FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

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Welcome
Welcome to the 2015 academic year. We hope that it will be one filled with blessings and life fulfilling experiences for all. We welcome in particular our 170 new students from Grade 3 to Grade 10 and our new staff members:

- Miss Mikayla Lack - Junior School Teacher
- Mr Brent Scanlon - Junior School Teacher
- Mr Jason McDonald - Mathematics Teacher
- Mr Robert Morgan - e-Learning Coordinator
- Mr John Tulk - Outdoor Education Assistant

The Canteen Ampitheatre taking shape!

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK 2B

Monday February 9 – Hobart Regatta Day Public Holiday
Tuesday February 10 – Grade 3-6 New Parents & iPad Information Night, 7pm
Friday February 13 – College Commissioning Assembly
Saturday February 14 – SVC Rowing Reunion – New Town Boat Shed, 4 pm onwards

WEEK 3A

Monday February 16 – Canteen Helpers Evening, AF, 7.30 pm
Tuesday February 17 – SS Swimming Trials, HAC, 7pm
Wednesday February 18 – Ash Wednesday JS P&F Meeting, 7 pm
Thursday February 19 – P&F Meeting, 7 pm

Grade 7 and new Parents Information Evening, 7.30 pm

Please visit the College website www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au to download the calendar
We hope that all will find it a rewarding year as our community welcomes you.

**Staff News**

Congratulations to Mr Tim Birthisel and Mel who were married during the Christmas break. We wish them a long and happy life together.

Today we farewelled Mr Liam Scott who has been working in our IT area. We thank Liam for all his great work done during his time at St Virgil’s and wish him all the best while working in Melbourne.

**Banner Message**

Each year as part of our deep commitment to our Catholic curriculum and the importance of being a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition, we create a strategic focus for our year. This year we have taken our inspiration from the Jesus story and in particular the Gospel John 10:10 ‘I have come so that you may have life and have it to the full’. Our message this year *Life to the Full* will encourage the boys to get involved and to make the most of the opportunities presented to him during the year. Each boy is unique and each journey will be different but the collective strength of those unique journeys will provide the wonderful tapestry that is St Virgil’s College 2015.

I encourage all members of our community to join us in celebrating our strategic focus and its message this year.

**Clothing Store**

Over the Christmas break we welcomed our new clothing provider Midford. I would like to thank them for the wonderful completion of the fit out of the new shop and for their hard work during these challenging few weeks.

I take this opportunity to apologise for the delay in some of the items, especially the blazers. I take full responsibility for them not being ready as I rejected a batch of material that was presented to the College early in December. I have worked closely with Midford and I am confident that all of the ordered blazers will be on site in the coming weeks. Again I apologise for the inconvenience this has caused.

**Leadership**

Today myself and other staff took the opportunity to work with our senior leaders of 2015 preparing them for their role this year. This year the Leaders Commissioning will take place on Friday February 13 in the Edmund Rice Hall.

On other leadership matters, it was fantastic to see on Tuesday, 48 leaders come to school early to take part in a Peer Support Workshop where they were given the opportunity to work on their communication skills in preparation for working with the students in their pastoral care group this year. These skills were on display especially today as our new students began their journey at the Austins Ferry campus.

**Developments**

Over the break there were some minor developments on both campuses and I would like to thank the grounds and maintenance staff of the college for all their good work in ensuring the facilities were ready for our start this week.

The one major construction project was the finishing of the amphitheatre at the end of the Galvin Wing. This project was one that was sponsored by the Parents & Friends Association and planned by the students. I would like to thank Mr Darren Roberts for his hard work in managing the project and all the other parents and students who took time to work with Darren during the construction phase of the project. We look forward to seeing a wonderful addition to our grounds providing another venue to gather but also a quiet space to sit during the breaks.
Arrival Time at School
A reminder that students are not to be dropped off at either campus before 8.15am.

Traffic Management – Austins Ferry and Patrick Street

Austins Ferry
I ask all parents at the Austins Ferry campus please take the time to read the Traffic Management plan – available at http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/senior-school-grades-7-10/senior-buses-transport/ In the mornings traffic is to enter through the main gate and out the rear bottom gate then the process is reversed in the afternoon, entering from the rear gate and exit through the main gate.

Patrick Street
Parents are reminded that the zone in front of the Junior School is a drop off and pick up only area and we ask that students are only picked up from the left hand side of the road. With nearly 1500 students using that busy block, we ask you to be extremely careful when travelling in that vicinity. Parents are reminded in particular the no U-turn rule in Patrick St and the importance of observing parking restrictions in bus and drop off zones around the Junior School and St Mary’s College

Psychology Office
At St Virgil’s College we are proud of our efforts to support all members of the College community. We have the vital services of a full-time Clinical Psychologist, Mrs Ali Morse. Her role is to enhance the emotional and mental health and well-being of our students and to provide support to students and their families in dealing with issues in a sensitive, caring and confidential manner.

Ali works towards empowering students to become healthy, self-managing, and resilient individuals. She provides support for students and parents/guardians experiencing difficulties at school and helps develop strategies to improve outcomes and to achieve positive, sustainable change.

Please refer to the article in this edition of The Star to find out the range of services and support offered by Ali and how students and parents can access services.

Volunteers
The College as part of its commitment to community and the integral home-school partnership, welcomes parental involvement in a wide range of College activities including music, sport, canteen, camps, events, classroom help, tutoring and fundraising activities. With new legislation for volunteering coming into effect on April 1 it will be essential that all parents having a ‘Working with Children Card’. These will be required for all community organisations including scouts, sporting clubs, art, craft and music activities – any activity that brings adults into regular contact with children.

More information about the Working with Children Card (including online applications) can be obtained through the Service Tasmania Website - http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children/application

More information about the card and the College’s arrangements for management of card requirements will be outlined in upcoming editions of The Star.

Open Day – Austins Ferry
Due to a relatively short Term 1, the enrolment process for Grade 7 2016 will commence in earnest from today. Enrolments for Grade 7 2016 close on April 3 2015 and we are again expecting strong demand for enrolment.

If you know of any student wishing to enrol for next year, please encourage them to lodge their application – enrolment can be completed via the College website or by obtaining an enrolment package from the senior or junior school offices. Prospective parents and students are encouraged to attend the Austins Ferry Open Day on March 5 and enjoy a student
tour from 9am to 5.30 pm. Tours can be organised at other times by emailing the Director of Development – mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Open Day – Junior School
The Junior School will be holding an Open Day on Wednesday April 29. With demand for places continuing to be strong please encourage family and friends considering enrolment to come and see our students at work and play. Tours will be conducted from 9 am to 5.30 pm – we greatly look forward to welcoming prospective students and their parents to our Junior School, so please spread the word amongst family and friends. Tours can be organised at other times by emailing the Director of Development – mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Sharing the Good News
A reminder to all in our community that we are committed to educating boys about the importance of sustainable living practices. This requires the College to model these learnings and so we endeavour to reduce paper usage by utilising electronic forms of communication wherever possible. This is consistent with the touchstone, Justice and Solidarity.

Our weekly College newsletter, ‘The Star’ is a tangible and practical example of this commitment and is readily available online from the College’s website: www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Parents are encouraged to go to the website, scroll to the right side of the page and find the link ‘Sign Up’. Please follow the prompts and enter your preferred email address to register to receive this weekly publication.

The College also uses Twitter to communicate news to the College community – it is a very useful medium for the distribution of immediate news such as bus strikes, sports results, coming events and student achievements. Follow the conversation @svctas

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“The start of the year can sometimes be a case of information overload for many boys and parents, particularly for new families”.

Welcome to the 2015 school year to all new and returning families. I hope the start is been a settled one without too many undue stresses. I am sure it is with sadness that parents wave goodbye to their sons as they head off for the start of the school year following six weeks at home!

The start of the year can sometimes be a case of information overload for many boys and parents, particularly for new families. With this in mind I would like to assure parents that the education of your sons is very much a partnership and that if you have any queries at all please to feel free to contact me or the relevant staff member at the College.

Staff are easily contactable via email using the following email style: tblizzard@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Student Expectations
So as to avoid any ongoing confusion I would ask parents to take note of the following expectations for students:

Uniforms
There is always a lot of discussion about the worth or otherwise of school uniforms, and at St Virgil’s College we are unequivocal about our expectations. The College has a distinctive uniform and when worn well, as so many do, it signifies membership of, and loyalty to, the College community. The school uniform is a wonderful symbol of belonging as well as a great equaliser.

When all boys wear the uniform correctly, including appropriate hair styles, there is no distinction between social and financial backgrounds – we are all equal and belong to the one community.

With this in mind I would appreciate parental support with the following:
- Sports Uniform should only be worn on days when boys have PE or College after school sport.
- Sports shoes should be predominantly white (or blue) and not clash with the uniform. Please avoid fluoro shoes or laces. High-top shoes are not appropriate.
- The blazer must be worn to and from school with the formal uniform.
- Only black leather shoes (not canvas) with the formal uniform.

Touchstones of the EREA Charter

Liberating Education
We open hearts and minds, through quality teaching and learning experiences, so that through critical reflection and engagement each person is hope-filled and free to build a better world for all.

Gospel Spirituality
We invite all people into the story of Jesus and strive to make his message of compassion, justice and peace a living reality within our community.

Inclusive Community
Our community is accepting and welcoming, fostering right relationships and committed to the common good.

Justice and Solidarity
We are committed to justice and peace for all, grounded in a spirituality of action and reflection that calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalised and the Earth itself.
Hats
Hats are compulsory for all students in Terms One and Four during lunch time and during all outdoor activities. Boys without a hat will be required to move to a shaded area for the duration.

Diaries
Diaries are a crucial form of communication between school and home. Boys are required to take them to every class and home each night and all information regarding homework must be recorded in them. Teachers also use the diary as a form of communication with home. Could I please ask parents to support us by signing the diary weekly to acknowledge that it has been seen and used.

Hair
As we all know as parents, hair styles come and go and keeping up with the current trend is very important for many boys, irrespective of the extremes of the style. Recently our Principal Mr Messer outlined the following requirements regarding hairstyles – “severe grading of length or undercutting is not permitted. There should be no artificial colouring of hair – no trace of dyes, bleaches or tints. Hair may be shaved with a number two blade, but not a number one, and should be shaved evenly all over. Hair should not exceed collar length or cover eyes or face. A small amount of mousse or gel may be used to keep hair in place but not to create spikes of other effects. Boys who arrive at school with serious variations from these guidelines may be sent home until their hair conforms to our expectations”.

Once again a very warm welcome to all our new families and welcome back to our returning families. I look forward to working with all of our fantastic young men throughout 2015 and for the year to be a year filled with positive and challenging experiences for the boys, a year where for many the journey into manhood begins.

New Student Locks
In 2015 the decision has been made to change the lock students use on their lockers as well as the way in which locks are acquired; we have moved from the College providing locks to students purchasing their own. This change has been made in part due to the high rate of damaged locks and the subsequent need to continually replace them. The new lock has significant advantages in being more sturdy and less likely to be damaged, as well as allowing for easier access for students to open, and also the ability to set their own combination.

All new students to the Senior Campus have been requested to purchase a lock for $15.00 from the Uniform Shop before the school year commences. Once the year has started any Grade 8 -10 who have a damaged lock and need it replaced will be required to purchase one of the new locks. In these cases students will be provided with one of the new locks by their Head of House and an invoice will be sent home for the cost value of $15.00

COLLEGE PSYCHOLOGIST
MRS ALI MORSE

Welcome to a new school year!
Now is a good time to inform new parents, staff and students how the role of the College Psychologist fits into the Student Services Team. I work in partnership with Mr Terry Blizzard (Deputy Principal), Ms Cherie Gibson (Leading Teacher Learning Enrichment) and Br Peter Flint (Pastoral Associate – College Chaplain) at Austins Ferry and Mr Andrew Pinelli (Head of Junior School) and Ms Amelia Showers (Learning Enrichment Coordinator) on the Junior campus.

Using a team approach we endeavour to provide the boys with support and resources to assist them in achieving their full potential. The process for student referral can involve one or more of the following avenues – parent requested, teacher identified, and/or self-referred.
I look forward to working with many families across both the Junior (Tuesdays) and Senior School (Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) campuses during 2015. If you have any queries please contact me: amorse@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or please phone directly on 62 496 557.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

Inclusive Community

“Our community is accepting and welcoming, fostering right relationships and committed to the common good.

“As a Catholic boys school in the Edmund Rice tradition, we are called, and challenged, to be inclusive. At St Virgil’s we reflect on the fact that we are a microcosm of the community where our school is situated and therefore called to be a place of social inclusion and equity. As active citizens in our community we continually confront barriers to being inclusive. We strive to model and be examples of inclusion to our boys and their parents and extended family”.

Edmund Rice Education Australia Touchstone

Welcome back
Christmas and New Year have well and truly flashed past before us. It is amazing that the Christmas break has passed so quickly. A special welcome to all of our new boys across all Grades from 3 to 6. It is certainly great to see all the boys returning to the College today for our first day of the school year at the Junior School Campus. There was an air of excitement, and a few nerves, around the campus as boys caught up with their mates and started to contemplate the challenges of the new school year with their new teacher.

Staffing
All teachers have reported that the boys have settled into their routines very well so far since the commencement of the school year. With quite a number of new boys on the campus it has been very good to see new friendships start to be made both in and out of the classroom.

Classroom Teachers
Grade 3 Mr Brent Scanlon
Grade 4 Mr Tim Birthisel
Grade 5 M Mrs Jo Messer / Miss Mikayla Lack
Grade 5 O Mrs Karen Ogle
Grade 6 C Mrs Fiona Chambers / Miss Mikayla Lack
Grade 6 W Mr Chris Waugh
Specialist Teachers
Learning Enrichment  Ms Amelia Showers
Japanese  Ms Amelia Showers
Library and Art  Ms Jan Stary
Choir, Music and Band  Mrs Jodie Williams (Mrs Jill Norton will return later in the year)
Physical Education  Mr Mark Nichols
Music and Band  Mrs Jodie Williams and Mr Mitch Ellis

Student Leadership
At the Thanksgiving Liturgy to conclude the 2014 school year, announcements were made in regards to our student leaders for 2015. Congratulations to:

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Congratulations
Special congratulations to Mr Birthisel who was married over the Christmas break. Special congratulations to Ms Showers who informed the staff she is pregnant and due to have her baby in June.

Facilities Upgrades
The Grade 4 classroom has certainly had a facelift with the classroom being painted by Mrs Graves and the members of the Grounds and Maintenance teams during the holiday. They have done a great job as it certainly is a much more pleasant space for the boys, and Mr Birthisel, to be in.
Parent Information Gatherings
Next week the Junior School will combine the parent information evening for the classes with the iPad session for all the parents of new boys at the Junior School. This gathering is an important component of the partnership between the College and parents/guardians in the education of the boys. Parents/guardians who might not able to attend the classroom gathering need to make contact with their son’s classroom teacher to find out about classroom expectations, camps and the other fantastic opportunities that have been planned for the boys for during the year. Details are below:

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iPads
By next Tuesday, all boys at the Junior School will have received their iPad. If any family is having difficulty in getting their son’s iPad set up, please do not hesitate to contact the Junior School Campus so that we can put processes in place to help out. A reminder that user agreements MUST be returned before your son will get his iPad handed out.

College Commissioning
Next Friday February 13, all Junior School boys will travel to the Senior School Campus for the commissioning of our College leaders. At this ceremony, Harry Fisher and Riley Ringrose will receive their badges of office. The House Captains will receive their badges at a separate College commissioning ceremony on Friday February 27.

Junior School Swimming Trials
Our swimming trials will occur next Thursday February 19. Further information will be coming home with the boys today about this activity.

P & F Association
The Junior School P & F Association is a critical link between parents and the College. The P & F play an instrumental in so many aspects of the Junior School Campus. The first meeting of the P & F is Wednesday February 18 commencing at 7.00pm. We will be seeking nominations for Executive positions prior to that meeting with details coming home with the boys soon. Please consider your ability to participate in a more formal manner through the P & F.

General Permissions
Today, families will receive the “Parental Permission Forms” booklet. Please take the time to read through and sign the document accordingly and return it to your son’s teacher by Friday February 13. The purpose of the document is to avoid the need to continually send home permission forms for different, smaller activities. Notification of pending excursions will be provided to parents with permission for larger activities, like camps, requiring a specific permission form.

Notices
This year all notices handed to students will be located on the College website – ‘In the School Bag’. It can be accessed at http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/in-the-schoolbag-junior-school/

Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon
Junior School Canteen will commence on Wednesday February 18.
If parents are able to assist between the hours of 11am - 1.30pm Wednesday/Thursday or Friday, approximately 8 times a year please contact the Mrs Olga Leon on 62342440 or oleon@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
Calendar update

Parents and guardians are reminded to subscribe to the College’s online calendar. The great advantage of this is that if there are necessary changes to dates these changes can be made immediately. Please check the calendar at: [http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/calendar/](http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/calendar/)

Significant, upcoming events are summarised below

**February**
**Week 2B**
- Regatta Day public holiday
- Grade 4 & 6 parent information session @ 5.00pm
- Grade 3 & 5 parent information session @ 5.45pm
- iPad information for NEW parents @ 7.00pm
- College Commissioning @ 11.30am Senior School Campus

**February 9**

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**Week 3A**
- Ash Wednesday
- P & F Association meeting @ 7.00pm in library
- Swimming Trials @ New Norfolk

**February 18**

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**February 19**

**Week 4B**
- House Swimming Carnival @ Glenorchy
- House Captains Commissioning @ 10.30am Senior School Campus

**February 26**

**February 27**

_The boys are back – and so is the sun!_
Welcome

As we commence the 2015 academic year I am excited to welcome both the new and returning students to the Senior Campus. Throughout 2014 I was privileged to meet many of the boys commencing in Grade 7 this week and I am now eager to assist them transition into the life of secondary school. Please feel free to contact me (calexander@stvirgils.tas.edu.au) at any stage if you feel there is an issue that I can assist with.

Below are some details of specific events that are relevant to Grade 7s and new students:

Grade 7 Swimming Trials
Each year we require all Grade 7s to undertake a basic swimming trial to assist with the planning for the Outdoor Education experience. The trials will be held throughout the day of Thursday February 12, with different Learning Groups out at different stages of the day. Mr James Dalton, Director of Sport, will be sending home details with the boys in the coming days.

New Parents Evening
On Thursday February 19 we will once again hold our annual New Parents Evening. This is a fantastic way for parents to meet their son’s teachers, especially their Pastoral Care Teacher, as well as to hear some important information in regards how we can best work in partnership to serve your son. Drinks and nibbles will be supplied by the Parents and Friends Association after the gathering.

Time: 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Location: Joyce Performance Centre, Austins Ferry

Grade 7 - New Beginnings
The Grade 7 New Beginnings Programme is a key component of the wider transition programme to assist our Grade 7 students successfully transition into the St Virgil’s College community. The programme consists of four, two day programmes that run over four weeks, with each House group rotating through each activity.

The activities are based around important aspect of your son’s life at the College and provide opportunities to build strong relationships with fellow students and staff, as well as build a sense of belonging to their pastoral Care Group, House Group as well as the College itself. All boys will receive detailed information next week and the specific date and detail of each House rotation will be published in The Star next week.

SPORT

Please visit the SVC Sport Website!

Ever sat at your office desk wondering whether cricket, tennis or sailing will be on tonight due to inclement weather? Or more practically, where is the Bell St Oval?

The website, accessed from the front page of the College website www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au features a range of informative features including:

- Calendar of events
- Fixtures, ladders and results tabs
- Ground locations – including google maps
- Latest news from the Director of Sport
- Sport sign up forms – for students and parent helpers/coaches
- A Red/Green traffic light system which indicates if games are on or off.
- Uniform requirements for all sports
- Photo galleries from out in the field!

Please visit the site in the coming week to sign up for Term 1 sports such as cricket, tennis, basketball, mountain bike riding, rowing and sailing.

For all sport enquiries please contact the Director of Sport, Mr James Dalton jdalton@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
Peer Support Leaders
Whilst most Grade 10 students were enjoying their final week of holidays, an eager group of Grade 10 students have been at the College training for and assisting our new Grade 7 students. Two Grade 10 students from each pastoral Care Group were selected last year to become Peer Support Leaders, those boys have returned for a full day training programme on Tuesday and then returning on Thursday to assist their Pastoral Care Teacher during the first day at the Senior Campus for new students.

These boys will continue to have a leading role to not only assist the Grade 7 boys in the Pastoral Care Group but also take a leading role in setting the standard of presentation and behaviour that is expected of St Virgil’s boys. I thank the boys for their efforts this week and wish them well in their important leadership role this year.

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

MRS BEV PETTIT

VET (Vocational Education Training) News
Mrs Julia Denniss
Leading Teacher Design and Technology
Welcome to another exciting year filled with educational opportunities for our students. Boys in Grade 10 that have chosen a VET subject in 2015 will be undertaking courses specifically designed to prepare them to work in industry. The courses have been written for adults. In previous years, St Virgil’s College VET students have stepped up to the plate and gained competency in the units of work they have undertaken. They have then chosen to continue the pathway started at St Virgil’s by going on to Guilford Young College (GYC) and completing their VET training. Many have then gone on to work in the industry for which they trained.

St Virgil’s College is part of the Southern Tasmanian Catholic Colleges Trades Training Centre (STCCTTC). Guilford Young College is the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) that oversees St Virgil’s College’s VET program. Facilities and expertise are shared between the schools that are part of the STCCTTC.

This year the VET Automotive students will be travelling to GYC every Monday to use the specialised Automotive Workshop. They will be accompanied by Mr Barry Maxwell and will be taught by the GYC VET Automotive teacher, Mr Brett Devereaux. VET Hospitality students will get the opportunity to attend Masterclasses at GYC each term. Students will receive letters with specific details next week.

All VET students and a parent or guardian are required to attend the VET Orientation Evening at Guilford Young College, Glenorchy Campus on March 5 2015, 7pm - 8.30pm. Mrs Bobby Court, the Principal of Guilford Young College will send out a letter of invitation next week.

On Thursday next week, VET students will receive enrolment forms, contracts and handbooks. Please support your son by filling in the parts of the forms that you need to sign. Please check that the information filled in is accurate. Identification is needed to accompany the enrolment form. Identification requirements are listed at the beginning of the enrolment form. A photocopy of the identification will suffice. Your assistance with the prompt return of paperwork will be greatly appreciated.

The VET teachers at St Virgil’s College look forward to working with your son this year.
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

MRS JODIE WILLIAMS

Lessons in 2015 will commence in Week 3 of Term One
Forms are downloadable from the front page of the College website - http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/instrumental-music-lessons/

For all enquiries about music please contact the Director of Music Mrs Jodie Williams – jwilliams@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

SPORT NEWS

1st XI Cricket
Mr Mark Waddington
During the holiday break the 1st XI toured Launceston to take on other EREA schools as part of the St Patrick’s College Launceston Cricket Week. The team received incredible hospitality from Mr Luke McCormack at St Patrick’s are were privileged to say in the College’s amazing Grade 9 Centre, Croagh Patrick.

Despite being presented with the challenge of playing Grade 10-12 sides from Victoria, the team responded magnificently and were highly competitive in both matches. A highlight for the team was playing at Westbury against St Patrick’s College, Ballarat, where prior to the game players from all schools were photographed with the Cricket World Cup! The boys were exceptional ambassadors for the College and will have benefitted from the opportunity to meet fellow EREA students as well as play some high quality cricket.

Match Details
Game 1: SVC 10-99 (Declan Waddington 25, Alex Blair 17, Andrew Bourke 17, Harry Burgess 15) defeated St Patrick’s College, Ballarat 10-84 (Austin Keeling 3-13, Nick Haydon 2-6, Declan Waddington 2-11).
A great team performance on a slow, challenging wicket.

Game 2: SVC 10-155 (Declan Waddington 39, Joe Randall 25, Sam Wakefield 24, Austin Keeling 16) lost to St Kevin’s College, Toorak 8-276. (Nick Haydon 3-11, Austin Keeling 2-58)
After having St Kevin’s 6-112 (after 32 overs), we were literally blown away by some amazing hitting from two very talented players – including 84 from Jeremy Burrill, son of Old Virgilian Tony Burrill!

COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

GL Curtis Scholarships for Old Virgilians

Applications are invited for the GL Curtis Scholarship for first year university students.

The GL Curtis Scholarship provides a sum of $1,000 to an Old Virgilian beginning university studies. It is a once only payment to assist with the costs of attending university in the first year and is to be used for the purchase of essential texts or materials, the payment of university charges or the establishment costs necessary to provide university accommodation (country or interstate students).
It is normally expected that the student will be enrolled at the University of Tasmania unless there are significant reasons why this is not the case (such as the courses not being offered there).

Criteria

1. Recipients must be graduates of St Virgil's College.
2. The recipient will be enrolled for the first year of a university course.
3. In line with the terms of the endowment, priority may be given to those enrolled in medicine, law or chemistry.

Applications

Written applications are invited by March 27 in the year of intended university enrolment. Applications should outline:

- the intended university and course, including proof of enrolment;
- the reason for this choice of course;
- the intended use of the funds;
- the personal circumstances of the applicant, particularly any relevant financial difficulty.

Selection

The selection panel will include the Principal and two Board members of St Virgil's College. The panel may wish to make personal contact with applicants to gain further information about the application. As funds are held in trust by the Archdiocese the final decision will be ratified by the Archbishop.

Austins Ferry Canteen

Mrs Carol Hilyer

The Summer Menu has commenced for Term 1. Parents are also reminded that lunch orders can be placed and paid for via secure online portal from the College website or via QKR mobile device payment system – please see the attachments to the newsletter for how to download and use QKR to order lunch for your son from your smartphone.

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Angela Wiggins
Sandy Bay/Taroona Parish
Sacramental Program
Catholic children aged eight and upwards who live in the Sandy Bay-Taroona Parish, or who attend Mass there, will be prepared in the parish for First Holy Communion and Confirmation to be conferred by the Archbishop on Sunday 13 September. First Reconciliation will take place earlier in the year, date to be determined. Preparation for First Reconciliation will commence soon.

Parental support during the classes and in home exercises will be an important part of the program.
Parents who wish to enrol their child should contact the parish secretary as soon as possible. Phone Claire on 6224 1423 between 9.30 am and 1 pm on weekdays or email cposh@bigpond.net.au
Fr Brian Nichols
Parish Priest

Glenorchy Parish
Confirmation and First Eucharist
Children of the Glenorchy parish who have celebrated their First Reconciliation and their families are invited to a barbeque and introductory event at St John’s on Friday 20 February from 5.30 – 7.00pm. It is important that you attend this event if your child is to prepare to celebrate these sacraments this year. Preparation will begin in week-end immediately following - Saturday 21 February and Sunday 22 February. RSVP - Parish Office 6272 6363 or Jo 6273 1990.

Clarence Junior Football Club
Welcomes all boys and girls wanting to play Australian Rules Football for season 2015.

Registration Day
Saturday February 14 from 9.00 am to 11.00am
Clarence Junior Clubrooms – 223 Clarence St Howrah (drive next to ZAP Fitness)
Registration can also be conducted online via the Clarence Junior Football Club website


- 2015 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- OHA Junior Hockey Club Season 2015 Registration Details
- Metro Letter – Transfer Passes Not Accepted
- Asthma and Anaphylaxis Flowchart
- How to Order your Lunch at the Senior School
- QKR lunch order and App download instructions
Volunteer labourers on the Canteen Ampitheatre

Old Virgilian Tony Burrill (father of a St Kevin’s player) with SVC 1st XI Captain Joe Randall in Launceston

St Virgil’s Tasmanian Representatives at the National Under age Athletics titles in Adelaide

St Virgil’s College Cricket Tours to Launceston – the World Cup comes to Westbury

HOLIDAY IMAGES

Captured through the lens of Br Peter Flint and Mr Andrew Pinelli.

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