



College Newsletter



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and friends of the McCarthy community

As the year draws to a close, it is very important to reflect on the wonderful year we have had at our college. The announcement of our new college name from 2020 to Penola Catholic College has been received with much excitement for our future. This name reflects the work we have been immersed in as a community exploring St Mary Mackillop as she is Australia's first saint canonized in 2010. Her first school built with Fr Julian Tenison Woods was built in Penola South Australia bringing education to everyone in the community, including indigenous children of this rural community. Her strong passion for teaching and learning was evident in all that she did to ensure that it was accessible to everyone regardless of culture, ethnicity and age. As the founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart she set up the first convent in Penrith where the sisters taught at St Nicholas of Myra primary. Another convent followed at St Mary's where the sisters started Our Lady of the Rosary Primary. It is wonderful that we can continue building on this Catholic identity and tradition that was commenced by St Mary Mackillop of the Cross in 1880 in our local area.



Our recent Staff Development Day was spent travelling to the St Mary Mackillop Museum and Chapel for our immersion of faith as a staff group. This was a truly amazing day for us as we have spent the last 3 years learning about her charism and looking at ways that her values can form an integral part of the learning and faith dimensions of our school life. The key values that we have drawn upon that will form the focus of Penola Catholic College will be; Courage, Compassion, Integrity and Hope. We will look for creative ways to ensure that these values are embedded in all aspects of school life at our new college Penola by working with students, staff and parents. On this day we had the absolute privilege of listening to Sr Jan Barnett who is a previous Principal of McCarthy, explaining the significance of moving from McCarthy to Penola and how the two paths will come together with the work we are undertaking. I would like to express my thanks to all staff and especially our REC Mr Robert Feeney for his outstanding organisation of our recent Staff Formation Day visiting the chapel and museum of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. A very important day for us following in the footsteps of St Mary Mackillop.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we transition to Penola Catholic College in 2020. I look forward to engaging with you at community events and our next Parent Engagement forum in Term 1 2020.

YEAR 12 FORMAL

We have enjoyed the Year 12 Formal at Rosehill Racecourse this year being our final year with the Trade Training Centre (TTC) students. As always the students presented themselves with a great sense of pride and thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the very special surroundings of this most beautiful venue. Good luck Year 12 as we look forward to receiving your HSC results in the coming weeks and hearing about your future plans for success in your career pathway plans. We are extremely proud of all that you have achieved and hope that you will stay in touch with us as we love hearing about all that you have achieved and are always here for you should you need any further support or words of advice to assist you. Our HSC results 2019 were released on Tuesday 17 December 2019 by NESA and were most impressive. Reach for the stars and beyond Year 12 2019- you are simply amazing !



FAREWELL TO STAFF MEMBERS

This year we say farewell to a small number of staff members who have all contributed significantly to our learning community during their time at the College.

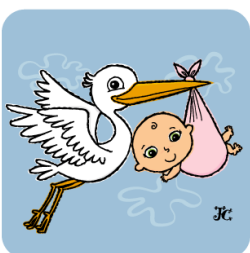
Mr Brendan Luchetti has been at the College for 19 years as a key member of the PDHPE KLA team sharing his talent and gifts with the whole school community. Mr Luchetti is a dynamic educator who always sets high standards for his classes and insists that everyone participates and learns actively together. Brendan has been a popular teacher with the senior students in particular and has always added to the extra- curricular life of the College by coaching many sporting teams, one of which was our Rugby League. He also enjoyed demonstrating his talents as a judge, MC and performer at our annual MFactor musical show. Brendan is taking up a new teaching position. We wish him all the very best and thank him sincerely for his outstanding contributions to our fine College.

I would like to acknowledge the many years of dedication and commitment from **Mrs Shannon Herps** who is part of the Religious Education and Creative and Performing Arts Team who will be leaving the college after 17 years. She has been here through many changes at the College always giving her best to ensure a strong sense of pastoral care in her classes. Shannon has a beautiful, warm and friendly personality which our students have enjoyed over the years here at the College. She has been a dependant and highly creative photographer at our school events and has shared her passion with her Digital and Photographic Media students in Stages 5 and 6. Shannon will now focus her time and energy in her family and other interests from 2020 onwards. We wish her well for a bright future and hope to see her here as possibly a Visiting Teacher from time to time. Thank you for all you have given to our learning and faith community so generously.

I would like to acknowledge the enormous contribution that has been made by **Mrs Peta Weber** who has as a Leader of Learning at the Trade Training Centre (TTC) for the past 9 Years. In this time, Mrs Weber has been integral in shaping the multiple learning pathways offered at the TTC ensuring that all student learning needs have been well considered in shaping their pathway of study in a trade, traineeship or apprenticeship. Mrs Weber has always demonstrated a high level of commitment to her students and ensured that she was available to discuss ongoing learning issues or matters of concern whether these were pastoral, family, friendship or learning related. Mrs Weber is an outstanding educator who responds to learning problems with innovative and creative solutions that are always students focused with positive solutions for the future. I am incredibly grateful for all that she has given of herself as a teacher and Leader of Learning and wish her all the very best as she commences her new role at St Luke's Catholic College Marsden Park as an Instructional Leader in 2020.

We also farewell the following staff for their amazing contributions and work in recent years and wish them well in their future work endeavours:

Mrs Amanda Parnis	(Data Analyst 3 Years at MCC)
Mr Andrew Diaz	(TTC Teacher 3 Years at TTC)
Mr Jim Sibbald	(General Assistant 2 years at MCC)



Mrs Vanessa Christman, Mrs Dannielle Hamilton and Mrs Marian Samuel will all be commencing Maternity leave and we wish them well as they await the birth of their children in early 2020.

We will keep you posted when we hear their exciting news.

We welcome new staff to Penola Catholic College 2020:

Miss Lani Brookfield	Teacher PDHPE
Mr Nathan Bryant	Teacher PDHPE
Mrs Annalise Pittman	Teacher English and Intervention
Mr David Cobb	Teacher Mathematics
Mrs Fran Sidrouk	Teacher Librarian and Intervention
Mrs Katrina Cunningham	Teacher Librarian
Miss Chaarvee Sood	Teacher Science
Mr Ross Bourke	Maintenance/Grounds person
Mrs Rebecca Cropper	Administration Support

We congratulate the following staff members who have been appointed to Leadership roles for 2020:

Mr Andrew McMaster	Acting Leader of Learning Science
Miss Rachel Muscat	Sport Coordinator
Mr David Cobb	Acting Leader of Learning Mathematics
Mr Daniel Nekic	Leader of Learning Creative and Performing Arts

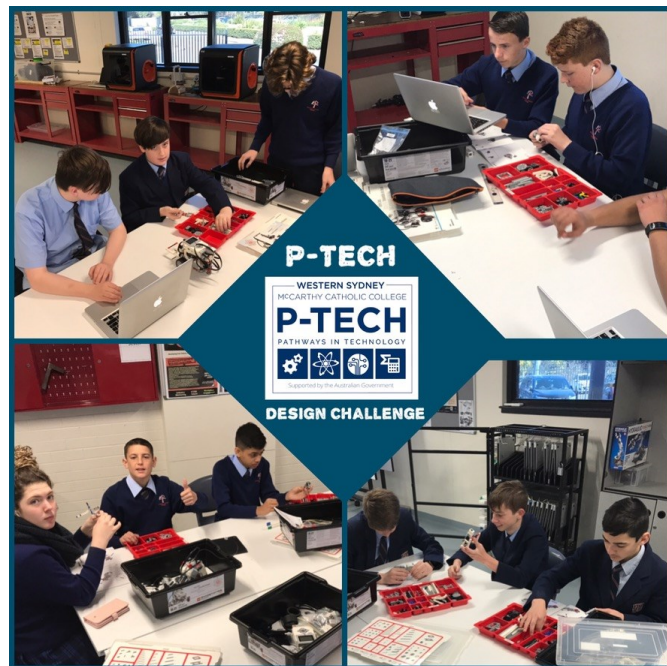
Staff members returning from leave during 2019:

Mrs Liz Heggart	Teacher Science and Mathematics
Mrs Shannon Matthews	Teacher HSIE

P-TECH NEWS

Students presented their assessment of solving a complex problem to our P-TECH Business partners and received feedback on their group work using robotics to incorporate innovative solutions. We are very proud of all the students who very capably presented their design thinking solutions and graciously received feedback for their efforts. The feedback from PwC and Telstra indicates that our students are progressing extremely well and are confident in communicating with our partners in a real world setting that critically assesses tasks similar to these.

Our P-TECH (Pathways in Technology) students in Year 9 and 10 have successfully completed their work placements and deserve high commendations for their commitment to working with our business partners Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC) and Telstra who work closely with our students and mentors, providing high quality support to our students giving them ongoing feedback on the skills they are currently focusing on such as critical thinking, design thinking, problem solving and communicating. It is these skills that will be required as students find employment in the future in a range of areas such as Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence and Designing and integrating solutions to problems. Our students will be preferred applicants with PwC and Telstra as a result of this key partnerships which is an amazing opportunity.



YEAR 10 FORMAL

A wonderful night celebrating the end of Year 10, 2019 was held at Panthers in the Ron Mulock function room. I would like to commend the students for their outstanding presentation on the evening, as well as their positive spirit and happiness that was evident in abundance!

From stunning attire from both ladies and gentlemen, to their engagement in the awards on the evening, I could not ask for anymore from Year 10. My personal thanks to all students who assisted Mr McKnight, Mr Testa and Miss Mansour in the organisation of this fabulous evening celebrating their achievement of Year 10 as a significant milestone in their lives. Thank you to all staff and students who generously contributed to making the night the success that it was !

Thank you also to all parents and families for supporting your child on this very important occasion in their lives. You should be extremely proud of your children who have matured into fine young men and women. Many students will continue on with us at Penola Catholic College following an academic pathway to achieve their HSC whilst others will continue onto places of education, or pursue a career pathway. Regardless of your future career pathway for 2020, please remember you are always an important member of our learning community and we look forward to reconnecting with you in the future! Best wishes Year 10, 2019 !

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During my time at the college over the last 4 years, we have worked on developing a strong, positive culture of learning that allows our students to be engaged in learning, develop a sense of empowerment in their learning and develop enterprise skills that will give them a distinct edge in comparison to other students competing for placement in University or employment possibilities. Our students are expected to be able to work independently, as well as in teams and collaborate to complete tasks or find solutions. Our students work on developing management and organisational skills across ALL subjects and courses of study Year 7-12. As well as this we are now embedding the following global competencies to assist in building the capability of our students for jobs of the future:

- ⇒ Character
- ⇒ Citizenship
- ⇒ Collaboration
- ⇒ Communication
- ⇒ Creativity
- ⇒ Critical thinking.

We have worked on developing a Learning Framework at our college that focuses on:

- ⇒ Stage 4: Engagement in Learning
- ⇒ Stage 5: Empowerment In Learning
- ⇒ Stage 6: Enterprise Skills in Learning

Our next steps in 2020 will be to go deeper in our learning with students. As a result, we will work in 100 minute learning sessions with students to be able to work in a contemporary way modelling expectations unlike work settings where skills in collaboration in teams, communication and critical thinking are called upon readily.

The PLUSES for student learning are:

- ⇒ Allows teachers to focus student learning through a series of smaller tasks that incrementally build their understanding and skills
- ⇒ Teachers to design learning in sequential levels of difficulty and students to access at points of need with greater
- ⇒ opportunities for students to self pace
- ⇒ See students less often but for a more substantive time frame for learning consolidation. Opportunities for students to explore and inquire deeper during the sustained learning sessions
- ⇒ Students have fewer books and learning resources to carry around in their bags each day to school
- ⇒ Less movement time and lost time between periods/classes
- ⇒ Greater responsibility on students to have completed their work in preparation for the next learning sessions and bring learning resources

This change in daily structure may take a few weeks to become accustomed to the 'new' longer learning sessions, however it will lead to greater potential for deeper learning and success in student achievements in learning.

I would like to thank all parents for your ongoing support as we continuously look for creative and innovative ways to transform and strengthen learning for your child at our fine college.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS:

Thank you sincerely for a wonderful year in 2019.

May the Holy Spirit be with you at this time of the birth of Christ.

Wishing all our families a safe and relaxing holiday break.

I look forward to reconnecting with students, staff and families in the new year!

Blessing for a wonderful Christmas season as we welcome the birth of our Lord.



Mrs Tania Cairns
Principal Leader



Christmas Mass times at our Local Parishes

Parish	Mass/Reconciliation	Date	Time
Our Lady of the Way Emu Plains	Reconciliation	22 December 2019	4pm - 6pm (one to one)
	Christmas Vigil Mass	24 December 2019	6.00pm
	Midnight Mass	25 December 2019	Carols will commence at 11.30pm 24/12/19 Mass at 12am
St Finbars Glenbrook	Reconciliation	18 December 2019	7.30pm (2nd Rite)
	Christmas Vigil Mass	24 December 2019	7.00pm
	Midnight Mass	25 December 2019	12am
	Christmas Day	25 December 2019	8.30am
St Nicholas of Myra Penrith	Reconciliation	19 December 2019	7.30pm (2nd Rite)
	Reconciliation	21 December 2019	9.30am and 5.00pm
	Christmas Family Mass	24 December 2019	6.00pm (Children's Mass)
	Christmas Vigil Mass	24 December 2019	9.00pm
	Midnight Mass	25 December 2019	Carols will commence at 11.30pm 24/12/19 Mass at 12am

Parish	Mass/Reconciliation	Date	Time
Pardre Pio Glenmore Park	Reconciliation	21 December 2019	After the 9.00am Mass
	Christmas Vigil Mass	24 December 2019	7.00pm (Children's Mass)
	Christmas Vigil Mass	24 December 2019	9.30pm (Family Mass)
	Midnight Mass	25 December 2019	12am (Solemn Mass)
	Christmas Day Mass	25 December 2019	9.30am
Luddenham-Warragamba Holy Family Centre	Reconciliation	17 December 2019	7.00pm (2nd Rite)
	Christmas Vigil Mass	24 December 2019	6.00pm (Family Mass)
	Midnight Mass	25 December 2019	Carols will commence at 11.30pm 24/12/19 Mass at 12am
	Christmas Day Mass	25 December 2019	10.00am
Luddenham-Warragamba Sacred Heart at Warragamba	Christmas Day Mass	25 December 2019	8.00am
Corpus Christi Cranbrook	Christmas Vigil Mass	24 December 2019	6.00pm (Children's Mass)
	Christmas Vigil Mass	24 December 2019	8.30pm
	Midnight Mass	25 December 2019	12am
St Joseph's Parish Kingswood	Reconciliation	21 December 2019	After the 8.30am Mass
	Reconciliation	23 December 2019	9am to 12 noon 5pm to 7.30pm
	Christmas Vigil Mass	24 December 2019	6.00pm
	Midnight Mass	25 December 2019	12am
	Christmas Day Mass	25 December 2019	9.00am



FROM THE COLLEGE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear McCarthy Students and Families

Term 4 has gone by so fast this year. We have enjoyed so many fabulous events where our students have celebrated success in their learning and we have had so many opportunities to catch up with our families. I think the greatest joy a teacher has is standing beside our parents whilst we stand in pride of our amazing young person who is happy and proud of their achievements.

As you are aware, our College is a place of learning. We pride ourselves on our continued transformation because we are all learners that use feedback to improve our performance. This term we have continued to lift our learning. We have high expectations of ourselves and others. Most importantly, student attendance has significantly increased and we are striving to achieve our best learning behaviours in and outside of our classrooms. We thank all of our families for their support as we increased our contact with parents in Term 4 whose children required more support to lift their learning behaviours.

Some of the highlights of our term have included school activities (incursions and excursions) and our major events; such as our Year 12 Farewell Assembly, Year 12 Graduation Mass, HSC examinations, Year 7 2020 Orientation and Parent Information Evening, Staff Formation Day to Mary MacKillop Place at North Sydney, Year 12 Formal at Rosehill Gardens, Year 12 Assessment Information Night and our Year 10 Formal at Panthers. We've completed many formative assessments and our Year 7 to 10 student reports are on their way home between Monday 9th December to Wednesday 11th December. Please contact me if you noticed any problems with the printing of these as they have been repeatedly checked to be free from errors.

Our Semester 2 2019 Award Ceremony will be celebrated with the Year 12, 2019 HSC High Achievers on Wednesday 12th February (please arrive at 12:00pm for a 12:30pm-3pm ceremony (and also that evening is our also our Year 11 2020 Assessment Information Evening from 5-6pm - Compulsory for students and their families please), students and their families will receive an invitation for the Award Ceremony during January 2020. If your child receives 4 or more A's on their 2019 report, they will be awarded an Academic Achievement Award and if they received 4 or more A's in both Semester 1 and 2 2019, they will receive an Academic Excellence Award. Year 12, 2019 students and families will also be invited by mail.

Year 10, 2020 Assessment Information Evening from 5-6pm is on Wednesday 26th February - Compulsory for students and their families please.

Our Christmas Liturgy is on Friday 13th December 9:15-10:45am and families are welcome to join our students and staff. The last day of school for students is celebrated with a Picnic Activity Day on Tuesday 17th December and Year 12 HSC results are also released on this day. Our Year 12 students are invited to join us for recess at 10:40 – 11:10am and celebrate their results with us on Wednesday 18th December at school.

On Wednesday 18th December we also have our Parent Teacher Day (no student day) and parents can access our online booking through School Interviews on line at www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the login code of **5paag**.

I hope you have a blessed Christmas and peaceful holiday full of love and happiness. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2020 as we begin our Penola Catholic College journey together. I would also like to wish and thank our Cathwest: McCarthy Campus staff the very best in their new journey, as our neighbours in a separate Catholic Education Parramatta school in 2020, and for those families who have completed their journey with us, I wish you all the very best and thank you for your contribution to our College.

God bless and have a safe and holy Christmas

Mrs Peta Sparkes
Assistant Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND MISSION

A crisis always gives rise to a dream.

John the Baptist's main message is not to oppress others especially if you are in power and therefore calls us to be a witness of courage and hope in a culture of indifference. We have some work to do in Australia.

Aren't we all distracted by the "stuff" of our material world? We are full of stuff and when we are full there is no room for God. My grandparents built their house on a river, they loved fishing, they were sustainable, their house was small and simple. They didn't have to travel far for water, food or friends. A very happy existence. Then our world started to change and they made me very aware and shared this story.

A new neighbour came into the neighbourhood. They didn't want to build down near the river, they wanted to build upon the mountain, really a big hill compared to our beautiful blue mountains. So they cleared the trees, levelled the ground and proceeded to put in pipes to the river and other technologies. My grandfather specifically said that *"they imposed themselves and their will on the earth."*

The culture of convenience is a part of all our lives, let's manage it well. This change of thinking from living with the earth to imposing our selves onto it is the real battle in our Church. God reveals himself to us through the person of Jesus (Christmas), Word of God (the stories of a people and their relationship with God) and Church (a place in our society who has faced a great scandal, but faced it with courage calling for mercy and truth). It is the Advent of Jesus that will bring us back to the small house next to the river rather than the house on the hill. The house on the hill calls us into the secular world, imposing our will, when our neighbour wants to reform faith into something "we" want rather than listening to what the spirit is saying and being part of the creative spirit. I wonder what Jesus' answer for us would be when we ask "What do I have to do to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?"

Mary MacKillop said, "As far back as I can remember, God gave me such a sense of His watchful presence", and by living with integrity, God has "taught me to lean upon Him alone". It is from this that she was empowered by Christ to respond to the needs of her neighbour with courage and compassion, the desire for God's glory, and with hope to reach the fullness of life (John 10:10).

St Mary of the Cross 1873

God Bless all our families and have a prayer-filled Christmas.

Robert Feeney
Leader of Religious Education & Mission



HEAD OF STUDENT WELLBEING AND LEARNING

What a term we have had! As you will see later on in this report, we have 486 students who have achieved at least Bronze Level on our McCarthy Points System. Too often in schools, the consistent achiever is overlooked and we have worked hard to ensure we have processes to support, recognise and encourage all students.

Year 12 in Term 4

The new Year 12 students have been working hard to commence their HSC studies. They have made a good start and teachers are pleased with their efforts thus far. These Christmas holidays are not true holidays for these students as teachers will be having expectations on them to continue their studies. Naturally a break is important but we encourage all our new Year 12 students to keep their minds on the job over the 6 week break! This photo is in recognition of some of the Year 12 students who have achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold standard with their McCarthy Points.



Year 12 Leadership Camp

In Week 3 of this term, our student leaders participated in a two day retreat where the goals was to understand each of the Ministries and determine KPIs that were “SMART”. Already, we are seeing the fruits of this at school as students work to complete activities. The Sport and Recreation Ministry has worked hard on beginning an Oztag Competition; The Mission Ministry is working on the Christmas Appeal; The Community Engagement and Celebration ministry is working to run a peer support program for our Year 7 students. The student voice ministry is working with the Class Captains to promote device free Thursdays as they encourage less focus on technology and more on face to face communication. The leadership team is really making a difference at our College and the students deserve to feel proud of their efforts.



Year 10 Dinner Dance

In Week 7, Mr McKnight, Mr Testa and Miss Mansour worked hard with others to organise the Year 10 Dinner Dance at Panthers. It was great to see the students dressing up, so much so that some were hard to recognise!



McCarthy Points

At the time of writing, we have:

111 students on Bronze Level	(More than 20 Points)
81 students on Silver Level	(More than 40 Points)
294 students on Gold Level	(More than 60 Points)

This is an excellent achievement by 486 of our students.

We encourage all students to work in a positive and cooperative manner to achieve positive points status as we move into 2020.

Parents will once again be able to check their child's diary as attendance and points updates will be distributed once a week and pasted in to the student diary.

Wishing you a happy and Holy Christmas and may 2020 be a good year for all.

Mr Martin Stein
Head of Student Wellbeing and Learning

every learner
every day 

HEAD OF INNOVATION AND DIVERSITY

Applications for 2020 HSC Disability Provisions Are Now Open

Disability provisions information for parents of students completing the HSC in 2020:

The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) grants Disability Provisions to some students for the Higher School Certificate. Please read the following information carefully, it may relate to your child.

Who should apply for disability provisions?

Students with:

- A hearing or vision impairment
- A physical disability; a back problem; a writing-hand issue, etc.
- A learning difficulty – dyslexia or other problems with reading or writing
- Difficulty with reading or slow handwriting due to a diagnosed disability
- An intellectual disability
- A medical condition – diabetes, ADD/ADHD, serious headaches or other illness, etc.
- Anxiety, depression or other mental illness diagnosed and supported by specialists

What are some of the provisions?

- A reader and / or writer
- Extra time allowance
- Rest breaks
- Separate supervision
- Special seating within the exam space
- Diabetic provisions.
- Individual provisions for students with a hearing or vision impairment

How does my child apply?

- They go to the office of the Leader of Diversity and Innovation in the Mary courtyard and speak with Ms Keogh or Mrs Voutos. Otherwise, our School Counsellor Jess Austin can provide information in relation to provisions.
- There are specialist reports and student statement forms that need to be completed as part of the application process.

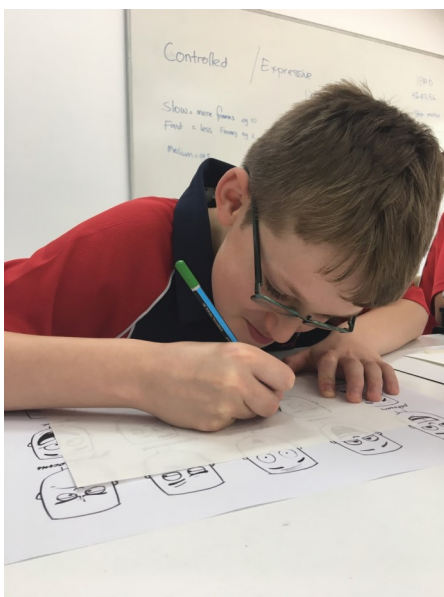
Applications are due into NESA by the end of Term 1 2020 but may be submitted from Term 4 2019. The earlier the application is completed, the sooner we know the outcome. Students who are granted HSC Disability Provisions have them for the whole of Year 12 (assessment tasks and all examinations).

There is no notation for marking of papers or on the Higher School Certificate itself that indicates provisions have been used. If you have any questions, or are unsure whether your child may be eligible to apply, please contact the Leader of Innovation and Diversity through the school office: 4728 8100.

HEAD OF INNOVATION AND DIVERSITY Continued

Year 7 Intervention Excursion:

Recently a small group of Year 7 students experienced an excursion to Penrith Regional Gallery, Lewers Bequest at Emu Plains to participate in a creative workshop. Students enjoyed a walk along the river to the Lewers Gallery to participate in an incredible experience integrating literacy,, numeracy, technology and social skills. Students were challenged to create both 'controlled' and 'expressive' patterns using watercolour palettes that would later be used as a backdrop to a stop motion film they created in pairs. The film incorporated expressive portraits and sound bites, carefully selected by each students to compliment their creative. It is without hesitation that I declare that every student experienced success and thoroughly enjoyed this immersion experience. Congratulations and thanks must go to Ms Margaret O'Donnell and Mrs Annalise Pittman for organising this experience for these fantastic students.



HEAD OF INNOVATION AND DIVERSITY Continued

Year 7 2020 Pre-Orientation Day

During the first week of November, we welcomed a small group of Yr 6 students to McCarthy for their Pre-Orientation Day. The photo diary of the day says a lot. This small group pushed their nerves aside quickly and became fully involved in a day of social activity, school tours, physical challenges and learning. Everyone finished the day feeling much more prepared for the Orientation Day and the year ahead, their first year of high school.

Thanks must go to the Learning Support Team for their careful and creative planning as well as to the McCarthy students leaders who modelled involvement, empathy, proactivity and generosity throughout the day.

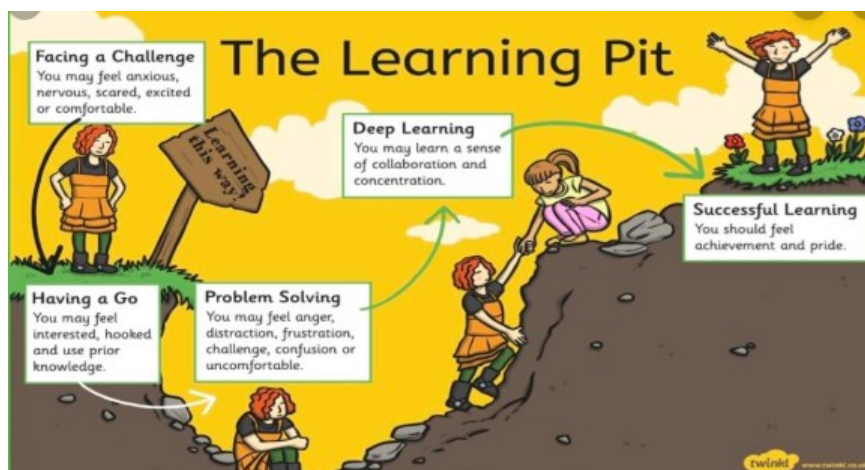
Well done Talisha North, Georgia Finianos, Katelyn Daggar, Marshall Pereira, Ethan Bruce, Brodie Grech, Luke Randle, Byron Gillon, Keiralee Hotchkiss and Hayley Wilson.





LEADER OF PEDAGOGY AND INSTRUCTIONAL COACH

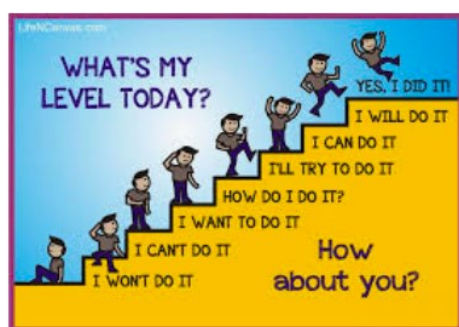
As we move forward into 2020 as Penola, we are looking forward to what 2020 will bring. We are always looking for ways to lift the learning and this will continue to happen as we transition to Penola. We want our students to understand that at times learning can feel uncomfortable, this is known as 'zone of confusion' but it is through dedication, persistence and determination that they will achieve. This sense of uneasiness is referred to as the learning pit.



It is through collaboration, surface, deep to transfer learning where students work their way out. NOTHING is considered a failure but EVERYTHING is considered a learning. However, your child / our student needs to be prepared to take on this challenge with a growth mindset.

As a parent do you know where your child is at on their learning journey? When met with a challenge do they: dig their heels in and simply say 'I won't do this'?

Are they willing to look at the learning but then say 'I can't do this'? Then don't try?



We want all of our students to be at the step where they are eager to want to learn 'I want to do it'.

Not afraid to enter the learning pit. We want them to feel success in their learning as they transition in and out of the learning pit and come along the learning journey here at Penola.

It is important we do this as a community. As a parent, how can you support / assist?

Talk to your child about:

What they are finding difficult at school and how have they gone about trying to figure it out. What do they find easy, when your child is completing homework, ask them to explain their content to you. Having to teach content is a great strategy in learning it, ask questions and be involved.

We have seen great work thus far this year in 2019 and can't wait to see what's to come for 2020 Penola.

Mrs Julie Petrovski

Leader of Pedagogy and Instructional Coach

SPORTS UPDATE

Season 1

Every year, McCarthy students participate in a range of representative sports on Thursdays.

Term 1 consisted of junior and intermediate girls Volleyball teams as well as junior and intermediate boys and girls touch football team. Both volleyball teams experienced tough competition but continued to give it their all, improving with each and every week.

The junior boys, junior girls and intermediate boys Touch Football teams all finished in 3rd place after a strong season.

The intermediate girls team stormed their way into the grand final undefeated but were unfortunately defeated in a close encounter.

Season 2

Season 2 consisted of similar success for the College in football, netball and rugby league.

The intermediate boys Football team under the guidance of Mr Durkin progressed to the grand final for the second successive season but unfortunately were outclassed on the day losing out to a strong opposition in Emmaus.

Our intermediate girls Netball after a dominant season were to suffer the same fate, unfortunately getting edged out in a tense grand final by a single point.

Finally, our Junior Rugby League boys after a season facing stiff competition all season missed out on a finals berth by a close 2 points.

Season 3

Season 3 was our strongest season of the year for McCarthy, and what a way to finish.

Our intermediate girls Basketball Team lead by the ever wise Mr Mizzi remained a powerhouse all season storming their way into the grand final after an undefeated season and eventually taking out the championship with a win in overtime.

The Oztag Teams experienced similar success with the junior girls progressing to the final where they were unfortunately defeated but our junior and intermediate boys teams dismantling their opposition to win their respective grand finals 3-2.

Congratulations to all staff and students involved in our representative sport for McCarthy Catholic College for 2019.

SPORTS UPDATE Continued

Age Champions and Runners up in 2019

Swimming

Age	Age Champion	Runner Up
12 Boys	Mitchell Thomas	Marshall Pereira
12 Girls	Maya Bailey	Alyssa Merriman
13 Boys	Oliver Woods	James Cremen
13 Girls	Abbey Ryan	Ella Watkins
14 Boys	Harrison Bolton	Blake Frankham
14 Girls	Elyzah Allan &	Claire Silva
15 Boys	William Burrell	Jonathan Cole
15 Girls	Samantha Durik	Karli Illic
16 Boys	Joshua Stubbs	Corey Doyle
16 Girls	Gabriella Grimaldi	Hannah Cladingboel
17+ Boys	Justin Cooper	Connor Fleming
17+ Girls	Siobhan Stevens	Rachel Cole

Athletics

Age	Age Champion	Runner Up
12 Boys	Jhett Sydir	Lachlan Wraight
12 Girls	Charlyse Russo	Isabella Carr
13 Boys	Dieter Erdmann	Blake Grennel-Buckley
13 Girls	Chaya Ott	Kiarna Stark
14 Boys	Tyler Gibb	Ethan Bruce
14 Girls	Elyzah Allan	Julia James
15 Boys	Ashton Gibson	Adrian Jones
15 Girls	Torrance McLean	Ella Wickenden
16 Boys	Corey Doyle	Isaac Bartolo
16 Girls	Elissa Lee	Rosie Kaufusi
17+ Boys	Harry Mason	Jordan Osmond (TTC)
17+ Girls	Janaya Bent	Loreen Luamanuvae

SPORTS UPDATE Continued

Cross Country

Age	Age Champion	Runner Up
12 Boys	Lachlan Wraight	Mitchell Thomas
12 Girls	Lailah Perceval	Maya Bailey
13 Boys	Oliver Woods	Zavier Button
13 Girls	Chaya Ott	Ella Watkins
14 Boys	Sebastian Zinghini-	Lachlan Foreshew
14 Girls	Isabella Coey	Chloe O'Hara
15 Boys	Adrian Jones	Lawrence Galea
15 Girls	Torrance McLean	Emily Attard
16 Boys	James Wakeling	Ryan Koenig
16 Girls	Hannah Cladingboel	Anna Porter
17 Boys	Aidan Rowe	Harry Mason
17 Girls	Rachel Cole	Rosie Kaufusi
18 Boys	Emerson Rovere	Akshay Wakankar
18 Girls	Janaya Bent	Darcy White

Representative Teams Best and Fairest Athletes

Swimming	Harrison Bolton
Cross Country	Torrance McLean
Athletics	Elissa Lee
Basketball	Anna Porter
Cricket	James Wakeling
Football Male	Mitchell Thomas
Football Female	Isabella Carr
Netball	Mia Henderson
Oz Tag Male	Isaac Bartolo
Oz Tag Female	Chaya Ott
Rugby League	Ethan Merchant
Touch Football Male	Ashton Gibson
Touch Football Female	Yasmine Baker
Volleyball Female	Kavya Nalamati



SPORTS UPDATE Continued

The Recipient of the Paul O'Brien Perpetual Medal

Congratulations to the 2019 recipient of the prestigious Paul O'Brien medal awarded to Chloe Kericopolas.

Chloe won the gold medal for the senior girl's under 44kg at the Australian National Judo Championships held on the Gold Coast in June this year, outstanding effort Chloe!

Sport In 2020

2020 is looking to be an exciting year in Sport. Our usual Thursday sport this year has undergone a revamp with students being placed into sporting groups and rotating through a range of new and previously loved sports and activities.

The new process ensures that between Years 7-10, all students will have the opportunity to participate in all sports and activities the College has to offer. It also creates a streamlined process where all parents and students are aware of the sports they will be participating in for the term.

Returning next year is also our much loved representative sport, giving students across all years opportunities to represent Penola Catholic College against other schools in the Diocese in various sports.

We can't wait to see what our athletes can achieve on the sporting fields next year!

Yours in Sport

Mr John McKnight
Sport Coordinator

Mr Braedon Cuneo
Assistant Sport Coordinator



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...



DECEMBER 2019	
Wednesday 18th	Last day of Term 4 for students Parent Teacher Interviews will be held during the day
Thursday 19th	Staff Development Day - PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday 20th	Staff Development Day - PUPIL FREE DAY
JANUARY 2020	
Tuesday 28	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 29	Years 7, 11 and 12 commence at 8.48am in full school uniform New Students in Year 8, 9 and 10 there is an orientation morning from 10.00am to 12 noon.
Thursday 30	Whole School returns years 7 to 12 inclusive
FEBRUARY 2020	
Wednesday 12	Academic Awards Ceremony: 12noon for a 12.30pm start to 3.00pm <i>Invitations will be mailed home to those students receiving an award.</i>
Wednesday 12	Year 11: Assessment Information Evening: 5pm to 6pm (Compulsory)
Tuesday 19	Year 7: Parent Information Evening 5pm to 6.00pm (Compulsory)
Wednesday 26	Year 10: Assessment Information Evening: 5pm to 6pm (Compulsory)
PUPIL FREE DAYS 2020	
Friday 5 June 2020	Staff Professional Learning Day (Pupil Free)
Monday 20 July 2020	Staff Professional Learning Day (Pupil Free)
Friday 20 November 2010	Staff Professional Learning Day (Pupil Free)
Term Dates For 2020	
Term 1	Resumes Years 7, 11 and 12 - 29 January: Whole School 30 January 2020 Concludes 9 April 2020
Term 2	Resumes 27 April 2020 and concludes 3 July 2020
Term 3	Resumes 21 July 2020 and concludes 25 September 2020
Terms 4	Resumes 12 October 2020 and concludes 16 December 2020

Uniform for 2020

Uniform is an important part of the Penola Catholic College community. It is a significant visual representation of the high standards that are promoted within our community and for the wider community. Our College uniform allows all students to feel equality as part of the College community as well as being proud to identify with the College. To that end, the College will work hard to promote compliance with the uniform standards and expects all students to adhere to the standards in order to demonstrate the mutual respect that comes from wearing the uniform well. As we progress to Penola, there are some important changes to our uniform expectations that we would like to bring to your attention.

General Uniform Rules

- Students are expected to wear the full school uniform as a requirement of attendance. The uniform is to be clean, neat and tidy at all times.
- The Winter uniform, including the College Blazer as the outside garment is mandatory during Terms 2 and 3. Scarves are to be navy blue only. Students are encouraged to wear the College jumper, spencers and/or white undershirts if they are affected by the cold in winter.
- Boys plain navy blue (Years 7 to 9) or plain grey (Years 10 to 12) socks can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. (No stripes or logos). All socks are to be at least 5cm above ankle.
- Girls white socks without stripes or logos must be at least 5 cm above the ankle and therefore foldable.
- Girls skirts should not be rolled at the waist and girls will be given 3 days allowance to adjust the hem if it is not on the knee or longer.
- Full Sports Uniform for junior students Years 7-10 only must be worn on the allocated sport day i.e. shorts and polo shirt with tracksuit jacket and pants. Otherwise full school uniform is expected. No other shirts, shorts or tracksuits or other sport items other than the official College sports uniform is to be worn. Sport socks must be white, at least 5 cm above the ankle and foldable.
- The College uniform must not be mixed and matched with the sports uniform. Should a student have their sports jacket visible on a non-sport day, it will be confiscated. Similarly, students are not to wear the College jumper as the outer garment on sport day. It can be worn under the College sports jacket if they are affected by the cold in winter.
- Senior students are expected to be in full school uniform every day.
- Girls may wear simple hair accessories in the colours of plain red, white or navy blue. Hair ties can also be in these colours or in the colour of their hair.
- Students representing the school are expected to wear full school uniform or they will not be permitted to attend.
- Students who have damaged/ripped items of the uniform must fix or replace the damage with a new item.
- The uniform expectations apply to all students travelling to and from school, and in the wider community.
- All students are encouraged to wear sunscreen and may only wear the college cap in order to be Sunsafely.

School Bag

- School bags, purchased through Uniform Shop, are compulsory for ALL Students.

Hair

- Hair must be clean, neat and tidy with subtle natural colour variation, if any. Extremes of fashion are not acceptable eg, mullets, undercuts or shaved sides with a long top section (that can be put into pony tails) is an example of an extreme of fashion and is not acceptable.
- Girls hair longer than collar length must be tied back. Girls in Year 11 & 12 can wear their hair out but must have the equipment to be able to tie it back in practical subjects, such as PDHPE, TAS and Science or whenever deemed necessary by their teacher for safety.
- The hair of boys in Years 7 to 10 must sit above the collar. Boys in Years 11 & 12 may have longer hair but it must be tied back at all times when in uniform.
- Facial hair is not permitted in Years 7 to 10 as students must be clean shaven. Students in Years 11 and 12 may have facial hair if it is neatly groomed.

Tattoos

- These are not acceptable in the school. Students with a tattoo must keep it completely covered at all times under their school uniform and/or use a flesh coloured stretch tube bandage so the tattoo is not visible at any time.

Makeup (7-12)

Makeup is not to be worn to school by girls in Years 7 to 10. Year 7 to 10 girls with makeup will be asked to remove it immediately. Makeup may be worn by Year 11 or 12 girls if applied in a light and natural manner. Year 11 & 12 girls with excessive makeup will be asked to correct it to an acceptable level.

Eyelash extensions are not to be worn by any students.

Jewellery (7-12)

Ear: Two pairs of silver, gold, clear plastic stud/sleeper or hoop earrings. Only clear stones are permitted. Ear studs should be no bigger than 4mm in diameter. Ear sleepers or hoops should not exceed the diameter of a 5 cent piece. Spacers are not permitted at the College.

4mm circle



5 Cent Piece circle

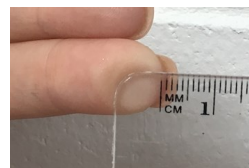


- Other Piercings: No other visible facial piercings are allowed during any school based activities or school day, including excursions, retreats, sport representation/activities/carnivals, mufti days etc.
- Keeping a piercing hole open will not be acceptable as an excuse. This means that clear studs are not to be worn in nose piercings as these are visible. No band-aids are to be used to cover piercings.
- One plain ring can be worn and one gold or silver bracelet may be worn.
- One gold or silver necklace may be worn and may have a crucifix or religious symbol only.
- For safety reasons, all jewellery should be removed for sport, PDHPE or practical subjects to ensure workplace health and injury requirements are met and to reduce the risk of harm or injury.

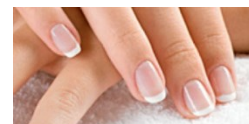
Nail Polish (7-12)

- No acrylic nails are permitted at Penola Catholic College
- Nails should be short as excessive length may pose a safety risk or inhibit a student's ability to participate fully in the learning and are not to be worn. Therefore, nails must not exceed 3mm in length above the end of the fingertips (see photo) and the shape is to be natural, not pointed or coffin shaped. Diamantes, stick-on elements and/or sparkles are not permitted.
- Nail polish must be natural in the look (only clear or French tip nail polish are permitted) PERMITTED

PERMITTED



Maximum Length (3 mm)



French Tip

NOT PERMITTED



Shape, length, colour & sparkles



ALL Colours & Length

Shoes

Shoes must be black, polished, hard leather, lace-up and closed-in school shoes. Students are NOT to wear soft leather casual, sport or skater shoes.

Correct



Incorrect



Marking of Clothes

All articles of clothing are to be clearly labelled with the student's name so any item found can be handed in to the student office and returned to the owner.

<p align="center">SENIOR BOYS UNIFORM (10, 11 and 12)</p>	<p align="center">SENIOR GIRLS UNIFORM (10, 11 & 12)</p>
<p><i>Summer Uniform Terms 1 and 4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White short-sleeved shirt, open neck with College crest. The shirt may be worn out in summer. If a tie is worn, the shirt is to be tucked into the trousers. Grey long school trousers purchased from the Uniform Shop. A plain black belt is compulsory and must be worn. 	<p><i>Summer Uniform Terms 1 and 4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College senior pattern school skirt must be knee length or longer. College white senior short-sleeved blouse with College crest and pattern trim.
<p><i>Winter Uniform Terms 2 and 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White short-sleeved shirt with College crest, tucked in with school tie worn with the knot at the collar. Grey long school trousers purchased from the Uniform Shop. A plain black belt is compulsory and must be worn. Optional navy blue V-neck school jumper with crest. The College blazer is compulsory for ALL students. 	<p><i>Winter Uniform Terms 2 and 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College senior pattern school skirt must be knee length or longer. College white senior short-sleeved blouse with College crest and pattern trim. Dark navy opaque stockings. Purchased through the Uniform Shop. (70 Denier) Optional navy blue V-neck school jumper with crest
<p align="center">JUNIOR BOYS UNIFORM (7 TO 9)</p>	<p align="center">JUNIOR GIRLS UNIFORM (7 TO 9)</p>
<p><i>Summer Uniform Terms 1 and 4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue short-sleeved shirt, open neck with College crest. The shirt may be worn out in summer. If a tie is worn in summer the shirt is to be tucked into the trousers. College Navy blue long school trousers purchased from the Uniform Shop. A plain black belt is compulsory and must be worn. College Navy blue dress shorts (Optional) purchased from the Uniform Shop. To be worn with regulation navy socks. Ankle socks are not allowed. (The dress shorts are optional) 	<p><i>Summer Uniform Terms 1 and 4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College junior school skirt must be knee length or longer. White junior short-sleeved blouse with Peter-Pan collar and College Crest must be worn.
<p><i>Winter Uniform Terms 2 and 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue short-sleeved shirt with College crest which is tucked-in. Navy blue long school trousers purchased from the Uniform Shop. A plain black belt is compulsory and must be worn. No shorts to be worn in winter. Optional navy blue V-neck school jumper with crest. The school blazer is compulsory for ALL students. School tie must be worn with the winter uniform and for all formal occasions. Tie must be worn with the knot at the collar. 	<p><i>Winter Uniform Terms 2 and 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> College junior school skirt must be knee length or longer. White junior blouse with Peter-Pan collar and College Crest must be worn. Dark navy opaque stockings. Purchased through the Uniform Shop. (Denier 70). Navy blue V-neck school jumper with crest. (Optional) The school blazer is compulsory for ALL students.
<p align="center">Sport Uniform Boys and Girls Years 7 to 10 to be worn on Thursdays only</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College polo shirt with College crest College tracksuit jacket & pants must both be purchased. Shoes must be lace-up sport shoe style – not canvas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College navy blue shorts, with crest. Plain white ankle length sport socks that are 5cm above the ankle without logos/branding
<p>Note: If students have a practical subject such as woodwork or science, they must bring their black leather shoes to wear to satisfy work health and safety requirements.</p>	

UNIFORM Continued

Furthermore, as the school transitions to the Penola Catholic College uniform, the McCarthy Catholic College uniform will still be permissible. In 2021 the new uniform will be available for Years 7 and Year 10 as well as any other students in the College who wishes to purchase the new uniform at that time. Over the following years, the Penola uniform will then become the uniform of the College. Uniform items can be purchased from the College Uniform Shop on School grounds which is open on **Tuesday afternoons, from midday till 4pm and on Thursday mornings from 8am till midday.**

IF A STUDENT IS UNABLE TO WEAR THE CORRECT UNIFORM he/she must bring a note in to school, written in the diary, signed by a parent or guardian explaining the situation and giving an indication of when it will be rectified as a matter of priority. The note must be shown to the Stage Leader of Learning who will sign it as an indication this has been noted. **This note option is to be used in extreme situations and students will only have limited opportunities to supply a note before detentions will be issued, eg lunchtime detention.**

If students do not meet our uniform standards there will be consequences issued. Penola Catholic College reserves the right to enforce these uniform guidelines and will make every effort to do so fairly, consistently and equitably.

The process at the school is as follow.

- Students who do not meet our high standards of uniform will be given a lunch detention.
- Should they receive three uniform detentions in a term, they will be given an afternoon detention.
- Should the student still choose to break the uniform rules, he/she will be removed from class until a meeting with a parent or guardian can be arranged. At this meeting, the College standards will be further explained and compliance agreed.
- Should the child continue to choose to break the uniform rules, he or she may be externally suspended and a meeting with the Principal to review the student's plan for meeting College expectations will be required before returning to the College.

PLEASE NOTE:

Should a parent wish to have a period of variation from the College Uniform rules, these are only possible at the Principal's discretion and applications will need to be made to the Principal's Secretary to arrange and meeting for the proposal to be discussed. Any appeal for variation should be made as a sign of courtesy and good will PRIOR to a student and family wishing to make a decision that is not in keeping with the College's uniform expectations.

Thank you for your continued support of our Uniform Policy.

Mr Martin Stein
Head of Pastoral and Wellbeing

Mrs Peta Sparkes
Assistant Principal

Finance

School fees for 2020 have been set by the Parramatta Education Office and school based fees have been set by the College.

For more details please log onto our website www.mccarthyemuplains.catholic.edu.au Click onto the Enrolment Tab and then select School Fees. This will give you, a comprehensive overview of the school fees for 2020.

If you have any queries regarding school fees please contact either the Business Manager Mr McNally or the Finance Secretary Mrs Julie Jones via the College Office on 4728 8100 if you require further information.

The School Locker - Uniform Shop

January 2020 Trading Dates and Times

**Located on the grounds of Penola Catholic College
No Appointment Necessary**

Extended Trading Dates and Times for January 2020:

Monday	20 January 8.00am – 11.30am	12.30pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday	21 January 8.00am – 11.30am	12.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday	22 January 8.00am – 11.30am	12.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday	23 January 8.00am – 11.30am	12.30pm – 4.00pm
Friday	24 January 8.00am – 11.30am	12.30pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday	28 January 8.00am – 11.30am	12.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday	29 January 8.00am – 11.30am	12.30pm – 4.00pm

Normal school term trading will resume on:

Thursday 30 January 8.00am – 12 noon

Then every Tuesday and Thursday during school term, times indicated below:

Tuesday 12 noon to 4.00pm

Thursday 8.00am to 12 noon

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