



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Tullio Zavattiero - Principal*

### What a difference a few weeks can make!

Since the last newsletter, we now have Year 7 students back learning onsite, much to the delight of staff, and possibly a few parents too! What a joy to hear the sound of students' voices laughing, talking, and to feel the energetic buzz that is the essence of a school. The Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing talks about this further in this newsletter, along with pictures of the first day back.

We remain positive and hopeful that our Year 8 – 10 students will be back onsite from 26 October but will of course confirm this with parents and carers closer to the date.

As we continue to pivot school operations according to what is permitted under the State Government's COVID-19 roadmap out of restrictions, key staff have commenced discussions with our College Captains and Vice Captains on what a revised format for Year 10 Graduation will look like, as well as other events such as the Academic & Excellence Awards. This year might look different, but it doesn't mean it is any less important – we are committed to finding ways to authentically acknowledge and celebrate important achievements and milestones, as well as our journey throughout this year. I look forward to sharing more information with families as arrangements are crystalised.

Over the past two days (15 and 16 October) the College has undergone the second stage of the VRQA review process. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parents and carers who took up the invitation to participate in a parent engagement group online, and others who granted permission for their child to meet online with the reviewers to discuss things from a student perspective. The formal review process will be completed in November when the College Leadership Team will meet with the VRQA reviewers to receive feedback and the School Report, which will in turn will lead to the preparation of a four-year strategic plan.

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## PRAYER

Prayer for a Pandemic  
by Cameron Wiggins Bellm

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
remember those most vulnerable.

May those who have the luxury of working from home  
remember those who must choose between  
preserving their health or making their rent.

May those who have the flexibility to care for our children  
when schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel a trip  
remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market

remember those who have no margin at all.

May those who settle for quarantine at home  
remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love during  
this time when we cannot physically wrap  
our arms around each other, let us find ways to be the  
loving embrace to God and our neighbour.

*Amen*

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### IMPORTANT DATES

21-22 October	Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
23 October	Grand Final Public Holiday
26 October	Years 8-10 Commence Onsite Learning

## *From the Principal, continued*

A reminder about changes to key dates in Term 4:

- 5 – 23 October: Flexible/remote learning continues
- 21 October: All students finish early (onsite/remote) at 12.45pm: Parent/Teacher/Student interviews from 2pm
- 22 October: Student-free day: Parent/Teacher/Student interviews: 10am to 5pm
- 23 October: Grand Final Public Holiday (moved from 28 September by State Government)
- 26 October: Return to onsite, face to face learning for students in Years 8 – 10; pending re-confirmation by State Government
- 20 November: Normal school day (Year 10 Study Day cancelled, due to no exams in 2020)
- 23 November: Normal school day (Year 9 Study Day cancelled, due to no exams in 2020)

## **An Important Note About Face Masks**

The College position has always been to follow the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, and the subsequent School Operations Guide provided by Catholic Education Melbourne. My letter of 8 October 2020, sent to all parents and carers via Operoo sets out the numerous measures we have in place to provide a safe school environment. I trust that all parents and carers have familiarised themselves with this information and would appreciate you taking the time to ensure your child understands them as well.

One of these measures is that fitted face masks must now be worn by at all times throughout the day by students (and staff) unless legal exemptions apply. This includes during recess and lunchbreaks outside. The only time masks can be removed is when eating or drinking, or if engaging in intensive physical activity, e.g. during PE class, running about on the oval or basketball courts during lunchtime. Students will be provided further information and expectations about the wearing of masks when they are at school.

I understand that face masks are a source of frustration for many in the community, however, the College will not deviate from CHO and CEM guidelines on this or any other health and safety measures. We will remind students to also maintain safe physical distancing and hand sanitise as frequently as possible to help minimise the risk. We trust that the experts have access to information and knowledge beyond what general members of the community have, and our priority here at the College is to take the conservative approach to ensure as far as practicable the safety of all students and staff alike.

This year has presented each of us with challenges we could never have envisaged. Continuing on our journey, with a deep sense of faith, hope and resilience, I am immensely proud of what we have been able to achieve together.

As I write to you today, I do so with great sense of hope and anticipation that we are on the brink of better days that are coming; times that we richly deserve and will share as families, friends and community. I look forward to seeing all of our students stride through the gates of the CRC North Keilor and be able to complete the learning journey of 2020 with real purpose and hope and to reconnect with their peers and their teachers, as well as a renewed and genuine sense of belonging to this great community.

Let's all continue to take care and stay safe and be people of faith and hope.

## **School Fees 2021**

As outlined in the last newsletter, Council Members acknowledged that many families are enduring financial stress as a direct result of COVID-19 and the impact that the restrictions are having on the economy. As has been indicated in previous communications from the College this year, there is support available for families through our financial assistance assessment criteria. Families experiencing genuine financial distress due to a loss of employment, reduced hours or business closure are encouraged to contact our Finance Department to discuss their fee situation and seek support. These enquiries are managed confidentially and sensitively.

In recognition of the financial hardship that many in our community are currently experiencing, the Federation Council and College Principals agreed not to raise School fees in 2021. This decision is a very significant one and is made in light of the outstanding efforts that the majority of families are making in contributing regular payments towards the cost of their sons or daughter's education.

After what has been perhaps the most unusual school term in our state's history, I offer my sincere thanks to all students, staff and families in the community of CRC North Keilor. This has been tough on us all, but our strength, and our spirit of co-operation and unity has emerged in spades, and I hope everyone is able to enjoy this holiday period in the knowledge that in faith, we are moving towards better days! I'm really looking forward to welcoming everyone back on campus early next term. Until then, take care!

**Credits for Just for Boys/Just for Girls and Nitor:** The College has credited \$350 to Fee Accounts for students enrolled in Semester 2 Just For Boys/Just for Girls electives, \$300 has been credited for Nitor students.

- **For families who have paid 2020 College Fees in Full** – if you have a student returning in 2021 the credit will be carried forward unless you contact Finance staff to request a refund.
- **For families with a 2020 Fees balance remaining** – the credit has been applied to your balance and payment plans have been adjusted if applicable.



## FAITH MATTERS

*Phoebe Mondares - Director of Faith & Mission*



### **St Mary of the Cross**

Mary MacKillop was canonised on 17 October 2010.

Tomorrow marks the 10th anniversary of her canonisation as the first Australian Saint and her given title 'Saint for the whole Church'.

### **Who was Mary MacKillop?**

Mary MacKillop was an ordinary woman who lived an extraordinary life. She was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne in 1842. In her ministry she worked with Fr Julian Tenison Woods to set up a school for underprivileged children before going on to establish the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart – the first religious institute established by an Australian. The Order of Sisters travelled to the countryside setting up schools, orphanages and other good works for those in need. She overcame many challenges along the way but strongly believed in the way of the cross and the mission of the Church. Her legacy and work continues on through the Sisters of Saint Joseph.

Dear God,

Thank you for the blessed life of Mary MacKillop.  
May we face our struggles with the same tenacity and courage as Mary,  
Never giving up in the face of adversity and never showing animosity towards those challenging us.  
May we continue to persevere even when our difficulties seem insurmountable.

May we help those in need and exhibit compassion to them.

May we remain loyal to our mission and support those working with us.

At all times we need to keep faith in God.

**Amen**



### **St Luke the Evangelist**

Sunday the 18th of October marks the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist, who is the ascribed author the third gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.

He is identified with the Churches mission of healing, also having been described as "the beloved physician" (Col 4:14) by Saint Paul. Luke is the patron for physicians and medical workers.

Luke's gospel brings to light Jesus' compassion and concern for the sick, the poor, and the vulnerable. He paints a picture of a merciful God, and emphasises the invitation for faith in action as exemplified by Jesus. Some of the most famous stories Jesus told are found in Luke's gospel, including The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37) and the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-42).

Let us entrust our medical and frontline staff to the intercession of St Luke, for protection, health, strength and guidance in the fight against COVID-19 and beyond. His gospel's message of compassion and mercy coincides with Carers Week 2020 and World Mission Sunday.

[www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au), [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

### **Prayer of St Luke**

Most wonderful St. Luke,  
You were animated by the Heavenly Spirit of Love.  
In faithfully detailing the humanity of Jesus,  
You also showed His Divinity  
And His genuine compassion for all human beings.

May the Holy Spirit,  
Instructor of the faithful,  
Help me to understand Christ's words  
And faithfully apply them in my life.

**Amen**

### **Carers Week 2020**

This week we celebrated Carers Week in Australia, beginning on Sunday 11th to Saturday 17th of October. In recognition of the many carers in our school community and parishes, we have been invited by the Bishops of Australia to celebrate and acknowledge carers. Carers Australia define carers as people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition, terminal illness, an alcohol or other drug issue, or who are frail aged. This includes the 272,000 young people up to the age of 25 who are carers. Let us take a moment to acknowledge and pray for all carers nationwide.

### **Blessing for a Carer**

In your devoted but demanding ministry,  
may you receive God's blessing and be a blessing  
in return to the one you care for.  
When exhaustion overwhelms you,  
may God renew your vigour.  
When patience is tested, may he grant fortitude.  
When all seems bleak, may he shed light.  
When tears flow, may he bring comfort.  
May you and your loved one know his peace,  
receive his strength and experience his love,  
surrounding and supporting you always  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Donations can be made to:

<https://www.carersaustralia.com.au/>

## STUDENT WELLBEING

*John Coshan - Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing*

### Welcome back Year 7s!

We are so pleased that you have the opportunity to return to face-to-face learning. We hope your transition is a smooth and positive one. We encourage you to make the most of this term and continue to keep up the good work.

We cannot wait to reunite with you back at school soon and we look forward to catching up with you in person when we return in Week 4. Until then, take care.

*On behalf of your College Captains,  
Reshaiah, Christian, Isabel and Joshua*



Please see Page 6 of the Newsletter for more Photos.

**Canteen services resume on 19 October – online ordering / payment only:** Limited Canteen services will be introduced. The key difference is that the Canteen is going completely cashless and accepting online orders only.

For further information on why we are introducing this system and how you go about setting up access, please refer to the letter emailed to all parents/carers on 15 October.

### CDF Pay: Activate an Account:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-oqJDhozDdU>

### CDF Pay: Adding Funds:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=to6r6MzpANs>

### CDF Pay: Auto Top-ups, Limits & Options:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LECQ0qCxdFk>

**Please note:** Until further notice, only lunch orders will be provided. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we cannot offer window service at the Canteen.

## Safety in and Around the College

### New school entry gates beside the Chapel – Late arrivals

During Term 3 the College installed new fencing and security gates. This is to assist further in the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff. If a student arrives to school late, they will find the gate locked and will need to sign in at the Office to gain access to the College.

## School Drop off and Pick Up

The College has been asked to remind families of the importance of safety when dropping off/picking up students. With school returning and continuing to return in the coming weeks, many parents and carers are taking serious risks and driving in an unacceptable manner putting themselves and others in danger. Already this week numerous near misses as well as a number of collisions have been reported in the vicinity of local schools. It is imperative that children are dropped off and collected from school in a safe and legal manner.

Dangerous practices include dropping off and picking up children whilst stationary at a school crossing, parking illegally, performing u-turns in front of oncoming traffic and blocking private driveways. All road users are asked to take greater care in and around school zones. Over the coming weeks, Police will be patrolling schools zones and will show a zero tolerance to any offending. If you are dropping off or collecting your child/children please leave yourself adequate time to find a park and safely. Please, for the welfare of everyone, take care.

## A Message from the Proactive Policing Unit

We understand that extended lockdown has been a trying time for families with young people keen to catch up with each other and revisit the social aspects of their lives, however the gathering in public places still goes against the current Stage 4 restrictions. Local shopping centres are reporting young people gathering and just hanging in groups. Police will be increasing police patrols in these areas, they do not want to be forced into issuing tickets to students for these reasons. Please ensure that your child/children are adhering to current gathering rules.

## Parent Video Special Report: Coronavirus – The Transition Back.



Amid the anticipation and excitement many of our students are feeling about returning to onsite learning, for some, leaving the home learning routine and environment may create uncertainty and anxiety for a range of reasons

Parents and carers are encouraged to view a short 10 minute video by renowned child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, which contains advice to help prepare and support you in your child's return to onsite learning and the classroom/school environment. The following Schoolbox Page:

<https://schoolbox.crcnk.vic.edu.au/news/359> includes a summary and link to the SchoolTV website where you can view the video: Special Report: Coronavirus – The Transition Back.

## TEACHING & LEARNING MATTERS

*Brendan Hallinan - Deputy Principal Teaching & Learning*

**Parent/Teacher/Student (PTS) interviews next week:** Please note that PTS interviews will be conducted online via Microsoft Teams on the following dates:

- Wednesday, 21 October from 2pm – 6pm (Early finish onsite / remotely at 12.45pm)
- Thursday, 22 October from 10am – 5pm (Student free day)

All parents and carers were sent instructions via email on 13 October. Important guides and booking links are also on Schoolbox: <https://schoolbox.crcnk.vic.edu.au/homepage/3164>

### Cancellation of Year 9 and 10 Examinations

After careful consideration, the College has decided to cancel examinations this year due to the impact of interruptions to the learning schedule as a result of the extended flexible and remote learning period.

Please refer to the letter sent to parents and carers via Operoo on 14 October for more information.

## REMINDERS & UPDATES

### Enrolment

#### Re-enrolment Years 7 to 9

Families with students in Years 7 to 9 have received a request via Operoo to confirm their intention for 2021 Enrolment.

At this time, we have also taken the opportunity to request updated parent / carer information.

Thank you to those families who have completed this eForm and submitted up to date data. If you are yet to complete this process, please do so no later than Monday 19 October.

If your child will not be returning to the College in 2021, please contact the Registrar, Samantha Beg at [sbeg@crcnk.vic.edu.au](mailto:sbeg@crcnk.vic.edu.au) to request an Exit Form

#### Year 7, 2022 Applications for Enrolment

Applications for Enrolment of students commencing Year 7 in 2022 have now closed.

If you have a child in Grade 5 and have not submitted an application please do so as a matter of urgency. This also applies to current families.

The Application for Enrolment Form can be downloaded from the College website at:

<http://www.crcnk.com.au/enrolment/enrolment-application>

First Round Offers will be posted to families in early December.

### Victorian Government CSEF Extension



The Victorian Government has extended the closing date for families to submit a CSEF Application. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid directly to the College and deducted from Fee accounts. The annual CSEF amount per secondary student is \$225.00.

If you have a newly acquired Health Care Card and/or have not previously provided the College with card details in 2020 please photograph or scan both sides of your card and email to: [accounts@crcnk.vic.edu.au](mailto:accounts@crcnk.vic.edu.au)

Please note, CSEF payments for students eligible between Wednesday 15 April and Monday 5 October 2020 will be made at 50 per cent of the standard secondary rates.

For further information regarding the CSEF please visit: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx?Redirect=2>



## WHAT HAVE OUR STUDENTS BEEN UP TO?

### Slam Poetry Competition

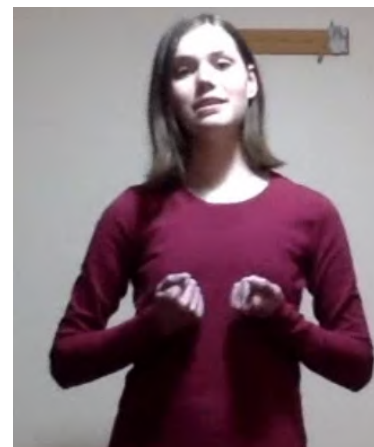
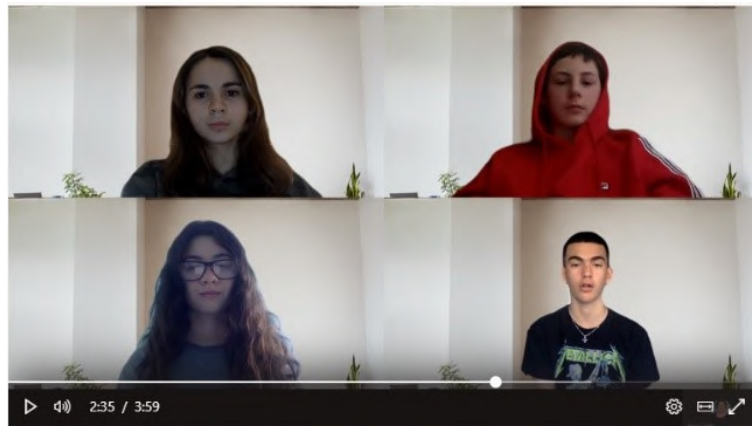
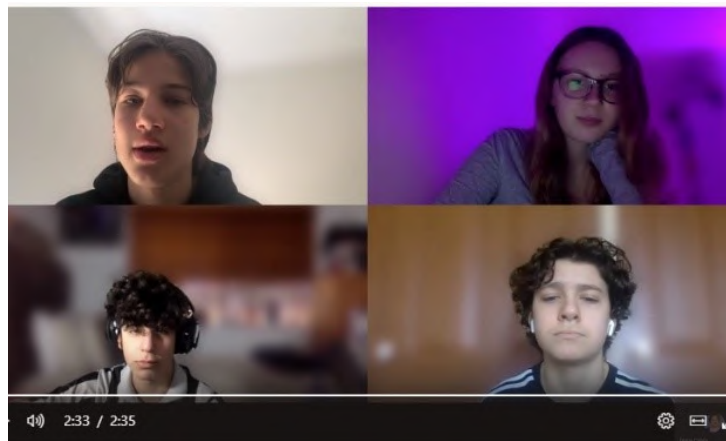
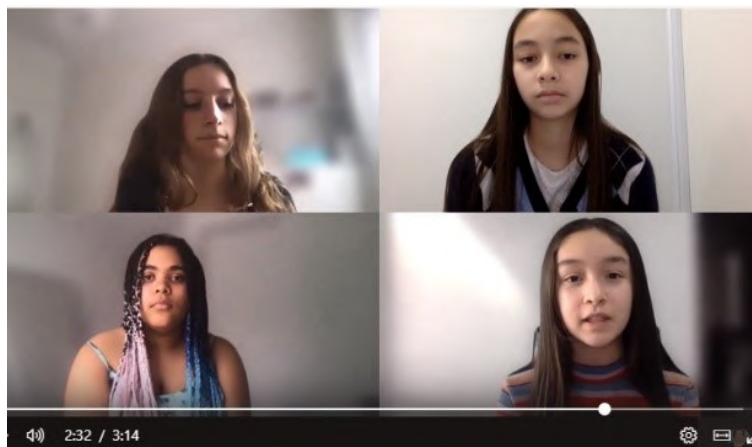
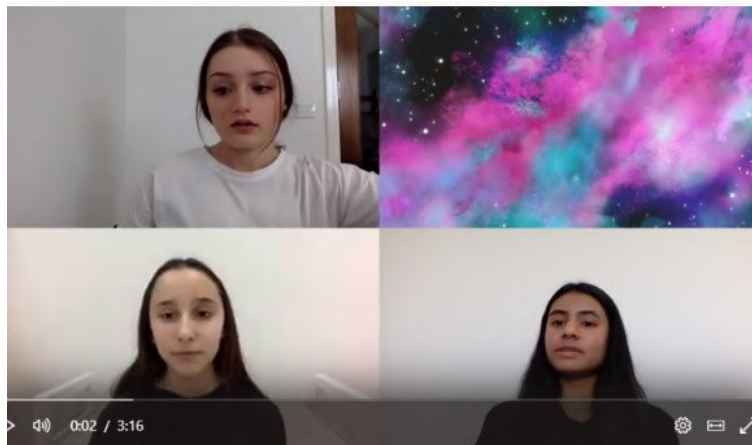
Teresa Chiodo – Domain Leader, English

During Term 3, representatives from each Year 8 Homebase met online with Ms Chiodo to polish up their Term 1 slam poems. The students worked hard rehearsing and perfecting their pieces which were entered in the **2020 OutLoud Digital Slam**. This year, for the first time ever, competitors were able to record their entries using any video format, as long as their performances were original. Top schools are published on the Australian Poetry website, have the opportunity to win great prizes and participate in radio interviews.

Our Year 8 students competed against entrants from all around Melbourne. Entries were judged by a panel of writers and poets, including EZB (Emilee Zoey Baker). Whilst all teams are to be commended, two of our teams have made it to the National Australian Slam Final. Congratulations Lucy Mathison, Alex D'Agostino, Noah Balzan and Kian Rantino of 8O and Alex Jablonsky (8M) and Jennifer Williams (8N). This is the first time CRCNK has made the finals and we wish both teams much luck for the event which will be Livestreamed 28 October commencing at 6.15pm. For your FREE eTicket visit:

<https://www.wheelercentre.com/events/outloud-secondary-digital-slam-2020-final>

Thank you Year 8 for all your enthusiasm regarding Slam Poetry this year!





## WHAT HAVE OUR STUDENTS BEEN UP TO?

### Welcome Back Year 7

For the third (and hopefully the last) time this year, we welcomed our Year 7 students on Monday 12 October. The Year 7 students have enjoyed having the College to themselves this week, becoming reacquainted with their Teachers and peers and celebrating belated 'Iso' Birthdays with Skittles on Thursday.



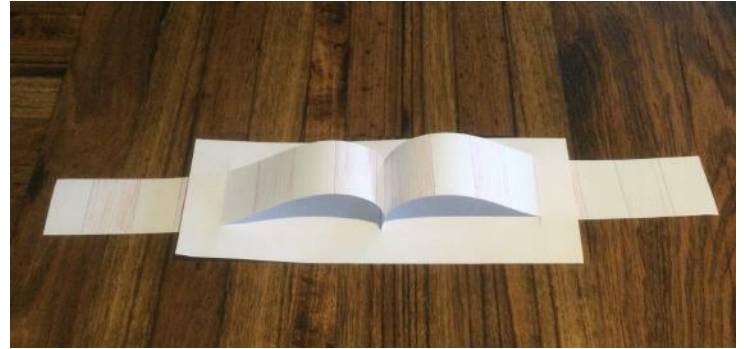


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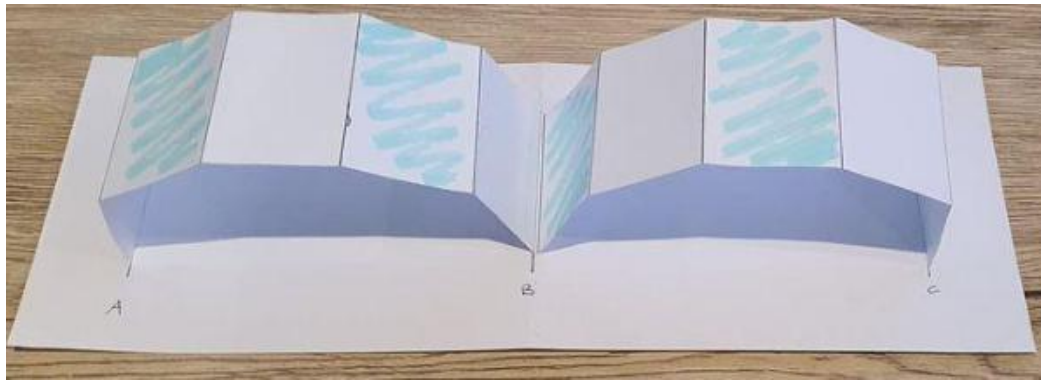
### Year 9 Science

Natalia Susanty - Class Teacher

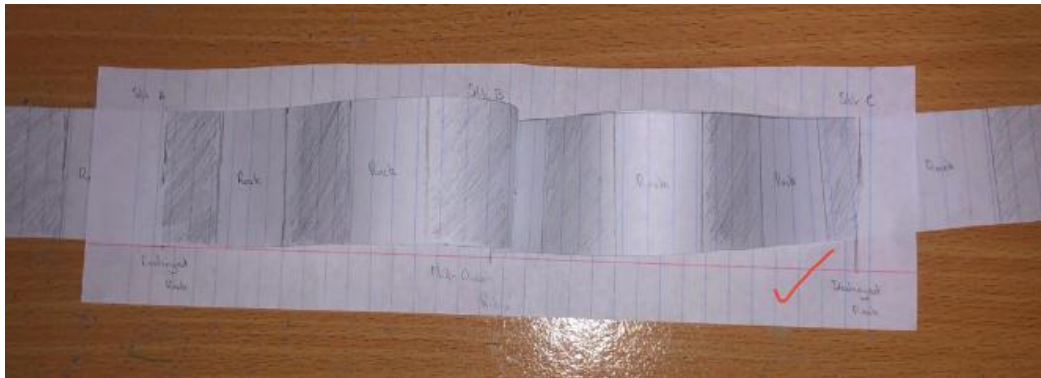
In the **Plate Tectonics** Unit, Year 9 Science classes have studied Moving Continents. To demonstrate their knowledge, students were tasked with creating a model to illustrate Sea Floor Spreading. Sea Floor Spreading is a theory that explains how continents drift apart over time, creating new oceans.



Adam Scollo, 9L



Taneisha Horsely, 9L



Ryan Pereira, 9L



Sara Wright, 9L



Sienna Mauro, 9O'R



## WHAT HAVE OUR STUDENTS BEEN UP TO?

### Year 9 Photography

Kirstie Murrihy – Class Teacher

Year 9 Photography students were challenged to create their own light reflector and capture a Still Life image using a variety of camera angles.



Irena Glavan, 9D



Nicholas Mancini, 9L



Danijela Dolic, 9G



Annalise Krnac, 9D



Ryan Ciacis, 9D



Sienna Martino, 9D



Alessia Andricciola, 9D



Samantha Petersen, 9L



## WHAT HAVE OUR STUDENTS BEEN UP TO?

### Year 9 Digital Imaging

Heather Clark – Class Teacher

Year 9 Digital Imaging students created their own magazine cover using Adobe Photoshop to showcase their skills learned in the Tools and Processes Unit.



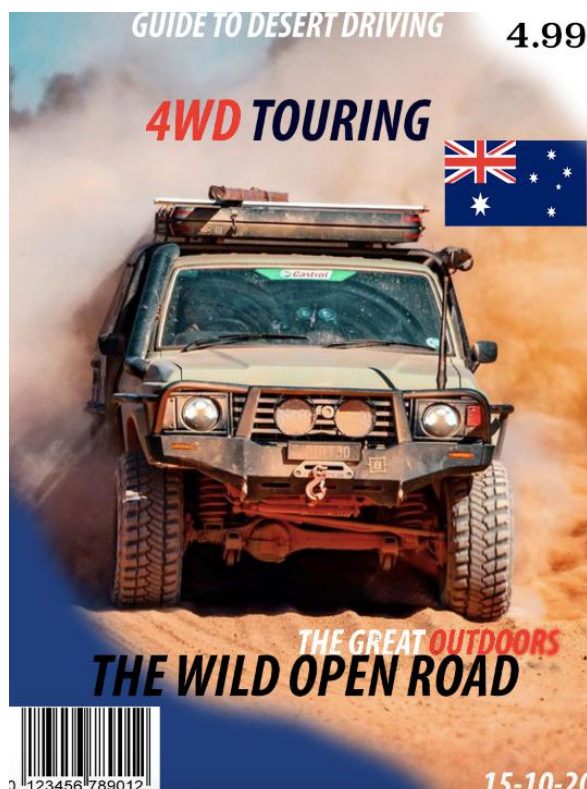
Stasha Putrino, 9L



Tiana Bilos, 9D



Xavier Vidot, 9G



Jackson Cottle, 9L





**Catholic  
Regional College  
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# YEAR 7, 2022

**Enrolment Update  
August, 2020**



## CHANGES TO ENROLMENT TIMELINE & REQUIREMENTS

Due to COVID-19 Restrictions, the dates for submission of applications and enrolment timeline has been extended:

- 9 October 2020 – Applications close
- 1 December 2020 – First round offers posted
- 15 December 2020 – final date for acceptance

The Signature of the Parish Priest is NOT REQUIRED for Year 7, 2022 applications.

Application forms should be scanned and emailed to: [office@crcnk.vic.edu.au](mailto:office@crcnk.vic.edu.au)  
or, posted to: CRCNK, PO Box 40  
Taylors Lakes VIC 3038

## VISIT CRCNK FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR HOME

While we are unable to welcome you to the College at this time, we invite you to meet the Principal, our students, and view our facilities online. Please visit the College website [www.crcnk.com.au](http://www.crcnk.com.au) to view the following videos and more:

- Meet the Principal & Virtual Tour:  
[www.crcnk.com.au/ourcollege/virtual-tour](http://www.crcnk.com.au/ourcollege/virtual-tour)
- Year 7, 2020 Students & 2019 Highlights:  
[www.crcnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2022](http://www.crcnk.com.au/enrolment/year-7-2022)
- A Sneak Peak of our Facilities:  
[www.crcnk.com.au/enrolment/facilities](http://www.crcnk.com.au/enrolment/facilities)



**For further information please contact:  
Samantha Beg, College Registrar:**

Telephone: 9361 5904 Email: [enrol@crcnk.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrol@crcnk.vic.edu.au)

**2020 Year of Compassion**

*'The Lord is good to all; He has compassion...' Psalm 145:9*