7 October 2016

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

A warm welcome to Term 4! This final term of the school year is one that is full of activity, much celebration and of course, tinged with a little bit of sadness. We are in full preparation mode for preparing for exams and other end of year celebrations, but at the same time a little sad to think that we will soon be farewelling our Year 12 class of 2016. Late last term, we commenced the formal recognition of our Year 12 girls being significant parts of our Mercy circle, with our Year 12 16 Days Morning Tea. Each girl received an autograph book and a cup and saucer with a goodies bag and a Catherine McAuley quote as well as a pink donut. We were delighted to share this significant morning tea with our senior students, whom we are so proud of and aspirational for.

The last day of Term 3 was, of course Mercy Day and the Director of Mission, Ms Loretta Kitch, was the driving force behind the liturgy and celebrations for this day. Our thanks to her for her commitment and efforts to make sure we each experienced the spirit of Mercy on this day. The Spirit of Mercy award was also presented at the conclusion of the whole school mass and the 2016 recipient was Nicola Veneris (Year 10B), a truly worthy recipient who has engendered the spirit of Mercy for students and staff throughout this year.

Nicola Veneris of 10B with her parents and Dr Cotter on Mercy Day

At the Showcase at the end of Mercy Day, we celebrated a great variety of experiences and learning including awarding Student of the Term for Term 3. The recipients are detailed below. Congratulations to these students on this significant achievement. They received a badge and certificate at the Showcase and will have morning tea with me in the next couple of weeks.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and website as Term 4 progresses. There will be many more opportunities for parents and families to continue to be involved in school life as we look forward to a year’s worth of learning culminating in the spirit of our four Mercy values, excellence, hospitality, justice and compassion.

Best wishes
Dr Michelle Cotter
MAFI POLE – YEAR 10C

Mafi is dedicated and committed to her studies and always does her best, completing homework and studying diligently for tests. She persists when she has difficulty understanding and asks teachers for their help, modelling good learning behaviours for her peers.

When participating in co-curricular activities, Mafi demonstrates leadership in an unassuming way; mixing well with different members of the group, always positive and smiling. She is compassionate to all her class members, always willing to lend a shoulder for someone when they need it and is justice oriented, diplomatically standing up for what she believes in. Mafi is very hospitable, making her teachers and peers feel valued. She is never judgmental and always willing to help.

In summary, Mafi epitomizes what it is to be Mercy and she does this unassumingly and positively - always with a great smile that lights up the room and instantly makes you feel better.

JESSICA CANNATA – YEAR 11 (MG6)

Jessica works diligently in her studies to make improvements and learn from her mistakes. She seeks advice and takes on board suggestions to improve. She gets actively involved in class discussions and is willing to take a risk and have a go at answering questions, even if she is not certain of the answer.

Always generous with her time, Jessica is willing to help others should they need it, including helping out with extra room duty without complaint. Her generosity and sense of humour make her well respected by her peers.

Jessica has held numerous leadership positions throughout her time at Mercy and has undertaken all of these roles responsibly and respectfully.

SALLY PHANG – YEAR 12 (MG6)

Sally’s commitment to her studies is displayed by her excellent attendance and punctuality. She always strives for excellence and displays maturity in the way she approaches her studies, taking on board any feedback and making adjustments and improvements to her work. She can always be relied upon to do the right thing and encourage others to do so as well.

Sally is very good at helping others who are experiencing difficulties. Whether it be supporting others who are stressed or providing academic support, she never turns away anyone in need. At this very busy time in her VCE, this ability to show compassion and excellence is admirable.

A high flyer who often goes under the radar in terms of recognition for her efforts, Sally is self-motivated and determined to achieve excellence whilst encouraging others to also experience success.
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – MRS JENNI HICKEY

Student Safety on the College Grounds.

The College office is open from 8am until 4.30pm each school day. To ensure student safety on the College grounds we ask that students are not on the College property before this formal opening time. It is important to note that before 8.00am there is no adult supervision for students and the buildings and grounds will not be supervised until official teacher supervision commences at 8.15am.

DIRECTOR OF MISSION – MS LORETTA KITCH

Mercy Day

Mercy Day ended Term Three and what a day of celebration it was! Our social justice focus this year was refugees and asylum seekers. The day started with the traditional Mercy Day Quiz. Congratulations must go to the winners - MG3. Each year level was fortunate to gain some insight into the struggles faced by actual refugees. Years 7 & 8 listened to the story of Reza, a member of the Hazara ethnic group who had to flee Afghanistan. Years 9 & 10 heard from both Abid, a Somali refugee and author of the book “Shining: The story of a lucky man” and Elnaz, an Iranian who fled her homeland. Finally the senior students were given the opportunity to hear from Mojgan who, along with her husband, left Iran via Malaysia and Indonesia. The varied experiences and challenges that each of our speakers have faced in pursuing safety and a better life here in Australia opened our minds and hearts to the reasons we were raising funds.

In total through the efforts of our afternoon carnival we raised $2592 which will help both the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project and the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in providing direct assistance to refugees who settle in the Melbourne area. For more information on these non-profits please see the following:

http://basp.org.au/
https://www.asrc.org.au/

Graduation Mass - October 13

All Mercy families and friends are welcome to join us for a celebration mass to honour the class of 2016 on Thursday, October 13 in McAuley Hall at 7 pm. The mass will be celebrated by Fr Justel Callos from St Fidelis parish. Mass will be followed by the graduation ceremony.

DIRECTOR OF LEARNING – MS VANESSA FOLINO

VCE EXAMINATIONS

The VCE examinations have commenced. All examinations will be held at the College unless students have received a VCAA notice indicating that the examination is being held at another venue. Year 12 students are to wear appropriate clothing; hooded tops are not permitted and students will require their VCAA number and photographic identification for external examinations. All students will have received an individual examination timetable that outlines dates, times and venues. Students need to be aware of the material and equipment authorised for use in the VCE written examinations. This information can be accessed on the VCAA website:


The 2016 VCE examination timetable can also be accessed on the VCAA website:


Students may take bottled water into an examination. It needs to be in a transparent plastic bottle with all labels removed. The capacity of the bottle can be no more than 1.5 litres. Mobile phones and other unauthorised electronic communication devices are not permitted in an examination room under normal written examination conditions. Confiscated mobile phones and other devices may be held for up to three months.

Students are not permitted to wear watches of any type during a written examination. All watches must be removed and placed at the table. Watches with special functions, such as an alarm or a stopwatch, are not permitted in the examination room.

Students are permitted to bring basic stationery items into the written examination. This includes pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers. Pencil cases can only be brought into the examination room if they are transparent.

STUDY ADVICE

Students should be studying according to a timetable. Students received an electronic copy that they can tailor to suit their individual needs and allocate adequate time to study, friends and family. It is recommended that students complete VCAA past exams and read the examination reports. These reports are written by the Chief Examiners and include insight into what the examiners look for, in some cases, areas that required further attention in the past from students. Preparation for the examinations should include revision of past SACs and any other relevant content. Students should invest time in rereading the feedback provided by their teachers and engage in conversation with them to help understand their areas of strength and identify what requires further revision.

DARE TO DREAM

Learning at Mercy College is about presenting opportunities that open up the hearts and the minds to infinite possibilities. It is about shaping opinions, beliefs and values and growing...
a desire to achieve success at school but also beyond the College gates. Domenica Iermano is a current Year 12 student that completed Units 3 & 4 Food Technology last year. She is passionate about food and cooking and her drive to succeed saw her achieve a score that placed her in the top 9% in Victoria. This year, Domenica entered the Royal Melbourne Show Art, Craft & Cookery Competition. This competition showcases the best talent from around Australia. This year there were over 4,700 entries. Domenica submitted her Italian torrone in the Nougat (Confectionery Competition) and took out first prize. It is very special to know that Domenica was able to nurture this passion as part of her learning journey at Mercy College.

It is recommended students wear the College hat to and from school. Students participating in Physical Education, Outdoor Education or sports training sessions outside must be wearing a cap.

Managing anxiety and stress - Year 12 VCE exams

A beyondeblue fact sheet, Surviving Year 12, has advice for students about managing the anxiety and stresses associated with the exam period while maintaining a healthy lifestyle with sufficient sleep and exercise and time spent on social media. All students completing VCE exams are encouraged to download the fact sheet and implement some of the many strategies that are outlined.

School Leavers Week (Schoolies Week) 2016

Mercy College, as a part of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV), has a commitment to supporting our graduating Year 12s to manage the challenges associated with completing their secondary education and to help them celebrate their end-of-school in a respectful, responsible and safe manner.

It is recognised that while the completion of the school journey is a time for celebration, the VCE examination period and school leaver events may also be a time of anxiety for students and parents.

We encourage our students who are intending to take part in “schoolies” events to show respect for the communities they visit and to take responsibility for their own safety and to look out for their friends.

The designated week for school leaver celebrations is 26 November - 3 December. Safety response teams will be set up in coastal areas during this week. Any students intending to travel to Victorian coastal resorts are advised to seek information and register at the official government website Good Times, Great Breaks.

http://www.goodtimesgreatbreaks.weebly.com/

YEAR 8 PASTORAL CARE SESSION

Body Confidence

"On 6 September, the Year 8s were engaged in a Body Confidence presentation. The school had organised for two guest speakers from "Nourish. Nurture. Thrive" to come and talk to us about being comfortable in our bodies and to retrain our brains to shut down bad judgements that we give ourselves.

Claire and Ainsley began by involving us in an activity called ‘Cross the Line’. How this worked was Claire or Ainsley would read out a sentence and if you thought it was true you would cross the line. We were then shown our survey results from a survey we completed previously. Everyone was surprised that the majority of our Year 8 students were confident in their body and didn’t want to change anything about themselves.

Soon after, we had a discussion about body weight and appearance. We began talking about why people would change
something about themselves. The students who contributed had great responses. Andrina said- "People would change something about themselves to make them feel better, so that they can feel happier than they already do."

After our discussion, Claire and Ainsley were showing us how magazines Photoshop their models; they explained to us that when we look at ‘perfect people’ we start to feel ashamed, depressed and we soon get low self-esteem.

Another tip they gave us was to retrain our brains. What they meant by this is to shut down bad judgements. For example if you don’t like the way your legs look, think about them in a different perspective. They also talked about us being the change and that we need to give people better compliments about personalities and not just about appearance.

The final thing they spoke about was doing things that make us happy and not worrying about the things you don’t like about yourself but just to focus on the activities you love doing.

We would like to thank Claire and Ainsley for coming and speaking to us about body confidence and I’m sure lots of us will take the strategies into consideration.

Following the session, the Year 8s had a celebration lunch of pizza and fruit and we enjoyed sharing lunch with each other and spending time together."

Talia Korica and Alyssa Pizzi
Year 8

Mrs Allison Perin
Junior School Coordinator

YEAR 10s DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!

On Friday 9 September, Year 10 students participated in the tradition of the Mercy and Parade College Ball. In the weeks leading up to this night, the students learnt six ballroom dances including the Barn Dance, the Pride of Erin and the Cha Cha. Friendships were formed, toes were stood on and new leg muscles were discovered! All the students were enthusiastic, cooperative and respectful, making these lessons fun for all.

On the night of the Ball, the Centre Ivanhoe proved to be, yet again, a great venue, showcasing the fancy vehicles that delivered glamorous young ladies and handsomely dressed young men for the big occasion. Students and staff danced the night away to the music provided by the band Higher Ground, many photos were taken and memories were made.

Here’s some of the feedback the girls shared when asked what was good about the lessons and Ball:

- It was interesting to do the ball with the boys from Parade because we got to make new friends and new memories.
- Boosts your confidence and you get to know new people.
- We danced with everyone and the boys seemed to be more talkative which made it less awkward.
- We all got to dress up and have fun together. I found that we all interacted more on this night as the breaks gave us a chance to get to know one another more and talk which made it more fun.
- This was a really good experience that I will remember and it created confidence and made me meet new people.
- New experience, lots of fun!
- It was so good that we had the opportunity to attend a formal occasion!
- Ballroom dancing can be super easy if you put your mind to it, and I -am- a good dancer. I never stepped on anyone’s feet, but I did get stepped on!
- Being able to talk to the opposite gender and get confidence.
- Thanks to the staff and students of Mercy and Parade for a successful and enjoyable experience.

Mrs Angela Heydon
Year 10 Coordinator

BOOK/LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK

Book/Literacy & Numeracy Week was celebrated in the second last week of Term 3. This year’s theme was “Travelling in Words and Numbers”. Each day there were a number of activities for students and staff participation. Day 1 saw the ‘Pi eating’ competition at recess. Competitors needed to eat a party pie in the quickest time. After three rounds, the winners were Isabella Jones, Abby Pereira and Ms Ma. At lunchtime, the ‘Maths Kahoots quiz’ was held. Winners were Cebs on 11,792 points, Nico Nico Ni on 11,182 points and Joseys on 10,767 points.

Day 2 was the ‘Student vs Staff debate’. The topic, Reading is a waste of time, was very well argued. Of course the student team (Alana Barber, Chiara Beccia and Sania Tajammul), arguing the negative, were the victors.

Day 3 was the ‘1sq metre challenge’ and the annual ‘Mercy Maths trail’. Congratulations to winners: Mary Carmen 10B, Mikayla and Samantha 7C and Tanya and Korfol 7D for the most correct answers in the quickest time!

Day 4 was ‘Blockbuster’. Two teams! Best of three questions! Out spell, out speed, out manoeuvre!

On Day 5 we had an author visit. Cath Crowley is the author of Graffiti Moon, the Gracie Faltrain series and Chasing Charlie Duskin. Cath talked about her writing process and the release of her very new book titled: Words in Deep Blue. In period 5, 7B, 8A and 8C had the opportunity to hear Cath speak about the research she undertakes, how front covers are chosen and tips for your writing. The audience was very appreciative of her talk.
In addition there were House Competitions whereby students could test their literacy skills and win points for their House. The ‘Got it!’ competition involved the matching of two images to work out the word. There were multiple winners from each House so under library supervision the correct entries were placed in a box and a winner from each House was selected. Congratulations to: Sabrine El Moussawi from Frayne; Alyssa Vugrac from Kane; Danielle Cassarino from Marian; Claudia Montesano from O’Hea; and Nethma Perera from Thecla.

There was also a short story writing competition using only 6 words. The winners were: Alyssa Pizzi and Therese Moffitt from Frayne; Evonia Da Luz and Alessia Speranza from Kane; Mila Crotty and Maggie Styles from O’Hea; Juanita Mususu-Zambrano and Karina Walsh from Marian; and Ru Dassanayaka and Dinhith Nagollage from Thecla.

Here are the winning entries:

I died that day; so quickly. Alyssa - Frayne
Young girl missing, please come home. Therese - Frayne
Dull eyes stared at me, waiting. Evonia - Kane
Dark house. Just me. No family. Alessia - Kane
He turned around, and saw it. Mila - O’Hea
“You have 5 days to live.” Maggie - O’Hea
So cold. So scared. Still there. Juanita - Marian
She forgot to lock the door. Karina - Marian
But they never found her body. Ru - Thecla
My reflection just winked at me! Dinhith - Thecla

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**Year 7 Physical Education**

The Year 7s have been flipping and dipping during their gymnastic unit.

**Melbourne Marathon 5.7km event**

The VCE PE class will be participating in the 5.7km event at the Melbourne Marathon. We welcome any students and parents to sign up to participate in the event by following the link below. Get running!!


**Ms Angie Barberi**

Head of Learning – Health & Physical Education

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**HISTORY @ MERCY**

**Battle for Australia**

On Wednesday 7 September, 10A and 10B attended the commemoration of the Battle for Australia at the Shrine of Remembrance. It was a beautiful day at the Shrine with hundreds of students from all around Victoria. The service began with a flypast with four planes flying overhead. There was also a military band and foot soldiers who processed into the Shrine grounds.

As part of the ceremony, Reanna Yousif and Chiara Beccia were asked to hold a wreath filled with flowers to place around the eternal flame. They said that “carrying the wreath and placing it around the eternal flame was a really good experience because we felt as if we were personally thanking the soldiers who went to war. The ceremony, as a whole, reminded us of the sacrifice they made for Australia.”

Not only was Mercy College given the opportunity to place the wreath, we were also invited to have one student read out a passage from the perspective of a nurse aboard hospital transport ship ‘Centaur’. Amanda Estifo read about how in 1943 Sister Ellen Savage escaped a Japanese massacre off the coast of Queensland when Centaur was hit by a Japanese torpedo whilst on its way to New Guinea. 268 people were lost and Sister Ellen Savage was the only nurse among the 64 survivors to be rescued.

It was a great privilege to be a part of the ceremony and we hope to be invited again next year. Thank you to Sunbury Coaches for providing transport to and from the Shrine so we could participate in this event.

**Ms Mairead Kennedy**

Year 10 History teacher

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**HEALTH & PE @ MERCY**

**Outdoor Education**

Our Mercy students haven’t been able to keep their feet on the ground recently!! Mr Moss took his Outdoor Ed class rock climbing and they were literally hanging from the walls.

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**Ms Kay Toll – Head of Learning, English**

**Ms Maria Carinci – Head of Learning, Mathematics**

**Ms Anne Girolami – Head of Information Centre**
“Qualche settimana fa, noi, le studentesse dell’anno dodici siamo andate ad Assisi a Rosanna, per visitare i residenti e imparare un po’ della loro cultura e ascoltare le loro storie di immigrazione. Siccome stiamo studiando l’immigrazione degli italiani in Australia, abbiamo preparato qualche domanda per i residenti. Il pomeriggio è cominciato con il rosario che abbiamo pregato insieme con Suor Anna. Sappiamo che a tutti piacciono i dolci italiani, allora abbiamo preparato delle torte e dei biscotti italiani per mangiare insieme. È stata un’esperienza bellissima specialmente perché ci siamo state l’anno scorso e alcuni residenti si sono ricordati di noi. Abbiamo conosciuto un ragazzo che si chiama Alberto che gestisce le attività per gli anziani. Insieme ci siamo divertiti moltissimo e abbiamo fatto delle risate, e non vediamo l’ora di tornare. Abbiamo scoperto che alcuni volevano venire in Australia per migliorare la loro vita. Invece c’erano altri che non volevano venire perché avevano paura di lasciare la loro famiglia e la loro patria. Questa esperienza ci ha fatto aprire i nostri occhi all’importanza di tenersi in contatto la cultura e la lingua italiana e per condividere la tradizione, le idee, la storia e la bellezza della lingua con tutto il mondo.”

Mercy students visit the residents of Assisi Aged Care in Rosanna

Romina Alessi and Domenica Iermano

MERCY eSMART

After a number of years of working our way through the eSmart framework, Mercy College has now achieved eSmart status!

eSmart is the Alannah and Madeline Foundation’s cyber safety and wellbeing initiative. Achieving eSmart status means we have:

- Reviewed and developed policies and practices encouraging students to use technology responsibly
- Embraced the positives of technology for teaching practice and enhancing our students’ learning
- Worked to reduce the digital divide between adults and young people, so adults can become a credible source of advice on avoiding the risks of cyberspace.

Our achievements coincided with National eSmart Week which was held from 5-9 September and had the theme ‘Connectedness - Cyber Safety and Wellbeing’. The Year 8 LETT classes participated in this through a competition to create one of the following:

- a rhyme, limerick, bookmark or poster raising awareness of cyber safety in the school community
- an eSmart hero
- a checklist to help manage and maintain your online reputation.

Congratulations to Denise Garcia, Tessa Moniple and Alyssa Pizzi who were the winners of this competition. Keep an eye out around the school for the competition entries.

App Awareness - ThinkUKnow

The following information comes from the ThinkUKnow newsletter. To see more information like this go to the ThinkUKnow website.

http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/

Hello? Yellow?

The app allows users to make more Snapchat friends by enabling communication between Snapchat users. Users will see your profile and swipe left or right, to “connect” or “not connect” with you. If two users both swipe right to “connect” then both users are provided the Snapchat usernames, and both can add each other in Snapchat.

Once added in Snapchat, you can then share private videos, ‘snaps’ and talk in private conversations with the users you added from Yellow. You can block or report other users within the Yellow and Snapchat apps, however in Yellow your profile photo and location is never private.

What can you do?

1. Make sure your children only have people they know and trust as online friend and contacts. That’s people they actually know, not people they’ve only met online.
2. Remind them it’s never OK to meet someone they’ve met online in person without taking along a trusted adult.
3. Let them know their location and profile photo isn’t private in Yellow.

Ms Jemmah Ind
eSmart
What’s happening with Year 12 students

Our Year 12 students are currently considering their options and pathways for 2017 as they have registered with VTAC and put in their course preferences. While this can be a daunting time, it is also exciting as the students prepare for their future career direction.

Visit from Clancy

To assist in this process, LaTrobe University’s ‘Clancy the Kombi’ came to Mercy on Tuesday 13 September along with Nathan, Guila and Raquel (our past College captains) to give students further course advice and provide some relaxing games and activities for the students. Congratulations to Gracie Miletic who won the door prize!

VTAC and Year 12 students

While students have put in their course preferences for 2017 to VTAC, they are reminded that they need to consider the following:

- They can put in up to 8 course preferences, and while we encourage students to put in 8 preferences, they should be putting in a minimum of 6 preferences.
- The preferences should be put in the order from the course they would most like to get into at Number 1 and so on until their final preference.
- They need to have considered pathway options so their final preferences – preference 7 and/or preference 8 – should/could be a pathway option. (Pathway options can be discussed with Ms Ryan or Ms Harvey or the students can contact the institutions directly and ask them for recommended pathway options)
- Students MUST check VTAC CourseSearch to ensure that they:
  - meet any of the prerequisites that the course requires, i.e. subjects
  - they have completed any selection requirements i.e. rang to organise an interview, attended a compulsory interview session, submitted a portfolio,
completed any application paperwork
- they have completed the additional requirements i.e. Personal Statements that can be found in the students’ personal VTAC User Account (N.B. Victoria University is requiring these this year)
- ** Ms Ryan and Ms Harvey can assist if needed – students can make an appointment via email
- The submission date for the Personal Statement online and supporting documentation is 5pm, Friday 2 December for offers in January and February.
- Students need to regularly check the personal email address they gave to VTAC – as this is the way VTAC and institutions will contact them.
- Students need to ensure that if they change address, mobile number and/or email account that they also change this in their VTAC User Account.

If students missed the SEAS deadline

Although there is no way to submit a SEAS application or SEAS documentation after the closing date, there are other options available to students if they would like to add information to their course application about how their studies have been affected or disadvantaged by circumstances out of their control. This can be done through the VTAC Personal Statement. The VTAC Personal Statement is an application found in students’ VTAC User Account. Question 3 in the VTAC Personal Statement allows students to outline circumstances that have affected their academic performance. Students can also post hard copy supporting documents to VTAC using the Personal Statement cover sheet.

The Personal Statement is not a replacement for SEAS. The Personal Statement is not equivalent to submitting a SEAS application, however it is an opportunity to outline impacting circumstances.

There are other special consideration and bonus schemes not part of SEAS. A number of institutions offer a series of programs targeted at specific circumstances and individuals. To see if students are eligible for any of these programs go to the Other Schemes Outside SEAS page on the VTAC website.


Change of preference

- Students are reminded that they can change their preference order and courses from 1 August until 8 November.
- VTAC will then close for 2 weeks
- Students can then change preferences again from 21 November until 12 noon on 20 December (N.B. Students can make changes after they have received their ATAR on 12 December 7am)

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- they need to check that they have met the prerequisites and have not missed any of the compulsory deadlines
Payment deadline

- Students are reminded that the $32 payment to VTAC is due 13 December at 4pm for international students and 19 December at 4pm for domestic students
- Course applications will not be processed if this payment has not been made by the due date

Offers

- International students: 9 January 2017
- Domestic students: 18 January 2017

Career Counsellors availability

- **Currently:** Ms Ryan and Ms Harvey are available for appointments during the school day, before and after school
- **After ATARs are released:** Ms Ryan and Ms Harvey will be available for appointments after the ATARs are released - Monday 12 December to Wednesday 14 December
- **After 1st Round Offers:** Ms Ryan and Ms Harvey will be available for appointments after the 1st Round offers are released, on Thursday 19th January and Friday 20th January

All appointments with the Career Counsellors at Mercy can be made by emailing Ms Ryan or Ms Harvey for an appointment: eryan@mercycoitus.catholic.edu.au or vharvey@mercycoitus.catholic.edu.au.

Further information relating to VTAC can be found in the VTACMag, ABC Choices bookletlet were given and on VTAC Website and the VTAC Blog:
https://blog.vtac.edu.au/

Year 9 students and Work Experience

In 2017, Year 10 students will be doing Work Experience during Activities Week 1 May - 5 May 2017. Work Experience allows students to experience the world of work, often for the first time. Through participation and observation, work experience aims to provide an insight into the student’s chosen industry and has enormous benefits for students.

Ms Ryan gave the Year 9 students a talk about Work Experience 2017 on Tuesday 6 September and inspired the students to start seeking a work experience placement. The earlier students organise their placement the better the opportunity they have to gain a work experience placement that they truly wish to explore and participate in during Activities Week. We advise the students to try, where possible, not to work with family so that they can have an authentic work placement experience.

Students can access paperwork such as resume samplers, cover letter samplers, a phone script to use when calling prospective employers and a list of past placements through the shared Google folder. Miss Wood has given students copies of the Work Experience Arrangement forms for the employer to fill in. Copies of this can be found at:


Students can make an appointment, via email, with Ms Ryan or Ms Harvey if they wish to seek assistance or ask further questions regarding Work Experience 2017.

eryan@mercycoitus.catholic.edu.au
vharvey@mercycoitus.catholic.edu.au

Year 9 Work Experience Arrangement forms for 2017 are due Friday 28 October.

Ms Ellen Ryan & Ms Vicki Harvey
Career Counsellors

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**PRAYER**

Prayer for studies and examinations

God of wisdom and God of knowledge, the Church calls us to study and produce outstanding results in scholarship and in this way to benefit the wider world. You call us to the obligation to take an active part in the modern world. We have a responsibility to actively engage in the debate and forge a new world, a new earth. May the Holy Spirit guide us to grasp in intellect, retain in memory and show forth in deed and word all things that bring honour to you.

We make this prayer in Jesus Name.

Amen

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**REFLECTION**

"These tasks are not for ourselves only but for the world at large" - Anonymous

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**OTHER INFORMATION**

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

*Invest in your most precious asset......Your Marriage!*

Forget life’s tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

*There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.*

**2016 Melbourne weekend date : 11-13 November**

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

**Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997**

**Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au**

**Website: http://www.wwme.org.au/**