FROM THE PRINCIPAL
MR DAMIAN MESSER

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Principal’s Conference
Last week in Perth the forty EREA Principal’s from around Australia gathered at CBC Freemantle for our annual conference. The theme of this year’s conference was ‘Leading, Liberating, Learning’. The core focus of the three days was on learning and teaching and the importance of the relational journey that develops between staff, students and parents over the time a student spends at one of our Colleges.

As the technological generation continues to evolve at a rapid pace, it is critical to
recognise the importance of learning within this space. Students are given the opportunity to learn in many different modes and hopefully find the appropriate learning styles that enable them to achieve their best. The changes in the pedagogical model are always challenging and will be continually worked on as part of our professional practice. With our common EREA connection of boys’ only education, the conversations were extremely relevant and it was comforting to find that the successes and challenges that we experience are often replicated in other schools across Australia.

Thank You
As many of you would be aware, last week was a challenging one for all involved with our community. From Monday afternoon until Friday morning our Information Technology infrastructure collapsed, making it very difficult to communicate via email. I apologise if you did try to contact the College last week and did not receive a response. It was a great relief to finally come back on line on Friday and restore our link to the outside world!

We have experienced some difficulties in receiving the emails that were sent during the outage and our technicians are endeavouring to ensure that all communications are delivered to the appropriate person. If you are expecting a reply to an email please re-send it or phone the appropriate staff member.

Again, thank you for your patience. We are assured that the system is now back working and fully functional.

Mentoring Programmes
This week marks the conclusion of our 2014 mentoring programme, ‘Time and Space’. The programme incorporates three significant events: the Grade 7 the Mother/Son Evening, the Grade 8 Father/Son ‘Stepping Up’ programme and the Grade 9/10 ‘Time & Space’ extended mentoring experience. I would like to congratulate and thank all those who participated in any of the programmes and encourage you to keep an eye out for their return in early 2015.

A special thank you to our facilitator Mr Bill Jennings who again has done a wonderful job in ensuring our programmes were successful and on site at Austins Ferry, to Mr Cameron Alexander, who coordinated all of the programmes.

Junior School Mass
On Tuesday this week I had the pleasure of joining with the students of the Junior campus at the Cathedral for Mass. As we head towards the end of the Easter season, Fr Brian spoke to the boys about the topic of peace and getting along with others. This Liturgy was a wonderful celebration. Thank you to Mrs Chambers, Mrs Norton and Mr Sulzberger for their input into the Liturgy.

GYC Grade 11 Enrolment 2015
Enrolments for Grade 11 2015 at Guilford Young College close on Friday June 20. I encourage all students to get their enrolment form in to secure an enrolment place for next year. Over the coming months GYC will run a number of events to help in the beginning for the transition for 2015. Details:

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 (enrolments can be left at SVC office)
Message from St Mary's College
I have attached a message from the Principal, Mr Tom Dorey inviting anyone who has a sister currently not at St Mary’s about the opportunities to join the Grade 11 programme in 2015. Parents of girls are reminded that the TCEC have reinforced that there are two Catholic educational pathways for girls entering Grade 11 – St Mary’s College and GYC.

“It is not widely known that St Mary’s College in addition to Guilford Young College is an entry point for senior secondary studies in the Catholic education sector. St Mary’s College provides an all girls’ College environment at Senior Secondary level in which to pursue excellence in all areas. The College is currently welcoming enquiries for 2015 enrolments from students in our Catholic Year 10 Colleges”.

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 in 2015 is Friday 27 June 2014. You are warmly invited to contact our Enrolment Officer, Tammy Carlton, for further information about the College. Information about the range of subjects and their flexible delivery arrangements, a tour of the College and Enrolment Applications is readily available.

A limited number of scholarships are available on merit and fee assistance is available on a needs basis. Tammy can be contacted as follows: (T): 6108 2560 or (E): enrol@smc.tas.edu.au

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

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Immunisations
Another round of Immunisations for Grade 7 and 9 students have been conducted this week. Those boys that were absent on the day will need to access their local council or GP for their catch up injections.

A Balanced Life
I am always impressed with the balance many of our boys have in their lives. For example those boys who manage to balance choir and bands with participation in sporting teams or service activities. I am convinced that a well-rounded life with experiences in a variety of areas helps develop resilience in boys and certainly makes school a much more enjoyable place. The role balance plays in the physical and mental health of boys and young men cannot be underestimated. Boys need to be a son and a brother, to socialise with their friends, to play sport or music or both, to be competitive, take time to sleep and relax and of course to do their school work! Get the balance right and their lives are full and enriching, however get it wrong and success can be impeded.

Often in our pastoral care of students we see an imbalance somewhere and this can be problematic. Of significant concern for me is the hours spent on social media. In some ways for some boys social media has become the ‘balance breaker’. I have written about this previously and I am convinced that while the consequences of this act out at school, it is more than a school problem - it is one that parents and the school need to tackle together. We should always ask ourselves are we developing well rounded, balanced young men of faith with a breadth of experiences. Some very poor choices have been made by a few boys lately as a result of Facebook and the like and I would encourage parents to become familiar with what their sons are posting and to be conscious of the importance of balance in the lives of their sons. As parents we have every right to set boundaries around this.

Of course when we talk about balance we must also mention homework. If you as a parent are finding that your son does not have the homework balance right (one way or the other) please contact the relevant teacher and discuss the matter. We never want families to work in isolation.

I have included below a ten steps homework guide for students that may also be of benefit for parents. Please discuss this with your sons.

1. Check your diary.
2. Decide which tasks are most urgent. (Are all the due dates in your diary?)
3. Complete set homework tasks. (Do them in order of priority.)
4. Work on long-term projects and assignments. (Don’t leave these until the night before.)
5. Write long-term projects in your diary each day so you don’t forget.
6. Revise for tests and other assessments. (Everything you are taught will be assessed in some way.)
7. Read any handouts and place them in appropriate folders.
8. Proof read your written work.
9. Let your parents know when you need more paper, pens, equipment etc.
10. Clean out your schoolbag when you finish homework, then pack it ready for school the next day.
Change in Bus Route - Route 363AM City to St Virgil's College
Mr Simon Orlowski, Director of Transport

Change of Departure Point
Metro Tasmania has been experiencing some issues with congestion on its Macquarie Street stop outside St David’s Cathedral, which is the current departure point for Route 363 in the morning. Because this stop is heavily used as the terminus for services travelling into the City down Macquarie Street, having the Route 363 School Bus dwelling on this stop waiting for its departure time is restricting access for other services, which causes congestion back along the street.

In order to reduce congestion on the Macquarie Street stop and also make for a safer boarding location for your students, effective Monday May 26 the following change will take place:

ROUTE 363 AM: HOBART CITY to ST VIRGIL’S COLLEGE via Argyle St & Brooker Hwy

This service will now commence from Elizabeth St Bus Mall Stop B at 8.02am, then travel via Collins St to Argyle St then as per the current route. It will no longer depart from Macquarie St outside St David’s Cathedral. The timetable remains unchanged.

Bus Stop B is on the southern side of the Bus Mall, outside the Westpac Bank.
We appreciate your assistance in passing on this information to the St Virgil’s College community. Notice of the change will also be placed on the Metro Tasmania website.

CAMPUS MINISTER
BR PETER FLINT

Rubbish in the School Yard.

Each morning I serve about 80-90 cups of Milo. I have to use foam cups. As I move around the school yard afterwards, I might see one or two that have not made it to a rubbish bin.

So it is with a lot of other rubbish. At recess about 500+ boys are eating breakfast, lunch and anything else edible within sight. When the bells sounds, the amount of litter present, compared to what could be present, is always a pleasant surprise. It is not a perfect scene, but it is heartening. The great majority of the boys do the right thing most of the time.

A similar thought arose last night at the ‘Father and Son’ night with Bill Jennings. As I looked around at the various activities, I was reminded of Robbie William’s words: "I’m doing all I can, to be a better man."

It is one of the heartening things about the overall environment of St Virgil’s, this sense of doing ‘what I can to be a better man.’ Boys volunteer for this, that and the other! Most willingly ‘risk experiences’; many put their heart and soul into their sport, and most into their studies.

St Augustine in the fifth century, wrote somewhere that "The Glory of God is man fully alive." (Sexist in those days!). The community of St Virgil’s brings a lot of life into the lives of many young men.
I constantly appeal for inspirational music - YouTube clips, photos, or other stimulus material for our Chapel reflections. They must demonstrate Gospel values, directly or indirectly. A good test would be to ask; “if Jesus would have this song on his iPod”!

I would welcome recommendations - from the boys in particular!

JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“It is a privilege to represent St Virgil’s College. One that must be earnt through sustained hard work, perseverance and acceptable behaviour”.

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.

P & F Association
Disco
What a great evening was had by all those boys who attended the P & F Disco last Friday night! Grade 3 & 4 boys warmed up the Hall with some great dance moves. Then, the Hall was packed with Grade 5 & 6 students from both St Virgil’s and St Mary’s. An enjoyable night was had by all! Special thank you to all the parents who assisted with the stall, entry point and the BBQ on the night. This was made easy by the great leadership of Jocelyn Huigsloot. It was great to have so many parents helping out.

STCPSSA Footy Round Robin
Last Friday saw the commencement of the Friday footy round robin. Our three teams have been selected from our Grade 5 and 6 boys. Congratulations to all three teams who had impressive victories last week.

Woodwork
Monday saw the conclusion of Grade 4s rotation of travelling out to the Senior School Campus for their sessions of woodwork. After weeks of delicate work on their racers as well as some quite decorative designs, it was the day for testing out their wonderful machines. The boys had great fun with Mr Maxwell fuelling up their racers with soda stream canisters to see how far they would travel. Congratulations Charlie Gray whose racer probably travelled the furthest down the track. Grade 3 will commence their rotation next week.

Easter Mass
On Tuesday of this week, the Junior School students celebrated Ester Mass with Fr Brian in the Cathedral. The Mass was beautifully prepared by Mrs Chambers with wonderful accompaniment from the choir led by Mrs Norton and Mr
Sulzberger. The celebration of the Mass is an important aspect in the life of the College. Thank you to the boys for their reverence during mass and their great participation with their singing.

**Hobart Eisteddfod**
We wish the Junior School choir all the best as they compete in the Hobart Eisteddfod tomorrow. Keep an eye on the @svctas Twitter feed for updates tomorrow before a full report in next week's edition of The Star.

**Junior School Cross Country with St Mary's**
Our annual cross country at Tolosa Park will be held next Thursday. The boys will be chasing spots to represent St Virgil’s at the upcoming JSSATIS and STCPSSA cross country carnivals. Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to assist in any aspect of the day. However, we are still in need of parents to assist with being a marshal on the course or to assist with the BBQ lunch. Please contact the Junior School if you can be of assistance.

**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:

**May/June**
- Hobart Eisteddfod ~ Choir performing: May 23
- Junior School Cross Country with SMC: May 29
- Assembly led by Grade 3: May 30
- MJR for Grade 6: June 2 & 3
- ICAS Science Competition: June 4
- Queen’s Birthday long weekend: June 9
- P & F Footy Fun Night: June 13

**Junior School Sport**
**Water Polo**
The Grade 5&6 team kicked off their season in emphatic style with a strong 11-5 win over Friends School. Despite the fact that many of the boys had not played together before the team displayed excellent passing and defensive skills and will no doubt improve during the season. This week’s game is at 8pm against Princes St Primary. Training is on Tuesday mornings at 6.30 am for those who can attend.

**Player of the Week:** Tadhg Waddington – 5 goals and a number of assists.

**Congratulations**
Well done to Samuel Collins of Grade 6 who has been selected to play in the Tasmanian Under 12 football team at the Australian Schools Championships in Sydney. He was selected after an impressive performance at the trial game at York Park in Launceston during the recent vacation break.

**Junior School Canteen**

- Friday May 23: T Donohue / J Hickey
- Wednesday May 28: K Bridgland / L Jankowick
- Thursday May 29: M Gerathy / **HELP NEEDED**
- Friday May 30: S Ashby / A Excell
DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION
MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

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:

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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

Grade 9&10 Football
Mr Mark Beck

The 1st XVIII played their first game of the Grade 9/10 roster on Friday night against Dominic College. For the first two seconds the boys were flat, but from that point on they piled it on and won by 130 points.

The run, aggression, selflessness and smarts with which the boys showed resembled a charge of Lord Starc’s men from Game of Thrones or closer to home, Lord Clarko from Hawthorn! Excellent effort!
Alex Blair’s acceleration and attack on the football was Dangerfield-est, and the finishing of Pearce, Morgan, and Devlin was as clinical as Mr Dilenno’s science lessons.

**Final Score**
SVC Gold: 19 – 11: 126 defeated Dominic: 0 – 1: 1


Best: A. Blair, H. Pearce, J. Morgan, L. Devlin,

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**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
COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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
The Parents and Friends Association Need Your Help!

2014 Gala Auction Night
Saturday August 2, 6.30 pm
New Town Bay Rowing Complex

Donations of Goods and Services are Gratefully Requested!

To make this night a successful fundraiser that will benefit all boys at the Senior and Junior school, the Parents and Friends Association need your help! The P&F need donations of good and services that can be used as part of the auctions on the night. Almost anything of value will make a great auction item! Some examples could include:

- Electrical goods still in their box!
- A weekend at your shack
- Hosting a dinner party
- Accommodation vouchers
- Tourism experiences
- New clothes items
- Hardware items
- Heating units
- Books
- Wine
- Trade services
- Dinner vouchers
- Sporting gear
- Hosting a fishing adventure
- Food gift baskets
- Car services
- Furniture
- Computer hardware

If you have any contacts at businesses that may be able to donate please do not hesitate to approach them – we can provide you with a donor letter. If you can assist with a donation, big or small please contact the Director of Development Mr Mark Waddington at mwaddington@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

If you can donate an item please drop it in to the Front Office at either campus.

Past experience highlights that this is a great fun night with bargains for all and a great fundraiser for our boys – please put the date in your diary and start rounding up your friends. Ticket details will be in coming editions of The Star.

Thank you for your support.
Mission Australia Annual Youth Survey
Mission Australia are conducting their Annual Youth Survey for 2014. This survey is open for any young people 15 to 19 and is an important opportunity for young people to have their say.

The survey, previous reports and more information can be found here: https://www.missionaustralia.com.au/what-we-do-to-help-new/young-people/understanding-young-people/annual-youth-survey

Aussie Hoops Programme
The Cavaliers Basketball Club will be conducting an Aussie Hoops Program for five weeks commencing on Thursday 22 May. Details:

Where: Warrane Stadium (Cnr Bligh & Dampier Streets, Warrane)
When: Thursday 22 & 29 May, 5, 12 & 19 June Time: 4 – 5pm
Cost: $55.00 Contact: All enquiries are to be directed to Annabelle Mollineaux - bellamollycavs@bigpond.com

Futsal

- 2014 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- Holyoake - Support for Young People affected by Alcohol / Drugs
- Cooper Screen Academy Acting Workshop
OUR WINNING GRADE 7 FUTSAL TEAM!

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.

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

Tasmanian Under 14 Water Polo representatives Joseph McMullen, Angus Rielly, Fletcher Cashion, James Drew, Nelson Goram-Aitken, Callum Polanowski, Lachlan Jenkins

Visiting author Lian Tanner spoke to Grade 7 students this week

Indoor Rock Climbing

Junior School Disco

Grade 4 Woodwork