**PRESENTATION DAY & CAROLS SERVICE**

The 2016 annual Presentation Day for the Senior School will take place on Thursday 8 December at 1.00 pm. Students should arrive at school at least ½ hour before commencement. This is the last day for students and attendance is compulsory. A roll is taken and school formal uniform is to be worn. If it is hot on the day an announcement will be made to remove blazers. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible on this occasion. It is important to celebrate and award our students for all that they have achieved throughout the year. It is planned that students will receive their end of year school reports at the conclusion of the service from their Head of House. All families should have received an invitation to attend our Carols night on Wednesday 7 December from 6 pm in the Cathedral. Families are encouraged to attend. Summer uniform is to be worn.

**MAKE SURE THE SHOE FITS**

When those annoying back to school advertisements appear in January please be mindful of the type of shoes boys and girls are allowed to wear at All Saints’. That ‘bargain buy’ might end up costing you if the shoes are not permitted at school.

**REVELATIONS 2016**

This is the final Revelations for the year. I would like to thank Mrs and Mr Anderson for all their hard work in producing this excellent publication. May I wish the All Saints’ community a Merry Christmas, a healthy and prosperous New Year and a restful and relaxing holiday break. Classes commence on Wednesday 1 February 2017. Existing Boarders return late on Tuesday 31 January with new boarders returning on Monday 30 January.

**FAST FACT**

Due to precipitation, for a few weeks, K2 is taller than Mt. Everest.

*Thought: Happiness is not a station you arrive at, but a manner of travelling.*

Margaret Lee Runbeck
NSW State Conference

17-19 March 2017

Are you in Years 9-12 and passionate about global issues?

Join 200 students from across the state at the Collaroy Centre and take part in the global conversation. Learn about leadership, diplomacy and advocacy, connect with issues that baffle the leaders of today and shape our national discourse.

For more information, see Mrs O’Neill in the ILC or go to the UN youth website: https://unyouth.org.au/event/nswconference/

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Uphill. Christina Rosetti

Does the road wind uphill all the way?

Reverend Paul Woodhart

Yes, to the very end.
Will the day’s journey take the whole long day?
From morn to night, my friend.
But is there for the night a resting place?
A roof for when the slow dark hours begin.
May not the darkness hide it from my face?
You cannot miss that inn.
Shall I meet other wayfarers at night?
Those who have gone before.
Then must I knock or call when just in sight?
They will not keep you waiting at that door.
Shall I find comfort, travel-sore and weak?
Of labour you shall find the sun.
Will there be beds for me and all who seek?
Yes, beds for all who come.

When God calls us to begin something God also provides for the journey!

The end of the Year brings the conclusion of so many activities. I was thrilled to be part of the Year 6 Val, and my address is below. The 3 Pre Kindy Christmas Presentations have been a delight. Each has reflected the classes in a different way. Well done Pre Kindy teachers.

Next week we have two rehearsals at the Cathedral. One on Monday morning for the Kindy’s as they prepare for the whole school Carol service and on Tuesday afternoon the Year 6 students will prepare. The Carols begin at 6pm. We will not have reserved seating so the word on the street is: Be early!

Happily, Father Paul.

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sydneydesignschool.com.au
Each year All Saints’ College offers students who are Australian citizens a number of Scholarships. The following categories of scholarships will be awarded to students who will be entering Years 5, 7, 9, 10 and 11 in 2018:

• **Academic Scholarships (Years 5, 7, 9, 10 and 11)** are awarded essentially on the basis of the results obtained in the annual cooperative ACER scholarship examination. Applicants should have a commendable academic record supported by a personal resume showing academic and co-curricular achievements. Applicants who are new to the College will also be invited to an informal interview.

• **Head of College Awards (Years 7, 9, 10 and 11)** are made on the basis of the results obtained in the annual ACER examinations as well as on the applicant’s co-curricular achievements. Head of College Awards are by definition not scholarships but are a recognition by the College of the contribution to be made by a genuine all-rounder to the life of All Saints’ College through their participation in all aspects of school life. A comprehensive resume demonstrating the candidate’s achievements is required and applicants who are new to the College will also be invited to an informal interview.

• **Music Scholarships (Years 7, 9, 10 and 11)** are awarded to students who have attained a high level of instrumental performance achievement for their age level. Music scholarships are awarded on the basis of the results obtained in the annual ACER scholarship examinations. In addition, music scholarship candidates are required to prepare for a short audition and to sit a simple theory/aural test. A comprehensive resume demonstrating the candidate's background and musical achievements is required and applicants who are new to the College will also be invited to an informal interview. A confidential report from the current instrumental tutor is also required.

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**2018 All Saints' Scholarship Applications Open Now**

Applying for Scholarships
All Saints’ College participates in the national ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research) Cooperative Scholarship Testing Program. Applicants sit the examinations (usually at All Saints’ College) in late February of the year prior to enrolment. For example, for those wishing to apply for a scholarship for Year 7, the candidate must sit the examination while currently in Year 6 – having registered for the examination towards the end of Year 5.


For further details please contact the College: admin@saints.nsw.edu.au
2016-17 Flying Scholarship Announced

The Bathurst Aero Club (BAC) and Central West Flying (CWF) have announced a scholarship for a person between the ages of 15 and 25 years to be trained as a Recreational Pilot.

All the costs associated with gaining a ‘restricted’ Pilots Certificate including flying instruction, theory briefings and textbooks will be covered by the scholarship – to a total value of up to $10,000.

This is the first scholarship offered by BAC and CWF since 2010 and is aimed at encouraging young people to consider aviation as a career or a recreational pursuit.

Any person between 15 and 25 years old can apply and flying experience is not required.

In fact, it is preferred that applicants have no piloting experience!

All suitable applicants will be given the opportunity to fly in an aircraft as part of the selection process.

These trial instructional flights will be offered at a discounted price of just $85 inc. GST.

A short-list of applicants will then be invited to meet with representatives of the Aero Club and Central West Flying to discuss the reasons they would like to be able to fly an aeroplane.

When this scholarship was last offered in 2010 there were 135 applicants with only 6 making it to the short-list.

St Stanislaus student John Downey was the winner and has since joined the RAAF where he hopes to become a fighter / fast jet pilot.

John said the scholarship had helped make his dreams a reality.

“Receiving the 2010 BAC and CWF flying scholarship was an honour and a push towards my present career," he said.

“Before receiving the scholarship I doubted my ability and chances of becoming a pilot and it seemed more like a potential hobby for the future than a career.”

Applications are open now and trial flights will be offered in December and January.

Applications can be made by completing the form on the CWF website at www.centralwestflying.com/scholarship
The Council and Head of College
have pleasure in inviting you to the

ANNUAL
Presentation Day

JUNIOR SCHOOL PRESENTATION DAY
Thursday, 8th December 2016 at 9am
in the Bickerdike Centre

SENIOR SCHOOL PRESENTATION DAY
Thursday, 8th December 2016 at 1pm
in the Bickerdike Centre

(Parking will be available in designated areas
within the College grounds)

Refreshments will be served following the ceremony

Carols Service
Wednesday, 7th December 2016
6.00pm
at All Saints’ Cathedral, Church Street, Bathurst

Students must wear summer uniform

Invitation

Volunteers still needed to keep ASC beautiful

The ASC Beautification Of Grounds committee is looking for more volunteers.

If you would like to come along and help to beautify the grounds at the College, we will be meeting outside the Junior School Office every Thursday morning from 9am to around 11am until the end of this term.

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