



SIMONDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL –
MR BERNARD MCFARLANE**

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Dear Parents

Welcome to a new year at Simonds Catholic College. This is the fifteenth year of our college and is a new stage in the life of Simonds with the establishment of a VCE Campus at Fitzroy North. In future, the names of each campus will be as follows:

Simonds Catholic College
St Mary's 7-10 Campus
West Melbourne

Simonds Catholic College
St Brigid's VCE Campus
Fitzroy North

Each campus is named after the Catholic Church and Parish where the school is located and which were responsible for the establishment of school buildings on the site. Each Parish has a long tradition of providing Catholic education dating back to the nineteenth century.

This year we expect an enrolment of 450 students.

Year 7	103 students	Class size: 25 or 26 students
Year 8	104 students	26 students
Year 9	81 students	20 or 21 students
Year 10	87 students	21 or 22 students
Year 11	<u>75</u> students	Average of 14 students per class.
	450	

As in previous years we have limited class sizes to enhance the learning opportunities for our students. We are teaching 36 VCE classes as well as providing for the study of Music Performance at The Academy of Mary Immaculate and VET courses, through our participation in the Inner Melbourne VET Cluster, which consists of 51 secondary schools and TAFE colleges.

Of the 36 classes taught at the St Brigid's VCE Campus, 26 classes have 16 or fewer students, 9 classes have 17-19 students and 1 class has 20 students. We are pleased that we are able to provide moderate class sizes to support your son's learning.

JIMMY NGUYEN

It was with much sadness that we learnt of the accidental death of Jimmy Nguyen (Yr.9 2009) during the recent holidays. Jimmy was at the beach with many of his classmates and friends when he got into difficulty in the water and could not be resuscitated.

The presence of so many fellow students and teachers at Jimmy's funeral was evidence of the esteem in which he was held amongst staff and students.

We are blessed to have known Jimmy and for his contribution to the well-being of our Simonds College community. Our condolences, prayers and thoughts are with Jimmy's mother and family.

*We thank God for Jimmy
who was near and dear to us.
We thank God for the friendship
that went out from Jimmy
and for his calming presence.
We pray that nothing in his life
will be lost,
and that all that he held sacred
may be respected by those who knew him.
May his memory give comfort and
inspiration
to his family and friends.
We ask this in the name of Jesus
Amen.*

WELCOME TO NEW AND RETURNING STAFF

With the introduction of a Year 11 campus and three staff on 12 months leave (Ms Carton, Ms Nguyen and Ms Wait) we welcome fourteen new members of staff and Mrs Maryanne Krall who is returning from an extended period of leave. Our new staff are:

Mr David Barnett	Science Coordinator, VCE Chemistry, General Mathematics and Religion & Society : Ethics.
Mr Giovanni Di Fabrizio	Year 7 Gold Homeroom Teacher, Italian, Humanities, Religious Education.
Ms Chelsea Drennan	Science Laboratory Technician.
Ms Laura Fisher	Year 7 White Homeroom Teacher, Science, Mathematics, Religious Education.
Ms Rachael Hands	Year 8 Red Homeroom Teacher, English, Humanities.
Mr Peter Harrington	VCE Business Management, Accounting, Economics.
Ms Jacinta James	Year 7 Blue Homeroom Teacher, Mathematics, Science.
Mrs Maryanne Krall	Year 9 White Homeroom Teacher, Religious Education, English, Literacy Support.
Ms Josephine Mercuri	Food Technology Assistant.
Mr Peter Murphy	Year 8 Gold Homeroom Teacher, Materials Technology, Visual Communication, Systems Technology, VCE Design & Technology (Wood)
Ms Kim Northmore	VCE Physics, Mathematical Methods, General Mathematics (Advanced)
Mr Mal Roland	English Coordinator, VCE English, History.
Mr Tom Smith	Year 10 Gold Homeroom Teacher, Mathematics, Science.
Mr Simon Vaughan	Year 9 Gold Homeroom Teacher, Health & Physical Education, VCE Physical Education.
Mr Cameron Veal	Year 7 Red Homeroom Teacher, Health & Physical Education, Mathematics.

SCHOOL ORGANISATION

Principal	Mr Bernard McFarlane
Assistant Principal Head of St Mary's 7-10 Campus	Mrs Clara Bertoncello
Assistant Principal Head of St Brigid's VCE Campus VCE & VET Coordinator	Mr Alan Croughan
Director of Teaching & Learning	Mrs Helen Koutoulogenis
Religious Education Coordinator	Mrs Rosie Noble
Years 7 & 8 Coordinator	Mr Sal Valentino
Years 9 & 10 Coordinator	Mr Ken Turner

IMPROVEMENTS UNDERTAKEN DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY

The following improvements were completed during the holidays:

St Mary's 7-10 Campus

- ◆ redevelopment of the Art room
- ◆ redevelopment of two Science Laboratories and the Science Preparation Laboratory
- ◆ new air conditioner in the canteen
- ◆ refurbishment of some staff offices
- ◆ 20 new student lockers
- ◆ a new photocopier for staff use
- ◆ all carpets cleaned

St Brigid's VCE Campus

- ◆ begin \$2,300,000 redevelopment of the whole school site
- ◆ new furniture for VCE students
- ◆ awaiting delivery of new computers, shade sails and outdoor furniture
- ◆ new digital projectors and overhead projectors

SCHOOL FEES

The College Board has approved the School Fees for 2010. With the addition of a second campus, fees have risen by \$150 across Years 7-10. This is larger than the normal annual increase, but still allows us to have fees lower than almost all Catholic secondary schools in Melbourne.

Annual Fees Years 7-10 \$1800

	Fees	Fees for Parents who receive the Education Maintenance Allowance
Billing 1 - March	\$600	\$400
Billing 2 - May	\$600	\$400
Billing 3 - August	<u>\$600</u>	<u>\$400</u>
	<u>\$1800</u>	\$1200
		+ \$ 450 → State Education Maintenance Allowance
		<u>\$1650</u>

The fees for Year 11 have also been set at a level well below other Catholic secondary schools in Melbourne.

Annual Fees Year 11 \$2600

Billing 1 - March	\$870
Billing 2 - May	\$870
Billing 3 - August	<u>\$860</u>
	<u>\$2600</u>

If your son is in Year 11, under 16 years of age and you are eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance a discount will apply. When your son turns 16 years of age, he may be eligible for the Youth Allowance which is means tested. Please contact Centrelink regarding the Youth Allowance.

Fees for all families would normally be paid at the office of the St Mary's 7-10 Campus. EFTPOS facilities are available on this campus only. Cheques or cash will be accepted at the St Brigid's VCE campus if parents are unable to pay at the West Melbourne site.

HEALTH CARE OR PENSIONER CONCESSION CARD HOLDERS

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- Be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- Be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card. The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (27 January, 2010, which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (12 July, 2010).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **26 February 2010** for the first instalment, and by **26 August 2010** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of \$450 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. Students turning 16 years in 2010 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2010 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after 26 February, 2010 and prior to or on 6 August, 2010, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment. Application forms are available from the school office. A copy of your Health care Card will be required.

CATHEDRAL ALTER SERVERS

Boys from Simonds Catholic College are invited to become Alter Servers at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. Training will be provided by the Cathedral and boys will be required to serve at Mass twice each month and at Easter and Christmas. Boys from Simonds will receive a Cathedral Scholarship of \$430 which will be paid directly to the college for school fees. Please contact, Mr Ramos, Coordinator of Prayer, Liturgy and alter Servers.

STUDENT PLANNER

Your son has received a student planner (diary) which contains important information about school expectations and practices. The Year 11 planner contains additional information about VCE requirements. The planner may also be used as a means of communication between teachers and parents.

**CANTEEN HELPERS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED
AT THE ST MARY'S 7-10 CAMPUS.
ANY HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
PLEASE TELEPHONE MRS KATE MAULE AT THE COLLEGE
ON 9321 9223**

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos for Years 7-10 will be taken on Friday, February 12. All students should be present and dressed in their full school uniform which includes the blazer and tie.

Year 11 photos will be taken on Monday, February 15.

A REMINDER TO FAMILIES

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE SIMONDS FAMILY MASS
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10,
AT ST MARY CHURCH, WEST MELBOURNE**

At the conclusion of Mass, supper will be provided in the General Purpose Room.
Families are asked to bring a plate of food to contribute to the supper.

THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE IN OPERATION

ST MARY'S 7 – 10 CAMPUS Ph: 9321 9200

ST BRIGID'S VCE CAMPUS Ph: 9489 9546

FAMILY AND STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET 2010

The enclosed form needs to be completed by a parent and returned to the college through your son. It is most important that we have accurate contact details for all families. Please give this form your attention as soon as possible and return it to the school by Friday, February 12.

RECEIVING YOUR NEWSLETTER

This newsletter has been mailed to families. This process is followed for the first newsletter of each term. All other newsletters will be given to your son to take home. Normally newsletters are available every second Thursday.

Should you prefer to receive your newsletter by email this can be arranged. Please forward your email address to Mrs Kathy Soltan in the office.

HOMEWORK CLUB 2010 – AT THE NORTH MELBOURNE LIBRARY

The Centre, in conjunction with the North Melbourne Football Club Learning & Life Centre and the North Melbourne Library, run a free homework tutoring program for students in years 4 – 12 starting 15th February 2010.

- Years 4 – 6 North Melbourne Library Wednesday 4pm – 6pm
- Years 6 – 9 North Melbourne Library Tuesdays 4pm – 6 pm
- Years 10-12 Learning & Life Centre, North Melbourne Football Club Mondays and Thursdays 4pm – 6pm

Great fun for tutors and local children!

Please contact The Centre on 9328 1126 to register a child/student if you are interested

The Centre	- 58 Errol Street North Melbourne	Ph: 9328 1126
The North Melbourne Library	- 66 Errol Street North Melbourne	
North Melbourne Football club Learning & Life Centre	- Arden Street North Melbourne	

2010 TERM 1 CALENDAR

SRC Nominations and elections Years 8, 9, 10	5 – 9	February
Years 7 & 8 Swimming Trials	9	“
School Family Mass at 7.30 pm	10	“
Years 7 -10 School Photos at 7.30 pm	12	“
Year 9 Art excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria 1.00 pm	12	“
Year 11 School Photos	15	“
Ash Wednesday	17	“
Associated Catholic Colleges Swimming Carnival @ 6.30 pm	19	“
Immunisations for Years 7 & 10	23	“
Year 7 Play ‘Bully Busters’, periods 1 & 2	24	“
Whole School Assembly at North Melbourne Town Hall 9.00 – 10.00 am	25	“
Catholic All Schools Tennis Carnival	1	March
Year 7 Art excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria 11.00 am	3	“
Simonds Swimming Carnival at Oak Park Swimming Pool	5	“
Labour Day Public Holiday – no classes	8	“
Year 7 Camp Week	9 – 12	“
Recovery Day for Year 7 Camp participants	15	March
Associated Catholic Colleges Junior Athletics Carnival	18	“
Year 7 Red Day at North Melbourne Football Club	23	“
Year 7 White Day at North Melbourne Football Club	24	“
Associated Catholic Colleges Athletics Carnival	24	“
Last day of classes for term 1	25	“
➤ Years 7 – 10 dismissed at 12.40 pm		
➤ Year 11 dismissed at 3.00 pm		
Parent Teacher Interviews @ West Melbourne	25	“
➤ Years 7 – 10 : 2 – 6.00 pm		
➤ Year 11 : 4 – 6.00 pm		
Parent Teacher Interviews @ West Melbourne	25	“
➤ Years 7 -11 : 8.30 am – 12.30 pm	26	“
Easter Sunday	4	April
Classes begin for term 2	12	“

SIMONDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE 2010 CANTEEN PRICE LIST

Yr. 7 – 10 Campus

Rolls/ Sandwiches/ Wraps

Salad	\$3.00
Ham & Salad	\$3.50
Chicken & Salad	\$3.50
Chicken & Lettuce	\$3.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Toasted Cheese	\$2.50
Toasted Ham & Cheese	\$3.00

See daily Specials Board for other varieties

Other

Sushi (Tuna or Chicken)	\$2.50
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Hot Food

Dim Sims – Steamed	70 cents
Corn on the Cob	70 cents
Dim Sim Roll	\$2.00
Cup of Noodles	\$2.70

See daily Specials Board for other Hot Food items \$3.00 / \$4.50

Salads

Fruit Salad	\$3.00/ \$2.00
Fresh Fruit	\$1.00
Pasta Salad (varieties incl. chicken and tuna)	\$3.00/\$2.00
Salad Boxes – choice of meat with mixed salad	\$3.50

See daily Specials Board for other salad varieties

Desserts

Jellies/ Fruit and custard etc.	\$1.50
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See daily Specials Board

Drinks

Pump Water	\$2.70
Vitamin Water	\$3.20
Summit Water	\$2.20
Play Water	\$2.20
Daily Orange/ Apple & Blackcurrant Juice 300ml	\$1.80
Nestea Iced Tea	\$2.70
Deep Spring Mineral Water	\$2.30
Big M – Large	\$2.70
Big M Small	\$2.20
Up & Go	\$1.80
Slushy (Iced Drink)	\$1.70

From the Freezer

Quelch Fruit Sticks	80 cents
Quelch Fruit Smoothies	80 cents
Paddle Pops	\$1.30
Vanilla Tubs	\$1.70
Frozen Yogurt	\$1.70
Icy Poles (plain)	\$1.00

Snacks

Red Rock Chips	\$2.00
Butter Menthols	\$1.50
Soothers	\$1.50
Jols	50 cents
Muffins	\$1.30
Cake	\$1.30
Munchables – Cheese & Rice crackers	\$2.00
Piranhas	\$1.00
Chocolate Chip Cookies	\$1.70/\$1.00

St Brigid's VCE Campus

A food van visits the campus at recess and lunch time each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. A price list is available from the campus office.