



St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College

Harp of The Spirit

N e w s l e t t e r

COLLEGE EVENTS

Thursday
12.2.2015
Year 10 Assessment
Information Evening
7pm

Tuesday
17.2.2015
Year 7 Parent Infor-
mation Evening
7pm

Dear Parents and Guardians of SNACC

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As it is the start of another School year I wish to take this opportunity to welcome you all back, I hope you had happy and relaxing holidays with your children.

I wish to bring to your attention some points that we are concerned about and hope that you can cooperate with us and support our policies and procedures;

- Lateness to school.... it is your responsibility as parents to make sure your child is at the school by 8.40 am every day, you must make every effort to bring your child to school on time
- If you wish to pick up your child early, you must write a note and send it to the office in the morning, this note will be sent to the year advisor who will sign and document it.
- No one is allowed to pick up a child from school unless the name of that person is written in the enrolment application as an emergency pick up. If you can't pick up your child then you need to nominate someone else to do so. This is a legal requirement.
- Any student turning up to school without proper uniform will be sent home to change, if there is a problem with uniform then you need to write a note ,sign it and send it to the Office to be forwarded onto year adviser
- We will not tolerate hair styles that do not comply with our policies and procedures described in the student diaries. All students have been made aware of this so parents must respect school policies and abide by the rules
- Please make sure you actively supervise your child's study habits and the use of electronic devices and gadgets. Any cyber bullying of any kind will be reported to the authorities

Thank you and God bless you



FROM THE DEPUTY

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all students and their families as we commence the 2015 academic year. A particular welcome to all the new families joining the St. Narsai community for the first time.

It is great to report that the Year 7 cohort has already settled in their daily school routines, thanks largely to a very successful Year 6- 7 transition program in 2014. This program was again led by our very capable Year 7 Advisor, Mrs. Kaya and involved students, parents and staff from both St. Hurmizd Assyrian Primary School and SNACC.

Students across the College are already engaged in their respective studies and teachers are working diligently to help students acquire all necessary skills and knowledge in all subjects. Teachers have started setting homework and other tasks to get students to focus on their studies.

This week we conducted the Year 11 Assessment Information Evening, where we shared with Year 11 students and parents important assessment information about the Preliminary Courses that commenced last week. Year 10 and Year 7 students will have their information evenings over the next two weeks: Thursday, 12th and Tuesday 17th February respectively. It is crucial that at least one parent attends the information night with their son or daughter.

Excellence
Christian
Values
Commitment

Student Diary or Planner 2015

All students have been issued with new planners that contain very important information including policies, procedures, agreements, College expectations, uniform information, prayers, and a wide range of literacy, academic and study activities. Parents are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with these planners so they can be in a good position to support their children's education at SNACC in 2015. Parents are also asked to inspect their child's planner every week to check for communication from teachers and to sign the planner at the end of each week.

Student Wellbeing

Pastoral Care practices and procedures at St. Narsai Assyrian Christian College serve to provide a safe, supportive and rewarding learning environment for all our students as they engage in their academic endeavours. Pastoral Care Teachers and Year Advisors keep a close eye on all students so they can provide necessary support when needed. Parents are encouraged to contact their child's subject teachers, PC teacher or Year Advisor to discuss any concerns they may have.

Thank You,

Mr. E. Dinkha

Message from the Counsellor

I can't see you, take off the mask?

Tale has it that there was lived a famous clown in the 1700s whom roamed around Europe's circuses, and based on Rome. The clown made everyone laugh; the children and their parents, the widows and the widowers, the virgins and the elderly. His name appeared in all major performances. His name was the Great Rhinaldo.

The children of the lower class in society (peasants) who experienced the Great Rhinaldo's acts and enjoyed his comedy would completely forget their poverty and would be filled with laughter and happiness. The children and the other members thought of the Great Rhinaldo as the happiest man on earth. Constantly laughing and smiling, making fun of the smallest things in life and filled with hilarious comments and remarks.

Everyone had this happy and joyous perception of the Great Rhinaldo, everyone but a very close friend. A friend that was known in the community as a therapist/counsellor. Only did this counsellor know the Great Rhinaldo very well.

Despite the constant happy face makeup masked on his face, the Great Rhinaldo wasn't constantly happy. The happy facepaint he had on all the time was a mere mask of his deeper and true emotions. The clown was depressed. The clown could not come into terms with his depression and tried his best to cover his true emotions with an artificial smile and happiness. An artificial smile and happiness that lead to his mental breakdown and disconnection from all those that surrounded him with laughter, joy and love.



Photo of the Great Rhinaldo, with tear drops painted to identify his deeper sad emotions

Moral of the story: life is not a circus or a TV show requiring us to act and hide our true emotions. Be true to yourself, for at the end of the day it is us [ourselves] who really matter, and not the show we put on to make others happy.

If you feel down, make it known. If you're sad, bring it up. If you feel angry, vent it off. If you feel anxious, unleash the emotions. For if these emotions are kept inside, a time will come whereby the kettle will boil and we overload.

Know your limits – be true to yourself. We're all here for each other, and we're all here to help.

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

0753 4185

School Hours

8:30am

To

2:50pm

Office Hours

8:am

To

4pm

Monday to Friday

Tel: 9753 0700

Fax: 9753 0800

Website

WWW.snac.nsw.edu.au

Email Address

school.office@snac.nsw.edu.au



Need to talk? Kids Helpline counsellors are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Nothing is too big or too small to call us



Help is available. No one needs to face their problems alone.

Call Lifeline on 13 11 14 for support or dial 000 if life is in danger.

Parentline

Parent line is a confidential telephone counselling service providing professional counselling and support for parents and those who care for children.

Phone: 1300 1300 52 (cost of a local call) - 24 hours a day, seven days a week-www.parentline.org.au

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