FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

“Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption. Whilst the ashes symbolise penance and contrition, they are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts”.

Ash Wednesday
Yesterday on both campuses liturgies were held to mark the beginning of the Lenten season. The boys were given the opportunity to reflect upon what lent means to them and how they can make some sacrifices to help others such as supporting Project Compassion. During this time it is important to focus on the
key messages of the Lenten period and allow each person to make the relevant connections within their own life.

iPad Evenings
By the time this edition of ‘The Star’ permeates all sections of our community, we will have held all of our Information Evenings for the 2013 iPad programme. I hope that you found the information sessions useful and a tangible sign of the College’s commitment to the support of you and your son in his use of the technology. The College is excited about the possibilities and potential that this programme will offer all of our students. Information will be constantly provided through ‘The Star’ newsletter over the coming months. As always, please do not hesitate to be in touch if problems do arise.

Banner Message
At the beginning of each academic year the College articulates a focus that will provide a strategic theme for the coming year. This year our banner will read ‘St Virgil’s College – two campuses, one College’. Whilst it sometimes appears there is a ‘tyranny of distance’ separating our sites, in 2013 we will focus upon what unites and bonds us as one Catholic learning community. I look forward to the challenges that this theme will bring and am excited about exploring the possibilities for further enhancing our identity as members of the St Virgil’s College community.

Project Compassion
The launch of Project Compassion 2013 was held at St Mary’s Cathedral on Tuesday. The commissioning was attended by our new Student Leaders from both campuses. The boys received their Project Compassion boxes and prayer candle as a part of the Church’s commitment to Caritas Australia. The College looks forward to the community’s continued support of this particular charity during the important season of Lent.

Open Day – Austins Ferry (2014 Grade 7 Enrolment)
Although it is early in our new school year, it is important to recognise that the enrolment process for 2014 Grade 7 is already underway, with 2014 Grade 7 enrolment closing on April 19 2013. The College will be holding an Open Day for prospective students and families and other interested visitors, all of who can take the opportunity to see senior students at work and play! The day is open to all who would like to visit and I especially encourage parents of our Junior School who have not taken the opportunity to visit the Austins Ferry site to do so.

The Open Day will be held on Thursday March 14 from 9.30am to 2.30pm and then from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Please spread the word to your friends and anyone who may be interested.

Leaders Gathering
This week I was privileged to work with the new group of senior student leaders at the Austins Ferry campus. The students were given the opportunity to explore what it means to be a leader and I am positive about the strong, energetic leadership that they will bring to the College this year. The group has another session planned for next week and I would like to thank all the staff who have contributed to making the gatherings a success. I look forward to catching up with our leaders from the Junior School at their commissioning on Monday and wish them every success in 2013.

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. 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 bottom right corner of the page and enter your preferred email address to register to receive this weekly publication.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“The College uniform is a wonderful symbol of belonging as well as a great equaliser”.

I would like to compliment all those boys who have presented so well for the start of the school year. There is always the inevitable discussion about the worth or otherwise of school uniforms, but at St Virgil’s College we are very 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 school community. We do not shy away from this. The College 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. This is also a hallmark of any authentic Catholic education community that takes its motivation from the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice. There is no better sight than the Blessing of the Bags on day one where all of the boys are so beautifully presented in their formal uniform.

I would like to commend the boys for what has been an outstanding start to the year. There is a great spirit around the College at the moment and presents a wonderful platform for the year ahead.

New Parent Evening

A reminder to all new parents of boys in Grade 7 to 10 that you are invited to a welcome evening to be held next Thursday February 21 at 7.30 pm in the Joyce Performance Centre.

Diaries

It has become apparent that there is a fault in the binding of the Student Diaries. Please be assured that we are working with the printing company to remedy the problem. Boys have been given clips to keep the diaries together as a stop gap until the matter has been resolved.

No doubt many parents are aware that the extent to which boys use their diaries varies considerably. Some boys use their diaries extensively and as a result always appear organised and informed. Others use it to an extent and don’t get the benefits that better use may offer, whilst some boys, despite the best efforts of teachers, rarely or never use it in a beneficial way. There are also those few who use the line, “can’t find it – I think I left it at home”!

Please be assured that as far as the College is concerned, the diary is a highly valuable aide for students. If used correctly it should help boys develop a disciplined, methodical and organised approach to studies. At the very least boys should indicate in their diaries the homework given and also the ongoing assignment tasks that require attention out of school time. Every Friday the boys are required to fill in each day’s subjects in readiness for the following week and

Director of Identity

Mrs Renee MacGregor

Ash Wednesday

Fr Felix and Br Peter Flint led the senior school in prayer for our Ash Wednesday liturgies this week. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a time for prayer, alms giving and fasting. But why are Ashes placed on our heads? Ashes are placed on our foreheads in a cross as a reminder and celebration of human mortality. The ashes come from palms that are used on Palm Sunday the previous year and are burned to make the ashes.

Ash Wednesday also marked the beginning of our Project Compassion campaign. During Lent our College will be raising money for Caritas Australia who provide aid in the form of education, agriculture, micro finance business and medical training and facilities in communities in need, mostly in majority world countries. Each week of Lent has a focus story.

This week’s story is of Ditosa, a 12 year old girl living in Mozambique. Her community is extremely poor. Most of the houses are made of mud bricks and have no sewerage. Two years ago Caritas installed a water pump in her community. She no longer has to walk for two hours a day to collect water for her family. To find out more about Ditosa go to http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/virtual-village for a virtual tour of her village.
then when homework is set it is simply outlined in the appropriate place. There are some other matters in regards to diary use that may also be of benefit to students and parents such as:

- The diary is an excellent means of communication between teachers and parents. Please check regularly for notes and acknowledge any such notes.
- Parents should feel free to use the diary to inform teachers of issues such as absences, incomplete or late work or just to ‘touch base’.
- So that Pastoral Care Teachers can monitor the diary use, we request that parents sign the bottom of the page at the end of each week.
- Finally, some boys have a tendency to leave homework, projects or assignments until the last minute. This is in part caused by writing the details in the diary on the due date without making reference on any other day. To help avoid this boys should write the task in the diary each day until the due date, for example a piece of work due next Thursday should be written in every day until then so as to encourage doing a little each day.

Grade 10 Immunisation Forms

Grade 10 immunisation forms will be sent home today (Thursday) and need to be returned on Monday February 18. Please disregard last week’s return date provided on the form.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

What a busy week it has been at the Junior School since last week’s edition of The Star! The boys have really settled in well to the routines of their classes. Well done boys! Thank you also to all parents who have so promptly returned notes in regards to all the goings-on starting up so early in the Term.

iPad and Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all the parents who made time in their busy schedules to attend the information evening on Tuesday night. Mr Lawler shared with those present the great advantages of the iPad programme and some of the almost limitless possibilities afforded by the programme. Parents are reminded that if they are having difficulties setting up the iPad that all they have to do is contact the Junior School Campus and we will be more than happy to help out.

The evening also offered the opportunity for parents to meet their son’s teacher for the year and to hear about the curriculum offerings and opportunities that the boys will have this year. It really is going to be a busy and very exciting year.

Ash Wednesday

The boys gathered in the Cathedral for our Ash Wednesday liturgy yesterday. All boys are to be commended for their reverence during the liturgy. Our liturgy was very well led by Nick O’Connell, Alex Fracalossi and Luke Press – well done boys on a great job. Of course, Ash Wednesday commences the period in the Church’s year where we prepare for Easter, that is, Lent. Lent gives us a period of time to reflect upon how fortunate we are and how we might be able to share a little of this with those who have less than us. Sometimes this giving could be as simple as sharing our skills, talents or time with someone who needs that little bit of extra help. The boys will have some opportunities to ‘share’ during this Lenten period.

Facilities Upgrades

Over the upcoming weekend, the cricket pitch is going to have synthetic grass laid which is very exciting. Commencing next week, work will commence on synthetic grass also being laid on the top court. Whilst we lose this play space for a
little while, it will certainly be worth the wait to have another great area for the boys to play during their break times. Work has also commenced this week on the construction of tutorial rooms for music adjacent to the Hall.

**Safety**
Parents are reminded of the importance of safety when they are collecting the boys in the afternoons. There have already been some near misses in Patrick Street! Parents must remember to obey road rules and not double park or do U- turns when picking up or dropping off their sons. It is also very important that parents do not call their sons across the road whilst they wait in their cars – the street is just too busy. We respectfully ask for your cooperation with this matter as we strive to ensure the safety and wellbeing of every student in our community.

**Parking**
Parents are reminded that the area adjacent to the Presbytery, and above the top court, is for staff parking only. Parents should not be parking in this area, even if it is just to drop their sons off. Thank you for your compliance with this issue.

**Assembly**
This Friday will be our first Assembly for the year with the Grade 5s leading proceedings. Parents are most welcome, from any grade, to attend with formalities commencing at 2:30pm in the Hall.

**Commissioning Liturgy**
The Student Leadership Commissioning Liturgy will be held in St Mary’s Cathedral commencing at 10:00am on Monday February 18. All parents are invited to join us in this special occasion as our student leaders are formally presented to the College community and accept the responsibilities inherent within their role.

**P & F Meeting**
All parents are invited, and encouraged, to attend our first P & F meeting for the year which takes place on Tuesday February 19, commencing at 7:00pm in the Library. In 2012 the P&F contributed enormously to the development of the campus and the educational opportunities enjoyed by all boys at Junior School. Through participation in meetings and active involvement in events organised by the P&F, it will again be possible to greatly enhance the educational facilities, equipment and experiences for all boys at the Junior School. A special invitation is extended to all new parents to the College – meetings are very relaxed and a great opportunity to meet staff and other parents from the College community.

**Congratulations**
Congratulations to Grade 4 teacher Mr Tim Birthistle who announced his engagement to Amelia Buzzer, following a romantic proposal at Port Arthur last weekend. We wish Tim and Amanda the very best during this exciting time as they prepare for their marriage in December 2014.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT**

**Futsal**
Futsal commences this Friday night. The boys who have nominated have been placed into teams. Thank you very much to the parents who have offered to coach or manage teams for Futsal. We tried to keep as many boys as possible with their team mates from last year so that combinations could be built upon. Good luck in your first games for the season this week.

**Tennis**
We have received nominations for tennis for boys in Grades 5 and 6. If you haven’t nominated, and you would like to play, please contact Mr Pinelli or Mrs Messer ASAP.

**Swimming Trials**
The boys will be involved in swimming trials next Thursday at New Norfolk Pool. Good luck boys and swim well!
**Well Done Daniel!**

Grade 6 student Daniel Di Domenico continues to excel in the sport of track cycling recording several outstanding results over the holiday period. Daniel has participated in the Sport Carnival Association (SCAT) carnivals that started on Boxing Day at Latrobe, Roseberry, Launceston, Devonport, Burnie, St Helen’s and ended with the Hobart Carnival on January 28. Daniel won all his scratch races with the exception of Burnie where he had a fall. This involved a lot of travelling around the State and was the first time Daniel had competed at this event. Many months of hard work really paid off for Daniel and he may well have surprised himself. His results were amazing but his humility and sportsmanship were just as amazing.

Daniel won the Launceston Wheel Race which was quite overwhelming considering the enormity of the crowd and he was able to watch the international cyclists that travelled here for the event and most of all, the Australian Olympians that competed there too. This was such a highlight for him but to his surprise the judges awarded him a perpetual shield for the ‘most outstanding performance from a Junior in the Under 13, 15 and 17 ranks.

Daniel attended an award night on Tuesday night in Launceston where he was awarded the Scat Junior Cyclist Encouragement Award ending a wonderful Carnival for him.

**Junior School Canteen**

**Mrs Olga Leon**

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*Please note that the Canteen Helpers Evening advertised for February 18 is for Senior School Helpers only.*

**SPORT**

Mr James Dalton

Director of Sport

Well done to Dylan Hay who has been selected to represent Tasmania in the Under 15 National Cricket Championships to be held in Perth, WA from February 22 to March 4 2013.

Well done to Grade 7 student Callum Polanowski who has been selected in the Tasmanian Under 14 team to contest the National Championships in Adelaide from March 27 to April 2.

Congratulations to Callum Stevens and Fraser Rose (below) who competed at the Hunter Track Classic in NSW. They represented Tasmanian Under 14 Little Athletics Team and they came home winning the points in a surprise result.

Callum ran second in the 1000m and Fraser third, with Callum fourth in the 400m Fraser second in Triple Jump, and they both ran in the relay which Tasmania won.

**DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING**

**MISS HEIDI GREGG**

Welcome to the 2013 academic year! By now the students will have met many of their teachers and will be beginning to get into the swing of learning.

There are many things that can and should happen at home to help the year get off to a fantastic and successful start:

- make sure all books and equipment are organised and labelled clearly with your son’s name.
- create a dedicated space in your home where homework and study can occur. Make sure this has good lighting, is reasonable quiet and has a comfortable chair and a desk or table.
- sit down with your son and negotiate and timetable some dedicated study times in each week. Our busy lives can get in the way of study and having
them locked in can take the stress out of this. If a scheduled session has to be missed, try to always reschedule.

- help your son to make some SMART goals for the year.

SMART goals are:
* Specific
* Measurable
* Achievable
* Relevant
* Time-framed

Many of these things will also be addressed at school during welfare and pastoral care lessons. One of the most powerful ways to support our boys is to have the same messages coming from school and home. If you have any ideas or questions, I would love to hear from you and be contacted at hgregg@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Workshop Safety Induction
To increase student awareness of the additional needs for safety processes within St Virgil’s Workshop MDT area, a safety induction process will again be held in 2013. All students undertaking subjects in those areas will be instructed on safety requirements for working in the area prior to their first practical lesson.

Students will be required to read, sign and abide by the terms of the contract. A copy of the safety guideline requirements are included in the Student Diary. For parents or guardians with any additional queries please contact the relevant subject staff at the College.

Mr Simon Natoli, Workplace Health & Safety Officer

CAMPUS MINISTER
BR PETER FLINT

At the end of the Ash Wednesday prayer service I gave a short reflection.

To check up on myself, I imagine myself fronting up to the Pearly gate and reporting in to St Peter. After checking my ID he will send an announcement over the PA, (or through Faithbook), inviting all those who knew me to assemble, with priority voting to the poor and the marginalised. He will then issue The Invitation:

“Hands up all those who think Flinty was “Good News!”

Now I am not too sure about Pearly gates and all that, but I know what I hope the result would be. Keeps my feet going in the same direction as my theology!

DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION
MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Grade 7 Transition Issues
It has been pleasing to see the vast majority of boys settling into the routine of daily life at St Virgil’s this week. However, there have been a number of boys who have felt anxious about a number of areas, such as meeting new friends, buses, reading the timetable, accessing lockers and setting up their iPad. These feelings are completely natural and the boys should not feel bad about having these emotions, we encourage them to talk to their parents or members of staff so that we can give them the assistance they require. Next Thursday the New Parent Evening, from 7.30pm, will be a great opportunity for parents to meet the key staff involved in their sons Pastoral Care, however, if you have anything you wish to
discuss before then, the following list of staff, with their email address, is all the staff members who can help your son with any issues they are facing:

- **Director of Transition**  
  Mr Cameron Alexander  
  calexander@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

- **College Psychologist**  
  Ms Ali Morse  
  amorse@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

- **Heads of House**
  - Doyle  
    Mr Simon Ellis  
    sellis@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
  - Dwyer  
    Mr Simon Orlowski  
    sorlowski@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
  - Hessian  
    Mr Bradley Canning  
    brcanning@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
  - Joyce  
    Mr Barry Maxwell  
    bmaxwell@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

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**Grade 7 'New Beginnings'**
The New Beginnings Programme is the cornerstone of the Grade 7 Transition Programme for new students entering St Virgil's College. Current research shows that the transition from primary to secondary education has major implications for the learning and social development of students (Howard & Johnson, 2004). Towns (2011) identified the importance of transition programmes to make the process as smooth as possible and in reducing anxiety, in particular she highlighted the need for students to develop a sense of belonging as being central to successful transition programmes. In our context as a boys school, Lillico (2000) identified the boys need to engage with nature, establish a sense of belonging to the school and in building relationships with teachers as some of the keys to boy's education.

Each boy, as a member of their House group, will participate in four, two day experiences. The four experiences are outlined below:

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| **Uniform** | Appropriate free dress, please refer to information sent home | Tuesday - Free dress, appropriate for land care work. Wed. – College Sports Uniform | Both days - College Sports Uniform | Both days - Formal uniform |
Please note for all activities boys travel to and from school as normal, boys will be then transported to their location and return to school by the end of the school day. Boys have already received the permission form for the overnight Outdoor Education experience, these can be returned to the College office.

**Grade 7 Outdoor Education**

**Mr Simon Harder**

The Grade 7 Outdoor Education experience is fast approaching. Students need to get their medical and consent forms handed back to their patrol care teachers as soon as possible. If there are any questions regarding the Outdoor Education experience, please don't hesitate to contact the College or email the Outdoor Education staff. We look forward to your son's involvement.

Mr Simon Harder - sharder@stvirgils.tas.edu
Mr Steve Aitken - saitken@stvirgils.tas.edu

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**Time and Space Programmes**

One of the many fantastic opportunities offers to boys and their families are the Time and Space Programmes that this year will run across all grades. In 2013 we are happy to announce that the Time and Space extended programme that was previously only for Grade 10's will also be available for Grade 9 students this year. As always each of these Programmes is a fantastic opportunity for the boys to spend time with a parent working on strengthening their relationship and improving their communication. Information will be sent to all parents before each programme, however the dates for the

Programmes this year are:

**Grade 9/10 Time and Space**

- Night 1: Tuesday April 9
- Night 2: Thursday April 11
- Camp: Friday April 12 - Sunday April 14
- Dinner: Monday April 15
- Final Night: Wednesday May 22

**Grade 7 Mother & Son Night**

Wednesday April 10

**Grade 8 Stepping Up Night (Father & Son)**

Thursday May 23

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SPORT NEWS

1st IV Tennis
SVC defeated GYC 4 – 2 (32 – 16)
D. Groom lt B. Dunn 4 – 6; M. Free d J. Paoli 6 – 2; A. Bourke lt A. O’Meara 4 – 6; S. Plunkett-Smith won on forfeit; D. Groom / M. Free d B. Dunn / J. Paoli 6 – 2; A. Bourke / S. Plunkett-Smith won on forfeit.

Next week’s game: v Friends @ Friends Health and Fitness Centre

Over the course of the year many Senior School boys achieve some remarkable results in a range of sporting endeavours. Please send details through to the Director of Sport Mr James Dalton – jdalton@stvirgils.tas.edu.au to enable these be shared with the entire College community.

COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

Uniform Shop
Mrs Cindy Gangell

The Uniform Shop is out of stock a few items at present once these items arrive we will notify you by phone or through ‘The Star’.

2013 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30 am to 3.30 pm

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday 8.30 am to 9.30 am
Thursday 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm

Austins Ferry Canteen
Mrs Carol Hilyer, Manager

Roster
Procedures for ordering lunch and the 2013 Summer Canteen Menu are available at www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au – Senior School/canteen

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Due to a number of parents being unable to do canteen duty in 2013 we have some gaps in the roster, in particular on Thursdays. If you are able to assist please contact Carol at the College or email chilyer@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
Parents and Friends Association
Mrs Lynne Jones, President

Welcome to the 2013 school year! The first meeting of the SVC Senior School Parents and Friends Association will be held on Thursday February 21 in the Joyce Performance Centre at the Austin's Ferry Campus commencing at 6.30 pm; prior to the New Parents Evening.

Annual General Meeting
Included in this newsletter is information and a nomination form regarding the Parents and Friends AGM to be held on Tuesday March 19 in the Staffroom at Austin's Ferry commencing at 7.30 pm. At this meeting nominations will be called for the election of Office Bearers of the Association for 2013. This year in particular we are looking to fill the role of Senior School Treasurer, (accounting or book-keeping qualifications not essential, I assure you!!). I ask that you please consider joining the P&F Committee in 2013.

About the P&F
St Virgil's College Parents & Friend operates over both the Senior & Junior Campuses of the College as one organisation. The Parents & Friends primary functions are, firstly, to represents interests of the parents of the College by providing a vital link between the College and its parent community; thus creating an avenue for information sharing with in the College. Secondly, it promotes the interests of the college by organising and assisting with social and College events and fundraising activities.

For the P & F to continue to carry out its primary functions it needs the ongoing support of the parents of the college. Parental involvement is paramount to the ongoing success of the P & F. The mainstay of the P & F is its Executive Committee and without that small group of parents then the P & F would cease to exist. Each year the P & F suffers a natural attrition rate where parents who have sons in Grade 10 leave the College, along with their sons. Consequently, new parents are needed to replace them.

I would ask all parents to give some thought and consideration to becoming an active member of the P & F in 2013. A Nomination Form for the election of Office Bearers for 2013 is available below. The Nomination Form lists the various roles and capacities in which parents can serve the school community in the course of the year. Please feel free to put your name forward for any position, which might interest you. If you wish to discuss any matter pertaining to the P & F, please contact me on the following number: 0438 544 171 or by email: lynnejones@stgiles.org.au

Nomination forms are to be returned to the Austin's Ferry Campus Office by Friday March 15, in an envelope addressed to: - Lynne Jones, President, SVC P&F Association.

Sincerely
Lynne Jones
President

PROFILE OF ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS

EXECUTIVE OFFICE BEARERS (SENIOR CAMPUS):

The **PRESIDENT** is the chief executive and spokesperson of the Association. The President represents the Association at official functions, supports other office bearers and normally chairs the monthly meetings.
The **VICE-PRESIDENT** deputises for the President when necessary.
The **SECRETARY** provides secretarial support to the Association, including Agendas, Minutes and correspondence.
The **TREASURER** undertakes the receiving and banking of monies; the keeping of proper books of accounts on behalf of the Association and presents an audited balance sheet (audit organised by the College) at the Annual General Meeting.
The **EXECUTIVE MEMBERS: (2-4 NOMINEES)** TO: - Provide support to the executive as required.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE BEARERS (JUNIOR SCHOOL):**

*The JUNIOR SCHOOL VICE-PRESIDENT – Chair of Junior School Executive* - responsibility for the operation of the Parents & Friends Junior School. Liaises with the SVC President.  
*The JUNIOR SCHOOL SECRETARY* provides secretarial support to the Association.  
*The JUNIOR SCHOOL TREASURER* is required to keep proper books of accounts on behalf of the Association and present an audited balance sheet at the Annual General Meeting.  
*The JUNIOR SCHOOL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (2-4)* provide support to the Executive as required.

**SUPPORTING OFFICE BEARERS:**

**PARENTS & FRIENDS FEDERATION REPRESENTATIVES:** - (Three Delegates - Two from Senior Campus, one from Junior Campus)  
These delegates actively represent the Association at Meetings and at the Federation’s Annual Conference. The delegates are required to report and consult on Federation activities to the Association at its monthly meetings.

**COORDINATORS OF VARIOUS STANDING COMMITTEES (Austins Ferry Campus):**  
Association Members are required to act as coordinators for the following:-  

*CATERING COORDINATOR* – Normally calls on a network of helpers to assist when required.  
*FAIR COORDINATOR* - To work with Executive and coordinate the Annual Fair.

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**NOMINATION FORM**

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Signed: ---------------------------------------- Seconded: ----------------------------------------- Date: ------------------  

*Please return to the Austins Ferry Campus Office by Friday March 15 in an envelope addressed to: Lynne Jones, President, SVC P&F Association*
Archdiocese Events

Way Across Tasmania Lenten Pilgrimage...
Join with Catholic Youth Ministry and other young Tasmanians on a special Lenten Pilgrimage following our special and unique Way Across Tasmania Pilgrimage route. Following the visit of the WYD Cross and Icon in 2008, Catholic communities around Tasmania worked to erect 14 life size crosses around our beautiful state to create a pilgrimage route for us here at home. These 14 crosses give us a unique opportunity to journey, follow, and contemplate the passion of Christ in a special way. Each cross represents something of the community from which they were designed and created.

CYM will be leading a pilgrimage, using these crosses to mark our pilgrimage route, during Lent so that together we can spend time in prayer and reflection, to follow the footsteps of Christ, and reflect on its meaning for us here today, and especially during this time of Lent.

The pilgrimage will occur in two parts, over two days: Saturday February 16 and Saturday February 23. You are welcome to join us for either or for both days. We encourage you to make a commitment to your 2013 Lenten journey and come along to both days.
Part One of the pilgrimage will be on Saturday February 16
This first part of the pilgrimage will begin at 10.00am on Kingston Beach where we will have our opening and pilgrimage walk to Christ the Priest Church, Kingston to visit the first cross.
This day will include crosses at Kingston, Richmond, Pontville, New Norfolk and Hobart. We will use the first seven stations through-out the day as the basis for our prayer and pilgrimage journey.

We will finish the day by joining with Cathedral parish community in celebration of the 6.00pm Mass, followed by dinner together.

Note: Transport will be available from Launceston for those wishing to join us from the North and North West.

For more information please contact rachelle.smith@aohtas.org.au

Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist
Parents and carers, if you are a parishioner of St John’s parish Glenorchy and think that your child may be ready to celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist you are invited to an information meeting. Two meetings will be held in St John’s presbytery Bowden Street one at 2.00pm and repeated at 7.00pm on February 20 2013. Please choose whichever is most convenient for you to attend.
Preparation sessions for parents and their children will commence on the weekend of March 2 and 3.
To register your interest or for further information contact St. John’s parish office (6272 6363) during office hours.

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange – Learn About Yourself!
As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER
Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international
students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

Campania Cricket Club – Pink Stumps Day
On Saturday February 23 test cricket ‘Legend’ Glenn McGrath will be the special guest of the Campania Cricket Club as they celebrate Pink Stumps Day to raise funds and awareness for the Jane McGrath Foundation. Glenn McGrath will be attending between 11 am to 3 pm, the PCYC will have activities for the kids, jumping castle, coffee van and all finger food will be available. Beverages at bar prices. The fundraiser is being coordinated by SVC parent and club coach Danny Bearman and raises much needed funds for breast cancer research and support. To find out how you can assist the club's fundraising endeavours please go to the following links -

- 2013 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- 2013 Canteen Lunch Ordering Procedure
- Pulse Psychology Clinic Flyer for Young People
- 2013 Student Immunisation Information
- UTAS Youth Soccer Registration
- Geelong Cats Bushfire Relief Football Clinic
- University Hockey Club Junior Programme
- Sorrell Junior Football Club Registration
The annual Staff v 1st XI Cricket match is a highly anticipated and enjoyed start to the year – the students’ triumphed this year by 3 runs.

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF THE COLLEGE

Each week boys at St Virgil’s College are involved in a wide range of exciting curricular and co-curricular experiences. These experiences provide a rich source of learning, fun and personal growth – here is just a snapshot of these activities, captured through the lens of Br Peter Flint and Mr Andrew Pinelli.

ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE – THE STAR