



ST NARSAI
ASSYRIAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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HARP OF THE SPIRIT

From the Principal



Dear Parents, Students and friends of the College,

Three weeks ago, we welcomed all students back to school as we journey into term four and the conclusion of the 2023 school year. By now, students are back to their usual study routines and are preparing for this term's assessments including end of year examinations.

In a college assembly last week, I commended all students for demonstrating positive commitment toward college standards at the start of this term, especially the college's academic standards. I reminded students how important it was for all of us to meet the high expectations we set for ourselves earlier this year and how we would be rewarded by doing the right thing every day. I encouraged all students to make a concerted effort to improve their own personal work ethics across all subjects.

We are delighted to announce the 2023-24 Student Leadership Team. These students were congratulated for being selected to these very important student leadership roles and we will be introducing them to the college next week. The details of the student leadership are listed below:

Captains

Bineil Misho
Dina Adam

Vice Captains

Giwargis Oraham
Angelina Adam

Prefects

Justin Zaia
Mary Daryoush
Liana Jendo
Nineweh Georges
Angelina Makdesi

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We extend our best wishes to our Year 12 2023 students and pray that they will be rewarded for their efforts during their HSC exams that concluded today, Friday, 3rd November 2023. We look forward to this year's HSC results that will be published on the 14th of December 2023.

Congratulations to Year 11 2023 students for completing the preliminary HSC course requirements last term and good luck to all of them as they commence their Year 12 HSC 2023-24 courses this term.

On Thursday, 12th October, the college hosted the 2023-24 Year 12 Assessment Information Evening for the new Year 12 students and their parents in building F. I reminded students that typical Year 12 students would need to spend 2-3 hrs every school day at home studying, revising, summarising lesson notes, practising exam type responses and working on assignments. I also emphasised that students should attend early to all assessments tasks as all are equally important and have impact on their final HSC mark.

Mrs. Khina (Deputy Principal- Curriculum) presented attendees with important HSC course assessment information, NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) assessment requirements and the school-based assessment procedures and protocols. Students who attended this presentation were given a copy of the current HSC Assessment Information Handbook that included all relevant assessment information, including assessment schedules of all subjects offered at the college. Students were also issued with a Year 12 Senior Student Agreement and both students and parents signed this agreement, which is a way to hold students to account in relation to meeting the college's academic high expectations.

I wish to announce that we are finalising Year 7 2025 enrolment interviews for current Year 5 students and their parents over the next 3-4 weeks. It has been lovely meeting Year 5 students and their parents during enrolment interviews last week.

I urge other Year 5 parents to contact our friendly office staff for relevant details so they too can secure a placement for their child at St. Narsai College in the 2025 intake.

Parents interested to enrol their child into Year 7 2024 may apply, but they will be put on the waiting list.

Thank you,

Edwar Dinkha

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From the Deputy Principal (Curriculum)

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of the College Community

I welcome all parents and students to the last term of the year. With the end of the academic year approaching, and with only 7 teaching weeks left before the last day on Friday 8th December, all teachers are busy preparing their students for end of year tasks.

Yearly Exams and Reports

Students in Years 7-10 have already started preparing for their final assessment tasks for the year. Students will be receiving their yearly exam timetables this week.

Please discuss with your child the upcoming tasks that they have. Providing them with a quiet area and time to study and prepare for their final assessment tasks and exams will benefit them to achieve their full potential.

All reports will be emailed to parents in Week 9 of this term. If you need to update your email with the College, please email us at info@stnarsai.nsw.edu.au to notify us of your email and contact details.

Homework Centre

Our library is open every morning from 7.45am with staff available to assist students with homework tasks and assessments. It is also a great opportunity for students to access study resources and books.

After school tutorial sessions are also available every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3pm-4pm. Please encourage your child to attend these sessions to seek assistance from the tutors in areas including literacy/numeracy or homework help.

HSC Exams

HSC Exams are continuing and will conclude on Friday 3rd November. We continue to wish our Year 12 students all the best with the remainder of their exams.

Literacy and Numeracy

One of the priorities of the College is to improve students' literacy and numeracy skills. We are working with all students in all classes to ensure that they are meeting the required literacy and numeracy skills for their year group. Students in Years 7-10 have been given online work on Maths Online, Mathletics and Lexia to complete in class and for homework. Please discuss with your child the amount of work they have completed on both programs. It is essential that students bring their devices to class everyday so that they can utilise these programs and other online classwork.

NAPLAN tests for Year 7 and 9 students in 2024 will take place on 13-25 March. Even though there is no specific preparation for the tests, students can complete online practise tests through Mathletics and Lexia as well as online through the website www.nap.edu.au.

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Year 12 2024

The Year 12 class of 2024 have now commenced their HSC coursework. An information evening was held for all students and their parents with details provided about the HSC coursework and assessment policy. Please discuss the contents of the assessment handbook with your child to ensure that they are prepared and following the course requirements. I wish all students the best as they commence the last year of their schooling career. Academic workshops will be held on a fortnightly basis to assist students with study techniques and strategies.

2024 Timetable

We are currently finalising the timetable for 2024. By Week 6 this term, students currently in Years 8 and 10 will find out which of their preferences they received and will study next year.

Mrs. Mary Khina

Deputy Principal – Curriculum / Teaching and Learning

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From the Deputy Principal (Wellbeing)

eSafety – Parent resources

Click <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources> for downloadable resources to help you start the chat about online safety issues and strategies with your child.

By visiting this site you will find short videos and easy-to-read advice sheets to help you talk with your children about online safety in English and Arabic.

[The App Checklist for Parents](#) will help you navigate the app world and give you the tools to ensure you and your family enjoy safe and positive online experiences.

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.

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/>

School expectations – school arrival times

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. Period 1 begins at 8.30am
- Attend school prepared for all classes, therefore with all required resources
- to maintain their study routines by continuing to complete their homework and assessments at home.
- Wear the correct uniform as per College Uniform Policy refer to pages 28 to 31 of student diaries (see details below)

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

Uniform Issues

We're in Term 4 and there are some key aspects of the uniform that still seem to be an issue.

Please note, as on page 30 of the student diary:

Piercings:

Boys are not permitted to have any piercings.

Girls only ONE piercing is permitted on the earlobe. Piercings will be confiscated upon sight and returned only to a parent or upon Year 12 graduation.

Any student who "cannot remove the piercing" will be asked to remain home until the 2nd piercing is removed (this includes if it is 1 piercing located anywhere but the earlobe).

Hair:

Boys: hair is to be neatly cut and maintained at all times - issues arising from this will have parents contacted and the issue fixed within a reasonable time. Extreme breaches/continued defiance will result in students remaining home until the issue is rectified.

Girls: hair is to be TIED BACK. There is no half up/half down.

Natural hair colour only - Hair must not be dyed/ streaked.

Girls - makeup

Not permitted - if girls are found to be wearing makeup they will be asked to wipe it off (foundation, tinted sunscreen, mascara etc are all not permitted)

Continued breaches will result in parent contact and possibly further consequences.

Boys: Facial hair

Not permitted - page 30 clearly states 'cleanly shaven' therefore beards, goatees, moustaches are not permitted. (Students with medical certificates have been told go the shortest they can go). However, I am seeing many students with unacceptable facial hair.

Do not breach the uniform policy and just hope you won't get called out.

Girls' skirts are to be knee-length. A good measurement would be the skirt goes over the knee when seated.

Although these uniform expectations are not new, they continue to be an issue.

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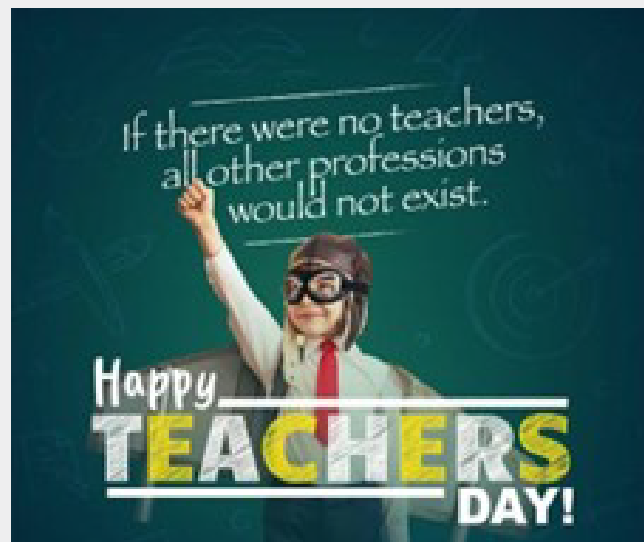
PRESENTATION EVENING – BOOK THE DATE

The College Academic Presentation Evening will be taking place at Eden Venues – Edessa Hall on Wednesday 7th December 2023 at 6pm. Presentation evening is an auspicious event, to recognise students' academic achievement of students in Years 7 to 11. We acknowledge students who have come first and shown the most improvement in their courses in 2023.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Happy World Teachers' Day 2023!

On Friday 27th October, we celebrated World Teacher's Day. This World Teachers' Day we thanked our amazing teachers for their time, effort, dedication and passion they put into work every day.



College social media sites – are you connected?

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>

A recruitment banner for St Narsai Assyrian Christian College. The background is dark red. On the left, white text reads "The future possibilities for Hunter & Anabelle are endless". In the center, a young girl and a young boy in maroon school uniforms are smiling. On the right, a circular badge says "Experience life at our college. Book a tour today". Below the students, it says "Year 7 2024 and 2025 Enrolling now". At the bottom left is the college's crest and logo, and at the bottom right are social media icons for "Call Now", "Liked", and "Search".

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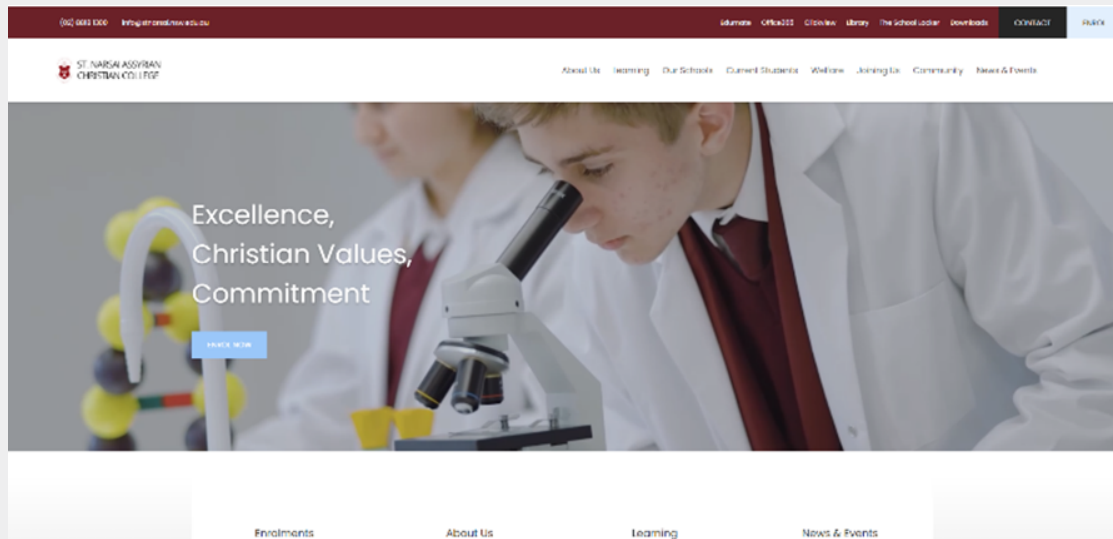
St Narsai Assyrian Christian College
6.9K likes • 7.5K followers

Call Now Liked Search

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School website

Visit www.stnarsai.nsw.edu.au for all required forms, information and policies.



St Narsai College Instagram

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



God bless you all.

Mary Ismail

Deputy Principal- Wellbeing

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From the English Department

Dear family and friends of St Narsai school community.

I am thrilled to share the outstanding success of our Year 8 Debating Teams in the recent virtual debates against schools from across the state. Michelle Kamber, Anthony Dashto, Isaac Al Ishaq, Seraphina Stephen, Andrew Yegore-Gorgi, Gloria Narse and Shameran Kelyana displayed remarkable talent, dedication, and teamwork, which enabled them to advance to the knockout rounds, marking a significant achievement for our college and the English faculty.

Debating is a valuable activity that nurtures vital skills such as critical thinking, communication, and teamwork. It encourages students to develop and articulate their ideas, consider multiple perspectives, and present their arguments persuasively. These skills are not only beneficial in the debating arena but also in their future academic and professional pursuits.

Our Year 8 students embarked on this journey with passion and enthusiasm, demonstrating their commitment to excellence. The debating competition required them to tackle diverse topics and issues, and they embraced the challenge with enthusiasm. Week after week, our teams honed their argumentative skills, researched extensively, and refined their public speaking abilities.

The success of our Year 8 Debating Teams in making it to the knockout round reflects not only their diligence but also the support and guidance of our dedicated English teacher, Rania Matti. We are immensely proud of our students for their achievements, and we appreciate the commitment and expertise of our coaches who have nurtured and mentored them.

This accomplishment is not just a testament to our students' skills but also a testament to the collaborative and supportive environment that our college provides. It is a reminder that when students and educators work together, extraordinary outcomes are possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for sharing in this celebration of our students' success.

Mrs Amy Kurver

English Coordinator

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From the Science Department

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As we step into term 4, I am delighted to share with you the exciting updates from our classrooms. Our students have been hard at work, and it is our pleasure to showcase their achievements and the engaging units they have commenced. However, it is important to note that this term is an important one, as final examinations commence in week 5. It is imperative that students use their time at home to study, supplementing their studies at school. These exams will indicate student progress and set them up for their studies in the year to come. We encourage parents and guardians to support their children in developing strong study habits and maintaining a balanced approach to their schoolwork.

In year 7, students have delved into the fascinating world of forces. Through hands-on experiments and interactive lessons, they are learning about the fundamental principles governing motion and the effects of forces in our daily lives. The year 8 students are engaging in the compelling study of energy. This unit encourages critical thinking about sustainable energy solutions, as students prepare to be informed global citizens. Year 9 students are embarking on an exploration of ecosystems. They are discovering the intricate balance of life within various environments, understanding the interdependence of species and the delicate harmony of nature. Finally, year 10 students have been eagerly immersed in the world of forensic science. This dynamic unit has captivated their interest as they explore the intriguing world of crime scene investigation.

Our senior students have also commenced their Year 12 course year. They have started the term strongly, actively participating in the classroom, and diligently completing all assigned work. Their dedication is commendable, and it is crucial for them to maintain this level of vigour as it will significantly impact their journey through the HSC.

As we near the end of the year, we thank you for entrusting us with your children. It has been a fruitful year for all our students, filled with growth, learning, and memorable experiences. We pray that the end of the year is a joyous one for your families and that you have the opportunity to celebrate the achievements and successes of your children. We look forward to seeing them with us in the science classrooms next year, where we will continue to foster their curiosity, inspire their love for learning, and empower them to reach new heights in their academic journey.

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Ms Ornilla Shamon

Head of Science

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From the Christian Studies Department

Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. Psalm 96:3

Dear St. Narsai Parents/ Guardians and students,

As we approach the end of this academic year, we reflect upon the profound collaboration between our dedicated staff and enthusiastic students in fostering a Christ-centred learning environment. During term three and four, our community actively engaged in a myriad of activities aimed at enriching our spiritual journey and reflecting the College's spiritual theme 'Together in Christ'.

Feast of the Holy Cross

The College observed the Feast of the Holy Cross, one of the significant feasts and a sacred sacrament within the Assyrian Church of the East. Throughout the day, students engaged in various activities that encouraged them to contemplate the significance of the Cross and its personal relevance. Furthermore, a group of students had the privilege of representing the College at St. Hurmizd Cathedral, where they participated in a Liturgical Service alongside the Assyrian community in honour of this special feast.



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Year 12 Final Liturgical Service and Breakfast

Following a six-year journey at St. Narsai, the Class of 2023 united in a spirit of gratitude to offer thanks to our Lord for His guidance throughout the past years and the forthcoming ones. The students gathered in the church hall for a final communal breakfast as a graduating cohort. As our students' educational chapter draws to a close, we seek the guidance and protection of our Lord Jesus Christ as they set forth on the next phase of their life's journey.



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Year 11 Spiritual Day

The year 11 cohort took part in a Spiritual Day at the serene Mt. Carmel Retreat, a gathering that allowed them to strengthen their connection with their faith. The day commenced with a prayer service, setting the tone for a series of enjoyable activities all centred around the theme for the year, 'Together in Christ'. Through prayers and engaging activities, students came to a profound understanding that their faith serves as a unifying force, fostering mutual support and encouragement among them.



God bless you all,

Jessica Kako

Christian Studies Coordinator