From the Principal
Mr Holmes

“They Will Shine”

Thomas Carr College has Learning and Teaching at the centre of our endeavour; we have high expectations of our staff and students to achieve personal excellence in all that we do as we work towards a successful future.

The wellbeing of our students is paramount. They need to be in a good state of mind to engage with the learning programs and be here so that we can teach them.

A great indicator of the wellbeing of our students is their appearance. If a student is wearing the College uniform correctly, it is a positive sign. If not, we have to ask the question: ‘Is this young person in need of assistance?’

We have now introduced fortnightly assemblies at the College. As stated to the staff and students, they need to know and be part of the vision of the College moving forward. Good schools do not become great schools if we allow ourselves to become complacent. At our first assembly, we acknowledged our 90+ students for academic achievement in Semester 1. Congratulations to these students. We spoke to students about uniform standards at the College. Relating to the point made above, wearing the uniform correctly is a positive sign that a student is ready to learn. Pride in the uniform is also a sign of pride in the College.

A letter has been e-mailed to all families outlining the details. Our students have requested that we look at school trousers for our girls. This is currently being investigated. The only significant change that we have made is that we require girls to wear correct stockings with the winter uniform for warmth. For the remainder of this year they can wear the existing navy or black stockings. Parents do find sourcing and purchasing navy stockings difficult and costly, hence the move to black stockings moving forward. When replacing stockings please purchase the correct black stockings. If there are medical grounds that restrict a student from wearing stockings, we will require a medical certificate with specific details to allow an exemption. The introduction of trousers will assist this situation as we plan for the future.

We are aware of the cost of uniform as we work towards simplifying the choices. As we move to a new sports association in SACCSS (Sports Association of Catholic Co-educational Secondary Schools) the College is investigating the supply of uniforms required in kit form, purchased by the College, rather than parents as was the case for ACS.

Uniform and the personal appearance of each student in complying with the College expectations is a role for both families and the College staff.

College Theme for 2019
“Growing Young in Christ”

Prayer
Mother Mary, I offer you all that I have, all that I hope to be. Please me within your Immaculate Heart and teach me how to honour and glorify God in all that I do.
Amen

Coming Events
August 8: Year 10 Dinner Dance
August 14: College Tour (by appointment only)
August 16: ACS Cross Country Championships
August 19: Mid Term Break (College closed)
August 22: Year 12 Graduation Compulsory Parent Information Night (7.00pm)
August 26: ACS Public Speaking Competition
August 29: Moments Concert (see flyer attached)
August 30: Malaya Borneo Veterans Remembrance Service at The Shrine
September 2: Father’s Day Mass and Breakfast (8.00am)
September 11: ACS All Stars Presentation
September 18: College Tour (by appointment only)
September 19: Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences (4.00pm – 8.00pm)
September 19: End of Assumption Term.(students dismissed at 3.20pm)
September 20: Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences (8.30am – 12.30pm)
September 23 – October 7: School Holidays
October 1: St James Parish Fete
October 7: Professional Practice Day for Staff (student free day)
October 8: Students Return for the Advent Term
Working together, we will build pride in the College and strive to grow the reputation of Thomas Carr College as a great school.

Thank you to all the Grandparents who attended Mass this week with Fr Jude in the College Chapel. This was a lovely service for the special people in our lives.

From the Deputy Principal
Ms Angelico

Regular Assemblies and Uniform
On Tuesday, we held our first College Assembly for the Semester. Regular assemblies will take place in Semester 2 in recognition of the importance of gathering regularly as a whole school community in order to build a common vision and celebrate the achievements of our community. Fortnightly assemblies will be scheduled for a duration of 30 to 40 minutes and each one will have a different focus.

This week we focussed on the academic achievements of our students, the Vinnies Winter Sleepout and the importance of wearing the College Uniform correctly and with pride. Together with the Year Level Co-ordinators we addressed and clarified some of the basic expectations. In the letter that was sent to all families by Mr Holmes, there is an outline of what was discussed with the students.

At the assembly, the traditional Year 12 Banner Design was revealed to the College community. Once it is printed, the Year 12 Banner for 2019 will take its place alongside all the banners from previous years. Thank you to Riselle Lim for her design work and to Ms Atwood for all of her organisation and support.

It Takes a Spark Student Conference – A STEAM Conference for Girls
We are very excited to be hosting the 2019 Student Conference will be held in the Bruce Runnalls Centre and the Fr Moran Performing Arts Centre on Thursday September 12 2019 from 8.40am to 3.50pm.

Who will attend?
Teachers of STEAM, School Leaders and Year 4 to 10 girls interested in STEAM with their teachers. Click her to see the full program

The Spotlight – A New Bi-annual Thomas Carr College Magazine
At the end of last term, Ms Harrington and I wrote to the SRC seeking ideas for naming a new publication that will highlight the achievements of students at Thomas Carr College. The task was to propose a name that would reflect the College Motto, They Will Shine.

We are pleased to announce that the title The Spotlight, which was proposed by Shloka Pathak of 8 White, has been selected. The first edition of the publication will be realised later this month. Congratulations Shloka and sincere thanks to Ms Harrington for her work in designing and preparing The Spotlight.

The Beacon Award
The Beacon Award recognises achievements of our students. Selected students will be presented with a certificate of commendation and their names published in each
edition of *The Beacon*. A maximum of 5 students per level may be recognised each fortnight.

The criteria is:

- Evidence of *learning* which is consistently exemplary or displays great improvement
- An action performed by a student(s) that supports the Catholic ethos of the school
- Evidence of behaviour which is consistently exemplary or displays great improvement
- Active and purposeful involvement in a College or community event

Congratulations to the following students:

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**From the Director of Operations**

**Mr Jilbert**

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**From the College Board**

**Ms Kruse – Staff Representative**

The College Board met on Tuesday July 30. Mr Holmes and Mr Knaggs, our Business Manager, discussed several items within the Principal and Business Manager’s Report respectively. Mr Knaggs discussed future scholarships and bursaries and Dr Bryan Wood presented the changes to curriculum moving into 2020. The Board is excited about how these changes will impact our students. The Board supported Mr Knaggs’ proposal to make VET for VCAL/PreCal students moving into 2020, free of charge.

**From the Head of Middle School**

**Mrs Sheridan**

This week there was a significant focus upon academic focus for the Year 9 cohort. They gathered during the day to hear from Dr Wood about the exciting new options available for Year 10 in 2020. Later that same day, they gathered again, this time with their parents and guardians, in the Fr Moran Performing Arts Centre to attend both the presentation and then the Subject Expo. It was such a strong message, setting high standards, to see so many gathered and hear all the questions asked of the teachers who gave up their evening. The talk around the lockers the next morning was clear evidence that the students really have grasped the concept of “student agency” which was set before them. This is where the student themselves take the reins for their own learning journey with the support, guidance and care of their
teachers and parents working together as a team. It will be wonderful to watch their academic progress over the coming years as they continue in this endeavor.

In the Year 7 and 8 areas, I have been inspired this week to watch the growing collections of toothpaste and soap outside the Year Level Co-ordinator offices. To know that our young people have compassion and care for the people in Melbourne who are unable to fund such basic commodities for themselves is truly wonderful. As people in a Catholic College, we are called upon to think about the world outside of our own needs and wants. This is not always easy and sometimes the challenge is pushed to the background as we work towards our own goals and live our daily routines. School, classes, homework, sports and family commitments keep us busy but are also a privilege beyond some in our community. Our youngest students have tried to show that these people are not alone.

A special acknowledgement must go to the students in the Middle School who have received significant academic honours after competitions last term. Asheriya Charan was selected as the winner and Isah Dutt, Alannah Williams, Annie Nguyen and Justin George received commendations in the Australian Catholics Young Journalist Award for 2019. Accolades also go to Keira Eckley, who achieved 1st Place in the whole of Victoria and Kaerelle Alcantara, Maeve Coloma, Claire Dcunha, Megan Del Mundo, Anthony Gattellarolo; Chevonna Joseph, Liana Marshall, Mackenzie Pace and Alisha Prasad who received honourable mentions for their Italian Poetry entries. Such widespread success is a great reflection for us all.

**Year 9 City Experience**

Year 9 City Experience allows students to study the cultural, historical and sporting aspects of the City of Melbourne. The program recognises students’ increasing independence and requires them to develop their own transport plans in order to complete the set activities for each day. A City Experience ‘passport’ has questions, facts, maps and information on key locations that they will visit individually, with their small group and as a class.

[Click here for information on dates](#)

**Year 9 Country Experience**

The iD9 curriculum aims to develop students who are independent, confident and inquisitive about their world, work co-operatively, are socially aware and connected to others. The Country Experience aims to provide all students with an exciting and challenging program in an environment that is safe, caring, structured and engaging. The emphasis throughout the three-week experience at our Good Samaritan Campus, is on learning through doing. Activities and project work are based around the local Coragulac and Otway’s environments of lake, coast and forest. Complementing experiential learning in each of these environments will be a further focus on community living centered on day-to-day life at the Campus.

[Click here for information on dates](#)

**From the Acting Head of Senior School**

**Mr Rowe**

The Assumption Term is an incredibly busy time for our Senior School students. Already, we have had Subject Selection assemblies and Parent Information Nights, aimed at allowing students and their families to make informed choices for their subjects for 2020. Choosing subjects is a case of personal preference for each of student but choices made now can have large impacts on future possibilities with further education. Therefore, we encourage students to use the resources they have at school with our teachers, Heads of Learning and Careers team. These resources can help families make decisions with subject choices that will open the most possible pathway doors for our students and are an asset that I implore you to utilise.

This Term, we also begin the process of selecting our Student Leaders for 2020. All Senior School students are leaders in our College community as they role model behaviours and characteristics to our younger students, but it is also important to have formal leadership roles as it provides an opportunity to learn the art of building relationships within teams, defining identities and achieving tasks effectively. It also
provides an opportunity to learn to identify and display effective intrapersonal and interpersonal skills.

Designated leadership opportunities offered at the College are College Captains and Vice Captains, College Ambassadors, Peer Support Leaders, Liturgy and Social Justice Captains, Student Representative Council, Music Captains and House Captains. Please encourage your sons and daughters to put themselves forward in taking on a leadership role, as they will gain excellent leadership skills for the future.

In Year 11, our Pastoral Care Program has featured sessions on Leadership Qualities and Resilience. The first leadership opportunity that will be offered are the College Captain and Vice Captain Roles. Information about applications and the selection process for College Captains in 2020 will be explained to the Year 11 students as part of a Leadership Assembly on Friday August 9. Students interested in the position of College Captain or College Vice Captain are required to complete and submit an application form by Tuesday August 28.

Senior staff will interview those who go through to the next stage on Monday September 3. The final applicants will address their peers and staff with a prepared speech on Friday September 6 during their Pastoral Care period and voting will then take place.

**Year 12 Graduation Information Evening on Tuesday August 20, 2019**

Parents are reminded of the compulsory Parent Information Night for all students graduating from Thomas Carr College on Tuesday August 20 at 7.00pm. At least one parent/guardian will need to attend this night at which we will outline our expectations of students over the final week of their secondary schooling at Thomas Carr College. There will be a number of guest presenters, including a representative of the Victoria Police. As outlined in the CareMonkey letter by Mrs Knurek last Term, students who do not attend with a parent/guardian will not be able to participate in the graduation events and ceremonies.

**Year 11 Road Safety Presentation**

Later this month, Year 11 students will participate in a Road Safety Seminar on Friday August 23 as part of their Pastoral Care Program. The presentation is called ‘The Carmen Project’ and is presented by a father who lost his daughter as the result of a road accident. As it deals with the issue of loss of life and the results and casualties of road crashes, I encourage all parents of Year 11 students to discuss these issues with their son or daughter.

**Student Drivers Contract**

All students who wish to drive to school must complete our Student Driver Contract. The driver may travel to and from the College only. Use of the vehicle is not permitted during the day and are only to be parked on school grounds in the designated Year 12 parks. Student passengers may be transported to and from the College only with the prior written permission of the passengers’ parents/guardians and the driver’s parents/guardians.

**Parent News – Mrs Monique Allen**

Earlier this week, I received an email from Mrs Monique Allen, mother of College Captain, Noah Allen. Mrs Allen wrote to me to share a good news story from over the weekend, which I have included below.

On Sunday July 28, for the third year in a row, we entered a team in Run Melbourne, called ‘Run for Hope’. As I am sure the Thomas Carr College community are aware, Hope Carnevali (Marsh) was a former student of TCC, and sister to Tyne. Hope passed away on November 21 2016 from Asthma during the horrific Thunderstorm Asthma event. Danielle, their mother, is a very close friend of mine, and each year since I have been working with her to raise awareness and much-needed funds for asthma. As a chronic asthmatic myself, this is a cause close to my heart for many reasons. Each year, Noah has run to support his friend Tyne, and as you can see pictured, it was a fantastic day, and Tyne, Katelyn Tesoriero, Jasmine Wilson and Noah donned the blue tutus in honour of Hope, along with our team of 22.
I know the school has a focus on asthma awareness, and I thought it would be great to share what these amazing kids did in their own time!

I thank Mrs Allen for reaching out to share this story with our College community. I would also like to commend Katelyn, Jasmine and Noah for their support of Tyne and her family and their commitment to raising awareness and funds for asthma. You should all be very proud of yourselves!

**From our Students**

**Girl Power Program**

**Thea Villegas – 9 Red**

Friday March 29, Mr Campbell greeted me with a pleasant surprise, which was an invitation to join the Girl Power in Engineering and IT Program at Melbourne University. The course is for girls to learn about STEM careers through hands-on workshops. It is a 4-year package, which includes a three-night camp, work experience and mentoring.

After getting Mr Holmes’ recommendation letter, I was able to try for one of the 30 slots, which over 180 Year 9 girls were applying for. I went through an offline and online interview process. My heart dropped when my laptop shut off during recording but fortunately, I received an email saying that I got in!

On Wednesday July 7, I was introduced to the other 29 girls I would be with and we immediately clicked. We made a group chat with everyone in it, followed by a binging night of Brooklyn Nine-Nine after our activities for the day.

The first day of camp was a trivia night. The second had a campus tour, a VR workshop, prosthetic limb building course, a robotics session and movie night. The third day included an app building course, bridge building lesson, a wind energy workshop and a panel night. The panel night is a meet-and-greet session with current students and alumni where we can discuss various matters. The last day finished off with a motherboard programming workshop.

My highlight during my time there was the VR workshop and it was called “Keep talking and nobody explodes”. We were in groups of five, with one person wearing the headset and the rest were given instruction booklets. There were various sections on the explosive which you would have defuse for it not to go off. Some of the challenges included Simon, Morse code, symbol and pattern recognition.

This camp was such an eye-opener for me. I learnt that I love engineering and IT, but especially programming robots. Finally, I want to express great thanks to my previous and current maths and science teachers, Mr Cheng, Ms Hume and Mr Campbell. Also, to my family and friends for your support and especially to my dad, who was beside me every step of the way. Thank you!

**Winter Sleep Out**

**Asheriya Charan – 7 White**

On Friday July 26, a number of Year 7-12 students from Thomas Carr College together with Grade 5 and 6 students from St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School participated in the 8th Annual Vinnies Winter Sleepout. The Sleepout was held in Fr Tobin Gymnasium in solidarity with people experiencing homelessness. The Sleepout was aimed at raising awareness around homelessness.

Throughout the night, we participated in many fun-filled learning activities to help us gain better understanding about what homeless people go through. We played a poverty board game, sew and knitted wool together to make scarves, and made bauble crafts. We put together ‘Dignity Bags’ that contained donated toiletries from our College community. Thanks to all for their donations. Each participant wrote a
note of hope and encouragement intended to be attached to each Dignity Bag, which will be directly handed to the homeless by the Vinnies Soup Van. For dinner, the Vinnies Soup Van served soup, the same soup that is served to many homeless people each night.

We all enjoyed the outdoor Homeless Scavenger Hunt. As a group we searched for things we needed to survive being homeless for the night. As we rushed on the school grounds with our torches, we had to find ways to earn money such as applying for a job and busking. Just like the homeless, the ‘police’ chased us down as the homeless are generally stereotyped as bad citizens.

We were fortunate to listen to three speakers. Mr Holmes, Mr Thomas and Mr Lucero. Mr Holmes, our Principal, shared with us his experience in the CEO Sleepout and made us realise through a balance game that the homeless are vulnerable people. To gain their sense of balance, they need help from people like us.

Our key speaker, Mr Arun Thomas, 2019 Seven News Young Achiever Awardee in Victoria, told the story of how he became homeless and how tough it was for him. He was successful at first, had enough money but had to go overseas to attend a family wedding, which required him to spend all his money. When he returned, he did not have enough money for accommodation, which led him to being homeless and was forced to live in his car for 3 months. We learnt that homelessness can happen to anyone and is not a choice; this proves how unpredictable life is.

Our visiting guest from the Philippines, Mr Joseph Lucero who resides with Fr Jude talked about the wonderful works of MSSP in helping vulnerable families. Many people think that homeless people on streets are people who have wasted money on drugs or possible thieves. No one wants to sleep on the street. They survive by earning money from begging, busking or taking whatever food and items given by good samaritans and by charities such as Vinnies.

A big thank you to Mrs Dagmang for organising this Sleepout and for running it successfully. To all staff, parents (Ms Bennett, Ms Smith, and Mrs Terranova), alumni (Laura Mallia, Jasmin Mathews, and Austin Deppeler) and students who helped make this night possible - thank you. Thank you to all of our sponsors, Routleys Bakery and the Thomas Carr College staff. Together, we can make a difference. We hope to have you join us for the Winter Sleepout in 2020.

Community News
MOMENTS
A NIGHT OF SOUL
The Music of Aretha Franklin and Stevie Wonder

THURSDAY AUGUST 29
7.00PM
FR MORAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE
35 THOMAS CARR DRIVE, TARNEIT

TO BOOK TICKETS:
https://www.trybooking.com/BEKHP

THIS IS A FREE EVENT BUT WE ASK FOR A GOLD COIN DONATION. FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS OUR COLLEGE MUSIC PROGRAM