



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit

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College Assembly (Nis-
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Dear Parents and Guardians of SNACC

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St Narsai Assyrian Christian College is a **Uniform school**. This means that the correct wearing of the uniform is not a free choice. We care about our students and their image in the community. The school community has developed a school policy on uniform whose details you find in the student diary. I would like to thank parents and students that are supporting the high standards in the wearing of the uniform.

The uniform extends to:

- haircuts
- grooming and presentation, including no facial hair for boys
- make up and jewellery
- the uniform itself

Students out of uniform must have on that day, a signed, dated parental note giving satisfactory reason why this has occurred. If this involves more than one day then this should be sated. The note should be given out the PC teacher at roll cal. Failure to bring a note may lead to the student having to serve a lunch detention.

The **HSC examinations** have almost come to an end for our students and there is only one exam left this week. A reminder that **Year 12 Formal** held on Thursday 3rd December, **has not been organized by the school** but by the students themselves. However, some staff have indicated that they may attend. Parents need to understand that the staff attending will be providing a “duty of care” during the function only. It is the responsibility of Parents and Caregivers to ensure safety of their child before the start of the function and after the function has finished. The school is expecting that your child is picked up by parents/ caregivers after the function has finished and that they become responsible for their safety.

The Years 9 and 10 **annual examinations** are being held in Week 6 and the Years 7 & 8 are held in Week 7. Parents, should encourage your student to get ready for these exams by ensuring that they have developed a revision study timetable and they are following it.

Mr **John Haskal formal farewell diner** was held last Friday. Over 100 guests attended including His Beatitude, special guests and John’s family. We wish John a happy retirement and thank him for the work he has done for the Assyrian Schools, St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College and for the Assyrian Community.

FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

It has been great to see so many Year 7 & 8 students enthusiastically using their brand new laptops, even during recess and lunch breaks. Students are now bringing their laptops into their classrooms and are utilising them as a learning tool. As a teacher, I am already seeing improvements in the pace of classwork with reduced interruptions in my class. No doubt, students will have much easier access to their work at home, given that some classwork is being saved on their laptops and they may use the range of software available to them.

From the teachers' perspective, we are working to improve the way we integrate E learning into the classroom. E-learning refers to the use of information and communication technology (ICT) to enhance and facilitate teaching and learning. Students are encouraged to seek assistance from their teachers about any technical matters in relation to the utilisation of their laptops in their respective classrooms or learning environments.

Year 8 students across the state will be sitting a "VALID Science 8" test in week 6. This test replaces what used to be called "Essential Secondary Science Assessment" (ESSA) test in previous years. Valid is another acronym for *Validation of Assessment 4 Learning and Individual Development*. The following is an excerpt from the VALID administration manual:

VALID Science 8 provides parents and schools with valuable information about the performance of individuals and groups of students. The test's purpose is to raise community awareness about science education by informing parents and schools about what students know and can do in aspects of science.

In our last College Newsletter, I invited parents and students to familiarise themselves with College policies with a particular emphasis on the Haircut and Uniform Policy. From next Monday we will be closely monitoring students' uniforms and we will be challenging students who continue to disregard college expectations.

I would also like to make mention of the college expectations in relation to mobile phones during school time. As we come closer to End of Year Examinations from week 6, it is important that students are reminded that they cannot use mobile phones during school time and should be storing mobile phones in their lockers. Having a mobile phone inside an examination room is considered malpractice and will result in a mark of zero for the particular examination. More details are available in page ix of the student's diary.

Thank you,

Mr. E. Dinkha

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Message from the Counsellor

What Remains?

Over the past weekend we celebrated the Silver Jubilee (25th Anniversary) of our beautiful Cathedral, under the name of our patron Saint Hurmizd in Greenfield Park.

It was encouraging to see many of our beloved Assyrian Schools' staff members in attendance of this joyous occasion, which not only instil educational benefits to our students but also the sense of community which goes a far way.

It was an extraordinary night, hearing speeches and acknowledging the great work of clergy members and faithfuls of the Church whom committed themselves tirelessly in their respective fields.

One thing that astonished myself, and surely all those who were in attendance was the video presentation. The video encompassed clips of the original recordings during the building, opening and consecration of the Church in 1990.

We sat and attentively watched individuals voluntarily constructing the Church; from excavations with shovels to laying bricks with scaffolds, from tiling with cement to the elevation of spectacular chandeliers to the ceilings. Some individuals which have passed on from this world, while others remain in elderly age. With the strength of their works shown in the video twenty-five years ago to the side effects of aging today.

One thing remains clear now – that everything we do in our lifetime only becomes a mere memory of yesterday, every step we take in our lifetime remains a legacy to echo and a story to tell.

What is our legacy? What is our story? What will generations after us tell of our works and deeds? These are the questions our students should be asking. Only at this point will our young generation put their energy and motivation to work in good practice.

Let us look at good to imitate, and let us look at bad to evade!



From The Languages Faculty

Bonjour Mesdames et Messieurs,

On Thursday the 20th of October, the French Faculty had organised an excursion for us French students to visit the Sydney Wildlife Zoo and Madame Tussauds. The purpose of this excursion was to enhance our French vocabulary as we have been learning about wildlife animals in class. Both French classes were very eager to go on this excursion as it was educational and enjoyable at the same time.

First, we tested our memory all the way through the Wildlife Zoo trying to correctly pronounce the animal's names in French. Seeing such exotic creatures up close was extraordinary, an experience we will never forget. Our next stop was just around the corner, Madame Tussauds, also known as the Wax Museum. We had a great time taking photos with superstars like Michael Jackson, Rihanna, and Ricky Martin. It was really inspiring to learn some background information about the lives of these international stars and how they've become the people they are today. The amount of time put into these wax figures is unbelievable. Overall, this excursion was very entertaining and I would recommend all future French students have the opportunity to go on this excursion.

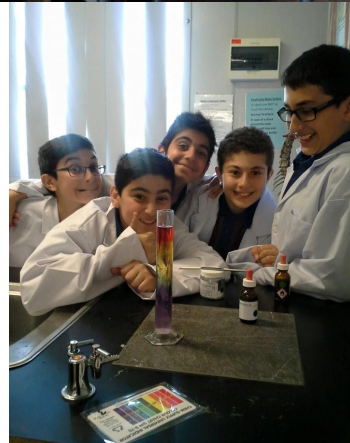
Au revoir.

Par Noah Sada 9P



Year 6 to 7 Transition Day

Year 6 transition day... The students got a glimpse of high school life with lessons on Mathematics, PDHPE, English, cooking and lots more.



AKAD UNIFORM SHOP

School uniforms are now in stock and available from AKAD uniform store

Open Monday and Tuesday

9am-11am

Wednesday

2:30pm-4:30pm

7-9 Greenfield Rd, Greenfield Park

School Hours

8:40 am

To

3:00 pm

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To

4pm

Monday to Friday

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