



## From the Principal

Mr Holmes

### “They Will Shine”

#### Advent



The Advent wreath once again takes its place in our liturgical celebrations for the next four weeks. The four candles of the wreath represent the four weeks of Advent and each candle light speaks so much of the longing and waiting of our hearts. Through the birth of Christ, God came among us and is still among us. Yet, often our whole life is like an advent, the time in which God is waiting to be born. During this special time we are invited to look back, forward and around. We look back to every first Christmas when God became one of us. We look forward to Christ's second coming “in a cloud with power and great glory” with our heads raised high. And we look around to try to be attentive to the people and events that reveal Christ's presence to us as the Emmanuel – God is with us.

This morning we celebrated our Advent Mass with Bishop Martin, Fr Jude, Fr Silvio and Fr Vincent. I congratulate all our students for their spirit of participation and respect for this important celebration at the College marking the end of our academic year.



We held our inaugural Commissioning ceremony for the Year 11 and 12, 2021 students during the Headstart Program. This Commissioning is symbolic and meaningful as we impress upon these senior students, including the incoming Year 10 students, that they have in fact commenced their journey into the important final years of their schooling.

I congratulate all recipients of the Awards presented at A Night To Shine 2021. The following major awards went to:

- Thomas Carr Prize:** Temwani Mazaba
- Year 10 and Year 12 ADF Leadership and Teamwork Awards:** Year 10: Anthony Gattellaro. Year 12: Connor Pearce
- Year 10 and Year 12 ADF Future Innovators Awards:** Year 10: Vanessa Schembri. Year 12: Sebastian Kuszner
- Ampol All Rounder:** Liam Morgan
- Bruce Runnalls Spiritual Life Award:** Jamie Farrales

#### Prayer

O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas.

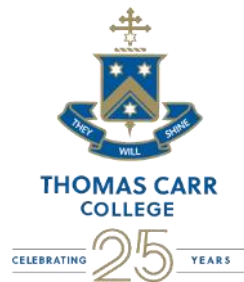
Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them.

Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father.

Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness.

Join them all together in your love. And give us your heavenly peace.

Amen.



## COMING EVENTS

Friday 10th December 2021	College Uniform Shop closes @ 4pm
Wednesday 15th December 2021	College Office closes for 2021 @ 4pm
Monday 10th January 2022	College Uniform Shop re-opens (appointments only) @ 9am
Thursday 13th January 2022	College office re-opens for 2022, 8am to 4pm
Wednesday 26th January 2022	Australia Day Public Holiday
Monday 31st January 2021	Year 7 Welcome and Collection Day. 8.30am to 10.30am - Gymnasium
Tuesday 1st February 2021	Year 7, 2022 Orientation Day
Wednesday 2nd February 2022	Start of Semester 1 for students
Thursday 3rd February 2022	Year 7 to 9 Parent Welcome evening @ 7pm. Sausage Sizzle from 6pm.



**College Theme for 2021**  
“We have this HOPE as an anchor for the soul firm and secure”

*Hebrews 6:19*

#### College Vision

Thomas Carr College is a dynamic Catholic learning community, guided by the Gospel. Excellence and opportunities to develop are pursued. Through our hope and service to others we shine our light into the world.

**Joseph De Piro Spiritual Life Award:** Nicole Shane Villegas  
**Catholic Development Fund, Melbourne Resilience Award:** Elana Houli, Hayden Hiller, David Afoa.  
**Pursuit of Excellence:** Dinushi Bombuwelage Don  
**The Rutherford Medal for Excellence in Chemistry:** Kyle Anthony  
**Female Leadership Award:** Zoe Janetzki  
**Julia Gillard Award:** Georgie Recek  
**Lalor Hero Award Winner:** Phoebe Briffa

Our 2021 College Yearbook, is a wonderful publication that has been distributed to all students. It is a true celebration of all that is good at Thomas Carr College – a vibrant place to study!

### Staff Professional Learning

Commencing on Monday December 6 all staff at Thomas Carr College will be participating in an end of year professional learning program. This program will provide sessions for all staff in the areas of Catholic Identity, Technology, Learning and Teaching, Student Wellbeing as well as several planning sessions for 2022. Staffing for 2022 is coming together very well as we shape a professional and energetic team of new staff to join us next year, as well as existing staff taking on new leadership positions.

### Thank You, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Finally, this newsletter will be the last produced for 2021. As another year at Thomas Carr College draws to a close, I would like to conclude by thanking staff, students and parents of Thomas Carr College for your continued support and encouragement throughout the year. It is very much appreciated. In particular I would like to thank, Fr Jude, Fr Vincent and Fr Albert and Fr Silvio for their support, advice and encouragement during the course of 2021.

To all families and staff of Thomas Carr College thank you for the wonderful year and may your Christmas be filled with the love of family, the joy of friends and the blessing of God's peace throughout the coming year.

### From the Deputy Principal of Organisation and Wellbeing

Ms Angelico

This special event is taking place on Friday 28 January 2022 at Luxor Receptions. We look forward to celebrating with the gradating class of 2021 in January. Refer to past Operoo notifications for details. Tickets that have been purchased already can be collected from the College Reception next week between 10am and 3.00pm as well as the individual graduation photos.

### A Night To Shine

Last night was a wonderful celebration of not only academic achievement but of the rich and varied opportunities that we offer at Thomas Carr to support students in their learning and for them to excel in all aspects of College life from Years 7-12.

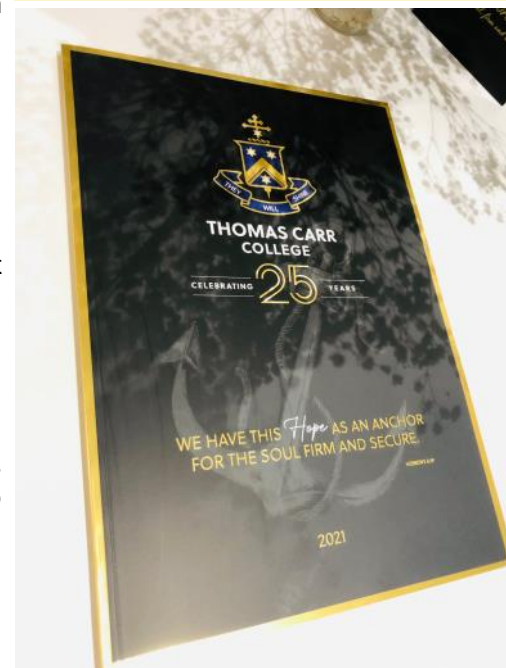
Thank you to all the students and families who attended and those who watched the live event from home. This event was the results of many weeks of work for the key staff involved in the planning and everyone who played a role behind the scenes beforehand, on the evening and afterwards.

Special thanks to our 2021 College Captains and to our 2022 College Captains and to all the students who performed and shared their talents with us. Congratulations to all the award recipients. We look forward to continuing to celebrate success and excellence in 2022.

### THANK YOU & HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Thank you to the Year 7-11 students for the way in which they embraced Headstart. We are excited to start the new academic year but we are definitely looking forward to a good break. We will be communicating details with regard to the new academic year in January.

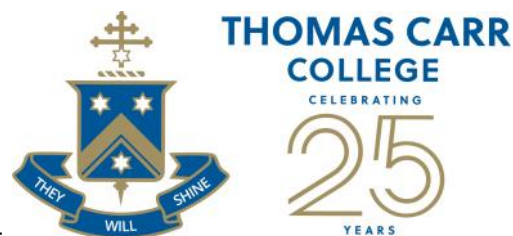
### 2021 College Yearbook



### Merry Christmas



May this festive season be filled with the sweet sound of the laughter of loved ones in your home and the beautiful hymns that are pleasing to God and His angels up above.





Thank you to all the teachers and support staff for their work creativity, and agility through 2021. Best wishes to the Class of 2021. Many are excitedly awaiting their VCE results, and others have already embarked on apprenticeships or the world of work. Thank you to all the members of the Thomas Carr community for your support and dedication in 2021.

*Wishing all our Students and Staff and their families a very special Christmas & a safe and joyous start to the New Year.*

## From the Deputy Principal of Learning and Teaching

Mr Bryson

*'Sisu' is the Finnish Art of Courage. It begins where our perceived strength ends, and in difficult times it is described as the strength it takes to put one foot in front of the other.*

With the end of the school year upon us, I share the above quote as it is the courage and strength that all members of our community have shown throughout this year that has allowed us to end the Advent Term with a sense of pride in what has been achieved. The courage and strength of our students and staff reflects an action mindset which enables individuals to reach beyond their perceived limitations.

This describes the collective heart of the Thomas Carr College community and during the past week, I have had the privilege of celebrating the achievements of students who have excelled throughout this year and have had the courage to reach beyond their perceived limitations. Events such as *A Night to Shine* also reflects the outstanding work of our staff in providing a range of learning opportunities that encourage our students to shine in all that they do.

As we reflect on the year, I would like to thank all members of our community for having the courage and strength to continually put one foot in front of the other. These qualities provide a wonderful foundation for the future of our College, and I look forward to continuing this journey with you in 2022.

I wish all families a very safe and Merry Christmas.

### A Night to Shine – Academic Awards

To conclude the Advent Term, the College's annual awards ceremony, *A Night to Shine* was held on Thursday 2 December. This event is an opportunity for us to gather as a community to celebrate the many achievements of our students.

Various College awards were announced at this event, and I would like to congratulate all the award recipients for being recognised for their contribution to the College and acknowledge the many students who received Academic Awards for excellence at each year level including those students who excelled as part of the College's Magis and VCAL programs.

To further celebrate the wonderful achievements of our students, the Pursuit of Excellence Award was awarded to students at each year level who achieved the highest results for their studies across more than one subject, and who has demonstrated a positive attitude to their studies contributing to a culture of excellence in all that they do.

### Pursuit of Excellence Award Recipients

Year 7: Rhian Porto and William La  
 Year 8: Debra Htoosaw and Adam Healey  
 Year 9: Tamyra Riturban and Aiden D'Souza  
 Year 10: Divina Abiog and Lachlan Di Battista  
 Year 11: Brianna Lapina  
 Year 12: Dinushi Bombuwelage Don

In addition to these awards, nominated students also received Academic Encouragement Awards during the final Year Level assemblies. These awards recognised stu-

A Night to Shine



La Sacra Famiglia—  
Michelangelo Buonarroti



BE STRONG! LET YOUR HEART TAKE COURAGE!  
HOPE IN THE LORD!

# HOPE

– PSALM 27:14

dents across all the subjects at each year level who continually applied themselves to the best of their ability throughout this year. It was pleasing to see the number of students who received these awards across each year level, and it highlights the strong culture of learning that exists amongst our students. To all these students, congratulations and well done.

### Headstart Program

Throughout this week, all students have been involved in our Headstart program. All students are to be commended for their positive approach to the Headstart program and the way they have ended this year. This extends to the way students have embraced the opportunity to begin their new classes for next year and have started to establish their pathway to a successful 2022.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of our teachers in transitioning from the end of Semester Two into a new academic year. It is a credit to all teachers and staff that the students have responded so positively to the Headstart program and I applaud their commitment and effort in ensuring your child has had a valuable learning experience throughout this week.

### Semester Two Reports

Semester Two Reports will be available for parents to access via PAM as of Wednesday 8 December. Parents will receive a SMS and a notification via Operoo with the details in how to access your child's report. If there are any difficulties in accessing these reports, please contact the College.

### 2021 VCAA and ATAR Results

2021 VCE results including the Study scores for Year 11 and 12 students who completed Unit 3/4 subjects will be available on Thursday 16 December. Further details are available on the [VCAA Website](#) and students have received information outlining these key dates and how to access support from the College's Careers Team during this time. A summary of 2021 VCE / VCAL results will be distributed to the wider Thomas Carr College community at the commencement of the new school year. We wish all students waiting for their results all the best and congratulate them in advance for their work and effort throughout this year.

### From the Year 8 Coordinators

Mr Johnston and Mrs Marett

This week the current Year 8 students undertook an alternate Head Start program. Over the four days, student participated in a full day of Mountain Biking at the You Yangs and a workshop facilitated by Elephant Ed focusing on the difficult conversations around the use and impacts of Sex and Social Media. It was great to see students actively participating in both activities.

We wish all students the very best going into Year 9 in 2022.



Year 8 Elephant Ed Workshop



Year 8 Mountain biking @ the You Yangs







# Get a COVID-19 vaccine at Thomas Carr College

**By getting vaccinated you are helping to keep yourself, your family and your community safe**

A temporary COVID-19 vaccination clinic will be operating at Thomas Carr College.

This is a walk-in clinic. No booking is required.

## Clinic details

Thomas Carr College

35 Thomas Carr Drive, Tarneit VIC 3029

Saturday 11th Dec 10am – 2pm

## You will receive the vaccine most suitable for you

Anyone aged 12 years and over will be eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine.

Anyone aged 18 years and over can receive the AstraZeneca vaccine.

People who get their first dose at the clinic will be given information on the day about how to arrange their second vaccine dose.

## View more information

For the latest vaccine information from the Victorian Department of Health, please visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine).



# THOMAS CARR COLLEGE

## UNIFORM SHOP

### TRADING HOURS FOR TERM 4 2021 & TERM 1 2022

The Thomas Carr College Uniform Shop will close for the school holidays on Friday 10th December at 4pm and will re-open for Term 1 appointments on Monday 10th January 2022 at 9am.

Due to the COVID restrictions there is a limit on the number of people allowed in the shop at any one time. All Parents & Students must make an appointment - see link below

<https://MidfordBooking.as.me/ThomasCarrCollege>

#### **Extended Term 4 - 2021 trading hours**

Monday 29th November - Friday 3rd December	8:15am-4:00pm
Monday 6th December – Friday 10th December	9:00am-4:00pm

#### **Extended Term 1 - 2022 trading hours**

Monday 10th January - Friday 14th January	9:00am-4:00pm
Monday 17th January - Friday 21st January	9:00am-4:00pm
Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th January	9:00am-4:00pm
Wednesday 26th January	Closed - Australia Day Public Holiday
Thursday 27th & Friday 28th January	8:15am -4:00pm

#### **Normal trading hours resume Friday 28th January 2022**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 8:15am-4pm**

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