A couple of years ago I visited my daughter in Canada where she was then working.

I had seen an article about this restaurant in the newspaper, can’t remember which, but so was intrigued enough to take her there for dinner.

It was a really different experience.

You see, it was called Black Table. Pitch black. No lights. No visual cues.

We arrived to be greeted at the door by our waiter. She explained the process, took our order and then escorted us inside. Nothing had prepared me for this moment of helplessness.

I could not see my hand in front of my face. Pitch black. No lights. No cues.

Except her voice calmly repeating the words as we moved in a single connected line with our hand on the shoulder of the person in front of us.

Careful, careful, careful she intoned as we trepidatiously made our way through whatever was in the room, past whatever we were supposed to avoid and to wherever we were supposed to sit.

We had ordered the food and wine in the light. Carefully we matched the two elements, my daughter was working as a sommelier in Vancouver at the time. Her daily work involved matching food and wine to enhance the dining experience of the many who came her way. She had done the same for us.

But the pleasure was not what was expected.

You see, without the visual experience of what we were eating and drinking, the taste sensation was reduced. In short, nothing tasted as good as had been anticipated when we ordered in the light. Full flavoursomeness seemingly abandoned us just as the light had.

Each had evaporated in a joint conspiracy.

But the experience was unforgettable nonetheless. For we had entered someone else’s world, even if only briefly. We had lived for a couple of hours without our full array of senses.

And why do I tell you this story?

Because it reminds me of why, in a Catholic school, we emphasise the importance of educating the whole person, not just their intellect; but heart, mind, body and soul. Of why in Catholic education we see the need to help our young people see themselves as sacred, as complex, as whole.

Of why it is important to understand the difference that is made when not all the pieces are brought together.

This can be related to so many elements of school life. I will let you fill in the blanks for yourselves...

Of why it is just so important to every now and again to try to see, to experience what it is like for others. And appreciate what we learn as a consequence.

So, as this year starts to close, as we each contemplate what has been, let us be reminded of the need to keep things whole, to understand each other and to value whatever wholeness we have.
12 NOVEMBER
VCE Unit 2 Examinations
Year 10 Examinations
SIS Art & Technology Exhibition (last day)

13 NOVEMBER
VCE Unit 2 Examinations
Year 10 Examinations
Year 7 Water Safety Day (Officer Campus)

16 NOVEMBER
Units 1 & 3 and VCAL 2016 commencement
Year 7 Water Safety Day (Berwick Campus)

17 NOVEMBER
Year 7 Water Safety Day (Berwick Campus)

19 NOVEMBER
Valedictory Dinner

20 NOVEMBER
VCE Unit 3/4 Written Examinations finish

25 NOVEMBER
Year 9 English and Mathematics Examinations

26 NOVEMBER
Presentation Night

27 NOVEMBER
Year 10 & 11 finish
Semester 2 Reports distributed to Years 10 & 11

30 NOVEMBER
Year 10 2016 commencement
Student Free Day (Berwick & Officer Campuses)
Year 10 Enrolment Interviews
Below is the very strong and compassionate statement from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference issued in relation to the UNJUST AND IMMORAL SYSTEM that is causing serious harm to asylum seekers such as Abyan and others, who are being held on Nauru, Manus Island and at other detention facilities.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Catholic bishops condemn victimisation of women in detention and offer support for Abyan and other refugees who are pregnant in difficult circumstances

Media Release – 22 October 2015

Australia’s Catholic Bishops have condemned victimisation of women in detention and offered the Church’s support to help Somali refugee Abyan who was said to be a victim of rape and sexual assault.

Bishop Vincent Long, Bishops Delegate for Migrants and himself a refugee, made the offer of support on behalf of the Church today.

The Church wants to offer trauma-related counselling and practical support to Abyan, to help her feel supported during and after her pregnancy, and to other women who find themselves in the same horrific situation, Bishop Long said.

Given Abyan was raped and that it was Australia who released her into the community in Nauru, we have a duty to provide her the appropriate services and care in Australia.

We want to honour the human dignity of both Abyan and her child.

Both Abyan and her child are victims of an unjust and immoral system.

Mandatory and indefinite detention for asylum seekers who come by boat and banishing people to overseas detention fails to uphold justice and mercy and is immoral.

One way Catholics demonstrate God’s mercy and love on earth is through the services our agencies provide in healthcare and social welfare to look after our fellow Australians. We want the opportunity to be able to help Abyan and her child too.

The Catholic Church teaches that human life is sacred because each person is created in the image and likeness of God. The human dignity of each person is inalienable. The human dignity and human rights of asylum seekers must be upheld at all times, regardless of their citizenship, visa status and mode of arrival.

The bishops have repeatedly called for the end of mandatory detention and for the closure of offshore processing centres like Nauru. The Catholic Church advocates for just and rapid procedures to determine each person’s claim for protection.

On behalf of Trinity Families I would like to thank all students and staff at St Francis Xavier College for their donations towards our work and ask that you pass on our gratitude for their generous support.

Trinity Families is the only charity run by the Diocese of Sale and its main aim is to benefit families in our own region. It is starting to achieve great things, having distributed about $1.2 million over the past decade for projects assisting families. Many charities funded by Trinity would be unable to run their programs in our region without our support.

Trinity Families aims to meet the ever-growing needs of struggling families who would otherwise be unable to access subsidised counselling and other vital services. Money contributed by your College is helping us to meet our goals. Please pass on our thanks to everyone.

Colin Coomber – Executive Officer
Examinations
All students at the Beaconsfield Campus are completing examinations this week. It has been pleasing to see the Year 10-12 students demonstrate a positive attitude during this formal assessment period. The VCAA exam period concludes on 18 November. I look forward to celebrating with all Year 12 students and their families at the Valedictory Dinner on Thursday 19 November at Sandown Racecourse. Year 12 results are released on 14 December. Students are invited to morning tea at 10am on this day.

Unit 1 and 3 classes for 2016 begin on Monday 16 November. Students are to attend all classes with the appropriate materials. Full summer uniform is to be worn. Students are reminded that all tasks set during this period are compulsory. This includes homework tasks that are to be completed during the summer break. It is imperative that students take full advantage of these commencement classes as they will place them in good stead for the 2016 academic year. The last day of classes for Year 11 and 10 students is Friday 27 November.

Domestic violence is a widespread though often hidden problem across Australia. It occurs in all parts of society, regardless of geographic location, socio-economic status, age, cultural and ethnic background, or religious belief. Its often devastating effects (psychological, social and economic, short-term and long-term) rebound on families, children, and the community as a whole.

What can you do?
Wear a white ribbon or wristband
The simplest thing you can do is to wear a white ribbon or wristband on 25 November and during the weeks leading up to the day. Wearing a white ribbon or wristband is a personal pledge that the wearer does not excuse violence against women, and is committed to supporting community action to stop violence by men against women. Men who wear a white ribbon or wristband demonstrate their opposition to violence against women and their commitment to equality between women and men. Ribbons ($2) and Wristbands ($4) are available at the Front Office at each campus.

Visit the White Ribbon website and take the oath!
Another way to show your support is to visit the White Ribbon website (www.whiteribbon.org.au) and take the White Ribbon oath:
I will stand up, speak out and act to prevent men’s violence against women.

For assistance
National Services
For emergency situations that require immediate and urgent assistance call 000
National Sexual Assault, Domestic Family Violence Counselling Service (24 hours)
www.1800respect.org.au 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732)
Lifeline (24 hours)
www.lifeline.org.au 13 11 14
MensLine (24 hours)
www.mensline.org.au 1300 78 99 78
Kids Help Line (24 hours)
Translating and Interpreting Service
www.sass.org.au 03 6231 1817
State and Territory Services
www.wdvcs.org.au 1800 015 188
Sexual Assault Crisis Line
www.sacl.com.au 1800 806 292
Men’s Referral Service
www.mrs.org.au 1300 766 491

White Ribbon is the world’s largest movement of men and boys working to end men’s violence against women and girls and to promote gender equity, healthy relationships and a new vision of masculinity. White Ribbon Australia, as part of this global movement, aims to create an Australian society in which all women can live in safety, free from violence and abuse.

Most men do not commit violence against women. But when violence occurs, it is mostly males who commit it. Too many men believe the common myths about violence. Too many have ignored women’s fears and concerns about their safety. And, sometimes, we have been violent ourselves.

There is much that men can do to help stop all forms of violence against women. Violence against women will only stop when men join with women to put an end to it. And, both men and women will benefit from a world free of violence.
Creating opportunities to pause and reflect on the significance of the sacrifices made by so many men and women to create the freedom we currently experience in our country today will never be lost on our students. To instil a deeper understanding and gratitude for those who lost their lives in war to create a better life is both character building and fosters a culture of leadership within the student body. This is precisely why the Berwick Campus held a special Remembrance Day ceremony in our Hall on Wednesday for the whole Campus. Please find below an extract read by our Campus Captains:

Remembrance Day falls on 11 November each year.

On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minute’s silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect their nation.

In Australia and other Allied countries, including New Zealand, Canada and the United States, 11 November became known as Armistice Day; a day to remember those who died in World War One. The day continues to be commemorated in Allied countries.

After World War 2, the Australian Government agreed to the United Kingdom’s proposal that Armistice Day be renamed Remembrance Day to commemorate those who were killed in both World Wars. Today the loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts is commemorated on Remembrance Day.

White Ribbon

White Ribbon Day is held on 25 November. St Francis Xavier College is a White Ribbon community and students may purchase $4 wristbands and $2 ribbons as a show of support for the prevention of violence against women. These are available from Reception over the next three weeks. In addition to fundraising we also look to promoting the positive message of respectful behaviour within the curriculum during this time.

House Debating Competition

This year saw a remarkable group of students participate in the House debates. The grand final saw the best of the best with two very strong teams in McKenna and Synan. Presenting to a crowded venue, the quality of each team’s debate was of an extremely high standard and saw Synan sneak away with a marginal win by four points.

The three adjudicators were hard pressed to make a decision. Due to the high level of presentation and content, it was agreed that Best Speaker would be jointly held by Isaac Rabot (McKenna) and Elita Pinto (Synan). Please congratulate for their overall efforts: Oliver Thomson (McKenna), Kaila Baxter (McKenna), Isaac Rabot (McKenna), Mary Halili and Shae Davis (Synan), Emma Jelavic (Synan) and Elita Pinto (Synan).

Thanks also to Ms Vatta, Ms DiConza, Mr Gordon, Ms Penman and Mr Zadow for their time and effort.

Student News

Congratulations to –

Burke Dempsey (Year 8) who was accepted into the Rock Academy School Holiday Program last September. During his time with the Academy he worked with a series of mentors to write a song with his band and learn two cover songs which were all performed before an audience.

Triyan De Silva (Year 9) returned from a 10 day visit to a cricket academy in Sri Lanka after receiving a special invitation to attend.

Elita Pinto (Year 8) and Madeleine Brown (Year 9) who have been invited to try out for the 2016 Victorian Schools Debating Team.

Briana Ryan (Year 7) has her story shortlisted in the Fresh Words Young Writers Competition 2015.

Here is an excerpt below:

Mirror Image

I exist on the other side of what you always affectionately call the ‘mirror’. My life’s purpose is to follow each of your aimless movements. Oh, there are others. In fact, each person in your world has one of us. We don’t go by our own names, once again forced to have yours. It angers me even more so. I’d imagined it would anger the others as well. Sadly, none of us have gathered together and discussed topics with each other, all thanks to you. We have to be there and make sure we are following the rules, being your ‘mirror image’...
The Berwick Campus has been running a taiko (Japanese drumming) club weekly at lunch time for the past three years. This year we gave the taiko club a name, Taiko Zuke Clubor. In Japanese zuke means being addicted to something, so our students have become very addicted to playing taiko each week.

The Taiko club has performed at a number of assemblies and Presentation Nights and earlier this year performed at St Catherine’s Primary School. On Friday 30 October the Taiko club were invited to perform at St Brigid’s Primary School in Officer to celebrate their Japanese day. Our four members, consisting of Year 7 and Year 9 students gave a wonderful performance. A workshop was also conducted in which the Primary students took the opportunity to play those big, loud taiko drums under the guidance of our St Francis Xavier College students.

Our students practise very hard each week and really enjoy the privilege of performing and developing their confidence on stage. St Brigid’s Primary School Principal was so impressed with the performance he asked us for a booking at the same time next year!! Congratulations to all students involved and we look forward to our next performance at Presentation Night on Thursday 26 November.

All Year 9 and Year 10 Students who participated in the Outward Bound Program in September this year will receive a certificate with their Semester 2 Report.

Outward Bound Courses are highly regarded by employers. In fact Outward Bound Australia runs leadership courses for organisations in the Mining, Manufacturing, Government, Military, Building, Energy, Communications, Consulting, Agriculture and Pharmaceutical industries. Some of their clients include Boral, Rio Tinto, the Country Fire Authority and the Australian Army.

The certificate received by your daughter or son will be a valuable addition to their resume.

2015 ST VINNIES CARE GROUP CHRISTMAS HAMPER CHALLENGE

DUE: 23RD NOVEMBER
PLEASE DONATE ITEMS SUCH AS:
- GIFTS (TOYS, BOOKS)
- NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
- TOILETRIES (SOAP, HAIRBRUSH)

PLEASE NO SECOND HAND ITEMS
Prayer for the final weeks of Term

As we begin the last term of our 2015 school year, help us to give of our best. The term will soon be over so we need to make the most of every day. We pray especially for our Year 9 students that they will not waste any opportunities they are given this term. Help all our students to concentrate on their studies and give them the strength and courage to do what is right so that we will enjoy a productive and happy end of term.

Student Destinations

Parents are requested to inform the school in writing at the earliest opportunity if their son or daughter is intending to leave the school at year’s end. This is critical to ensure our records and planning for 2016 are accurate.

Bus Passes

For a number of safety reasons, it is imperative that our bus drivers be able to identify eligible bus riders and allow only those students who are assigned to a bus to ride it. Drivers can change regularly and may not always recognise students boarding the bus. They are unable to allow students without passes to board. This is to avoid students who have not paid for the service using it for personal convenience and possibly exceeding bus capacity.

In alignment with this rule, the following guidelines have been implemented:

- Students must carry their bus pass at all times.
- Students should place their bus pass in a secure holder and attach it to their bag or wallet.
- It is the responsibility of a student to carry their pass in order for the driver or Staff on duty to check it at the time of pick-up.
- Students will not be allowed on a bus without a bus pass or a temporary bus pass. They will be required to call their parents from Student Reception to organise an alternative way home.

Replacement passes

If a student loses their bus pass, a new temporary pass may be obtained through Student Reception at recess or lunchtime. Temporary passes will not be issued after 2pm. If the pass is permanently lost, a replacement pass can be obtained with payment of $5 and a note from the parent.

Reception staff are happy to supply bus passes up until 2pm. After the final school bell they have many competing demands on their time and to check records and distribute passes for potentially a large volume of students is not feasible. The buses run to tight schedules and cannot wait for students to obtain passes at this time of the day. The onus is on the student to check their bus pass during the day. We have regular bus pass audits and reminders for students and parents via our Daisy Planner and other College publications.

The rules regarding bus passes are also clearly stated in the Bus Information Booklet - Conditions of Use that states:

*If a student does not have a bus pass they can request a **Temporary Pass at Recess or Lunch at Student Services.*

*If student is unable to produce either a **Temporary Pass or Regular Bus Pass as they are boarding the bus – they will not be allowed to board the bus. Students will then be instructed to go to Reception/Student Services and call parents/guardian to arrange an alternative way to return home.***

Parents agree to this when they sign the School Bus Travel Contract.

Debating – Leesa Gordon

The Grand Final of House Debating took place last week at the Berwick Campus. It was a high scoring debate with many solid arguments and excellent rebuttals about whether or not Australians have become too obsessed with reality television. All students were thoroughly prepared and displayed great confidence. Final results saw Synan House defeat Burgess House by three points.

Student participants were: Synan House – Hannah-Rose Humble, Brooke O’Brien (Awarded Best Speaker) and Alexandria Naujoks. Burgess House – Alexandra Mure (definitely one to watch in future years!), Noah Webber and Eamon Somerville.

Year 7 2016 Core/House Groups

There are many factors that we take into account when we construct our Core/House groups, and as you can imagine, placing a large number of students into effective learning groups whilst taking into account their learning needs is a complex and difficult task. We are unable to move students from these groups without it impacting on another student and on the reasons why the groups were constructed in the first place.

I know you probably already do this, but we would suggest that when you are speaking with your child about St Francis Xavier College, that you keep the tone positive and the focus on the groupings minimal. The move to secondary school is always a nervous one, but a great opportunity to teach resilience and the ability to face and cope with new situations.
Over the weekend of 7-9 November, 3 of our students competed in the All Schools Athletics Competition.

- Year 11 student Carmen De Bruin won silver in the U/20 female 200m.
- Year 10 student Kyle Nunn won his heat and ran the second quickest time overall for the 100m. He finished 4th in the final.
- Year 10 student Ben Merrick finished 4th in the final of the 400m hurdles. Additionally, the time Ben ran was not only a PB, but also a national qualifier, 59.86sec. He will compete at the nationals in Perth in March 2016.

Congratulations to all 3 of these talented students.

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.

There have been changes to textbooks to be used in some learning areas in 2016, so please check the booklist carefully before purchasing second-hand books.

It is important to purchase the digital resources specified on the booklist as they usually provide additional resources not available in the print version.

Students can elect to purchase the hard copies of resources where available but be mindful when purchasing second-hand books that an additional access code may need to be purchased in order to access the digital resources required.

Students may be disadvantaged if they do not have all of the resources being used in their classes.
OFFICER CAMPUS
The Officer House Debating Competition concluded last week with a competitive debate between Synan and Burgess Houses.

Synan House debaters, Hannah-Rose Humble, Brooke O’Brien and Alexandria Naujoks were victorious by three points, defeating Burgess House debaters, Alexandra Mure, Noah Webber and Eamon Somerville.

Best speaker for the debate was awarded to Brooke O’Brien.

Many thanks to Officer Campus staff for their assistance and support during the competition.

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Synan Debaters: Mary Halili (and Shae Davis), Emma Jelavic, Elita Pinto
McKenna Debaters: Oliver Thomson, Kaila Baxter, Isaac Rabot

I would also like to thank the following staff for their time and assistance with adjudicating debates: Diana DiConza, Adam Gordon, Emily Penman, Todd Zadow.

VCE English 2016 and Commencement Programs Year 11/12
16 November - 27 November
As outlined in the booklists students received via English classes, the following texts are required for 2016:

Year 12
Stasiland (can be purchased from current Year 12 students)
  - Death of a Salesman (can be purchased from current Year 12 students)
  - Medea (can be purchased from current Year 12 students)
  - Using Language to Persuade - Oxford (retain from Year 11 - Do not sell)

Year 11
  - The Crucible (can be purchased from current Year 11 students)
  - Night (can be purchased from current Year 11 students)
  - A Christmas Carol
  - Analysing and Presenting Argument – Johnstone, Oxford (retain for Year 12)

For the VCE Commencement Programs 16 Nov - 27 Nov
  - Year 12 (2016) students require a copy of Medea
  - Year 11 (2015) students require a copy of The Crucible

BEACONSFIELD CAMPUS
The Beaconsfield House Debating Competition concluded last Friday 6 November with a spirited debate between Synan and Thomas Houses. The topic for the Final was That music is the most important form of art

The 2015 Beaconsfield House Debating Champions are Josie Browne, Alex Wall and Shannon Naujoks from Synan House who defeated Eliza Kennedy, Luca Varone and Juanita Li from Thomas House.

Congratulations also to the following students who were awarded ‘best speaker’ for debates throughout the competition: Josie Browne, Harley Gabriel-Brown, Brittany Long, Liana Serafino, Rebecca Cunningham, Alex Wall and Shannon Naujoks.

It was wonderful to watch the involvement of so many students in the 2015 House Debating Competition and many thanks to the staff involved for their time and encouragement. I am especially grateful to Jan Rankins, Ryan Attard, John Attard and Jane Watkins for adjudicating debates throughout the competition.
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. More information for new enrolments can be found on our Moodle page http://lms.sfx.vic.edu.au

Re-Sale Uniforms
The Uniform Shop welcomes all families to bring any uniform their children are no longer wearing to the shop for second hand re-sale.

We ask that uniform items are in good condition, no fading or fraying and must be freshly laundered (blazers to be dry cleaned). Half price is offered for most items, more if they are in near new condition. There is a service fee of 10% for re-stocking and handling. The sales value less the service fee is credited against your school fee account. If the student has left the school, the money can be transferred into a nominated account.

This is a great way to recycle any unwanted uniform whilst supporting our College.

Immersion to Timor Leste
On 30 November our fourth Immersion trip to Timor Leste will depart.

This year we have four students: Lilian Davine, Miranda Ryan, Ebony Lucas and Taylor Evans. They will be accompanied by Mr Kevin Woodhouse and Mrs Rhonda O’Connor. Our Immersion is being facilitated by Catholic Mission and will provide a wonderful opportunity to see the work of Catholic Mission in Timor Leste.

We will join with Marist-Sion College Warragul and St Margaret Mary’s College, Townsville. We will be visiting three communities – the Dominican Orphanage in Dili, the Capuchin Community at Laleia and the Bakhita Centre at Eraulo in the Ermera District. The Bakhita Centre is run by St John of God Hospital and is a great insight into their work in providing basic health care.

During our time at Ermera we will be visiting the Catholic College in Letefoho with whom we are forming a friendship link. Fr Helio will welcome us into the Parish and introduce us to the staff and students. This school is only two years old and operates out of an old building with very few resources. Part of our trip will be looking at ways we can assist them and support them into the future.

We are currently looking at options for a trip in the September 2016 holidays. This trip will be open to staff, students from Years 10 and 11 and parents. This will be an amazing opportunity to live with the community at Letefoho and work with the school. More information will be available soon. We look forward to sharing photos and our experience on our return on the 9 December.
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Term 4
**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.


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**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 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 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.
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"

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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.

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 to Welcome Japanese Students

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: February 2015 (TBA)

Beaconsfield Campus Staffroom – 7.30pm

The Parents & Friends Association Annual General Meeting was held 4 November at the Beaconsfield Campus. All Committee positions were declared vacant and elections were held for the 2016 Committee with College Principal, Vincent Feeney officiating.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION 2016 COMMITTEE

President  Coralie Nelson
Vice President  Nell Briffa
Treasurer  Mary Anne Morison
Secretary  Sue Wall
Publicity  Jacqui Hockey

Please join us for the next Parents & Friends Meeting. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, support the College and your child’s education, be updated on the latest news and events and offer ideas and help in a friendly environment.

Enquiries regarding the Parents & Friends Association can be made to Coralie on 0428 893 551.
Beaconsfield Car Parking
Call for community reps!

Concerned about car parking in the town centre?
Why not nominate to be a community representative on the Beaconsfield Car Parking Reference Group?
The group will help Council identify issues and provide advice to guide future decisions as we develop a car parking precinct plan.

Nomination and selection
The nomination form and terms of reference are available to:
- Download from cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay
- Pick up from:
  - Council Civic Centre, Siding Avenue, Officer
  - Beaconsfield Neighbourhood Centre, 8 O’Neil Road, Beaconsfield

Nominations close Wednesday 18 November

More questions:
Phone 1300 787 624 or visit cardinia.vic.gov.au

Volunteer Opportunities at Wilson Botanic Park Berwick

Be part of your local community

- Looking for something to enhance your résumé?
- Want an opportunity to get involved with the community?
- Have a passion for outdoors and customer service?

Volunteer opportunities include:
- Events
- Setting up functions
- Visitors Centre
- Administrative tasks
- Traffic management
- Relationship building.

Contact Wilson Botanic Park Berwick on 9707 5818 for further details.
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

UNIFORM SHOP
Beaconsfield Avenue, Beaconsfield

Tuesdays & Thursdays
8.30am - 4.00pm
Every Saturday
9.00am - 12.00pm
Telephone Orders Welcome
Tel: 9707 3111

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