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ASSYRIAN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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HARP OF THE SPIRIT

From the Principal



Dear Parents, Students and friends of the College,

College students and staff took part in this year's Remembrance Day that was held on Friday, 10th November 2023. Students across the college reflected on and revisited the circumstances around World War One and the sacrifices made by our brave soldiers and all who served in defence of our great country- Australia. I take this opportunity to thank Miss. Nona, our HSIE Co-ordinator and other staff for organising this significant commemoration.

This year's graduating Year 12 students celebrated their formal on Wednesday, 8th November at Doltone House Marconi in Bossley Park after completing their HSC exams. Students kicked up their heels and had a great time together as they celebrated the end of high school. Many staff attended the formal in support of our students and students said their final goodbyes to staff and the College. We wish our graduates all the best as they venture out towards life after high school and a bright future for all.

It is very pleasing to report that all our students have actively engaged in the current End of Year Examinations currently underway. Teachers have reported that students demonstrated diligence as they prepared for these examinations.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you- our parents for supporting your children as they study and prepare for exams at home.

A big Thank You to all Year 5 parents who attended Year 7 2025 enrolment interviews at the college over the last seven weeks and it has been lovely meeting Year 5 students and their parents. This is a final reminder this year to other Year 5 parents to contact our friendly office staff to organise an interview time and day in the last two weeks of this term so they too can secure a placement for their child at St. Narsai College in the 2025 intake.

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I wish to remind our wonderful parents that it is crucial that they inform the college of changes in their circumstances and family situations. Important examples of possible changes include, but are not limited to, change of residential address, changes of phone number or email address, changes to the student's health information, including any prescribed medications for treatment of a known health condition, as well as other changes or important developments. By informing the College of these and other changes, parents and guardians will assist us to care for and protect all students.

Thank you,

Edwar Dinkha

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From the Deputy Principal (Curriculum)

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of the College Community

HSC Exams

HSC Exams concluded on Friday 3rd November.

I commend all year 12 students on their resilience and perseverance through the exams.

We look forward to celebrating their achievements when they receive their results on the 14th December.

Presentation Evening

The College Presentation evening will be held on Wednesday 6th December 2023, 6pm, at Edessa Hall. We are excited to be organising this event again and inviting parents to join us in celebration of their child's achievements. Parents will receive an invitation to the evening closer to the date.

Years 7-10 Final Assessments

Year 10 students completed their yearly exams last with, Year 9 are competing them this week and Years 7-8 will be sitting their exams next week.

All students are encouraged to put in their best effort 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. Students are also encouraged to take on the feedback from their teachers to improve on areas needing improvement next year.

Year 12, 2024

Year 12, 2024 students have now commenced their HSC coursework and 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.

Textbooks and stationery for 2024

Textbook lists for 2024 have been posted on the College website and on the cohort Teams pages.

All books are available through <https://endeavoureducation.com.au/>

Orders will need to be made online before Friday 8th December to ensure that they are delivered on time for the commencement of the school year.

Stationery requirements will be posted on students Teams pages.

At the minimum students will need the following stationery items for their classes:

- A 192 page exercise book
- Casio Calculator
- Black, Blue and Red pens
- Lead pencil, eraser and sharpener

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- Highlighters
- Glue
- Ruler
- Protractor
- Coloured pencils
- Laptop device with earphones

All items should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

It is essential that students have their laptops with them at school everyday with the laptop charged. Online learning experiences take place in most lessons and we do not want students to miss these valuable learning opportunities. Please ensure that your child has their laptop device charged and ready every morning.

Details on the College's BYOD requirements are available on the following pages in this newsletter.

NAPLAN

As children progress through their school years, it is very important that checks are made along the way to see how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy – skills that will set them upon the path to success as adults.

NAPLAN is a point-in-time test that allows parents to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared to their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress.

In 2024 students in years 7 and 9 will complete the NAPLAN tests in the testing dates of 13–25 March. More details about the dates of each test will be sent to caregivers closer to the date.

How can students prepare for the NAPLAN tests?

In preparation for these tests, students are encouraged to work on improving their literacy and numeracy skills by reading widely and using online typing tests and websites such as www.exceltestzone.com.au.

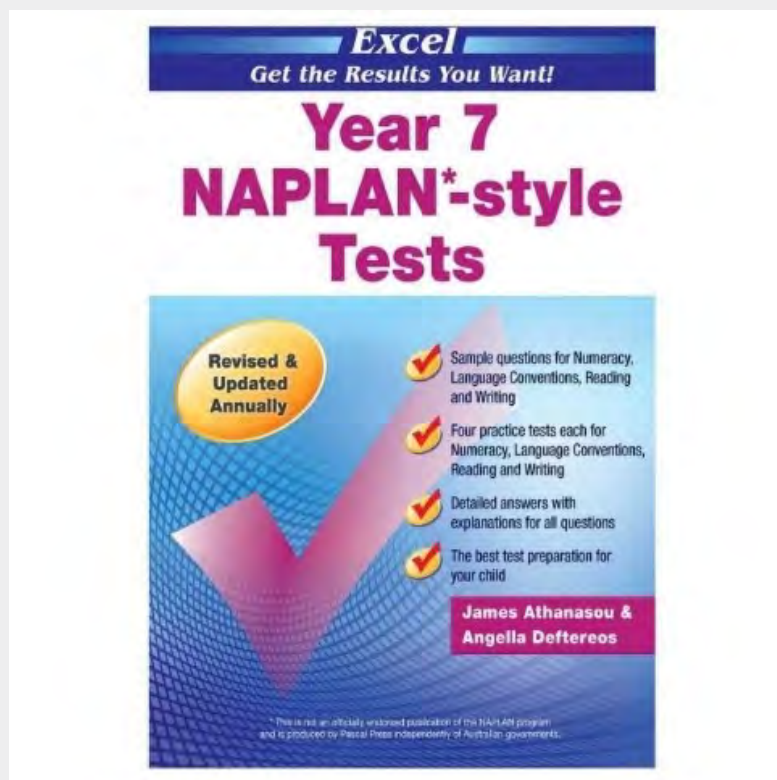
All students in Years 7–10 have access to Mathletics, MathsOnline, Education Perfect and Lexia online programs. Your child's English and Maths teachers are monitoring student completion of the tasks as well as progress. Please encourage your child to logon to these programs daily and complete the tasks assigned. Students who complete the most set tasks will be awarded with prizes as part of our Literacy and Numeracy challenges.

Details on the programs are available at <https://www.lexialearning.com/> and <https://www.mathletics.com/au/>

The NAPLAN site www.nap.edu.au also has details on the tests, past test papers, and demonstrations that assist students with their preparations for the tests.

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The Excel books may be useful to assist students with their preparation for the tests. These are available for purchase at Newsagencies, Big W, Dymocks or other department or book stores. They are also available online at exceltestzone.com.au.



Important Dates

The last day for students this year is Friday 8th December 2023.

Mrs. Mary Khina

Deputy Principal – Curriculum / Teaching and Learning

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From the Deputy Principal (Wellbeing)

PRESENTATION EVENING – BOOK THE DATE

The College Academic Presentation Evening will be taking place at Eden Venues – Edessa Hall on Wednesday 6th 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.

END OF SCHOOL YEAR

Donation of textbooks

As the end of the 2023 school year approaches, I would like to ask parents if your child has any textbooks that they will no longer be using in 2024, please donate the textbooks to the school so we can support other students that may be unable to purchase textbooks. I ask that the textbooks are in good condition. Textbooks can be donated in the last week of this term.

Locker Clean-up

In the last week of this term, please ensure your child does not leave anything in their locker at school over the holidays as there will be no access to the college. Also, all students are to remove their locks at the end of the year as their locker will be allocated to other students in 2024. Any locks that remain on lockers will be cut and disposed of.

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>

The future possibilities for **Hunter & Anabelle** are endless

Experience life at our college. Book a tour today

Year 7 2024 and 2025 **Enrolling now**

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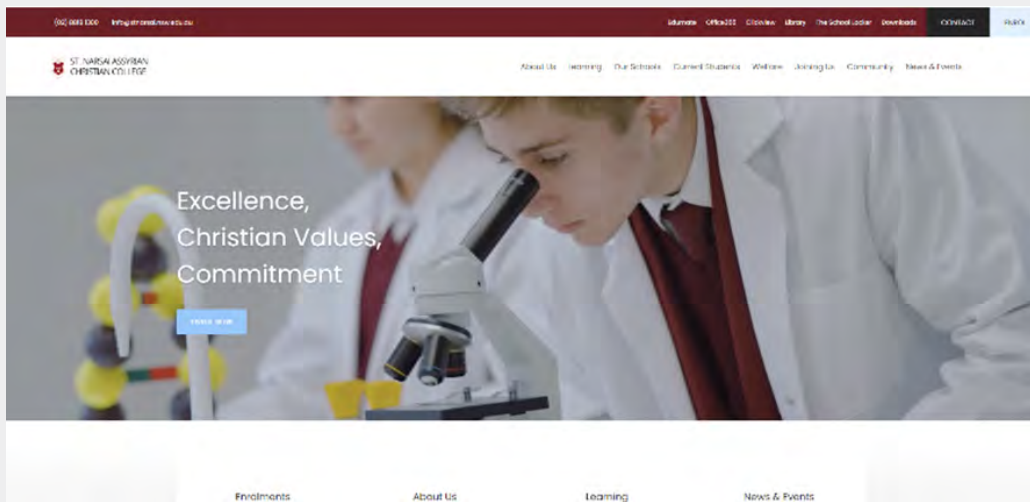
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School website

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



St Narsai College Instagram

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



Google Reviews

I would like to encourage members of our college community to leave a positive review on St Narsai College's google reviews.

As you are aware when you do a Google search on our college the name will appear alongside reviews. Although many of our students and parents leave positive reviews, there are members of the community who do not, and it is the negative comments that impact the overall rating.

Therefore, I would like to encourage our parents, carers, students and families to provide a positive and realistic review of our college so it can truly reflect the quality of education and care received by our students.

<https://www.google.com.au/search?q=st+narsai+assyrian+christian+college&safe=active&ssui=on#rd=0x6b12969931445337:0xa9cf5aa594daaeb4,3,,,,>

Message from our Local Police Liaison Officer

In light of the Christmas period fast approaching, and teens starting to request certain gifts from their parents, please find some information regarding E-scooters and E-bikes that might be worth reading.

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MOTORISED BICYCLES

'E-Bikes'

Some electric motorised bicycles known as 'e-bikes' are **LEGAL** to ride in public in NSW if they comply with certain **CONDITIONS**.



There are only two types of **permitted e-bikes**:

- Power-assisted pedal cycles
- Electric power-assisted cycles

BUT they must be designed to be propelled primarily by the rider. They cannot be propelled exclusively by the motor and cannot exceed 25km/h.

Bicycles powered by electric motors are intended only to assist when riding uphill or into a headwind. NOT to be the primary source of propulsion.

Electric powered bicycles which don't comply with these conditions **cannot be ridden on roads, or road related areas (such as footpaths shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.**

Anyone caught riding an illegal electric powered bicycle on a road or road-related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$704.

Further information is available at roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au



MOTORISED WHEELED DEVICES

Devices such as electric scooters, skateboards, and hoverboards are **ILLEGAL** in NSW.



Although a motorised scooter, skateboard, or hoverboard (electric or petrol powered) are considered motor vehicles, they do not satisfy the Australian Design Rules and for this reason, cannot be registered in NSW and are unable to be insured.

These devices cannot be ridden on roads, or road related areas (such as footpaths shared paths and cycleways) in NSW, except on private land.



Anyone caught riding a motorised device on a road or road related area in NSW can face fines starting from \$704

Further information is available at roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au



Whether people agree or not, this is the law as we currently stand with these things, and we really don't want to see any of our students, or their parents, receiving fines that could be easily avoided, nor do we want to see any young person involved in a serious incident such as a crash.

Looking forward to the next 3 weeks of the term – and I still can't believe how quickly the time flew.

God bless you all.

Mary Ismail

Deputy Principal- Wellbeing

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From the Mathematics Department

Dear family and friends of St Narsai school community.

In August this year, St. Narsai students participated in the ICAS Mathematics Competition. This online assessment provide students the opportunity to demonstrate a deeper, more integrated, and thorough level of learning. The competition is a rewarding opportunity for students to extend themselves beyond school Mathematics through a challenging exam, allowing them to bring their skills back to the classroom and use them to inspire others. I take this opportunity to congratulate the students who received Merits, Credits and Distinctions in this competition competitions.



As the academic year draws to a close, the anticipation for the end-of-year yearly exams in mathematics is evident among our students. Our staff have been hard at work preparing all students as end of year exams commenced in Week 5. From independent study sessions to collaborative problem-solving, the mathematics department witnessed a remarkable display of determination and resilience. These exams not only serve as a summative assessment of their academic journey but also provide a platform for students to showcase the depth of their understanding and application of mathematical principles. The mathematics department commends each student for their efforts and wishes them the best of success in these end-of-year exams, confident that their dedication will be reflected in the results they achieve.

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As the year comes to an end, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all Year 12 students, particularly our mathematicians, on successfully completing their studies at the college. I am eager to witness the impactful ways in which you apply the mathematical knowledge and skills acquired during your time at St Narsai in your future academic pursuits, professional endeavours, and life experiences. I extend my sincerest wishes for success and fulfillment in all your future endeavours. May your path ahead be illuminated with brightness and prosperity.

In closing, I offer my prayers for a joyous Christmas and New Year celebration for you and your families. May God's blessings be upon you, guiding and safeguarding you throughout the coming year. I eagerly anticipate another year of academic growth, deepening our understanding of mathematics, nurturing our faith, and strengthening our spiritual journey with Christ. Looking forward to our continued journey together.

Miss Adwena David

Mathematics Co-ordinator

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From the PDHPE Department

The PDHPE faculty has had a wonderful start to term 4. We have been focusing on preparing junior students for the yearly examination period this term.

We pray they all do well and achieve their potential.

Our year 11 students have now started the year 12 course in PDHPE and CAFS. They will be sitting their first HSC assessment this term in weeks 7 and 8. We have been motivating them to set goals for themselves and high expectations to achieve success.

On the sporting field our junior and senior boys and girls Oz tag teams have been representing our college every Tuesday and they have been achieving great success. We are very proud of them. Keep up the great work!

On behalf of the PDHPE faculty we would like to wish all of the students and parents/caregivers of St Narsai Assyrian Christian College a wonderful Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2024.

Mrs Victoria Tatian

PDHPE Coordinator

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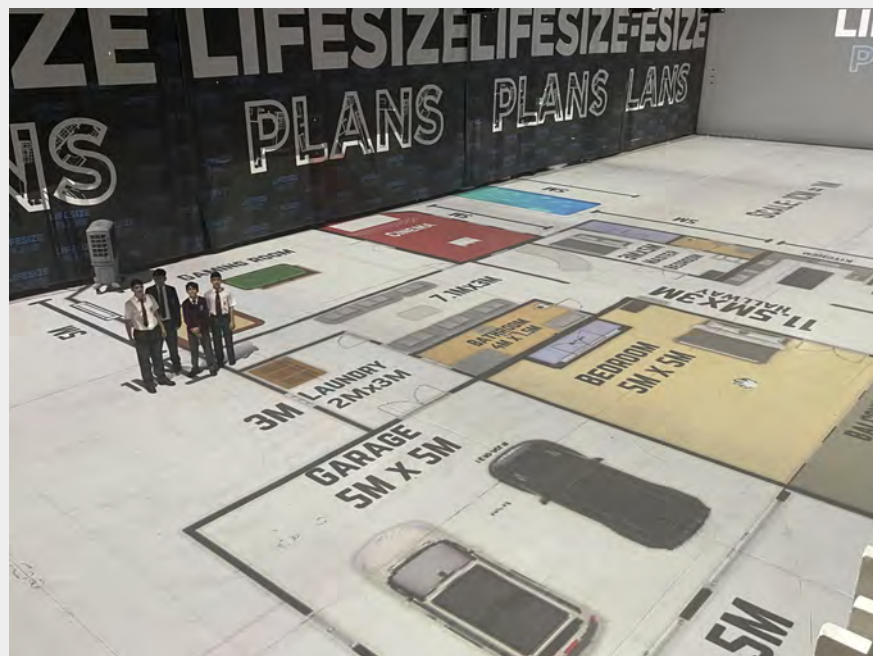
From the TAS Department

Dear St. Narsai Parents/ Guardians and students,

The 7S Technology and Applied Studies class took part in an excursion to 'Lifesize Plans' and were able to see their designs in real life. Students witnessed their designed floor plans that they constructed for Bradfield City in real life scale. The students were acting as engineers, architects, IT/interior designers and builders and were given constructive feedback by the Lifesize plans own architect. This hands on experience, rooted in deep learning design concepts, allowed them to envision and propose innovative elements for the future of Bradfield city.



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Miss Marina Koryael

Technology and Applied Studies