipino



Year Eight

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OUR YEAR 8 STUDENTS continued to be an outstanding group throughout 2012. They have continued to embrace the community of St Mary MacKillop with great enthusiasm, contributing to all areas of College life. They have displayed their many talents by giving of their best in the classroom, putting their hands up for leadership opportunities, willingly looking beyond our community to assist others and excelling in many sporting teams.

I am sure that the Year 8 students all join us in thanking their fabulous Pastoral Care teachers. It is a great testament to our students that so many of their Pastoral teachers in Year 7 expressed a wish to continue with them on their high school journey. These dedicated teachers are responsible for continuing to nurture and guide our students through a sometimes challenging middle year at the Wanniasa Campus. The great Year 8 Pastoral Team is - Mr Dove (A4), Ms Thomas (A5), Mr McGrath (A6), Mrs McLennan & Mrs Hunter (F4), Mrs McKenzie (F5), Mrs Dojchinov (F6), Mrs Hunter (E4), Mrs Bright & Mrs Winslade (E5), Mrs Lee (E6), Ms McAllister (EW), Mrs Durham & Mrs Mansfield (W4), Mr Cole (W5), Mr Margosis (W6) and our Pastoral Associates Mr Wood and Mr O'Callaghan.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with such genuine and enthusiastic students this year. It will be a privilege to watch this group of students mature and enjoy being the leaders on the Wanniasa Campus next year. We look forward to continuing the MacKillop journey with them into Year 9.

Colleen Kain, Stephen Lowe and Phil Belcher

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{Student Thoughts}

Jacob Creech

Being SRC for me is more than a privilege because it gives me the opportunity to make suggestions to improve the College and put forward students' points of view.

Hayley Simpson and Claire Rowland

It is good to be in the middle year group as we are good role models to the Year 7s and we also look up to the Year 9s. The teachers are very supportive and we have gotten to know them all well. This College is very safe and a welcoming place. The electives we pick are the best as we choose what we want to do. There are a lot of assessment tasks that we have to complete but it all pays off with our hard work.



Jasmine Dinning and Hannah Goudie

We love the new opportunities that we are presented with, such as the electives that we choose to participate in. In each subject we are able to learn new skills that we would not otherwise know.

We love the way everyone participates in house activities like the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals. We think that the school spirit is great when we all participate and have fun.

Brandon Davenport and Asheigh Warylo

What we love about St Mary MacKillop is the atmosphere. We do not feel like we are the new students anymore. We feel this because the teachers know us better and we are treated like Year 8s.

We are now the heart of the St Mary MacKillop community. The Year 9 students are above us and the Year 7s are below us, we are just in the middle, perfect!

Claire Mackey

This is my second year at MacKillop and every aspect has been one of great enjoyment. There is a distinct difference and feel between Years 7 and 8. In entering a classroom it is great to see the height of maturity and the close relationships we have formed from another year at attending this school. The school environment has changed immensely with the introduction of our new library and Science facilities. Pastoral Program has been a great way to further connect with our classmates and apply our knowledge in a variety of ways. Numerous guest speakers have been present during Pastoral Program and have provided Year 8 with valuable information and advice relevant to what we are experiencing at this time in our lives. Moving into Year 8 has been a great time to start thinking about our future and what career paths we might want to take; we have the opportunity to choose what elective classes we enrol in. The staff have provided quality education and experiences and the students and teachers really connect and appreciate each other. I have been in two MacKillop College Musicals. Each one has been an incredibly amazing experience and encourages further bonding between mainly students and our Performing Arts teachers. I predict that each year at this wonderful school will bring new experiences and each coming year will be one to look forward to.

Anika and Karina Plessnitzer

As the years go by the work gets harder but our teachers are always willing to give us a hand to help out. We like so many things about MacKillop - the carnivals to the classes to the friends and teachers and especially we like being in Year 8.

Katrina White

Being SRC for me is an opportunity to help others and support them. I love helping Year 7s!

Year Nine

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A word from the Coordinators.



{Year 10 Coordinator's Report}

2012 has seen another cohort of young men and women transition from the Wanniasa Campus to the Isabella Campus. It is always fascinating to see the changes that occur to individuals as they grow into mature young adults and demonstrate the good that they are capable of performing. The class of Year 10, 2012 have been no exception as they have challenged their expectations, their priorities, their relationships with others and their schoolwork.

This year the students have been involved in a number of community activities including Operation Christmas Child, the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, helping at our local Catholic primary school sporting carnivals and fundraising for House charities. The involvement of our students in these activities is a reflection of their integration into the wider community as caring and thoughtful young men and women demonstrating the fundamental teachings of St Mary MacKillop.

At the school level, the students have participated in Reflection Day and Careers events, MacKillop Day and numerous sporting events and, of course, attending classes as they prepared themselves spiritually, academically and physically for the rigours of their Senior Years. Spring Zing was a significant event on the Year 10 social calendar as students took the opportunity to dress up to the theme 'Dare to Dream'. This evening was held at the Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall. The Teletubbies were there, accompanied by a team of Spartan Warriors, the Twister Sisters and many more amazing personalities.

We would like to thank the Pastoral Care team of staff who have worked with these amazing young men and women this year: Kathryn Black, Rev. Vince Barclay, Luke Potter, Jodie Higgins/Faye Harding, Gerald Scerri, Mike Brennan, James Sullivan, Jane Davidson, Judy Gazy, Michael Batten, Marilyn Veech, Romina Mamone (Year 10 Associate), Tamara Murdoch and Janelle Maas.

While most of this cohort will remain at St Mary MacKillop College there are a number of students who will be leaving to pursue new endeavours in the workplace, in other schools and even in different locations around Australia. We wish all of these students well and hope they achieve the success they deserve.

Barbara Morris and Jonathan Moyle



{Thanks from St Joseph's}

In late August a group of 78 staff and students visited Canberra from St Joseph's School in Port Lincoln. For many of the students it was a trip of firsts: first time away from home, first time on a plane, first time to Canberra and first time staying with an unknown family but it was trip that will stay with these students for a lifetime. The success of this excursion was assisted greatly by the generosity of our parent and student community (especially Year 10) who took these young men and women into their homes and shared their lives with their newfound friends. Thank you to all the families who hosted these students and made my job a little easier during the week the St Joseph's students and staff visited Canberra.

I will leave the last word to Richard Horgan:

A huge thank you to the many families who accommodated our students for the week, and for the wonderful welcome and care that they took of our students. The spirit of St Mary MacKillop is genuinely alive in your school and the welcome and care we received for the week was incredible. Regards, Richard Horgan, Deputy Principal.

Barbara Morris, Year 10 Coordinator



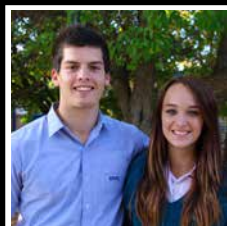
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Year Eleven



A word from the Coordinator.



{Coordinator's Report}

I have been delighted by the manner in which the Year 11 Cohort of 2012 has embraced being senior students. The transition to college life comes with increased pressures and demands. However, most of our students have risen to the challenges and embraced the opportunities offered by St Mary MacKillop College.

A definite highlight of the year was the Retreat. Held in April in Jindabyne, this provided an opportunity for students to establish and strengthen friendship bonds. The students participated in activities that pushed them out of their comfort zone. It was wonderful to see them supporting and encouraging their peers, especially on the High Ropes! Many students also enjoyed the quiet reflective time when they wrote letters to themselves that will be opened at the Year 12 Retreat. Our students' behaviour was most commendable. They were consistently polite and respectful to all staff from both MacKillop and the retreat venue. I would like to thank all staff who gave up their time to assist at the Retreat, making it a very worthwhile experience for us all.

Academic care was again a big focus this year. Students were given study periods and attended mentoring. These provided them with opportunities to discuss academic issues with their teachers and time to complete assessment tasks. It was very pleasing to see how many students took advantage of this time. Special thanks must go to the College

Exec, Marlene Jorgensen, Karen Hundy and Michelle da Roza for their academic support of our students.

On 26 October, the Year 11 students voted for their College Leaders. Making a speech in front of a large audience is a daunting experience; however, our students did so confidently and inspiring. I would like to thank all applicants for applying and I congratulate our elected College Leaders for 2013: College Captains Nathan Backer and Morgan Rosin, Faith and Community Captain Grace Wilkinson, Sports Captain Luke James, Performing Arts Captain Daniel Dwyer, and Sustainability Captain Jayme Breitkopf.

This year would not have been the success it was without the hardwork of the fantastic Pastoral Team. Thank you to Jo Calfoforo, Varun Chand, Trevor Fritzlaff, Janelle Jolly, Amber Rebecca, Jane Cunneen, Michael Daly, Kim Maloney, Frank Doyle and Paul Goonan. Further thanks to Colby Cruwys, Rikki Marks and Paul Durham for their support of our cohort. I would like to make special mention of Simon Kelly. He has been an invaluable support as Year 11 Pastoral Associate and has done an excellent job assisting with the management and organisation of students.

Congratulations Year 11 on a great year! Enjoy your holidays, relax and return refreshed because 2013 is going to be your most memorable school year yet.

Jo-Ann Lortan



Images of Year 11



YEAR 11



