



# HARP OF THE SPIRIT

## From the Principal

Edwar Dinkha

Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The college organised a well-timed and wonderful send-off for our Year 12 students last Thursday in Building B before the commencement of their HSC examinations the following week. Considering current COVID related restrictions and the delays imposed on year 12 students, the Graduation had to be held at the college and regrettably our valued parents could not join us in this graduation because of the restrictions.

Many students were acknowledged for their fantastic efforts and outstanding achievements across their HSC courses and all students were awarded their College HSC Course Completing Certificates.

The graduation ceremony was attended by His Grace, Mar Benyamin, Fr. Ramen Youkhanis, Fr. Shlemon Dinkha, Fr. Shamuel Shamuel as well as several college staff, including the Executive team.

On behalf of St. Narsai College staff, I wish Year 12 students all the best as they start their HSC examinations, and we look forward to learning about their results late January 2022.

### Back to Classroom

It is wonderful to report that all students are back to their usual study routines and daily school activities. I thank our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for His blessings and gifts as we gradually return to normal school routines and for keeping our school community safe.

It is an absolute blessing to have our students back at the college grounds enjoying our great facilities and enjoying each other's company.

Their voices and laughter have returned to college grounds instilling a resounding optimistic outlook full of hope for a better future.

### Year 12 Class of 2022

Year 12 Class of 2022 are very busy with their HSC courses and are working on their first assessments by end of this term. In their first Breakfast with the Principal that was held in the library yesterday, I encouraged them to work harder, study more and aspire to achieve more and do better across their HSC subjects. I reminded them that every staff member at the College was available and ready to support and assist them in any way possible.

### NAPLAN

Last week, we celebrated and acknowledged a high number of Years 7 & 9 students who achieved in the top two Bands in this year's NAPLAN tests. Miss. David, Mrs. Kurver and I complemented all students for their effort this year and congratulated the high achievers. All these students received Principal's Awards in recognition of their achievements, and some received multiple awards.

Well done and congratulations to all.

### Thank you

I wish to thank you- our wonderful parents for your continued support to the college as we implement COVID restrictions and adhering to the current school access restrictions.

Please note that, parents can still arrange to meet with teachers, if necessary, by making prior arrangements through our friendly office staff.

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**Congratulations Year 7 and Year 9 NAPLAN achievers!**



## From the Deputy Principal

Mary Khina, Curriculum

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **HSC Exams**

HSC Exams commenced on Tuesday 9th November and will conclude on Friday 3rd December. All exams are taking place in Building B in a Covid Safe way. Students are screened for any COVID symptoms before they enter and asked to sanitise. They are required to keep their masks on for the duration of the exams.

I commend all year 12 students on their resilience and perseverance through this unpredictable year. Now that their English exams are complete, I wish them the best as they focus on the exams to come.

### **Masks**

It is a requirement that all staff and students wear a mask when on school site and on public transport. We remind students to make sure they are wearing a mask when coming to school and have spares in their bags in the case they lose or break one.

### **Presentation Evening**

We are currently finalising the arrangements for our presentation evening for Years 7-11. With the changes in COVID restrictions, we are hoping that parents will be able to attend this year. We will write to all parents once we have confirmed the arrangements.

### **Years 7-10 Final Assessments**

Students have been completing their final assessments for the year. I commend students on the way that they have returned to school and commenced with the learning.

All students are encouraged to put in their best efforts and seek assistance from their teachers to ensure that they receive their best possible results for their final report at the end of this term.

### **Year 11**

Preliminary (Year 11) final reports were emailed to all parents this week. If you have not received your child's report, please contact the College.

Year 12, 2022 students have now commenced their HSC coursework. An assessment handbook and presentation were emailed to all parents and students earlier this term. Please contact the office if you have not received them.

Year 12, 2022 have now commenced the HSC assessment tasks for their courses. They are all encouraged to put in their best efforts as their results will be cumulative for their final HSC marks.

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## Literacy and Numeracy interventions

As part of the COVID Intensive program, students from Years 7-9 have been withdrawn from classes to assist them with the literacy and numeracy skills that they need development and help with. In addition, students have been given access to the online numeracy program – Mathletics. They have spent the week becoming familiar with the program in class. It is encouraged that students spend time working on the program at home as well. More details will be provided to students during their Maths classes.

## Important Date

The last day for students this year is Wednesday 8th December 2021.

## 2022 Term Dates

<b>Term 1:</b> Students in Years 7,11 and 12 return Friday 28/1/22 All students return Monday 31/1/22 Last day for students Friday 8th April	<b>Term 2:</b> Students return Tuesday 26th April Last day for students Thursday 30th June
<b>Term 3:</b> Students return Tuesday 19th July Last day for students Thursday 22nd September	<b>Term 4:</b> Students return Tuesday 11th October Last day for Students Friday 9th December

## School Photos

The photo company has been in touch and are working on all school orders. We are hoping to have the photos delivered in the coming weeks.

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## From the Mathematics Department

Adwena David, Mathematics Coordinator

Dear family and friends of St Narsai school community.

It has been another busy and different Term at St. Narsai for Mathematics. We welcomed our learners back to the classroom and back to face-to-face learning. Our learners hit the ground running, fully masked of course, in preparation for their Yearly Examinations. We are proud of all the learners in Mathematics that have demonstrated exceptional progress over the course of the year considering the disruption amid the pandemic. A big congratulations to the learners below that achieved full marks in their final examination:

### Year 7:

- Fiona Bizhn

### Year 8:

- Martha John
- Alessandra Kando
- Michal Dinkha
- Santa Dinka
- Michayla Gabriel
- Narseen Gorla
- Netanya Mammo
- Anabelle Oraham
- Mary Sada

### Year 9:

- Dania Somo (Advanced)

Early in May, our learners sat for their NAPLAN Numeracy and Literacy Examinations. The results have demonstrated exceptional gains in growth for the area of Numeracy.

The Mathematics department is proud of all Year 7 and 9 learners that have demonstrated exceptional growth, exceeding what was expected of them.

The college achieved above average in comparison to statistically similar schools. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following students for achieving a result in the top two bands for Numeracy:

### Year 7:

- Daniel Jehensha
- Neniph Khoshaba
- Sally Esttaifan
- Oneil Kamber
- Arbella Warda
- Deedan Mcdonald

### Year 9:

- Joseph Daniel
- Justin Zaia
- Eden Younan
- Onell Sada
- Liana Jendo
- Yosef Al-sanjaqli
- Jonathan Awraham
- Jordan Frendo
- Dankha Jehensha
- George Odicho
- Roni Saliba
- Michaelangelo Stephan
- Simon Yako

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I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all Year 12 students who have concluded their studies at the college, in particular to our mathematics geniuses. Your final term at the college was different to what you would have hoped for, but you demonstrated your faith and hope in God and worked diligently to achieve your personal best. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours and pray that your future is bright and fulfilling.

As the year comes to an end, I pray that you and your family have a blessed Christmas and New Year. May God bless you, guide you and protect you and your families and I look forward to seeing you for another year where we increase our mathematical knowledge and understanding, grow our faith and work on our spiritual walk with Christ.



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## From the TAS Department

Marina Koryael, TAS Teacher

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Students from year 7 Selective Stream and Year 9 Information and Software technology Class have volunteered to take part in the Australian Astronaut Challenge as an additional extension program.

The students attend a live meeting on Friday with the Presenters for this challenge which include guests from the Australian and international Space sectors, such as Ted Tagami who is the education chair for the International Space Station's US National Lab.

The Students are apart of a team of astronauts creating a family home outpost (FHO) on the Moon. They will be challenged to survive, thrive and solve the problems that astronauts face, by conducting an experiment, designing a device or an environment that can help them grow food on the Moon.

Students will use the iSTEM engineering design thinking process to complete the challenge and present a video that showcases their solution at the end.



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## From the Careers Advisor

Renee Yousif

In a disrupted world, Year 12 students have shown incredible resilience in adapting to the ongoing challenges presented by the events of recent years.

For several of our students, their hard work throughout the past 2 years has already paid off with 15 of our students already receiving an early offer for their tertiary studies from Western Sydney University, and many others receiving early offers from various other universities.

Some universities and tertiary admissions centres have systems in place that allow them to accept early applications, select students and offer them a place on the course they've chosen before the end of year exams have been sat and ATAR results published.

Congratulations to our students who have received early offers thus far and we wish all our students the very best as they complete their HSC exams.

One offer round using Year 11 results remains open for Western Sydney University with the closing date on 28th November 11.59pm. The results for this round will be released on December 9.

We encourage all students to check their eligibility and apply, free of charge, via the Western portal: <https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/study/application-pathways/hsc-true-reward>

We would like to remind our new Year 12 2022 students if you have been getting outstanding academic achievements in Year 11 and term 1 of Year 12, or you've been involved in community engagement (e.g. volunteering), or you've been recognised by your school as a future leader, then you could be eligible to apply for early entry.

If it's something you're really interested in applying for, but you're unsure if you'll meet the criteria, it's definitely worth doing some more research, individual programs may have different requirements that you will be able to apply for.

If you have any questions or enquires regarding the early offer schemes, please feel free to come and see me or send me a message on Teams.





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## Class of 2021!

On Thursday 4th November we farewelled our class of 2021. While graduating in a pandemic may be worlds away from what our students imagined, we're proud of the resilience, grace, and persistence they have shown.

We wish them all the best in their HSC exams!



To view all our graduation photos please visit our College Facebook page.



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# SNACC LEARNING HUB

St Narsai Assyrian Christian College Library News

## STUDENT BOOK REVIEW

Mariam Yousef - 12S

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS WEEK'S ISSUE:

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Name Mariam Yousef Class 11 S

Title Pride and Prejudice Author Jane Austen

### A BOOK REVIEW

Summary

during the regency period, Austen uses class and marriage to portray how women were considered, and not just men were not to be associated with lower class women.

Who are the characters in the story?  
Mr Bingley, Darcy, Elizabeth, Mr & Mrs Bennet, Jane.

What is your favorite part of the book?  
My favourite part of the book is when Elizabeth realised that she was in love with Mr Darcy and that she really wasn't annoyed by him.

Did you like the book? Why or why not?  
Yes, I really enjoyed the book because it showed me a part of the how regency period acted back at that time.

I rate this book out of 5

★★★★★

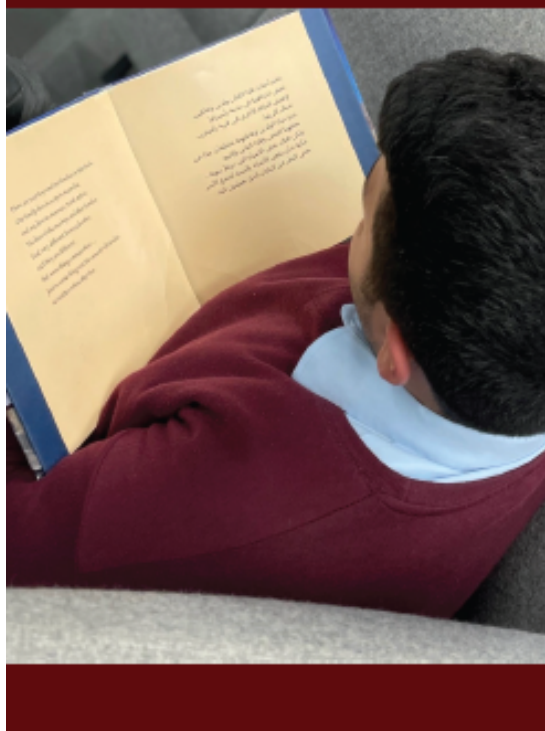


Write a **BOOK REVIEW** and feature in our next library newsletter!



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**ROALD DAHL**



## **CHESS BREAKS**

Chess sets are available to borrow during the breaks from the library. If you would like to request additional board/ strategy games to acquire for our library, please speak to Ms Boulos.



## **MONTH OF MYON**

We are currently in the process of exploring a platform called *Renaissance Learning* to further support our students' reading skills and literacy development. In November, they are offering one month free access to myON, which is a collection of fiction and non-fiction digital books and news articles. Students can search based on genre, topic or title.

To access myON -

Go to: [www.myon.com](http://www.myon.com) (and click login)

School name: Month of myON

Username: Stn704

Password: 13548

For further [information or support](#) or to provide [ideas and feedback](#), please contact us at [library@stnarsai.nsw.edu.au](mailto:library@stnarsai.nsw.edu.au)

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## Carols at Horsley Park

Carols at Horsley Park is BACK on Saturday 4th December 2021 at Horsley Park Reserve.

Live entertainment and activities from 4pm till 9.30pm. Lots of hot and cold food and drinks. FREE ENTRY!

From 4pm enjoy the Live Band, Face-Painting and Pony Rides, Then from 5.45pm buy some Glow Sticks and join in the carol-singing at 8pm, have your photo taken with Santa from 6pm, see the Foti Fireworks at 8.45pm and the drawing of our \$12,000 raffle at 9.15pm.

Search facebook and Insta for "Rotary Carols at Horsley Park" and "Rotary Club of Wetherill Park" or call Roy Hilton 0418-448544 for more information.

Please support the Rotary Christmas Raffle...  
[www.rafflelink.com.au/wprotaryxmasraffle21](http://www.rafflelink.com.au/wprotaryxmasraffle21) - \$12,000 in prizes!

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## From the Deputy Principal

Mary Ismail, Welfare

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Year 12 Graduation

On November 4th 2021, a graduation assembly was held for the Year 12 Class of 2021. Once again due to COVID restrictions, parents were regrettably unable to join us, however a link of a live recording was shared among parents and members of the community.

A wonderful ceremony was held with the guest appearance of His Grace Mar Benyamin Elya, Bishop of Victoria and New Zealand and our parish priests Reverend Father Ramen Youkhanis and Reverend Father Shlemon Dinkha.

On behalf of St Narsai Assyrian Christian College, I would like to congratulate the Class of 2021 on their graduation and for surviving a very challenging year. God bless you all, always.



### eSafety Parent Guide to Digital Technologies and Mental Health webinar

These webinars are hosted by the eSafety Commissioner and will provide parents and carers with an understanding of how games, apps and social media can influence young people's mental wellbeing. A reminder Term 4 webinar sessions are nearly over, register now by clicking this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8245460212320493072>

### Need online safety help for the latest apps and games?

Learn how to protect family information and report inappropriate content or conduct with the eSafety Guide. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/2xZAOnU>

### Strategies to support young people to manage stress

Stress is a normal part of life and can help young people feel more alert, increase their concentration, provide more energy when needed and enhance their sensory experience. All of this can be motivating – for example, when they are studying for an exam.

There are many physical experiences of stress that are different for all of us. These may include increased sweating, dilated pupils, increased respiration (quick shallow breathing) and having an unsettled stomach. A degree of these physical experiences is normal and OK.

Parent guide  
to digital technologies  
and mental health



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When we experience too much stress it can feel overwhelming. If a young person is finding they can't concentrate, they are sleeping too much or too little, or are feeling overwhelmed, it can be a sign that the level of stress they are experiencing is becoming problematic. It's at this point that young people can benefit from support from their parents, teachers or a health professional.

For more strategies to support young people to manage stress at school please visit the headspace website  
<https://headspace.org.au/friends-and-family/parents-guide-tips-for-managing-stress-and-problems-at-school/>

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## **School expectations**

Parental support is needed in maintaining College expectations.

We ask that students:

- Arrive on time to school. The roll call warning bell is at 8.25am and students are expected to be at school prior to that time.
- Attend school prepared for all classes, therefore with all required resources
- Wear the correct uniform as per College Uniform Policy refer to pages 28 to 31 of student diaries
- to maintain their study routines by continuing to complete their homework and assessments at home.

We hope that parents mirror the St Narsai College SHARP expectations at home with their child.



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## NAPLAN ASSEMBLIES

It was wonderful seeing so many Year 7 and Year 9 students being recognised for achieving in the top two bands for NAPLAN this week with students receiving Principal awards for their achievements. Congratulations to all award recipients.

## PRESENTATION DAYS

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, 'Presentation Evening' will not be taking place this year. However, this will be replaced with Presentation Days. During the final week of school, Years 7 to 11 will have assemblies to recognise students' academic achievement and acknowledge students who have come first and shown the most improvement in their courses

It is unfortunate that parents will not be joining us this year, however photos will be posted onto our Facebook page for families to view.

St Narsai College Facebook Page can be viewed by clicking this link. Be sure to 'like' and 'follow' to keep up to date with what is happening at the College.

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



## New School website

Have you seen the new-look website? Visit [www.stnarsai.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stnarsai.nsw.edu.au)

