



15 February 2019

Prayer

A Prayer for the Family

Heavenly Father,
you have given us the model of life
in the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Help us, O Loving Father,
to make our family another Nazareth
where love, peace and joy reign.

May it be deeply contemplative,
intensely eucharistic,
revived with joy.

Help us to stay together in joy
and sorrow in family prayer.

Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our families,
especially in their distressing disguise.

May the eucharistic heart of Jesus
make our hearts humble like his
and help us to carry out our family duties
in a holy way.

May we love one another
as God loves each one of us,
more and more each day,
and forgive each other's faults
as you forgive our sins.

Help us, O Loving Father,
to take whatever you give
and give whatever you take with a big smile.
Amen.

Composed by St. Mother Teresa

Principal

*Your beginnings will seem humble, so
prosperous will your future be. Job 8:7*



As we begin a new school year we are reminded through scripture that every year is a new beginning for all of our community. With each new beginning comes the opportunity to prosper and find success in all we do. One of our key themes this year as a College community is "positive thoughts, positive actions, positive results". We will focus on this in more depth throughout this year. We ask all members of our community to embrace the newness of a school year and as scripture tells us, "to make streams in the wastelands".

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18-19

A very warm welcome back to all of our staff, students and families. We particularly welcome those who are joining the College community for the first time. We have a total of 238 Year 7 students beginning their journey with us this year as well as 14 students joining us in Years 8, 9, and 10. We warmly welcome you all. Congratulations to the Year 7 students who have settled in extremely well. Everyone has worked hard to ensure that our new students have been welcomed and supported in their transitional period. I also extend a warm welcome to those families that are also joining our community for the first time. I hope that your time within the Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs community is both enriching and rewarding.

New Staff

It is with great pleasure that I welcome the following staff to CRCCS

- **Jamie Barnett:** College Psychologist
- **Yuriko Hendrie:** Japanese

- **John Edwards:** Mathematics & IT
- **Tuyet Duong:** Mathematics
- **Daniel Pisani:** Humanities, PE, RE, Media
- **Kate Nolan:** RE, History, Psychology
- **Maria Hartono:** Education Support
- **Ferdinand Correya:** ACU student RE & IT
- **Sophie Martin:** ACU student Psychology & RE

We also warmly welcome back Mr Tony DeFazio from long service leave.

Each new staff member brings a diverse range of knowledge, gifts and talents that they will share with us. We wish them all the best as they begin their own teaching journey at Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs.

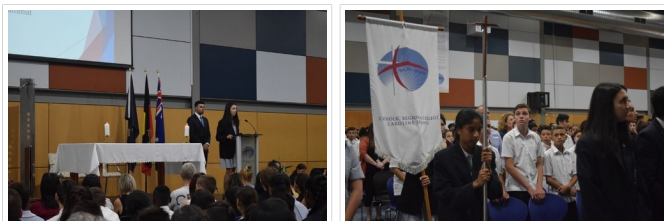
Supervision

Parents and students are advised that the College grounds are supervised each day from 8:20am to 3:40pm. Outside these hours there are sometimes special activities, training or other events. For these activities parents will be notified. Parents need to be aware that students who arrive on the grounds prior to 8:20am or leave after 3:40pm are not formally supervised. The Library however will be open and supervised from Monday - Thursday between 8:00am – 4:15pm and Friday 8:00am – 3:40pm.

Opening Mass

On Friday 8 February we had the honour of having our CRC Federation canonical administrator and Parish Priest of Sacred Heart/Emmaus Reverend Fr Maurie Cooney celebrate our Opening College Mass and Siena building blessing and opening.

I would like to thank Father Maurie for being the celebrant of the Mass and for inspiring us in his inspiring homily. I would also like to thank all the students who participated in the Mass so respectfully and reverently. Thank you also to our Faith and Mission Leader Mr Paul Sammut and the College Ministry team and to all of the staff and students involved in the Mass. It was wonderful to see so many parents present at the Mass and I thank them for their attendance. It was certainly a great way to gather together as a school community and celebrate the Eucharist. The Eucharist is at the heart of the CRC Federation of schools. It is in the Eucharist that we find ourselves, called, invited and challenged and the Eucharist makes visible the Christ we seek to know.



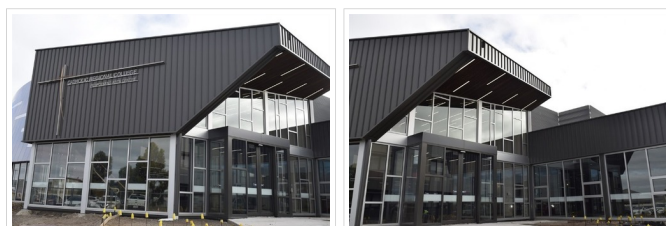
Building Works Update

The building work on the new Performing Arts Centre, adjoining the current hall is almost complete. This centre will be a great state of the art facility for our community and students. Another major development to be completed in the next two weeks

as part of the Performing Arts Centre infrastructure, is the new cafeteria and student dining area. These buildings will be officially opened by auxiliary Bishop Mark Edwards on Thursday 4 April at 3:45pm.

The new double storey Siena building comprising ten additional general purpose classrooms and staff office areas was officially blessed and opened on Friday 8 February. You can read more about the opening and view photos in this edition of the newsletter.

These new facilities will provide a rich and stimulating learning environment for all our students in which to flourish and reach their full potential.



CRC Caroline Springs Parents & Friends Association:

This year we are looking to further develop our Parents & Friends Association as we see this as a very important support group for our College. Meetings are open to and attended by interested parents/carers, friends of the College, teachers and administrative staff as well as our Principal, Mr Jamie Madigan or one of the Deputy Principals.

Everyone is welcome to come and meet other parents/carers, to learn more about our wonderful College as well as participate and share in general discussion often relating to significant issues about school events.

Our meetings will be held once a term and all are most welcome to attend. Our first meeting will be on **Wednesday 13 March at 7:00pm** in the College library. We would like parents to please e-mail their interest at principal@crccs.catholic.edu.au

Jamie Madigan
Principal

Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching

Welcome to the 2019 school year. I would particularly like to welcome our new students and families. We trust the holidays were restful and that you have returned inspired to embrace all that the year will hold. 2019 is poised to be a very exciting year, with many extra and co-curricular opportunities for our students; Chess Club, Debating Club, Book Club, Social Justice Events, Premier League Sports just to name a few. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you and to a positive and purposeful year of learning for all.

Homework Policy

At Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs, we believe homework should be a meaningful and worthwhile experience for students and is most effective in supporting learning when it has a clear purpose. As part of a comprehensive and balanced curriculum within Victorian schools, homework is seen as one

way of supporting and fostering life-long learning and connecting families with the learning of their children.

We encourage you to familiarise yourself with our *Homework Policy* together with your child. Please find a copy of the *Catholic Regional College Homework Policy*.

Homework catch-up

Homework catch-up is designed to assist student completion of homework. It is for students who would benefit from a quiet environment to work on a task, as well as students who have been placed on Homework catch-up as a means to address non-submission or completion of homework.

Where a student fails to complete set homework the parents/carers are informed of this via SEQTA generated emails. Where this is a common occurrence, subject teachers will contact parents/carers by phone to discuss the issue.

Homework catch-up will take place in Room MM2 every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime from 1:00pm to 1:30pm.

Non-attendance

If a student does not attend a Homework catch-up session, parents/carers will be contacted by the subject teacher to follow up the curriculum concern and a Thursday After School Recall session will be issued by a Year Level Leader for the following Thursday via Thursday Recall Notification on SEQTA.

Extra Support

Maths support will run twice a week after school. In 2019 these sessions will take place in Room MM2 every Monday and Wednesday from 3:20pm until 4:15pm.

Where a parent/carer is concerned that a student is overwhelmed with homework requirements, they are advised to contact the subject teacher setting the homework.

Academic Integrity

As members of the community at Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs, we value academic integrity in all aspects of our work. Respect for one's own academic work as well as respect for others' work, is a vital part of integrity. For such reasons, we acknowledge others' contributions and efforts in our work.

We would encourage our parents/carers to familiarize themselves with our *Code of Academic Integrity* and discuss this with your son/daughter.

When a breach of academic integrity is identified students will receive a resubmission date for their work. As a result of the breach in academic integrity the student will receive a 'zero' for the task. Parents/carers will receive a notification via SEQTA regarding the nature of the breach. The overall semester result will therefore be impacted.

As a parent/carer you may support your child by:

- developing a positive approach to homework
- ensuring there is a balance between the time spent on homework and recreational activities
- talking to teachers about any concerns they have about the homework

- attending the school events, productions or displays their child is involved in
- discussing homework with their child in their first language, if English is not the main language spoken at home, and linking it to previous experiences
- linking homework and other learning activities to the families' culture, history and language, linking with relevant services, clubs, associations and community groups.

Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs Assessment Re-Sit Procedure 2019

With the introduction of VCE Units 1&2 Psychology and Health & Human Development, the College is required to have a designated time allocated for the re-sitting of School Assessed Coursework (SAC). This time for re-sitting assessment tasks would be made available to all students across the College.

A 100-minute assessment re-sit period will take place at the College each Day 9 from 3:20pm - 5:00pm in the *Siena Building*. This re-sit period is supervised by College teaching staff to allow for any student who has missed an in-class assessment without the need to be absent for additional class time. Students scheduled to attend the re-sit period will be required to be present for the entire 100-minutes regardless of the length of time required to complete the assessment task assigned by the classroom teacher. Students will be able to complete private study within any remaining time.

In the coming week, all parents/carers will be sent a *Care Monkey Permission Form* for your child to be eligible to attend the after-school assessment task re-sit period. If your child is required to attend an after-school assessment re-sit, you will be notified of this through SEQTA, by no later than 3:30pm on the Tuesday prior to the scheduled Thursday assessment re-sit.

If a student is absent from an assessment re-sit, the student will receive a score of 0% for the assessment task.

A copy of the *Assessment Re-Sit Procedure 2019* is available on SEQTA Engage. If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mr Brendan Jackson
Learning & Teaching Leader: Curriculum Innovation

Parent Information Night - SEQTA, CareMonkey and Cyber Safety

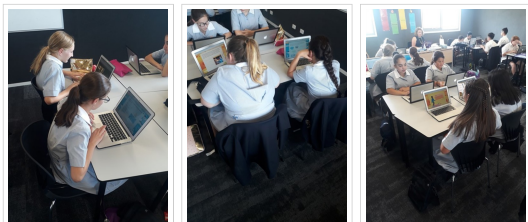
Thank you to the 150 parents for attending the SEQTA, CareMonkey and Cyber Safety Parent Information Night last Wednesday evening. A copy of the SEQTA and Caremonkey presentation, together with Cybersafety tips from Project Rockit, can be viewed below.

Macbook Rollout Program

Year 7 students received their Macbooks at the beginning of the week. The full day program covered: ICT policies, trackpad skills, SEQTA Learn, GMail, macOS, keyboard shortcuts, software/apps and key competencies. Students also participated in the eSmart Digital Licence program created by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. The eight modules the Digital Licence covered include:

- Module 1:** Digital Devices
- Module 2:** Protecting Privacy
- Module 3:** Searching and Researching
- Module 4:** Creating and Sharing
- Module 5:** Social Networking and Gaming
- Module 6:** Communicating Safely Online
- Module 7:** Relationships and Reputation
- Module 8:** Credits, Coins and Tokens

Thank you for the support of the program. If you have any feedback please email enowak@crccs.catholic.edu.au



Year 7 and new students' Macbook Hire Agreement

A reminder to please return all Macbook Hire Agreements to your child's homeroom teacher.

We would like to clear up some issues that have arisen with the distribution of the Macbook Hire Agreement:

- The College communicates that the Macbook is owned by the College as we manage the day to day running of the device, and administer software licences your child will use during their studies.
- The decommissioning fee is confirmed at \$50. This process involves removing software your child uses during their studies. Once this occurs, there is a transfer of ownership to the family.

New student Macbook Orientation

New students at the College will participate in a Macbook Orientation Program. Year 7 students who were absent during their Macbook Rollout Program day will also be included.

Elise Nowak

Learning and Teaching Leader: Digital Learning

Deputy Principal Wellbeing

It is with great excitement that I write this first article for the year. The wonderful thing about school communities is the number of opportunities we all have for renewal and starting afresh. These can present on any given day; the first day of a new week; at the start of a term or semester; and especially at the beginning of a new year. Right now anything is possible. The Christian message of forgiveness is intrinsic to the notion of renewal and I know that every student who walked through our gates last week shares a common motivation: "I want to do well. I hope the teachers like me. I want to be accepted by friends and feel I belong". As the students move through the year levels they will progress academically, mature and become more independent. However, their perspective on these three motivating factors never changes. As adults, think about your own working/social life - no matter your age or position, everyone wants to belong, be respected and do well. Other Christian values which enrich

renewal are compassion and hope. It is my wish that everyone in our community takes this opportunity, the beginning of a new year, to reach out to others, be optimistic about the year ahead and embrace the values of forgiveness, renewal and acceptance and strive to be the best person they can be.

Uniform Policy

The Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs' uniform is widely recognised and a highly visible symbol of our school. The uniform with its CRC crest identifies our students as part of a college with a Catholic tradition and worn correctly encourages school spirit and a sense of pride in appearance and respect for oneself. It also contributes towards a sense of belonging to an inclusive, non-discriminatory and equal opportunity community.

The uniform promotes positive community perceptions of a Catholic Regional College student, particularly when in transit to and from school and presents us as proud members and leaders in the Caroline Springs community that strive for high standards.

Wellbeing Leadership Team

When a parent/carer needs to contact the College regarding a wellbeing matter, the first person to contact is the homeroom teacher.

For serious matters please contact a Year Level Leader, listed below.

Year 7:	Mr Danny Godoy	Ms Tiffany Azzopardi
Year 8:	Ms Bridget Crowe	Ms Karen Bailey
Year 9:	Ms Rita Paniagua	Ms Laura Bonini
Year 10:	Ms Dawn Rodgers	Mr Xavier Hayes

An issue may be progressed to the next level and a Year Level Leader may include Ms Kiera McNally who is the Head of Student Wellbeing.

Parents, cars and parking

Parents/Carers Visiting the College

When a parent/carer enters the College gates it is mandatory to sign in through Reception.

If you are waiting for your child after school then, as a safety measure, please wait outside on the footpath. We need to keep the entrance clear for student traffic. If you need to come into the College, please use the parent entrance on the west side of the Reception.

Traffic around Caroline Springs

The area around our College is the hub of education in Caroline Springs and includes six schools and around 4500 students. That is a lot of cars at morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. The congestion can be a huge source of anxiety for families, especially those with work constraints and siblings at multiple school locations. So I would urge all families to encourage their children to walk, ride or catch public transport rather than come chauffeur-driven.

I remember, from Grade 5, walking a kilometre to the bus stop, across Springvale Rd with no lights or X-ing, catching a bus to

Nunawading Station, then a train to Camberwell Station, then walking another kilometer to school. Many of the parents/carers in our community would have similar stories. It built resilience, independence and it was fun to be travelling with friends.

My advice is to start allowing your children to have the same experience themselves. If you would like to start small, try dropping them off in a street other than College St. Get them walking a bit. There will be a flow on effect that will reap many benefits for all. Remember, you are part of the traffic congestion.

Church & Staff Carpark

The church and staff carpark entry to the College is not to be used by parents/carers as a drop-off or pick-up point. If you feel that there are exceptional circumstances then please contact me.

Vet Carpark

The Vet carpark next door to the College is not to be used by parents/carers. The Vet will call parking officers to issue fines to non-customers. This happened on many occasions last year.

Ric Brodrick
Deputy Principal Wellbeing

Mission and Faith Leader

Opening and Blessing of Siena Building

On Friday 8 February, Fr Maurie Cooney (Canonical Administrator of the CRC Federation) blessed and opened the St Catherine of Siena building and celebrated our Opening College Mass.

The occasion of inauguration of our new building was an opportunity to show gratitude to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on our community. The blessing was witnessed by Fr Richard Rosse Parish Priest of St Catherine of Siena Parish, Deacon Chris Creo, Mr Michael Testa Federation Business Manager, our Year 7 students (who will be predominantly using the building), homeroom teachers, parents and families. Our College Leaders assisted with the various readings of the liturgy and Year 7 Representatives represented each of the nine homerooms. The building was appropriately named after St Catherine of Siena who exemplifies what it means to be a disciple of Christ, has links with the St Catherine of Siena Parish Church here in Caroline Springs, as well as our four College Pillars – Stewardship, Learning, Prayer and Compassion. A short biography and how St Catherine links to our Pillars was read on the day and can be found here.

Following the blessing, the College gathered to celebrate our Opening College Mass. Beginning the year in prayer allowed the opportunity to entrust to God all that we will do this year and ask God to be with us throughout our journey. Students and Staff participated in the Eucharist through various ministries processionist: lectors, eucharistic ministers, singers and musicians. The contributions of the community led to a solemn and reverent liturgy.



Friday Mass – St Catherine of Siena Parish Church at 8:00am

Students, parents and their families are invited to attend 8:00am morning mass every Friday, at St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs. The Eucharist allows us the opportunity to receive so many graces from God. Strength, forgiveness and hope are some of these graces we receive. However, the most important is growing in a deeper love for Christ from receiving him in the Eucharist. It is a wonderful opportunity to devote some time to silence and prayer and move our focus away from ourselves and on things we may need to work on to become more Christ like. I highly encourage you to attend.



BEGIN THE DAY WITH
CHRIST

8am every
Friday of School Term

St Catherine of Siena Parish
Caroline Springs

FAMILIES, STUDENTS, STAFF &
PARISHIONERS ARE ALL WELCOME

Friday 8am Mass – St Catherine of Siena Parish Church

Rise Melbourne 2019

A host of youth groups, schools and communities around Melbourne are participating in a one-day event for young people aged from Year 9 and up to discover, deepen and celebrate their faith in Christ.



Rise 2019 will have a festival-like atmosphere and will include opportunities for young people to experience the arts, live music, prayer, social time, and workshops based on a variety of topics.

It is our hope to take students to this wonderful event. Students are able to register via the link on SEQTA notices.

DATE: SATURDAY 23 MARCH 2019
TIME: 10:00am – 10:00pm

LOCATION: Penola Catholic College, 29 Gibson St,
Broadmeadows VIC 3047 (transport to and
from the venue to be organized)

COST: \$10 (Early bird fee – must register before 28
February)

<http://risemelbourne.com/>

Health and Physical Education

The Health and Physical Education team would like to welcome our new Year 7s to the College, along with our Year 8s, 9s and 10s. We are looking forward to working with the CRCCS community to develop knowledge, understanding and awareness in the area of Health and Physical Education.

A range of Health topics are explored in our curriculum including:

Year 7: SunSmart, Positive Mental Health, Safety, Puberty, Smoking, Benefits of Physical Activity

Year 8: Community Health, Nutrition, Personal Identity, Puberty, Alcohol, Fitness

Year 9: First Aid, Mental Health, Cannabis, Sexuality, Performance enhancing drugs, Fitness

Year 10: Active Lifestyles, Body Systems, Health of Australians, Illicit Drugs, Relationships.

During Physical Education, students participate in a variety of activities to develop their fitness, motor skills and tactics, teamwork and leadership. All students are expected to attend every Physical Education class in the correct PE uniform and runners, which also includes a hat and water bottle. Sunscreen is available at school; however, it is highly recommended that this is applied every morning before school as part of your normal routine.

We hope the conversations and experiences we begin here relating to health and well-being are continued at home, and look forward to your support in this area. With many of our lifestyle diseases preventable through positive lifestyle behaviours, we encourage you all to make healthy choices beginning with:

1. Eating a balanced and nutritious diet
2. Being SunSmart
3. Maintaining healthy weight
4. Limiting alcohol consumption
5. Not smoking cigarettes
6. Exercising

(Visit <https://canceraustralia.gov.au/healthy-living> to find out more)

Helen Beynon

Learning Area Leader – Health and Physical Education



Health

Year 7 Welcome Day

What a fantastic start to 2019 with the eager but still a little anxious Year 7 cohort. Ms Tiffany Azzopardi and I have been so proud of the smooth transition that all of the Year 7 students have made to our College. The students are very excited by the new Siena Building and Siena Square which is designed for their educational use, and for effective teaching and safety in mind. The Year 7 students still have a few more baby steps to go through this year, but we are positive that they will shine during such events as the Macbook rollout, swimming & athletics carnivals, camp and of course a year of personal academic achievements. I am particularly proud of the transition our current Year 7 students have made from their respective Primary Schools, and look forward to them feeling a strong and pride filled connectedness to our supportive College. If you have any concerns or queries about your Year 7 child's transition and progress, please contact Ms Azzopardi or myself to listen and support you.

Mr Danny Godoy
Year 7 Level Leader



Year 7 Welcome Day Assembly

Catholic Regional College Sydenham – Attention Year 10 Families

Enrolments

Enrolments **close for 2020 Year 11 on Monday 11 February 2019**. Parents should lodge the required documentation with the **\$215 enrolment fee** by this date to ensure a position at this College.

Academic Testing

Academic testing for 2019 Year 10 (2020 Year 11) has been previously advised as Saturday 27 April 2019.

New date is: Saturday 25 May 2019

Maths Department

Welcome back to all our students and parents/carers to a new scholastic year. During their first week at school all students have discussed with their Maths teacher the Student Expectation letter which together with a copy of the Information Letter for Parents/carers will be directly messaged to the families. These letters give parents/carers information about their child's mathematics learning at the college, so I highly encourage you to read them and direct any questions you may have to your child's Mathematics teacher.

A reminder that students wishing to purchase the hardcopy Essentials Mathematics textbook, are to return the Order Form together with the exact money in an envelope to the school reception by the Friday 22 February 2019. Order Forms can be found at the school reception.

I would also like to encourage students to take advantage of the Math Support Sessions which are again running after school on most Mondays and Wednesdays as shown on the timetable.

I wish all our students a great year!

Ms Cremona Millo
Mathematics Learning Area Leader

Accounts Department

School Fees

If you would still like to set up payment plans for school fees please download a direct debit form and return it to reception at your earliest convenience

Year 8, 9 & 10 Macbook Program

Year 8, 9 & 10 Macbook Program Payment of \$490.00 is now overdue, if you have not paid for your child/rens 2019 Macbook Program please contact the College Finance department to arrange payment as soon as possible. If payment is not received by Monday 1 April unpaid devices will need to be returned to the IT department for the duration of the Term 1 school holidays.

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provide payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sport programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions.

Applications for 2019 are now open and will close on 21 June 2019 (end of term 2)

Who can Apply

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

To be eligible for CSEF payment your health care card must be valid from 29 January 2019

Please download a CSEF application form or obtain a form from reception and return to the College along with a copy of your valid Health care card.

College Uniform

Academy Uniforms Catholic Regional College Sydenham

Address: 380 Sydenham Rd Place, Sydenham

Monday 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Thursday 8:00am – 10:00am

Saturday 9:00am – 12:00pm

To order uniform online

<https://www.academyuniforms.com.au/login.php>

Username: CRC Caroline Springs

Password: caroline springs