



SCHOLS NEWS

St Scholastica's College
4 Avenue Road, Glebe Point 2037
Phone: (02) 9660 2622; www.scholastica.nsw.edu.au

Email: office@scholastica.nsw.edu.au

To advise absences, email: attendance@scholastica.nsw.edu.au

Please ensure you include your daughter's name and year in the subject line

Uniform Shop: (02) 9552 2870

TERM 3: ISSUE 13

20th September 2019

From the Principal



Kate Rayment

Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Surround our Year 12 graduates with
your grace.

Bless them with hope and eager,
open hearts.

Help them to put the knowledge,
skills and values gained
throughout their education
to use for the good of humankind.

Inspire them to believe in the
goodness of life,
even when faced with challenges.
May they grow ever more grateful,
compassionate and wise.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
your beloved Son.

Amen.

St Scholastica and St Benedict,
Pray for us

Year 12

Next week is the last week of school for our Year 12 students. After the holidays they will return for the HSC examinations and then finally enjoy time together at their Formal in mid-November. This is a very important time for the girls to remain focused and make the most of the resources they have at their disposal, especially their teachers.

In these last weeks of exam preparation and then the exams themselves, our Year 12 students have an opportunity to draw much from their symbol of butterflies - of transformation, beauty, taking flight, the struggle required to fully form and transform.



On behalf of the school community, I wish the Class of 2019 all the very best for the HSC exams and beyond. I know each girl will carry a bit of Schols and the Good Samaritan with her throughout life's journey.

The events of next week include Graduation Breakfast, a whole school assembly, Graduation Mass and Graduation Ceremony. The pinnacle of these celebrations will be the thanksgiving Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday evening.



"The butterfly counts not months but moments, and has time enough.....Let your life dance lightly on the edges of time...."
(Rabindranath Tagore).



Punaal, Ponte-Boone, Biamie State Conference

I had the privilege of attending the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Education NSW State Conference last week. It was two full days of rich learning in an environment of great collegiality among Catholic school communities and various 'experts' in indigenous culture, education and navigating challenges. I have already had the opportunity to share some of the material and knowledge gained. Presenters included, Dr Jeff McMullen OA, Dr Sarah Kastelic, Dr Anita Heiss, Isaiah Dawe and Kurt Fearnley.

Contents:

Grandparents' Mass Flyer.....	P3
Assistant Principal T&L	P4
Assistant Principal Pastoral ..	P5
Boarding	P6
Mission	P7
VET and Careers	P8
Music	P9
PDHPE.....	P10
Tournament of Minds	P11
Visual Arts	P12
Science.....	P13
Aboriginal Studies	P13
Languages – Japanese	P14
Sport update	P15
Careers Update	P18
Uniform Shop	P21

There were many important 'take-aways' from the keynote addresses and workshops but one of the most powerful quotes came from Paralympian, Kurt Fearnley. He spoke of the "dignity of expectations". Across the two days that message of responsibility for ensuring we set, maintain and deliver high expectations resounded loudly. Mr Fearnley described expecting less of minority groups as discrimination.



Expectations of high standards of conduct, high levels of effort, high learning growth, and high levels of respect are echoed often here at Schols. We can always do better, so ensuring high expectations across the College will continue to be a focus throughout our developing strategic plan.

Mobile Phones at School

There has been significant debate in the media in recent times about the advantages and disadvantages of mobile phone use in schools. Research on the subject abounds and is often contradictory. The broader debate is also reflected here at Schols, with contact from parents on the matter of mobile phones often divided in opinion. That is also the case amongst staff members.

Two years ago, we moved to a ban of mobile phones in classrooms at Schols, allowing the girls to use their phones only outside class times. This has resulted in a need for consequences for breaches, including daily confiscation and detentions. Significant resources have gone into monitoring and managing this new policy.

Since then, pressure to expand the policy to include a full ban of mobile phone use by students between school hours of 8.50 and 3.20 has increased.

A survey will be emailed to all students, parents and staff next week to assist us in understanding the nature and extent of stakeholder views on such a ban. It would be helpful to have a substantial data set to ensure a truly representative response, so I encourage all parents and carers to respond. We will use the survey findings to inform our decision about whether or not to impose a full ban for all students, junior students only or to maintain the status quo of an in-class ban only.

BENet Conference

Schols is hosting the triennial international Benedictine Educators Network (BENet) Conference, in the first week of the school holidays. Good Samaritan schools participate as members of the global Benedictine community. Delegates will be traveling from the US, UK, South America, Asia and Africa as well as across Australia. Approximately 50 delegates will be accommodated in the boarding

school and all delegates will engage in liturgy, prayer, keynote addresses, workshops, panel discussions and social events throughout the three-and-a-half-day conference. The theme of the conference is "Benedictine Wisdom beneath the Southern Cross".

Parent Partnership

Thank you to all the parents of our Year 10 girls who attended the subject selection interviews last

Friday. I hope the conversations were helpful for the sometimes challenging process of choosing subjects for study through to the Higher School Certificate. I also thank all the staff who contributed. This was an excellent example of parent-student-school partnerships towards improved outcomes for individual students.

Please note, the next opportunity for engagement in the future directions of the College will be on 12 November at our 'State of the Nation' evening.

Term 3 Report

This was a wonderfully full term, with the added demands of the NESA Registration and Accreditation audit and the BENet Conference planning. Improvements included the completion of a large portion of our policy review process and assurance work; developments in our indigenous support work; strategic review; initial steps towards a staffing review; improvements to our online professional learning modules, digital repositories for policies, assurance/risk and complaints management; and the completion of our uniform survey regarding the introduction of pants. Building planning work has reached a climax with preparations for signing the contract, which is expected to take place in the next week. Weekly professional learning for staff has focused on accessible tasks, SCOUT data analysis training; policy & assurance launch; and staff Spirituality Day preparations.

Amongst the highlights have been the Year 11 Drama performance, the HSC Exhibition Night, the HSC Music Soiree, the student newspaper competition entry, the Father's Day Mass and Breakfast, individual student achievements and Pax Day.

Thank you to all families for your partnership throughout the term. I hope you all have an opportunity for a break in the coming weeks and that the girls return to Term 4 healthy, happy and ready for the challenges and opportunities that await.

Kate Rayment

St Scholastica's College



Grandparents' Mass and Morning Tea Wednesday 16th October 2019



9am to 10am

(all seated by 8:50am)

**Followed by morning tea and
musical performances**

10am to 11am

Trixie Forest Centre (TFC)

All grandparents are warmly invited to join
their granddaughters for Mass and
morning tea at the College.

There will be an opportunity to purchase
books and donate them to the Library. Each
book will be acknowledged with
grandparent's and granddaughter's names.

For catering purposes please register;
let us know your name, the number attending
and your granddaughter's name(s)
and year(s).

[Please click here to Register](#)

by Monday 14th October.

From the Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning

Grandparents' Mass and Morning Tea

Our annual Mass and Morning Tea for Grandparents will be held in Term 4 on Wednesday 16th October. This is a very special event and always appreciated by families. Please see page 3 for all the details.

Homework Club

Please note that Homework Club has ended for Term 3 and will recommence in Term 4 on Wednesday 16th October.

NAPLAN

The NAPLAN results were released this week and will be forwarded to relevant families in due course. The results provide the College and its teachers with valuable information about students' literacy and numeracy skills and are used to identify the needs of students in specific areas such as Mathematics, English and Learning Support. Academic performance is important but so are many other elements that combine in the character of a person. Hopefully the analysis of the data will lead to long term improvement in the HSC when the students attempt that part of their education.

A comprehensive analysis will be available in the next newsletter.

Year 12

As the end of Term 3 approaches, we are focussing on Year 12 Graduation and the impending HSC examinations. The final ranks have been submitted from the Trial examinations, however it is important to remember that marks can be adjusted with good study and practice prior to exams.

The HSC examinations begin on Thursday 17th October and conclude on Monday 11th November.

Mr Adrian Eussen

In preparation for the exams I recommend students visit the following NESA website pages:

Rules and procedures of the HSC at:

<https://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/rules-and-processes/rules-procedures-guide-students>

Thorough revision of the syllabus points and practice using past papers under self-imposed examination conditions are essential to sharpen preparation for the examinations:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-student-guide>. This is a one stop shop for students to have access to anything they require in preparation for the HSC.

Illness and Misadventure - In the event of illness or misadventure during the HSC examinations, it is imperative that the HSC Presiding Officer, Mr Tunbridge, is immediately notified before the exam and if ill during the exam, students must notify their supervisor. It is important that all paperwork is completed by 11th November for submission to NESA.

HSC results will be released on 17th December through students online at 6.00am. Rank orders are available for viewing on 11th November and if there are any anomalies they need to be identified and the school notified as soon as possible.

Learning Progress Meetings

- Years 7-9 Learning Progress Meetings 3.45pm - 8.00pm Monday 21st October
- Years 10 and 11 Learning Progress Meetings Thursday 31st October 3.45pm - 8.00pm

From the Assistant Principal – Pastoral Care and Wellbeing

As this term draws to a close, we come together as a community to share some final formal moments with the HSC class of 2019. It has been a delight to work with the student leaders from this cohort, and to be able to know and to have worked with so many of the students and classes across the years. The highlight of the week is celebrating with family, staff and students our Year 12 Graduation Mass at St Mary's Cathedral and the following graduation ceremony. We are fortunate to be able to celebrate in the Cathedral, with the experience connecting with the start of each year when we celebrate St Scholastica's Day in the Cathedral also. Another very special part of the week is the Farewell Dinner in the Boarding School. The Boarding School comes together to produce a wonderful evening for the Year 12s, acknowledging their contribution and important role in that community. I wish the Year 12 students a calm and productive time preparing for the HSC examinations, and congratulate them on their many positive relationships and contributions to the College. Congratulations and my thanks also to Mr Quentin Watson for his ongoing work as Year 12 Guidance Coordinator and to each of the members of the Year 12 Pastoral team and class teachers for all of the support for the year group.

At the College, staff and students have been very busy with assessment projects and mid semester work. Sometimes the positive habits from the start of the year fade in Semester 2. I encourage all families over these holidays to reconnect with the College Diary as a way for your girls to be getting ready for Term 4, for work spaces at home to be cleaned out and for discussion of family commitments and arrangements as the warmer weather and Christmas season bring new energy and events into Term 4.

This term the Year 9 Guidance Coordinator Clementine Tresoldi organised an activity with the students and Homeroom team. The results are proudly displayed in the Year 9 corridor, and I was struck by the poignant contributions of the girls. They were asked a simple question: "What should we say more often?" Some of the results are below. Such a timely reminder that despite the business and expectation of everyday life, it is through the nurturing of our relationships and the care we can take of each other that we keep our community strong and show our deep care for one another. Thank you to Year 9 and Ms Tresoldi for this important work.

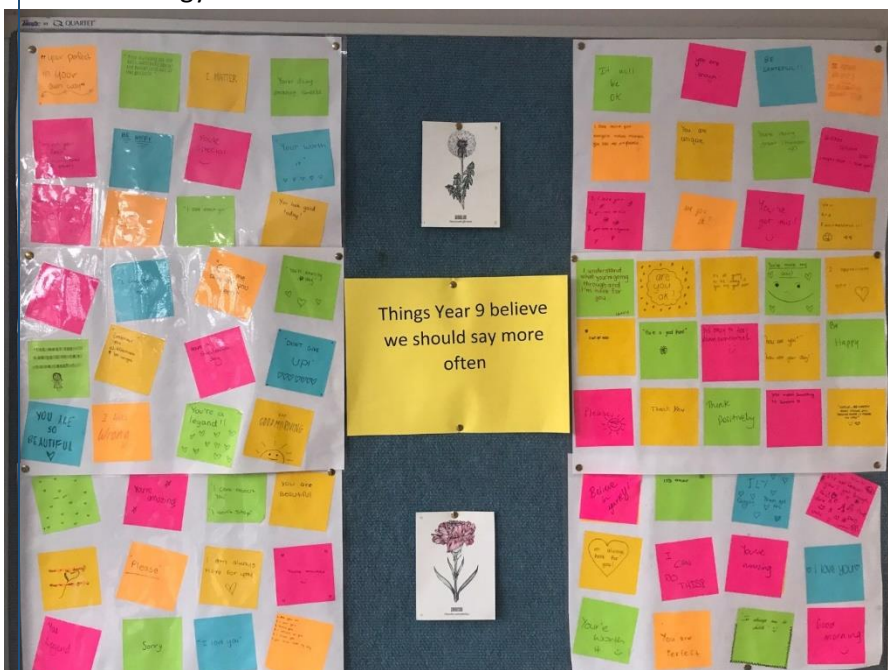
Things Year 9 believe we should say more often:

- "You are amazing"
- "I care about you and I won't stop"
- "Don't give up"
- "Good morning"
- "Please"
- "Thank you"
- "You are doing amazing sweetie"
- "You are worth it"
- "I care about you"
- "It's OK to feel down sometimes"
- "You've got this"
- "It will be ok"
- "Sorry"
- "You are a good friend"
- "I know what you are going through and I am here for you"
- "How are you? How was your day?"
- "It will be OK if you try your best"
- "You are fantabulous!"

Thank you to the Year 7 students and Ms Marcia Da Costa the Guidance Coordinator for a well-managed vaccination day; and our Sports Coordinator Ms Jodie Osborne and all the students and staff involved for a well-managed extra-curricula photo day. These and similar events form a part of College life and I am pleased to share that the cooperation and partnership with our students is always of a high standard.

Best wishes to all our students and families for the term holidays.

Dr Jen Petschler



From the Boarding School

The junior girls have been completing practical and written Assessment tasks; Year 11 girls are focusing on their final preliminary examinations and demonstrating some very impressive independent study choices.

The Indigenous students have been very receptive towards their weekly tutoring with the AIME program each Monday evening during their study time.

A sincere thank you to Madena Jaffer and Amy Clementson for their incredible support and leadership qualities in their role as Co-Boarding Captains. Many thanks also, to Laura Elworthy and Emily Andersen for their contribution and care in welcoming and supporting the new boarders for 2019. During this time of the year we pray especially for the Year 12 girls as they approach their final weeks of secondary education, and celebrate the wonderful achievements they have accomplished throughout their 13 years of education.

It was lovely to see so many families attend the Boarders' Mass last Saturday followed by dinner in the dining room. Many thanks to the fathers who managed the BBQ as this was very much appreciated by all.

As we approach the end of Term 3, I wish the Year 12 girls all the very best and congratulate them on their Graduation and pray for each and every one of them as they continue to study for their Higher School Certificate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns in relation to your daughters' learning or wellbeing.

Have a relaxing holiday and I look forward to meeting you in Term 4.

Many thanks
Mrs Libby Molony
Acting Head of Boarding



From the Head of Mission

Weekly Volunteering at Matthew Talbot Hostel

The Matthew Talbot Hostel (an initiative of St Vincent de Paul) provides accommodation and specialised support to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Our College has a long history of volunteering at the Matthew Talbot Hostel where our students and staff volunteer and work side by side on a weekly shift in the dining room, serving a nutritious meal to those in need.

The hostel provides a safe, welcoming environment for people who are sleeping rough and have experienced trauma.

A special thank you goes to all the staff and Years 11 and 12 students who have volunteered throughout the year.



The Archbishop of Sydney Awards for Student Excellence

Congratulations to **Kiara Tuifua**, Year 12 student and winner of this year's Archbishop's Award for Student Excellence. This award recognises a student who gives witness to Christian values and actively contributes to the faith life of the College and parish.

The Most Reverend Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP presented Kiara with the award on Friday 6th September, where she joined 48 other recipients from Catholic Secondary Schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney, at St Mary's Cathedral.



Ms Fran Vella
Head of Mission



From VET and Careers

2019 NSW Training Awards – Be Recognised!

The NSW Training Awards recognise and reward excellence and outstanding achievements in vocational education and training.

On 12th September **Madeleine Brigg** competed in the final leg of the *VET in Schools Student of the Year* competition. It was a fantastic night at Sydney Town Hall that celebrated and acknowledged achievement in vocational education and training.

Mrs Cousins, Mr Watson and I had the privilege of celebrating (together with her family) a wonderful journey and triumph for Madeleine. She was awarded a runner-up position and received a beautiful plaque and prize money. Such an achievement was the result of months of interviews, displaying cookery skills and overall perseverance on her part. We congratulate Madeleine for her efforts and positivity and wish her well as she pursues a career in Hospitality. The industry will indeed benefit from people with such creativity and discipline.



VET Excellence Awards 2019.

← **Madeleine Brigg** was a busy girl on the 12th September. She was nominated for the VET Excellence Award and attended a celebratory breakfast with other nominated students from schools across Sydney. Typing up this piece on a gloomy and wet day I am reminded of the glorious morning and beautiful view we had from our table in Parliament House. Madeleine received a plaque congratulating her on two years of excellence, commitment and passion in all aspects of assessment in Hospitality – Kitchen Operations, her overall positivity and leadership skills during service periods.

2019 Regional World Skills Competition.

WorldSkills Australia is a social enterprise that passionately believes skills drive the future of young people, and of Australia. The skills-based competition operates at regional, national and international levels and are aligned to National Training Packages, Apprenticeships Australia and Jobs Australia Schemes.

On 22nd September, **Evangeline (Evie) Hickson** → (Year 11 Hospitality – Kitchen Operations) will be competing in the next stage of the World Skills Competition at Epping Boys High School. You may recall Evie placed first in the Eastern Region Catholic Schools Competition on 4th September which was held at Waverly College. As well as preparing for her examinations and studying, Evangeline has been working hard to perfect certain dishes that will need to be cooked on the day as well as preparing the recommended documentation that will need to be submitted for assessment. In under 3 hours, she will need to plate up four portions of three courses with each dish containing very specific skills. We wish Evangeline all the best in the next stage of this exciting competition and look forward to updating you all on the result.

Good luck, Evie!

Mrs Celestina Ramos and Mrs Jo Cousins
VET Teacher and Careers Advisor



From the Music Department

Australian Schools Band and Orchestra Festival

Our College musicians (78 students) enjoyed a hugely successful day performing at three separate events at the Australian Schools Band and Orchestras Festival, held at the University of NSW on Sunday 9th September.

Our College Concert Band led by Nicole Barrett started the day with a wonderful performance of two pieces. The Chamber Orchestra, led by Ms Sandi Oh in the string section of the Festival played maturely and sensitively in a range of different styles.

The Symphony Orchestra again led by Ms Sandi Oh, finished off the evening with a stirring and exciting performance of the difficult Dvorak's New World Symphony. The orchestra performed enthusiastically and with great musicality, making us all very proud.

Please watch the videos below and congratulate our musicians on their fantastic achievement. Thank you to Nicole, Ms Oh, Ms McNeill and Ms Miao and all the parents and families who support our music girls.

https://scholasticswedu.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/music/EjYs7_t0NtNHvn5FW2VXcu4Bo0UjpQo-VcYYxhGHZtpfZQ?e=wjsYKL

HSC Music Report by Francesca Nikolic, Year 12

This month, the HSC Music 2 and Music 1 students have submitted their composition component of the HSC music course. This follows a year in which we had the privilege of working with an Australian composer gaining valuable knowledge and feedback on our composition work. We finalised our pieces which had been 'in the works' for the past year and, with the support of professional musicians, recorded what we had composed. It was a great learning experience, not least because we could finally hear what our music sounded like. Please click on the links below and listen to some of the recordings.

Ms Cindy Miao

Music Coordinator

Francesca Nikolic – Full Fathom Six

<https://scholasticswedu.sharepoint.com/:u:/g/music/EblsbQoioaZJkac7KjOPbu4Bv2bnUxaYogxAMkHd3GjwNg?e=QosM0L>

Sabine Hattersley –Sun Shower

<https://scholasticswedu.sharepoint.com/:u:/g/music/ESRup0sZz91NIDd0ulv6kYoB4T80YfbYPEGCF905i0bkEA?e=vREXe9>

Amy Hoyle—Willow

https://scholasticswedu.sharepoint.com/:u:/g/music/ESSxbHSDwvdOh-oDIOp04-EB1uZRQ8cwkmWdPJaw_oErhA?e=Thf5Gn

Grace Mitchell – Poppy' s Magpies

https://scholasticswedu.sharepoint.com/:u:/g/music/EQpGnYQ_y-JGiUuDDQbvlcoBECG7FN7Zbin5FoLcRjXpjQ?e=Pedx1i

HSC

Soiree

On Wednesday, 4th September, the HSC music class performed at the Seymour Centre for the annual HSC Music Soiree. It was the culmination of an entire year of learning, refining musical techniques and creating the expression in our performances. It was a most enjoyable night that showcased various performances from the classic show tune "Feeling Good" accompanied by a jazz ensemble, to flute duets, classical guitar to an energetic piece for clarinet and piano accordion. We wish the girls all the best for their HSC exams coming up.



From the PDHPE Department – Sports Studies

Angela Farrell Visits Schols

On Wednesday 28th August, Olympic Sailor Angela Farrell visited the College and Year 10 Physical Activity and Sport Studies students were lucky enough to hear her speak about her journey and the Olympic experience.

Having Olympic medallist, Angela Farrell visit our school was a great opportunity and lots of fun. We learnt many things about sailing, the Olympics and the effort and sacrifice required to make it to the Olympics games. Angela shared her experiences with us and explained to us that we need to unleash our passions, it was a truly inspiring experience. - Sheenah Byrne

Today we were visited by Angela Farrell an Olympian who won silver in the Beijing Olympics, she was very inspirational and spoke of her training and race experiences. She answered many questions about her career and sailing as a sport. She inspired many of us and when we left, we gained a newfound perspective for professional athletes. - Jess Collings

Ms Palmer organised for an Olympic competitor to come and visit our Year 10 PASS class. Angela Farrell is a sailor who competed in the Beijing 2008 Olympics. We learnt about her Olympic experience and the journey of her life related to sports. Meeting Angela was an amazing opportunity and hearing about how she got into sailing and the lead up to the Olympics was very inspiring, I am very grateful to have experienced this. - Jenna Magiropoulos

Ms Vicki Spaulding
Teacher of PDHPE + Year 11
Guidance Coordinator



Tournament of Minds

On Saturday 31st August St Scholastica's College hosted Tournament of Mind's Sydney East competition for 2019. The atmosphere was inspiring, with over 100 teams from various primary and secondary schools showcasing their talent and intellect in various academic disciplines. This year St Scholastica's entered a Social Sciences team and an Arts team. The teams worked together for 6 weeks to solve a discipline specific long-term challenge. On the day the teams also competed in a spontaneous, creative thinking challenge.

This year's challenge was 'Dinner Dilemma'. Here it is: *People gather together over dinner to celebrate, reunite or commemorate. One evening, a dinner party is in full swing when suddenly, the room goes completely silent.*

- Why has this group gathered?
- Why did the room go silent?
- What happened next?

The students had five (5) minutes to discuss and one minute to give their responses.

Congratulations to our Social Sciences team who were awarded Honours: **Sophie Newsham, Elena Hudgeon, Charlie Robinson, Greta Freeman, Tessa McNamara, Rachel Skinner** and **Eliza Skinner**.

We also congratulate our Arts team who were wonderful on the day: **Sofia Palleschi, Parker Craig, India Keating, Annabel Bettridge, Madeleine Sierla, Rose Mitchell** and **Annabel Smit**.

Ms Clementine Tresoldi

Year 9 Guidance Coordinator
English and PDHPE teacher

We were delighted to hear **Rose Mitchell** and **Sofia Palleschi** sing and play the piano entertaining the audience at the presentation ceremony. They are incredibly talented!

Thank You...

To Ms Quarmby for preparing the teams for Tournament Day and to all the teachers from our College who shared their expertise and volunteered to judge on the day: Ms Simpson, Ms Dougherty, Ms Murphy, Mr Watson, Ms Anderson, Ms Wright, Ms Di Giacomo, Ms O'Brien, Ms McGrowdie, Ms Carlson.

Thank you to the following senior students who judged primary school teams. The students are excellent ambassadors of the College. They are fiercely intelligent and kind and gentle in their interactions with others: **Sophie Bezzina, Ashleigh Chatelier, Mariam Kirakosyan, Grace Mitchell** and **Alex Zogopoulos**.

Thank you to the enthusiastic junior students who assisted on the day with tour guiding, running the cake stall and assisting with registration: **Zoe Plunket, Violet Barnett, Lexy Mathieson, Isabelle Yield, Grace Fuller** and **Charlotte Craddock**.

Tournament of Minds is a truly great initiative that celebrates excellence and life-long learning.



From Visual Arts Department

Year 12 Visual Arts Exhibition

Congratulations to our Year 12 Visual Arts students on their wonderful exhibition. The exhibition showcased the completed projects of HSC students in Aboriginal Studies, Design and Technology, English Extension 2, History Extension, Textiles and Design and Visual Arts. It provided an opportunity for staff, family and friends of the students to see the range of talents and areas of interest that have 'preoccupied' the students over the past months. In Visual Arts, students explored self-chosen concepts including the universal and the personal, art history, culture and nostalgia in forms such as drawing, painting, textiles and fibre, printmaking and photomedia. These Bodies of Works are marked externally as part of the Visual Arts examination. The mark is combined with the mark for the written examination and students will receive a total mark on their HSC record. I wish our Year 12 students all the best as they finish up their school life and prepare for their examinations.



Operation Art 2019 Exhibition

Well done to **Greta Freeman-Pinhorn, Emma Davies, Antonia Keeson** and **Elana Pfitzner** whose works are on exhibition in the **Operation Art 2019 Exhibition**. The exhibition runs from 14th September – 16th November at the Armory Gallery, Sydney Olympic Park. The opening event included marching bands, choirs and Bandaged Bear made a visit! The Exhibition, which has been running for 24 years, showcases 780 works by Years K – 10 students from across New South Wales. Sponsored by the Department of Education, The Children's Hospital, Westmead and Sydney Olympic Park Authority, the works are all bright, positive and happy and fit the brief of being suitable to be exhibited in a children's hospital. Tony Nesbitt, Manager, Arts and Culture at Sydney Olympic Park Authority, congratulated the students for the scale, colour and creative energy on display and stated that the works were '*firm evidence of the wonderful talent that continues to blossom in NSW schools.*' Check it out these school holidays. <https://www.sydneyolympicpark.com.au/events/art-and-culture/operation-art>



There are some wonderful exhibition opportunities for students interested in making art:

- The **Glebe Art Show** organisers would like to exhibit artworks by students who are over 16 years old. Works may be drawing, paintings, drypoints, linocuts or photographs and may be on any theme (suitable to be representative of St Scholastica's College). Works must be A3 and must be given to Ms Armstrong by Wednesday 16th October.
- The **GreenWay Art Prize**: Secondary students are encouraged to enter the 2019 GreenWay Community Photography Prize. For students under 18 years old, the theme for this is 'Communities of the GreenWay'. Photographs must be recent and have been taken near the GreenWay. See <https://www.greenwayartprize.com.au/>



Have a wonderful holiday.

Ms Vicki Armstrong
Visual Arts Coordinator

From the Science Department

Schols Participates in Citizen Science

Schols is currently engaged in two citizen science projects, working with both University of Sydney, to collect data on soil types and University of Queensland to collect data on the health of the southern Great Barrier Reef.

Mapping Soil Health with University of Sydney

Some Year 7 Science students are engaging in a University of Sydney research project, providing data for the development of a state-of-the-art digital map of soil health across New South Wales.

Students will be part of a practical, real-world research project that evaluates decomposition of tea bags over 90 days. During this time, students will collect soil samples to test properties of the soil in two locations, together with calculating the rate of decomposition of the teabags.



Mapping Coral Health with the University of Queensland and Coral Watch

Organisation for next year's field trip to Lady Elliot Island is underway. Current Year 10 students who will be completing Year 11 courses in Science and/or Geography 2020 will be invited to present expressions of interest to participate in this program, to be held in the first weeks of Term 4. The field trip will be conducted in the spring holidays of next year from Monday 28th September to Thursday 1st October 2020. The approximate cost for the 4 days will be \$1400 and students will be expected to participate in intensive data collection and workshops over the four days.

For any details, please contact Ms Julian
rjulian@scholastica.nsw.edu.au

Ms Robyn Julian
Assistant Science Coordinator



From HSIE - Aboriginal Studies Department



Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) is a mentoring program that is proven to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students through high school and into university, employment and further education at the same rate as all Australian students. AIME is a structured program guided by a curriculum that provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students the opportunities, belief and confidence to grow as individuals.

In Week 6 Term 3, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students participated in AIME Theatre of Education sessions such as the Imagination Declaration, Failure Time and the Game of Life, at the University of Sydney. These sessions focused on engagement and leadership through interactive workshops. Each student had the opportunity to look at a story to empower them to see their strength and ability to write and create the next chapter, using their imagination.

Congratulations!

To conclude the day, four of our Year 12 students graduated from the AIME program. Our congratulations to **Sophie Bowden, Latoyia Skuthorpe, Madena Jaffer** and **Tollie Donnelly-Cook** for successfully graduating from the program and showing dedication and commitment through their AIME journey.

Ms Lauren McFadden
Aboriginal Studies Teacher



From the Languages Department - Japanese

Year 8 Japanese Excursion by Madison Stone & Lily Stone, Year 8

On 29th July 2019, students in Year 8 Japanese classes went on an excursion to the Japan Foundation for Japanese calligraphy classes. We also visited the Daiso shop and had lunch in a Japanese teppanyaki restaurant "Hisshou" in the city. The students learned how to write calligraphy with an experienced calligrapher. It was a great experience and helped the girls to learn about Japanese culture. The Daiso shop offered a range of Japanese foods, toys, drinks etc, which were cheap and tasty. The teppanyaki was a delicious meal as it included a variety of Japanese foods including miso soup, vegetable salad, fried rice and meat. The teppanyaki chef included games for example, the chef lit the beef on fire to cook it, he threw eggs and fried rice at the students, who caught the food in bowls. It was an extremely enjoyable experience and all students say a huge thank you to Mr Puntillo, Ms Dewar and Mrs Alves our Japanese teacher, for organising the excursion.



Sports News

Dragon Boating by Alexia Saladino Year 11

On 14th August 10 Schols girls travelled to Pattaya, Thailand, to represent Australia in the 14th IDBF Dragon Boating World Championships, in the Under 18s Auroras squad. Our training schedule for the past year was demanding and included 5 water sessions per week as well as individual gym sessions twice a week and a 10km run each week. At times it was tough and exhausting, but all the hard work paid off over five racing days. This campaign I was lucky enough to be nominated as Vice-Captain by my fellow paddlers, and I was able to work side-by-side with the coaches and other captains to build team relationships and comradery, as I believe that a team that is united and having fun performs the best.

Over the five competition days, we raced multiple distances; 200m, 500m, 1km, and 2km, in both the women's, opens and mixed gender crews. We competed against countries such as the United States, Canada and Thailand, and made many new friends along the way. All our hard work and dedication paid off as we came away with a total of **11 bronze medals and 12 silver medals** across Junior A (under 18s) and Junior B (under 16s) categories, racing across the



various distances. From a captain's perspective, the highlight of the trip was watching the growth of so many people and the energy and effort that was put into every race on the day. Being able to stand on the podium with your friends, knowing that you have collectively worked so hard to achieve a common goal is an experience I cannot put into words. Being able to say I have represented my country at 16 years of age is an experience I wish everyone could have and knowing that the journey has not been easy makes the outcome so much better.



DBNSW Regatta 1

Well done to the 45 Dragon Boating students who attended the first DBNSW regatta for the season at Penrith on Sunday 8th September. Schols was placed 1st and 3rd over three races.

Tahlia's Baton Twirling in France

Tahlia Dunne of Year 9 recently returned from competing in the Baton Twirling International Cup in Limoges, France. This event featured 30 plus countries and 1,200 athletes. Although only 14, Tahlia competed in the 15-17 age division



achieving 34th place out of no fewer than 61 in Artistic Twirl and made the semi-finals of Two Baton where she was placed 14th. This was Tahlia's first time representing Australia and it clearly won't be the last. In a squad of 19 twirlers Tahlia said: 'It was great to understand how to fully prepare for an event like this, with twirling, extra strength work and dance classes. I really enjoyed competing and meeting competitors from other countries.' Tahlia said she had been especially impressed by the Japanese elite twirlers and their elegance and high levels of skill.





Netball Grand finals

Congratulations to our Netball grand final teams, Schols Teal and Schols Maroon.

← **Schols Teal** competed hard in a tough match against a very talented Leichhardt team but could not come away with a win.



← **Schols Maroon**, playing a Haberfield team made up nearly entirely of Schols girls, worked hard for the whole game, and pulled away in the last quarter to win their division. Well done to everyone who played Netball throughout winter.

Friday Night Water Polo

Well done to our three teams that competed in Friday Night Water Polo at MLC Burwood throughout Term 3. Special congratulations to both Schols 1 and 3 teams. Both finished with bronze medals.

Ryde Dance Eisteddfod →

Our dancers performed at the Ryde Eisteddfod at Ryde Secondary College on Saturday 7th September. Both Musical Theatre and Hip Hop performed well and have shown tremendous improvement. We are very proud of you, girls.



NSW Schools Cup Volleyball

On the weekend of the 7th and 8th September our two representative Volleyball Teams attended the NSW Schools Cup Volleyball Tournament at Sydney Olympic Park. This was both teams' first tournament for the season and, for many, their first ever games of Volleyball. Both teams improved significantly over the weekend and our junior team placed third in their division and won the bronze medal. Thanks to all those involved and congratulations on an excellent effort.



Badminton →

Our Badminton team steadily improved over the first term of competition and, after winning their first game three weeks ago, made it through to the semi-finals last Friday. The team played some amazing games to win their semi-final. They now play in the grand final on Friday night at Meridan College. **Good luck girls.**





← NSW All Schools Under 15's Cricket Team

On Wednesday 11th September **Grace Keating** and **Molly Taylor** attend the NSW All Schools Cricket Trials at Campbelltown. Grace Keating was selected in the team and will travel to Maroochydore Queensland in the school holidays. Good luck Grace.

Australian Olympic Change Maker →

The Australian Olympic Change-Maker program recognises and rewards students who demonstrate the Olympic spirit through leadership and who promote positive change in their communities. This can take many forms – from minor to major and from the ordinary to the amazing – and can include leading teams, coaching juniors, supporting seniors, making a difference at a sports club, supporting a national cause or effecting change on the world stage. **Alexia Saladino** and **Issy Shortis** are the College recipients of this award for 2019 and attended the forum at Sydney University last Tuesday. We are very proud of both girls.



← Rugby 7s

Congratulations to **Issy Shortis** who has been training for the past six months with the Sydney University/Barker Academy. Recently, Issy was selected to train as part of an extended squad for the Sydney University AON 7s team. She has been training five days a week at Sydney University and last week was selected into the Sydney University AON 7s squad which travels around Australia playing on the university circuit. An amazing effort for a Year 11 student. Fantastic effort Issy.

Women's Rugby 7s by Issy Shortis, Year 11 →

*I have been lucky enough to represent St Scholastica's in Rugby 7s on multiple occasions including the Monday night competition, various gala days and tournaments. Earlier this year a squad of 20 girls was selected in the 'Barker and Sydney Uni Academy', this was an amazing experience to meet many girls from all different schools. This opened many opportunities including **Sofia Bamonte** and I representing NSW in two exhibition matches at the National Schoolboy's selections, as there is no existing Schools 7s pathway for girls.*

The 'Barker and Sydney Uni Academy' also encouraged me to trial for the AON's Uni 7s Sydney Uni team, unfortunately missing out on selection, I was lucky enough to be invited to train alongside International and Olympian Aussie 7s players. Women's Rugby 7s has been an amazing experience with many opportunities



NSWCCC Athletics and Australian Dance Festival

Good luck to:

- Our athletes competing at the NSWCCC Athletics Carnival on Friday at Sydney Olympic Park.
- Our contemporary dancers who will perform on Thursday night at the Australian Dance Festival.

Ms Jodie Osborne Sports Coordinator



From the Careers Counsellor

Mrs Jo Cousins

Careers Counsellor & VET Coordinator

Available Mon/Tues/Wed/Friday

Email: jcousins@scholastica.nsw.edu.au

UNI

UAC - University Applications

If you're applying for undergraduate study in semester 1, 2020, the early bird deadline is fast approaching – midnight Monday 30 September.

UAC - [Schools Recommendation Scheme](#)

University of Sydney -Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning Portfolio Day

12 October. 10am to 1pm

The Hearth, Level 2, Wilkinson Building, Camperdown/Darlington Campus

Register to have your portfolio reviewed by our academics and receive feedback on what it takes to create a successful submission.
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/portfolio-day-2019-sydney-school-of-architecture-design-and-planning-tickets-69821884135>

University of Sydney -Economics and Business at Sydney

1 November. 4pm to 7pm

Abercrombie Building
Camperdown/Darlington Campus,
Corner Abercrombie Street and
Codrington Street

Learn more about the economics and business subject choices on offer, industry placements, admission pathways and scholarships.
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/experience-economics-and-business-at-sydney-tickets-64158645235>

ANU - Undergraduate students

Learn more about enrolling as an undergraduate student at ANU.
<https://www.anu.edu.au/study/information-for/undergraduate-students>

UTS Bachelor of Accounting Scholarship Program

Round 2 Interviews Closing Date- Friday 18 October 2019

Half day interviews on: Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 & Friday 15

November 2019. These interviews are for applicants who are considering Bachelor of Accounting as a course preference after the close of on-time UAC applications
<https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/business/business-courses/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-accounting>

UNSW Elite Athletes, Performers and Leaders Program 2020

Closes 30 November

The Elite Athletes, Performers and Leaders (EAPL) Program supports students with a flexible entry process that considers both academic and elite achievements and recognises these by awarding adjustment factors (more commonly known as bonus points). Students must submit an application and provide supporting documentation by November 30 each year to be considered for adjustment factors.
<https://www.futurestudents.unsw.edu.au/adjustment-factors-eapl>

Tibra Capital Corporate Scholarship

Closes 30 November

Do you love Maths, Finance or Computer Science? Have you achieved an ATAR of 90 or above? Are you planning to study at the University of Wollongong? If yes, then you are eligible to apply for the Tibra Capital Corporate Scholarship valued at \$7,000. Tibra Capital is a quantitative research and investment group specialising in equities trading, arbitrage, market making, and algorithmic trading.
<https://scholarships.uow.edu.au/scholarships/search?scholarship=261>

Introduction to Actuarial Science

You may have heard of actuarial science, or you might even know an actuary, but do you know what an actuary does? During the course you'll hear from a wide variety of actuaries about their careers.

You will learn how actuarial science applies mathematical and statistical methods to assess risk in these industries and other professions.
<https://www.edx.org/course/introduction-actuarial-science-anux-anu-actuarialx-1>

Macquarie University Catchment Adjustment Factors

If you qualify for adjustment factors, they are added to your selection rank and may improve your chances of receiving an offer for your preferred degree. Macquarie offers five additional adjustment factors to students who live in Macquarie's catchment region. Use the tool below to check if your postcode qualifies.

See that list here:

<https://www.mq.edu.au/study/admissions/entry-requirements/domestic/macquarie-entry/adjustment-factors/catchment-adjustment-factors>

Charles Sturt University – Free HSC Exam Planner Download

Everything you need to know about getting into uni
You'll be taught by industry experts and learn hands-on skills that are highly sought after in the real world.
<https://study.csu.edu.au/school-leaver>

UTS – Discover Midwifery - Discover Sport and Exercise Thursday 19 December

Get a taste for what you can study in health at UTS at one of our Discover Health sessions.
<https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/health/why-health-uts/events-and-brochures/discover-sessions>

UTS -Discover Nursing

Wednesday, 13 November. 5.30pm
UTS City campus

Get a taste for what you can study in health at UTS at one of our Discover Health sessions.
<https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/health/why-health-uts/events-and-brochures/discover-sessions>

UTS Girls in STEM Day

10 October

This one-day event provides an opportunity for female students in years 9 -12 to participate in a range of hands-on activities plus they get an inside look at life as a female student/professional in the STEM Career area. Register here:
<https://forms.uts.edu.au/web/index.cfm>

Women in Engineering Camp

12–15 January 2020

UNSW Kensington Campus

Are you currently in year 10 or 11? Join us for a three-day camp where you will find out what a career in engineering can look like! -Get a taste of what it's like to live on campus. Apply here:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/1s5dn5bgw3o3o00/WIE%20Camp%202020%20flyer%20%2B%20FAQs.pdf?dl=0>

Australasian schools of architecture -The Australian Institute of Architects

There are 18 schools of architecture in Australia offering architecture programs recognised by the Institute and accredited by the relevant state/territory architecture board. Here is a contact list for the Heads of Australasian Architecture Schools/Programs.
<http://sitefinity.architecture.com.au/cpd-education/national/schools-education#australasianschoolsofarchitecture>

University of Newcastle Walking Campus Tours

If you cannot find a date that suits please contact us to arrange a time
futurestudents@newcastle.edu.au
<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/forms/campus-tour-booking-form>

ACU -University Experience - Canberra Campus

1 October

Would you like to sample uni life before you enrol to study at ACU?

Attend our free University Experience day. Tailored to your study area of interest, the day gives insight into on-campus life as a uni student.
<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2019/october/university-experience-canberra-campus?redirect=%26FilterBy%3dUpcoming%26Year%3d2019%26PageNumber%3d1>

University of Sydney Broadway Scheme

The **Broadway Scheme** is targeted at domestic high school students who have experienced disrupted schooling and/or home environment, financial hardship, personal illness, disability, refugee status or English language difficulty. Applications for the Broadway Scheme:
<https://sydney.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/admission-pathways.html#Broadwayscheme>

University of Notre Dame - Personal Statement Topics to Address and Ace your Interview

We like to get to know our prospective students through our admissions process and part of that involves you submitting a personal statement of about 300 words with your application.

Tips to Ace your Interview

Here are our top 5 tips to get prepared.
<https://notredameaustralia.tumblr.com/post/177756404087/tips-for-writing-the-perfect-personal-statement>

University of Wollongong Year 12 Summer Master Class

Closes 13 October

Maximise your HSC results and experience university life! With 9 subjects on offer that complement and build upon the current HSC curriculum, our 3-week Year 12 Summer Master Class program is your opportunity to complete a university subject and kick start your higher education journey.

- A guaranteed early admissions interview at UOW*
- Credit towards a UOW degree could make you eligible to skip a whole subject when you study here.
- Chance to secure a scholarship in your first year at UOW

*Summer Master Class graduates are guaranteed an Early Admission interview or admissions engagement activity at UOW on completion of the Summer Master Class program.
<https://www.uow.edu.au/engage/outreach-pathways/year-12/year-12-summer/>

Deferring A Uni Course - What you need to do.

Deferment is when your institution gives you permission to delay starting your course. Deferment is for a fixed period, usually six months or one year. Check with each institution for specific policies.
<https://www.uac.edu.au/current-applicants/undergraduate-applications-and-offers>

University of Canberra – Virtual Tours Anytime Campus Tour

Explore our campus and facilities as if you were there.
<https://www.canberra.edu.au/on-campus/campus-tours/virtual-tours>

Internationally Educated –US Universities Advice

Students looking to apply to US universities in the coming months will most likely require a letter of recommendation to support their application for admission. This letter of recommendation is only one component of the [holistic admission process](#) used in determining admission for an applicant. To assist you and your colleagues in writing a letter of recommendation for US admission purposes we have written an article titled [Recommendation Letters 101](#)

TAFE

TAFE NSW Degrees

You don't have to go to university to get a degree.

TAFE NSW offers a number of degree level courses and higher education options with strong industry links and both practical skills and theoretical knowledge.
<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/courses/tafe-nsw-degrees>

Bachelor of Commerce

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-applied-commerce>

Bachelor of Business

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-business>

Bachelor of Early Childhood Education

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-early-childhood-education-and-care-birth-5>

Bachelor of 3D Art and Animation

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-3d-art-and-animation>

Bachelor of Design (Interior Design)

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-design-interior-design>

Bachelor of Community Services

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-community-services>

Bachelor of Information Technology Data Infrastructure Engineering

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-information-technology-data-infrastructure-engineering>

Bachelor of Information Technology Network Security

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-information-technology-network-security>

Bachelor of Creative Practice

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/creative-practice>

Bachelor of Fashion Design

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-fashion-design>

Bachelor of Property Valuation

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-property-valuation>

Associate Degree of Applied Engineering in Renewable Energy

<https://www.tafensw.edu.au/degrees/associate-degree-of-applied-engineering-renewable-energy-technologies>

TAFE NSW is Online, All The Time

For students thinking about their options, studying an online TVET course gives them a taste of skills in a particular industry and a head start in their future career. An

online TVET course is flexible during Years 11 and 12, to study where, when and how they want for the best fit with their timetable and other commitments. <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/documents/60140/76288/TVET-Brochure.pdf>

Get Your Creative on With TAFE Design Centre Enmore

TAFE NSW Design Centre Enmore is a 'design melting pot', with all design subjects taught by industry experienced mentors in purpose-built exhibition spaces, studios and professional workshops. <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/design-centre-enmore>.

COLLEGES**Torrens Hospitality Scholarships**

Closes 13 December

Are you passionate about hospitality and keen to forge your career in this industry? Apply for a hospitality scholarship! <https://www.torrens.edu.au/apply-online/scholarships/hospitality-scholarship>

Law and Business -TOP's Career Edge and why it works

TOP's Career Edge is made up of a number of programs that aim to help our students become career ready during their studies so that they will be able to transition into the workforce confidently after graduation. All eligible students are invited to apply for **CareerFit**, a one-week program to learn effective business communication skills and explore business case studies to become job ready. This one-week program will be hosted by PwC Australia, at their premises at Barangaroo. <https://www.top.edu.au/careeredge>

Flightdeck Consulting – Pilots and Flight Attendants

Aviation's leading source of airline pilot recruitment, airline pilot interview preparation and coaching services. If you are searching for Flight Attendant Jobs or seeking help or guidance for a Flight Attendant interview, please visit our Cabin Crew Website.

<https://www.flightdeckconsulting.com/shop/the-complete-flight-attendant-interview-work-book/> <http://www.flightdeckconsulting.com/>

What Do Animation and Game Development Students Really Do?

<https://www.instagram.com/jmcacademydesign/>

Bedford College Open Day – Baulkham Hills

Saturday 21 September at Norwest Campus Time: 9:30am to 2.30pm
2 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills
Come and have a look at the campus facilities, speak to teachers and students (both current and past students) and gain valuable insights into the offerings at Bedford college. Contact Christine Laurent claurent@bedford.edu.au or Rachelle Perceval rperceval@bedford.edu.au.

AFTRS Intro Courses for 16+

At AFTRS they have a section of intro courses for 16+ including Intro to Directing, Documentary, Screenwriting, Producing and Production Design. Check them out in more detail here: <http://bit.ly/31RLvCD>

GENERAL**Projects Abroad Internships**

Join one of our internships abroad and learn directly from experienced local professionals in developing countries.

We'll find you internship work overseas that matches your requirements and level of experience as closely as possible. We offer a wide variety of short-term and long-term internship options. <https://www.projects-abroad.com.au/intern-abroad/>

Vinnie's Youth

Getting involved in Vinnies Youth is about putting faith in action – we offer a number of opportunities to serve people in your local community. These include: Kids Days Out, Buddy Camps, Home Visitation, Tutoring and Mentoring, Vinnies Shops and Soup Vans. <https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/GetInvolvedYouthandSchoolsJoinVinniesYouth/>

The Uniform Shop

All fittings are by appointment - please call Jeneva on: 9552 2870

Please phone the uniform shop to organise a suitable time or see Jeneva in the shop.

Opening Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 2pm

Uniforms will be available for purchase on the day of fitting.

An order will be placed for any items not available.

Summer and winter uniforms will be fitted.

Last trading day for **Term 3** – Thursday 26th September 2019

First trading day for **Term 4** – Tuesday 15th October 2019

To book appointments online:

1. Visit www.ranier.com.au;
2. Click on Book Appointments in the lower right hand corner
3. Enter the school password **stschol2037**

If you have a question or to book a fitting appointment,

please call Mrs Jeneva Sweyda:

Ph: 02 9552 2870 or Email: scholasticas@ranier.com.au

2nd Hand Uniforms

For all enquiries about purchasing second-hand uniforms, please send an email to: uniformroom@scholastica.nsw.edu.au or call the Front Office on 9660 2622.