FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

MR TERRY BLIZZARD

"The College community mourns the passing of an outstanding old scholar; a much loved husband, son, sibling and friend. James lived his life to the full and the world is poorer for his passing. May he enjoy eternal rest in the palms of his loving God".

RIP - James Dunsby – College Head Prefect 1997

The College was deeply saddened this week to learn of the tragic passing of James after a military training accident in the UK. James was a much loved member of the
College community and continued to have close ties with his peers, despite living overseas and the demands of his work. He was particularly close to current staff member Mr Brad Canning, the two sharing numerous overseas travel experiences over the past decade.

The passing of a young, fit, much loved and respected man with the world at his feet, is hard to understand and accept. Whilst we take some comfort that he died doing something he loved, our hearts go out to his wife, family and friends. At such times our faith provides considerable comfort and so I would respectfully ask that all members of the College community keep James, his family and many friends in their thoughts and prayers.

New Archbishop
As mentioned in last week’s edition of The Star, we look forward to welcoming the eleventh Archbishop of Hobart, Bishop Julian Porteous who is anticipating making this beautiful island state his home and its many people, his people. He invites us to join him in developing a deeper relationship with Jesus in shaping our thoughts, words and actions. ‘In and through Christ, the Catholic faith brings us our treasure and our joy’.

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences – Austins Ferry
It was wonderful to see so many parents at last Tuesday’s Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences. It is such a strong indication of the strength of our community to see so many committed parents and their sons. I am sure that for some the car trip home may have been a little tense. We, as teachers and parents are sometimes quick to criticise and slow to praise!

Boys’ education expert Ian Lillico shares these thoughts:

“The whole world will tell our kids what’s wrong with them. It’s our job as parents and teachers to tell them what’s right about them.”

We can at times dwell on the negative, and conferences such as those conducted on Tuesday and the follow up at home need to provide opportunities to dwell on the positive. I hope the experience of the interviews had a positive and constructive tone to them and have offered an opportunity for you to have a positive conversation with your son about his studies. It goes without saying that the home-school conversation is not limited to these conferences. As always I invite parents to communicate with teachers through the diary, a phone call or email, and of course by making an appointment to speak face to face. It goes without saying strong school communities rely on respectful conversations. As teachers we need to reflect upon our role in regards to our communication as well and it is apparent that some families have not had the ongoing feedback throughout the term that is required. We need to address this. As a staff we need to be reminded that the content of reports should not come as a surprise to parents.

Commissioning
This Friday at the Senior School we look forward to gathering as a community to commission the Junior House Leaders and also acknowledging our Academic and Merit Award winners. In a conversation with the Student Leadership group recently I discussed with them the importance of being comfortable in publicly celebrating outstanding achievements. It is for this reason that we have invited Adam Schofield, last year’s PB Murphy Award for Academic Excellence winner, to address the assembly.

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In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Mr Terry Blizzard
"Rewards and praise that are helpful should be integral to teaching and parenting boys. Boys seek short term and immediate praise and rewards and every effort should be made to reward boys when they have done something that is praiseworthy."

Dr Ian Lillico,
The Boys Forward Institute

As is often the case, much of the student behavioural management policies and practices focus on how we respond when the boys have not met the standards that are expected of them. In this way we often lose sight of the large number of boys who consistently meet all the standards expected of them, such as: wearing the uniform in an exemplary fashion; always filling in their diary and having it signed weekly; and most importantly, applying themselves to their studies and always acting with respect to staff and fellow students. To this end the College has been working to develop a student affirmation programme.

It is the aim of the College to provide a positive learning environment that recognises the rights and responsibilities of all its members. The College believes that it is important to recognise and affirm those students who model positive examples of student behaviour. The process of Student Affirmation is based on a system that rewards students with certificates at a Bronze, Silver and Gold level.

This is outlined below:

- **Bronze Certificate:**
  Awarded by any teacher in recognition of a student who has displayed a consistent and/or a much improved level of positive student behaviour.

- **Silver Certificate:**
  Awarded to any student who in any one term who receives five Bronze Certificates, from at least three different areas of the College.

- **Gold Certificate:**
  Awarded to any student who receives three Silver Certificates throughout the year.

The areas for which the boys can receive a Bronze Certificate cover all areas of College life, such as academic endeavour and progress, classroom behaviour, the way they wear the uniform, and representing the College with distinction. The aim is to encourage all boys to encourage a culture of learning, having all boys
experience success, and encourage the boys to represent the College with pride. In following weeks I will include more details of the programme.

Formal School Assembly
Tomorrow we will gather formally to acknowledge the achievements of a large group of boys in many areas of College life. The Junior House Representatives for Grades 7 to 9 for the second half of the year will be commissioned, Academic and Endeavour Awards will presented and boys selected as Captains of winter sports teams will be recognised. All boys are expected to wear formal uniform on the day as a sign of respect for the occasion.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“Educating young people is a collective responsibility. Everyone has a stake in this. We need to make that known.”

“If you want to go fast – go alone. If you want to go far – go together!”

(AITSL Collective 13)

Assembly
Tomorrow, Friday August 2, Grade 6 W will lead our assembly in the Hall commencing at 2.30pm. All parents and friends are most welcome to join us for assembly on Friday afternoon.

Thinking Activity
This term, the boys at the Junior School will have the opportunity to participate in an optional thinking activity. Each week a new scenario will be posted for the boys’ consideration. Then, on a Friday afternoon, the results of their problem solving skills will be on display. This week the boys need to design a hat to protect the members of your search party from the vicious malaria carrying mosquitos. We are looking for to the solutions to this problem.

Tree Planting
Last Thursday the boys ventured into the Junior School gardens to see if they had a green thumb. Ably assisted by Mrs Graves the boys took to the task of planting 120 native grasses, shrubs and young trees. The area between the classrooms and the top court was chosen as an area that needed a bit of greening up. The boys were challenged by Mrs Graves to ensure that their seedling remained well looked after until it was established.

Flute players visit TSO
Mrs Jillian Norton
On Friday July 26 our Grade 5 and 6 Concert Band flute players went to see a concert by the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra in the Federation Concert Hall. It was a very special concert and opportunity for our boys for a number of reasons.

Firstly, one of the pieces being played was a Tasmanian premiere of a new piece by Australian composer Paul Stanhope. Secondly, this piece featured a soloist; the handsome, young and incredibly talented principal piccolo player of TSO, Lloyd Hudson. Thirdly, the boys got to meet Lloyd Hudson in person after the performance, ask him questions and get their
photo taken with him. Last but not least, they got a backstage tour after the concert with TSO trumpet player Mark Bain (arguably even more handsome than Lloyd…..and he happens to be my husband!).

Mark introduced the boys to the timpani player of the orchestra who demonstrated most passionately his precious timpani which featured quite prominently in Haydn’s Drum Roll Symphony No. 103. Mark also demonstrated with great enthusiasm his impressive collection of trumpets by playing random requests of well-known tunes such as the chicken dance, Star Wars theme and ‘When the Saints Go Marching In’.

All in all, the boys did St Virgil’s College proud, standing out in the crowd with their smart formal uniform and being polite and courteous to everyone around them. It was an absolute joy for me to take my flute students to see this concert. Most had never seen an orchestra perform live. I look forward to another opportunity to take a group of our talented musicians to see our State’s beloved TSO.

CLAIM THE DATE
P & F Junior School Fair – Sunday September 8 commencing at 11.30
The next Fair meeting will be held on Wednesday August 7 commencing at 7.00pm and of course, everyone is welcome and encouraged to come along.

iPad workshops for parents – August 13 at the Junior School
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P & F Disco – Friday August 16
More details about the upcoming disco will be sent home soon BUT we just wanted parents to remember that the next P&F disco will be on Friday August 16. There are going to be some things done a little differently, so details will be sent home soon. Please mark this enjoyable evening on ALL of your calendars.

P & F Father’s Day Breakfast – Friday August 30
Did you know Father’s Day isn’t too far away? The P & F have started discussing arrangements for the annual Father’s Day breakfast. Please mark the date in your calendar. This year’s breakfast will coincide with a fantastic art exhibition of the boy’s art and later in the day the College Athletics Carnival.

Cyber Safety presentation – Thursday September 26 at 7.00pm
Later this term, a special Cyber Safety session for parents has been scheduled for Thursday September 26 at 7.00pm in the Junior School Hall. This 90 minute session, conducted by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA)
will provide some valuable information and I strongly urge every parent to attend. All students and staff will also undertake the workshops run by ACMA during school hours on the same day.

**Reminders**

**Show us what you’ve got! app review**

Or, more accurately, write to us! We’re interested in seeing your reviews of iPad apps that you’ve found interesting or useful at school. It could be about one of the apps from the App Catalog or it could be about an app from the App Store that you’ve discovered. Every fortnight, the most interesting review will be published in *The Star* newsletter and the author will receive a $20 iTunes gift card! Submissions reviews must be emailed to appreviews@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

**Religious Education and Outreach News**

**Mrs Fiona Chambers**

**Celebrating the Sacraments**

Harrison Huigsloot and Joseph Cranny from Grade 4 are currently preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist in the Parish of St John’s Glenorchy. They will make these Sacraments on Sunday August 18. Let us pray for the boys and their families as they make this important step in their journey of faith.

**Bridgewater-Brighton-Claremont Parish:**

If you have a child who is over eight years of age who has been baptised and who you would like to enrol in the preparation process for Confirmation and Eucharist, you are invited to attend one of two Sacrament Information Evenings. These are being held:

- **Tuesday August 6**
  - Chanel Room (near St Bernard’s Church)
  - Wyndham Road,
  - Claremont
  - From: 7.00pm

- **Wednesday August 7**
  - St Paul’s Church
  - Paice Street,
  - Bridgewater
  - From: 7.00pm

If you have any questions please feel free to contact one of the following:

- Fr Felix Ekeh  6263 6242
- Mrs Libby Piesse 6275 5200
- Sr Carmel Hinkley 6263 6482
- Br Ben Brooks 6208 6235

**Gifts and Talents**

**By Hugh Gable 6C**

Grade 6C have been talking about gifts and talents. We all gathered on the mat in a big circle and there were ten sheets of paper, Yellow, Brown, Black, Blue, Green, Gray, Orange, White, Red and Purple. This activity is designed to help every member of a group feel affirmed and become more aware of their giftedness, as well as the giftedness of others. Our teacher Mrs Chambers read out questions to the class. The questions included: “Do you like to sing? Do you believe that your life and your talents are important? Do you feel God’s presence in your life? Do you like finding patterns”?

Each question was colour coded, so when Mrs Chambers read out a question she would say, “Do you think about God often? If you do get a little bit of the white paper”.

At the end of the activity we gathered all of our little pieces of paper and we were able to tell where our gifts and talents were. We could be musical, linguistic, logical, spiritual, have good visual and spatial awareness, believe in justice, be good with numbers and computation or be caring towards people. For most of us, we all had gifts in a number of these areas. The most important thing we learnt and talked about was to believe in ourselves and be ourselves.
Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon
Friday August 2  F Terry / C Stanford
Wednesday August 7 T Noble / K Borsboom
Thursday August 8 K Read / L Strong
Friday August 9 B Cranny / HELP NEEDED

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING
MISS HEIDI GREGG

Grade 9 and 10 Subject Selection Night
The Information Night for Grade 9/10 2014 Subject Selection will be held on Thursday 12 September. The teachers of all elective subjects will be on hand to offer advice and information about their courses and provide selection assistance. The students will also be issued with a handbook in the coming weeks to further inform the selection process for 2014.

National Numeracy and Literacy Week
Mr John Waldock
To celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy week some of our Grade 7 Maths students spent two lessons constructing some fascinating geometric shapes using origami paper construction techniques. The activity required each group to construct 20 truncated tetrahedra which they then assembled into a dodecahedron, which are similar in shape and size to a soccer ball. The construction allowed the students to explore geometric concepts such as an understanding of symmetry, triangles and 3d shapes such as tetrahedra, truncated tetrahedra and dodecahedrons.

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT
MR MARK WADDINGTON

An African Reflection
As outlined in last week’s edition of The Star, over the coming weeks there will be a series of articles highlighting the key learnings from the Carrigg Karibu Immersion Programme. The programme is central to the mission of St Virgil’s College and highlights our commitment to Catholic education and key elements of The Charter including justice, peace and standing is solidarity with those at the margins.

At the conclusion of the experience, participants were asked to reflect on key moments that ‘broke them’ and in the process deepened their understanding of the African situation and their own faith. The following reflection relates to a visit to the Ruben Centre, an amazing school and health service that operates in the middle of the Makura slum district. Over 2000 students attend the school run by the Christian Brothers and receive an education that is consistent with the calling of Blessed Edmund Rice – ‘Liberation through education’. Students are in classes of 50, rely upon blackboard ‘chalk and talk’ style learning and teaching and face cut throat National examinations at Grade 6, 8 and 10. Their work ethic, optimism, faith and determination is simply inspiring.

Outside the gates of the Ruben Centre, students live in conditions that are almost impossible for us to comprehend through Western eyes. A family group of 10 may live in a slum residence the size of a typical Australian garden shed. Clothes are washed in putrid streams and availability of food is inconsistent. Many students fossick through the dumps to find plastics...
and other recyclables that may provide an opportunity to earn a dollar to two for food. The slums are also the home to many criminals, providing an ideal hiding place from the law, and cases of physical and sexual abuse are common, especially against young girls and women.

The following reflection which was re-produced in the weekly newsletter of the East African Christian Brothers community, attempts to put into words some of these experiences, whilst acknowledging that they in no way do justice to the daily battle faced by millions of Kenyans living in the slums of Makura and Kibera.

**What Has Broken Me?**

Whilst all of Africa is overwhelming when viewed through western eyes, my moment of clarity which has become a touchstone for helping me make sense of the experience was the simple, yet profound words of Karanja's mother. "When we can look into each other's eyes we can begin to understand each other". This moment enabled me to fully embrace the richness of the African culture and explicitly embrace the concept that I was entering into mutually loving and respectful relationship with my brothers and sisters who were like me, made in God’s image.

The juxtaposition to this which has left me troubled and broken at times is the simple question; 'who is present at God’s table'. Jesus tells us that we are welcome to enjoy the victory that he has won for us and have a seat at the table. However in a world where economic, social, cultural and institutional barriers are placed before my African brothers and sisters do they really have access to the table?

The tip at Ruben was confronting in that it was a tip for the cities rubbish, with its vile smells and images permeating every part of my being. However more troubling was that it provided a metaphor for the daily existence of many people - it was a dumping ground for the excluded and it was evident in their eyes and in their posture. Anger, resentment and hopelessness burned in their eyes and hearts and the concept of a seat at God’s table must seem to them an impossible dream, a fool's gold that can only lead to further heartbreak and despair.

As I stood at the edge of the tip, looking at a number of houses on the tip floor, for a moment I felt broken, abandoned by my God who I have so fervently followed and sought to serve. And yet from brokenness emerges deep learning and clarity.

Turning from the tip's edge I spotted a student from the Ruben school fossicking through the dump. In her eyes I saw hope, faith, optimism, love and a dignity that transcends economic, social, and institutional barriers. I realised that through her eyes I was encountering God. God is where I am in communion with others. As we exchanged a smile and a mumbled, teary ‘mambo’, I knew that we were in relationship with each other and were both welcomed and equal guests at God’s table.
On the road to Ngorongoro crater I read a book by Henri Nouwen and the following line sums up my return from brokenness - "it is through their powerlessness that we are called to be brother and sister". An African experience; present in the moment with God.

DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION

MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Guilford Young College Subject Selection
On Monday of this week all Grade 10 boys visited the GYC Pathways expo and had the opportunity to speak to teachers about all subjects available to them next year, as well as representatives from the University of Tasmania and the Defence Forces. The boys are to be congratulated on the mature manner on which they approached the day and ensured they took the opportunity to seek advice on their course selection for next year and study pathway beyond. I have spoken to a number of boys who are yet to enrol at GYC for next year but are intending on doing so. I encourage all parents to ensure that their son is enrolled in their College of choice for 2014.

Boys attending GYC in 2014 will need to have their subject selection form completed by next Friday, August 9, and they can be left at the St Virgil's front office. On Wednesday next week staff from GYC will attend the Grade 10 Welfare session to offer further course selection advice for those boys who require it.

Congratulations to Alex Benn who won the Business Logos and Entrepreneur Challenge at Guilford Young College's Pathways Expo on Monday.
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES

MR RICHARD LAWLER

Parent iPad Workshops
Now that we have all had a chance to welcome the new 'iAddition' to the family over the last two terms, we thought it was about time we took a breath and offered some workshops just for parents!

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WHEN
Both sessions will run at the same time on two nights, from 7.00 pm until 8:30 pm:

August 8 at the Austins Ferry Campus.
August 13 at the Junior School Campus.

All sessions will be aimed at all Grade levels, so you can simply choose whichever day and session suits you.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE WORKSHOP?
All workshops are strictly limited in size to ensure that participants receive a quality experience. To register, simply email rlawler@stvirgils.tas.edu.au indicating what workshop(s) you would like to attend, on what night and how many will be attending (ideally two per family at most, please). Alternatively, you can call the Austins Ferry campus office on 6249 6555 and leave your registration.

Registrations will close two days before the workshop commences and registrants will be notified by email. The College reserves the right to cancel workshops should registration numbers prove to be insufficient so it is essential that parent register for the session they would like to attend.
DIRECTOR OF SPORT

MR JAMES DALTON

Athletics
Training begins next week on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7 am at the Domain Athletics Centre. All boys who are interested in Training for the SVC Athletics Team are invited. The Training sessions will provide the students the opportunity to train in the events that they choose with the selection trials following the SVC carnival on August 30. Whilst we understand that many boys will have sport finals coming up, they are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of the sessions per week.

Students will be need to wear their Sports uniform to train in (tights/thermals) and will be transported to school at the conclusion of training. Boys are also encouraged to bring something to eat at the end of training. If any parents would like to assist with coaching, you are most welcome.

Students will need to be dropped off at bottom gate of Athletics centre as the main gate/entrance is undergoing council works.

Please contact Mr Dalton for any questions jdalton@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Football

Grade 9/10
The Grade 9/10 Football competition finished up last term with the SVC 1st XVIII team going through undefeated and looking forward to the upcoming matches. The first game being against St Patrick’s College, Launceston next Tuesday August 6, 11.30am, at SPC. There will also be a match against The Hutchins School later in the term.

On August 28 the Southern Final will be held against one of the Southern state schools, with the winner moving onto the Tassie Hawks Cup on September 18 in Launceston. We wish boys well in their future matches.

Grade 7/8
The Grade 7/8 Competition will commence next Friday 4-5pm at various grounds. Due to the outstanding interest, there will be three SVC teams this year and these will be organised in the coming days. Players will need Playing top and socks, Sport shorts OK, from the clothing store.

Soccer
It has been wonderful to see the number of boys being involved in the SSATIS Soccer Rosters this term. Full rosters will be available on Monday and will be placed on the College Website.

Congratulations to Felix Yeomans and Jackson Ebini who have been selected in the state soccer team to represent Tasmania at the Under 13 National Youth Championships in Coffs Harbour from September 30 to October 4 2013. After a 12 month training and assessment process involving nearly 40 pre-identified players, Felix and Jackson were named in the final I6 to represent the State.

Basketball
After a successful trip to Brisbane to compete in the EREA Tournament three weeks ago, training will resume on Monday afternoons from 3.30-4.30pm. Grade 7/8 Trials will be held on Thursday August 8 from 3.20pm to 4pm.
Water Polo
Miss Imogen Gray
The SVC Blue water polo team played the MacKillop Grade 7&8 team Friday July 26. The boys played a good first half of the game with a score of MacKillop, 3 to SVC 9. During the second half MacKillop came back with two quick goals and another later on, but the SVC team didn’t let MacKillop get too close. The final result was 13-6 with another great win from the SVC team.

Dr Ian Lillico
The Value of Sport for Boys

Sport (done correctly) is a valuable way for your son to get life-skills that he may not get through other avenues. Sport should teach our sons:

- How to be a good winner;
- How to be a good loser;
- How everything improves through practice;
- How to give their best and work hard; and
- How to work towards his personal goals.

When picking a sport for your son - you should actually pick the coach! Coaches transform boys from isolated competitors into bonded teammates. Young boys often prefer to work alone, but the right coach can assist him to work with others towards a mutual goal. The coach should be a mentor to your son and teach him the skills of getting on with others and striving for excellence.

The wrong coach, however, can turn your son off sport forever. Coaches who put down boys or call them names when they do the wrong thing are to be avoided, as boys can be seriously affected by such negatives and often internalise these jibes.

One of the greatest things sport can teach our sons is how to fail or lose gracefully. Boys hate to fail or lose and a well-constructed team shares that sense of loss when a boy is bowled out at cricket or misses a goal in football. The loss becomes a communal one in a well-trained team and other team-mates share the sense of failure with boy - again though excellent team building by the coach. Dealing with loss or failure is a problem for males, generally, and if the boy is part of a good team this will help him throughout life.

A further advantage of sport is emotional expression where his sorrows, joys etc are refined through active participation. Close bonding should also occur between him and his team-mates and between him and his coach - giving him good peer and senior role models. With a good coach, boys become more trusting of adults and form closer associations with them. Boys often reminisce on their sporting teams later on in life as some of those bonds last a lifetime.

COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

Uniform Shop
Mrs Cindy Gangell

2013 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30 am to 3.30 pm

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday 8.30am to 9.30 am
Thursday 2.00pm to 3.30 pm
Austins Ferry Canteen
Mrs Carol Hilyer, Manager
Please contact Carol if you cannot make your shift – 6249 6541.
If you can assist with canteen duty please contact Carol at the College or email chilyer@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Please remember to organise a replacement if you cannot make your rostered time or Call Carol on 0402 324 095.

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Year 11 and/or Year 12 Enrolments 2014 - St Mary’s College
Year 10 2013 girls at Catholic Colleges in the south of the State can progress to Senior Secondary study in the Catholic sector at either Guilford Young College or St Mary’s College. Parents and Year 10 students are advised that the closing date for enrolment applications for entry to Year 11 (or Year 12) at St Mary’s College in 2014 is Friday 30 August 2013.

You are warmly invited to contact our Enrolment Officer, Tammy Carlton, for further information about the College, the range of subjects and flexible delivery arrangements, a tour of the College and for an Enrolment Application. A number of scholarships are available on merit and fee assistance is always available on a needs basis.

Tammy can be contacted as follows: (T): 6108 2562 or (E): enrol@smc.tas.edu.au

Grade 5&6 Band visit to the TSO
2013 College Musical
Tickets are selling quickly for the 2013 St Virgil's College and St Mary's College Musical, Jesus Christ Superstar, with Saturday's sessions nearly sold out. Tickets can only be purchased at www.easybookings.com.au Go to the bottom of the page and hit the link ‘Schools and Universities’.
Old Scholars Music Concert

Friday August 9, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start.
Joyce Performance Centre
Austins Ferry Campus

Featuring the incredible Matthew Ives and his Big Band – comprised of old scholars and current staff members plus a set from the College’s wonderful stage band. Round up your friends and family for an entertaining and relaxing Friday night wind down, featuring some of Hobart’s finest musicians.

Tickets are $10 per person and available at the door

Drinks available at bar prices.

All enquiries to Director of Development Mark Waddington mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
Parents and Friends Association – The Entertainment Guide
Mrs Jackie Geale

Last chance to purchase an Entertainment Guide!
Please help us raise funds for all students of St Virgil's College by purchasing an Entertainment™ Book today

20% of your Book purchase goes towards our fundraising for St Virgil's College
Pre-order benefits are available for a limited time only, while stocks last.


When making on line orders please use one of the following links, depending upon which campus your son attends:
(Please use the links below – the link provided on the flyer distributed by the Entertainment Guide to students at the Junior and Senior School was incorrect and directs you to Howrah beach Child care Centre)

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College Contact: Jackie Geale
St Virgil's College

Phone: 0418450050 | Email: jackiegeale@bigpond.com
St Virgil's Old Scholars Football Club

The Old Scholars had a narrow loss last week to OHA that may put a finals berth in 2013 in jeopardy! This week the Saints take on DOSA at the New Town Oval from 2 pm.

For full results and fixtures go to:
http://www.sportingpulse.com/comp_info.cgi?c=1-3900-0-252860-0&pool=1&round=0&a=ROUND

- TCEO Reporting and Assessment Information for Parents
- Edmodo Flyer
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Finlay Rossiter- Hill successfully obtained his provisional boat licence last week. He was required to undertake on the water training as well as a theory test. He has already made good use of it taking his Dad fishing on Saturday.
This week under the watchful eye of Mrs Graves, students planted 120 native grasses, shrubs and young trees.

Grade 5 and 6 Concert Band flute players went to see a concert by the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra in the Federation Concert Hall.

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.