I must say that my introduction to life at St Francis Xavier College has seen me experience a warm welcome from both staff and students and even the few parents I have met along the way.

The change of leadership of any organisation is a critical time. By definition there will always be some form of profound change at these moments as the new leader will have a different skill set, different emphases and usually a different personal style. It is not a case of better or worse, rather different folks and different strokes...

When I spoke to staff last week I emphasised the matters that I see as critical in the next little while for this College.

I would now like to share that vision with you:

So, what will I be focussing on?

1. **Student achievement. Human excellence for a purpose.**
   
   I want this College to offer pathways for all. Students will leave St Francis Xavier and move into employment, University or training. We need to be offering them the opportunity to enter at the highest possible level with the best preparation for life success that we can muster using intelligently our human and material resources.

   The educative agenda for any excellent school remains the promotion of human excellence at every level. It is part of our mission to develop active citizens, who can do something valuable and thus have a deeper sense of self-worth.

   No school, of whatever stripe, ignores the urgency of educating to professional achievement, to human excellence.

   In the Catholic school we know that this is part of fulfilling the proposition of St. Iranaeus that *the glory of God is a human fully formed*.

2. **Student wellbeing.**
   
   Our core business is teaching and learning and our expertise is definitely greatest in that discipline. We look after students in response to:

   1. Our Christian compassion
   2. The need to create readiness in them. Readiness to learn, to form community.

   The OECD report on schooling talked about the need to create the necessary emotional conditions for learning. As such the manner of our care is different to that offered by more specialist providers.

   But, we care because we are Christian and because it then enables learning to prosper.

3. **Development in faith.**
   
   This is a critical component of our work but only makes sense if we are looking to integrate it into the experience of schooling. There is a deep story of this part of our mission and I will seek to support the continuation of that narrative.

4. **Capacity building.**
   
   One of the central tasks of any Principal is to help all become more professional, more capable.

   The beneficiary of this improvement must be the student. They are to be at the heart of our work, especially in our Catholic setting.

   Consequently, I will insist on subsidiarity and work to build the skills and confidence of my core team. Therefore I will not always be the best person to contact. In fact rarely so. The College will become better and more effective if the best person for the task is the one all parents are directed to. Not just the most senior.

5. **Year 12 teacher support.**

   I will conduct conversations with each Year 12 teacher around their data. My focus will
be on the work of the teacher in enhancing student achievement as reflected by the VCAA data on predicted versus actual scores. It will also be on the support that each teacher feels they need to perform at their best for the benefit of our senior students.

6. The continuing building of community.
The scriptural text, *where two or more are gathered in my name, there will I be* is not just a reference to liturgy or immanence. God among us. It is a call to form community. It was such a strong feature of the early Church and must continue be a feature of St Francis Xavier College if we are to be the light to the world that all Christians are called to be. Part of my contribution to community here at will be through the communication of a clear vision. One that will build on the great achievements of the past but also look forward to the needs and challenges of the future.

7. Identity.
The easiest trait to focus on is size and the accompanying complexity. I would argue that size is context not identity.

Here at St Francis Xavier College I would like us to become a seriously smart school. One that others come to see and learn from because our programs are innovative, effective and demonstrably benefit our young people. And that we are achievement focussed, professionally proud and adventurous.

Therefore, in summary, what do I want St. Francis Xavier to be and to do?

To provide a pathway for all; to University, to TAFE, to employment. We do not say one is better than the other. It is about what best suits the individual.

My vision of the graduating student is that they are: Kind and smart. Creative and confident. Independent and collaborative. Generous and true. Loving and fair.


To be a smart school. To have others come to learn from us. To be educational leaders. To set trends. To be innovative. To connect with families, students and our communities in rich and deep ways.

To have a connected, involved, creative and contributing staff. To be a place of ideas. Coming to us from all. To continually improve, for to stand still is to fall behind.

To, within the pragmatic limits of our purpose, be a place of beauty. Beyond those limits, we must desire beauty. Beauty of form, of function, of purpose, of setting.

And I want you to join me in all of this. I want you to make St Francis Xavier College bigger and better for your presence among us.

Parents, students, staff.

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On behalf of the Iona/Maryknoll Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society, thanks to all at the College and the parents, for their generosity with the donation of baskets of food good and toys for our Christmas Hampers. The effort you all make is greatly appreciated and brings comfort to those who receive the items. As you would realise, there is a considerable strain on finances at this time of year and the donations help many families in need.

We wish your school community many blessings for 2015.

Yours truly

Hank Dortmans
President
2015 Theme: In God’s Image
This year’s theme invites us to reflect upon how we image God in what we say and do. In a lecture on Genesis, John Piper says that images are made to image something beyond, to set forth a reality, and so we, made by God in God’s image and likeness, are called through our words and deeds to show what God is like. In other words, when people look at our community do they see our God? Does all that we do image our wonderful, compassionate, creative and joyful God? The challenge is to explore ways that we can be God’s images.

One way to remind us of this year’s theme is through the 2015 College Prayer, which will be used to lead staff meetings, information nights and prayers throughout the year. It is based on the prayers of St. Patrick, St. Francis de Sales, and St. Teresa of Avila:

Eternal Father, you created us in your image and
You breathe your life into each of us,
Inviting us to live from, in and for you.
Your complete image on earth, Jesus,
Showed us the Way, Truth and Life.
Here in this moment and in this community,
Your son, the living Christ, has no image but ours;
No hands, no feet on earth but ours.
Ours are the eyes with which he looks with
compassion on our world,
Ours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Ours are the hands, with which he blesses all the
world.
God of mercy and surprise,
Today, the students, staff, parents, families and
friends of our College,
Pray that in this year where we celebrate our call to
live in your image,
We may truly believe and act for your glory in all we
do,
Especially in serving Christ who sees and hears us
through everyone we meet.
We make this prayer through Jesus, our teacher and
guide.
Amen

Another way to reflect God’s image is through celebrating the respect for human dignity which is at the heart of the Catholic Church’s social teaching. Attached to this newsletter are the details of a Prayer Vigil at St Patrick’s Cathedral, at which we can pray for an end to the death penalty.

Vale Lance O’Reilly – May he rest in peace
God’s invitation to be creative
was witnessed through Lance O’Reilly’s life.

Our College was saddened to learn of the death of our Berwick campus friend and colleague through a road accident on January 14, 2015. Members of the school community attended his funeral at the Monash University Religious Centre, and the image of God was evident through the love, strength, inspiration and resilience shown by Deborah his wife, and his two sons, Shea and Arie; and through some of Lance’s wonderful compositions that were played at the funeral.

We celebrated Lance’s life at Mass on the first day for staff this year. Fr Brendan Hogan led the service with great skill at Our Lady of the Southern Cross Chapel at the Berwick Campus, and as he said to Deborah, it was a privilege to walk with Lance’s family through this painful and distressing time.

We will continue to remember Lance; and keep Deborah, Shea and Arie in our thoughts and prayers. Fr Brendan in his homily told us that death is a great teacher, and this has been true in our start to the 2015 academic year.

We are grateful for the many schools that have sent flowers and/or cards following the death of Lance.

We have already seen a glimpse of our loving, merciful, creative and compassionate God!
HONOURING THE SCHOLARS OF 2014

It has been said that admiration for the intellect is a vital part of what sets the academic tone of an excellent school.

On Thursday January 29, staff and students of the Beaconsfield Campus gathered in the College Hall to welcome back the VCE students of 2014 who were our finest scholars.

Eleven students achieved an ATAR of 90+ and there were 60 study scores of 40+ awarded to students in 20 subjects.

Each of the high achievers was joined on the day by proud family members and they were thanked for the great example they have provided for all in our College community. The congratulations of the student body was generous and affirming. These young men and women were presented to the assembly as students who had heard, and responded to the message, that every day offers a wonderful opportunity to discover who they are and what they are capable of. Success is theirs because they were passionate about the subjects they had chosen and developed excellent study habits that allowed them to exploit their natural talents and in many cases exceed their own expectations.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS – YEAR 12, 2014
THE ST FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE DUX 2014
PETER HALAT ATAR 99.25

KIENON GONSALEZ
ATAR 98.75

JOHN HUGHES
ATAR 94.95

ALEXANDER MARINELLI
ATAR 93.65

CHARLOTTE DARAIO
ATAR 92.35

WEN JEAN LOO
ATAR 92.00

JESSICA MATHESON
ATAR 91.05

VIDYA VIJAYAKUMAR
ATAR 90.85

CORRINA GRIMA
ATAR 90.15

TARA SPITERI
ATAR 90.10

MEGAN GERDEI
ATAR 90.00

ACADEMIC DISTINCTION AWARDS – YEAR 11 & YEAR 10, 2014

We congratulate COURTNEY BANKS and ANNA THAMBOO, recipients of the Year 11 award, and UAAAN SCHROEVERS who received the Year 10 award.

Each of these high achievers scored the greatest number of 90+ scores in the November examinations. Courtney and Anna were also acknowledged for achieving 40+ in the Unit 3/4 subject they studied in 2014.
2015 – Setting high expectations

The beginning of a new year provides each of us, teachers included; with an opportunity to start afresh. It provides us with the mindset that allows us to focus on trying new things, setting high expectations for ourselves and building good habits that we can follow throughout the year. For those of us new to the College, myself included, there is much to learn. For those returning things are a bit easier, but that doesn’t mean that there is not hard work ahead.

The keys to success

The year commenced for the Year 7 students with a presentation on the keys to success in their education. The points covered in this presentation apply equally to all of our students and include:

- Getting to know and understand yourself as a learner
- Setting SMART goals
- Reflecting on your learning
- Building relationships
- Asking questions

Understanding the way you learn

Knowing and understanding how you learn is an important element in achieving your best in education. This allows you to approach each learning opportunity with a strategy that will ensure the best outcomes for you. It will also enable you to focus on developing those skills and abilities in which you are less strong, so that you become a more rounded learner. Our students will continue to have opportunities throughout the year to develop their understanding of how they learn with the support of their teachers.

Setting SMART goals

All students will participate in formal goal setting again this year in their Care Groups. The SMART approach to goal setting provides a structure which ensures that the goals set will challenge the students to achieve their best and are attainable within the time frames presented. I would encourage you to speak with your students about the goals that they set this year and provide them with the support at home to help them to achieve these.

Reflecting on your learning

One key message from the presentation was the importance of reflection. If your students tell you that they have no homework, rest assured they can always do some study that involves reflecting on what they have learned that day. The strategy that has been used at the College for a while now is that of the reflective journal. Encourage them to consider and respond to the following questions:

1. What did I learn?
2. How did I learn it?
3. What do I still need to know?

Build relationships and ask questions

Students are reminded to talk to their teachers and to ask for help if needed. They are also encouraged to find study buddies to work with throughout the year as working with other students can help to improve their understanding of what they learn.

All the best for the year

I wish our students all the best as we commence the learning journey this year. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact your Care Group teacher.

MATHEMATICS WORKSHOPS AT THREE CAMPUSES

After school Mathematics workshops for students to access extra help in their study of Mathematics will continue across all three campuses this year.

- At the Beaconsfield Campus, workshops will be held on Tuesday afternoons and will begin on Tuesday 10 February.
- At the Berwick Campus, workshops will be held on Monday afternoons and will begin on Monday 9 February.
- At the Officer Campus, workshops will be held on Wednesday afternoons and will begin on Wednesday 11 February.

All sessions will be supervised by Mathematics staff and all College regulations apply for the duration of these workshops.

Permission forms may be obtained from Student Services at the Berwick and Officer campuses or from Joe Marsiglio at the Beaconsfield Campus. Any queries can be directed to him on 9707 3111 or email at jmarsiglio@sfx.vic.edu.au
Welcome to 2015

Academic Awards for Semester 2 2014.

The following students were presented **Courage and Courtesy Awards – Academic**, for their high standard of results during Semester 2 last year – well done.

We also congratulate and acknowledge the following students for achieving the **highest** overall average results in their year level – each receive an Academic trophy and Certificate.

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Year 7 Chloe Jones – now Year 8 Officer campus.
Year 8 Brooke O’Brien – now year 9 Officer campus.
Year 9 Angelica Fortinez – now Year 10 Beaconsfield campus.

**English/Maths Workshop**
This service will begin operation on **Wednesday February 11**.

Wednesdays after school: 3.30pm to 4.30pm in room GP14 (note the change from last year).

A consent note (attached to a letter sent home) is required for admission into this class.

**Goal setting**
All students will begin their GOAL setting task at the beginning of week 3.

Students will be expected to enter at least three academic goals into their Daisy diary for reference.
Positive start to the New Year

The 2015 academic year has begun and it is pleasing to observe that our students have commenced their studies with enthusiasm. I would like to welcome all Year 10 students who are new to the senior Campus and the students and staff who have joined St Francis Xavier College for the first time. I am sure that your time here will be successful.

Congratulations to our 2014 College Dux, Peter Halat. Peter reflected on his academic journey and offered his encouragement to all students to work to the best of their ability.

It is important that staff, students and parents work together to provide an optimal academic experience for all of our students. As parents, you can play an integral role in assisting your child to achieve their best. You are reminded that your son’s/daughter’s Care Group teacher should be your first point of contact if you have any concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact the College so that we may be of assistance.

Student Safety

Parents in the interest of safety we also ask for your support whilst dropping off or collecting your children. Please note there is no provision for student drop off/pick up on Campus. Parents are to arrange an appropriate meeting point as the bus bay is reserved for buses. In addition, parents are to refrain from parking in the allocated customer car parks of local business establishments. Students are to access Beaconsfield Avenue by utilising the clearly marked pedestrian crossings. Given our student numbers and the high volume of traffic at peak times everyone must take care.

Relay for Life BBQ

Last Saturday our Relay for Life team hosted a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings in Pakenham. Thank you to Courtney Sloothback, Alex Taylor and the Davine, Milligan, Van Laeran, and Worland families. Everyone worked very hard to achieve a fundraising total in excess of $1300. In particular, both Alisha Milligan and Meg Van Laeran should be congratulated for the efficient organisation of the day.

Technology, when utilised effectively, can be a wonderful tool. Thank you to all parents for your support of the BYOD program. Our students are enjoying their lessons and the ability to develop their ICT skills as they participate in technology rich lessons. All devices should now be registered and all students should be accessing the e planner on a daily basis. Parents are asked to create their own parent Moodle account in order to access important information. Please visit the College website or lms.sfx.vic.edu.au
Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to all families that are both returning from the summer holiday break and new families that are commencing their journey with us at St. Francis Xavier College – Berwick Campus. I am delighted to take up the new position as Deputy Principal – Head of Campus, Berwick and have been suitably impressed with both the positivity and commitment shown by staff and students in starting off the year with real purpose.

We have a number of new staff and students joining us this year and we welcome them all into our school community.

Staff

Isabelle Branchflower – Learning Enhancement
Nicole Brennan – Mathematics Departmental Assistant
Susan Collier - Learning Enhancement
Andrew McLeish – Maths and Technology
Belinda Parker – Learning Enhancement
Kelly Ryan – Director of Learning
Brendan Small – Science/Maths
Jodie Sorati – Food Tech Assistant
Leah Rolfe – Music/IT

Students

Year 7: Welcome to all students in the Year 7 cohort.

Year 8: Charlotte Davies, Marvan Jayawardena, Paul Joseph, Shemika Kumar, Sanjit Nambiar, Armaan Sidhu, Harini Senanayake, Simranjit Singh Randhawa,


Middle School Information Evenings

Year 7: Tuesday 10 February – 7.00pm
Year 8: Tuesday 24 February – 7.00pm
Year 9: Monday 16 February – 7.00pm

These insightful evenings are considered integral to promoting the school-home relationship and both students (in uniform) and parents are asked to attend. The opportunity to meet and chat with Core Group Teachers and general staff is vital for consistency and shared expectations for the year ahead.

Sunsmart Policy

The College is committed to being a sunsmart school. This means that in Terms 1 and 4 all students are required to wear a hat outside whilst on Campus. Year 7 and 8 students must wear the school hat provided to them whilst Year 9 students may wear their own hat provided it is appropriate. This is compulsory and all students are expected have their hat each day.

2014 Year Level Dux

Congratulations to the following students who received their respective Academic Excellence trophies at Friday’s Campus Assembly.
Year 7 – Elita Pinto
Year 8 – Mary Evangelista
Year 9 – Shinae Sandapa

Berwick Calendar Dates

Tuesday 17 February (Week 4)
Year 7 Concert Band Recruitment Evening (Held at Beaconsfield Campus)

Thursday 19 February – (Week 4)
College Photographs – Berwick Campus

Friday 20 February – (Week 4)
SISA Swim Relay Carnival – (Frankston) 5pm
FROM THE OFFICER CAMPUS
Margaret Blythman, Deputy Principal - Head of Campus

A Blessing for Students

God our teacher, we thank you for the gift of these children and young people, in our households, in our church, and in our community. Bless them as they start school, beginning a new year of learning, study, music, sports, art, play, and friendship. May they have open ears, open hearts and open minds. Keep them safe and healthy. Protect all students, especially those for whom safe passage is not a guarantee. May they each have people with whom they laugh, who awaken their curiosity and who listen when they are having a problem. May they always know that they are loved and valued by parents, friends and by you, God.

Welcome!

Dear Parents and Guardians, welcome to the 2015 academic year at the Officer Campus. We would like to express a warm welcome to our new families; we hope you have an enjoyable experience in our school community. We thank our returning families for entrusting us with the education of your child, and we look forward to continuing to work with you once again.

There are a few changes to staffing this year. On behalf of the Campus community I would like to welcome our new staff:

Helen Lenten, Liam Doherty and Jim Healy. Transferring to the Campus are Peter Collingwood, Terrence Taylor, Nicole O’Brien, Charmaine Reis, Amelia Boyle, Annemarie Furness, Jo Wallace, Anne Fuller, Maryanne Walker, Liz Wilson and Hayley Mann.

Our staff will be working collaboratively to create a safe, caring, supportive, innovative and academically challenging environment for your child. Our goal is to prepare students for a successful and rewarding future by developing their Catholic faith and knowledge as well as their academic skills.

We look forward to meeting you at our Information evenings to be held in General Purpose Rooms 12 & 13 in the GPLA building.

- Year 7 2015 Information evening 7.00pm – Thursday February 12
- Year 9 2015 Information evening, 7.00pm – Thursday February 19
- Year 8 2015 Information evening, 7.00pm – Thursday February 26

Your child will bring a letter home with further details. Students are expected to attend in full College uniform.

Officer Campus Student Drop Off and Pick Up

I would ask everyone to please be observant of parking and driving on Majestic Drive before and especially after school. Parking has begun to become a serious issue again. In recent days, the danger of driving and parking issues has escalated the great concern of a child getting seriously injured.

We understand the frustration of parking issues; however, our primary concern is not convenience, but the children’s safety. Please follow the parking and driving rules for the safety of the children.

1. When picking up or dropping off your child please use the indented parking bays around the edge of the Campus (with the exception of the bus bays). Do not park across driveways or on the nature strip.
2. Stay within the 40 kilometre speed limit
3. There is absolutely NO stopping (or double parking) in the street to drop off, wait for or let a child in the vehicle. Parking half way into a parking spot with the rear of your vehicle out in traffic is also unsafe.
4. Additionally, please note that unless you have permission from the home owners, you are not permitted to park in the home owner’s driveways to wait for, drop off, or pick up your child. This is private property.
5. Please remember also not to park on the grassy verge or across the entrance to the campus.
Avoiding Traffic Congestion Around the School
Schools are busy areas where there are often many children who do not always understand the danger of roads and vehicles. If you choose to park on the roads or streets around the Campus:

- Say goodbye to your children on the school side of the road. Never get them to cross the road alone to the Campus entrance
- Walk across the road and meet your children after school (never call out to them from the other side)
- Try to leave home early to avoid arriving at the busiest times
- Park a safe distance from all marked foot crossings
- Always single park (double parking causes accidents and traffic jams)
- Try parking a few streets away from the school and walking with your children
- Organise a car pool with other parents to reduce the number of cars trying to park around the school.

We ask all parents to be aware of the traffic situation at the school and the need to work together to ensure the safety of our children. We do understand that compliance with these rules may at times prove to be a minor inconvenience, it is a small price to pay to ensure that our children can arrive and leave school in the safest possible circumstances. We thank you for your support.

Sunsmart and College Policy Guidelines
The wearing of a hat during the recess and lunch breaks in Term 1 and 4 is compulsory from the start of 2015. This applies during recess and lunchtime and during outdoor Physical Education class. Our Year 7 and 8 students have been supplied with a College broad brimmed hat (available in different sizes SML, MED, LARGE, XL and in red, white and blue from the uniform shop). Students in Year 9 may bring an appropriate hat of their choice or purchase one from the uniform shop. Our Sun Protection Policy encourages the College community to minimise the danger of excessive UV radiation exposure for both staff and students to ensure a healthier environment with long term benefits.

Officer Campus Year 9 Outward Bound 2015

Outward Bound is an integral part of the Christian Leadership Program at St Francis Xavier College. All Year 9 students are expected to participate in the program; the highlight of which is a 9 day expedition. This year’s expedition for Year 9 Officer students will take place from Wednesday 20 May until Thursday 28 May.

On Monday 16 February, all Year 9 students at the Officer Campus will bring home a letter with further information about Outward Bound. Please ensure that the medical form attached to the letter is returned to your child’s Care Group teacher by Friday 6 March.

An Information night for parents will be held on Thursday 19 March, at 7.00pm.

In the meantime if you have any questions about Outward Bound please do not hesitate to contact me on 9707 3111 during school hours.
COLLEGE WELLBEING
Eve Power – Wellbeing Team Leader

On behalf of the Counselling team, we extend a warm welcome to our students and families in 2015. Here, nurturing the wellbeing of our students is a key focus. The counselling team forms one component of this focus, providing support for students, parents and staff. We offer short-term counselling for a range of issues that may be impacting upon the student’s ability to achieve their goals at school. In addition to this, counsellors are able to provide advice and support with accessing external support when required.

Our team is comprised of:

- Eve Power – Educational Psychologist & Counselling Team Leader
  (Based at Berwick Campus)
- Robert Fleming – Psychologist (Berwick Campus)
- Paula Carr – Student Counsellor (Beaconsfield Campus)
- Sarah Spencer – Student Counsellor (Beaconsfield Campus – 0.5 FTE)
- Kylie Lloyd – Student Counsellor (Beaconsfield Campus – 0.4 FTE)
- Fiona Moger – Student Counsellor (Officer Campus)

Over the past two years, *headspace* has been a key provider of mental health services in our area. A new centre in Narre Warren has recently opened, and will provide a one-stop service for mental health services:

> Our centre provides early intervention services to young people 12 to 25 years. Our range of services includes mental and physical health, drug and alcohol information and support, as well as vocational and educational assistance. It is a place where a range of services can be provided to young people in one youth friendly location. Our service is free and we ensure that we respect your confidentiality.


If I or a member of the counselling team can provide any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

COMMUNITY LIAISON
Melinda Reid – College Community Liaison Leader

Welcome to all the new families who have joined us in 2014. We had almost 80 new students in Years 8-12 as well as our new intake of Year 7 students at both the Berwick and Officer campuses. I trust the first day nerves have now gone and the students have settled into life at the College.

**Year 7 Enrolments 2016**

St Francis Xavier College provides a Catholic secondary education for students in the surrounding parishes, which includes nine Parish Primary schools: St. Michael’s Berwick, St. Catherine’s Berwick, St. Brigid’s Officer, Don Bosco Narre Warren, Mary MacKillop Narre Warren, Trinity Narre Warren South, St. John’s Kooweerup, St. James Nar Nar Goon and St. Patrick’s Pakenham.

In the next few weeks Grade 6 students at these Parish Primary Schools will be presented with information regarding enrolment for Year 7 at the Berwick and Officer Campuses in 2016. Due to the large number of enquiries, our Parent/Student Information Evening will be held in the St Francis Xavier College Hall at the Beaconsfield Campus on Wednesday 25 February, 2015, commencing at 7.30pm. This meeting will include information for both the Berwick and Officer Campuses.

Tours of the College will be conducted at each of the three campuses prior to the meeting; at 5.30pm, 5.45pm, 6.00pm, 6.15pm and 6.30pm. This will allow time to travel to the Beaconsfield Campus for the meeting commencing at 7.30pm. Effective planning for 2016 makes it essential that enrolments be finalised by Friday 27 February, 2015.

Applications, including the enrolment fee of $100.00 must be received at the College by Friday 27 February, 2015 in order to be considered for entry into Year 7, 2016.

Enrolments will be confirmed early in Term 2, 2015. In past years we have been unable to offer places to all applicants so it is imperative that applications are received by the closing date.
Using BYOD to improve the learning environment

Ben Cunningham and Laura Folino use PowerPoint and Camtasia in Physical Education at Beaconsfield and Berwick

Within the HPE department, we wanted to provide an opportunity for higher achieving students to accelerate within Physical Education (PE) at the senior level. Based on this, a decision was made to invite Year 9 students to apply to undertake Units 1 & 2 PE during their Year 10 studies which would normally be completed at Year 11. The problem arose that the successful applicants would skip Year 10 PE electives and so would not be exposed to key content and skills in preparation for Units 1 & 2.

To address this, a series of ten tutorials were produced using PowerPoint and were screen recorded via Camtasia which allowed for animations on the screen and voice to be recorded. We loaded these tutorials onto a College YouTube channel for Year 9 students to access at their discretion prior to the beginning of the following year. Students could review, pause, fast forward and generally progress at their own pace.

In unison with the tutorials, a series of e-worksheets were developed to build skills and assess knowledge of content covered (see example left). The literature in these e-worksheets reflected what was expected at a VCE level of studies and could be updated at anytime.

All resources were available to students via the College Moodle page (see below). The idea was to flip the classroom so students could self-pace their learning and get extra assistance from teachers whilst attending school during the day.
New AFL Trainee
Marlee Tatham has been appointed our AFL Trainee for 2015 working across all three campuses and she is very excited to get started.

SIS Sport

**BEACONSFIELD**
- Senior Girls Basketball vs. Woodleigh
- Senior Boys Soccer vs. Nazareth
- Intermediate Girls Volleyball vs. St Johns
- Intermediate Girls Handball vs. John Paul

**OFFICER**
- Intermediate Girls Handball vs. St Johns
- Intermediate Girls Volleyball vs. Maranatha
- Intermediate Boys Cricket vs. Balcombe

**BERWICK**
- Intermediate Girls Handball vs. Padua- Rosebud
- Intermediate Girls Volleyball vs. Woodleigh
- Intermediate Boys Cricket vs. Berwick
- Intermediate Boys Handball vs. Woodleigh

**Lunchtime Sport**
Lunchtime sport starts back up on 9 February, with Houses competing in a four-square tournament.

**Swimming Carnival**
The annual Inter House Swimming Sports Carnival is approaching for all three campuses in the coming week.

We hope we are blessed with pleasant weather on each day. Good luck to all those who are competing and may the best House win.
The Parents and Friends Association of St Francis Xavier College would like to welcome all new and existing families, students & staff back for the 2015 school year.

On behalf of the school community, P & F would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Principal, Vincent J Feeney, who we are looking forward to working with.

The P & F Association meets on the first Wednesday of the month, except during the school holidays. It is a great opportunity to meet new people, support your school and child’s education, be updated on the latest news/events and offer ideas and help in a friendly environment.

Everyone is welcome so please join us...

All enquiries regarding the College P&F can be made to Coralie. Ideas/suggestions can be also submitted via our P&F website.

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COLLEGE PHOTOGRAPHS

College photographs will take place on
Thursday 19 February, 2015 at the Berwick campus and
Monday 23 February, 2015 at the Officer and Beaconsfield campuses.

Students must wear full summer uniform for the photographs; however, boys are to wear their College tie.

All students MUST wear their blazer for the photographs.

Order envelopes will be distributed prior to the day. Instructions for ordering photographs are set out below.

Aussie School Photos take multiple images of each student. Order forms and envelopes will be sent home prior to photo day.

There are 3 methods available when ordering photo packs:

Place your order on-line prior to photo day using the unique WEB LOG-ON CODE printed on your prepayment order form. Tick Prepaid Web Order on the order form and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.

OR

You can complete the pre-payment order form. Include your cash, cheque or credit card payment in the envelope and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.

OR

You can choose to wait for 5 working days to go online to VIEW the images and create a package to suit.

If you do not wish to purchase photos, please complete details printed in the pack selection to advise ‘no photos required’ and have your child hand envelope to our photographer on photo day.

SIBLING PHOTOS

If you wish to have a Sibling photo taken please download a PRE PAY form from our web site or collect from school office.

Return with your eldest child to be handed to photographer on photo day at time scheduled for Sibling photos.

www.schoolphoto.com.au

All queries about photograph packages should be directed to photos@schoolphoto.com.au

Please note that the photograph packages for Senior Students are slightly more expensive as students in Year 10-12 will receive a photograph of their entire Year level as their group photograph, whereas students in Year 7-9 will receive a photograph of their Care Group as their group photograph.

If you have any questions please contact Peter Robinson at the College on 9707 3111
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 of the Campuses.

CAKTEEN VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers are required at the Berwick Campus Canteen Tuesdays from 12.45pm - 2.00pm.

Duties will include assisting with lunch orders and serving students.

Your help will be most appreciated.

Please contact Canteen Manager Mrs Maureen Pearson on 9707 7928

UNIFORM SHOP
Beaconsfield Avenue, Beaconsfield

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

Telephone Orders Welcome
Tel: 9707 3111

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

SUBSCRIBE TO THE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER
Go to sfx.vic.edu.au

Click on News & Events then Newsletters then Subscribe and fill in the information required.
Is a career working with children for you? Study local, qualify National at the Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre. Learn in a supported, small class with exceptional trainers. Don’t just think about it, ACT NOW!

**Enrolment and information session**

**Monday 9th February at 10.00am**

**CHC30213** (Teachers Aide)
CERTIFICATE III IN EDUCATION SUPPORT
Begins Friday 20th Feb
Classes: Friday 9.30 to 2.30

**CHC50113**
DIPLOMA OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & CARE
Begins Wednesday 18th Feb
Classes: Wednesday and Thursday
6.30 to 9.30pm

**CHC30113**
CERTIFICATE III IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & CARE
Begins Wednesday 18th Feb
Classes: Wednesday and Thursday
6.30 to 9.30pm

Training Provider is Merinda Park
TOID 3952

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**Mercy Campaign**

**End the Death Penalty**

**Prayer Vigil:**

Forecourt
St Patrick’s Cathedral, East Melbourne
7.00 - 8.30pm Saturday 7th February 2015

justice@cam.org.au

https://www.facebook.com/catholicarchdioceseofmelbournejustice

*Blessed are the Merciful for they shall have mercy shown unto them*
Careers Education is integral to the learning programs of St. Francis Xavier College. Students develop an understanding of the ways that they learn, and where their interests may take them. As well as this, the College has three Careers Practitioners:

**Mr Phil Apperley – VET Co-ordinator and Careers Advisor (Beaconsfield campus)**

**Mrs Jane Watkins – Careers Team Leader (Beaconsfield campus)**

**Mrs Siobhan Thomas – Careers Advisor (Berwick and Officer campuses)**

The Careers Practitioners assist students and parents in the selection of subjects, VCE programs, VET and VCAL courses and with the selection of tertiary courses. Assistance is also provided if students are interested in undertaking Work Experience placements.

The Practitioners are available for one to one interviews with students and parents, work with small groups and assisting in career-related curriculum in the classroom. The Practitioners maintain up-to-date information from tertiary providers, institutions and community networks on notice boards and resource areas in the careers areas at each Campus, where students can access them as required. Students can also access different computer programs and websites to help them in their career planning.

2015 sees the continued development of the St Francis Xavier College Careers linked webpage

[www.sfxcareers.com](http://www.sfxcareers.com)

Follow this link for valuable information for students and parents on options available post-school.

For assistance and queries in regards to Careers, please contact the Careers Advisors.

**WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?**

Access our careers link for information on [http://www.sfxcareers.com](http://www.sfxcareers.com)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Post school options
- VCE, VCAL & VET
- Work experience and work placement
- VTAC
- Careers