



# The Mercy Voice

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**Upcoming Events:**

**TERM 2**

**WEEK FIVE**

**28 May—Year 11 Parent  
Teacher Night**  
**30 May—Years 7 & 9 Naplan**  
**31 May—College Athletics  
Carnival**

**WEEK SIX**

**3 June — College Photo Day**  
**5 June—Year 9& 10 Visual  
Arts Excursion**  
**6 June—Year 12 Ancient &  
Modern History Study Day at  
Sydney University**  
**6 June—Year 10 vaccinations**

**Friday 7th June**  
**COLLEGE CLOSED**  
**Day in lieu for Open Day**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**P&F TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**Saturday 7 September**

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

It was wonderful catching up with many of our Year 7 parents on Tuesday night at the Parent/Teacher evening. We all know the importance of working in partnership with school and home and Parent/Teacher evenings are such an important occasion to keep the communication lines open.



We have completed evenings now for Years 7, and 12, with Year 11 (28 May) Year 10 (2 July), Year 8 (30 July) and Year 9 (23 July) to come. I thank the teachers who after a long working day, then spend the evening advising parents and their daughters, offering helpful advice on the way to improve their understanding and progress academically.

**SURVEY ON SCHOOL UNIFORM:** You might remember last term I asked the students and yourselves to comment on the current College uniform, as there was much talk from the girls about how uncomfortable the uniform was (particularly the winter uniform). The students' interest was very strong with 414 responding, 29% coming from Year 8. Overall the survey indicates that 73% of students like the summer uniform because it is a simple dress and easy to wear. Only 14% like the kilt, with 71% wanting it changed. The sports uniform was very even of like (52%), to don't like. The fabric in the shorts was not liked and the fact that the white blouse is see-through were dislikes. There was a strong support for a senior uniform (86%) and the majority said the most important thing for them was that the uniform is comfortable (91%).

At the next P&F meeting I will show the full results as well as unpack comments from parents.

**MERCY UNDER REVIEW FOR REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION:** Every six years schools have to go through a process to maintain their registration and accreditation as education providers. 2019 is the year that this is occurring for Mercy and it's happening in July.

At the present moment the staff are analysing, so we can report on what we have accomplished since the last review, which is very considerable. Worth mentioning are the use of thinking routines in the classroom, improved HSC results, a greater variety of opportunities for girls to connect to their faith and the introduction to our new pastoral care programme, RISE. All of these have made huge improvements in the learning culture at Mercy, which in turn have had an impact on the quality of the education Mercy is providing for your daughter. So we have much to report on and be proud of.

Once we have moved through the review process, our next challenge is to devise our new Strategic Plan, looking at what goals we will have for the next three years.

## Message from Principal

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**USE OF MOBILE PHONES:** our new strengthened approach to the girls not using their mobile phones during school time has been a great success. A number of students have mentioned to me that they are more focused in class and they feel less pressured as they can't access messages during the day.

This is just a reminder that the same rules apply to school events such as the Athletics Carnival next week. Girls will not be able to access their phones during the day and if they do, the phones will be confiscated and a Friday detention given. It is important that the girls have time away from social media.

*Best wishes*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Kavanagh". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Suzanne" and the last name "Kavanagh" clearly distinguishable.

**Principal**

### **YEAR 11 RETREAT REFLECTION (15 – 17 May)**

On Wednesday morning we met at school after fighting the queues in Coles to stock up on the essentials. We were all full of anticipation for the days to come.

We started our retreat program with a series of icebreakers. After surviving the confusion of the sinking ships, we randomly formed our small groups by connecting our song lyric lego pieces. We then shared our deep symbolic lego creations that even made Ms Munro proud. The creations ranged from a diving board representing the leap of faith we need to take in life to a giraffe duck symbolising duality.

We then went off to our activities that consisted of the challenging BMX track and the harnesses that were somewhat uncomfortably tight at high ropes and vertical challenge. After settling in, we had our first retreat session. Our guest speaker, Mrs Virginia Ryan, inspired us with her story about how her faith was strengthened during unexpected times of her life. This really assisted us in being able to reflect on our own faith journeys and we really appreciate the time she took to come and talk to us.

Our final session for the evening was led by Ms Stoj who invited us to adopt a culture of affirmation within the year group. We received our affirmation bags and were given time to write messages for each other.

The next morning we woke up to a lovely wake-up call by Mrs Symon's. After our heated warm up game of balloon style rob the nest we started our next activity, the values auction led by Mrs Munro. Each small group was given a certain amount of money, with some getting a lot less than others, and as a group, we bid for different values such as having good health and wellbeing or a loving family. From this activity, we learnt that life is not always fair and not everyone is given the same opportunities, although we always have each other to rely on.

After lunch, we had our retreat activities which included a bush walk with Mrs Dorey and Ms Stoj and competitive card games with Miss Gange. The rest of the afternoon was used to prepare for our Reconciliation Session and Mass with PJ, a Youth Minister from the Broken Bay Diocese, and our Parish Priest Father Jim. We were invited to participate in various stations, experiences where friendships and relationship with God were strengthened and rekindled in a safe environment.



Our last day started with another set of warm-up activities that included a very entertaining game of bang. Our final session was led by Ms D'Arcy who showed us the DISC personality types. We completed the quiz for ourselves and then split into groups with people of all the same personality type to plan a holiday. It was interesting to see the differences in the group's interaction and presentations. It was then time to go home on the bus where we read our affirmation messages given us throughout the last three days.

Overall, the retreat was a great opportunity to further strengthen our relationship with each other and create lasting bonds that will take us through to the HSC and beyond. We would like to thank Miss Gange, Ms Stoj, Mrs Symons, Mrs D'Arcy, Mrs Munro, Mrs Dorey, Mrs Bataille, Mrs McDermott and Ms Kavanagh for organising and giving up their time to come on the retreat with us.

Year 11 Leaders

### **Mercy & St Pius OLD Youth Mass - Sunday 26 May 5:30pm**

The next Mercy & St Pius Youth Mass will be held this Sunday Evening at OLD Church at 5:30pm.

#### **The details are:**

**Date: Sunday 26 May**

**Mass: Youth Mass**

**Time: 5:30pm**

**BBQ and Social Activities: 6:30 – 8:00pm**



If you would like to be involved in the music ministries you will need to arrive at 4:30pm. All other ministries such as welcoming, reader, offertory procession, Eucharistic Minister etc you will need to arrive at 5:00pm.

**Ms Gabie Stojanovski**  
***Director of Mission & Religious Education***



As you may be aware we have over 220 students working towards the Blue and Gold or Honour Award. If they all succeed, it might be a very, very long Awards night this year!! As part of the B & G or Honour Award they each need to successfully complete at least 50 hours of External Social Justice (plus Internal Social Justice and Co-curricular Components). The following is an example of how one student, Olivia T in Year 8, is working towards her External Social Justice component.

Olivia volunteers her time at the Giant Steps Autistic Specialist School. She participated at the annual fundraiser recently and sold tens of thousands of dollars worth of tickets for such a worthy cause.

She has also sold raffle tickets at the Chinese New Year banquet at Chinatown in Term 1 and raised many thousands of dollars there too. Here is a photo from last night of Olivia selling tickets to host, Amanda Keller.



**Mr E Regoli**  
**Careers Coordinator**

### THANK YOU FROM CANDELA PERU

Thank you so much for your generous support of the Sisters of Mercy mission in Candela Peru. \$947.00 was raised from the sale of the beautiful handicrafts.

What a wonderful result! This money has been sent to the mothers so they can continue to provide food, clothing, medicine and education for their children.

*Mary Rajca*  
Mission and Formation Educator  
Sisters of Mercy



## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

**Friday 31 May 2019**

The College Athletics Carnival this year will be held at Bannockburn Oval (Pymble) on Friday 31 May. Students will be transported by bus to and from the venue. Students are allowed to leave the venue if their parent/carer writes a letter to the respective Year Coordinator.

A food van will be operating on the day from 10.30am to 1.30pm but students are encouraged to bring their own lunch and water bottle. Also, girls should ensure they have a hat, warm clothes, towel, ground mat and wet weather gear. Students are to wear their sports uniform or Winter uniform to school before changing into their House colours / 80s attire before the buses depart. Your daughter will be notified of any changes due to wet weather.

The 3000m and 1500m running events were held at lunch in the weeks leading up to the carnival. Students who wish to nominate for BBSSA selection in High Jump, Triple Jump and Hurdles may submit their times/distances for consideration.

Mercy Catholic College - Athletics Carnival Program						
<b>8.45am</b>	Roll marking and House spirit					
<b>9.10am</b>	Buses to oval					
	<b>12 &amp; Under</b>	<b>13 &amp; Under</b>	<b>14 &amp; Under</b>	<b>15 &amp; Under</b>	<b>16 &amp; Under</b>	<b>17 &amp; Over</b>
<b>10.00 - 10.20</b>	1500 Walk	1500 Walk	1500 Walk	1500 Walk	1500 Walk	1500 Walk
<b>10.20 - 10.40</b>	1500 Walk – Whole School Participation Race					
<b>10.40 - 11.20</b>	100	100	100	100	100	100
	LONG 1	SHOT 1	JAVELIN	SHOT 2	DISCUS	DISCUS
<b>11.20 - 12.00</b>	800	800	800	800	800	800
	---	DISCUS	LONG 2	JAVELIN	SHOT 1	SHOT 2
<b>12.00 - 12.40</b>	200	200	200	200	200	200
	SHOT 1	LONG 1	DISCUS	LONG 2	JAVELIN	JAVELIN
<b>12.40 - 1.20</b>	400	400	400	400	400	400
	JAVELIN	---	SHOT 2	DISCUS	LONG 1	LONG 2
<b>1.20 - 1.40</b>	DISCUS	JAVELIN				
<b>1.40 - 2.00</b>	Relays					
<b>2.00 - 2.20</b>	Clean up + Assemble for buses					



# Let's tackle **BRAIN CANCER**

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### MERCY ACTION GROUP

The Mercy Action Group would like to welcome everyone to participate in Mercy Action's #trashtag competition. As some of you may have seen on social media, there has been a challenge circulating to clean up a messy area and share before and after photos. The competition is open from now until Week 5 Friday, which is the 31st of May. There will be 4 winners in total; two will be awarded for the submissions that had the most impact on the environment and two will be awarded for the most creative submission. The judging panel will consider all entries.

To give you some inspiration, here are some trashtag examples that have been posted on social media. Remember, you are being judged on the impact your cleaning had on the environment as well as the creativity of the submission.

**#TRASHTAG COMPETITION GUIDELINES**

**STEP 1: TAKE A PICTURE OF A MESSY AREA**

**STEP 2: CLEAN IT**

**STEP 3: TAKE A SELFIE WHEN IT'S CLEAN**

**STEP 4: MAKE A DOCUMENT, VIDEO, POSTER, SOCIAL MEDIA POST ETC**

**STEP 5: EMAIL SUBMISSIONS TO MISS GANGE AT:**  
**CHARISSE.GANGE@DBB.CATHOLIC.EDU.AU**

**LABEL EMAIL:**  
**"TRASHTAGCOMP: YOUR FULL NAME/YEAR GROUP"**

**COMPETITION ENDS ON FRIDAY MAY 31 (TERM 2 WEEK 5)**

**4 WINNERS IN TOTAL - A JUDGING PANEL WILL CONSIDER ALL ENTRIES**

- 2 PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE MOST IMPACTFUL SUBMISSION
- 2 PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE MOST CREATIVE SUBMISSIONS

**Ms C Gange**  
**Youth Minister**



On Wednesday the 1st May, the Year 12 French class and Miss Smith (Mercy French Teacher) headed over to St Pius X College where we were greeted by Mr Couani (St Pius X Principal) and Ms McCormack (St Pius X French Teacher).

They provided us with 4 St Pius X students and some lovely canapes for a conversation practice session. To begin with, the 8 of us mingled in French in multiple rounds of "speed dating".

After talking for a few minutes each in pairs, we gathered together and had a group discussion about our current topics which will be tested in our oral exam in August. The topics we discussed ranged from important and topical, like the environment and immigration, to more conversational like tourism, family and history.

The Principal at St Pius X came to meet us and was impressed with our French skills and the joining of the two schools.

Despite some terrible looking photos, we actually had a wonderful time talking and practicing our language skills! Events like these are so important and beneficial as we can put into practice what we have learnt over the past few years.

We looked forward to meeting up with our new pals for our second conversation practice meeting, which was hosted at Mercy on 15th May.

This time, we each baked and brought in a French themed lunch, as the boys were giving up their lunch time to come and meet us. They brought some booklets filled with conversation questions and we spent 5 minutes per topic chatting with different people and moving around the classroom in a "speed dating" style.

Thank you to Miss Smith and Ms McCormack for organising these visits.

Celine P - Year 12 French Student



**Miss Olivia Smith**  
LOTE Coordinator and French Teacher

### SHADOW STORIES

Year 9 and 10 Visual Arts students have been working hard on their paper cut artworks. As the last cuts are made and the black ink applied, it feels a bit like magic seeing the image come to life.

The exhibition Shadow Stories opens next week in the Willoughby City Council Foyer Exhibition Space.

Willoughby City Council is gratefully acknowledged for sponsoring this project and for the provision of the Foyer Exhibition Space.

**Jane Lennon**  
*Creative Arts Coordinator*



**Mercy Catholic College**  
**Shadow Stories**  
An exhibition by  
Year 9 and 10 Visual Arts students  
under the mentoring of artist Tianli Zu

Official opening 4.00 - 5.30pm  
Wednesday 29 May

Willoughby City Council Foyer  
31 Victoria Street, Chatswood  
Exhibition open 29 May - 21 June

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# Basketball Semester 2



Expressions of interest are being taken for students interested playing Basketball in Terms 3 and 4.

Games played midweek

at the

Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre Jackson Road Warriewood.  
Opposite Warriewood Square Shopping Centre.

Teams are usually formed in Year Groups Max 8 players per team

Each team will require a Volunteer Coach and Manager.

Game Fees are TBC (approx. \$175-\$185 per player) Each Player is also required to be registered with BBNSW. This is an annual fee paid online and covers insurance.

For further information or to express interest

Please email Mrs Kellendonk

[margaret.kellendonk@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:margaret.kellendonk@dbb.catholic.edu.au)





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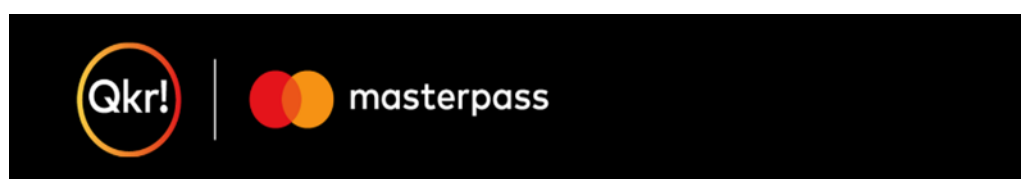
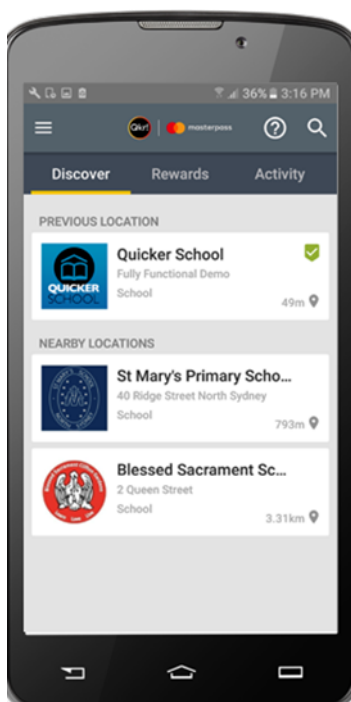
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## **MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**

The P&F hosted the Annual Mothers' Day Breakfast on Thursday 9 May 2019. We catered for over 525 guests.

We were blessed with beautiful weather and three fantastic Dads (Kieran Geraghty, James Makarewicz and Craig Curtin) who volunteered from before 6am and worked extremely hard all morning managing set up and clean up, before heading off to work or to volunteer at other schools.

I would especially like to thank Lara P, Elizabeth D and Carmel Daniels for volunteering from before 6am before heading off to classes, music camp and work.

I am also grateful for the students who arrived in time to welcome and direct guest and serve beverages and of course Liz Kayrooz who always ensures we have access to all we need to run a smooth event.

Please find below some of the feedback from Mums:

- I would like to say thank you for a wonderful Mothers' Day breakfast this morning. The time and effort put into hosting the morning is much appreciated!
- Just wanted to say a big thank you for a beautiful Mothers' Day breakfast this morning.
- The school looked fantastic and the food was delicious. Well done on a great event.
- Brilliant Morning! Well Done x Just a lovely opportunity to hang with our daughters and other mums (and such glorious weather too!) Much Gratitude
- Please pass on our thanks to all the magnificent parents who worked so hard this morning at the Mothers' Day breakfast. It was fantastic.
- Thank you so much for putting on such a wonderful Mothers' day breakfast at Mercy today. As a first time mum at the school, it was great to meet new mums and my daughter's friends. The event was well catered for and I didn't have much trouble queuing up for things. I especially liked the flowers pots on the tables. Thanks again.
- Thank you for a really delightful MCC Mothers' Day Breakfast.
- A massive thank you for organising such a beautiful Mothers' Day breakfast this morning.
- Just want to send my thanks for all your efforts with organising this event. My daughter and I are most grateful x I understand how incredibly hard it is to please everyone these days but we are blessed to have volunteers who step up! Thank you
- Thank you for organising this event. It is an enormous task and you have done an amazing job. It's not taken for granted and greatly appreciated.

## **Fathers' Day Breakfast**

This will be held on Thursday 29/08/2019 from 7.00am. RSVP details will be forwarded closer to the event. It would be lovely if the number of guests was as high as the Mothers' Day event.

## 2019 COLLEGE TRIVIA NIGHT

The next P&F event is the **College Trivia Night** on Saturday 7th September at 7.00pm in Harrington Hall. There will be games, a silent auction and of course two rounds of fantastic trivia starting promptly at 7:30pm. Please consider coming along – it is always a great night. Tickets are \$30 each and can be booked at <https://www.trybooking.com/BCKZQ>.

The Trybooking web site provides information on donations (goods, services or monetary) should you be keen to contribute. Alternatively, please contact Nicole Clancy, the College's Marketing and Promotions Officer [Nicole.Clancy@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Nicole.Clancy@dbb.catholic.edu.au) to discuss your donation.

## Year Group Social Function

If you would like to organise (or like assistance to organise) a low key social function for your daughter's year group this term, I would be grateful if you could let me know. Invitations can be sent to year groups via email and the College App.

## P&F Meeting

Our next meeting is Wednesday 05/06/2019 at 6.00pm at the College. I warmly welcome all parents and carers to attend.

Please feel free to call me at any time if you have any questions or would like to provide ideas or feedback.

Phillipa Sobb  
**P&F President**  
[perrysobb@gmail.com](mailto:perrysobb@gmail.com)

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September 7, 2019 7:00pm HARRINGTON HALL.

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