FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

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Principal's Conference
Currently I am in Perth attending the Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) Principal’s Conference. This conference provides an opportunity to catch up with colleagues from around Australia to discuss what is currently happening in an operational sense in our schools. It offers an opportunity for great discussions on this practice and to hold ongoing conversations around our common topic of boys’
only Catholic education.

It also highlights the strength of our connections and our common history and traditions which have been authentically transplanted into wonderful schools across Australia, which although sharing the same charism all have slightly different cultures to reflect their geographic location and the composition of their community. This richness of identity adds strength and value to EREA and I look forward to updating you about many of the positive outcomes from the conference upon my return.

**Edmund Rice Network Mass**
The annual Edmund Rice Mass held on May 9 was a stunning celebration of the Edmund Rice charism shared by our College and other schools and ministries which make up the Tasmanian Edmund Rice Network. Over 1000 visiting students, parents and guests joined the St Virgil’s students, teachers, parents and staff for the Eucharist, which was a fitting celebration of the life of Blessed Edmund and the profound impact he has had upon schools and ministries throughout our State – and across the world.

Our thanks and congratulations go to the Band and Choir led by Mr Jeremy Williamson, the students who led us through the Edmund Rice story and the Stage Crew with Mr Mathew Derrick and Mr Richard Lawler organising the technical details. Special thanks to the Chief Celebrant Rev. Mark Freeman and to Fathers Brian Nichols, Lawrence Moate, Terry Rush and Felix Ekeh who concelebrated the Mass.

**Mother’s Day Thank You**
I hope all mums in our community had a great day last Sunday and that the men in your life were good to you. Last Friday we held a wonderful, albeit chilly gathering at our Junior School site where more than 100 mums joined us for our annual breakfast. Despite the sub-zero conditions, the fathers did a stirling job providing breakfast for our mums. Thank you to the Junior School Parents & Friends Association for their organisation and all who were able to assist on the morning and on the previous day where boys were able to purchase a present from the Mother’s Day stall.

**NAPLAN Testing**
Over the past three days our Grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 students have participated in NAPLAN testing. This testing is a one-off opportunity to benchmark our students against others around Australia. The data that the results will provide will provide a great opportunity to evaluate our current learning programmes and help plan for the future. On the individual level it will give us some more evidence to help in the personalised learning journey of each of our boys. Thank you to the staff at each campus who were responsible for the organisation and planning of these mornings.

**House Cross Country**
In the coming two weeks on both campuses the annual House Cross country competitions will be held. At Austins Ferry this will be on Thursday May 22 and the Junior School students have their Cross Country the following Thursday on May 29. More details about these events will be given to the students in class and via The Star.

**Father/Son Programme**
A reminder to all the Fathers/Mentors of Grade 8 boys that our Father/Son programme, ‘Stepping Up’ Evening will take place next Tuesday night beginning in the Edmund Rice Hall at 7.30pm. Registration can be done online by visiting [www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au](http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au) The evening has in the past been recognised as a wonderful evening and we look forward to seeing many fathers, mentors and students on Tuesday May 20.

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

**Damian Messer**
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“This is a really important evening in the transition for the boys as they head towards becoming a man.”

Upcoming Events
Immunisations
Parents of Grade 7 and 9 students please be aware that the next round of immunisations will be held next Tuesday.

Grade 8 Stepping Up
Also next Tuesday evening is the Grade 8 Stepping Up night, where boys and their dads or male mentors come together, to take the time and space to devote to each other. This is a really important evening in the transition for the boys as they head towards becoming a man and we strongly encourage anyone who hasn’t done so to register on line to attend the evening.

House Cross Country
On Thursday next week the House Cross Country will be conducted. This event is one of our important House based activities and as such is compulsory for all. We would ask that any boy unable to participate provide a note outlining the reason. It is advisable to bring a second pair of shoes on the day in case the course is wet.

Mobile Phones
Whilst acknowledging that many (most) boys have and may need a mobile phone, for very good educational reasons we have a policy that forbids their use during school hours. The distraction that phones cause to the learning of many boys is significant and totally unnecessary.

We have a policy of confiscating any phone that is being used in class requiring boys to collect them at the end of the day from the front office. For repeat offenders we will ask that parents collect the phone so as to highlight our commitment to this policy. We apologise for any inconvenience but we feel it is important to make a stand on this for the sake of the learning environment for the boys.

I can be contacted by phone at the College or by email at tblizzard@stvirgils.tas.edu.au if parents wish to discuss these guidelines.

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.
CAMPUS MINISTER

BR PETER FLINT

Something for the Back of the Toilet Door!

I can do hard things.
I choose to be happy.
I stand for what is right.
I am a joyful child of God.
I believe in me. I am loved.
I am blessed. I am truthful.
I am thankful. I am special.
I stay calm. I am a good friend.
I am courageous. I am respectful.
I do my best in my work and tasks.
I love my life. I enjoy new adventures.
I work hard. I am strong. I am helpful.
I have faith in God. I am a good sport.
I am kind to others. I am a good listener.
I do the best I can. I focus on the positive.
I am a good influence on others. I have talents.
I learn from my challenges. I pray for strength.
I do the right thing even when no one is looking.
I am becoming better everyday.
JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure.”

Colin L. Powell

P & F Association
Mother’s Day Stall and Breakfast
Thank you to all the boys and their parents for supporting the Mother’s Day stall last Thursday. Many wonderful gifts were donated, and subsequently purchased, by families. We hope all mums enjoyed their gifts.

A wonderful breakfast was served up on Friday morning for our mothers – and grandmothers! Thank you to all the dads who helped out with the cooking of a wonderful breakfast. Thank you also to so many of the boys who made a point of looking after their mums during the breakfast.
Uniform
As we are now moving into the winter months and the start of a new term, it is timely to remind all boys and parents of some uniform expectations at the Junior School Campus.

- Bucket hats are not a requirement at this time.
- Jumpers are required to be worn by the boys until recess time. Most boys have been very good in adhering to this requirement already.
- All boys in Grades 5 & 6 are to wear their sports uniform on Fridays due to the large number of boys involved in the STCPSSA Footy Competition.

Thank you for your support with uniform requirements.

Family Life Night
There was a great turn out of parents and boys for the Family Life nights last week. Thank you to parents for this commitment. It was also very pleasing to get so much positive feedback from families about the value of the information sessions – for the boys and parents alike!

NAPLAN
The boys in Grades 3 and 5 are to be commended for the mature way they have undertaken this year’s round of NAPLAN assessments in Literacy and Numeracy. Thank you to all families who have supported their sons this week and also ensured a high level of attendance during the assessment days.

STCPSSA Footy Round Robin
This Friday sees the commencement of the Friday footy round robin. This year, 3 teams have been selected from our Grade 5 and 6 boys. As so many boys are involved in this competition, all boys in Grades 5 and 6 are to wear their sports uniform on Friday. Those boys involved in the footy will not be able to order their lunch on a Friday.

P & F Junior School Disco
Tomorrow evening, May 16, will be the P & F Disco. Thank you to the parents who have already volunteered to help. Boys should have brought home details about the disco. Times:
Grades 3 & 4: 5.30 – 6.30
Grades 5 & 6: 6.30 – 7.45

There will be a sausage sizzle available from 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing many of the boys at the disco Friday evening. Thank you in advance for your support of these activities.

Assembly
Our first assembly for Term 2 will be held tomorrow, Friday May 16, in the Hall commencing at 9.00am. (Due to Grade 5 & 6 boys participating in the Football Competition). Grade 4 will be leading us in the assembly. All parents and friends are invited to attend.

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/

Significant, upcoming events are summarised below:
May
Assembly led by Grade 4
P & F Disco
ICAS Computer Assessment
P & F Association meeting
Hobart Eisteddfod – Choir performing
Junior School Cross Country with SMC
Assembly led by Grade 3

May 16
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Junior School Sport
Soccer commenced last week with a large number of boys representing the College with great pride, enthusiasm and skill. Water Polo commences tomorrow evening – good luck to all players. Thank you to parents who have taken up roles as coaches and managers – your assistance and expertise is greatly appreciated. We look forward to reading match reports from games in coming editions of The Star.

Junior School Canteen

Friday May 16  R&L. Langshaw
Wednesday May 21 Help Needed
Thursday May 22  J. Mooney and J. Whitton
Friday May 23    T. Donohue and J. Hickey
DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION

MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Time and Space Grade 8 ‘Father & Son’ Stepping Up Night
As has been advertised the Grade 8 ‘Father & Son’ Stepping Up Night will be held next Tuesday May 20, in the Joyce Performance Centre. It is important to note that we understand families come in all forms and this is an evening for the boys and their significant male mentor, whoever that may be.

More information was mailed home in previous weeks but is also available on the College website (www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au) Boys were also been provided with an individual invitation that they are asked to give to the male mentor with whom they wish to attend.

Registrations are now open and can be done through:
Email: svc.dads@time-space.com.au

Grade 10 GYC Visits
In recent weeks I have written about the Pathway Planning that the Grade 10s have been undertaking in the fortnightly Welfare Sessions. In coming weeks this will extend to visits to Guilford Young College, as they begin their process of enrolments for 2015.

Although all boys may not transition to GYC, it is the preferred education pathway, where all our boys are reserved a space for enrolment. These visits are of great value to all boys, as the information delivered is not just GYC specific, it also covers general pathways information and the requirements of meeting the Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE), and gaining an Australian Tertiary Entrance Ranking (ATAR), therefore it is required that all boys attend.

Specific details and important dates are:
GYC, Hobart Campus visit
Date: Thursday June 5
Time: depart SVC 8.45am, return 11.15
Uniform: Formal

GYC Parent Information Evenings
Dates: Thursday June 5, Tuesday June 10, and Thursday June 12
Location: GYC Hobart Campus
Time: 7.30pm
GYC Enrolments due - Friday June 20 (can be left at SVC office)

Later in the year all students will visit the Glenorchy campus for their pathways course information Expo. Details will be published for this event and course selection deadlines closer to the date.

SPORT

SSATIS Grade 9 Basketball
SVC 42 tied with Hutchins 42

Water Polo
The season starts on Friday May 16 at the Hobart Aquatic Centre. Training for all teams is held on Tuesday mornings at the Hobart Aquatic Centre from 6.30 am. A bus is provided for all students to Austins Ferry.

All enquiries to Miss Imogen Gray – igray@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
SPORT

Grade 9&10 Football

Mr Mark Beck

Grade 9/10 football commenced last Friday night with a selection game for the First and Second Squads. It was a fierce contest from the outset with Director of Sport Mr Dalton highlighting the fact that the no bump policy hadn't rubbed off on St Virgil's football. Development Coach Mr Canning was happy with the standard and is looking forward to being in charge of the 2nd Squad this year. Support Coach Mr Dilenno was pleased with the marquee players, citing Harry Pearce, Cambell Hooker and Liam Devlin as the best performed on the day. Well done to all involved and we look forward to another successful year.

Final Scores were:
Team 1: 5:3 : 33
Team 2: 9:5: 60

Goals: Team 1: C Hooker 3, L. Devlin 2, B. Harback 1, H. Pritchard 1, T. Hapka 1, H. Richmond 1,
Team 2: B. Hagos 1, A. Blair 1, J. Morgan 1, B. Patterson 1, B. Pearce 1.

1st team to play this week against Dominic

Rowing Club Presentation Night

ROWING CLUB Presentation Night  
Venue: Guilford Young College  
Barrack Street, Hobart  
Date: Friday May 23 2014  
Time: 6.30 for 7.00pm  
A two course meal will be served

RSVP to Jo Messer via email: jmesser@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or text 0438077740 by Monday May 19 2014

Cost: $25 per adult, $20 per student  
Beverages will be available for purchase.

SILENT AUCTION
We have had a number of items on donated that will be on display for you to bid on.  
All proceeds will go directly back to the club  
All Families and Supporters Welcome
Austins Ferry Canteen
Mrs Carol Hilyer

The Winter Menu has commenced. The Menu is available on the website or students can obtain a copy at the Office or the Canteen.

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Uniform Shop
Mrs Cindy Gangell

2014 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30 am to 3.30 pm

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

Walk Sock for both Senior and Junior School
All sizes of Grey shorts are in stock at both shops
Football socks are now in stock and are available for $12.
ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Mrs Susan Roberts,
President

Next Meeting – Wednesday May 21 at 7.30 pm at Austins Ferry.

Entertainment Book
The P&F will again be selling the popular Entertainment Book in Term 1. In 2014 the Entertainment Book will be available from the Front Office of both campuses. The cost of the book this year is $65, with $13 from each book sold going to the P&F. Please support the boys of St Virgil's College when buying the book.

This year you are able to purchase the exciting new Entertainment™ Digital Membership, that brings the benefits of the Entertainment Book to your smartphone. No more ‘leaving your book at home’ or missing out on new additions to the guide. It’s all there in the palm of your hand.

Pre-order your book NOW and receive 6 Bonus Vouchers which can be used immediately.

Just choose the campus you would like to support and click on the link below which will take you straight in to the school's booking page. It’s too easy.

Junior School Link

Senior School Link

For all enquiries please contact Jackie Geale - jackiegeale@bigpond.com
**Australian Air Force Cadets**
Are you between 13 and 15 years of age? Would you like to go camping, take part in ceremonial parades, visit active military bases and learn about life in the Royal Australian Air Force?


- 2014 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- PAUSE-Parenting Adolescents with Understanding Sensitivity & Engagement Workshop
- Bears of Hope Grief Workshop
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.

Additional photos can be accessed at: Svcpics.phanfare.com