



## KEY DATES

**Year 12 Tennis**  
10 & 17 Feb  
2 & 16 Mar

**School Board Meeting**  
11 Feb

**St Vinnies Bushfire BBQ Appeal**  
11 Feb

**Yr 12 Child Studies Excursion**  
**Archer's Table**  
12 Feb

**Opening Liturgy**  
13 Feb 9.00am

**JJAMM – Sydney**  
14 Feb – 20 Feb

**Yr 1-4 Water Safety**  
17 - 24 Feb

**Yr 8-10 Girls Cricket**  
18 Feb

**Shrove Tuesday**  
25 Feb

**Parent / Teacher Interviews**  
25 & 27 Feb

**Ash Wednesday**  
26 Feb

**Twilight Sports Day**  
4 Mar

Further information on upcoming events is  
available on our website  
[http://www.cc.catholic.edu.au/news-  
events/calendar](http://www.cc.catholic.edu.au/news-events/calendar)

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## Principal's Message

### Welcome

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all students and families to the 2020 school year. I offer a special welcome to those students and families who have joined our community for the first time this year. I hope that you have experienced a welcome to our College community. I trust that everyone will identify with and experience the hallmarks our Catholic faith and Josephite tradition – joy, pride and hope. I look forward to working with all of our families to educate your children and support them to reach their full potential. All the best for the year ahead!



### College Theme – “Bring Light to Earth”

I am excited to share with you our College theme for this year – “Bring Light to Earth”. This theme is focused on what it means to be a disciple and use our talents to create a better world. We are inspired by the notion of sharing our gifts and talents with those around us. When we hear of stories of someone giving their time or skills to help someone in need we are often appreciative and grateful. We all have our own particular set of gifts. We hope that this year's theme will lead our students to identify their unique set gifts and learn how to use them to help others and create a safe and joyful school, community and world.

*May our kindness, compassion and  
justice give witness to our faith and  
“bring light to Earth” and make  
2020 a year of grace and hope for  
all members of our College community.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

### 2019 SACE Results

We are again extremely proud of our College's excellent South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) results. We achieved **100% SACE completion rate**, as has been the case for many years at Caritas College. We extend our congratulations to Alyssa Magor as Dux of the College with an ATAR of 97.80 and Annie Maloney who obtained an ATAR of 96.50 (these results are the students raw score and do not include the University Equity Scheme bonus points). Alyssa was also presented with Port Augusta City Council's 2019 Academic Achiever Award.



Five students achieved an ATAR of over 90. Over 34% of our students reached an ATAR over 80. Almost 30% of all the grades obtained were in the 'A' grade band, which is a great achievement. 99% of the grades awarded to our Year 12 students were 'C' grade or better. 1 in 5 of our Year 12 students successfully completed their SACE taking advantage of a VET pathway. These students obtained a certificate II or III in their respective courses and also received an ATAR.

The outstanding academic achievements of South Australia's Year 12 students were recognised at the SACE Merit Ceremony on Tuesday. The event was hosted by the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency the Hon. Hieu Van Le AC, at Government House.

Congratulations to Phoebe Hunter (A+ Merit in Mathematical Methods) and Amelia Etchells (A+ Merit in General Mathematics) who attended the ceremony to accept their awards.



Since the release of the SACE results, we have been pleased to hear that 15 students received an offer for their 1st preference university course and 8 students were successful in obtaining an apprenticeship.

I acknowledge and am particularly grateful for the teaching and non-teaching staff who played a key role in nurturing and supporting our students to develop a love of learning.

### Parent Information Evening

Thank you to the families who attended our Parent Information Evening last Thursday. We value the relationship that must exist between 'home' and 'school' to support every student to become the best they can be. If you were unable to attend this event, I encourage you to make contact with your child's teacher(s) if you have any question about learning or school activities. I know that all of our teachers are eager to build positive relationships with families and welcome such conversations.

At the Parent Information Evening I spoke about a number of initiatives that our College will be implementing this year.

- 1:1 Laptop Program
- Industry Engagement Pathways & Specialised Learning Programs
- Renewed Learning Spaces and Classroom Environments
- Dance (with Caitlin Jones)
- The Rite Journey (Year 9)
- Project-Based Learning Program
- Solar Panel Project

These are just some of the initiatives that our College will be focussing on this year. We are excited because ultimately, we know that they will help support our students to become engaged and capable learners. If you are interested in learning more about any of the above projects please contact the College.

### Staffing

We welcome a number of new staff to Caritas College this year. I know you will join me in making them feel part of the College and broader community.

**Miss Penny Malchow** – Year 1/2 Teacher

**Miss Tara May** – Year 5/6 Teacher

**Miss Klarysa Wojtkowski** – Middle School Teacher (Science/HPE/Home Ec)

**Miss Emily Coymans** – Middle School Teacher (Maths/HPE)

**Mr Henry Wallis** – Middle School Teacher (English/HASS/RE)

**Mr Nathan O'Brien** – Secondary Teacher (Maths/Physics/STEM)

**Miss Caitlin Jones** – Dance Instructor

**Mr Brian Miller** – Grounds & Maintenance Officer



For your benefit, I provide the below information relating to our College leadership structure.

I commend the knowledge and skills of the people who fulfil these roles and work to maximise the wellbeing and learning opportunities for all of our students.

### Executive Leadership

**Principal** - Damian Smith

**Deputy Principal** - Mary Manning

**Business Manager Leader** - Piera Gough

### Leadership of Learning & Wellbeing

**R - 6 Director of Learning & Wellbeing** - Leigh O'Shaughnessy

**7 - 9 Director of Learning & Wellbeing** - Jasmin Eckert

**10 - 12 Director of Learning & Wellbeing** - Norah Grover

### Teaching & Learning Coordination

**Inclusive Education Coordinator** - Veronica McLachlan

**Coordinator of Curriculum & Innovation** - Lexie Morris

**School Coordinator** - Therese Noll

### Lead Teachers

**R - 6 Faith & Pastoral Care** - Chelsey Caputo

**7 - 12 Faith & Pastoral Care** - Michelle Antoniciello

**VET Coordinator** - Susy Rogers

**Student Leadership** - Alanah Rowe

**Primary Sports** - Leigh O'Shaughnessy

**Secondary Sports** - Jack Muirhead

*Damian Smith, Principal*



## Around the College





### Young Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to Year 9 student, Lauren Kennett, who was the recipient of the Young Citizen of the Year award for her dedication to the performing arts community in Port Augusta. Well done, Lauren.

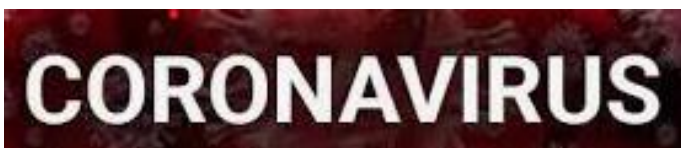


### Coronavirus

Public health officials have updated advice regarding Novel Coronavirus. We would like to underline the importance of following this advice and alert you to the new national information hotline 1800 020 080. The updated advice from SA Health is effective from **Saturday 1 February 2020**:

- Children or staff who travelled to mainland China must isolate themselves in their home for 14 days after leaving mainland China if they left mainland China on or after 1 February 2020.
- Children or staff who have been in close contact with a confirmed case must isolate themselves in their homes for 14 days after last contact.
- Children or staff who have returned from Hubei Province, China must isolate themselves in their home for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province.
- Staff and students in these circumstances must not attend schools, preschools or early childhood centres and should not engage with other students.

Symptoms may include fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue and sore throat. People with these symptoms who have travelled to China or have had close contact with a confirmed case should see a doctor or attend a hospital and call ahead so they can prepare. The College will keep you updated if new information becomes available.





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LESSONS FROM  
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If you are interested  
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front office for details.



GUITAR, TRUMPET, SAXOPHONE, CLARINET AND MUSIC  
THEORY LESSONS FROM MS BEACH





**ST VINNIES BUSHFIRE APPEAL**

**BARBEQUE**

**WEEK 3, TUESDAY  
11 FEB 2020**

**SAUSAGE IN BREAD \$2.00  
GLUTEN FREE AVAILABLE  
CAN OF SOFT DRINK \$2.00 (5-12)  
CUP OF SOFT DRINK \$1.00 (R-4)**

**R-6 STUDENTS PRE-ORDERS  
DUE WEEK 2 FRIDAY**



**R-4 READERS**

The primary staff have recently completed a stocktake of classroom take home readers.

If you have any readers at home, please return to your child's class teacher so we can accurately determine how many books we currently have at each year level.

Thank you