



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit

N e w s l e t t e r

COLLEGE EVENTS

Monday

19/10/2015

Year 12, 2015/2016
HSC Course Infor-
mation Evening at 6pm

Thursday

22/10/2015

Year 9 French Excur-
sion to Madame Tus-
saud's Darling Harbour
and Wildlife Sydney
Zoo

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29/10/2015

College Assembly

Friday

30/10/2015

Year 6 Transition Cur-
riculum

Year 8 HSIE Excursion
to Blue Mountains

Dear Parents and Guardians of SNACC

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Welcome back to Term 4!

I would like to thank the many parents that have given me a warm welcome as the new Principal of to St Narsai Assyrian Christian College.

As most of you know, I have been the Deputy of St Hurmizd Primary School over the last four years. However prior to this I have been the Principal of Bankstown Senior College and I have been a Deputy Principal of two very large High Schools in Newcastle.

During my first week or so at SNACC, I have been very busy to get to know students and staff. My first impressions of the College are very positive. We have very well behaved students who are keen to learn. They are very respectful and safe in their behaviour. The teaching staff is very committed and enthusiastic and focused on the number one priority– learning in a safe and collaborative learning environment. The Assyrian Community should be very proud of their College.

At the College assembly I was explaining to students and staff of the importance of Getting Along as an important key to success in our lives. Getting along means that students work and play together. It means that they are friendly, tell the truth and care about others and be able to fix problems without squabbling or fighting. When students get along, they follow the important rules of the classroom and home. They also want to help to make their school and home cleaner and safer.

The Year 12 students have started their HSC examinations this week and we all pray that they will achieve their best. The results, of course, will be published around the 16th December 2015. So far the students have sat for the two English Papers, Ancient History, IPT, Economics and PHHPE.

At this time of the year the students in Year 10 and Year 12 are talking about attending end of Year Formals and other functions or parties. It is important for parents to know that the Assyrian Schools Policy, as from 2015, is not have any involvement with these events. The Assyrian Schools do not officially support these events. I have written to every Year 10 and Year 12 parent informing them of this. Please be aware that young people may engage in end of year celebrations and as parents we need to ensure that they do this with safety. A very good website for you to visit for advice is: <http://www.youthsafe.org/>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if would like to discuss aspects of your child's education.

FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The Year 12 2015-2016 HSC course commenced last week and a number of teachers have already issued assessment tasks to their students. As most of these assessment tasks will be due by the end of this term, it is vital that Year 12 students start their HSC journey on a positive note by working consistently and effectively, both at school and at home. Students are expected to spend between 2-4 hrs every day at home studying, summarising notes, practising essay writing, and working on assignments. Equally important is how students use their time at school, both during lessons and during their scheduled study periods.

To support efforts in improving the student achievements, we will rigorously follow up on every absence and/ or lateness by our HSC students. Only legitimate reasons, such as illnesses or serious incidents will be accepted by our staff.

I hope to see you all next Monday, 19th October at 6 pm in the school hall for the Year 12 Assessment Information Evening. We will explore important HSC assessment information and procedures and all students will receive the Year 12 Assessment Information Booklet. This booklet will contain all relevant assessment protocols and procedures as well as assessment schedules covering all subjects.

As we move to week three of this final term of the year, students (Years 7-10) are reminded that they should start preparing early for end of year exams, which are scheduled in week 6 for Years 9 & 10 and week 7 for Years 7 & 8. Students should also be making sure that all their book work and revision notes are complete and up to date so they are useful for exam revisions.

Students are strongly encouraged to comply with College policies, in particular the Haircuts and Uniform Policy. It is a good practice for parents and students to regularly familiarise themselves with this and other policies. These policies are published in student diaries.

Thank you,

Mr. E. Dinkha

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Message from the Counsellor

Get Paddling

As the College farewelled the Class of 2015 last month, we welcomed the Class of 2016 today. Truly it was a very warm welcome at the Yarramundi YMCA camp site in allowing the students to relax, unwind and fellowship with their fellow classmates before the gravity and workload of the HSC commences.

The students had a fun-packed three-day schedule. From the daytime's abseiling down a mountain, to cracking puzzles in initiatives, from the dark and unknown cave-mazing to the thrilling obstacles of high ropes. From the night time's trivia competitions to the warm campfire and marshmallow toasting. Nothing but beautiful memories remain now with our wonderful students.

Personally, the highlight of the day was the kayaking/canoeing activity; whereby each student sat on their kayak and paddled their way through the Hawkesbury stream alone. They encountered eels, water reptiles and all sorts of bugs and bacteria. This is the real deal! This is the message; that upon their return home and onwards with their life journey, each student is metaphorically paddling their kayak (boat) forward in life. Most of the time they will feel alone, they will feel overwhelmed, they will feel intruded. But they are to remember that the power is in their hands, they hold the paddles and they steer their boats in the direction they want their lives to go.

On the Hawkesbury stream you had bugs biting into you, your lips became swollen, your hands and feet filled with mosquito bites and your arms aching of pain because of the paddling, some of you even fell into the water and got drenched. But hey, you survived and lived to tell the tale. This is your life, you will fall and hurt yourself, you will have scars to tell the stories behind them and you will get drenched in the issues life throws at you. But that's the way it goes, what matters is you'll stand tall at the end and speak of your adventures.

Get out there and push yourselves forward; paddle through life, interact with the beings around you and take the direction you think it's best for you. For in the end, you and only you will be held accountable. Make the best out of it!



From PDHPE Faculty

The PDHPE faculty would like to wish all year 12 students sitting their PDHPE and CAFS HSC exam in the up coming weeks the very best of luck.

It has been a busy start to term 4 for the PDHPE faculty as we are preparing for yearly exams and covering vital content. We have purchased new soccer goals and basketball hoops which will be installed shortly. We ask that all students take care of this equipment so that we can maximise our sports at SNACC.

The Junior lunch time soccer competition will start within the next few weeks. I know all of the participants are very eager to begin.

Learn to swim will be conducted in week 10 for both years 7 and 8, details will be given shortly.

We hope all students have had a great start to term 4.

Thank you

Mrs Tatian

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Wednesday

2:30pm-4:30pm

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