



The Mercy Voice

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Upcoming Events:

TERM 2

WEEK NINE

**25 June — Concert Band
Eisteddfod**

**26 June—Year 11 PDHPE
First Aid Course**

**28 June—Year 10 Careers
day at Olympic Park**

WEEK TEN

**2 July— Year 10 Parents
Teacher Interviews**

**3 July—Year 12 Biology
Excursion**

5 July—Term 2 Concludes

**22 July—Term 3
Commences**

SAVE THE DATE

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been recent articles in the news about the increased absences of students from schools. Mercy students, on the whole have high attendance rates but getting to school late unfortunately, is on the rise with some students. The cold weather doesn't encourage teenagers (or any of us) to get out of bed but it is extremely important that your daughter is at school and on time each day.

Absences add up: being 10 minutes late per day can add up to 6 days missed per year. Missing 2 days of school a month means over one entire year of missed learning in a student's school life.

As we all know being late or missing a day means missed opportunities and can lead to gaps in your daughter's learning, as well as having an impact on her social connections.

Getting a good night's sleep without late nights on social media is vital, as well as a morning routine.

If your daughter is having difficulty getting to school on time or getting to school at all, the staff at Mercy (Tutor, Year Co-ordinator, Director of Student Wellbeing) can help.

TRAINEESHIPS IN ICT:

The CSO is offering an excellent opportunity for anyone interested in a traineeship in ICT. They are looking for applications for young women and men to be part of a two year traineeship, where you work in a school and attend TAFE to gain your qualifications.

They are holding two **Information Nights:**

August 21st - 6:00pm - 6:45pm - at St Peter's Catholic College in Tuggerah

August 22nd - 6:00pm - 6:45pm - at the Catholic Schools Office in Pennant Hills

RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/ICTRSVP>

More information: www.CSOTraineeshipICT.com

If you know someone who is a recent school leaver and has a strong passion for technology and wants to build a career in IT, then please pass this information on to them.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE:

For any parents who personally engage someone to work with their child (tutor, coach, music tutor etc) it is important that you check that they have a Working With Children Check clearance (WWCC).



Message from Principal

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE Continued...

It is easy to verify clearances online, just go to the NSW government site for the Office of the Children's Guardian (see link below) where you can put in the tutor's name and the WWCC number they give you, to see if they have the clearance necessary to work with your child. This should be done before they commence work.

<https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check-for-parents>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR MERCY TEACHERS:

As you would be aware our classroom pedagogy at Mercy follows a Cultures of Thinking framework. This approach has come out of the research done by Ron Richhart (Senior Research Associate) and others, at Harvard University's Project Zero. His work focuses on such issues as teaching for understanding, the development of intellectual character, creative teaching, making students' thinking visible, and most recently the development of school and classroom culture.

Ron Richhart worked with individual teachers for a day and then spoke to all teachers at our fortnightly staff meeting. The clear message given to us was about the importance of the culture in the classroom and how this culture lives in the messages we send the students. So if our messages are that individual thinking is valued, that we actively promote it and we make that thinking visible, then this is beneficial for the whole class.



Ron Richhart working with Ms Stojanovski and Mrs Fairbanks

Best wishes

Suzanne Kavanagh

Principal

Message from Director of Mission and Religious Education

ALPHA FOR YOUTH 2019

Alpha for Youth is a relational program on intentional discipleship; basically it is a chance for our students to gather with peers of a similar age and explore their faith, raise questions and doubts they may have and grow in fellowship and friendship over a meal and discussion.



The Alpha for Youth Program has been running during Term 2 on a Wednesday afternoon after school from 3:30 - 5:00pm in our new Kirk Street classrooms. Over 30 Year 9 & 10 students from Mercy and St Pius X College have participated in the program which has been led by Miss Charisse Gange and Mr Adrian Brannan, the Youth Ministry Coordinators from the respective Colleges. We have also had five peer leaders from Mercy College, who completed the program in 2017, lead small group discussions for each of the sessions.

Each afternoon began with an afternoon tea and a series of fun games and icebreakers. The students then watched a short inspirational video during which there was an opportunity to have a group discussion in response to a series of questions on topics such as: Who is Jesus? Why should I pray? How do I read the Bible? What do I really believe? What about the Church? and How and why should I tell others?

On Wednesday the Alpha participants had the opportunity to be involved in the Alpha Retreat Day which had a special focus on the Holy Spirit. Students were invited to pray and to call the Holy Spirit into their life to fill them with the spiritual gifts and fruits that the spirit has to offer, bringing peace, joy and God's love into their hearts. Fr. Jim our Parish Priest also spent the day with our Alpha Group to facilitate discussion, pray for our students and celebrate Mass at the end of the day.

The Alpha for Youth Program has been a huge success and an amazing opportunity for students to build relationships, explore their Christian faith and to ask the big questions they have about life. I would like to thank Mrs Kate Vaccher a Mercy College parent and Ms Jan Hunter from OLD Parish for their generosity and support by providing the delicious afternoon tea for our Alpha group each week. I would also like to thank Mr Adrian Brannan Youth Ministry Coordinator from St Pius X College and Miss Charisse Gange from Mercy College for leading the program and supervising and facilitating discussion.



MERCY & ST PIUS X OLD YOUTH MASS—Sunday 23 June 5.30pm

The next Mercy & St Pius Youth Mass will be held this Sunday Evening at OLD Church at 5:30pm. Mercy College has a special role in leading the Youth Mass this week as Fr. Jim has invited Cailin G. our Liturgy Portfolio Prefect to co-present the homily and our Liturgical Band and Choir to lead the music ministry. It would be fantastic if many of our students and families could attend the Mass on Sunday evening and celebrate the Eucharist as a community.

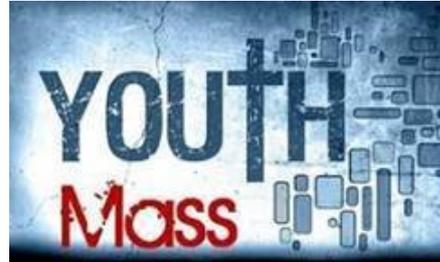
The details are:

Date: Sunday 23 June

Mass: Youth Mass

Time: 5:30pm

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



Students who would like to be involved in the music ministries will need to arrive at 3:30pm. For all other ministries such as welcoming, reader, offertory procession, Eucharistic Minister etc students need to arrive at 5:00pm.

I hope to see you there.

Ms Gabie Stojanovski
Director of Mission & Religious Education

BBSSSA SENIOR BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the BBSSSA Senior Basketball Team who played at Terrigal on Thursday 13th June. The girls placed 7th out of 9 competitive teams.

Ms L Love
Teacher—PDHPE



SHADOW STORIES

On Wednesday 29 May the culmination of months of creativity came together in the hanging and opening of *Shadow Stories*, an exhibition by Year 9 and 10 Visual Arts students under the mentoring of local multimedia artist Tianli Zu. Tianli is passionate about working with students and has encouraged our students to work intuitively with the media and to express their stories through paper and ink, light and shadow.

The experience of working with Tianli has been a formative one for both our students and ourselves. We have all learnt much about what it is to be a contemporary practicing artist and the importance of telling your own story.

The exhibition will be open during business hours till 21 June in the Foyer Exhibition Space, Willoughby City Council, 31 Victor St Chatswood.

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

Jane Lennon and Michelle Thomson
Creative Arts Coordinator Visual Arts teacher



STAGE 5 AND SIX TEXTILES

Mercy Catholic College has been offered the opportunity to learn the skill of tatting. Tatting is a kind of knotted lace made by hand with a small shuttle. Daphne from the Tatters Guild has kindly offered her time to come to the College and teach the Stage 5 and 6 Textile classes the steps of tatting.

Daphne firstly worked with the Year 10 Textile class getting them to make a tatted anklet. Many found this very challenging, whilst others took on the challenge and learnt how to tat. Daphne then moved onto the senior Textile classes and demonstrated a range of more complex tatting steps.

The Year 11 class will be adding tatting to their next assessment task on Contemporary Textile Designers. The girls will complete this task early in Term 3, so photos of their creative designs will be displayed in the newsletter in August.



Mrs S Hollman
*Textile
Teacher*



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COMPETITIVE DANCE

On Sunday 2nd June the Mercy College competition Dance groups competed at the Extreme Dance Challenge at Abbotsleigh School in Wahroonga. Both Jazz groups (Senior and Junior) as well as Hip Hop and Contemporary dancers competed in one of the toughest dance competitions of the season. We were up against very stiff competition which included multiple entries from Pymble Ladies College, Ravenswood, Redlands, Monte and many others schools on the North Shore and although we did not place, the calibre of all our dancers was absolutely exceptional.

Our dancers have been perfecting their routines since the beginning of the year, represented Mercy Catholic College with an incredibly high standard of dance in all divisions and they should be congratulated for such amazing performances. Well done to all those who participated in the event – how phenomenally talented you all are!

Extreme Dance Competition - 2nd June

- Hip Hop Ensemble - Open age hip hop section
- Junior Jazz Ensemble - Junior jazz section
- Senior Jazz Ensemble- Open age jazz section
- Contemporary Ensemble - Open age contemporary section



Hip Hop Dance Team



Contemporary Dance Troupe



Extreme Dance Challenge



Jazz Group Junior



Jazz Group Senior Troupe

2019 COLLEGE TRIVIA NIGHT

The College Trivia Night will be 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 to discuss your donation.

Year Group Social Function

There has been no interest in organising or attending a social function by any parents from any Year group. Perhaps we will see you at the Trivia Night instead?

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

TRIVIA

Enjoy an evening filled with trivia, fun, games, laughter and a fabulous Silent Auction.

*Purchase your tickets
trybooking.com/499554*

September 7, 2019 7:00pm HARRINGTON HALL

Mercy Catholic College P&F presents their annual

— NIGHT



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Step 2: Register

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Search for Mercy Catholic College or Chatswood

Step 4: Register your Child/ren

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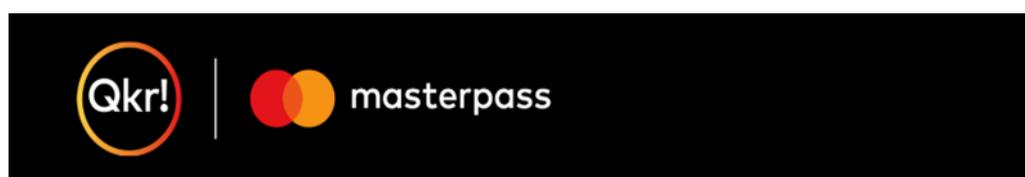
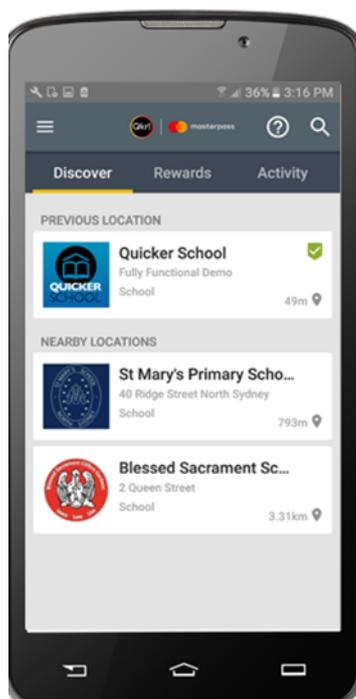
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