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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

Tuesday 22nd November 2022

Word from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those families that have participated in our Community Information Sessions this term.

It is our hope that these sessions will evolve into a continuous, collaborative process through which our College community can become active participants in the life of our College. We will use the information gathered as a basis for making deliberate, positive and observable changes in the outcomes provided by the College. As we progress in our planning of 2023, we will continue to draw down on a range of feedback (informal and formal) that we have been provided with to improve our ability to form in each youth the true and perfect Catholic.

Through our Virtues Program this week our staff and students explore the Gift of Piety. As a College and as individuals we have a willingness to adore and serve God. Piety takes that willingness beyond a sense of duty, so that we desire to adore God and to serve Him out of love.

We have finalised the appointments to our Senior Student Leadership Team for 2023. Congratulations to the following students listed below.

We have received a number of nominations for The 'St Thomas Aquinas Light to the World' award in recognition of successful alumni. A reminder that nomination forms can

be obtained via Liz Alexander and need to be returned by December 1st.

Next week our Year 7 - 9 students will commence their examinations, Thursday the Foundation students will present their Nativity Play and the Primary School will hold their annual concert on Friday. I wish all the students good luck and hope to see many of you either Thursday morning or Friday night.

Later in the week you will receive communication regarding our 2023 Fee Schedule. In order to assist families with the payment of fees, we have partnered with Edstart, to manage this process. Over the course of this term there has been information communicated to you regarding this new initiative. **Families need to have created an account with Edstart before December 1st.**

Finally, in 2023, Mass will be celebrated at the College each Tuesday morning at 9.00am after our College assembly. The broader College community is welcome to attend.

God Bless,

Kieran O'Dwyer
 Acting Principal



	Boys	Girls
College Captains	Daniel Freriks	Christiane Ryan
College Vice Captains	Cameron Armstrong	Victoria Stevenage
Bosco House Captains	Charles Upston (C)	Marina Malty (C)
Kolbe House Captains	Raphael Hayward (C)	Josephine MacDonald (C)
MacKillop House Captains	Joseph Morgan (C)	Madeleine Hovens (C)
Mannix House Captains	Xavier Taveira (C)	Poppy Taveira (C)

VIRTUE THIS WEEK

GIFT OF PIETY

Inclines one as a child of God to have devotion and honour to God as Father.

COLLECT - LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people, that they more earnestly seeking the fruit of divine service, may receive more abundantly healing gifts from Thy tender mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.



Instaurare
 omnia in
 Christo
 To restore all
 things in
 Christ

SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT PARTNERSHIP

We recognise that for many of our families, tuition fees can represent a significant proportion of your family budget and many of our families would welcome greater flexibility around the management of these payments.

We are therefore pleased to announce the College has partnered with a specialist provider, Edstart, to make managing your school fee payments easier. Edstart offers an easy, flexible and zero-cost way for you to pay for your child's education in periodic instalments that suit your family budget, with no credit checks. This new payment option will allow you to spread your fees into weekly, fortnightly or monthly payments over 12 months, with the ability to choose your preferred day for when payments are made. Families will also have the ability to pay annually or termly through Edstart.

With your child's outcomes at the heart of what we do, parent fees are crucial to the College's sustainability. While we put our resources into striving to form in each youth the true and perfect Catholic, Edstart are the experts in their field and are best placed to assist our families moving forward. From next year, all school fees including annual and periodic payments will be made via Edstart. We are always here to help with any concerns and will work closely with Edstart for a smooth transition. To set up your account please visit <https://edstart.com.au/stac>.

We ask that all families set up an Edstart account prior to 1 December 2022.

The process to set up an Edstart account is simple:

1. Visit <https://edstart.com.au/stac> and submit your details.
2. A member of Edstart's team will contact you to finalise the setup of your account.
3. Edstart will pay your fees to the school and provide you with the flexibility of choosing your preferred payment method and frequency.

From the Deputy Principal

Learning and Teaching - Instructional Pathway Part 5

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This week we explore the 'questioning' element of the instructional pathway model that is being promoted in the College.

When implemented authentically in a lesson or project the instructional pathway model provides students with:

- a **learning intention** - a goal for students to achieve
- **success criteria** - what does success and achievement look like
- **explicit teaching** - modelling (I do) and guided practice (we do)
- **worked examples** - independent practice (you do)
- **multiple exposures** - students have opportunities to apply their new learning in different contexts
- **questioning** - immediate sources of feedback on their progress and understanding
- **feedback** - to provide feedback on the task, the learning process and how students have self-regulated in addressing the success criteria.

Quality and effective educators regularly and consistently employ questioning as an interactive and collaborative strategy to engage and challenge students in their learning. Teachers use questioning for many purposes. Effective teachers understand that specific types of questions are appropriate for particular learning goals and activities. As the types of questions used vary according to the learning goals, questions need to be planned. Teachers need to consider the purpose of questions. Is it to engage, revise, challenge, encourage reflection and deep understanding, or provide the teacher with feedback?

The main type questioning teachers use is to promote recitation (IRF) - initiation, response and feedback. The teacher initiates questions directed at students to elicit a response so they can check a student's understanding and then provide them with feedback. These types of questions are important as their purpose is to determine if students are ready to move forward or if they require reteaching.

However, educators also need to engage students in questioning that promotes discussion and dialogue. Teachers who plan for quality questions and meaningful

engagement of their students through discussion and dialogue:

- Frame focus questions that initiate and sustain student thinking and interactions
- Promote the equitable participation of everyone involved in the discussion
- Scaffold student responses to sustain and deepen thinking and understanding and
- Create a culture that supports thoughtful and respectful discourse (the application of the virtues).

Questioning is most successful when teachers maintain a respectful, trusting learning environment in which students feel confident to contribute. So that students understand how to conduct discussions and dialogical exchanges, teachers introduce protocols which are framed in ways that encourage students to respect the dignity and rights of others to hold differing perspectives, opinions or views.

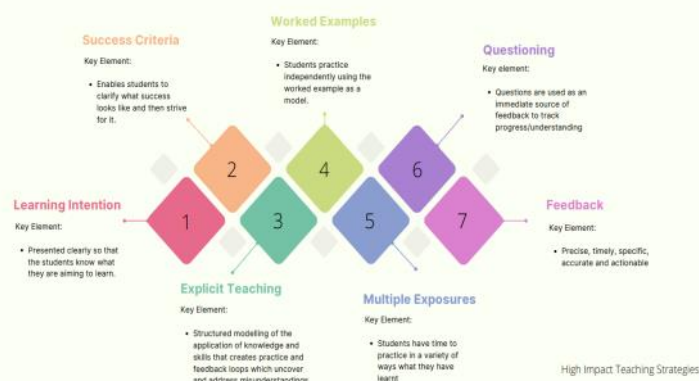
Questioning is an important part of the Critical and Creative Thinking aspect of the Australian Curriculum. Educators also have a responsibility to explicitly teach students how to formulate and ask critical and reflective questions. Helping students understand the fundamental role that questions play enabling learning and developing a learning disposition is a necessary condition for deep learning.

Next week we will explore the final element instructional pathway, feedback.

God bless,
David Williams
Acting Deputy Principal



Instructional Pathway



Primary

GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

Evangeline Nivet,
Alexander Braaksma,
Madison Braaksma, Trina Matta,
Paula Obrador, Summer Cleary

Diligence

Adrian Soefing

Perserverence

Verity Gallagher, Mark Falts,
Lexi Sharkey, Thea Attard

Responsibility

Cristina Mandarano, Rebecca Higgins,
Hosanna Reagan, Gemma Pullen

Leadership

Carmella Nivet

Initiative

Evangeline Nivet

Secondary Girls

GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

Genevieve McLean,
Philomena Sprowell,
Isabelle Taylor, Bethany Verleg,
Judy Abraham, Emily Houston,
Emily Morgan, Lucy Armstrong,
Aleisha Higgins, Lauren Elliott,
Marie-Estelle Hanney,
Madeleine Hovens, Isabelle Higgins,
Josephine MacDonald

Respect

Keva Perez-Melei

Iniative

Isabelle Taylor

Secondary Boys

GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE

Santino Tommasi, Gabriel Upston,
Andrew Higgins, Ignatius Attard,
William Stevenage,
Daniel de Castella,
Joseph Hardiman,
Thomas Ward, Thomas Davis, Joseph
Hovens, Hugo Ward, William Fahey,
Anthony Tadros, Jake Hanney,
Braydan Rayner, Sebastian Fahey,
Xavier Taveira, Julian Hovens,
Immanuel Saldanha

Miss Murray Accidentally Teaches Irish Accent

Before the Grade 3s went to the Polly Woodside they learnt about the sailors. Learning why they had scraggly beards because they had to shave with the blade called a "cut throat" (note the 'th' that the southern Irish accent omits).

Anyways, while exploring the Polly Woodside the children excitedly found a cut throat and when explaining to the lady who worked there, one child said, "We saw a cut troat" in the most Irish way... it brought a tear to Miss Murray's eye. Next they will be all counting one, two, tree... If Miss Murray has her way!



VON ARMSTRONG'S

12 spots still available

NOVEMBER FEST

MEN'S NIGHT

GERMAN SAUSAGE AND BEER FEAST

26TH NOVEMBER

6:00 PM | \$70 A TICKET

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED BY TEXTING
DANIEL ON 0417 574 454
PAYMENTS TO STAC P&F
BSB 633000
ACN 191895655 REF: NAME

STAC P&F

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

1st Prize including Photography Session

2nd Prize

3rd Prize

**\$10 a Ticket
3 for \$25**

Raffle will close 8th December
and be drawn 9th December.

Link to buy tickets: <http://www.rafflelink.com.au/stacpfchristmas>

MUSIC RECITAL AFTERNOON



20 students participated in Sunday's Musical Afternoon at The Haven. Students of Mrs Sarah Considine and Mrs Lyn Bezzina were able to demonstrate to family and friends what they had been working on in lessons during the year. More advanced students from the parish also gave generously of their time to play as well.

Everyone should be pleased with their performance as everyone stepped up, putting in the practice and effort for the enjoyment of the audience.

The strings and woodwind instruments were represented as well as the piano. Harry Smit on Saxophone and Daniel de Castella on Clarinet displayed their proficiency on their instruments.

Beginners Elizabeth and Patrick Davis (Violin) and Vito Tommasi (Cello) performed for the first time. Katie Higgins and Helena Attard performed a duo and Immanuel Saldanha performed a composition from the composer Piazzola.

The donation of the Grand Piano made for a more enjoyable experience for pianists this year. Dominic Palcic was the youngest performer followed by other performers Sienna Smit, Gemma Higgins, Gemma Verleg, Annabelle de Castella, Katie Higgins, David Ockerse, Thomas Davis and Brianna Robinson.

More advanced piano students Julian Hovens, Joel and Jessie Calnan and Madeleine Hovens rounded off the afternoon. It was wonderful to hear how these students have kept up their learning in the last few years to be able to share their music with us on the day.

An afternoon tea, organized by the P and F was a lovely completion to the day. Thank you to all involved.



Mr O'Dywer and Mr Williams pictured today with our 2023 Senior Student Leadership Team which was announced at Assembly this morning. Congratulations to all students involved.

NOONE UNIFORM SHOP - NEW LOCATION

As of 7th November, Noone Uniform shop will be operating from a new location in OFFICER.

The new store is in the
One Centre Square Complex on Siding Avenue

ADDRESS: 6/45 Siding Avenue, Officer.

Secondhand Uniform Shop Operating Hours

Monday 8:30am - 9:30am

Monday 2:45pm - 3:30pm

If you have items to donate or sell
please drop at uniform shop during these hours.

**The office no longer accepts items therefore
please drop at the shop on a Monday or contact
Michelle on 0468 438 404.**

St Cecilia

(22nd November)

Virgin, Martyr



It is under the emperor Alexander Severus that this young Saint, one of the most fragrant flowers of Christian virginity and martyrdom, suffered for the Faith she had chosen; to choose it was at that moment as certain an end to earthly felicity as it is a guarantee, at every epoch, of the eternal felicity of those who remain faithful to it. Cecilia was the daughter of an illustrious patrician, and was the only Christian of her family; she was permitted to attend the reunions held in the catacombs by the Christians, either through her parents' condescension or out of indifference. She continually kept a copy of the holy Gospel hidden under her clothing over her heart. Her parents obliged her, however, despite her vow of virginity, which most probably they knew nothing of, to marry the young Valerian, whom she esteemed as noble and good, but who was still pagan.

During the evening of the wedding day, with the music of the nuptial feast still in the air, Cecilia, this intelligent, beautiful, and noble Roman maiden, renewed her vow. When the new spouses found themselves alone, she gently said to Valerian, "Dear friend, I have a secret to confide to you, but will you promise me to keep it?" He promised her solemnly that nothing would ever make him reveal it, and she continued, "Listen: an Angel of God watches over me, for I belong to God. If he sees that you would approach me under the influence of a sensual love, his anger will be inflamed, and you will succumb to the blows of his vengeance. But if you love me with a perfect love and conserve my virginity inviolable, he will love you as he loves me, and will lavish on you, too, his favors." Valerian replied that if he might see this Angel, he would certainly correspond to her wishes, and Cecilia answered, "Valerian, if you consent to be purified in the fountain which wells up eternally; if you will believe in the unique, living and true God who reigns in heaven, you will be able to see the Angel." And to his questions concerning this water and who might bestow it, she directed him to a certain holy old man named Urban.

That holy Pontiff rejoiced exceedingly when Valerian came to him the same night, to be instructed and baptized; his long prayer touched the young man greatly, and he too rejoiced with an entirely new joy in his new-found and veritable faith, so far above the religion of the pagans. He returned to his house, and on entering the room where Cecilia had continued to pray for the remainder of the night, he saw the Angel waiting, with two crowns of roses and lilies, which he would place on the head of each of them. Cecilia understood at once that if the lilies symbolized their

virginity, the roses foretold for them both the grace of martyrdom. Valerian was told he might ask any grace at all of God, who was very pleased with him; and he requested that his brother Tiburtius might also receive the grace he had obtained; and the conversion of Tiburtius soon afterwards became a reality.

The two brothers, who were very wealthy, began to aid the families which had lost their support through the martyrdom of the fathers, spouses, and sons; they saw to the burial of the Christians, and continually braved the same fate as these victims. In effect they were soon captured, and their testimony was such as to convert a young officer chosen to conduct them to the site of their martyrdom. He succeeded in delaying it for a day, and took them to his house, where before the day was ended he had decided to receive Baptism with his entire family and household. The two brothers offered their heads to the sword; and soon afterward the officer they had won for Christ followed them to the eternal divine kingdom. It was Cecilia who saw to the burial of all three martyrs. She then distributed to the poor all the valuable objects of her house, in order that the property of Valerian might not be confiscated according to current Roman law, and knowing that her own time was close at hand.

She was soon arrested and arraigned, but having asked a delay after her interrogation, she assembled those who had heard her with admiration and instructed them in the faith; the Pontiff Urban baptized a large number of them. The death appointed for her was suffocation by steam. Saint Cecilia remained unharmed and calm, for a day and a night, in the *calderium*, or place of hot baths, in her own palace, despite a fire heated to seven times its ordinary violence. Finally, an executioner was sent to dispatch her by the sword; he struck with trembling hand the three blows which the law allowed, and left her still alive. For two days and nights Cecilia would lie with her head half severed, on the pavement of her bath, fully sensible and joyfully awaiting her crown. When her neophytes came to bury her after the departure of the executioner, they found her alive and smiling. They surrounded her there, not daring to touch her, for three days, having collected the precious blood from her wounds. On the third day, after the holy Pontiff Urban had come to bless her, the agony ended, and in the year 177 the virgin Saint gave back her glorious soul to Christ. When the tomb was opened in 1599 her body was entirely intact still.

2022 CALENDAR

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
21 Nov	22 Nov	23 Nov	24 Nov	25 Nov
28 Nov Yr 7-9 Exams	29 Nov Gr 4/5 Aquarium visit Yr 7-9 Exams	30 Nov Year 12 Formal STUDENT FREE DAY	1 Dec Yr 7-9 Exams	2 Dec 6:30pm Primary Concert
5 Dec	6 Dec	7 Dec Secondary Students Activities Day Yr 6 Graduation Mass and Breakfast	8 Dec <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	9 Dec Term Ends Today 8:30am SCHOOL MASS 6:50pm PRESENTATION NIGHT
SUMMER HOLIDAY BREAK				
30 Jan School commences	31 Jan	1 Feb	2 Feb	3 Feb

OFFICE HOURS

8:15am - 3:30pm
MONDAY - FRIDAY

TERM DATES

2022

4th Term: 3rd October - 9th December

2023

1st Term: 30th January - 5th April

2nd Term: 26th April - 23rd June

3rd Term: 18th July - 15th September

4th Term: 2nd October - 8th December