Important Dates
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Academy Uniforms is now at CRC Sydenham
Mon 2:30pm - 4:30pm
Thu 8:00am - 10:00am
Sat 9:00am - 12:00pm

Fri 12 Feb
Opening School Mass
(Parents Welcome)

Thurs 18 Feb
Yr 10 Premier League
Year 7 Immunisations

Fri 19 Feb
Class Photos

Tues 23 Feb
Year 10 Immersion
Year 7 Mass - Parents
Welcome
Early Finish — 2.50pm

Fri 26 Feb
Year 7 Applications close
Subway lunch

Thurs 25 Feb
Yr 10 Premier League

Fri 4 Mar
College Swimming Carnival

Wed 9 — Fri 11 Mar
Year 7 Kulin, Lingiari, Marin -Kurrang & Wonga Camp

Thurs 3 Mar
Yr 10 Premier League

Fri 11 Mar
Phoenix excursion

Mon 15 Apr
Labour Day—College Closed

Tues 15 Mar
Staff PD—Student Free Day

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Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee

Lord Jesus Christ, You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees You sees Him. Show us Your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zaccheaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that You spoke to the Samaritan woman:

“If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests His power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be Your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that Your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error; let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send Your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and Your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Students

Welcome:

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

It is with great pride and excitement that I write this first newsletter article for 2016 as the new Principal at Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs. I am both honoured and privileged to have been given the opportunity to serve and lead such a wonderful school community. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding leadership that previous Principal Ms. Kate Dishon provided over her nine year tenure. I wish her all the best as she begins her new journey as Principal at Mount St. Joseph Girls’ College in Altona. We embrace the exciting challenges of the future, while we continue to cherish and celebrate the traditions of the past.
The scripture readings from last Sunday’s Mass reflect the theme of answering God’s call to serve him and be the best we are called to be. During the recent opening school assembly, I invited all students through a reflection to “light their lanterns” and “light the way” for themselves and others this year. I also challenged students to answer God’s call of “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” with the answer of “Here am I. Send me!” In our busy and hectic lives we often don’t take the time to stop and listen to God’s call. During this Lenten season we pray that we find time in our busy lives for prayer, repentance and personal reflection.

During these past few weeks, I have had numerous interactions with students, parents and staff. From these discussions, it is clearly evident that there are strong family-school partnerships at Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs. I eagerly look forward to fostering and further developing these relationships with the view to provide the best possible contemporary educational experience for our students.

A very warm welcome back to all students and families. We particularly welcome those who are joining the College community for the first time. We have a total of 219 Year 7 students beginning their journey with us this year as well as 8 students joining us in Years 8, 9, and 10. We warmly welcome you all. Congratulations to the Year 7 students who have settled in extremely well. The school community has worked hard to ensure that our new students have been welcomed and supported in their transitional period. I also extend a warm welcome to those families that are also joining our community for the first time. I hope that your time within the Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs community is both enriching and rewarding.

The 2016 school year at Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs has begun with the usual burst of energy and enthusiasm, I am excited to be working in a school where the wellbeing of each student is of the highest priority. One of the features of the school is the obvious school spirit and pride that staff and students possess. The sense of community is a significant strength of the school and I look forward to contributing to this sense of community in the years ahead. On a personal note, I have been overwhelmed by the support that I have received from the Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs community as a newcomer to this setting. The staff have been generous in giving their time as I learn the many different facets of the College and have answered, with patience, my endless questions. The students have also made me feel at home with their warm and sincere greetings and introductions.

One of the key aspects of my role is to get to know the many different members of our community and I welcome the support of students and parents as I begin the difficult task of learning everyone’s names! I hope to meet a number of parents at the respective parent nights to be held in the next few months. Enormous amounts of work go into preparing facilities such as classrooms, IT facilities, sporting facilities and the College grounds for the students during the annual Christmas holidays. I thank all staff involved in this important work as it contributes significantly to the educational environment for our students.

It is important that all students begin the year well in every context. It is important that the College uniform is worn well at all times; it means getting down to the core business of working hard in class and working with every teacher to produce the best set of results possible. I also ask all students to challenge themselves to participate in the vast array of co-curricular activities available and to embrace and contribute to the numerous faith and social justice opportunities available at the College. May all members of the College community truly live and breathe our ‘Live Fully Act Justly’ motto.
New Staff
It is with great pleasure that I welcome the following staff into the CRCCS school community:

Alida Apps: Humanities and Economics Teacher

Ian Amador: English, DEAL and Media Teacher

Emmeka Lenson: Science and Maths

Victoria Brink: Humanities and English

Dawn Rogers: Art and Visual Communication Teacher

Each new staff member brings a diverse range of knowledge, gifts and talents that they will share with our school community. We wish them all the best as they begin their own teaching journey at Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs.

Our 2016 College Captains

From the left:
Juanita Ravanal, Matthew Waring, Jamie Madigan,
Emily Hartley and Stephanie Ananidis

Supervision
Parents and students are advised that the college grounds are supervised each day from 8.20am to 3.40pm, except on a Day 7 when supervision concludes at 3.15pm (due to the 2.50pm dismissal time). Outside these hours there are sometimes special activities, training or other events. For these activities parents will be notified. Parents need to be aware that students who arrive on the College grounds prior to 8.20am or leave after 3.40pm are not supervised. The Library, however, will be open and supervised from 8.00am and Homework Club will run until 4.15pm Monday to Thursday and 3.50pm on a Day 7. Please note that the Library will close at 3.45pm on Fridays.

Mr. Jamie Madigan
Principal
Welcome to the new school year, 2016!

Welcome in particular to all of our new students and their families who have joined our community this year. We hope you have settled in well and look forward to working with you.

New starts are exciting, challenging, demanding and hopefully fun-filled. They are an opportunity to set new goals and to discard some old behaviour. They are what we make of them and I hope that all students take on board what was said at the first assembly for the year about being ‘the best they can be’ throughout this year. Certainly I am impressed by the positivity and high level of cooperation that our students have demonstrated during this relatively short period of time.

Thank you for the great start!

There has been some comment recently in the newspapers and on radio describing parents today as ‘helicopter’ parents. The idea that a parent ‘flies in to fix things and then flies out’ is perfectly understandable when you consider most parents are working and time poor. As much as we would like to have parents attend events, meetings, assemblies and masses we understand that this can be difficult especially if they are held during school hours. But what can you do?

Linda McNeil, Executive Director of the Council of Catholic School Parents (CCSP) NSW/ACT asks, “what is good ‘engagement’ with your child’s education and how much is enough?” She refers to Professor John Hattie’s work on what affects student achievement, titled ‘Visible Learning’, where he names “teacher quality” as having the greatest effect on student achievement. But he believes that collaboration between the family and the school also has a positive effect on student achievement. This can happen if the family and the school have high hopes and expectations for the student’s time at school and in particular if parents convey this message to their child in everything they say and do.

It can also happen if parents learn the ‘language of school’, use the same terminology, are positive about school, help out with homework (but not doing it for them) and modeling similar behaviours such as reading, thus helping develop their child’s learning and ‘love of learning’.

“If the home and school work in tandem to promote this capacity in the child then the student will take on the responsibility for their own learning and they will become an ‘engaged learner’.” To read Linda’s post in full please go to http://www.educatoronline.com.au/news/opinion-helicopter-parents--get-in-gear-before-engaging-211443.aspx

We look forward to working with you to achieve this for your child.


Sheena Wright  
Deputy Principal
A FEW REMINDERS TO MAKE 2016 RUN SMOOTHLY:

Dropping off and picking up students
Parents are reminded that the car park of the College is a ‘no go’ zone for dropping your child off or picking him/her up. There are quite a few cars entering and leaving the premises and your cooperation in this matter is critical to avoid the possibility of a child being hit by a car.

Students entering and leaving the College
Students are to enter and leave the College via the College gate located between the Art/Drama/Music/Technology Building and the Administration Building. NO student is to enter or leave through the College car park. The car park is an out of bounds area for students.

Pedestrian crossing
Students who wish to cross the road MUST use the pedestrian crossing. The crossing guard/s will assist and ensure that you get across safely.

The wearing of the uniform
At Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs there is an expectation that students will attend the College wearing their correct College uniform. Please note what is allowed regarding hairstyles, jewellery and makeup etc. PE uniforms are only worn on days when you have PE or sport. It would help us if parents were aware of these days to help us monitor this.

Locks on lockers
The College has issued every student with a coded lock for their locker. There is an expectation that students will use this lock to secure their belongings, especially their MacBook.

Students will be asked to remove any other locks. The aim of this is to reduce the problems associated with students forgetting their code or losing their key and the lock having to be cut off. The College has a record of the code for each student and if all else fails a master key to unlock the lock.
If students are having difficulty with the new locks please see your Homeroom Teacher for assistance.
No excuses for not using the College lock!
At the end of this week our maintenance staff will be locking any lockers that do not have a lock to discourage the use of these lockers as rubbish bins. Students are asked to ensure that their lockers are correctly locked by the end of the week.

Contacting the College regarding your child
If you have a need to contact the College regarding your child please contact the Homeroom Teacher. They are your first contact for your child and are always ready to help and support. They can then refer the matter to the appropriate person or discuss any issues with your child’s subject teachers.
If you urgently need to contact your child please contact reception. It is MOST important that you DO NOT phone or text during class time as this may get your child in trouble.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Sheena Wright
Deputy Principal
Welcome and Welcome Back to all our new and pre-loved students and families!

There is something life-giving and empowering about a new school year and it is this that we hope to embrace together with you. After a long break we come back to our College and we are afforded an opportunity to either pick up where we left off and continue down that journey or we can follow a new path – one where we can be happier, healthier and truer to ourselves. Whatever that is, please rest assured that we walk with you and yours. If this is a new start, particularly for our Year 7s, then it is an opportunity to establish ourselves through our relationships and through our participation in the College.

Something I heard a while ago was that schools are in the business of helping parents raise their children. We work in partnership and have a common goal - that our student, your child, is safe and happy whilst they learn here at the College. I cannot state strongly enough that we can’t do this on our own. We need you to inform us, to advise us, to support us and to collaborate with us as we teach your child how to be successful and a difference in the world. Our motto, Live Fully Act Justly, informs all we do. The purpose of all the teaching and learning here at Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs is to ensure that each and every student has the opportunity to be their best and to do their best - to grab every opportunity offered to them and to live it fully; to see every need and to act justly. Together we can achieve this goal.

Over the coming year we will continue to work closely with your children to support them in their wellbeing needs. At times, we may need to work with your child because of behavioural or attitudinal issues. I ask that you work with us to ensure your child learns about respect, boundaries, expectations and collegiality. If you have any questions regarding any dealings we have with your child then please contact me here at the College and I will discuss these with you. I also ask you to read through the number of policies we have here at the College that support cohesion and a sense of community - our RESPECT Policy; our Bullying NO-WAY! Policy; our Student Management Policy; our Mission Statement; our Homework Policy; and our Uniform Policy are all documents that help create harmony and ensure that every student has the right to learn in a happy and safe environment.

The Student Wellbeing Team will be using the College Newsletter to advertise and present a range of resources that will support your child’s wellbeing. Please read through each one to keep up to date with the latest and greatest developments in Student Wellbeing. If there are any areas or issues you would like us to address then please send me an email and I will endeavour to address these.

On behalf of the Student Wellbeing Team – Emma Commadeur; Dino Conversano; Tony De Fazio; Natalie Desira; Emma Mahoney (Student Wellbeing Leaders) and Jessica Schembri (College Psychologist) – I look forward to meeting you throughout the year and working with you to ensure your child has a wonderful experience and opportunity to live out our College Motto - Live Fully Act Justly.

Best wishes,

Ivanka Spiteri
Student Wellbeing Team Leader
I hope all students are coming back to school refreshed after the break and ready to take on the learning challenges of a new year. A new year presents us with the opportunity to start afresh and establish routines that might best set students up for success in their learning during 2016. Some things that will assist students in their learning journey this year are:

**Goal setting:** In upcoming lessons, students are encouraged to reflect upon their strengths and areas to improve on and use this to develop and manage their personal learning goals.

**Homework:** Students should consider an at-home routine to complete homework tasks and consolidate learning covered in class. Parents are encouraged to regularly log in to the SEQTA Engage portal to view the homework that has been set for students. Please see the notice about our new “Academic Recall” program below.

**Using a calendar:** Students are encouraged to use a calendar to record their timetable, special events and upcoming assessment items. This will aid in organisation.

**A balanced approach to extra curricula activities and part-time work:** It is very beneficial for students to partake in extra curricula activities and to develop work skills. However it is important to remember that these commitments should be balanced with family time and school work as well.

**An agreed approach to use of technology in the home:** devices such as mobile phones and computers in bedrooms can have a high propensity to disrupt positive sleep patterns and interrupt learning.

**Year 7 Parent Information Night**
On **Thursday 4th February** the annual Year 7 Parent Information Night was held at the College. Parents and guardians had the opportunity to meet their child’s homeroom teacher and attend the information session presented by each of these teachers in the learning environments that their children will be working in each day.

The information presented on the night was to assist parents and students in making the transition into secondary school and allowed time for parents to ask any questions they may have about the upcoming year.

It was wonderful to see such high numbers of attendance and the positive feedback was warmly received. I would like to thank all staff involved, particularly our dedicated Year 7 Homeroom Teachers for preparing such a worthwhile evening for our parents.

**Macbook Rollout**
The Year 7 Macbook Rollout will be happening this month on **Thursday 18th February**. Can all parents of Year 7 students ensure that they have read, signed and returned their **ICT User Agreement** and **Macbook contract** so that all students can take their Macbooks home from the 18th of February onwards.
Academic Recall
This year we are trialling a new program called Academic Recall to address concerns surrounding lack of homework and assessment task completion amongst many of our students.

**Academic Recall sessions** will run once a week after school on a **Wednesday** and students who have outstanding homework or assessment will be required to attend a supervised afterschool session from **3.30-4.15pm** to complete the overdue task/s.

Parents will be notified via a SEQTA notification if their child’s homework is overdue and will be notified of the new due date. If the child fails to submit the task by the new due date an Academic Recall session will be registered. Parents will be asked to accept the permission form via Care Monkey if their child is required at the Academic Recall session for the week.

We ask that you support us in keeping up with your child’s homework and assessment requirements and encourage them to speak to their teachers and seek assistance via Homework Club that runs on **Monday through to Thursday in the Library**.

SEQTA
This year the College will continue to utilise our Learning Management System **SEQTA** for all your child’s learning programs and pastoral care needs. It will be our main avenue of communication to parents. Notification has been sent out to new parents to advise how to access the parent portal (**SEQTA Engage**). Please keep this information on hand to enable you to maintain two-way communication with the College. By using this portal you will have access to your child’s assessment results, reports, important notifications about your child and school events. We encourage all parents to log on to **SEQTA Engage** at least once a week to ensure you are up to date with all that is happening at school.

**Year 9 and 10 Exams**
Year 9’s and 10’s will have exams for their subjects in Semester One and Semester Two of this year. Semester One Exams begin on **Monday 20th June** and run for the week. Semester Two Exams begin on **Monday 28th November** for a week. I ask that you do not book extended family holidays for this time and manage student absences during these weeks as much as possible. We will not be able to reschedule exams for students attending family holidays during Exam Weeks. Exams at Year 9 and 10 will mimic the exam conditions students will experience in VCE and beyond, hence it is extremely important that all students attend their exams.

The Learning and Teaching Team look forward to working with all of our students and their families in the year ahead and I wish all students a successful and fulfilling learning journey in 2016.

Lisa Barnard
Learning and Teaching Team Leader

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE—SYDENHAM

A reminder to families with Year 10 students—Applications for enrolment at Sydenham for 2017 close on **Monday 15 February 2016**.
Welcome to the 2016 school year! This year we will be acknowledging and celebrating the Catholic Church’s Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy along with our College pillar of Compassion.

The call to compassion and mercy is a reminder to us of what it really means to be made in the image of God. “The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love” (Psalm 145:8) and “the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness” (Exodus 34:6).

Compassion is the foundation of mercy. As Catholics, we understand that compassion requires us to act out of love for all humans, to “suffer with” and feel compelled to ease the burden of others. Pope Francis reminds us that mercy requires us to have a sense of tenderness in doing so, to be people of kindness and forgiveness. As such, we take up the challenge this year to reflect God’s image in these ways.

Our Lenten journey began together last Wednesday through the distribution of ashes in each Homeroom on the morning of Ash Wednesday and we encourage our students and community members to observe prayer, fasting, almsgiving and penitence through this time. Each year, Caritas’ Project Compassion coincides with Lent and we have begun our collection for people living in difficult circumstances through the sale of pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

I look forward to us working and growing together in the year ahead.

Jenny Jones
Mission and Faith Leader

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2017 YEAR 7 ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS
Year 7 2017 enrolment applications are closing Friday 26 February. If you have a child currently in Year 6 and are zoned to Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs please ensure you submit your application.

2016 TUITION FEE DIRECT DEBITS
2016 Tuition Fee Direct Debits have commenced. If you still want to pay via this method and have not yet completed a Direct Debit Authorisation form please collect one from the College Front Office or download it from the website www.crccs.catholic.edu.au. Please be mindful not all direct debits continue from the previous year. If you have any concerns please contact the College.
ABSENTEES
Parents need to ring the Front Office by 9:00am if their child will not be attending school for the day. A signed note also needs to be brought to school the next day.

HATS
All students must wear their hats during Recess and Lunchtime. All students need to ensure they have their hats on every day. Hats are also available at the Front Office for $16.00.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS
On Friday 19 February all students will have their class photos and individual ID photos taken. Students need to be in full summer uniform plus in addition this year all students are to wear their blazer for the photos. Attached to this newsletter are instructions to order your photos direct from the Arthur Reed website www.arphotos.com.au including a school password code. Please follow these instructions to order class photos, individual photos and family photos. All students requesting a family photo will need to be available before school and Recess on the day. If your child has PE on Friday (Day 5) they must wear their summer uniform and change into their PE uniform later. Please do not send money to school for the photos. Instructions on where to send a cheque or pay by credit card are on the instructions attached. If you require a further copy of the instructions please have your child collect one from the Front Office.

IMMUNISATIONS
On Thursday 18 February all Year 7 students will receive the first of 3 immunisations being Human Papillomavirus, Diptheria, Tetanus & Whooping Cough. Melton Health collect the cards that you have filled in and should there be any problems on the day, they will give you a call. Your child needs to have breakfast on this day and bring a bottle of water with them to school. All Year 7 students are to wear PE uniform on this day.

Gay Hooper
College Organiser

Some students enjoying a Zumba class...
HOMEWORK CLUB TERM 1 2016

Homework Club is held in the School Library every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3.15 -4.15pm, (2:50pm -3.50pm on Day 7).

If a student needs to leave early a note must be provided by a parent.

Homework Club provides individual support with homework, resources, access to internet and printing facilities.

Ms. Gray

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Subway Lunch Day - Friday 26th February

Please note current meal prices:

$7  - Six Sub, cookie & juice box
$9  - Footlong Sub, cookie & juice box.

Order form, with correct money and clearly written student name and Homeroom (not room number), are due NO LATER than 9am TUESDAY 23rd February for collation and delivery to Subway.

All orders must be submitted to the College via students’ Homeroom.

Incomplete order forms or orders with insufficient money to cover cost of meal required cannot be processed.

Order form can be printed from the College website from the Parents & Friends section.

Please do not deliver order forms directly to Subway. A lunch meal will only be provided for forms collated and delivered to Subway by Parents & Friends.

Trudy Milligan
President

FROM THE MATHEMATICS LEADING TEACHER

As we welcome our students to a new scholastic year, I would like to share some important and very useful information for students and parents alike.

At the start of each year students are provided with a ‘Student expectations for Mathematics’ letter and ‘An information guide for parents/guardians’ letter. These two letters have been handed out to students or emailed to the parents/guardians and I encourage you to read them with your son/daughter. These letters provide valuable information and also answer some questions you might have.

I would also like to remind all Yr10 students in Essential Maths and Essential Plus Maths classes that they are required to have a TI-nSpire CX CAS calculator, which they should bring to each Math class. The calculator can no longer be purchased through the school.

Once again, our school will be offering after school Math Support Sessions, which are run on most Mondays and Wednesdays. The timetable for these sessions is attached to the newsletter. These sessions are held between 3:20pm and 4:15pm and students are encouraged to attend especially if they require additional help with their Maths homework, to prepare for a test/exam or simply to complete any additional work provided by their teacher.

Ms Cremona Millo
Mathematics Leading Teacher
The College will be organising for a batch of the new adapters to be available in school. Students are expected to bring in their affected adapters for exchange at the IT Office from Monday 22 Feb to Friday 26 Feb between 8.30 am to 4.30 pm. If you are unable to exchange the adapters in school during this time, then you can make the exchange at any Apple Store or Authorised Apple Service Provider.

Nur Abdul Kadir
IT Manager
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

Parent/legal guardian details
Surname
First name
Address
Town/suburb ____________________________  State __________  Postcode __________
Contact number ________________________

Centrelink pensioner concession OR  Health care card number (CRN)
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☐ Foster parent* OR  ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:
• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
• this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
• If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
• Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and for State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.
You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant ____________________________  Date __ / __ / __
Absence

If a student comes to school after 9.00 am then this is considered an Absence and requires a hand signed note from their parent/guardian.

The student is required to produce a letter or a medical certificate from their parent/guardian upon return to the College. If this does not occur then the Homeroom Teacher will phone home and ask parent/guardian to send one in to the College the next day.

If the Homeroom Teacher still does not receive a note explaining a student’s absence then a Student Wellbeing Leader will contact the parent/guardian and the student and will arrange a meeting with the Homeroom Teacher and the student’s family to discuss our Attendance Requirements more formally.

If the student does not submit a hand signed note then the Deputy Principal will attend to the matter.

Punctuality

If a student is late to school (8.46 am – 9.00 am) they must report to the Front Office and have their lateness recorded.

Once a month, Homeroom Teachers will be given a printed report of lateness as recorded on SEQTA.

If a student is late more than 4 times in the first month then the Homeroom Teacher will make a phone call home to discuss the reasons for the student’s regular lateness. Homeroom Teachers will discuss with parents what we can do to help support their child to ensure they arrive at school on time.

If a student is late more than 4 times for a second month then the Homeroom Teacher will write a Student Wellbeing Referral. A Student Wellbeing Leader will contact the family and the student and will arrange a meeting with the Homeroom Teacher and the student’s family to discuss our Attendance Requirements more formally.

If a student continues to be late then the Deputy Principal will address the issue with the family.
Uniform

The Homeroom Teacher will speak to the student. Parents will not be emailed at this stage. Student will be informed that the Homeroom Teacher will be emailing their family for the next infraction.

The Homeroom Teacher will speak to the student and will send an email to parents regarding uniform. The student will be informed that the Homeroom Teacher will be calling home the next time they are not in correct uniform.

The Homeroom Teacher will speak to the student and call the family to discuss the uniform issue. The Homeroom Teacher will try to resolve the uniform issue via the phone call.

The Homeroom Teacher will speak to the student and will refer the issue on to the Student Wellbeing Team. A Student Wellbeing Leader will contact the parent and the student and will arrange a meeting with the Homeroom Teacher and the student’s family to discuss our Uniform Policy more formally.

If the Uniform issue is not resolved then the Deputy Principal will contact the family to further discuss the issue.

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TIME to SHINE
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PERFORMING ARTS GALA 2016

SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2016
2:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Regent Theatre
Collins Street, Melbourne

Tickets on sale now through Ticketmaster
www.ticketmaster.com.au
Tuning in to Teens is a six-session parenting program for parents of adolescents aged 11-16 years grounded in the theory of Emotional Intelligence (EQ).

Would you like to learn how to:

* Be better at talking with your teen?
* Be better at understanding your teen?
* Help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
* Help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
* Teach your teen to deal with conflict?

Benefits of higher EQ:

* are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
* have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
* are more able to cope when upset or angry
* have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
* have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
* have greater career success

DATES: 9th, 16th, 23rd March & 13th, 20th, 27th April
TIME: 6:30-8:30pm
COST: Free
LOCATION: CRC Caroline Springs Library
FACILITATORS: Emma Mahoney (Wellbeing Leader) & Jessica Sembri (College Psychologist)

For more information please contact Emma Mahoney emahoney@crccs.catholic.edu.au
Seasons for Growth

In Term 2, we will be commencing our Seasons for Growth. The Young People's Program aims to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of children who are dealing with significant loss or change including the death of a loved one, parental divorce or separation, the experience and aftermath of natural disaster and moving house or school as well as many other life changes and losses.

A small group of 4-7 children will work with our trained adult Companion (facilitator) Mrs Desira, who supports the children to have a say and learn new ways to think about and respond to the changes and losses in their lives. Children learn that they are not alone in dealing with the effects of change, loss and grief, and build their understanding and communication, decision making and problem solving skills as part of a supportive peer group.

The Seasons for Growth Young People's Program is a structured eight week program filled with peer-to-peer learning opportunities - time to talk and listen as well as take part in activities including drawing, music, art, journaling, role-plays and stories. A celebration session and two follow up 'reconnector' sessions complete the program, and each session explores an age appropriate concept, for example "I am Special" and "Feelings". The story of the seasons is used to explain the cycles of life, including change and loss, and provides a valuable metaphor for children to explore and understand their own story.

Our first session will take place in Week 2 of Term 2, 2016 and will involve students who are in the 13-16 year age group. If your child is in this age group and you have already completed a consent form for your child to attend our Seasons for Growth program you will receive a letter home shortly confirming your child's attendance in the upcoming session. If you would like your child to take part in the Seasons for Growth program please see the office for a consent form or speak to Mrs Desira directly.

Mrs Natalie Desira
Student Wellbeing Leader
Music Program
Instrumental

Invoices are to be paid by the 15th of each month. You will receive an invoice directly from the music teacher. You will be charged for all lessons missed due to a school event or a curriculum change. Missed lessons are only charged if a lesson is skipped. If a student is absent from a lesson, they will still be charged. If lessons are missed, the school will pro-rate the cost of the missed lessons. All lessons will be at least 30 minutes long to fit in within the school time limit.

Instruments:
- Guitar
- Bass Guitar
- Keyboard
- Vocals

Rates and Conditions:
- $25.00 for Individual Lessons
- $24.00 for Group Lessons

A Quick Guide to Lessons:
- Musicians who come into their lessons will be assigned to a music teacher.
- Specialties in different instruments will be working together.
- Music lessons take place in the Music Department.

Lorina Jane (Guitar/Bass Guitar)
Lorraine Sadowski (Vocals/Keyboard)
If you have any questions please contact Ms. Martel, Music Teacher at mmartel@stmatthsmnscatholic.edu.au.

If you sign the form below, you are agreeing to participate in the Instrumental Music Program at St. Matthew's Catholic School.

Please fill in the appropriate boxes:

- [ ] VOCALS
- [ ] KEYBOARD
- [ ] GUITAR

Individual Lessons - $25.00
Group Lesson - $14.00

$35.00 fee is to be paid by the third week of each term. Cancellation non-refundable. Full payment of the appropriate fee is to be paid by the third week of each term.

PARENT CONTRACT NAME:

Signature (Parent/Guardian):

Email Address:

Phone Numbers:

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Home

I would like my child to participate in the Instrumental Music Program at St. Matthew's Catholic School, Carlingford.
A wonderful opportunity for your child to be part of Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs Instrumental Music Program!

Private tuition is offered in the following instruments:
★ Piano / Keyboard ★ Voice
★ Guitar / Bass ★

Teachers:
Guitar & Bass – Mr. Luke Julian
Keyboard & Voice – Mrs. Lorraine Salvador

At Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs students have the opportunity to be part of an exciting and thriving Instrumental Music Program.

It will provide your child with an enjoyable way of presenting skills and sharing music. The performing groups will allow your child to experience the social aspect of music activities, learning and playing together with other students of like interest.

For more information:
Ms. Melinda Martinek
mmartinek@crccs.catholic.edu.au
Our 2016 Production is *Beauty and The Beast the Musical*! It's an extremely exciting year and the production staff directors Katie Franzone, Danny Godoy, Abby Smolenaers, Costantina Stephanou and myself Yarina Martins are thrilled to begin our 2016 Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs production process!

**What's Beauty and The Beast About?**

When Maurice becomes lost in the woods on the way to the fair, he seeks shelter in an old castle, but the master of the castle is a horrible beast that takes him captive. Maurice’s daughter, Belle, must then give up her freedom to save his life. Belle’s taming of the unfortunate Beast and his ultimate transformation back into a handsome prince has enthralled Broadway audiences for over 13 years.

**What’s happening?**

This year we will hold production auditions on the 16th, 17th and 18th February 3.30pm-5.30pm in our College Arts Building. Before signing up for auditions your child will be required to go to a dance workshop, which will be held on the 11th February in our College Hall. They will be required to learn some simple dance choreography which they will present in their audition. They will also be required to sing one minute of a song from *Beauty and The Beast the Musical* which they will have to do some research on in their own time.

**Is the College Production a big commitment?**

It is essential that once cast in the College Production students understand the time commitment they are undertaking, not just at rehearsals but to learn lines, practice songs and rehearse independently. After school rehearsal nights will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday until 5pm. Leads will have 2-3 rehearsals a week and ensemble cast members will have 1-2 rehearsals a week.

**Production dates and Theatre Venue**

Our Production Week for 2016 begins on 22nd August-27th August. We have a total of 4 shows. Our show dates are Thursday 25th evening show, Friday 26th evening show and Saturday 27th matinee and evening show. Our 2016 production of *Beauty and The Beast* will be held at Catholic Regional College Melton’s Theatre 109-141 Bulmans Road West Melton.

More details about our 2016 College Production will be released on our SEQTA notice board shortly. For more information please contact Yarina Martins on ymartins@crccs.catholic.edu.au

Kind regards,

Yarina Martins
## Math Support Classes – TERM 1 2016
3:20pm-4:15pm RM 15

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# Photo Day 2016

**Catholic Regional College**
**Caroline Springs**
**FRIDAY 19th February, 2016**

Remember how they change each year with SCHOOL PHOTOS

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### Wish PACKAGES

Arthur Reed Photos is partnering with Make-A-Wish® Australia who grant the cherished wishes of seriously ill children. 51 from the purchase of each Wish package will be donated to help bring the healing power of a wish to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

**Wish PACKAGE A - $46**
- 1 - Personalised photobook which includes portrait, group image and year level composite + calendar and bookmarks,
- 1 - Larger size 25 x 18 cm portrait, 1 - 18 x 13 cm B&W portrait, 4 - 18 x 13 cm portraits, 3 - 8 x 5 cm portraits, 4 - 4 x 2.5 cm portraits, 1 - Group photo (design nominated by school)

**Wish PACKAGE B - $42**
- 1 - Personalised photobook which includes portrait, group image and year level composite + calendar and bookmarks, 3 - 18 x 13 cm portraits, 3 - 8 x 5 cm portraits, 4 - 4 x 2.5 cm portraits, 1 - Group photo (design nominated by school)

### Other PHOTO PACKAGE OPTIONS -

**PHOTOBOOK PACKAGE C* - $36**
- 1 - Personalised photobook, 2 - 18 x 13 cm portraits,

**STANDARD PACKAGE D* - $32**
- 3 - 18 x 13 cm portraits, 3 - 8 x 5 cm portraits, 4 - 4 x 2.5 cm portraits, 1 - Group photo (design nominated by school)

**BASIC PACKAGE E* - $29**
- 1 - 18 x 13 cm portrait, 1 - Group photo (design nominated by school)

**GROUP PACKAGE G - $23**
- 1 - Group photo (design nominated by school)

*When ordered online, SCREEN resolution digital image is included.

Order your school photos up until 11.59pm, February 29, 2016.

Orders after this time cannot be placed online and may cost an extra $9.95 for shipping.

Orders for family photos need to be placed BEFORE photo day.

Family discounts & late orders are ONLY available online.

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**NOT ABLE TO ORDER ONLINE?** Complete details as required and return directly to Arthur Reed Photos PO Box 272, Belmont, VIC 3216.

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I have **ORDERED ONLINE** (please supply reference no.)

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My School Code: 1602CR207
FAMILY PHOTOS 2016

Catholic Regional College
Caroline Springs
FRIDAY
19th February, 2016

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TO ORDER
All orders for family photos need to be made BEFORE photo day.

- Go to www.arphotos.com.au and follow the prompts to place your order.
- Scan this QR code with your mobile device to go directly to our website.
- Not able to order online? Simply complete the form below and return directly to Arthur Reed Photos.

Place your order by 11.59pm, FEB 18, 2016 to avoid missing out.

My School Code: 1602CR207

FAMILY VALUE PACKAGE - $30

- 1 - 25 x 18 cm portrait
- 2 - 18 x 13 cm portraits
- 1 - 18 x 13 cm B&W portrait
- 4 - 7.5 x 5.5 cm portraits
- 1 - personalised 25 x 18 cm family calendar

FAMILY STANDARD PACKAGE - $22

- 1 - 18 x 13 cm portrait
- 4 - 7.5 x 5.5 cm portraits

FREE LOW Resolution digital image when photos are ordered ONLINE.
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FAMILY PORTRAIT - $19

- 1 - 18 x 13 cm portrait

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Money-back Guarantee on photo products (not including digital image)

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- [ ] VALUE PACKAGE
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Payment (circle)

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- [ ] Money Order

Total Cost of this FAMILY photo order $_____

I have ORDERED ONLINE (please supply reference no.)

ONLINE ORDER REFERENCE #

Amount $_____

Catholic Regional College Caroline Springs