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# **MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE**

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# **From the Principal**

**Dear Families** 

#### **Book Week**

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This year's theme for Book Week was "Dreaming with Eyes Open". Last Friday the weather was kind to us as the sun shone on the Primary Campus Book Week Parade. Parents put great thought and effort into the costumes for the Parade. Thank you to the parents and family members who were able to attend the Parade. Staff also entered fully into the spirit of the day with some very interesting outfits.

The really important message from the Week is about reading. All students are encouraged to read for fun and interest each day, even if it is 10 minutes a day. Pick a book on a topic of interest to you and read a bit each day.

**Primary Campus** 

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### Vinnies Winter School Sleepout

Last Friday evening a group of over 30 of our Secondary students slept at school overnight as part of the Vinnies Winter School Sleepout, Students listened to a speaker from St Vincent de Paul who spoke of the work they do and the many people in Adelaide in need of a meal and a home,

#### Walk a Mile in My Boots

Students from our Primary Campus and Secondary Campus recently participated in our local version of the Walk a Mile in My Boots. This event raised funds for the Hutt Street Centre, who provide nourishing meals, laundry facilities, medical care, and hot showers to help people doing it tough in our community.

#### Josephite Exchange

Thursday and Friday of Week 4 was competition days for our friendly sporting exchange with Penola College, Broadmeadows Victoria – the Josephite Exchange. The annual competition has been held since 2012, with a slight interruption during COVID times.

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# **Diary Dates**

#### SEPTEMBER 2023

- 1 Father's Day Stall at Primary Campus
- 3 Father's Day
- 5 Year 7 2024 Transition Information Evening 6pm
- 8 Staff Reflection Day - Student-Free Day Year R-12
- 12 College Tour: Secondary Campus 4pm
- 13 Disco: Primary Campus
- 14 1pm Dismissal for Year 7-12 - Year 7-11 Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews (1:30pm-7:30pm)

Further dates are available from our website at www.mcc.catholic.edu.au

2023 TERM DATES:

Term 1: 30 Jan - 14 Apr Term 2: 1 May - 7 Jul Term 3: 24 Jul - 29 Sep Term 4: 16 Oct - 12 Dec

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### Student Absences/ Late Arrivals

When a student is absent or going to be late, parents should notify the school by 9am on that day by texting the Absentee Line on 0438 368 846 (SMS) or phoning (08) 8447 0500. You will need to state the following:

NAME OF CHILD, YEAR LEVEL, REASON FOR ABSENCE *eg If late approximately what time will your child arrive etc.* 

A medical certificate is required if a student is away for more than 3 days. For any planned extended absence, an explanatory letter to the Principal requesting permission to be exempt from school is required.

### From the Principal Continued...



Congratulations to our team who have retained the trophy. Congratulations to all involved from both states, in this wonderful celebration of our common Josephite spirit, but special thanks to Mrs Rebecca Footner for her organisation of the event and staff who accompanied the students on the trip.

#### 2024 SACE Evening

It was pleasing to see the Year 10 and 11 parents and students at the College for an information session and subject information booths, despite the Matildas playing that night! Planning for 2024 has begun for our senior students.

#### 2024 Year 7 Evening

On Tuesday 5 September we will be holding our information evening for all students who will be commencing Year 7 with us next year, along with their parents. If you know of any family who wish their son or daughter to join us next year, at any level, please ask them to urgently contact the College as planning is well underway.

#### Father's Day

We hope that all fathers, grandfathers and father-like figures have a wonder day on Sunday for Father's Day. The story of the Prodigal Son is a powerful portrayal of a loving father. The father in Jesus' story symbolises God and his love for us, and he also shows us a love every dad should aspire to. At times children disappoint their parents. The ideal father humbles himself and doesn't allow his pain or frustration to overpower his love for his children.

#### Friday 8 September – Reception to Year 12 Student-Free Day

A reminder that Friday 8 September will be a student-free day for all Reception to Year 12 students. Staff will be undertaking professional development on our Staff Reflection Day, where we will be discussing the role of the Catholic Church and Catholic schools in the modern world.

Be a person of hope to others.

John Konopka Principal

# OSHC Opening Times Leading up to Christmas

For OSHC our opening times leading up to Christmas are:

Monday 11 December and Tuesday 12 December - Before and After School Care

Wednesday 13 December - Vac Care

Thursday 14 December - Closed

Friday 15 December - Vac Care

Monday 18 December-Thursday 21 December - Vac Care

Friday 22 December - closed for Christmas Break

We reopen on Monday 8 January 2024!

# **Vinnies Sleepout**



## **School Fees for 2024**



On 25 August, students from Years 10, 11 and 12 swapped the comfort of their own beds for the floors of classrooms to sleep rough to raise awareness of homelessness. A donation page was also set up with a goal of \$2,000 to raise funds for Vinnies to help them continue their great work in supporting those in need. On the night, students made soup for dinner and speakers from St Vincent de Paul Society came to discuss the importance of taking action against homelessness, such as the Sleepout. Not only was this initiative informative to everyone, but it developed a sense of community within those who participated.

#### Paige Cooper & Charmony Knowles (Year 12 Leaders)



We are pleased to inform our school families that there will be no increase in school fees for the 2024 school year.

Catholic Education SA has announced it will freeze tuition fees at its 84 Diocesan schools for the 2024 school year.

"We recognise that cost-of-living increases are putting significant pressure on families," says Dr Neil McGoran, Executive Director, Catholic Education SA.

"Growth in enrolments across the State in our 101 Catholic Schools, together with prudent financial management, puts us in a position where we are able to hold tuition fees at this year's level."

Dr McGoran said the fee-freeze will not impact the quality of education.

"We're committed to keeping school fees as low as possible and ensuring a Catholic education is affordable and accessible to all."

Since 2019, Catholic Education SA has been implementing the Making Catholic Education More Affordable Initiative to ensure Catholic schools are accessible to any family who wants their child to have a Catholic education.

In addition to the fee-freeze, further fee remissions are available to any family who is struggling to pay school fees due to financial difficulties. Families should contact Virginia Reimann on <u>virginia.reimann@mcc.catholic.</u> <u>edu.au</u> for more information.

# Looking for School Hours Work?

### We are looking for help in both the Secondary Campus and Primary Campus Canteens over various days and hours

Successful applicants will be employed through Metro Canteens, working within both our Primary and Secondary canteens. You will need to have RRHAN-EC Fundamental Course (2 hour), WWCC or be willing to obtain it. We can assist you to obtain these.

If you have any questions then please call Anne Roberts or David Cotton on the Secondary Campus.

## Walk a Mile in My Boots

**On 24 August Mount Carmel** College students participated in "Walk a Mile in My Boots", which is an annual event organised by the Hutt Street Centre, aimed at raising awareness and empathy for people experiencing homelessness. MCC students in Years 6-10 walked a mile around Rosewater Oval to share their support and send a message of compassion and unity to those struggling in our community. By joining the Hutt Street Centre, Mount Carmel College students have shown empathy and made a difference to create a more inclusive society.

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Children's Book Week theme: READ, GROW, INSPIRE!

Thank you to all the students and their families for their fabulous support of the Scholastic Book Fair. We raised over \$1, 400 worth of books for the Primary Campus Resource Centre. Throughout the week, students participated in buddy class activities involving shared reading experiences followed up with art and craft activities. It was wonderful to see the incredibly creative work being produced by every class, reflecting our children's love of reading!



### **Holocaust Excursion - Year 10 History**

As part of the 10 History curriculum students study World War II. A new museum was opened in 2020 in Wakefield Street around the Holocaust, and on Thursday 24 August, Mrs Vlahos and I took a group of students to investigate this amazing resource. After completing a 150-word persuasive argument convincing me that it would benefit their studies, 20 students were selected to attend.

The day started with listening to Tamas the Education Coordinator explaining a few key things about the Holocaust, doing some primary source analysis activities and questions then doing the Holocaust static museum tour for about 30 minutes. They worked in collaboration to find information and answer questions related to



each of the 6 South Australian survivors.

The students really enjoyed hearing about the stories of the Holocaust survivors and the lesson learnt was that the prejudice and discrimination of the past should help us today and, in the future, to try and prevent some of these things happening again.

> Mrs Felicity Daviess HASS Coordinator

### **STEM Day Out**

On 4 August 2023, our group of short-term exchange students from Year 10 and 11, were invited to attend a STEM Day Out with the Oliphant participants at the Wayville Show Grounds.

As students from overseas we didn't really know what to expect. Actually, it is not really common in our countries to go on an excursion, that is why we were really excited about the idea to discover new things. Although, we already knew that the excursion was about technology, but we didn't expect to see so many different things. Indeed the first thing we saw was not about technology. It was about the diverse animals (reptiles...) that live in Australian nature. There were rangers who were there to talk about how we can protect the fauna and flora of Australia. We were surprised to see so many different native species in Australia compared to our country's biodiversity.

Nevertheless, the big part of this was obviously about technology. We saw so many different things from

so many areas of STEM, which were each very interesting, especially the part about space science, which was just stunning. We had the experience to look through a telescope and also learnt how a satellite is made. Furthermore, a really cool part was to meet new students from hundreds of other schools around Adelaide. It was really exciting to learn new things about the school system and their way of living. Also we were really impressed by the involvement of MCC students who entered the Oliphant Science Competition. The models that they created were amazing.

To sum up, we had a lot of different insights into different topics which were really helpful to get a better understanding of the South Australian school system. Moreover, it showed us the multiple opportunities and experiences that schools like MCC provides for their students.

Thank you to Mr Tran and MCC for the opportunity.

By Oscar Mayeux & Lea Poppele (Year 11 exchange students, 2023)















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The week concluded with the annual Book Week Parade. It seemed that many of the characters that we have grown to love and cherish, stepped out of their books, and found themselves at the Primary Campus. Students and staff dressed up as their favourite character and paraded around the basketball court to much applause and appreciation.

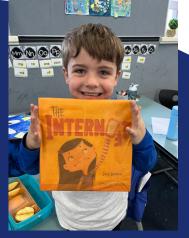
A very special thank you to everyone involved. It was truly amazing to see how much effort our students, families and staff put into their special costumes and outfits.























### **Book Week Continued...**

























### Year 2

Every year, the students look forward to dressing up for Book Week.

We always plan and prepare our costumes leading up to the Week. The Book Fair was a popular place for all our students to purchase books and toys. We love seeing all the students and teachers in their amazing costumes.

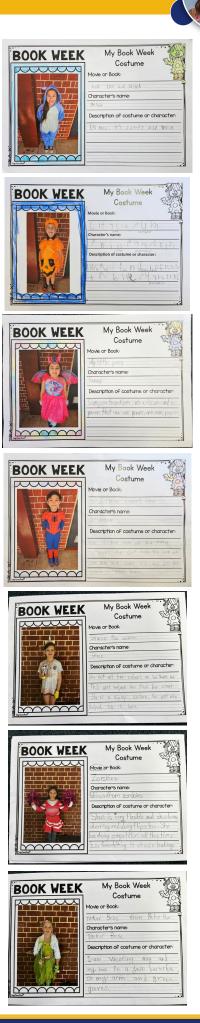
The Year 2s shared some information about their favourite movie or book characters.

Janelle Muller Tuyet Nguyen & Helen Shia Year 2 Classroom Teachers

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# **Western Technical College**

### WHY CHOOSE WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE AS YOUR PREFERRED VET TRAINING FACILITY?

# WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO BECOME WORK READY GRADUATES.

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Each student is counselled by their home school in collaboration with the experienced staff at Western Technical College. Our programs lead to a variety of post-school outcomes including employment, apprenticeships and traineeships, vocational training and university entrance.

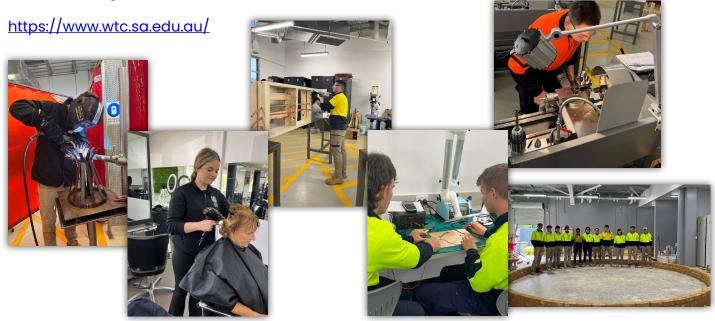
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- Computer Aided Design (CAD) suites
- Construction Dry Trades and Wet Trades workshops
- Electrical workshop
- Electronics lab
- Engineering + welding workshop
- Hairdressing/Barbering salon
- Information Technology suite
- Makeup/Beauty salon
- Plumbing workshop

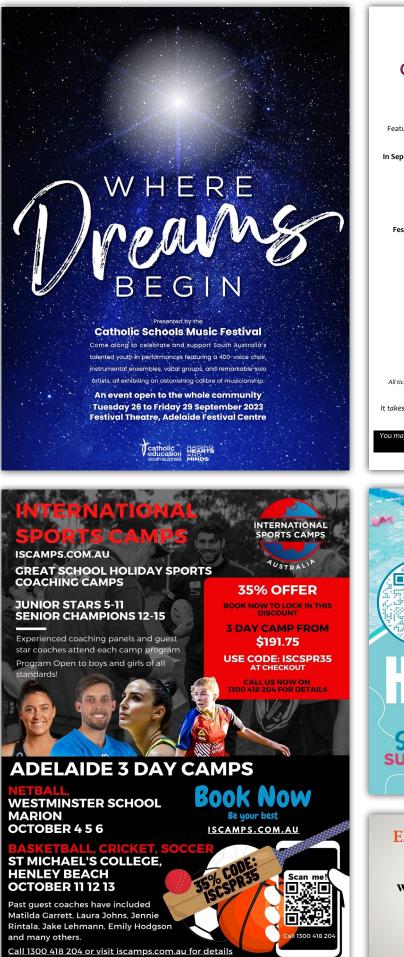
### SHOULD YOUR CHILD CONSIDER VOCATIONAL EDUCATION?

Increasing numbers of students in Catholic and Department schools are choosing a vocational education and training (VET) pathway.

It is no longer a matter of choosing SACE or VET – students can now get the best of both worlds. There has been no better time to enrol at the NEW purpose built, state of the art learning facility at Western Technical College. Take a look through our website for more information on the courses we are offering in 2024.



# **Community Noticeboard**



### Where Dreams Begin

#### **Catholic Schools Music Festival 2023**

Come along to celebrate and support South Australia's talented youth on one of four evenings presented by the Catholic Schools Music Festival.

Featured soloists, big bands, a cappella vocal groups and more exhibit an astonishing calibre of musicianship and you will be in awe of the 370-voice choir!

In September 2023, the annual Catholic Schools Music Festival will showcase 2000 extraordinary students from the ages of 10-18 years on the stage of the Festival Theatre.

For information on which schools are performing on which nights, please visit musicfestival.cesa.catholic.edu.au

Tuesday 26 | Wednesday 27 | Thursday 28 | Friday 29 September

Festival Theatre, Adelaide Festival Centre | King William Street, Adelaide | 7.30-9.30pm

A Reserve \$40.00 | B Reserve \$35.00

- Children under 3 are free on the knee and do not need to purchase a ticket.
- The Music Festival is a Companion Card affiliate. For enquiries / groups over 20 / special needs bookings please call **131 246**
- Service & Handling Fees and Delivery Fees apply (\$9.55 fee per transaction, not per ticket)
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What's inside the "Book"?

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