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COLLEGE CHRONICLE

Tuesday 18th October 2022

Word from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Between the stretches of inclement weather, I exited numerous rounds of 4-square, swiftly across the course of the first few weeks. As I regularly took my place at the end of a long line of competitors, I was continuously reminded between the raptures of laughter, that patience and perseverance are virtues.

It is these virtues that I associate with our Year 12 Class of 2022.

They have been a resilient group who have faced lockdowns and a move to remote learning during pivotal years of their learning. Whilst 2022 has seen a return to some common routines and rituals, they have also had to be patient as the College found its feet again.

Our Year 12 students have celebrated their final day of formal learning at the College today with respect and a real sense of gratitude. I look forward to sharing Mass and breakfast tomorrow with students and their parents before they turn their attention to their final exams. We keep them in our prayers as they put into practice all that they have learned throughout their journey at the College.

On behalf of the College Leadership Team and College Captain selection panel, which consisted of Mrs Michelle Attard, Mr David Williams and myself, I would like to express my gratitude for the manner in which all applicants conducted themselves in our conversations held last Friday. Their ability to clearly articulate their relationship with God, the virtues which they find imperative in leadership and their vision for the role was thoughtful, well structured and provided a deeper insight into the person that they are and aspire to be. Congratulations to Daniel Freriks and Christiane Ryan on their selection as 2023 College Captains and Cameron Armstrong and Victoria Stevenage as the 2023 College Vice Captains.



Congratulations to Josephine McDonald, Rebecca Fitzpatrick, Louis Ward, Joachim Hayward and Deffy Wangkaw for their respective placings in the School Sport Victoria Athletics Finals. Isaac Braaksma threw 44.46mts to place 3rd in the javelin and Chara Wangkaew jumped 1.65mts to be awarded the School Sport Victoria Champion for the 12-13 yrs Boys High Jump.

This week's virtue is Charity. While God is the ultimate object of the theological virtue of charity, His creation, our 'neighbour' is the intermediate object. As portrayed in the parable of the Good Samaritan, our neighbour is each person that we come into contact with. If we make charity the centrepiece of actions and interactions we will create a strong sense of connectedness and belonging; which is essential for every individual to thrive.

I thank you all for your continued support and look forward to sharing more with you this Thursday at our College Community Morning Tea and throughout the remainder of Term 4.

God Bless,

Kieran O'Dwyer
 Acting Principal

VIRTUE THIS WEEK

CHARITY

Enables one to love as God Himself loves, to love God above all things, and one's neighbour as oneself

COLLECT - 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O almighty and merciful God, graciously keep us from all things that may hurt us: that we, being set free both in body and soul, may willingly fulfill those things that Thou wouldst have done. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.



From the Deputy Principal

Learning and Teaching - Instructional Pathways

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Throughout the year we have introduced, had ongoing discussions and implemented aspects of the instructional pathway model with the express purpose of engaging students with high impact teaching strategies. 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.

In this article I want to specifically address the essential components and purpose of using **learning intentions** and **success criteria** to engage students in their learning. They guide and establish:

1. **Challenge** - learning intentions and success criteria offer the students a reasonable challenge with sufficient support to be successful

2. **Commitment** - refers to the student's determination to reach the goal; the greater the commitment, the better the outcome and learning

3. **Confidence** - the ability to tackle a challenge and the resilience to persevere in adversity knowing that guidance and support is offered when required

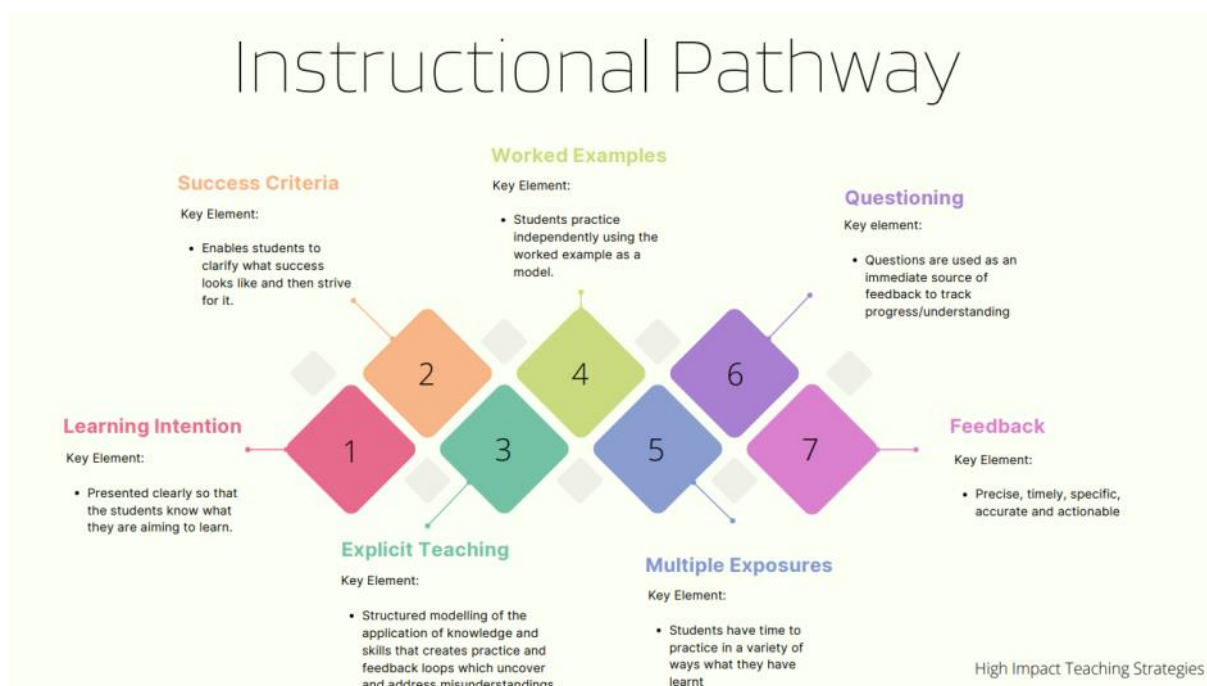
4. **Student expectations** - refers to the students being able to plan and predict their performance and evaluate and reflect on the task and learning process

5. **Conceptual understanding** - refers to the student's ability to reflect on their level of understanding.

Professional development will be undertaken in 2023 to support building the capacity and expert teaching practice of staff in this area to engage students in their learning at a deeper level. In the coming weeks I will elaborate further on the other aspects of the Instructional Pathway Model.

Kind regards,

David Williams
Acting Deputy Principal



ALL SAINTS DAY PARADE

Friday 28th October

In honour of All Saints Day the primary students can come dressed up as their favourite Saint on the morning of 28th October.

We will have a Saints parade instead of assembly.

Parents are most welcome to join us for the parade.

Time of parade: 8:30am

A reminder to sign in at the office upon arrival at the College.



BARON VON ARMSTRONG'S



NOVEMBERFEST

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



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.

New School Fee Management Partner



The College is very excited to announce that we have just partnered with a specialist provider called 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. The school will pay the service fees on this account ensuring the service is free for you to use.

With your child's highest outcomes at the heart of what we do, parent fees are crucial to the school's sustainability. While we put our resources into the highest quality education, growth and continued new initiatives, Edstart are the experts in their field and are best placed to assist our families moving forward. From next year, all school fee 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. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Primary	Secondary Girls
HOPE Charlie Lewis, Dotti Alexander, Sophia Borg, Sebastian Hau Kautai, Noah Taveira, Louis Mitchell, Jemma Salib	HOPE Faustina Hau Kautai, Josephine MacDonald Victoria Stevenage
Diligence Timothy McLean, Holly Wesa, Joseph Obrador, Emmaline Hayward, Jacy Perez-Melei, Louis Nivet, Jenna Lewis, Faith Mascarenhas	Secondary Boys
Perserverence Verity Gallagher, Cristina Mandarano, Sophia MacDonald, Annabelle de Castella, Sebastian Hau Kautai, Louis Nivet, Jenna Lewis, Faith Mascarenhas, Noah Taveira	HOPE Luca Attard, Thomas Davis, William McLean, Aaron Braaksma, Xavier Taveira
Responsibility Mark Falts, Rebecca Higgins, Hosanna Reagan, Evangeline Nivet, Gemma Pullen, Leo McLean, Joseph Obrador, Emmaline Hayward, Anima Nagaraj, Jacy Perez-Melei	
Leadership Thea Attard, Carmella Nivet, Joseph Obrador	
Initiative Thea Attard, Marius Zaccari	

CONGRATULATIONS

Today the new captains for 2023 were announced at Assembly.

Pictured from left with Mr O'Dywer are:

Cameron Armstrong, Daniel Freriks, Christiane Ryan & Victoria Stevenage



St Luke

(18th October)



Evangelist
(† First Century)

Saint Luke, a physician at Antioch and a painter, was also an excellent rhetorician in Greek, his native language. He became a disciple of Saint Paul, the Apostle's fellow-worker and his faithful friend during his two imprisonments, and is best known to us as the historian of the New Testament acts of both Christ and the Apostles. Though not an eye-witness of Our Lord's life, the meticulous Evangelist diligently gathered information from those who had followed or listened to Jesus of Nazareth, and wrote, as he tells us, all things in order. His command of Greek is much admired. Saint Clement of Alexandria, Saint Jerome and Saint Thomas Aquinas state that it is he who translated Saint Paul's famous *Epistle to the Hebrews*, written in the language of the Jerusalem Christians, into the admirable Greek which we

presently possess as the only ancient version.

The *Acts of the Apostles* were written by the Evangelist as a sequel to his Gospel, bringing the history of the Church down to the first imprisonment of Saint Paul in Rome, in the year 64. The humble historian never names himself, but by his occasional use of "we" instead of "he" or "they", we are able to detect his presence in the scenes of Saint Paul's life which he describes. We thus find that he sailed with Paul and Silas from Troas to Macedonia, where he remained behind, apparently, for seven years at Philippi. Finally, after remaining near Saint Paul during the time he was imprisoned in Palestine, he accompanied him, still a prisoner, when he was transported to Rome. Thus he shared the shipwreck and perils of that memorable voyage, narrated in Chapter 27 of *Acts* - which book no Christian should fail to read, along with the four Gospels. He then narrates the two years of Saint Paul's

first imprisonment, ending in his liberation.

There his narrative ends, but from Saint Paul's Epistles we learn that Saint Luke was his faithful companion to the last. His paintings of Our Lady are still conserved with care in a number of places in Europe. Saint Luke certainly learned from the Mother of Christ Herself, the story of the Annunciation, the Visitation, and the Angelic mission to the shepherds of Bethlehem. After the martyrdom of the Apostle to the Gentiles, Saint Epiphanius says that Saint Luke preached in Italy, Gaul, Dalmatia and Macedonia. Others say he went to Egypt and preached in the Thebaid, the region of the Fathers of the desert. Saint Hippolyte says he was crucified in Greece. His mortal remains were transferred to the Church of the Apostles, built by Constantine the Great at Constantinople, with those of Saint Andrew and Saint Timothy. Some of his relics remain in the Greek monastery of Mount Athos.

2022 CALENDAR

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
17 Oct Yr 7-12 State Athletics	18 Oct Yr 12 Final Day	19 Oct Yr 12 Mass & Breakfast	20 Oct F & Yr 1 Zoo Excursion Winning House Hot Chip Lunch	21 Oct
24 Oct	25 Oct Yr 11 Exams Commence	26 Oct VCE English Exam	27 Oct SSV Table Tennis	28 Oct - All Saints Parade VCE Biology, Further Exams
31 Oct MID TERM BREAK VCE Exams - Psychology, Further Maths	1 Nov - All Saints Day HOLIDAY	2 Nov - All Souls Day VCE Exam - Methods, Paper 1	3 Nov VCE Exam - Methods, Paper 2	4 Nov Footsteps Program 2nd Step
7 Nov VCE Exams - PE Yr 10 Exams Commence	8 Nov VCE Exams - Chemistry	9 Nov VCE Exams - Physics & Legal Studies	10 Nov Polly Woodside Excursion Yr 3 Shrine of Remembrance Yr 2	11 Nov VSS Yr 7 Volleyball 9am Footstep Program
14 Nov Head Start for 2023 VCE Exam - Anc. History	15 Nov 8:30 Footsteps Program	16 Nov VCE Exam - French	17 Nov	18 Nov

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