



St Francis of Assisi College - Term 2 Week 8 - 2024

Important Dates

Year 10 Work
Experience - Mon
24-Fri 28 June
Monday 24 June 2024

Visit from
Missionaries of
God's Love
Thursday 27 June 2024

Whole School
Assembly
Wednesday 3 July 2024

Students/Parents Yr
10 VET & SBATs
Information Evening
Wednesday 3 July 2024

Semester 1 School
Reports Available
from 4pm
Friday 5 July 2024

Early Finish -
2:15pm Last Day of
Term 2
Friday 5 July 2024

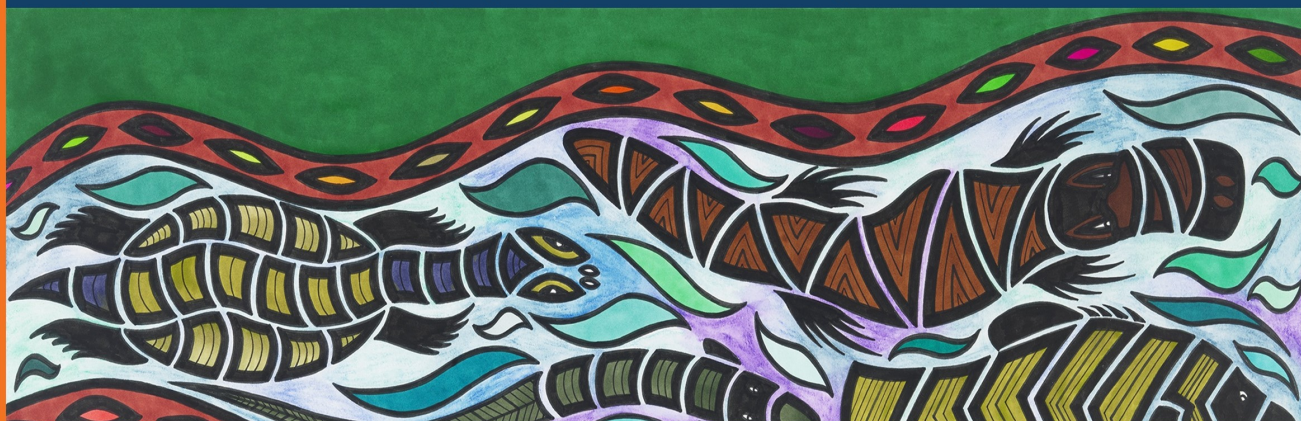
Term 3 Commences
- 8:45am
Monday 22 July 2024

Our Lady of the
River Catholic
Parish - 10th Year
Inauguration
Celebration
Sunday 11 August 2024

REMEMBER If you are reading this newsletter from your email don't forget to click 'read more' to expand your view and access all of our feature photos!

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we meet today on Meru Country, and recognise the Erawirung and Ngintait peoples as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We recognise their continuing connection to the earth and waters, and thank them for protecting this land and its ecosystems since time immemorial. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging and extend that respect to all First Nation peoples present here today.



From the Principal

An Excellent Catholic Education: The St Francis of Assisi College School Culture

As a staff team, we regularly re-visit, and re-enforce the development of our collaborative, professional learning-based school culture.

The 'true-north' of our school culture, is a student-centred faith based Catholic education, with a focus on our school community. As an educational team, this means continually challenging what we do and why, and whether it adds value to our students. The student-centred mindset is about making a difference and focusing on what it means for our students and our families.

A daily focus on being the best we can at all we do, not trying to be perfect. Whilst not complicated, it does take a disciplined and consistent approach from all team members to maintain a daily focus on our everyday standards, practical examples of this include keeping high quality learning and teaching at the core, consistency with our school policies and procedures, our daily interactions with colleagues and students.

As our school community grows, and the initiative and opportunities grow also, it will be this relentless focus on daily high standards that enables the overall success of all we do, keeping our students at the centre.

2024 Enrolment of Students

I am very pleased to see that the College is experiencing significant enrolment demand. Our 2025-year 7 intake is nearing capacity and parents planning to enrol their child are encouraged to do as soon as possible.

There remain places for enrolment open in years 8, 9, 10 and 11 for 2024.

Should you wish to discuss this further please contact our College Registrar, Claire Smith (phone 8595 4500, or email

Refugee Week 2024 - Finding Freedom: Family

This week we celebrate National Refugee Week. In a world marked by displacement and the search for refuge, this year's Refugee Week theme 'Finding Freedom' – with a focus on family – encapsulates the profound journey of resilience, strength, and unity that defines the refugee experience. This Refugee Week sheds light on the transformative power of familial bonds as well as chosen bonds in the face of adversity and emphasises the crucial role families play in providing solace, support, and a sense of belonging to those forced to flee their homelands.

In 2024, we are encouraged to reflect on the journey of finding freedom, whether it be through a new home, a new career, finding love or friendships. Let us show compassion and celebrate the resilience that makes up parts of our wider community. For freedom should not be an ask, it should be a way of life. In such a way, Refugee Week unites individuals, communities, and organisations from many different backgrounds behind a common cause. The common theme is a reminder that, regardless of our differences, we all share a common humanity.

Mr Nathan Hayes, Principal

Religious Identity and Mission

Walk-a-thon

We're excited to share the amazing outcome of our Walk-a-thon on Wednesday 12th June. Our students truly impressed us with their enthusiasm and effort. Many of them averaged over 30 laps, showing incredible determination and spirit. Their hard work paid off, resulting in a fantastic fundraising total of over \$500 for the Vinnies Winter Appeal.

The final lap results for each House were: Terra House with an outstanding achievement of 1015 laps, closely followed by Ventus House with an impressive 1001 laps. Aqua House and Ignis House also showing a great effort with 957 and 917 laps respectively.

It was great to see family and community members attending this event and even joining in on the walk.

We want to extend a big thank you to everyone who participated, sponsored, volunteered, or supported the event in any way. Your generosity and commitment made a real difference.

Winter Appeal

All Houses have done a fantastic job collecting long-life goods and blankets for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. Together with the funds raised from the Walk-a-thon, we have gathered a substantial donation for our local St Vincent de Paul Society branches across the Riverland. Representatives from these branches will join our Whole School Assembly in Week 10 where we will formally present these contributions.



Prayer

Thursday was World Refugee Day, a time to reflect on the hardship of refugees around the world and to pray for their safety, well-being, and peace.

Compassionate God,

We lift up to you all refugees around the world, those who have been forced to flee their homes due to violence, persecution, and war.

Grant them courage and strength as they embark on perilous journeys, seeking safety and a better future for themselves and their families.

Protect them from harm and danger, and guide them to places of refuge where they may find hospitality, compassion, and support.

Open the hearts and minds of people everywhere to welcome refugees with open arms, to offer them dignity, respect, and opportunities for a new beginning.

May your love and mercy surround all refugees, and may they find hope and healing in the midst of their struggles.

We pray for peace in the world, that all conflicts may cease, and that every person may live in safety and freedom.

In your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Mrs Sheridan Bonney, Assistant Principal, Religious Identity and Mission

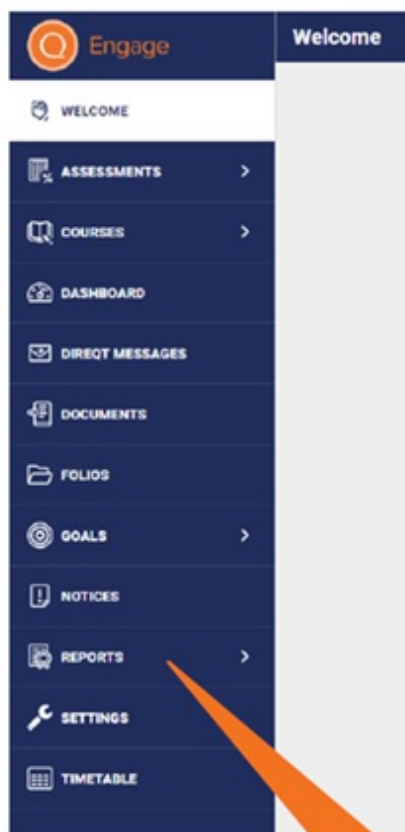
Leader of Learning

Semester Reports

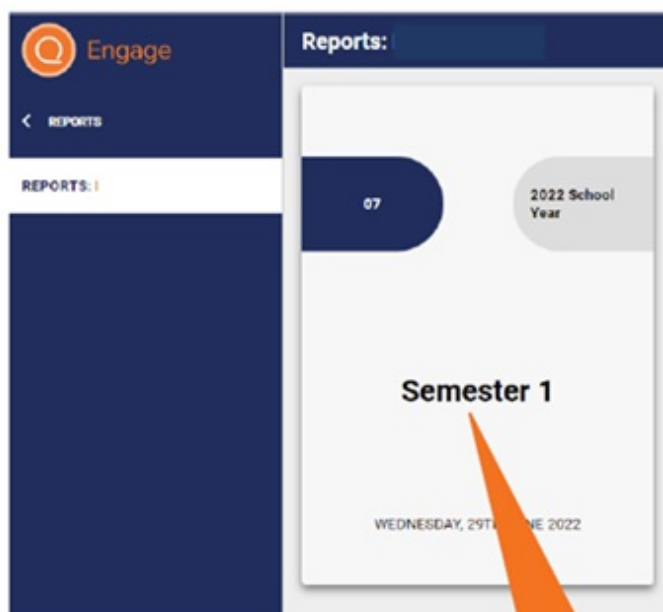
Semester 1 reports for your child will be available Friday 5 July on SEQTA Engage. This report will provide an overall achievement grade based on the Australian Curriculum and an indication of your child's work habits. The College will not print and issue reports at the end of a semester unless a request is made to the school. Instead, student reports are uploaded to SEQTA. By accessing the Reports page, you will see your child's report. Clicking on a Report icon will display a pdf record that you can download, view, save and print. Your PC or mobile device will need to be equipped with a pdf reader for you to be able to access your child's reports. New reports will be added to the archive at the conclusion of each reporting cycle.

SEQTA Reports

To view your child's report in SEQTA, simply select **REPORTS** on the main menu. This menu will display your child's name. Click the semester report on the right and this will display the report as pdf which you can view, download and print.



1. Click on Reports



2. Click on report to view

A graded semester report is only one part of the College's assessment and reporting practices. Throughout the semester, parents also receive feedback about their child's learning progress through:

- student progress update reports
- parent/student/teacher conferences
- continuous reporting on SEQTA which focuses on timely and targeted feedback for specific subject assessment tasks.

More detailed information about your child's learning and assessment is always accessible on SEQTA Engage. If there are any concerns, please contact your child's teachers, so that we can work in partnership to improve your child's learning outcomes.

Senior Science Labs

For the last few weeks, our students have been enjoying using our new cutting-edge science laboratories at St Francis of Assisi College. This facility is equipped with the latest scientific tools and technology, are designed to enhance the learning experience and foster a passion for science among our students. The labs will support advanced coursework in biology, chemistry, and physics, providing an

environment where students can engage in hands-on experiments and innovative research projects.

Mrs Natalie Meuret, Leader of Learning



College Community Wellbeing

Life Buoyancy Institute

On our most recent Pupil Free Day on June 11th, new staff members completed the IMPACT Foundations training course delivered by Dr Ivan Raymond from LBI. The Foundations course provides the theory behind trauma-responsive strategies and includes key concepts such as:

- Responding to need rather than behaviour
- Being intentional in your support with young people
- The What-What-How as a model of intentional practice
- Bring focus to a 'growth intent'

Additionally, all staff engaged in a session covering Attachment Instability delivered by Dr. Ivan Raymond. The key growth intents for staff were:

- Grow an awareness of "what is attachment?" and the impact of instability on a student's functioning.
- Grow an awareness of best-practice Safe Base growth intents and 'how' strategies for students.

We have partnered with LBI since 2021 to build a Wellbeing and Trauma Responsive Educational Community. If you would like to read more of our story with LBI, you can here: [St Francis of Assisi College Renmark - LBI Foundation](#)

Circle of Support

A reminder that if you have any concerns or questions or information to share regarding your child's wellbeing or academics, please contact their home group teacher in the first instance via email or through the College phone number - (08) 8595 4500.

Home Group	Teachers	Email
AQUA1	Miss Rebecca Ward	rebecca.ward@assisi.catholic.edu.au
AQUA2	Miss Ramanjeet Arkan	ramanjeet.arkan@assisi.catholic.edu.au

IGNIS1	Miss Niamh Graney	niamh.graney@assisi.catholic.edu.au
IGNIS2	Mr. John Lyons	john.lyons@assisi.catholic.edu.au
TERRA1	Miss Mae Camporeale	mae.camporeale@assisi.catholic.edu.au
TERRA2	Mr. Fraser Sampson	fraser.sampson@assisi.catholic.edu.au
VENTUS1	Mrs Isabella Trudgian	isabella.trudgian@assisi.catholic.edu.au
VENTUS2	Miss Ruby Orchard	ruby.orchard@assisi.catholic.edu.au

Quote of the Week



Mr Luke Cotter, Leader of Wellbeing

 St Francis
of Assisi College
Laudato Si'

INFORMATION NIGHT VET & SBAT'S

3RD JULY - WEEK 10
7 - 8 PM

Year 10 Parents and Students are invited to a information session that will cover VET and SBAT opportunities for 2025!

Kitchen Garden

9B recently participated in a 'pollinator count' to locate and record our school's Native Bee population. We discovered that there were plenty of European (honey) Bees, but we could not find any Native Bees.




As a result, students have been busily making Native Bee hotels to help improve habitat and boost the population of this important pollinator.

Some interesting facts about Australian Native Bees:


1. There are over 2,000 species!
2. They live alone and prefer it that way.
3. Most Native Bees are stingless!
4. Some of these bees use 'buzz' pollination, some flowers can *only* be pollinated this way.
5. They nest in unique spaces: the ground, tree hollows, stems, abandoned holes etc.




Riverland NAIDOC Week Celebrations 2024



<p>7 Sunday 7th July 10am to 2pm - Church Service & Lunch One Voice Christian Church 25 Tobruk Terrace, Loxton</p> <hr/> <p>Monday 8th July 9am - Breakfast 10am - NAIDOC March 10.30am - Awards Ceremony 12.30pm to 3.30pm - Family Fun Day Animals Anonymous, Music, Face Painting, Jumping Castle & BBQ All held at the Berri Senior Citizens Club</p> <hr/> <p>9 Tuesday 9th July 11am to 2pm - Fishing Day Smoking Ceremony, BBQ, Tea, Coffee & Water Provided Art & Craft Activities Prizes to be won for the biggest fish! Martins Bend, Berri</p> <hr/> <p>10 Wednesday 10th July 10.30am to 2pm - Arts and Crafts Day & Lunch Children under 10 years are to be accompanied by a parent One Voice Christian Church 25 Tobruk Avenue, Loxton</p>	<p>11 Thursday 11th July 12pm to 2pm - Elders Lunch Set Menu, Invite Only - Barmera Club 5:30pm to 7:30pm - Blue Light Disco For Children of all ages Children under 5 years are to be accompanied by a parent Berri Town Hall</p> <hr/> <p>12 Friday 12th July Services will host their own NAIDOC events</p> <hr/> <p>13 Saturday 13th July Abdulla-Rankine Shield NAIDOC Cricket Match 12pm - Junior Cricket Clinic - 5 to 15 years old 1pm - Smoking Ceremony 1.30pm - Gerard CC Vs Ngarrindjeri Swans Number 2 Oval, Berri</p> <hr/> <p>14 Sunday 14th July 11am to 2pm - Church Service & Lunch Location TBC Contact Pastor Sheryl PH: 0423 884 002</p>
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**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD**
7-14 JULY 2024



Riverland NAIDOC Week Celebrations 2024







THANK YOU



for supporting Riverland NAIDOC Week celebrations 2024

























**KEEP THE FIRE BURNING!
BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD**
7-14 JULY 2024

Everyone is invited to attend the events being held throughout the Riverland during NAIDOC Week 7-14 July 2024.



MID NORTH CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
AVIATION COURSE
OPEN DAY
9 AUGUST • 11AM-1PM



**Mid North
Christian
College**

**For more
information,
please visit
our website.**



SCAN ME

43 Port Davis Road, Port Pirie SA 5540
Phone: (08) 8632 4240
Email: aviation@midnorthcc.sa.edu.au



Mid North Christian College is once again welcoming visitors to attend their Aviation Open Day on 9 August 2024.

Bookings are preferred via the booking form www.midnorthcc.sa.edu.au

There is no formal structure to the day, visitors are welcome to view the course in action at their pace between 11am and 1pm.

arts
ON TERRACE

JUNK ART

SCULPTURE COMPETITION

SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST 2024
EAST TERRACE, LOXTON

NEW CATEGORIES

OPEN (18+) - METAL

Sculpture made from recycled metal.



WINNER \$800
MERIT \$350

OPEN (18+) - OTHER MATERIALS

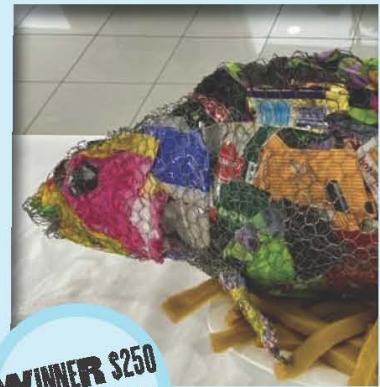
Sculpture made from any other recycled material.



WINNER \$800
MERIT \$350

TEEN/YOUTH (13-18 YEARS OLD)

Sculpture made from any recycled material.



WINNER \$250
MERIT \$100

PEOPLE'S CHOICE \$350

Create an amazing sculpture using only recycled, reused, reclaimed, discarded or salvaged materials.

Imagination and innovation are key to transforming plastic, metal, fabric, paper, glass, wood or any old junk into your prize winning piece!

Entries/registrations close at 5pm 2nd August.

Enter/register now:
events.humanitix.com/2024-junk-art-comp

For full T&C or more information:
www.loxtonchamber.com.au/arts-on-terrace

Register here:



More info:



Yr 9/10 Statewide School Football-Round 1



On Thursday of Week 4, Mr Sampson and Mr Goodman took 22 boys to Riverton to compete in Round 1 of the Year 9/10 Statewide Schools football.

The boys came up against the strong opposition of Clare High School first up. While they battled hard for the entire game, were unable to get the ball forward enough to challenge Clare and went down by 42 points. The midfield worked tirelessly, and the backline held up quite well, but were just overpowered by a bigger and faster Clare side.

St. Francis of Assisi 1-0-6

Clare High School 6-12-48

Best Players: Hugh R, Will L-W, Samuel DeP, Kaiden N, Reece C, Henry D.

Goalkicker: Soren W 1.

The second game was against a combined mid north team from Eudunda, Riverton, and Burra. After having a break and a reset, our boys came out with a positive attitude and played great team footy. The boys were giving the first give, and looking to pass to players in better position to take a shot. There were some fantastic highlights, but maybe none more so that Matthew DiC's goal from the boundary!

St. Francis of Assisi 9-4-58

Combined Mid North 2-3-15

Best Players: Kaiden N, Henry D, Connor K, Hugh R, Hamish P, Samuel DeP.

Goalkickers: Connor K 3, Jaxon C 2, Kaiden N 1, Mitchell W 1, Matthew DiC 1, Hugh R 1.

College Rowing Program - Update



On Monday night, French exchange students Julie and Perrine participated in our Learn to Row sessions which we have run throughout the term.

Miss Gibbons, along with our Year 10 rowers, provided Julie and Perrine with an introduction to rowing on the rowing machines during lunchtime in Week 7. This week they extended their experience to on-water rowing. It was a great opportunity to put the skills they learnt into practise, both picking it up really quickly.

Invitation - Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish 10th Year Inauguration celebration

Our Lady of the River Catholic Parish

**is celebrating its
10th Inauguration Birthday
and the OLOR Parish Council
joyfully invite**

*St Francis of Assisi College
Staff, Students and Community*

**to join with us
as we celebrate a whole parish Mass
with Bishop Karol Kulczycki SDS
on Sunday 11th August, 2024
at St Mary's Church in Berri @ 11am**

**Luncheon will provided after Mass, please BYO drinks
Tea and Coffee will be provided.**

**Please RSVP by: Monday 29th July
olor@pp.catholic.org.au**

"Health of the River" 2024 Rotary Youth Forum



Health Of
The River



AUSTRALIAN
LANDSCAPE
TRUST

"HEALTH OF THE RIVER" 2024 ROTARY YOUTH FORUM

MONDAY 23rd – FRIDAY 27th September, 2024

CALPERUM STATION, Renmark, South Australia

OPEN TO YEAR 9 and 10 STUDENTS

Are you curious about the Natural World ?

Are you interested in Ecology and the Environment?

Are you interested in protecting the Environment?



This 5 day forum provides hands on learning and mentoring from specialist ecologists and researchers on a working conservation and research property, with an emphasis on "River Health"

Supported by Rotary Clubs, the forum provides transport, accommodation, meals and exceptional learning experiences.

Activities will include a focus on sustainable water management and irrigation practices, salinity issues and environmental flows, conservation, land degradation and rehabilitation and more.

<https://rotary9510.org/sitepage/youth/health-of-the-river-forum>

Cost: \$800 (paid by your local Rotary Club)

Please note that a \$50 deposit from the student is required.

This will be refunded on completion of the program.

Enquiries: Registrar Cathy Cameron Ph: 0408 951 958

E: healthoftheriver@rotary9510.org

Date: 15 May 2024

AYCC.ORG.AU/TRAINING-WEEKENDS

NORTH ADELAIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE
13-14 JULY

CLIMATE JUSTICE
TRAINING
WEEKEND

HOSTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CLIMATE COALITION ON YARTA KAURNA

AYCC
WE ARE FIGHTING FOR



The AYCC is Australia's largest youth-led organisation, uplifting youth voices to work towards climate solutions. Young people are growing up with increasingly frequent climate disasters disrupting our lives. We're facing a rising cost of living and an uncertain future. But we also have a fast growing movement of young people, all over the world, who're determined to fight for a fairer and more just future. That's why we are coming together for training weekends across the continent, to skill up the next generation of climate leaders.

Training weekends are a launchpad for young people to get involved with climate action. The training is open to any young person living in South Australia, whether they've been involved with the environment for years or are new to taking action on climate change.

Youth Climate Training Weekend on 13 and 14 July is a great opportunity for students interested in the environment, social justice or building leadership and advocacy skills.

WHAT IS IT?

Our big, bold 2-day training weekends are like no-other. We're focussed on action - we'll learn from each other and campaign experts on how to make change happen. We'll have workshops, discussions on campaign skills, leadership development, tactic training. Participants will walk away with a clear plan about how they can make a difference in their community.

WHEN IS IT?

Over 2 days on Saturday the 13th & Sunday the 14th of July.

WHERE IS IT?

North Adelaide Community Centre.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Travel scholarships are available for young people travelling from regional areas to attend. This means we can reimburse young people for travel costs and accommodation expenses.

RSVP

Young people between the ages of 13 and 30 can [register to attend here](#).

AYCC would absolutely love students from SFoAC to be involved, and AYCC is also able to provide ongoing support for any students who want to start an action group at their school following on from the Training Weekend. AYCC has run similar trainings for thousands of young people over the past 10+ years, and many high school students have gone on to become powerful leaders in their community.

RIVERLAND YOUTH-THEATRE

Crafty Studio – a relaxed tweens art hangouts - on Wednesdays!

Each session focuses on a different artistic medium. No prior experience needed. Only curiosity and bravery.

For ages 9 - 12 | Berri Community Centre (5 Kealley St, Berri) | No pick ups or drop offs available for these sessions.

June 12 - Painting

June 19 - Badges

June 26 - Animal Painting

July 3 - Bring Your Own Art

Booking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRCOR>



Stay Connected!



SEQTA

SEQTA is used in many ways. Students and Parents/ Caregivers are able to access lesson details, assessment submissions, grades and feedback. SEQTA Engage is great for parent/teacher communications, student timetable details and to keep up to date with the College notices.



EDSMART

Edsmart enables parents to sign and return permissions electronically. Our College utilises Edsmart to send out school policy information and agreements, permission and consent forms, general updates and information around upcoming events.



FACEBOOK

St Francis of Assisi College Facebook page features exciting event updates and general information. We share school sporting results, student achievements, along with many photos and videos of our students and activities both inside and outside the classroom.



NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter is sent out fortnightly via email. You can also find our newsletter link on our webpage. In our newsletter, we share what's happening in the College community, upcoming events and general notices.

Absentees to be notified via: SEQTA Engage, absent@assisi.catholic.edu.au, or call 8595 4500

Don't hesitate to contact the College office on 8595 4500 if you have any difficulty with the various mediums used by the College to communicate with families.

Saver Plus - Government Funded Program: Assisting families with education costs



Your savings, doubled

www.saverplus.org.au

saverplus

Saver Plus is a FREE 10-month matched savings and financial education program funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services and delivered by The Smith Family.

The program aims to help participants to learn how to better manage their money and develop long-term savings habits.

Saver Plus is available to anyone who is eligible across Australia.

Eligible participants learn money skills and receive up to \$500 to help with their school expenses.

* 10 month program (commence at any time)

* Save \$50 a month for 10 months and receive \$500 towards educational costs

* Complete up to 10hrs of Virtual workshops called MoneyMinded (support provided)

* Must hold a Health Care Card/Pensioner Concession Card and meet the following [eligibility](#).

* Income: Carers payment / child support are also considered with other eligibility.

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and social justice organisation the Brotherhood of St Laurence (BSL).

It is delivered in partnership with not-for-profit organisations The Smith Family, Berry Street and BSL.

ANZ and the Department of Social Services fund it.

saverplus.org.au

Terms, conditions and eligibility criteria apply.

