Mercy Catholic College, Chatswood



The Mercy Voice

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TERM 3

WEEK THREE

- 6 Aug HSC Trials commence 6 August-Year 9 Science **Excursion**
 - 6 August-Year 10 Science **Excursion**
 - 8 August—Open Morning 9.00-11.00am
 - 8-10 August-Silver Duke of Edinburgh
 - 10 August—Year 7 Science **Excursion**

Year 11 Vaccinations

WEEK FOUR

13 August — Year 11 2019 Subject Selection Evening 4.30pm

14 August—Year 10 Food **Tech Excursion**

14 August—Year 7 History & **Geography Excursion** 16 August—BBSSSA **Basketball**

17 August—Year 11 Business **Studies Excursion**

SAVE THE DATE

Visual Arts & Design Exhibition Opening Wednesday 22 August 6-8pm 8 Sept —P&F Trivia Night 7pm **Creative Arts Showcase**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Students and staff have quickly settled into the routine of Term 3, with some students taking on new subjects due to our semesterisation of Visual Arts, Music, Geography and History, whilst Year 12 prepare for the Trial Exams and their graduation at the end of term.



Year 12 parents by now would have received an invitation from me regarding important dates for your daughter's final term at Mercy. We hope we can see all of you at these events:

Graduation Ceremony: 26 September at 1.30pm

Graduation Mass: 26 September at 4.30pm

Graduation Dinner: 27 September from 6.30pm -11.30pm

P&F TRIVIA NIGHT: Last year this was a wonderful community event which was enjoyed by all who attended. Due to its popularity I suggest that you book your tickets early to ensure you get a seat. Either join with friends and create a table or you can be placed on a table with other parents from your daughter's Year group.

Details of how to book are provided by Tina Teixeira our P&F President at the back of the newsletter.

YEARS 7 & 8 CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION NIGHT FOR PARENTS: If you would like to know more about keeping your daughter save when she uses social media, then come along to our Cyber Safety talk given by ThinkUKnow on Monday 27 August at 6.30pm.

Topics will include, amongst others: cyberbullying, sexting, online grooming and privacy management. It is an expectation that one parent/carer per student attends.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OF SPIRITUALITY: Our Lady of the Way parish in North Sydney is once again holding their Women's Night of Spirituality this year, on Tuesday 28 August.

Guest speakers are Julie McCrosin, Cynthia Bantham and Sally Hammond. I can highly recommend this evening as the quality of the speakers and topics will be inspiring. This is also an opportunity to share an evening with your daughter, particularly if she is in Years 10, 11 or 12.

OPEN MORNING: Our annual Open Morning is coming up next Wednesday 8 August, from 9am-11am. This is an opportunity for visitors to see the school in operation as normal classes happen. If you know of any friends or neighbours who are considering Mercy College please let them know that they would be most welcome to visit next Wednesday.

Best wishes

Sugarne Kowanagh

Principal



OPEN MORNING WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST 9-11AM

 ${\it Visit\ mercychats} wood.nsw.edu. au\ for\ more\ information$

Welcome back to Term 3. Students have made a good effort at the start of the term in wearing the uniform correctly. Please note the College uniform dress code below. It is your daughter's responsibility to ensure she has read the dress code and wears the correct uniform to school each day. If she has jewellery that is not allowed and it is confiscated, it will be returned at the end of the term.

We appreciate your support in upholding the dress code of the College.

Uniform

This term students are wearing the winter uniform. The dress regulations for this uniform are in the College Diary and on the College website. The uniform is checked on a regular basis and if your daughter decides not to wear it correctly then a consequence will occur.

General Uniform Regulations:

- If hair touches the collar, it should be tied back with a ribbon, scrunchie or hairclip in navy, white or black.
- Hair should be a natural colour and of a conservative style.
- The following jewellery items may be worn: a watch, one pair of plain studs or sleepers (gold or silver) in the lower lobe. All other facial piercing is prohibited. Plastic studs are not to be worn. A cross on a chain may beworn but must not be visible when worn with the school uniform.
- Make-up, nail polish, acrylic and gel nails are not to be worn.
- Chewing gum is prohibited.

Winter Uniform

• Years 7-12: College kilt (length is to be 5cm below the knee), blouse, jumper, blazer, pale grey tights/stockings.

Please note: kilts are not to be rolled at the waist and torn tights/stockings are not acceptable.

- All students: skivvies are not to be worn under the blouse.
- Pale grey tights/stockings. Socks are not to be worn under tights/stockings.
- Black, lace-up leather school shoes with no coloured stitching, metal tabs or higher heels.
- The blazer must be worn to and from school as the outer garment.
- Plain navy or black scarf (if required), to be purchased from College office.
- College blazer is to be worn as the outer garment in Term 2 and 3.

Sports Uniform

This can only be worn to school if your daughter has training for a team sport before school. She is then required to change into her College uniform. Students who have PE or sports training after school must wear their College uniform to school and change at the appropriate time into their sports uniform.

- School sports cap
- Blue Mercy College shorts
- White polo shirt with school emblem
- Sport shoes (excluding Vans, Converse, Volley's and the like)
- White ankle socks
- In winter: College track suit
- The College jumper is not to be worn with track pants.
- The sports uniform is not to be worn to school (unless as specified above)

A reminder that Year 12 students can only wear their jersey at school. It cannot be worn under the College blazer or to or from school. If they choose not to follow the rule then they will lose the privilege of wearing their jersey.

Co- Curricular photos have been postponed till Wednesday 29 August

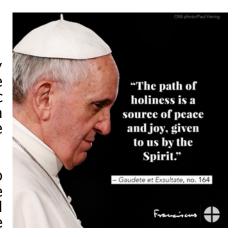
Regards Liz Kayrooz Assistant Principal

STAFF SPIRITUALITY DAY 2018

'All people, are called to holiness' (Pope Francis)

On the last day of Term 3 we had our annual Staff Spirituality Day at the Sydney Conference Centre at Ingleside. The theme of the day was inspired by Pope Francis's latest Apostolic Exhortation "Rejoice and Be Glad". The day started with a presentation by Dr Anthony Maher on the call to holiness in the world today.

We listened to and reflected on the words of Pope Francis, to his personal call to be the Saints "Next Door". To be people who are transformed by God's spirit that dwells within us and to live our lives with the joy and happiness for which we were created.



Staff then had the opportunity to participate in a range of workshops such as Meditation, Biblical Micrography, a Reflective Walk, Yoga and Visio Divina. It was a wonderful day that allowed each person to focus on their spirituality and spend time together as community. What an amazing way to end the term.



SWEETER THAN HONEY TEACHING SCRIPTURE SUMMIT



"Your words, O Lord, are sweeter than honey" (Ps 119)

This week I had the pleasure of attending the Sweeter than Honey Teaching Scripture Summit with five staff from the Religious Education Department. The Summit was organised by the Mission and Evangelisation Team at the Diocese of Broken Bay. The focus of this professional learning initiative was on engagement with the scriptures. How can we best

teach and share the Scriptures with our students and encourage them in a lifelong journey of faith nourished by the by the word of God which is 'sweeter than honey' (Ps 119). One of our very own RE teachers Mrs Clare Dorey presented two workshops on practical strategies for teaching scripture to inspire students so that they can delight in the word of God.

Students from Mercy Catholic College and St Pius X performed in the Opening and Closing Ceremony of the Summit.







Ms Gabie Stojanovski
Director of Mission & Religious Education

Welcome Back to Term 3

This term is a very exciting one full of different events such as Mercy week activities, Year 12 celebrations and farewells as well the work the Year Coordinators are putting into the RISE program.

We are starting the term by announcing an exciting event for parents of students in Years 7 and 8. We feel Cyber safety is an issue that we are addressing at school with students through Brainstorm presentations and the RISE program. Therefore, we have organised a special parent evening run by the ThinkUknow organisation. Please read the flyer below. Another flyer will be sent out next week with booking information.

Mrs G McDermott

Director of Student Wellbeing

Mercy College

Year 7 and Year 8 Parent

Evening

on Cyber safety by

ThinkUKnow Organisation

on Monday 27th August at

6.30pm.

Held at Mercy in M block

Save the date.

It is an expectation that all parents of students in Years 7 and 8 attend.

ThinkUKnow is a free, evidence-based cyber safety program that provides presentations to Australian parents, carers and teachers and students. They will provide you with information on the technologies that your daughter uses, the challenges she may face, and importantly, how they can be overcome.

On this evening the aim is to provide you with the tools to create a safer online environment for your daughter. Presentations will cover what young people $\underline{\sf SAY}$, $\underline{\sf SEE}$ and $\underline{\sf DO}$ online.

The presentation will cover topics such as social media reputation management, cyberbullying, 'sexting', online grooming, online gaming, inappropriate content, privacy management, identity theft, how to protect your devices, and how to report matters when things go wrong.

Dear all,

Some of you may have had the opportunity to read page 17 in the SMH on (9 July) where three of our girls have their letter concerning refugees published in the Opinion section.

Moments like this make me feel very proud of what we are doing at Mercy to instil the right values in our students.

Well done Loren, Claudia, Caitlin and all of you.

Suzanne Kavanagh

A copy of what the students wrote is below:

Dear Editor,

I'd like to bring to your attention the horrifying truth about what Australia is doing to Asylum seekers. Despite what many people may think, Asylum seekers are not illegal, they are allowed to enter Australia without being considered a criminal and without prior authorisation as this right is protected by the 1951 Refugee Convention.

This recognises that they must have good cause for entering without a visa. Refugees are contributing to our society just like any other Australian when they enter our country. They also have no other choice but to flee their war torn country or else why else would they leave their family and friends to go to a country they know nothing about?

Billions of dollars are used to keep refugees in detention centres like Manus Islands and Christmas Island but if Australia would just let refugees come in and work like every other citizen then Australia would be able to put taxpayers money to good use. We need to let more people know what Australia is doing to Asylum seekers trying to escape their war torn country.

By Loren C, Claudia C and Caitlin T (Mercy College Chatswood)



STEM WEEK (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHS)



National Science Week is Australia's annual celebration of science and technology. Here at Mercy, we will be hosting our own STEM week throughout Week 4 to get all our students involved with this year's theme of 'Game Changers and Change Makers'. There will be a whole program of activities for students from every Year group to get involved in at school.

From the Education Perfect Science Championships where we compete against other schools, both in Australia and overseas, to the Great STEM Week Bake Off, there is something to suit all tastes and celebrate all aspects of STEM. Competitions, special lessons, puzzles and creative challenges will be run every day during STEM week to showcase the diversity of these subjects and to highlight the opportunities for innovation and imagination that STEM offers.

In the run up to STEM week, the students have been asked to get creative and design STEM memes which we can display around school to promote the more humorous side of the STEM subjects. Students should also keep their eyes peeled to find out their STEM teachers' favourite areas of STEM, the STEM practitioner they most look up to as well as their favourite number and which piece of scientific equipment they feel best represents them.

Outside of school, there are a huge number of events, activities and festivals happening across Sydney to celebrate STEM week. Many of these are free and would make fantastic family days out. These events can be found on the National Science Week website at www.scienceweek.net.au.



Ms C. Westwood Science Co-ordinator

YEAR 9 COMMERCE FINANCIAL LITERACY PROJECT

Throughout Term 2, the Year 9 commerce classes were given the opportunity to take part in a financial literacy project that involved working with the O.L.D students about financial literacy and learning from women in business.

The task required us to create a digital storybook in pairs to teach the Year 5 & 6 O.L.D students about the financial literacy topic that we were learning about throughout Term 1 & 2. We were also required to incorporate their hobbies and what they would like to see in the story. To achieve this, the commerce classes had the chance to visit the O.L.D students to conduct market research to get to know them and find out what they already know about the topic. After we had a few ideas on what sort of story we would be creating for our buddies, we made a storyboard outlining who the characters were, what the story was about and what sort of financial literacy terms we were going to include.

Throughout this process, we were guided along by women in business, who were our mentors. It was really interesting meeting women in the business industry who have similar interests as us and who could help us. They helped us by giving us advice, listening to our ideas and making sure that we had as much information incorporated into the project as possible. Our mentors also joined us for our excursion to the Commonwealth Innovation Lab in the city in Week 6, where we were shown how the Commonwealth Bank developed their ideas to suit their customers' wants and needs.

The project ended up being very successful with everyone creating a well-structured storybook that was interesting for our O.L.D buddies and that included lots of financial literacy terms and definitions for them to learn. We had a 'book launch' to show the primary students and our mentors the final product.



Mercy Girls Shine



Our Competitive Contemporary and Jazz Dance Group students had their first performance last weekend at the Extreme Dance eisteddfod. Everyone was so impressed with how much the girls have improved since the beginning of the year. The competition was fierce in their sections but they were very polished & worked together beautifully. An extremely tough competition but the girls were amazing. They did a wonderful job representing the College. Thank you to all the Mercy families in the audience supporting the girls.

Anika Glennie Director





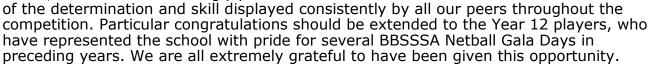


SENIOR BBSSSA NETBALL GALA DAY

The Senior Netball Team representing Mercy was comprised of eight students from both Years 11 and 12.

Throughout the day, players exhibited a great ability to demonstrate teamwork, sportsmanship and perseverance whilst partaking in the games. Our efforts were rewarded, winning against St Brigid's 21-6. This allowed us to progress to a playoff between Pool A and Pool B, where we were fortunate enough to triumph over St Leo's 23-14.

Despite having also experienced losses, our team is exceedingly proud





Sarah B



MERCY CRICKET WANTS YOU!!



Mercy Cricket wants you for our second cricket team!!

Since our first game, two years ago, our highlights have included:

- having the best ranked fielding team
- having the second highest wicket taker
- coming third out of ten teams
- reaching the semi finals in our first season
- we are very close to having a second Mercy team but need more girls to play for this to happen. The following are some details to help you.

My daughter has never played cricket before. Will she be out of her depth?	No not at all. No experience is necessary. When we started in 2016, ten of the girls had not played cricket before.
Do I need to purchase any equipment?	No. Mercy Cricket will provide bats, pads, gloves, helmets etc. If you want to use your own equipment, then that is fine too!
What is the format of the game?	We play 9-a-side T20 cricket against other teams. Everyone must bowl and at Mercy we always try to ensure everyone has a bat as well.
When and where are the games played?	The games are played on a Saturday afternoon, normally at 1pm. However, we have played some 2pm games. Games are played on the North Shore.
How long is a season?	The spring season runs from mid-October to early-December. The Summer season runs from End of January to Mid-March.
How safe will my daughter be whilst playing cricket?	Very safe! Its mandatory to wear cricket helmets when batting and wicket keeping. Also, pads and gloves must be worn.
When is training and who trains the team?	Training is once a week normally at 5pm. Mercy has three qualified coaches to train the girls.

For more details email mercycricket@gmail.com or see Mrs Kellendonk.





MCC Swimming Squads are held Wednesdays and Thursdays term time at Fitness First Anderson Street, Chatswood.

Students are trained by qualified Coaches and all levels are catered for from Beginners to Squads.

Interested in giving it a go - come along for a free trial Session

Contact Mrs Kellendonk on 9419 2890 or

email: margaret.kellendonk@dbb.catholic.edu.au





Fact:

Swimming regularly can help decrease anxiety, improve stress management & boost your overall state of mind. Mercy Catholic College has launched *Qkr* (by *MasterCard*) as an easy to use, secure phone app for making payments from your mobile phone for co- curricular activities (i.e. Swimming, Cricket, Basketball, etc). *Qkr* will accept payment using **ANY** credit/debit card (except American Express) and has a simple checkout function.



Getting started!

Step 1. Download *Qkr!* **on your Android phone or iPhone Via** <u>App Store</u> or <u>Google Play</u> iPad users can download iPhone App.

Step 2: Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3: Find Mercy Catholic College, Chatswood

Search for Mercy Catholic College or Chatswood

Step 4: Register your Child/ren

When first accessing your school menu; you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school payments on their behalf.

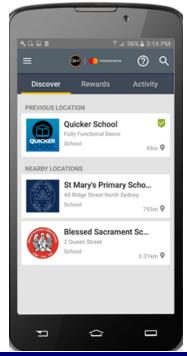
Note: The <u>Okr web client</u> is available for those not wanting to complete transactions from their mobile phone.

About the Qkr! App

Qkr is a safe, secure and reliable way to pay for school items. Qkr is provided by MasterCard so you know the payments are secure. No information is stored on your phone. Registration details and card information are saved securely on the MasterCard network.

For more information please click on the link below or contact Mrs Margaret Kellendonk Cocurricular activities Administrator 9419 2890 or margaret.kellendonk@dbb.catholic.edu.au

https://www.marcard.com.au/en-au/about-mastercard/who-we-are/qkr.html





Q. How can I keep track of my Qkr! payments?

A. Itemized Qkr! eReceipts provide a record of purchase and are a convenient way to keep track of your Qkr! payments.

To view your eReceipts:

- 1. Open Qkr! and tap 'Activity'.
- 2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and tap 'Receipt' to view eReceipts.

Never lose a receipt: email receipts to your account:

- 1. Select the eReceipt you wish to email to yourself.
- 2. Tap on the mail icon at the top right of your screen.
- Tap 'Send' to email the eReceipt to your email address, or enter another email address, and tap 'Send'.



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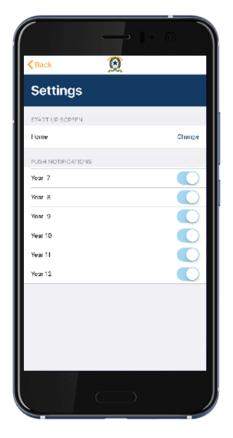
CHATSWOOD

Est. 1890

Mercy Catholic College Chatswood has launched a new App. It's a great way to get up to date College information.

To get started simply follow the steps below!





App Installation

Step 1: Download 'Mercy College Chatswood' on your Android phone or iPhone Via App Store or Google Play.

Step 2: Click on 'More' and go into 'Setting' to select your preferences for your *push notifications* based on your daughter and her College activities.

You are now all set up to get newsletters, news, images and notifications instantly on your phone.

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

P&F NEWS

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are back refreshed and rearing to go!

Father's Day Breakfast



MCC P&F invites all MCC Fathers & Daughters to a Complimentary Breakfast at school

Please RSVP for catering purposes by Monday 27th August https://www.trybooking.com/XGFW

Enquiries: Tina Teixeira, mccpandf@gmail.com



P&F TRIVIA NIGHT

Please don't forget to buy your tickets for our Trivia Night. It's going to be so much fun and we are encouraging everyone to pick a theme for their tables so as to add to the festivities of the night! So, feel free to dress up, decorate your table and don't forget some good food and drinks to share. The link again is:

http://www.trybooking.com/WDIM

Year Group Information

Thank you for those of you who have already completed the Google Forms with your updated details. For those of you who have not yet done so, please take 2 minutes to fill it in.

As always send me any ideas, feedback and suggestions you may have.

Tina Teixeira
President P&F
mccpandf@gmail.com

UPCOMING DATES

2018 P&F Function Dates

Fathers' Day Breakfast
Trivia Night
Graduation Afternoon Tea
Year 7 2019 Welcome BBQ
Thursday 30 August
Saturday 8 September
Wednesday 26 September
Friday 16 November

2018 P&F Meeting Dates

Term 3 15 August Term 4 24 October (AGM)

Tina Teixeira
President P&F
mccpandf@gmail.com

ENJOY AN EVENING FILLED WITH FUN, GAMES, LAUGHTER. MEET & SOCIALISE WITH OTHER PARENTS.

WE WELCOME ALL FAMILIES TO

P&F TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER, 7:00PM HARRINGTON HALL, VIA FERGUSON LANE

Bring your own snacks and drinks.

Don't have anyone to sit with? Don't worry. You can nominate via TryBooking to sit with friends or request to be seated with parents in your daughter's Year group.

If you would like to donate a prize towards the Silent Auction, contact MCCPandF@gmail.com. If you prefer, you could make a donation via TryBooking. If you are unable to attend this year, we would still welcome your donation.

TICKETS \$30

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION

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MERCY PARENTS & FRIENDS TRIVIA NIGHT SILENT AUCTION SPONSORS

















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SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 7:00PM. HARRINGTON HALL **BOOK NOW WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/WDIM**

FINANCE & FACILITIES OFFICER FOR OLD PARISH

(Part-time: 3 Days Per Week)

Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood, has a vacancy for a **Parish Finance & Facilities Officer (FFO)**. The Parish extends over an area of some seven kilometres across and includes the suburbs of Chatswood, Castle Cove, and (in part) Roseville, Lindfield, Artarmon and Lane Cove and is situated in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

The FFO works as part of a team consisting of the Parish Priest, Assistant Priests, pastoral and other workers. The FFO is accountable to the Parish Priest. The role involves the provision of a range of duties to ensure the smooth and effective operation of the parish office, which is always at the service of the mission of the parish.

The key responsibilities of the role include:

- * Oversee and support the Parish Bookkeeper in all financial transactions and reporting;
- * Liaise with the Catholic Development Fund and the Diocesan Office for Stewardship as needed;
- * Prepare the quarterly Business Activity Statement and annual ACNC report;
- * Prepare annual budget five year financial plan for the Parish;
- * Promote Stewardship and Planned Giving Programs in the Parish;
- * Liaise with tradesmen, cleaners, gardeners and other contracted employees to ensure that proper insurances are in place and that repairs and maintenance are performed in a timely and cost-effective manner;
- * Coordinate the up-keep and functionality of the Church, meeting rooms, hall and grounds:
- * Develop a Parish Asset Management and Maintenance program;
- * Proactively undertake regular inspection of parish facilities to identify risks and manage Work, Health & Safety;
- * Liaise with other stakeholders (Diocese and schools) regarding development of shared facilities;
- * Seek tenders and quotes for major purchases and project and manage all Parish capital works projects;
- * Under the direction of the Parish Priest, prepare reports, plans and presentations for the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Finance Committee and wider parish community;
- * Ensure that the parish is compliant with Diocesan policies and procedures, as well as Awards and legislation covering the terms and conditions applicable to parish employees.

Applications addressing the requirements of the position may be made through the **Seek** website or recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

Enquiries may be directed to **Gail Gill, Acting Parish Business Manager,** on **02 9410 9000** or through recruitment@bbcatholic.org.au.

Applications close on **Friday**, **10 August 2018**.

CARITAS WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Caritas Australia warmly invites you to the Women for the World Sydney Luncheon at the Four Seasons on September 7.

All funds from the event go towards the vulnerable communities that Caritas supports. Just by attending, you will have a positive impact on women and girls around the world!

Event Details:

Date: Friday 7 September Time: 12:00 – 2:30pm

Venue: Four Seasons Sydney

Cost*: \$160pp, or \$1500 for a table of ten

BUY TICKETS ONLINE: www.caritas.org.au/womensydney

Inspirational woman and special guest, Marie Mondu, will speak of her work in Papua New Guinea, assisting survivors of violence through local Catholic-run safe houses and helping young people overcome missed opportunities through life-saving informal education.

We very much hope that you will join us!

Sincerely,

The Women for the World Team

^{*}Price includes arrival champagne, 2 course lunch accompanied by a selection of wines

Women's Night of Spirituality

An evening of inspiration told in Story & Song

Music by — St Mary's Primary Parents and Friends choir and other local talent

For over 24 years, a celebrated Parish event Tuesday 28 August 2018

7:30pm to 9:30pm

St Mary's Church, North Sydney

A light supper will follow in the Ron Dyer Centre

Parking available at the church (100 car spaces) or in the Council car park in Ridge Street

Please feel free to bring a pillow for your back









MC

Jenny Boland AM

Parishioner for 50 years. A judge who is also actively Involved in working for a number of community organisations

Julie McCrossin

Broadcaster, campaigner, cancer survivor

GUEST SPEAKERS Sallie Hammond

Mother, author, Fusion and Family Course Developer.

Cynthia Banham

Writer, Mother, Risk-taker

www.northsydneycatholics.com

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INSTORE & ONLINE - THURSDAY 9TH AUGUST

* Excludes gift cards & all suit packages. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. Floor stock only.

Styles and colours may vary from store to store.

No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount.

Offer ends midnight (AEDT) 09/08/18. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount.