Good evening to the Graduating Class of 2015. A warm welcome and congratulations to you, your families and friends. Thank you to all the staff here tonight celebrating with you this magnificent achievement of completing 13 years of schooling.

Many years ago I went to Kiribati. A country comprised of 33 coral atolls in the middle of the Pacific. The country where the sun rises first each day; a country that rides the boundary between days on the international date line. But also a country that was not first in education. Where in 1999 only 1% of prep students were able to finish their secondary schooling.

I never learnt his name but there was one student in the Year 8 class I taught on the island of Abemama. His hair was going grey. But not as premature, as you might imagine. He was in his 20s. He had had no access to a secondary school for over 10 years. Here he was, in his 20s, greying, struggling with literacy but not motivation. Determined to make the most of his new opportunity. Determined to change his and others worlds through learning.

Even longer ago when I was your age the percentage was about 25%. When I started teaching around the time this school began that figure was about 35%. Now it is over 80% and trending closer to the national aspiration of 90%.

The best defence against tyranny is education, it is said. Why else does Malala campaign for girls to have access to learning? One child, one teacher, one book, and one pen, can change the world. This is a quote from her speech given to the UN Youth Assembly, just nine months after her attempted assassination.

What have you given St Francis Xavier over your time? How is this College a different place because you have been here? What I ask from you now on behalf of St Francis Xavier College is not that you examine your conscience and either pat yourself on the back or beat yourself up; gee, I’ve made the most of the opportunities or gee, I wish I had...

What I want is for you to take with you the life habit of accepting responsibility for who you are, for who you become and how you affect others. Know that you can have an impact on the world; domestic, local or global. Make it a good one.

St Francis Xavier Class of 2015, you have been given the gift of an education, of learning about the world, your God, yourself and others. Use this to make the world a better place.

Remember the words of the hymn from tonight’s mass:

_And you will soar like an eagle_
Along the way I will lead you
And you will shine
Like the stars of the Southern Cross
As you sail out of the harbour.

So, as you sail away from this your school, your community, your home; go well, do well, be well.

Be the way others can follow.
Live the truth you know and find.
For in all that, is life.
Live it in Jesus’ name and live it to the full.
Via veritas et vita.
29 OCTOBER
Year 10 Drama Solo
Beaconsfield Campus - 6.30pm
SFX Book Club Meeting
Beaconsfield Campus Staffroom - 7.00pm

30 OCTOBER
Year 7 Immunisations
Berwick Campus

2 NOVEMBER
Student Free Day

3 NOVEMBER
Public Holiday - Melbourne Cup Day

4 NOVEMBER
Year 10 Drama Solo - 6.30pm
Parents & Friends AGM

5 NOVEMBER
VCE Music Unit 2 Performance - 6.30pm

9 NOVEMBER
VCE Unit 2 Exams
Year 10 Exams
SIS Art & Technology Exhibition (Opening Night)

10 NOVEMBER
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11 NOVEMBER
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A message from the Principal

I am pleased to congratulate Mrs Margaret Blythman who has been appointed Principal of St Joseph’s College in Mildura.

Please note the announcement below:

Dear Friends

To Staff, Parents, Students and Friends of St Joseph’s College, Mildura

On behalf of the Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea (ISMAPNG) and the Board of Directors of Mercy Education Limited, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Margaret Blythman as Principal of St Joseph’s College, Mildura, commencing on 18 January 2016.

Margaret is a well-qualified educator who is passionately interested in helping young people flourish and grow into their potential. Her teaching experience is extensive and she also brings with her the experience of having worked outside of education for a period of three years. Her most recent experience has been as Deputy Principal-Head of Campus (Officer) at St Francis Xavier College Beaconsfield and her previous role was that of Director of Learning and Director of VCE at the Beaconsfield Campus. Margaret is also well versed in student wellbeing, having spent 6 years as a House Coordinator.

St Mary’s College, Hobart is where Margaret completed her primary education and she completed her Secondary Education at Avila College, Mt Waverley. She has enacted her belief in lifelong learning by completing a Master of Educational Leadership (Australian Catholic University) after her Bachelor of Education. Currently she is studying for a Master of Theology (University of Newcastle).

Margaret sees herself primarily as a faith leader. Her own faith commitment is very strong and underpins the way in which she relates with people, seeing in them innate dignity and goodness. She is optimistic and her desire is to engender the hope and resilience which can arise from belonging to a faith community. She is highly relational and values the gifts of others.

Student centered learning is paramount to Margaret and she is keen to create the conditions in which every student flourishes. While recognizing that knowledge is important, Margaret also sees a place for imagination. She understands that many students prefer active to passive learning. She believes in the power of high expectations and a context where every student is challenged to do and be the best possible.

Margaret is delighted to have been appointed Principal of St Joseph’s College. She and her husband David are looking forward to moving to Mildura and becoming part of a community that is rich in Mercy tradition and which has provided wonderful educational opportunities for so many young people for over a hundred years.

We trust that you will give Margaret your full support and warmly welcome her to the vibrant community of St Joseph’s College, Mildura.

Yours sincerely

Sister Berneice Loch RSM Mrs Lucy Molony
Institute Leader Board Chair, Mercy Education

In her place I have appointed Ms Rebecca Cetrola. She comes to us after five years as Deputy Principal Administration with experience in the management of VCE and VET, Discovery Learning, College Organisation and policy writing. She is passionate about Catholic Education, director of her College Choir and Concert Band.

Rebecca says this of herself:

As an educational leader, I look to create a contemporary learning culture that is personalised, responsive to the needs of students, and views parents as partners in the learning. I seek to build a rigorous and respectful learning climate that promotes curiosity and encourages risk-taking by both students and staff to improve student learning. I seek to lead staff to prepare our students to be global, creative citizens.

I hope you will join me in making her welcome when she takes on the role of Deputy Principal Head of Campus at Officer next year.
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**Staff PD Prayer**
Staff gathered for prayer during the Professional Development Day on 27 October. The theme of the prayer was blessing, using words from a book by Jan L Richardson called *In the Sanctuary of Women: A Companion for Reflection and Prayer*. There are a number of blessings from her book. Staff reflected and prayed using these blessings, walking in silence from the Hall to the Chapel, where they prayed and sang as one community. It was a moving experience. These blessing could be used during family prayer time. They call us to grasp moments of grace, and to become a blessing for others.

**Youth Festival in Adelaide in December:** The Australian Catholic Bishops are again hosting a Youth Festival in December. St Francis Xavier College is sending the Remar Blue Caravel to the Festival as part of their Solidarity Camp to represent the College. The group of over 20 students and three staff will complete service work in Benalla, and then move onto the festival. The Melbourne Festival in 2013 was a wonderful experience and we look forward to hearing the experiences of these students in 2015.

**World Youth Day 2016:** Next year World Youth Day occurs in Krakow, Poland, from 25-31 July. While St Francis Xavier College will not be sending students to this event, we will help students who are attending through their Parishes in any way we can. Please contact Mr Woodhouse for further details on kwoodhouse@sfx.vic.edu.au.

**Recent Masses and Liturgies:** Finally I would to thank our graduating Year 12 class for their wonderful leadership in the blessing of the new VCE Centre and the Graduation Mass. The Year 12s should be very proud of the way they have led the community in prayer, including the liturgical music from Cantabile. The reverence and enthusiasm they displayed as we marked these two important events in the life of our College was inspiring. This prayer, written by our Liturgy Captains, Gloria Aupito-Iuliano and Kaveri Gunatilake captures the prayerful nature of our students, and is our prayer for them today:

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God of All Journeys. For those who are ending their secondary school life in the coming month we pray that you stay with them as they embark on a new journey and wonderful transition to a new chapter in their life. Help them share their talents and gifts that they have so that they will be fruitful in their daily lives. Amen.
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Vision:
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May you have the vision to recognise the door that is yours
Courage to open it,
Wisdom to walk through
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Yearning
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May the Holy One, who created you from words and dust,
And called you good, inhabit your every hunger,
dwell in each desire,
And encompass you in all the choosing that lies ahead.
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Blessing:
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Blessed the place where you are, blessed the place where you are going.
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Christ:
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Before you, beside you, behind you, may Christ our light attend your way.
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The Class of 2015 conducted themselves in an exemplary fashion during the end of year celebrations.

The Year 12 Graduation Mass was a wonderful evening of reflection and celebration for students and their families. Thank you to Fr Darek for celebrating the mass for and with us.

The VCAA examination period is now underway. We continue to hold the Year 12s in our prayers as they complete their final exams, begin apprenticeships, secure employment and travel.

Congratulations to the following Year 12s who were awarded Colours during the Farewell Assembly

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Year 10 and Year 11 exams are scheduled to begin on Monday 9 November. All students are reminded that they must revise effectively in preparation for this important assessment period.
FROM THE BERWICK CAMPUS
Jason Hibberd, Deputy Principal - Head of Campus

Being Cybersmart is a shared responsibility.

This was the underlying theme from Outreach Australia who recently delivered a series of insightful presentations to students, staff and parents on the basic principles of being both cybersafe and cybersmart. Some of the more prominent tips around the topic of social networking included:

What do I need to know about safe social networking?

• Limit your friend list; don’t friend random people.
• Protect your privacy; don’t share your password and set your profile to private.
• Your personal details are valuable; don’t share them.
• Protect your reputation; keep it clean and ask yourself: would you want others to see what you upload?
• Be careful who you trust; a person can pretend to be someone they are not.
• Don’t use a webcam with people you do not know.
• Think before you post, chat, upload or download.

What are the risks of social networking?
The risks in using social networking sites include:

• Anonymity; it can be easier to say and do things online that you might not do offline.
• Sharing too much information; for example, photos from a party might be okay for close friends to see but can become an issue if shared more widely.
• Not protecting your personal information; account details and location information can be used inappropriately by others to find you or access your online accounts. It is important that you understand the risks associated with disclosing information about yourself online and know how to manage both your privacy and online friends.
• Treating online friends as real friends; it’s easy for people to lie online, including those who are seeking children and young people for more than a social relationship. Make sure you are careful about how well you really know your online friends.

Soccer Marathon

Congratulations to the Burgess and Synan Houses who once again hosted a successful Soccer Marathon at the Berwick Campus. To participate, students simply donated money to be a part of the continuous soccer round-robin competition as part of an ongoing commitment to raise funds for Sunshine Australia. Sunshine Australia uses the funds to support education and villages in India.

The Clothesline Project

The Berwick SRC are organising the Clothesline Project. This is a community-based project that displays t-shirts, on a clothesline, which have been decorated with messages supporting respectful relationships, for the community to see. The aim of this project is to raise community awareness about the serious issue of family violence.

Student News

Congratulations to Year 8 student Maddison Hanna who has been selected to represent Footskills Australia in an U18 Youth Soccer Competition to be held in Singapore in early November. She will be playing teams from Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines. What a great opportunity!

Congratulations also to Damon Hill in Year 8 who has been accepted into the Eastern Athletics Academy for Baseball.

This means he will play and train with the some of the best baseballers in Victoria.
CONSTRUCTION NEWS

We are excited to witness the construction of facilities that will house Food Technology, a Learning Resource Centre, Wellbeing rooms, a Gymnasium and Canteen. This building has a few important objectives; it will respond intelligently to the appearance of our site; allow the Campus to achieve a consistent and harmonious architectural quality; and provide pupils and staff with generous and handsome spaces for teaching, learning and recreation.

The bright and airy learning spaces will be a tremendous new addition to the current site. This new buildings will be a place where students and their teachers can continue to work together in modern and beautiful surroundings. Planning includes the provision of functional, colourful furniture that is the most conducive for the new and dynamic learning environment. They are graced with cutting edge design and the latest educational technology enabling the College to provide students with a most outstanding learning environment. Our state-of-the-art building is taking our excellent educational opportunities to a new level and, together with outstanding teachers and educational support staff, we will give every student the opportunity to learn in an exciting and inspiring environment.

Japanese Immersion Day

Denise Dunne

On Monday, 26 October, eight Year 9 students from the Advanced Japanese Class at Officer spent the day immersed in Japanese with the Advanced Japanese students from the Berwick Campus.

The aim of this day was to give our students the opportunity to explore and experiment with their Japanese in a safe, controlled, language rich environment and to enable them to further develop the skills and confidence they will need to utilise the language in their future studies.

During the day the students were introduced to traditional Japanese cultural activities such as Rajio Taiso – a stretching and warm up exercise that takes place in Japanese schools and businesses, Taiko Drumming and traditional Japanese dance. In addition Japanese Bentou lunchboxes were available for students to pre-order and enjoy and whilst the use of chopsticks was a challenge for some, it is one that was quickly overcome.

A key part of the Immersion was for the Year 9 students to use their own language skills to prepare and run an activity for a group of Year 6 students from St Catherine’s Primary School. They discovered that teaching the St Catherine’s students the Japanese Dance and running the Scavenger Hunt all in Japanese was challenging, but well worth their efforts and for many, this was the highlight of the day.

The students took advantage of every opportunity making every effort to immerse themselves and create an authentic language experience. They are to be commended for their enthusiasm and courage in experimenting with Japanese.

The day was a resounding success, giving the students the chance to form strong friendships across the two Campuses and long lasting memories.
Senior School Examinations

As we come to the end of formal classes for Semester 2 it is evident that many of our students in Year 10 and 11 have a strong work ethic and take great pride in the progress they are making as academic learners. Because they have understood the valuable feedback offered by their teachers and concentrated on improving their higher order thinking skills, these students have already started serious examination preparation.

Unfortunately, there are some students who have not applied themselves satisfactorily to meet VCE standards and the House Coordinators will be meeting with invited parents and students this week to discuss strategies and options for 2016. Progression to the next year level is never automatic and it is argued that is detrimental to a student who has not developed the foundational skills necessary for success. At VCE there are a minimum number of units that must be passed in Year 11 to qualify for promotion to Unit 3/4 studies.

The examination timetable and College rules are available for students and parents on Moodle, please see the Year 10 VCE information pages. Attendance is compulsory and medical certificates are required for the days absent.

The VCAA external examinations have started and will continue until 17 November. Our Year 12 students continue to meet with their teachers and work together in the VCE rooms as they prepare for each examination. We are proud of their commitment to excellence and to do their very best for themselves and their families.
Professional Learning Day
Tuesday 26 October was the final staff professional learning day for the year. The focus of the day was Inclusive Education, with a particular emphasis on catering to our students’ diverse learning needs. The sessions provided teaching staff and learning support officers with a chance to focus on practical strategies for assisting students with disabilities, students with English as another language, gifted and talented students and any other student with a need for learning support. While it can be challenging for parents to find alternative supervision for their children on that day, please know that the time was very valuable to the staff and the results of the day’s work will be used to improve outcomes for all students.

Learning opportunities – Excursions and incursions
Throughout this Term students across a range of subjects have been able to extend their knowledge and understanding of the topics being studied through a number of stimulating activities. The Year 8 History students were able to immerse themselves into medieval life through their participation in our biannual Medieval Day, while Geography students at all levels have been engaging in fieldwork at locations such as Upper Pakenham and the Botanical Gardens in Cranbourne. Year 9 Australians at War History students have visited the Shrine, while the Pioneers and Immigrants classes are visiting the Melbourne Gaol. Each of these opportunities provides students with a chance to engage with the curriculum in a new and exciting way and to develop important practical skills that complement the study of these subjects. While these activities may take the students away from regular lessons for a day, the overall impact that they have on their learning cannot be underestimated. If your child has recently attended, or will be attending one of the amazing activities make sure that you ask them about it, they will be able to share what they have learnt and you will be able to see how much of an impact these events have on their education.

Staying hydrated at school
With the weather warming up the number of students asking to leave class to get a drink is on the rise. This can be disruptive to class activities and the students learning. College policy states that students are allowed to bring a bottle containing plain water to any class and the students are regularly reminded of this.

Please check with your child that they have a bottle to use at school as they may not be given permission to leave class to get a drink.
Resources for the Mathematics classroom in 2016

The following highlight the options related to textbook resources in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 Mathematics classes. Our programs are designed around the Pearson Mathematics resources, which are available in print (student textbook) and digital (eBook) form. As a result of varied needs, students have the opportunity to purchase a digital only product (Option 1) OR a student textbook/eBook bundle (Option 2).

**Option 1: Digital only (eBook 3.0)**
Digital version of textbook with access to additional interactive and Pearson Places website Price: $45.35. This is an option for students who don’t wish to use the print version.

**Option 2: Pearson Maths bundle (Combo Pack)**
Consists of a student textbook and eBook 3.0 Price: $76.50 – This option is for students who still like to use the print version as well as the digital.

When you purchase a student textbook and/or digital access, activation of the eBook 3.0 is done through Pearson Places with the College supplied student email address and the digital access lasts 15 months. Activation details (instructions and access code) are located on a sticker inside the back cover of the textbook. It is essential that this is not lost, especially if you plan to on-sell the book at a later time.

The following option relates to second-hand textbooks and the facts for digital access.

**Option 3: Second-hand textbooks**
If purchasing a second-hand book, it is expected students will also have digital access.

If you purchase a second-hand textbook, the access code can be reused, however it needs to be re-activated through Pearson Places with the College supplied student email address and costs $20 each time (Payable via credit card through the website)

The access code can be re-activated 3 more times beyond the first time, that is, a total of 4 times.

It is expected that all students have digital access to their Mathematics resource. This is essential as many of the activities used in classes relate to the additional interactive provided as part of the eBook 3.0 (digital) package.


VCE Mathematics from 2016

2016 is the start of a new Study Design Accreditation period for VCE Mathematics.

New resources are provided by publishers to match the new study design, meaning that the current textbooks used will not be suitable for next year.

The new textbooks are required for each of these VCE Mathematics studies

- General Mathematics Units 1 and 2
- Mathematical Methods Units 1 and 2
- Specialist Mathematics Units 1 and 2
- Further Mathematics Units 3 and 4
- Mathematical Methods Units 3 and 4
- Specialist Mathematics Units 3 and 4

Digital only or Print and Digital options also exist for each of these subjects. All information will be provided on the booklist.
Calculator requirements for 2016

CAS Calculator (Senior and Advanced Mathematics classes)

Students in the following classes are required to use a CAS Calculator as part of their studies in Mathematics next year and beyond.

- Year 9 Advanced Mathematics
- Year 10 Advanced Mathematics
- Year 10 Core Mathematics
- All VCE studies in Mathematics (excluding Foundation Mathematics)

The calculator will remain with the student throughout their senior years at the College.

Students planning to study Year 10 Essential Mathematics next year are not expected to purchase a CAS Calculator. The standard Green TI 30 XB Scientific Calculator the students use in Junior Mathematics classes will be suitable for the Year 10 Essential Mathematics course.

To assist our families, the College will continue to work with our calculator supplier Haines Educational to supply the calculator and adaptor at extremely competitive prices. An additional benefit for purchasing through our supplier is that students receive a free 3-Year warranty, which for most students, will last the remaining years of study at the College. Purchase instructions are available through the attached documentation (which students have been provided with). Ordering is made through the Haines Online Calculator Portal as per the instructions provided. Please note the dates that the Portal is open for and the dates the calculators are to be delivered to the College. Ordering outside these dates may result in a delivery charge to you.

It is possible that an earlier model CAS will be sufficient for our courses, such as those purchased second hand or handed down from an older sibling.

Scientific Calculator (Junior Mathematics classes)

The suppliers also offer the standard Green TI 30 XB Scientific Calculator that is used in the Junior level classes at the College. Parents also have the option to purchase this calculator through the portal. This is useful for families that may need a new calculator for a Year 7 student in 2016 as the price offered is a significant saving.

If there are any queries about the Calculator Portal, feel free to contact Haines Educational during business hours on 8736 6000 or general queries can be directed to Joe Marsiglio at the Beaconsfield Campus on 9707 3111.

Calculator Portal Instructions 2015

We now offer a simple method for students to order the following calculators at competitive prices.

CAS Calculators

Option 1 – Special bundle $213
TI-Nspire CAS CX including wallet and pre-registered 3 year warranty
PLUS USB wall charger (also suitable for charging other devices)

OR

Option 2 $205
TI-Nspire CAS CX including wallet and pre-registered 3 year warranty

Additional OPTIONAL offer for Junior Campus students:
(Note this is available for students who need to replace a scientific calculator or for parents of students new to the College in 2016).

TI-30XB Multiview $23

The prices include free delivery to your school if you order with either of these options:

Order before: 24/11/2015 for free delivery to College on 1/12/2015
Order before: 25/01/2016 for free delivery to College on 2/02/2016

The portal remains open all year but orders after these dates will be charged $11 for postage direct to students’ home address.

To order via the Haines Educational portal, just follow the steps outlined as follows.

1. Go to the Haines Educational home page at www.haines.com.au
2. Click on portal link (underneath the My Cart box) halfway down page on left side.
3. Enter code sfxc (lower case only), school portal page will be open.
4. Follow the instructions and add your required calculator package.
5. Check that details are correct in MY CART (yellow box on left), proceed to checkout.
6. Ensure that your student’s name is entered (required for delivery at College).
7. Add details, address and contact number (ignore any ticks in boxes as delivery will be to College).
8. Complete payment method (Mastercard or Visa only).
9. Click on Place Order, a confirmation email will be sent to you, retain for collection/taxation purposes.
10. Click on return to home page (at top of page). Order completed.

If you have any questions please contact Haines during business hours on 03 8736 6000.
College Presentation Night
St Francis Xavier College’s Presentation Night is one of our major College celebrations. This is one of the few opportunities when our whole College community gathers together in celebration to acknowledge the achievements and efforts of students from all year levels at our three Campuses. Presentation Night for 2015 will be held at Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University, Clayton on Thursday 26 November at 7.00pm. Presentation Night is for all students and their families. Tickets can be booked online via the link on Moodle (http://lms.sfx.vic.edu.au).

Orientation Day for Year 7 2016 Students
Orientation Day for Year 7 students starting in 2016 at Berwick and Officer Campuses will be held on Tuesday 8 December. Students will receive information about the following year, explore their Campus and experience a day in the life of a secondary school student.

Moodle Parent Logins
Parents of our students can access a variety of documents through our Moodle portal. These include various policies and procedures, subject selection information, camp information and much more.

To take advantage of this technology you need to create an account with your own username and password through the Create New Account button on the login page of Moodle at http://lms.sfx.vic.edu.au.

More detailed instructions are available on the login page of Moodle.

Please note:
We have a lot of parent accounts already in existence so, as a standard act of housekeeping, we will delete accounts that have not been accessed in the past 12 months.
By now all families should have received in the mail, information required to register their interest to use the College Bus Service for 2016.

Online registration opens on **Wednesday 4 November at 9.00am** and closes **Wednesday 25 November at 9.00am**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**
**PRIVATE BUS 2016**

**Dear Parents**

**Expression of Interest – Transport 2016** must be completed between the following time and dates:

**BOOKINGS OPEN WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 9.00AM**

**BOOKINGS CLOSE WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 9.00AM**

Now you can register your Expression of Interest for use of the Private Bus for 2016. **An Expression of Interest is considered a Registration** and it will automatically be assumed you wish to use this service.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow these simple instructions. Simply enter the code and press "Go"


1. Enter all details including email and full postal address where your pass will be posted to. Press GO.

2. Select the bus and/or shuttle you wish your child to use. Press GO. *(Combinations of bus/shuttle may be used, eg: Bus 7 & Shuttle 5 OR Bus 8 & Shuttle 9 depending on your students’ campus.)*

3. Follow directions on your confirmation email to complete the Travel Contract. **All Beaconsfield and Officer Students must also complete the Private Bus Travel Conveyance form.** Once these forms are submitted to the email address provided, busenquiries@sfx.vic.edu.au, your application will be registered.

If you do not receive your confirmation email immediately, please check your junk mail folder and make sure you have spelled your email address correctly.

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*You may change your bus selection, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.*

*We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.*

*The School Interviews Company comply with all Australian Privacy Acts and Privacy Principals. The data belongs to the school and the school only. This data is not sold or shared with any other party.*
St Francis Xavier College will host 5 Japanese boys from Meiho High School for 8 weeks in Term 1 2016. The students will attend school, spend time practising English, and mixing with St Francis Xavier students. This will be a wonderful opportunity for families to host a student, learn about the Japanese culture and make a new friend.

We are hoping to have as many students as possible hosted by St Francis Xavier families so this opportunity is open to all students in all year levels.

Some points to note:
* Students do not have to have their own bedroom.
* You do not have to cook Japanese food.
* Cultural information and full support provided by AIIU Group Coordinator

If you are able to offer accommodation for a boy from Wednesday 27 January until Thursday 24 March please complete the reply slip below and return it to student reception as soon as possible.

A tax free stipend of $30 per night is offered to host families ($210.00) per week to assist with hosting cost.

Thank you

Mrs Kate Bamford
Head of Department-LOTE

AIIU is a not for profit student exchange organisation. We offer scholarships and programs for interested students (Yrs 9, 10 or 11) to study in Japan for an academic year.

www.aiiu.com.au

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REPLY SLIP: Japanese Student Visit 27 January to 24 March 2016

Please return to St Francis Student Reception (Attention: KBA)

Student’s name: ___________________________ Year Level: _____________

Care Group: ___________ House: ________________

Other children in the family:
Name: ___________________________ Age: ________
Name: ___________________________ Age: ________
Name: ___________________________ Age: ________
Name: ___________________________ Age: ________

Transport to school: ___________________________ Bus No (If applicable): __________

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _________________________________________________________

Contact Phone Number: Home: ___________________________ Work: __________________

Parent’s signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
**NEXT MEETING:**  4 November 2015

Beaconsfield Campus – Staffroom – 7.30pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Come join our team!

Enquiries regarding the Parents & Friends Association can be made to Coralie on 0428 893 551.

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Call for Nominations!

Are you concerned about car parking in the Beaconsfield town centre? If so, apply to become a community representative on the Beaconsfield Car Parking Reference Group.

What is the purpose of the Car Parking Reference Group?

The reference group will assist Council to identify local issues, provide local knowledge on car parking experiences and help guide future decisions on car parking provision and management.

Eight members will be selected to reflect a range of people who live, work and use public transport in Beaconsfield.

Nomination and selection process:

The nomination form and terms of reference are available:
- online at cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay
- in person from
  - Council’s Civic Centre, Siding Avenue, Officer
  - Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre, 8 O’Neil Road, Beaconsfield

Email completed forms to mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au or post to:
  Beaconsfield Car Parking Reference Group
  Cardinia Shire Council
  PO BOX 7, Pakenham 3810

Nominations close 5pm Wednesday 18 November 2015

More questions?
For more information contact Council’s Strategic Planning Team on 1300 787 624 or email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au
Officer & District Community Association Inc. invites the community to attend the

Remembrance Day Service &

Re-Dedication of the Officer Memorial Gates

(The service will be conducted using the original program of the 1951 dedication)

Wednesday 11th November 2015
10:15am
(ceremony will commence at 10:30am sharp)

At
Cnr Starling Road & Princes Highway, Officer
(parking in Officer Recreation Reserve, enter via Starling Road)

The Officer Memorial Gates have been re-located and enhanced thanks to:

Funding from the Australian Government’s Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program

Department of Planning Transport & Local Infrastructure Community Infrastructure Fund

Cardinia Shire Council
Have you changed your address or phone numbers recently?

If so, it is vital that you provide updated details to the College.

Please collect a CHANGE OF DETAILS form available from Reception at any Campus

OUR PARISH MASSES

Berwick: Sat 6.00pm
         Sun 9.00am, 10.30am & 6.00pm

Narre Warren: Sat 6.00pm
              Sun 8.00am, 9.15am, 11.00am & 6.00pm

Pakenham: Sat 6.00pm
          Sun 9.00am & 10.30am

Koo Wee Rup: Sun 9.30am

Iona: Sun 11.00am

Lang Lang: 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 5.00pm

Nar Nar Goon: Sat 6.00pm

Maryknoll: 3rd & 5th Sunday of each month at 5.00pm

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Beaconsfield Avenue, Beaconsfield

Tuesdays & Thursdays
8.30am - 4.00pm
Every Saturday
9.00am - 12.00pm

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Tel: 9707 3111

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