

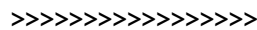


# HARP OF THE SPIRIT

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

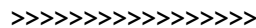
**Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,**

Congratulations to His Grace Mar Benyamin Elya for last Sunday's grand opening of the new St. Abdisho Assyrian Centre on the St Abdisho Church site in Melbourne. This centre will house the Assyrian Language School. His Eminence. Mar Meelis Zaia AM cut the ribbon declaring the centre open in a jubilant atmosphere amongst the parishioners.



Well done to all years 7 & 9 students for sitting the online NAPLAN tests over the last two weeks. This was a big logistical challenge that was managed well by our NAPLAN team led by Mrs. Khina and assisted by Mr. Youkhanis. I take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Khina for her outstanding work in overseeing a smooth and efficient online testing process at the College involving more than 230 students sitting four tests each.

As these and other students are now preparing for Semester One exams that will begin from next week, I wish them the best of luck and hope that they will achieve great results across all subjects.



The College commemorated the Feast of the Holy Pentecost in a prayer led by our College Chaplain, Fr. Shamuel on Monday, 24th May. As you know, the Feast is celebrated each year on the fiftieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Easter and ten days after the Feast of the Ascension of Christ. The Feast is always celebrated on a Sunday.

I take this opportunity to thank Miss. J Kako for organizing this commemoration at the College and pray the St. Narsai College family continue in our faith journey and grow in Christ.

**A LOOK AT WHAT'S INSIDE THE ISSUE:**

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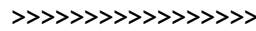


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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT'D

The College has received a generous grant from the government to help us support selected students with their literacy and numeracy skills. To this end, the College has employed teachers that are currently providing intensive tutoring literacy and numeracy instructions to small groups of students every day. Many other groups of students will be receiving this type of support in the coming weeks and across the next two terms in 2021.



It is exciting to announce that the College is now one of five-member schools of Liverpool FC International Academy NSW School Program in the region. SNACC LFC Academy will be offering a free school holiday taster clinic on the 30th of June 2021 for all young soccer payers in the area and registration for this clinic is now open using the link is below:

<https://www.lfcacademy.com.au/events/100806/>

From next term, only St. Narsai College and St. Hurmizd Primary School students will be allowed to attend the SNACC LFC Academy and there is a \$25 session fee payable to the LFC Academy by participating students. Please read the Media Release Statement from the LFC International Academy NSW enclosed in this newsletter.



Thank you,  
Edwar Dinkha

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL MRS M ISMAIL- WELFARE

### DO YOU KNOW THE DANGERS OF VAPING?

This week every St Narsai student, from Year 7 to Year 12, attended a presentation by Sergeant Constable Glenn Clarke of Fairfield City Police on the dangers of vaping. It was a very informative presentation. SC Glenn Clarke was available to answer any question students had regarding various topics such as social media, bullying and driving offences.

A community information night will also be held on Monday 26th July 2021 at 6.15pm at St Hurmizd's School hall. This is a must-see presentation. Sgt Constable Glenn Clarke will also present issues on Cyber-Safety, Social Media and the dangers of various apps. More details will be sent to parents of how to register your attendance. stay tuned for more details!



### WINTER UNIFORM

As we are now halfway through our winter terms, it is important to remind ourselves of the expectations of the St Narsai Winter Uniform:

The school expectation is that all students will be in the correct uniform, including travelling to and from school each day, and that this uniform is worn correctly just as it would be expected in any workplace.

The table below is a reminder of what is the expected winter uniform to be worn by St Narsai students in Term 2 and Term 3. Further information can be found in the student diaries from page 28 to 31.

BOYS	GIRLS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hair neatly cut and deemed appropriate as per College guidelines</li> <li>• Clean shaven face</li> <li>• Maroon tie with College Crest</li> <li>• Maroon College jumper</li> <li>• White long sleeve shirt</li> <li>• Long grey College trousers</li> <li>• Black leather shoes with grey <b>ankle</b> socks</li> <li>• Maroon blazer with College crest</li> <li>• Maroon school bag with College crest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hair neatly tied back and of <b>natural colour</b></li> <li>• Clean face – no make up</li> <li>• Maroon College jumper</li> <li>• White blouse with school emblem</li> <li>• Maroon and grey tartan skirt <b>covering the knees</b></li> <li>• Grey opaque stockings</li> <li>• Black leather shoes</li> <li>• Maroon Blazer with College Crest</li> <li>• Maroon school bag with College Crest</li> </ul>

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CONT'D MRS M ISMAIL- WELFARE

No other clothing items have been approved and therefore are not to be worn to school.

The exception is the current Year 12 2021 commemorative jacket approved by the Principal and this only to be worn by Year 12 students.

It is compulsory for students to wear their blazers to and from school.

White undergarments may be worn for extra warmth, however, must not be visible.

'Hoodies' or alternative jerseys worn under or over their uniform.

I also remind students and parents that piercings are strictly not permitted on boys and only one piercing on each ear lobe is permitted for girls. Girls are not to attend school with acrylic or coloured nails.

### COLLEGE UNIFORM COMMITTEE

We have heard our students' voices that have requested an evaluation of our current uniform. I wish to inform you the College Uniform Committee will be meeting to evaluate our current uniform and to discuss possible improvements and proposed changes. We will be conducting surveys and seeking parent feedback and ideas on the proposed changes. If you are interested in representing the parent voice during this initiative, please respond to the relevant messages sent from the college.

### AFTERNOON DETENTIONS

We wish to inform all parents and carers about changes to college afternoon detentions.

Afternoon detentions are held every Wednesday afternoon from 2.50pm to 3.50pm. If your child is unable to attend, you must contact the college and make alternative arrangements which only include changing the date of the detention. Lunch detentions will not be given as an alternative.

Please note, students who need to catch the public bus after school from the main road will attend TWO afternoon detentions. The reason being, as the bus comes at 3.50pm, students are permitted to leave detention at 3.30 having only served half a detention. Therefore, two detentions will be given to students who catch the public bus.

If a child does not attend an afternoon detention, and no prior arrangements made, the child will be given a second afternoon detention with a warning is suspension. A second non-attendance will result in a suspension.

### ST NARSAI ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Finally, please be sure to subscribe and follow us on these various social media channels:



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StNarsai>



Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/stnarsaicollege/>



Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnMUAUa84OHEqe9zYSohU7A>

God bless you all,  
M Ismail

## MATHEMATICS FACULTY

Dear family and friends of St Narsai school community.

The Mathematics Faculty kicked off Term 2 with a number of activities and initiatives to engage our learners in, and strengthen their passion for and ability in both Numeracy and Mathematics alike. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Felicity Dobbs to our college community as our Numeracy teacher. Miss Dobbs will work closely alongside the Mathematics faculty to help bridge gaps and enhance our learners numerical skills.



## Numeracy Workshop Day

Our Year 9 and 7 (Selective Stream) Learners started their Term with Inquisitive Minds Numeracy Workshop. The day was full of mathematical puzzles, problem solving activities using concrete material and fun – a day designed to entertain and engage students while substantially increasing their interest in mathematics. I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Meetu Chhabra in her planning and execution of this day and congratulate our winners who scored the most points throughout their sessions. Further, a big thank you to our Year 11 Mathematics Advanced learners who assisted throughout the day as tutors and teachers aids.



# MATHEMATICS FACULTY CONT'D



## MATHEMATICS Faculty CONT'D

### CAMS and STAMS Numeracy Initiative

Within our Mathematics classrooms, our lessons are designed to build the numeracy skills assessed in the NAPLAN tests. Our focus for 2021 is to improve the numeracy abilities of our learners. As such, all Year 7 and 8 classes have started the CAMS and STAMS program this term.



This comprehensive numeracy program allows learners to focus specifically on fundamental maths skills learners are required to understand and master.

This program works effectively to ensure that learners gain a solid understanding of the key mathematics concepts that will ultimately assist them in succeeding in all tests and exams and develop the skills to become independent problem solvers.

We hope to see a growth in passion and excitement for Mathematics across the school as we continue providing opportunities for learners to extend themselves and see the work of Mathematics and Numeracy around them.

Miss Adwena David  
Mathematics Co-ordinator

## PDHPE FACULTY

Term 2 has been an insightful term for PDHPE at the college. Year 12 PDHPE students have been exploring sports medicine and have been learning how taping can be used in the rehabilitation process as well as to prevent sporting injuries. Students enjoyed having a hands on, practical approach to learning how to tape ankle and thumb injuries.





## PDHPE FACULTY CONT'D

Furthermore, the PDHPE staff along with year 10 students have been working tirelessly to raise awareness about road safety amongst the school and wider community. As we know, road safety is a very important and widespread issue in our community and thus the importance of educating students and the community about being safe on the roads is a key aspect to improving our community's safety and longevity.



The PDHPE co-ordinator Mrs Tatian applied and was successful with being granted funding from the AIS to take on a strength based approach to teaching road safety to students. Miss Kando and Mr Esia, leading the initiative dedicated a great deal of time and efforts into this project. The Fairfield Mayor, Frank Carbone visited our college to take part in a podcast with year 10 students. This initiative was also featured in the Fairfield Champion newspaper. This was an extremely important visit and we are very grateful to have the Mayor take part and support the school's road safety initiative. The podcast link is <https://youtu.be/LHZCC822Lbk> if you would like to listen to this. Thank you to all teachers and students involved we are very proud of you.

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### NEWS

# Spreading road safety

## SCHOOLS

BY CHRIS BOULOUS

FAIRFIELD mayor Frank Carbone was the special guest on a St Nersai Christian College podcast focusing on road safety recently.

The purpose of the project, supported by funding from Transport for NSW under the School Road Safety Education Program and NSW Health under the Live Life Well @ School initiative, was to raise awareness to students, staff and the community about road safety and its implications on young people.

The Flare of the Spirit podcast featured a question and answer with the mayor segment discussing current road safety initiatives and future plans regarding the improvement of road safety within Fairfield. The project had two teachers working alongside four Year 10 students.

"This project was of great importance to the College, as in 2018, the college experienced a fatal tragedy where one of our Year 12 students was involved in a fatal motor vehicle accident. The



**AWARENESS:** Fairfield mayor Frank Carbone with St. Nersai Christian College students and staff.

event will affect the college community to this day and as a result, we take every opportunity to raise awareness about road safety with our students," PDHPE teacher Alexia Kando said.

"By having an important community figure as the mayor involved in the project, emphasised the significance of the matter and drew



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Frank Carbone

a broader audience extending to not only our school and the Fairfield community but also all NSW schools who will be exposed to the initiative."

On the podcast, Mr Carbone said as a control they will continue to invest in roads with \$12-million being spent this year on the city's 780-kilometre road network.

"We need to understand a vehicle can be a very dangerous object," he said.

"My message to everybody is drive carefully and just be aware. If we can all do that, hopefully we can save someone's life."

**WATCH THE PODCAST ONLINE** | [www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHZCC822Lbk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHZCC822Lbk)

## Time to nominate local businesses

Nominations continue to pour in for this year's Fairfield City Local Business Awards.

"This week marks the halfway point of the nomination period of the awards, so there's still time to show your appreciation and support for the people whose wonderful goods and services make all our lives easier," Awards founder Steve Lee said.

"Nominating someone is as easy as logging onto the Local Business Awards website and filling in a simple form.

"It will only take a few minutes of your time, but it could make someone else's day."

Mr Lee said the Local Business Awards presentation night is like the "Academy Awards for small business."

"The nominees dress up, enjoy a wonderful meal and entertainment, then find out who has won in each category," he said.

"It's always an emotional night, with plenty of cheers and joyful tears."

"There are still a couple of weeks left to nominate." To nominate a business, visit [thelocalbusinessawards.com](http://thelocalbusinessawards.com).

Written by: Mrs Victoria Tatian

## TAS FACULTY

**Textiles Article**

In textile and Design students have been learning different skills to develop their knowledge and abilities for practical components. Students have built life skills and knowledge for the subject allowing them to broaden their creative mind and enabling them work on outstanding project ideas for this term.

**Food Tech article**

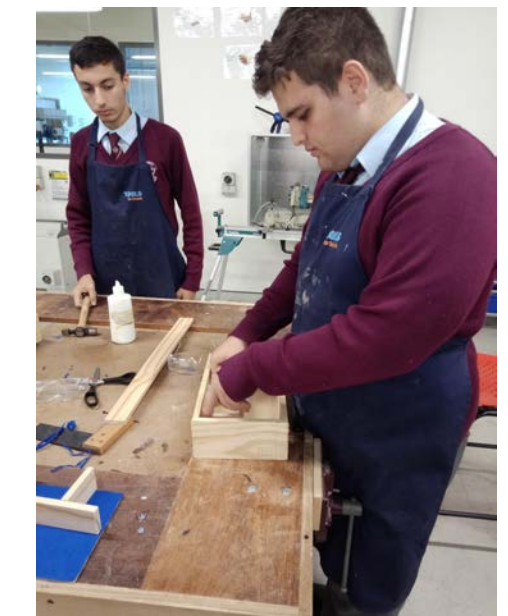
In our food technology course students have been learning about nutrition and the importance of the 6 essential nutrients in the human body. Students have enjoyed practical lessons learning how to cook nutritional meals for adolescents and unlocking knowledge and skills that will enable them to promote a healthy lifestyle.



## TAS FACULTY CONT'D

Industrial Technology – Timber is being offered for the first time here at ST Narsai and the students have been very keen to show off their skills and what they are capable of. The first practical assessment for the unit are in and the students have delivered some high quality work. The students are meant to create a Jewelry box from a combination of 3 timbers demonstrating at least two joining methods and incorporating some element of technology to the design. Below are pictures of the development and final products. The work is fantastic and the students are proud to display their work. Next term we will be a toolbox. Keep up the good work.

A word from one of our students: “Every time I see industrial on my timetable it brightens up my day because I enjoy every single moment of the period. I am always keen on learning because how fun and enjoyable the content is” George Zumaya.



## ST NARSAI ASSYRIAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE PARTNER WITH THE LFC INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY



Sydney's newly launched Liverpool FC International Academy this week announced their initial school partnership with programs at St Narsai Assyrian Christian College Horsely Park commencing in the July school holidays.

Speaking at a launch event at the school, Academy General Manager Scott Collis says it is a landmark day for the new program brought to Sydney through a partnership between the world-famous Liverpool Football Club and the Australian College of Physical Education.

"We are extremely proud to announce our first school programs with St Narsai Assyrian Christian College Our aim is to create an environment for young players to develop both on and off the pitch." Mr Collis said.

"We have sought to partner with a small number of schools who share our values and in this the wonderfully committed staff at St Narsai Assyrian Christian College and the school community are strongly aligned" he added.

The Liverpool FC International Academy operates in over 20 countries around the world engaging with thousands of players each year.

The clubs first Sydney program was launched in April and is unique in that it brings together the proven football methodology and philosophy of the Liverpool Football Club with the expertise and teaching resources of Australia's leading independent higher education provider for specialist degrees in Sport, Education, Health, Sport Business and Dance.

As one of the first Sydney schools to be involved St Narsai will host a free, 3 hour taster clinic in the July school Holidays followed by exclusive after-school and in-school programs commencing in term 3.

Boys and girls, aged 5-17 years and of all ability levels will benefit from a highly professional program which encourages them to improve their skills, whilst also developing life skills such as communication, teamwork and leadership.

St Narsai Assyrian Christian College Principal Mr Edwar Dinkha Says “We are very excited in being part of this excellent program not only because our students will be receiving world class football training and opportunities to optimize their individual and team skills, but also because of the personal growth possibilities to participating students. At St. Narsai College, we are dedicated to educational excellence, encouraging, and supporting students to reach their potential across all areas.”

At today’s event a group of St Narsai students were put through their paces by Academy Technical Director Chris Adams.

Fairfield Mayor Frank Carbone was on hand to witness what was the very first session held by the new Sydney based Academy.

“It’s great to see this partnership being forged, which will provide our passionate young footballers an opportunity to grow. I wish the school and the academy every success in training tomorrow’s great footballers,” Mayor Carbone said.

This is only the first step for the new Academy with more schools coming on board and a number of free holiday clinics being announced in the coming weeks.

“This is an extremely exciting time for us and the message for interested players, families and schools is to find us on social media and follow the links to register interest so we can connect you with upcoming events.

What we are creating is very different to what most people would see as a ‘normal’ football program. At the core of what we do is a belief in a holistic approach to development. Better people do truly make better players.

I can’t wait to see players at all levels across Sydney benefit from our unique offering and partnership with LFC.” Mr Collis said.



# NOTICES



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**Interviews will commence Term 3**



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- Academic scholarships available for 2022.
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