



# The Mercy Voice

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**Upcoming Events:**

**Term 4 Commences**  
**Monday 14 October**

**WEEK ONE**

**15 Oct—Year 11 Day of Hope**  
**17 Oct—HSC Begins**  
**18 Oct—Year 11 Economics**  
**Excursion**

**WEEK TWO**

**21 Oct — Year 10 & 11 Italian**  
**Excursion**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**CREATIVE ARTS**  
**SHOWCASE**

**Friday November 1**

The annual Creative Arts  
Showcase is coming

Planning and rehearsals are  
underway as we prepare for the  
Showcase evening.  
Information about costumes and  
tickets will be emailed in Week 1  
next term.

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

What a wonderful week of celebration. On Friday last, we held our Sports Assembly, where we thanked students for representing Mercy College in the various sports that we offer and congratulated them for their success.



Our sporting success is growing from strength to strength with increasing numbers reaching the semi-finals and grand-finals. However, our success is not only measured by wins, but by the increasing number of students who are taking up the opportunity to play for Mercy.

Congratulations to all in the netball, soccer, cricket, swimming, basketball and other teams, as you did Mercy proud by your sportsmanship and fair play.

We also recognised all the wonderful parents and ex-students who by offering their time and commitment to be coaches, managers or convenors, make our sports programme possible.

**YEAR 12 GRADUATION:**

It is with sadness and joy that we have said farewell to Year 12 graduands this week. They are a group of young women who have left a very positive mark on our community – as leaders, as learners and as people of compassion and forgiveness. I have been extremely proud of the way they have conducted themselves over the past few weeks and moved by the manner in which they have said goodbye to the College community.

They led a fun-filled, light hearted assembly on Tuesday and then joined their teachers for a luncheon. The Awards Ceremony and Eucharist on Wednesday afternoon had a great sense of occasion as students were recognised for their academic achievements and service to the community.

All students then received the Mercy College Graduation Medal at the conclusion of our Eucharistic celebration and then they danced the night away on Thursday at their Graduation Formal.

In the Awards Ceremony, Sarah (College Captain 2019) spoke eloquently about her years at Mercy, telling us of how difficult it was to leave and that she “believed that the Mercy community has prepared us to face future challenges”.

Sarah also spoke to her peers of her belief that “you each have something so special to offer the world, and the capacity to overcome whatever uncertainties emerge in your lives”.

## Message from Principal

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This week has been important for students, staff and parents, who have worked in partnership over the past six years. Graduation celebrates this partnership – the highs, the lows, the joys and the challenges. Most importantly, Graduation celebrates the relationships we nurture over a significant period of time.

As a community we say farewell and offer best wishes for the HSC exams in Term 4, and happiness for their future, no matter where that future leads them.



### **SPRING HOLIDAYS:**

I hope that all students get a chance to relax and have some enjoyable "down time" and some family time over the next two weeks. It has been a long winter term with many students and staff suffering from various illnesses, so these holidays will be a good time to restore the energy ready for Term 4.

Term 4 begins on Monday, 14 October. The girls return in summer uniform.

*Best wishes*

*Suzanne Kavanagh*

**Principal**

### **MERCY & ST PIUS X STUDENT MASS– Sunday 22 September**

The monthly Mercy and St Pius Student Mass continues to be a great opportunity to build inclusive communities and provide opportunities for our students to be involved in the various ministries of the Mass.

On Sunday Fr Jim dedicated the Youth Mass to our Year 12 students who will be graduating this week. Year 12 students and their teachers were invited to the Sanctuary for a special blessing and to pray for them as they prepare for their HSC Examinations.



The evening concluded with a BBQ and social gathering for the students and parishioners. Involvement in the Youth Mass has allowed our students to grow in their faith journey, show leadership in their faith community and develop great friendships with their peers. I encourage all students to come along to the next Youth Mass which will be held in Term 4 on Sunday 27 October.

### **Year 12 Graduation Mass**

The Year 12 Graduation Mass on Wednesday evening was the final Eucharistic celebration for Year 12 with the school community. During the service we heard beautiful reflections by Year 12 students on their memories from Year 7 to 12 which they will hold dearly in their hearts.

We concluded the Mass with the tradition of Year 12 forming a 'Circle of Mercy' around the church before processing out as Year 12 2019 for the final time. I would like to thank our Parish Priest Father Jim for celebrating this beautiful Mass with us.

Please see photos on following page...

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



## YEAR 12 GRADUATION MASS



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



### THANK YOU TO THE 2019 STUDENT LEADERS

This year the Student Leaders have demonstrated true leadership through their acts of inclusiveness and cohesion. They realised the role was more than just about them, it was about embracing responsibility, listening to others and working with their Year Groups. All the Portfolio Prefects did a wonderful job in getting to know each student on their team and meeting regularly to brainstorm ideas and organise activities.

2019 would not have been a success without the contribution and dedication of each of the following Student leaders.

#### Year 12

**College Captain**  
**College Vice Captain**  
**Prefect**  
**Prefect**  
**Prefect**  
**Prefect**  
**Prefect**

<b>Sarah Brannan</b>	
<b>Gabrielle Pamilar</b>	
<b>Angela Prajogo</b>	Year 7
<b>Chantel Farahani</b>	Year 8
<b>Eleanor Au</b>	Year 9
<b>Hannah Nolan</b>	Year 10
<b>Phoebe Coleman</b>	Year 11

#### Year 11

**Liturgy Portfolio Prefect**  
**Mercy Action Portfolio Prefect**  
**Creative Arts / Media Portfolio Prefect**  
**Environment Portfolio Prefect**  
**Learning Portfolio Prefect**  
**Stormanston Sport Portfolio Prefect**  
**McAuley Sport Portfolio Prefect**  
**Coolock Sport Portfolio Prefect**  
**Mercy Sport Portfolio Prefect**

**Cailin Geraghty**  
**Brooke Atkin**  
**Betsy Walker**  
**Louise Frost**  
**Hannah Bexton**  
**Lilly Herberstein**  
**Chloe Turner**  
**Sophie Tobin**  
**Abbey Johnston**

### RUOK DAY



On Thursday 12 September was RUOK Day. The Mercy Learning Portfolio Team raised awareness by having everyone in the school wear a Yellow ribbon and giving out special cards that the girls can keep in time of need.

RUOK day is looking out for each, being aware when a friend is not feeling the best. Everyone does feel sad at times, however, for some students it is not as easy to get back to that happy place and therefore a little more support may be needed from outside specialists.

At assembly I reminded the students if they are worried about a friend to let adults know and to remember they are friends not the carers.



### **FUN FRIDAY**

Every Friday is fun Friday at Mercy. On Friday's we either have a Kahoot or Fun Friday dance. The Kahoot was a quiz where the whole school in their Tutor Group answers the same questions and the highest score from each Tutor adds to House scores.

At the end of each Term the student who achieved the highest Kahoot score is awarded a certificate. The Fun Friday dance was enthusiastically led by Year 11 and Year 12 students. It was a fun and joyful way to start the day.



### **ENJOY THE BREAK**

Holidays is a wonderful time for families to be together. Enjoy the time with your daughter. Every moment is special. Take her out to a café, have walks with her and get her outside. Your daughter will be tired from the term, do not worry about her sleeping in, it is normal. She will want to watch Netflix and youtube which is normal, so ensure she does this in the family room so you can monitor what she sees, also make sure she gets outside and experiences fresh air.

To Year 12 parents this is a time of mixed emotions for you and your daughter. Though it may be an ending, it is also a new beginning that is exciting. Always remember you will never stop being a parent and your daughter will always need your help and support. During the holidays be there to listen to your daughter as she talks about her studies.

As I said at the beginning of the year provide the food, be there for her when she has those moments and keep building up her confidence, remembering the HSC is a moment in her life that does define her. Your daughter can achieve, if she puts in the effort; however, do not push her if she does not do the work that is for her to figure out and come to terms with. As I often say, pick your battles. We want our Mercy girls to strive for better things, for most girls this will occur when they leave school and get into a career they feel passionate about and have that desire to succeed.

Year 12 has joyfully led the school in Friday Fun dance and school events and have been wonderful role models on the sporting field. To all the Mercy families have a wonderful holiday, and we look forward to seeing your daughter next term.



# MCC Co-curricular Sports Awards 2019

On Friday our Annual MCC Co-curricular Awards were held to recognise and celebrate the achievements of all students who participate in Co-curricular Sport at Mercy College. We had a very successful year across all sports culminating in 4 Grand Final Wins in Netball and great results across our Basketball and Cricket competitions. No Finals for Soccer this year but as in all Sports the girls represented themselves with distinction and were often given positive and congratulatory feedback from our competitors. MCC co-curricular sport is only possible because of Parent Volunteers who offer their expertise as Convenors to ensure all MCC Students can participate in a wide variety of co-curricular activities. We particularly acknowledge and thank those who have taken on these roles in 2019: John Harmata (Basketball) Ian Hopkinson (Soccer) Derek Wood (Cricket) and Alison Bird (Netball Umpiring) As with all community sport, volunteers are the backbone that facilitate and run these sports and MCC is no different. A big THANK YOU to all our Volunteers! They come in different forms.....coaches, managers, scorers, duty day helpers, drivers, photographers, supervisors, cupcake makers and ..... the list goes on – we couldn't do it without you. MCC is extremely grateful to have such wonderful volunteers to ensure many types of co-curricular sports are able to be offered to your daughters. We look forward to thanking you all at our

Annual Volunteers Cocktail Party in November.

Please see link for 2019 Sports reports. [MCC Sports Awards Presentation](#)





# 2019 Award Winners

## NETBALL

MCC Netball B1	Coach's Award	Eirene T	MCC Netball B1	Best & Fairest	Eirene T
MCC Netball D1	Coach's Award	Emily H	MCC Netball D1	Best & Fairest	Georgia M
MCC Netball D3	Coach's Award	Sarah R	MCC Netball D3	Best & Fairest	Kiana K
MCC Netball D3	Coach's Award	Cailin G	MCC Netball D3	Most Improved	Isabella R
MCC Netball D4	Coach's Award	Claire F	MCC Netball D4	Best & Fairest	Morgan A & Amelia G
MCC Netball D5	Most Improved	Rahni W	MCC Netball D5	Best & Fairest	Emma W
MCC Netball Cadets 1	Coach's Award	Jade R	MCC Netball Cadets 1	Best & Fairest	Fallon M
MCC Netball Cadets 3	Coach's Award	Jasmin W	MCC Netball Cadets 3	Best & Fairest	Zoe B
MCC Netball Cadets 4	Coach's Award	Amelia F	MCC Netball Cadets 4	Best & Fairest	Sophie T
MCC Netball 15B	Coach's Award	Kiara T	MCC Netball 15B	Best & Fairest	Camryn C
MCC Netball 15D	Coach's Award	Ayva V	MCC Netball 15D	Best & Fairest	Poppy C
MCC Netball 15E	Coach's Award	Chanel D	MCC Netball 15E	Best & Fairest	Demi E
MCC Netball 15G	Coach's Award	Anya Kn	MCC Netball 15G	Best & Fairest	Yani D
MCC Netball 14B	Coach's Award	Michelle S	MCC Netball 14B	Best & Fairest	Georgia L
MCC Netball 14D	Coach's Award	Elisha Y	MCC Netball 14D	Best & Fairest	Hayley C
MCC Netball 14E	Coach's Award	Ilenia M	MCC Netball 14E	Most Improved	Joanna P
MCC Netball 14F	Coach's Award	Phoebe B	MCC Netball 14F	Best & Fairest	Alivia T
MCC Netball 14I	Coach's Award	Catherine V	MCC Netball 14I	Best & Fairest	Imogen C
MCC Netball 13D	Coach's Award	Nina S	MCC Netball 13D	Best & Fairest	Anna R
MCC Netball 13E	Coach's Award	Morgan A	MCC Netball 13E	Best & Fairest	Olivia F
MCC Netball 13F	Coach's Award	Ruby T	MCC Netball 13F	Best & Fairest	Katie J
MCC Netball 13G	Coach's Award	Lois A	MCC Netball 13G	Best & Fairest	Lauren C
MCC Netball 13H	Coach's Award	Stephanie C	MCC Netball 13H	Best & Fairest	Ella L

Outstanding Commitment	Netball	Serena B
Outstanding Commitment	Netball Umpiring	Kaitlyn P

## FOOTBALL

MCC Soccer U/13	Coach's Award	Kate M	MCC Soccer U/15	Best & Fairest	Isabella Ho & Olivia H
MCC Soccer U/15	Coach's Award	Sonia A	MCC Soccer U/16	Best & Fairest	Kiana D
MCC Soccer U/16	Coach's Award	Catrina L			

## SWIMMING

MCC - Swimming	Coach's Award	Brooke A	MCC - Swimming	Coach's Award	Lucy C
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## BASKETBALL

Wildcats	Coach's Award	Sophie F	Wildcats	Best & Fairest	Natalie H
Opals	Coach's Award	Claudia B	Opals	Best & Fairest	Bianka N
Mavericks	Coach's Award	Amy C	Mavericks	Best & Fairest	Lilly W
			Magic	Best & Fairest	Whole Team

## CRICKET

MCC Cricket U/13	Coach's Award	Jennifer B	MCC Cricket U/13	Best & Fairest	Caitlin W
MCC Cricket U/15	Coach's Award	Annabelle S	MCC Cricket U/15	Best & Fairest	Charlotte W

## Commitment to MCC Sport

Netball 7-12	Margaret Mary B	Sophie B	Phoebe C	Remie C	
Netball 7-12	Emily H	Hayley H	Alessia I	Jacqueline L	
Netball 7-12	Georgia M	Shayne P	Breanna T	Emma W	
Swimming 7-12	Tayla S				





## MCC Swimming Term 4



**Get Fit for Summer!**  
**Limited places**  
**available for Term 4**

MCC Swimming Squads are held Tuesdays and Thursdays 7am—8am  
term time at

Fitness First Anderson Street ,Chatswood.

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

Term 4 Costs: 1 Session a week: \$ 77 2 Sessions a week: \$ 154

**Payment and registration required via Qkr**

Tuesday sessions: 15<sup>th</sup> October 22<sup>nd</sup> October 29<sup>th</sup> October 5<sup>th</sup> November  
12<sup>th</sup> November 19<sup>th</sup> November 26<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday sessions: 17<sup>th</sup> October 24<sup>th</sup> October 31<sup>st</sup> October 7<sup>th</sup> November  
14<sup>th</sup> November 21<sup>st</sup> November 28<sup>th</sup> November

Contact Mrs Kellendonk on 9419 2890 or

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**Fact:**

**Swimming regularly can  
help Decrease Anxiety,  
Improve Stress  
Management & boost  
your overall state of  
mind.**

## YEAR 12 GRADUATION AFTERNOON TEA – Wednesday 25 September 2019

Thank you to the Year 11 parents (Kieran, Ramona and Yang-Li) who helped with this function. As ever, their assistance was wonderful, generous, enthusiastic and invaluable. We wish all Year 12 students the best for their HSC exams, but more importantly for happiness in their future after their very special time at MCC.

I would particularly like to acknowledge and thank Carmel Daniels and all of her family at this time. Carmel's family finishes at MCC this year after managing and contributing to almost every MCC P&F function from the time her first daughter began here. Carmel works quietly but incredibly efficiently and generously behind the scenes. We will miss her, wish her well and could not have managed without her.



Year 11 Parent Volunteers



## P&F Meeting and AGM – Wednesday 23 October 2019 at 6pm

Please join us at the last P&F meeting this year (also the AGM). All P&F Executive positions are declared vacant, therefore there is an opportunity for you to take on any role: President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary. Please consider if you have time next year to support the school. Thank you.

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

Phillipa Sobb

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### YEAR 12 NEWS — THE GRADUATION FORMAL

Year 12 enjoyed the final event of their Graduation week at Dockside in Cockle Bay on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. The students all looked so beautiful and it was certainly a proud moment for me to see them looking so grown up all of a sudden.

It was lovely to see so many parents and family members joining in the dinner, and the Year 12 students were thrilled to see so many of their teachers too. The room was full, there was lots of dancing to be done and it was overall, a thoroughly enjoyable time. Congratulations to all 86 students and best wishes for your upcoming HSC Examinations.

**Ms C McDonald**  
**Year 12 Co-ordinator**





### **Year 8 Science Excursion to *Gibberagong Field Studies Centre***

The Year 8 Science excursion was an enjoyable day, filled with many interactive activities about our amazing earth. We drove down to Bobbin Head, and were immediately graced by how beautiful the creek was.

There were a range of activities that we all participated in such as: testing the water in the creek, learning about Aboriginal sustainability, learning about adaptability of mangroves (and tasting how salty they are) ,as well as testing and gaining data from the dry forest.

Students got to use ocre, a white clay substance generally used by indigenous people for special events or ceremonies. We could put the ocre on our hands which symbolises our past, present and future journey. Everything we did on this day was extremely beneficial to our learning in our science topic, and was very interesting to spend the day with professionals in the topic. We gained skills like how to properly use equipment to test the environment as well as learning what specific abiotic and biotic factors mean.

Overall, this excursion was a beneficial day of learning, bonding and tasting. Thank you to all the teachers, students and volunteers that made this great day possible!

By Anneliese J





### YEAR 9 COMMERCE MARKET DAY

On the 18th of September Market Day was held. It is an annual event where Year 9 Commerce students work together to organise products to sell to students and teachers at lunch time. The event was a great success and loads of fun!

A lot of time and effort went into organising the day. In groups students developed a plan, decided what products to sell, created a budget, promoted and marketed their products and a running plan for the day, ensuring safe food handling.

Products sold at stalls included: popcorn, dumplings, savoury nachos, ice cream sandwiches, chocolate covered strawberries, spiders, noodles, chips on a stick, waffles, waffle fries and much more all ranging in price from 50c to \$5.00. These sweet and savoury dishes were successfully advertised around the school with creative posters.

Overall, market day was successful. Students worked collaboratively and sold their products to happy customers. We had many keen and hungry customers and we learnt to work under pressure and our problem solving skills were sometimes tested. There was a great vibe, with teachers and students across all grades connecting with each other and at the same time supporting the Year 9 Commerce students.

On behalf of the students we would like to thank the Commerce teachers – Ms Davies, Mr Lijic, Mr Geoghegan and Ms Burk for their encouragement and helping to organise the event, Ms Cunningham for allowing us to use the Food Tech rooms and Brett from the maintenance team for providing us with the equipment needed to set up. Thank you to all the students and staff - you were great customers.



### Le Petit Déjeuner

On Friday the 20th of September, classes 8A and 8B were treated to a lovely *petit déjeuner* in periods 3 & 4.

When we walked to the door there was a man playing the accordion and wearing a French outfit. Everyone was very surprised and excited as we were getting into the French atmosphere. When we walked in, there were tables set like we were in a French restaurant.

At first we learnt about the streets and buildings in France such as the Eiffel Tower and the Arc de triomphe. Then we asked for a *bol de chocolat chaud* (a bowl of hot chocolate) and *la tartine* (baguette with butter). It was delicious!!

Then we learnt about the history of Napoleon and Marie Antonette as well as the history of that era in France. After we had another *bol de chocolat chaud* (a bowl of hot chocolate) and *le croissant* (a croissant).

Then we learnt about the gruesome wars and battles that France fought and the significance of Place de la Révolution. We had another *bol de chocolat chaud* (a bowl of hot chocolate) and *le pain au chocolat* (chocolate croissant).

After that, everyone was very full after having so many bowls of hot chocolate and fresh pastries!

We also sang two French songs after that, one we all knew very well was Frère Jacques and the other was called *aux champs élysées*.

We all enjoyed this experience and we would happily do it again. Thank you to Madame Smith for giving us the opportunity to be in the French atmosphere, we had a great time!

Chloe D 8A





### NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Athletics

Last Friday (20<sup>th</sup> September) 6 students from Mercy represented Broken Bay at the NSWCCC Athletics.

Congratulations to the following students;

Sofia S (yr 9) 4<sup>th</sup> 200m

Lucca T (yr 9) 7<sup>th</sup> 1500m and 4<sup>th</sup> 800m

Ariana G-P (yr 7) 6<sup>th</sup> 800m

Lauren B (yr 11) 6<sup>th</sup> Javelin and Shot Put

Matilda N (yr8) JT

Hannah M (yr11) 4<sup>th</sup> Javelin, 3rd Discus and 2<sup>nd</sup> Shot Put.

Well done to all these girls.

Ms Knapinski



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## SAVE THE DATE

### CREATIVE ARTS SHOWCASE

**Friday November 1**

The annual Creative Arts Showcase is coming

Planning and rehearsals are underway as we prepare for the Showcase evening.  
Information about costumes and tickets will be emailed in Week 1 next term.

**Ms J Lennon**  
**Creative Arts Coordinator**

### RESOURCE CENTRE

As Term 3 comes to an end, so do our celebrations for Book Week, the biggest event in the school library calendar which for Mercy this year, lasted well beyond this timeframe.

As a small dedicated group of staff took the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character, a photo of which appeared an earlier edition of the *Mercy Voice*; students also embraced the Bookface challenge set for them. The aim, to find a book whose cover contained a partial image of character's face or other limbs, and use their own body to complete the picture. Some of the great photos that resulted from this challenge are included here.



In addition to this, in tune with the Book Week theme of *Reading is my Secret Power*, we held a lunchtime Kahoot quiz to see who could guess the secret powers or talents of different Mercy staff, and held a caption competition for students to showcase their talent for generating a good one-liner to accompany our reading images.

Our culminating activity was to show our support for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Their quest is to raise awareness of the major issue of illiteracy which is facing remote indigenous communities in Australia; and to raise funds to support their programmes focused on distributing books to these communities, providing story-time sessions to babies and toddlers, and publishing stories written by Indigenous people. Only 35% of Indigenous students in Year 5 in the Northern Territory are able to read compared to 95% of non-Indigenous Year 5 students in major cities across the country.

In addition to this, the limited access to books reflecting the culture and language of the Indigenous children, and few books available to them in English in the years before starting school, means these students are unable to develop the basic literacy skills necessary to optimise their educational and employment opportunities, health and wellbeing. With the assistance of our generous staff and students who donated books, we held a Book Swap last week where members of the College community could purchase one of these books for a gold coin donation, with the funds going to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. Books that were not sold will be donated to St Vincent de Paul. I am pleased to announce that we have raised \$94.80 as part of this initiative.

**Siobhan Betts**  
**Teacher Librarian**





### YEAR 9 REFLECTION DAY

On Tuesday 17 September Year 9 went to the Waterview Community Centre at Lane Cove for our Reflection Day. We got on the buses at school and arrived at the venue to start the day. When everyone was settled we were introduced to the youth group that would be helping us throughout the day. Ms Gange led us in games where we practiced team work and got to have fun and become closer as a year group.

In our small discussion groups we had the opportunity to reflect with others in our year group about our journey with both God and ourselves. One of the exercises we did was reflecting on what we thought people would say our good qualities are. Through this exercise we were able to learn about how comfortable we are in ourselves and the way others perceive us.

John, the discussion leader talked about how we are 1 out of 1 in the world, unique and irreplaceable and how there will never be another person like us. He told us his own personal story about his lack of confidence in himself and how he acted because of his own constant comparison to others. Then the whole youth group performed a skit about how God loves us regardless of our actions, decisions or mistakes so if we can grow to love ourselves and make decisions based on how God sees us it can make a big difference in our lives.

Overall Year 9 Reflection Day was a fun, engaging day that helped us develop as people and enrich our faith.

Olivia H. (Year 9)





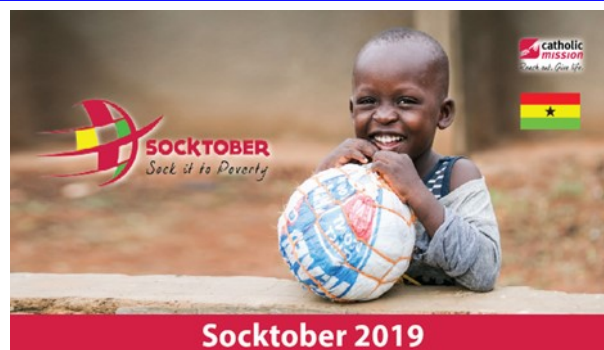


In Term 4, we will be setting up a challenge for people to give a gold coin donation so they can attempt to kick these balls into the goalposts.

Along with this, every girl in Year 7 has set up a donation page on the Catholic Mission website for family members and friends to contribute to. Each Colour House has a goal for how much money they will raise, along with our personal aims.

If your daughter, friend or family member is in Year 7, please donate to their EveryDayHero page so we can play our part in helping people around the world who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Victoria F



In Ghana, there is an organisation called The Nazareth Home for God's Children which is run by Sister Stan. This charity supports children born with a disability or those who have been discarded by their parents and communities. Sister Stan provides these kids with education, food, shelter and valuable life skills to be able to support themselves as adults.

Year 7 have been creating "sockballs" to raise money for Catholic Mission, which supports The Nazareth Home for God's Children. We made balls made of plastic bags, old clothes, string and wool just as some of the children in Ghana do to create balls to play sports with.



Please donate at: <https://www.socktober.org.au/MercyCollegeChatswood>

Have you registered for Socktober yet? Go to:  
[www.socktober.org.au/MercyCollegeChatswood](https://www.socktober.org.au/MercyCollegeChatswood)





### **YEAR 12—HSC Countdown Dr Prue Salter**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Year 12 attended a study skills session titled '*The HSC Countdown*' with Dr Prue Salter from Enhanced Learning Educational Services. The aim was to help Year 12 put together a plan of attack for between the last few weeks of term and their final exams.

The session focused firstly on what students need to do before the end of term. It is essential that study notes are completed, students work through their returned Trial HSC exam papers thoroughly (using the checklist provided), pinpoint areas of weakness by completing more past HSC papers and seek help on these, and endeavour to do as much practise of essay writing and examination questions as they can before the end of term so they can obtain feedback from teachers.

These last weeks of school are also the time where some students do not necessarily use their class time as effectively as they could, however after making the plan for the weeks just prior to the HSC exams, students can now see how quickly the time will go and how important it is to use the rest of this term to the full.

Year 12 also reviewed the study techniques they are using and looked at ways to improve and avoid common study mistakes using research about the brain. Each Year 12 student also filled out a grid with their HSC exam timetable, planning the best way to allocate their study time over the weeks prior and during the HSC exams using the guidelines that Dr Salter explained.

Having a plan in place can take away a lot of exam anxiety, as students know what they need to do to move forward and can see the steps they need to take to make the most of the last few months of their final year of school. Parents are encouraged to review the handout from the session with students and have students explain their study plan as often discussing these ideas can clarify students' approach.

Parents can also find extra study skills tips on the following website: <http://studyskillstoptipsparents.com/> and students can download the slides from the session and extra copies of the grid at [www.enhanced-learning.net](http://www.enhanced-learning.net).

### INTERMEDIATE BBSSA BASKETBALL

On Thursday the 12th of September Mercy travelled to the Bridgecoast sports stadium in Terrigal to take part in the Broken Bay basketball gala day. The morning started off early, but nevertheless we were all super enthusiastic to get on the court. I was playing in the intermediate team along with Claudia B, Eirene T, Natalie H, Sara D, Stephanie G, Olivia K and Anabelle S, we also brought along Aria P and Bianka N as support crew and was coached by Mr Hussey. Our first game was a tough one, we played Mount St. Benedict College. Sadly, we didn't come away from this game with a win, but in saying this, our team played extremely well especially for it being our first game.

Our next game was against Stella Marist and this was yet another tough game that we came so close to winning, but didn't quite make it. Our next game is where our day changed we played St Leos, this was an excellent game and we came away with a very comfortable win. We also managed to beat Mater Maria and progress into the finals where we played for third place. In our finals we played St Bridget's. This was a very good game and we were fortunate enough to come away with a win meaning we placed third in our intermediate competition.

Overall I believe our team played many good games throughout the day and worked in conjunction with one another, learning how one another play. There were many highlights throughout our games, with some 3's being scored and many plays working well. The day wouldn't have been the same without our support crew scoring and taking photos and our excellent coaching. The Broken Bay basketball gala day was a very successful day for the Mercy intermediate team taking 3 out of 5 wins and working very well as a team.

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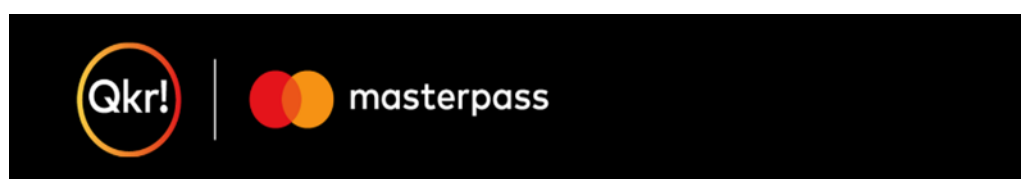
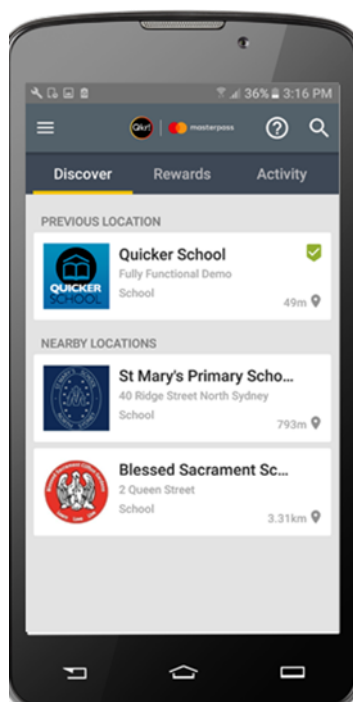
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