

## Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for another term of learning and growth. May we make the most of our holidays and return refreshed. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen



## From the Principal

### Deputy Principal Departure

Early next term our Deputy Principal Phil Tascone will leave Ave Maria College, having accepted a position in Human Resource Management at Strathcona Baptist Girls School. Throughout his six and a half years at the College, Phil has been instrumental in leading a range of change and improvement strategies, including a Curriculum and Timetable Review, Assessment and Reporting Reform and the implementation of a process around annual goal setting for teachers aligned with the College Strategic Plan. Whilst these have had a whole school focus, Phil has also been an intrinsic member of the College Executive, a valuable mentor for those in leadership roles and a very capable leader when called upon to deputise for me. Throughout this, Phil has committed himself to teaching Maths at a senior level. It is perhaps teaching Maths at Ave Maria that he will miss the most! Phil has made a great contribution to the College and will most assuredly be an asset to his new setting in the field of Human Resources. Phil goes with our thanks and having captured our Franciscan way, we wish him peace and all good.

This year marks the end of tenure for almost all holders of Leadership positions. In light of recent reviews and following broad based feedback, the College will implement a new Leadership structure for the period 2019 – 2022, along with the creation of a new Strategic Plan for the same period. We have been very well served by the structure as well as calibre of those in Leadership and trust that 'change and continuity' will ensure on going excellence. More details will follow over the course of Semester 2.

### Student Success

We wish all students in Year 10 undertaking Work Experience this week all the very best. It is hoped that they will embark on a journey of discovery, develop new insights and further their aspirations in learning and career goals.



Tia Ryan pursuing a dream to work in the Aviation industry, had a wonderful Work Experience with Qantas

Congratulations to Lauren Harb on her success in the Sayembara Lisan Indonesian Public Speaking Awards recently. See details within this edition.

### A Franciscan Prayer to End the Term

*You are holy, Lord, the only God,*

and Your deeds are wonderful.

You are strong.

You are great.

You are the Most High.

You are Almighty.

You, Holy Father are King of heaven and earth.

You are Three and One, Lord God, all Good.

You are Good, all Good, supreme Good, Lord God, living and true.

You are love. You are wisdom.

You are humility. You are endurance.

You are rest. You are peace.

You are joy and gladness.

You are justice and moderation.

You are all our riches, and You suffice for us.

You are beauty.

You are gentleness.

You are our protector.

You are our guardian and defender.

You are our courage. You are our haven and our hope.

You are our faith, our great consolation.

You are our eternal life, Great and Wonderful Lord,  
God Almighty, Merciful Saviour.

St Francis of Assisi

Elizabeth Hanney  
Principal





## Deputy Principal Leadership & Learning

In previous newsletters I've written about research into parental engagement in student learning. The research highlighted parental behaviours that have a demonstrably positive impact on learning and academic outcomes. These included discussing learning strategies with children, linking school work to current events and other topics, providing a stimulating home learning environment making learning enjoyable and affirming their growing autonomy and independence. Continuing with the question of what parents can do to assist their child's learning, I wish to highlight a post titled [Can everyone be smart at everything?](#) This post is just as relevant now as it was back in 2011. Written by Tina Barseghian it looks at how, in our willingness to praise the achievements of our young, we can unintentionally be sending the wrong message. The author argues that simple words of praise such as "You're so smart" or "You have such talent" praise intelligence or inherent, natural-born abilities. This in itself is not so much an issue however when a child comes across a bigger challenge and does not immediately succeed, a deep self-doubt can surface. Barseghian contends that praising children for their intelligence encourages them to focus on grades and awards rather than the learning process. She goes on to highlight the work of other researchers and writers who found that children praised for intelligence describe it as a fixed trait more so than children praised for hard work who believe intelligence can improve. One researcher quoted in the post claims that *"reinforcing the idea that effort and elbow grease are as important as or more important than innate smarts will place kids on the best path of learning."* In the years since this post we have engaged in a journey of research into the behavioural traits of successful learners and developed the Learner Attributes that sit within our [Learning Charter](#). As you know, we explicitly report on your daughter's engagement levels in each of these as we endeavour to develop her understanding that these traits are necessary to maximise our learning regardless of our natural talents and abilities.

So, we should reflect on how we instil a learning and growth mindset in our young. Do we praise effort more so than achievement? Are we unwittingly reinforcing the "you either have it or you don't" stereotype? Do we model for them a fear of failure in trying something different or do we foster the confidence and desire to learn through the experience of failure? As adults, so many of us have been raised to believe that everything is about the result. I contend that it is about the journey to the result - that's where the learning happens!

Phillip Tascone

**Deputy Principal Leadership and Learning**

## Heads of School

### Subject Selection

The Subject Selection process is an annual event that involves students in all Year Levels. Throughout the process students are required to consider their Academic Pathways and areas of interest, in order to select suitable subjects for the forthcoming year. This process varies depending on what Year the student is in. The **Subject Selection Evening** will take place on **Wednesday, 25 July, 2018** from 5.30pm—8.30pm. This night is particularly aimed at students currently in Years 8, 9 and 10. A full schedule of the night will be uploaded to SkoolBag and the Parent Access Module (PAM) at the start of Term 3. Subject Selection occurs online, and students will be emailed their login information. This will go out to students from Friday, 20 July 2018.

### Year 10 Careers Day

As part of the Subject Selection Program the Year 10 cohort will participate in a Careers Day on Friday, 20 July 2018 (first Friday of Term 3). This will include Subject Selection information presentations from former Ave Maria College students about jobs and career pathways, mentoring, and a visit to the Careers Expo at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre. A full outline of the Year 10 Careers and Pathways Program will be emailed to students and parents by the end of Term 2.

### Term 3 Uniform

Term 3 begins on Tuesday, 17 July 2018, which will be a Day 2. Students will continue to wear the Winter Uniform throughout this Term. The school holidays are a good opportunity for blazers and jumpers to be dry-cleaned, shoes polished, and skirt hems mended. Parents are asked to check that skirts are knee length, and that the skirt fits neatly at the waist. Many students are found to roll their skirt to make it shorter, or because it is too loose. Please use the holiday break to check the fit of the skirt and make any necessary alterations before Term 3 begins.

### VCE Parent Teacher Student Interviews

#### Save the date

The VCE Parent-Teacher-Students (PTS) interviews are scheduled for Thursday, 2 August 2018. This is for all students studying a Unit 1 / 2 or Unit 3 / 4 subject. Instructions for booking appointments will be emailed to parents of Year 10, 11 and 12 students during the second week of the holidays.

Jo Hammer

Claude Ferrarese

**Head of School Years 10-12**

**Head of School Years 7-9**

## Important Dates

### 2018 Dates

Monday, 25 June - Friday, 29 June  
Friday, 29 June  
Monday, 16 July  
Tuesday, 17 July  
Thursday, 19 July  
Friday, 20 July  
Wednesday, 25 July  
Friday, 27 July

Year 10 Work Experience  
Term 2 Finishes (**Early Dismissal 1.38pm**)  
Curriculum Planning Day, Student Free Day  
Term 3 Commences  
Year 8 Allwell Testing  
Year 10 Careers Day & Careers Expo Excursion  
Subject Selection Evening  
SCSA AFL

# Teaching and Learning Leader

## VCE Seminars

Having completed all of the coursework for Unit 3 and already commencing Unit 4, our Year 12 and accelerated Year 11 students are now past the halfway point of their scored studies for this year. Over the upcoming holidays there are a number of externally facilitated VCE seminars that your daughter may wish to attend. Whilst some of these incur a cost, there are a number of free sessions. During these workshops students are often given a range of revision strategies and the common mistakes made in previous exams will be highlighted. The programs are often structured to assist students with learning activities that can reinforce the key knowledge and will enable students to plan and implement good study skills for the end of the year. Whilst your daughter's teachers continue to work hard to support her learning and prepare her for the remaining coursework and examinations, availing herself of all the possible resources will only further strengthen her understanding and learning confidence.

**Some of the VCE seminar providers are:**

[ATAR notes](#) – Free VCE lectures covering a range of studies

[Biology](#) - The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash facilitate a VCE revision session

[VCTA](#) – Accounting, Business Management and Legal Studies

[Psychology](#) – VCE Psychology network lecture

[TSFX](#) – The School for Excellence

[TSSM](#) – Wide range of subject offerings

A number of these facilitators also run examination revision and preparation workshops during the September holidays also.

## Holiday Home Study

Whilst the commencement of Semester 2 brings new subjects for a number of students, there may be instances where your daughter receives home study for her core subjects that requires completion over the term break. These tasks are developed to ensure your daughter is prepared for new learning when Term 3 commences. It may require her to read or re-read her English texts, watch EDROLO videos, keep abreast with current affairs or pre-read sections of her text. Please encourage her to complete these tasks early in the holiday period to alleviate the need to cram the tasks in near the end of her break and cause undue stress.

Jessica Hall

**Teaching and Learning Leader**

# Student Counsellor

## Quiet Time

I recently read an article by Alan Lightman on the benefits of personal reflection. It outlined the reasons why it is important to take time each day to pause, reflect and take a break from electronic devices.

The internet has many benefits. It's always available, provides a vast range of information and makes it easy to contact people. However, it is very easy to spend too much time online. As with many things, having the right balance is important.

I can remember life before the internet. I had to wait until the library was open, look for a suitable book, and then (if it wasn't out on loan) I could borrow it for 2 weeks. How archaic that seems by today's standards. I love having a world of information at my fingertips (literally) but need to be careful not to lose sight of the wealth of information/ resources around me.

Finding time for reflection can be challenging. The [Lightman article](#) has suggestions on ways families and individuals can spend time offline:

- For families, an unplugged hour during the evening, perhaps during dinner, in which all phones, smartphones, computers, and other devices are turned off. Dinner should be a time for quiet conversation.
- Individuals should think about how they spend their time each day and try to build in a half hour away from the wired world, such as taking a walk while unplugged, reading, or simply sitting quietly.

Ave Maria College makes time for reflection during Stillpoint. At 11.24am each school day, students are invited to stop, be still and silent for one minute. This minute of silence is a chance in our busy day to pause, to breathe deeply, to be grateful, and to 'check in' with ourselves about our day and to offer a moment of quiet time for prayer and reflection.

Sue Hall

**Student Counsellor**

## REMINDER:

**Last Day of Term 2 Friday, 29 June 2018  
Early Dismissal 1.38pm**

## Careers and Pathways

### Dates to Diarise

#### Year 10 Work Experience

Monday, 25 June 2018 - Friday, 29 June 2018

[Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test \(UMAT\)](#) Wednesday, 25 July 2018

[University / TAFE Open Days 2018](#)

[Year 12 VTAC applications](#)

August 2018 and September 2018

### Early Entry Programs at Australian Catholic University (ACU)

[Community Achiever Program \(CAP\)](#)

Applications are still open, and close Tuesday, 31 July 2018

[Passion for Business \(P4B\) Early Entry Program](#)

Applications are open

[Passion for Law \(P4L\) Early Entry Program](#)

Applications are open

### A Day at University of Melbourne

Current Year 11 and 12 students are invited to attend a *free* one-day event. Register at [A Day at Melbourne](#)

### Change the World with Engineering and IT

During the upcoming school holidays, Monash University will be hosting a fun and inspiring workshop for Year 10 students – *ENGenTy – Change the World with Engineering and IT*. Students will hear stories from women who have been successful in Engineering and IT careers, and students will also get to build and code their own robot. This is a *free* event, and morning tea and lunch will be provided.

**When:** Tuesday, 10 July 2018

**Time:** 9.00am – 3.45pm

**Venue:** Monash University, New Horizons Building, 20 Research Way, Clayton Campus

Registrations are to be made at [Monash ENGenTy](#)

Helen Aliaga

Career and Pathways

## Student Leadership

### Year 11 Tertiary Information Service Excursion

On Monday, 18 June 2018, the Year 11 cohort travelled to RMIT University to attend the Tertiary Information Service (TIS) Event. This excursion was a part of our Careers Preparation Program and it provided us with an abundance of information about our tertiary options after high school. We were also given the opportunity to exercise our independence by making our own way to the State Library via public transport after the conclusion of Period 2.

The event consisted of an information session delivered by current university students about VCE and our tertiary options. This was followed by a tertiary exhibition where we were able to discuss careers and courses with tertiary representatives. We were also able to collect course information from major Victorian universities and local TAFE institutes. At the conclusion of the tertiary exhibition we gathered in an RMIT lecture theatre to hear from our teachers about their tertiary journeys and gain clarification about the things we were still unsure about. Overall, the excursion was a unique opportunity for us to gather first-hand information from a wide range of universities and TAFE institutes about our tertiary options after Year 12 and use this to begin planning our possible pathways for 2020.

Madeline Saxton and Antonia Kerrison (Year 11)



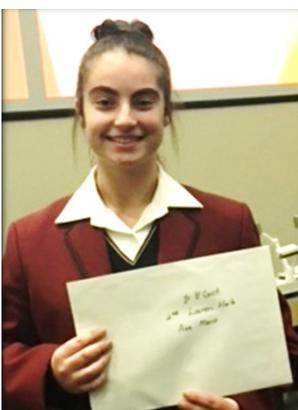
## LOTE News

### Sayembara Lisan Speaking Competition

Earlier this term, a number of students studying Indonesian at Years 7 and 8 took part in the Sayembara Lisan Speaking Competition which was held at Overnewton College. Students were required to complete three sections which included responding to general conversation questions; reading aloud a prepared paragraph based on a particular theme; and finally, the third section was an unrehearsed one, where students were asked a series of questions based on the theme they had researched prior to the competition.

There were a number of Ave Maria College students who performed to an exceptional standard and were chosen to attend the 2018 State Finals which took place on Saturday, 2 June at Melbourne University. The finalists were: Year 7 Lourdes Harb, Jade Dalla-Fontana, Amy Marazita, Piper Mollica, Ocean Ho, Year 8 Lauren Harb and Tara Burke.

From this group, Lauren Harb was awarded Second Prize in the Continuing Section and she was presented with her prize by Ms Spica A. Tutuhaturunewa, the Indonesian Consulate General in Melbourne at the Awards night on Friday, 22 June 2018 at the University of Melbourne. Lauren later had a photo with Dr. Muhammad Imran Hanafi, MA MEC – the Education Attachè, Indonesian Embassy, Canberra. To put things into perspective, there were 1353 students from 48 schools across the state who participated, and from this number, 120 winners were chosen. So a huge congratulations to Lauren and to the other finalists for their exceptional standard. In addition, a sincere thanks and acknowledgment to Mrs Symington and Mrs Godoy for assisting the students throughout the competition period.



Lauren Harb – Second Prize Continuing Section



Lauren Harb with Professor Dr. Muhammad Imran Hanafi, MA MEC – the Education Attachè, Indonesian Embassy, Canberra

Marisa D'Astoli  
LOTE Domain Team Leader

## Helene Library

### Holiday Reading Suggestions

Stuck for ideas on what to read these school holidays – Check out the 10 most popular books with Ave Maria College students this year. [The Top 10 Books List](#)

Too cold to visit the library then login to [Wheelers eBooks](#) to read on your devices or visit your [local library](#).



### Helene Library Holiday Hours

Open	8.30am — 4.00pm
Closed	Thursday, 5 July 2018

Laura Pugliese  
Helene Library Team Leader

### Student Absences

#### Notification via [Parent Access Module](#)

Parents can now notify the College of a student absence via the Parent Access Module (PAM) as well as the Student Absence Line, 9331 9359.

To notify the College of a Student Absence;

Log into [PAM](#)

Select the 3 lined symbol in the top right hand corner.

Select Parent Notified Absence.

Add absence

Please note; all Parent Notified Absences must be entered by 9.30am and can only be for the current day.



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## Community News

### *Spectacular, Spectacular!*

Ave Maria College's Co-Curricular variety event showcasing performances from each of the 4 Houses embodying the 2018 College theme

*'Who are you, God, and who am I?'*

Friday, 24 August 2018  
6.30pm – 9.00pm

**Tickets on Sale Soon**



### *Back to Ave Day*

Welcoming and honouring the classes of  
2013, 2008, 1998, 1988, 1978 and 1968

Saturday, 1 September 2018  
2.00pm to 4.00pm  
14-22 Vida Street, Aberfeldie

Bookings via: [www.trybooking.com/WESC](http://www.trybooking.com/WESC)

Celebrating 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 Years:

- Welcome and Principal's Address
- Alumna Guest Speaker
- Photo and Memorabilia Displays
- College Tour
- Afternoon Tea

