



19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students of St Brigid's College,

Welcome back to all members of our St Brigid's College community. This term we have many new families joining us and I warmly welcome you all to the College. The first days for students returning for Term 2 were filled with mixed emotions as some of our students wished the holidays were not over, whilst others were keen to get back into the school routine. The heart and soul of the school was back, and the usual hum of students and staff was music to my ears!



### *Staffing Update*

We welcome the following new staff to the College this term:

Mrs Sue Cawston	Primary Teacher - Year 2
Miss Theresa Davis	Secondary Teacher – Religious Education Years 10 to 12
Ms Natasha Rosky	Secondary Teacher – HASS Years 8 and 9
Mrs Kelly Meaden	Administrative Team – Payroll Officer
Miss Daniela Capuzzi	Italian Language Assistant

We also welcome back Mrs Alexandra England who returns to us following Maternity Leave and who re-joins our HASS Team; Mr Vincent Restifo who is not only joining our Religious Education Team but is also taking on the Curriculum Team Leadership in this area during Mrs Dwyer's absence on leave; and Mrs Catherine Wade who also returns from leave.

Mrs Penny Gaffey and Mrs Ellen James will be working with our students in Year 4 Gold and Year 6 Gold respectively during Term 2.

### *ANZAC Day*

The College will be represented by our Head Girls, Evie Hall and Gemma Whittington, at the Kalamunda RSL's ANZAC Day Dawn Service, next Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April.

The College will be holding Remembrance Services with our Secondary students on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, and Primary students on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Please be reminded that Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> is a Public Holiday and therefore a student free day.



### ***Homestay Experiences***

Thank you to the families in our community who assisted with the accommodation of our Brazilian students. The girls all had enriching experiences as families opened their homes to welcome our them.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> July, the College will welcome a group of Year 5-6 Japanese students from Sugiyama Uni Girls Primary School, Nagoya for an 8-night Cultural Exchange.

The visit presents an exciting opportunity for us to host these students and introduce your children to a new and interesting culture. For the visiting Japanese students, staying with a local family is the highlight of their visit and a chance for them to experience the 'Aussie' way of life. This simple act of kindness creates lifelong memories.



[GOLD Educational Tours](#), the organiser of the upcoming visit, is inviting families who are keen to be involved to get in touch and register their interest to host a student. Families who sign up will receive \$400 to help cover expenses and have access to 24/7 support throughout their stay.

If you would be willing to welcome a student into your home, please register your interest via the link below, or call 6150 3759 / 0482 076 423.

<https://www.goldil.com.au/st-brigids-sugiyama>

For a copy of their flyer, please [click here](#).

### ***Catholic Youth 'Hype Night'***

Attached is an article from the Archdiocesan publication, "The Record". Featured in this magazine are two of our St Brigid's College Year 12 students, Anja Hughes and Serena Throssell, who attended this event.

<https://therecord.com.au/news/local/perth-youth-hype-up-for-christ/>

### ***Footy Tipping***



The current leader of the St Brigid's College Footy Tipping Competition is "The Wills to Win" on 36 points. I will endeavour to get the prize information out as soon as possible. There will be a mid-season prize for the leader and prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the end of the season. Final games will not be included in our competition.

I am looking forward to the WA AFL Derby at Optus Stadium this Saturday night. If the Eagles win, our Year 3 – 6 Dean, Mrs Brunt, still needs to come to work on Monday!

### ***Tuesday Morning Mass***

All families are invited to join me in the College Chapel at 7.50a.m. on Tuesday mornings for our weekly Mass.

## Mother's Day Event



We are delighted to, once again, invite mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, carers and any person who is a significant mother figure to join us, along with their children, on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30a.m. for a special St Brigid's College Mother's Day Breakfast.

The morning will begin with our Mother's Day Liturgy in the Gym at 7.30a.m. and will be followed by a continental breakfast in the Wandju Room at 8.00a.m. We invite you to attend with your children, on this special day. Tickets are essential for all attendees and a \$5.00 per adult fee will apply.

This event was extremely popular last year, and we encourage all attendees to book your tickets early through the following TryBooking link <https://www.trybooking.com/COKIP> to enable us to plan and cater for the Breakfast. Please note that all attendees will need a ticket to be registered for this event.

Should you have any queries about the day, please do not hesitate to contact the College on 9290 4200 or via email to [communityrelations@stbrigids.wa.edu.au](mailto:communityrelations@stbrigids.wa.edu.au)

## 2024 State Equestrian Interschool Championships

Our students who represented St Brigid's College at the State Equestrian Interschool Championships, held from the 10<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> April at the State Equestrian Centre in Brigadoon, achieved some very impressive results as follows:

### Harper Lee-Newland (Year 4)

Riding 'Ebony Rose Spotlight'

Reserve Champion - Primary Preparatory Dressage

\*Champion Overall - Primary Show Hunter



### Ava Bowles (Year 7)

Riding Kazwood Park Love Always

Champion Overall in the 45cm Combined Training.

\*Reserve Champion Overall in the Secondary Working Hunter Championship

\*6th overall in the Championship Preliminary Dressage.

### Jenaveve Page (Year 7)

Champion (1st place) intermediate preliminary championship - riding Wytchwood Druid

\*5th overall Intermediate novice championship - riding Wytchwood Druid

\*3rd overall Combined Training Secondary 60cm - riding Wytchwood Druid

\* 7th overall Secondary 60cm Show Jumping Championship - riding Wytchwood Druid

\* 8th overall intermediate novice championship - riding Lyngarie Philano's Gift

### Annalyce Page (Year 9)

Champion (1st place) intermediate novice championship - riding Lyngarie Catina

\*7th overall Intermediate Novice Championship - riding Coronation Flora

\*6th overall Combined Training Secondary Championship 60cm - riding Lyngarie Catina

**Amy Lethlean (Year 11)**

Riding 'Just Whadda the Chances'  
Reserve Champion Secondary 105cm 1\* Championship  
Combined Training  
\*4th Secondary Senior 100cm Championship  
\*7th Secondary Senior 110cm Championship

Congratulations to our students on their tremendous success.



**Baseball State Championships**



Year 6 Student, Indie Omodei, represented our district in the State Baseball Championships that were played over the Easter Long Weekend. He was selected to play for the Swan Hills Aces Little League Team, represented, not only the Kalamunda Rangers Baseball Club, but also St Brigid's College. Indie is not only a great athlete, but a fabulous sports person.

Well done Indie on this fabulous achievement!

**Spirit of Mercy Awards**

The College held an Assembly on the last Wednesday of Term 1, 27<sup>th</sup> March, during which we presented the "Spirit of Mercy" Awards. Each term, one student per year level is acknowledged for living the Spirit of Mercy within our community.

Kindergarten	Jasper O'Hehir
Pre-Primary	Hunter Ramsay
Year One	Henley Roberts
Year Two	Kai Hamilton
Year Three	Logan De Vos
Year Four	Oscar Fitzgerald
Year Five	Patrick Wright
Year Six	Ava Tresham
Year Seven	Ella Clark
Years Eight	Quintarnah Johnson
Year Nine	Makayla McBrearty
Year Ten	Abigail Watson
Year Eleven	Katie Taylor
Year Twelve	Madison Mossman



The Spirit of Mercy Award recognises students who consistently make a positive contribution to our school community and always give of their best to live our Mercy values of *Compassion, Justice, Respect, Hospitality, Courage* and *Service*. The recipient of the Spirit of Mercy Award is a student who is recognised as quietly going about being a person who is authentically “mercy”. They are always prepared to contribute to working for a “fairer world”. They face the challenges of learning with resilience and optimism, always seeking excellence. The recipient of the Spirit of Mercy Award always welcomes others into our community. The recipient walks in the footsteps of our foundress, Catherine McAuley.

***Enrolments for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten 2025 are currently open***

***In 2025, the College will be offering 5-day Kindergarten and 3-day Kindergarten. Pre-Kindergarten will also be included in our Early Years program.***



***We still have a few places available for enrolment into Year 7, 2025 and interviews for Year 7, 2026 have commenced.***

Enrolments can be completed online via the College website <https://sbcl.wa.edu.au/enrolments/> or alternatively call into Reception and speak with Patty.

### ***Staff Accolade***

During the recent holiday period, Dr Michalie Ruoss attended the CONSTAWA Conference for science teachers. Michalie tells us it was a great day learning about innovations in science and science education, as well as networking with other science teachers from all over the state. Michalie has come away with lots of ideas to help our students excel in STEM and foster their love of science.

Michalie was also lucky enough to win a Cambridge Publishing competition, a set of science textbooks and a \$200 voucher for educational resources.

Well done, Michalie!



In conclusion, I have attached a copy of our flyer, 'This Week at the College' that will provide you with an overview of events for the coming week.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Veronica Parker".

**Veronica Parker**  
**Principal**

*Attachment*

*The St Brigid's College community acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, the traditional owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.*



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## THIS WEEK AT THE COLLEGE

Monday,  
22<sup>nd</sup> April

Year 10, 11 and 12 OLNA Writing Window A  
Years 8 and 9 Vaping Presentation – Azalene Williams  
SBC and Mazenod College Student Leadership Afternoon Tea

Tuesday,  
23<sup>rd</sup> April

SRC Assembly – ANZAC Service  
Year 12 FlexiTrack Murdoch  
UWA Health & Medicine Presentation – Year 12 students (lunchtime)  
Years 10 to 12 Senior Football (after lunch)

Wednesday,  
24<sup>th</sup> April

Year 10, 11 and 12 OLNA Numeracy Window A  
Primary School ANZAC Service  
Year 9 Swan Valley Adventure Day

Thursday,  
25<sup>th</sup> April

ANZAC Day  
SBC and Mazenod College Representation at  
Kalamunda RSL Sawn Service

Friday,  
26<sup>th</sup> April

Year 6 Green Assembly  
Secondary Interhouse Athletics Carnival