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ENCOMPASS PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Welcome to the 2017 edition of Encompass

This year we celebrated 150 years since the arrival of the Dominican Sisters in Eastern Australia.

We celebrate and give thanks for the courage, vision and commitment to "Truth" that constitute the Dominican heritage and tradition so evident in the story of the Sisters. This living tradition took root in Eastern Australia – first at St Mary's Maitland in 1867, then at Santa Sabina Strathfield in 1894.

On St Dominic's Day this year we honoured the story through prayer, drama and music, as students from Santa Sabina, took on the roles of the eight pioneering Sisters who boarded the Martha Birnie in Kingston Ireland to set sail for the unknown Southern land of Australia. The diary of that courageous voyage, recorded by Sr Hyacinth Donnellan, is*Up She Gets for Up She Must.*

Inside this year's *Encompass*, you will read about the 150 years celebration, as well as some remarkable achievements and milestones. In the Foundation section you will find an update of our renovations to the College Hall and classroom precinct.

Encompass is a magazine representative of all members of the Santa Sabina community, and celebrates our diversity, joy, and achievements. I hope you enjoy the highlights of 2017 captured here. I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all members of the Santa Sabina community for your continued support.

Dr Maree Herrett
College Principal

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PRIME MINISTER COMES TO VISIT

Prime Minister of Australia Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP visited Santa Sabina College in June with our local MP the Hon Craig Laundy, Federal Member for Reid, to talk STEM.

Mr Turnbull spoke with students and teachers about current class projects including Sustainable Home Design, Robotics, Coding and Science. The Year 10 Science class was conducting experiments with applications for complex astrophysics. Their experiments into the emission spectra of different chemical elements were designed to explore questions about the origins and age of the universe.

Other students described to Mr Turnbull the impact of last year's NASA trip to the Houston Association for Space and Science Education Space School in the USA. In the College's TAS (Technical and Applied Sciences) department the students and TAS teacher Shaun Broady were designing, building, experimenting,

and evaluating. The 3D printers and laser cutters were operating, and students were using sophisticated computer programs and coding software.

"For our students, it was an exciting way to finish the term", said Dr Maree Herrett, College Principal.

"The PM met a number of individual students, as well as stopping and talking informally. He took the inevitable selfies with many. What was truly impressive though were the everyday classroom practices that the PM observed. He was genuinely impressed, and remarked that we were 'defying the stereotypes for girls' when it comes to STEM."

Dr Herrett also noted that apart from the subject specific knowledge all students displayed, students were very impressive when asked impromptu questions by the Prime Minister. Our students were thoughtful, articulate and discerning.



IBDP AT SANTA FROM 2018

From 2018 Santa Sabina College will be offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) alongside the HSC in Years 11 and 12.

Already an IB World School providing the Primary Years Programme in Years P to 5, the College gained authorisation early this year to provide the Diploma Programme.

The stringent accreditation process conducted over the last two years was led by Ms Helen Bitossi, IB Diploma Coordinator, whose meticulous preparation ensured our success.

"We now join the community of IB World Schools with shared, internationally benchmarked educational standards and practices", College Principal Dr Maree Herrett said.

"Our learning community has gone global. Students can choose what's best for them, either the HSC or the IBDP."

During 2017, Year 10 students underwent

extensive careers testing including three-way interviews between the Careers Advisor, parents and students. Along with mentoring from ex-students in all walks of life, the current Year 10s are well-equipped to choose the most suitable pathway, HSC or IB, towards tertiary study and their future career.

In the second half of 2017 students completing the Diploma Programme in 2018 participated in a range of focused sessions and experiences to get them ready for the IB. Younger students participated in Creativity, Activity and Services activities during Learning Fitness time to build their understanding of their pathway options as they move through to Year 10.

While Ms Bitossi is on maternity leave the first intake of IBDP students will be

managed by Ms Julie Harris who came to us from the United World College, Hong Kong. She has extensive IB experience including as an IB marker.

In Year 11, 2018, there will be almost 20 students starting the IBDP. "This is an excellent first intake for the new program", says Angela Thomas, Head of Teaching and Learning.

"The IB is a great choice for students seeking to continue their learning across the range of disciplines, keeping humanities and science options open".



"Students can choose what's best for them, either the HSC or the IBDP"



ABOVE Ms Julie Harris IB DP Coordinator



TOGETHER FOR HUMANITY

The world needs more understanding and less prejudice.

Year 10 students came together with students from Moriah College and Punchbowl Boys High for a day in Term 2 to learn about cultural diversity and tolerance face to face. Ironically this occurred only a few days before the Manchester bombing of 22 May.

Giving the students a different perspective on life was the inspiring keynote speaker, Dr Gill Hicks MBE, peace activist and survivor of the London Bombings of 2005.

You could have heard a pin drop during Gill's reminiscences of the horror. She lost both her legs, on the day when her life was

saved by the person standing next to her. Next to him was the 19-year-old bomber of her packed train carriage deep in the London Underground.

Her life was forever transformed but she did not lose her optimism nor her deep gratitude that she had survived. From Dr Hicks, the students the students learned the power of unconditional human love and the brilliance of humanity in the face of life's fragility.

"THE DAY WHEN HER LIFE WAS SAVED"



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RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY

For the 13th year in a row, Mary Bailey House (MBH) pre-schoolers organised a stall to raise funds for the RSPCA's Cupcake Day. This annual event involves the children at all levels from initially accepting the invitation to hold a stall, to reading the stallholder information pack, to discussing the reason for supporting RSPCA workers in the care of animals, to planning, baking and marketing the event, to the selling of cupcakes and to finally counting and sending off the proceeds to the RSPCA.

This year our pre-schoolers embraced this experience, promoting it to family and friends

and encouraging them to bring in a gold coin to purchase a delicious cupcake on the day. On the morning of Cupcake Day, the children arrived with enthusiasm ready to ice and decorate the 120 cupcakes that they had previously made. By the afternoon they had set up the stall in the MBH foyer in readiness for it to open at 3:00pm to sell cupcakes to family and friends.

When the stall closed almost all of cupcakes had sold and when the children counted the coins, they were pleased to know that they had raised the most funds ever, \$206.

During this experience, the children expressed empathy for other living things, demonstrated a commitment to a cause, the ability to take on responsibility and a genuine sense of community.

This exciting event was posted on the Mary Bailey House Facebook page.

Ms Danielle Lomas
Preschool Teacher





It has been another marvellous year of learning and community building in the Santa Sabina College Primary Years. The students have immersed themselves in their learning and strived for their personal best. Their efforts have been reflected in student results and achievements across the year.

Our Year 5 da Vinci Decathlon students received first place in Maths and Science. Our campus received five first place awards and one second place award at a State level for the NSW mathematical investigations. The students' public speaking finals were outstanding with individual growth and achievements and our students' external competition results across a range of domains have increased including several High Distinctions and Distinctions.

Our music education has continued to flourish with increased skill development and participation levels. The students have had many opportunities to perform including a special music cultural exchange Project and Concert with the orchestra from St Stephen's Preparatory College, Hong Kong.

Our athletes have excelled across many sports, both as individuals and teams. Sport gala days have proved popular with students' committed sportpersonship and team spirit on display.

As a Catholic community our students have been supported in their journey of spiritual growth and development. Following the Dominican tradition our students have shown commitment to exploring truth – "Veritas" – through dialogue and relationships. The Dominican pillars of prayer, study, community and service permeate all aspects of our school life and are at the core of our Santa Sabina College community.

Mrs Sharon Portlock
Head of School P-5



AN OUTSTANDING EXHIBITION OF LEARNING



In early September the Primary Years campus was home to an outstanding exhibition of learning undertaken by the students of Year 5. Since commencing the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IBPYP) in Year 2, students had inquired into a real-life issue or problem through the lens of "change", acknowledging that "change is an inevitable part of life".

Through dance, Taiko drumming as well as static displays and discussion the students clearly articulated their learning about and their responsibility towards the issue and the action that they have taken or will take. The lines of inquiry that different groups pursued were diverse and demanding. They included "Entropy", "Genetics", "Social and Emotional Wellbeing", "Homelessness", "Physical Health", "Social Justice Issues" as well as other significant inquiry challenges.

According to College Principal, Dr Maree Herrett, students communicated their understanding clearly and eloquently.

"They displayed creative and critical thinking in their modes of presentation. It was an exceptional exhibition of learning and collaboration", she said.

Mrs Sharon Portlock, Head of School P-5, said, "I am so proud of the students and their growth and this is credit to all the staff".

The engagement in learning demonstrated by our Primary Years' students is showcased dramatically in the exhibition of learning required by the IB PYP. Santa Sabina College is the only Catholic school in NSW offering the IB PYP.



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Exploring light and art at the MCA

The visit by Prep to Sydney's Museum of Contemporary Art in June was captured on film by the Museum. With an artist educator, Ella Condon, as their guide the children responded imaginatively, creating inspired art at the gallery and transforming the museum's Digital Studio into "a multi-coloured, twinkly light installation".

Our thanks to Anna Kucera for these beautiful photos.





Santa Sabina College was the first girls’ school in Sydney’s Inner West to train girls in Rugby.

Having commenced this year, the program attracted 29 students from Years 6 to 12 and they have had stunning success, despite being novices.

Playing in the curtain-raiser match for the international men’s rugby Bledisloe Cup on 19 August at Sydney’s ANZ Stadium, the team defeated the more experienced opposition from William Clarke College. This was the very first game, in any venue, played by Santa Sabina College. It just happened to take place on Australian Rugby’s “night of nights”.

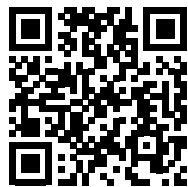
The College rugby players were also treated to a training session with the world-beating Australian Women’s Rugby Sevens team ahead of their last tournament of the 2017 Rugby World Sevens series in France. The Olympic champions coached our 29 players in June, working with them one-on-one.

Santa’s Director of Sport and Rugby Coach, Mr George Ayoub, said that having the national team on campus was an inspiration for the girls.

“The visit of international champions is just one aspect of our exceptional sports program,” he said.

The Santa Rugby players have also hosted an invitation match against girls from Mercy College as well as a Rugby Gala Day in the spring term break with visiting players from Oakhill College and St Scholastica’s.

Rugby Sevens is the fastest growing women’s sport in the world.



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RISE TO THE
CHALLENGE
2017





There have been singular achievements in Santa Sabina College's sports program this year. As well as offering the new sport of Rugby Sevens (see p.14), students pursuing other, long established sports gained stunning individual and team outcomes. Our Super Sports program for the earliest years ensures a great start for our budding athletes and was enthusiastically taken up by boys and girls from Prep to Year 2. These pages list some selected highlights only – for a full rundown of all results please refer to the forthcoming publication of *Veritas 2017*.

Mr George Ayoub
Director of Sport

Pierre de Coubertin Award

The Australian Olympic Committee awarded Bernadette Calavassy the Pierre de Coubertin Award in recognition of her outstanding sporting skill, sportsmanship and demonstration of the Olympic values.

Futsal

The Santa Sabina College open team, a mix of girls from Year 7 to 12, was named NSW Futsal Schools Champions by Football NSW. They were undefeated throughout the season.

Volleyball

Gold medallist Santa Sabina College is again the top girls' school in Australia in Volleyball. The volleyballers also won both the Junior and Senior divisions of the CGSSA Volleyball Championships and

retained the overall NSWVSC Champion trophy. Two players, Brigitte Vanderham and Alexandra Molloy, represented Australia at the Asian Junior Volleyball Championships.

Hockey

Santa 1sts won the IGSSA premiership for their division. Other hockey teams notched up three other premierships and three runner-up titles out of a possible eight.

Weightlifting

Representing Australia, Sabah Chamoun was named Youth (under 17) and Junior (under 20) Commonwealth weightlifting champion. Sabah has been representing Australia (and frequently winning) in international championships since 2015.

Netball

Awards came in strongly for our netballers, including national accreditation for umpiring. Bernadette Calavassy earned her National B Badge, Kaitlan Merhi, Anna-Rosa Harman, Nicolette Donofrio and Olivia Porter were awarded the National C Badge. ERNA Encouragement awards were given to Dominique Murphy, Sara Hennessy and Emily Cowley and nine girls completed the Umpire Development Program for beginner umpires.

Net set go

Net set go, a program introduced this year to teach fundamental skills introduced in 2017, was taken up by the first 50 boys and girls from Kindergarten to Year 2 who applied. Gaining a sound basis in throwing, catching and shooting has given these students a head start on their sporting future!



Dance

Dancers from all ages were recognised as winners and place getters in several competitions. At the Ryde Eisteddfods our Infants received Highly Commended, the Primary White team won their section, the Primary Black team came third and the Senior Tap group also placed third. The Senior Tap group also came third in the CGSSA Dance competition and our Hip Hop team came third in the Hills Dance Spectacular with the huge score of 94.5/100.

Cricket

Elite athlete Olivia Porter was selected into the Sydney Thunder Women's BBL Cricket Academy.

Tennis

After 42 years on the sidelines we were invited back to the prestigious Tildesley Shield Tennis Tournament in 2017. Several singles players made it through a number of rounds and many of the doubles matches were closely fought.



When words fail, music speaks

Shakespeare

2017 was a year which was full of exciting challenges in the Music Department which were achieved with absolute distinction. The concerts and collaborations included critically acclaimed performances at iconic venues and with visiting musicians from Australia and abroad.

These pages showcase just a few highlights.

The Monteverdi Vespers is a magnificent work which requires a variety of forces and is rarely performed. The Chamber Choir had the unique opportunity of being a part of the collaboration between St Mary's Cathedral Choir, The Song Company and the Orchestra of the Antipodes in two performances in St Mary's Cathedral, the centre of Catholicism in Sydney. The girls had some very significant solos in the performance and were highly commended for the beautiful sound they made as an ensemble. The reviews testify to the highly successful outcome of these performances.

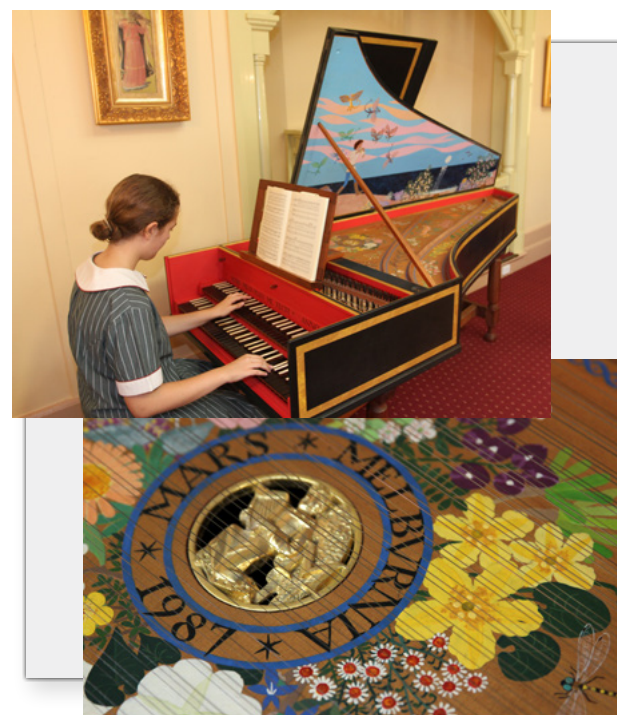
The internationally renowned Sankt Annæ Youth Choir of Copenhagen visited Sydney and performed exclusively for and with Santa Sabina College. The College Choir had the opportunity of performing with this wonderful group at St James King St in the city as well as at Santa Sabina. The magic of this wonderful choir enthralled the whole school with their performances.

Students in the ensembles were invited to be a part of a touring ensemble to the Northern Territory in the June/July school holidays. The 26 students who took part worked solidly for two terms to be able to perform an all Australian program by celebrated Australian composers. The aim was to perform Australian music in beautiful landscapes and share the music with a variety of audiences and particularly to share with Indigenous communities. Hermannsberg outside Alice Springs and the Tiwi Islands were wonderful examples where sharing our music and learning their songs demonstrated how music is the key to understanding cultural differences.

Sixty prep school children from the avant-garde Hong Kong school St Stephen's College undertook a musical cultural exchange with our Primary Years children. The prize-winning musicians participated in instrumental and choral workshops on the Primary Years campus. A concert in the Primary Years hall featuring more than a hundred young performers from both schools was the culmination of the visit.

Mrs Karen Carey
Artistic Director

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MUSIC PERFORMANCES VISIT
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Santa Sabina is the proud recipient of a French Double Harpsichord made by Mars McMillan.

This instrument was donated to Santa Sabina College by Winsome Evans OAM BEM, Australia's leading exponent of early music. Winsome's donation to Santa Sabina also included many medieval and renaissance woodwind and percussion instruments and a wealth of music scores, books and period costumes. Amongst this collection is a three-octave set of hand bells and a portative organ. Students have begun the process of learning these instruments. A special "thank you" concert which attracted a large audience was performed for Ms Evans in the Santa Sabina Chapel in November. Video highlights can be found at [youtube.com/santasabinacollege](https://www.youtube.com/santasabinacollege).





1894: BLACK AND WHITE
C.1915 NAVY BLUE
1920S: NAVY BLUE FOR ALL
1937: GREEN FOR DAY GIRLS, NAVY BLUE FOR BOARDERS
1954: SUMMER UNIFORM - GREEN CHECKS
1977: NEW SUMMER UNIFORM INCLUDING DEL MONTE

Uniforms reflecting the times

Current discussions about the new Santa Sabina uniform bring to mind the uniforms of the past. Although we have no original examples of early uniforms in the College Archives, during the centenary year copies were made using old photos and written memories of ex-students. Santa Sabina was opened within a few years of the Moss Vale school and it is therefore understandable that the first uniform was the same for students of both schools. An ex-student writing in the 1930s of her time at Santa when there were only 18 students said: “during my first years, in week days we wore a black and white check dress of a material called zephyr which eventually washed a blurred brown...The uniform was subsequently changed to navy blue but regulations against trimming or any

kind of ornamentation on our frocks were very much in force”.

Navy blue was the traditional colour for all schoolgirls and at Santa it remained for many years, but the style of dress, which was different for boarders and day girls, changed a number of times.

In the 1920s the boarders’ “outfit” list was lengthy and included a regulation topcoat, a navy cardigan, a blazer, two black aprons, two serge tunics with round neck, navy blouses and cream blouses with detachable collars, navy felt hat, panama hat with navy underlining, tan shoes with a strap and one button, brown tennis shoes, fawn silk gloves, tan kid gloves and light blue sports uniform. The day

girls’ tunic was box pleated, the boarders’ tunics were loosely pleated. The “apron” or “pinafore” item was worn by all girls over the years although its colour changed many times. Even in 1970 all girls except those in the final two years were expected to wear it.

In 1937 the day girls’ uniform changed to green box-pleated tunics, green braid-bound blazers with embroidered pocket, cream blouses, green velour hats, white panama hats with green underlining, fawn gloves and green pullovers with trim in school colours. In 1939 The Sydney Morning Herald featured an article about “Innovations in College Uniforms” noting that navy was no longer the popular colour. It also said: “One of the biggest



changes made this year is by Santa Sabina convent, which has introduced blue flecked tweed tunics with light blue blouses for boarders. The tweed tunics, which are made with two single pleats, back and front have matching belted coats, which when worn over the tunic, give the appearance of a tailored costume. The day girls at this convent wear cheerful green tunics over fawn blouses”. There were several versions of summer uniform: beige with a green trim, dark green with a paler green collar and short sleeve cuffs.

The anomaly of a school cohort dressed in two different colours was broken in 1950 when green was chosen for all students’ uniforms. However, there were still different styles. Boarders wore crossover green tunics in winter and day girls still wore box-pleated uniforms. A new green check with white collar stitched in green summer uniform was introduced for all girls from Kindergarten to 5th Year in 1954. The girls wore this outfit with white panama hats to see Queen Elizabeth II when she visited Australia in that year.

In the 1960s all girls wore the same uniform. In 1968 the wide velour hat was replaced by a small green felt bowler style hat. A new winter uniform, a v-necked green tunic and collarless blazer was introduced in 1973 with all girls expected to be wearing it by 1975. This change precipitated a request by senior girls to be allowed to wear a uniform unique to their cohort. While this was under discussion, the girls were allowed to wear skirts and blouses but in 1976 they were wearing the new uniform of kilt and blouse. For a while girls in Del Monte were wearing the green check summer dress while from 1977 for Years 7-10 there was a striped summer dress. With integration of the campuses, at the end of 1997 all girls K-10 were to wear the current summer dress, the Seniors still wearing the kilt and blouse.

The College certainly has had many changes of uniform: the one constant has been the expectation that its students will wear their uniform with pride, remembering that when wearing it, they are representing their school.

Mrs Jenny Allison
College Archivist



CURRENT: WINTER UNIFORM



2019: NEW UNIFORMS FOR ALL, BLACK AND WHITE

BY 2019 OUR CURRENT TRANSFORMATION TO BLACK AND WHITE - OUR TRADITIONAL DOMINICAN COLOURS - WILL BE COMPLETE.

ELEMENTS OF THE NEW UNIFORM ARE STILL BEING FINALISED BUT, IMPORTANTLY, WE ARE MOVING FROM MAN-MADE FABRICS TO A COTTON MIX IN SUMMER, KEEPING A DISTINCT UNIFORM FOR THE SENIORS, AND COMING INTO LINE WITH A MORE CONTEMPORARY LOOK FOR OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.



STUDENT LEADERS 2017/18

At the Student Leadership Induction Ceremony in October the captains and committees were presented to the College community as they started their leadership journey. A journey that will change them, as new College Captain, Daniella Abal reflected:

Change is integral to my idea of leadership.

A philosopher once said, "there is nothing permanent in life except change," and this is true. Who we are now is not who we were last year, last week, yesterday or even a minute ago.

At Santa Sabina, we are accustomed to change. We are in the process of changing uniform, taking a massive step from brown shoes to black, perhaps largely pushed by the closing of Hardwicks on Burwood Rd. The Siena Centre is almost complete, we've seen the change of our assembly set up and the introduction of live streams.

Change is integral to my definition of leadership and my vision for the upcoming year. Some might say that at Santa there are things that don't need to be altered. Our sense of unity and togetherness as a school. Mundawora's never ending winning streak for both Athletics and Swimming Carnivals, which by the way will not end in 2018. And I agree, we as a community have many strengths. But we will always have opportunities to improve, and it is the role of leaders to ensure that we do not become complacent.

As most Santa girls are aware, the International Day of the Girl occurred on 11 October. This is a day in which we dedicate time to address the needs and challenges of girls around the world, while also promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights. I can tell you that every 10 minutes, somewhere in our global society, an adolescent girl dies as a result of violence. I can say that women around the world aged 15-44 are more at risk from rape and domestic violence than from cancer, car accidents, war and malaria. In fact, I can list many facts and tell you that our world needs change, but I cannot force you to care.

And that's the thing about change – you can't force it. For instance, despite how much I wish I'd grow, I've remained in the front row of school photos for majority of my life. That is much the same as in my role as College Captain, where I and the rest of the leadership team can't force other students to participate in school initiatives, to reassess parts of our school or even to listen to our speeches.

That's why my goal for this leadership year is to inspire and help students understand why they should want change... How essential their role is in making change happen... It was Pope Francis who said "a better world can be built also as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity." And I want every single person to see what I see, that whether they have a badge or not, they are a leader. Because when someone chooses to volunteer at Night Patrol every fortnight or listen to her friends' problems at lunch or after school, they are putting someone else's needs before their own and serving a community. I want everyone to know that their beliefs are respected and their actions have the potential to create true change. As a leadership team we are here to listen to ideas and genuinely do care, because we want real life action just as much as you.

Of course with change comes conflicting feelings. At our Leadership Induction we came together to celebrate a bittersweet change within our community; the farewell of our past leadership team and the welcoming of a new group of equally capable individuals. I would like to thank the outgoing leaders of 2016-2017 for being so dedicated and hard-working; they upheld an exemplary standard of leadership within the College. In particular, I would like to thank Karina and Bernie for their integrity and motivation, they have both been amazing leaders and we wish them all the best in future endeavours. The new College Senior Leaders, House Leaders and



ABOVE College Captain Daniella Abal



ABOVE College Vice-Captain Kaitlan Merhi

Committee Leaders are a group of highly capable and talented women who are vital to laying the positive foundations of our year ahead. To Katie. The Gabriella to my Troy. She is now quite literally my other half, my partner in leadership. Having worked with her in the previous leadership year, I know that she embodies a dedication and resilience that make her a great leader, and I am beyond excited to work alongside her and the rest of the new exec in 2018.

To the biggest change of all! Year 12! We finally have access to the common room carpet, without the threat of having our name being written on the whiteboard. No but seriously, it's insane to think we've made it to the year of lasts. But it's important to look back and to see where we have come from, and how close we have become as a year group. Remember the time we faced off against the gossip girl Instagram or collectively burned down Mr Broady's house in Minecraft? Now we're in the home stretch, and Kaitlan and I are so proud to lead such an amazing and all round unforgettable group of girls. This year will be full of many changes, so let's embrace them and retain a strong and united front in all that we may face in 2018!

I am so thrilled for the year to come, because we can work together to make amazing things happen.

President Obama once said, "change will not come for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change we seek."

And I believe our time for change is now. We are all going to make 2018 a great year!

Daniella Abal
College Captain 2017-2018

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STAGING OUR OWN MUSICAL

Our triumphant return to musical theatre was evident on Friday 31 March and Saturday 1 April with the staging of *Once on this Island*, a new musical by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty.

Over 280 students including boys from St Mary's Cathedral College sang, danced and acted to two sell-out crowds.

Students in Years 7 and 8 spent Term 1 learning songs and dance moves in their music classes which added to the excitement of the event.

The musical told the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl, who rescued a wealthy boy from the other side of the island, Daniel, with whom she fell in love. Unbeknownst to Ti Moune, the pompous gods who presided over the island made a bet with one another over which is stronger, love or death, the stakes being Ti Moune's life. When she pursued Daniel, who returned to his people, Ti Moune was shunned

because of her supposed lowly status. Her determination and capacity to love was not enough to win Daniel's heart, and Ti Moune paid the ultimate price; but the gods turned Ti Moune into a tree that grew so strong and so tall, it broke the wall that separated the societies and ultimately united them.

Special thanks to the Music and Drama Departments as well as all the cast, crew, musicians, ushers, staff and parents who all contributed to the collaborative event.



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ENCOMPASS EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMS

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA IMMERSION

Santa Sabina's famed immersions encourage students to leave their comfort zones, stretch their potential and discover what's possible.

This evocative extract from the journal of a Year 9 participant on the Central Australia Immersion shows just how much impact the trip had:

I woke up with water dripping on my face, my whereabouts hit me as I saw the frost that had somehow managed to creep inside my swag. Although I was warm and cozy in my new found portable bedroom, I knew as soon as I got out, I'd freeze. It was the last full day of the Central Australia trip, one that we had – from the beginning – enjoyed and enriched ourselves in, yet it still felt surreal to be here. I woke up, ate breakfast with my favourite red rock squad – knowing we'd all miss each other once we were back in "civilisation" – and we headed to one of the most loved rocks in Australia, Uluru. On the bus ride there, we sang, talked and reflected on our trip so far – we had come a long way. At the beginning of this trip I didn't know half of these people, now looking around the bus, I see a big group of friends, who have shared the same confronting, inspirational, beautiful and memorable experiences and situations together.

We arrived at Uluru and walked around the whole rock (10.5km), gaining a bigger insight than almost all the tourists there, as we heard the songlines of the Anangu community, or as they call it Tjukurpa (folklore). We drove to the cultural centre to gain an even greater understanding of the communities in Central Australia, both past, present and future. After a long day we headed back to our campsite where – much to the teachers' dismay – we talked all through the night about our trip and our experience, until eventually we drifted to sleep under the beautiful night sky.

This experience cannot be put into words, it is an enriching experience, that gives you a diverse mindset, and the only way to really understand what we experienced and how we changed, would be to experience it yourself.

But I can say, on behalf of the whole immersion group that we have all learnt something that we could not have learnt in a classroom. We have become friends with people we otherwise would never have met. We have immersed ourselves in a culture that is the foundation of Australia, and a culture that has changed our way of thinking.

Phoebe Trainor
Year 9



Confronting, inspirational,
beautiful and memorable



SOLOMON ISLANDS IMMERSION



The Solomon Islands – a place not only of smiles and beauty but built on foundations of faith and the spirit of reciprocity.

We stepped off the plane without any expectations or preconceived ideas about what we would encounter. For the next 14 days, we would be immersed into a community rich in love, spirit and generosity.

The beautiful outdoor church at Fanualama in Auki, which is at the heart of their community, is a gateway into their faith, educational life and consistent hope. Sister Loretta is an integral part of the lives of the Aligegeo students, acting as a role model, a mother figure, a friend, a teacher, a leader and a motivator. She instills hope and love in all. One of her stories that has resonated within us all is when she told us that some of the boys from the school walk to her house in the middle of the night, knocking on her door saying, "Sister we are hungry!"

As expected she giggles and tells them to take fruit planted in her garden. When she wakes the next morning she finds the students returning to replant the taken fruit. This exemplifies their spirit of reciprocity and how it is intrinsically linked with the act of giving with honesty. Sister Loretta was not the only person who touched our lives, the students also left a lasting impact on all of us. Although our goal was to teach them, we have equally received as much insight and knowledge.

The Immersion group

SOUTH AFRICA IMMERSION



"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."
- Theodore Roosevelt

Being situated in Australia we are generally closed off to the harsh reality of how many people live – in sheer poverty. On our journey to South Africa, not only were we exposed to a developing nation but we had the opportunity to immerse ourselves in the culture and lives of the South African people.

On our visit to the dormitories, we were confronted with the struggle of poverty. From open showers to cramped living spaces, the girls had it tough. In spite of this the students cherished the few things they had and did not let these obstacles be a boundary in receiving an education. Having being blessed with clothes, food, a family and an education, we regained our sense of gratitude towards the privileged life we live in Australia. Fortunately, we were able to share this privilege among the high school girls at Montebello. We taught several classes including English, Maths and Geography. The pride and joy of wearing a uniform and having the opportunity to attend school in South Africa was seen in the students' eagerness to learn and the attention that they showed when being taught by us in class. Their lack of basic resources such as pencils and notebooks did not present as a hindrance as

they continued to participate in class discussion and willingly shared around the few stationery items they owned. We were humbled by the welcoming nature and enthusiasm of the girls in the classroom. Our experience at Montebello is one that we will cherish forever.

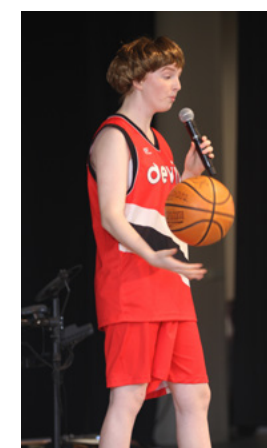
We also gained much from our visits to Seven Oaks Primary School and the Kopanang Women's Project where we saw firsthand the bridge to a united South Africa through the empowerment of women.

On our last full day in South Africa we distributed staples as part of a Feeding Crisis Programme to some of the poorest families. It felt like these people had been forgotten, as though the world had turned its back to their full hearts and glowing smiles.

Even though, as a group of twelve 16- and 17-year-old Santa Sabina students, we can't end the cycle of poverty or mend the pain within every person we had met, we learnt to give what we could in the moment. That's something that we will carry with us throughout the rest of our lives as students, daughters, friends and as people.

Jody Arulventhan, Arielle Harrison, Anna-Rosa Harman, Samantha Naylor, Fermi Siriwatdeth and Chloe Soares

"We can't end the cycle of poverty but we learnt to give what we could in the moment."



On Friday 28 July members of the Santa Sabina community came together on St Dominic's Day to celebrate 150 years since the arrival of the Dominican sisters in Australia.

The sisters brought Dominican education to Australia aboard the sailing ship, the Martha Birnie. We celebrated together with music, prayer, dance and joy.



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SANTA SABINA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

2017 Report on Giving

The Santa Sabina College Foundation was established to help provide resources and support for the College and its community. We aim to ensure that students from a diverse range of backgrounds are educated in the Dominican tradition and given the skills, facilities and confidence they need to embrace the future with optimism.

We promote a positive culture of philanthropy which benefits the entire Santa Sabina community.

The Foundation supports the College by financing capital projects. The Building Fund relies on the generosity of the Santa Sabina community to help deliver major building projects as well as ensuring the continuing maintenance of all College campuses. This year's priority, aligned with the College Strategic Plan, has been the redevelopment of the Hall precinct to be named the Siena Centre. In 2017 more than 460 families supported the Building Fund, raising a total of \$326,000.

The Foundation also provides scholarships and bursaries for young people who could not otherwise afford to attend the College and whose inclusion in the College

will help to make its community the rich, warm and inspiring environment envisioned by the founding Sisters a century and a quarter ago. All sections of the College community – parents, former parents, ex-students and staff – were represented among the donors who gave to the scholarships fund via the Annual Giving campaign.

In 2017 this community support for scholarships amounted to more than \$15,000. In addition we received a further generous donation from ex-students Maura and Hilary Wilcox. The Misses Wilcox provided a second two-year scholarship covering full tuition for a girl entering Year 11. The Arnold and Dorothy Wilcox Scholarship was established by them in memory of their parents.

We are indebted to them as well as to the many donors who contribute annually or more often. From all of us at Santa Sabina a big thank you to our donors for your support! Your generosity makes a big difference to current and future generations of Santa students.

Mr Tony Woods
Santa Sabina College Foundation Chair



IN APPRECIATION

On 21 October College Principal Maree Herrett and Board Chair Tony Woods welcomed donors to Santa Sabina and took the opportunity to thank them personally for their support. Donors to the Foundation provide much needed equipment, facilities, books and scholarships for the benefit of the entire Santa Sabina community. Afternoon tea at the College is an annual occasion when donors can gather. We are immensely grateful for all levels of support.



EXCEPTIONAL PLACE

The College Hall and classroom precinct, opened in 1962, is in the first stage of a significant renovation. This multi-stage project will see the hall precinct become the new Siena Centre.

Stage 1 is a landscaped amphitheatre, a social and a learning space, that reorients the hall towards the heart of the school, St Dominic's plot. The amphitheatre will become the entrance to the lower floor of the hall building, with a large upward opening glass door which will form the "front" door.

Stage 2 of the project involves the complete renovation of the classrooms on the ground floor to create contemporary and flexible learning spaces for Years 11 and 12. Stages 1 and 2 will be complete and ready for occupation at the beginning of Term 1, 2018. The plans for Stages 3 and 4 are now complete. These stages involve renovation to the hall itself including lift access and other refurbishments to help realise our vision for exceptional place.

We are most grateful for the support of Foundation donors. Your support continues to be significant in bringing this project to fruition, for the benefit of all members of the Santa Sabina community.



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After nine months of specialised restoration work Santa Sabina College's beautiful Holyrood House restoration was unveiled early in 2017.

Columns, finials and balustrades were replaced, three cubic metres of new sandstone were used to rectify the widespread weathering and safety concerns were fully addressed.

Specialist tradespeople were called in to reseal the ledges and verandah. They also removed and replaced the rusting steel rods beneath the old stone. Window sills were repainted.

Holyrood is now in good order for the next 25 years.

The students and staff of Santa Sabina College are immensely grateful for the College community donations which helped make this restoration happen.

The Holyrood façade is a significant piece of local history. It was designed by famous late 19th century architects Messrs Mansfield Bros who were responsible for major and notable public, commercial and residential buildings still standing in Sydney and regional NSW. They were also appointed architects for the Council of Education in the late 1800s.

The Holyrood façade was first erected on the City Bank in Pitt St, Sydney, in 1873. It was moved stone by stone to The Boulevard Strathfield after a fire destroyed the rest of the bank building in 1890.

According to sydneyarchitecture.com Holyrood was originally named Illyria when it was built in 1890 but was known locally as "the City Bank House". When William J Adams bought it in 1911 he renamed it Holyrood after its resemblance to Holyrood Palace in Edinburgh. Holyrood was sold to the Dominican sisters in 1936 and was used as our senior boarding house for many years. Other uses of Holyrood included providing accommodation for the Dominican Novitiate office, hearing-impaired students, art classes and cooking and dressmaking. Since 1993 it has been the home of Santa Sabina College's renowned Music Department.



Holyrood Restored



P&F



Santa Sabina College

Parents and Friends' Association

Our community is a welcoming and inclusive place that is supported by our wonderful parents and friends. This year, the P&F have supported a number of initiatives including the Mother's and Father's Day stalls and breakfasts, Orientation events for new families, class dinners, lunches and high teas, Annual Golf Day and the Primary disco. Our combined College Dinner with the Ex-students' Association was a wonderful celebration and brought all our community together. Our spectacular College Fair in September engaged all ages from the Strathfield area and beyond, raising funds for College-wide projects.



College Dinner



Santa Sabina College Fair



Fathers' Golf Day



Mother's Day



Father's Day



Santa Sabina College Fair

AROUND THE PLOT



Santa Sabina

Dominican Ex-Students' Association

150 YEARS Dominicans in Australia



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College residential life in the early 60s

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A look at a range of ex-students from across the years



PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The Santa Sabina Dominican Ex-Students' Association continues to play an active role within the College. The Association facilitates and assists the College in a number of events for both current and former students.

This year for the first time the Association and the Parents and Friends co-hosted the Annual College dinner at Le Montage. It was wonderful to see in excess of 40 ex-students attend this event. A committee member attended both the Year 12 graduation dinner and the Year 4 Del Monte boys' moving up day. At each of these events the graduating students were presented with a gift from the Ex-Students' Association. We continue to support the annual presentation of the Sr Marcia Hall Award at Speech Night for a Year 10 student, the Golden Boys and Girls Celebration High Tea and the annual Melbourne Cup luncheon.

The Association continues to give financial support to a wide range of College and Dominican initiatives including bursaries for current students and the Solomon Islands Fellowship for ex-students. Committee members continue to represent the Association on the Fair Committee and the Future Funding Committee.

For any ex-students who wish to join the Association you may contact the College for the details. On behalf of the Ex-Students' Association committee I wish all Santa Sabina College students, both past and present, well in the coming year.

Mrs Sharon Sirris (Crowe-Mai 1975)
President
Santa Sabina Dominican Ex-Students' Association

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For any members wishing to join the Association committee please forward your expression of interest to m.black@ssc.nsw.edu.au or 02 9745 7050.



RHYME TIME & PLAYGROUPS

At our Jane of Aza community Playgroup and Rhyme Time sessions the children and their carers have danced, made music, got physical, crafted and had literary adventures aplenty. All community members (Santa Sabina or not) are very welcome, so please do join us next year when we will do it all again.

Ms Marisa Black
Community Relations and Alumni Officer



Dominican Anniversary Timeline

- **4 September 1867**
Eight Dominican Sisters on the Martha Birnie arrive in Sydney.
- **10 September**
The founding Sisters arrive Maitland.
- **16 September**
The Dominican Sisters take over St John's National School, Maitland.
- **23 September**
The Sisters open St Joseph's Select Day School for Girls, Maitland.
- **15 October**
Some of the Sisters received teacher's certificates and government salaries.
- **January 1868**
Opening of St Mary's Boarding School in purpose-built premises.
- **1871**
The first young Australian, Annie Murnane, joined the Irish Sisters' community.
- **1894**
Santa Sabina College Strathfield opened with seven students enrolled.
- **2016**
The Dominican Order worldwide celebrates 800 years since its founding by St Dominic.
- **2017**
The Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and The Solomon Islands celebrate 150 years since their arrival in the Southern Hemisphere.

150 years of exceptional education provided by the Dominican Sisters

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DOMINICAN SISTERS 150 YEARS IN AUSTRALIA

In 1867 eight Irish Dominican Sisters took the great risk of leaving their beloved Ireland to establish the first Dominican foundation in Australia. On 10 September they arrived in Maitland, the largest NSW centre outside Sydney at the time. The journey from Ireland was recorded by one of the eight, Sr M Hyacinth, and published as *Up she gets for up she must!*,

The Sisters' ministry was to teach young boys and young women "of all classes" their Catholic faith.

On 16 September, having obtained special permission from the Pope to leave the cloister and cross the small road, the Sisters took over St John's National School. By 23 September they were ready to open St Joseph's Select Day School for Girls in the Convent. On 15 October some received teacher's certificates and government salaries.

By January 1868, within purpose built premises, they opened St Mary's Boarding School, now All Saints' College, Maitland.

In 1892, the Maitland Dominican Sisters responded to the request of Cardinal Moran to establish a city boarding school.

On 7 June 1892 two acres of land and Lindeman Lodge were purchased for the purpose of convent and school on The Boulevarde in Strathfield. In 1894 Santa Sabina College opened.

Over the 150 years since their arrival in Australia, the Dominicans opened 21 secondary schools, seven secondary boarding schools, opened or took over 27 primary schools, six primary boarding schools, 11 entities for children with hearing-impairment, two schools for children with vision impairment and other disabling conditions, two teacher training institutions and a mission in the Solomon

Islands, originally alongside South Australian Sisters and some friars as well as lay co-workers.

We are indebted to MM Agnes Bourke, MM Teresa Mollow, Sr M Regis Dowley, Sr M Hyacinth Donnellan, Sr M Augustine Fagan, Sr M Ignatius Finnegan, Sr M Bernard Larkin and Sr M Bridget O'Brien for originating and inspiring this work.

Today the Congregation is made up of 78 Australian Sisters and 30 Sisters of Solomon Islands background. They range in age from 20 to 98 years.

In 2017 the Dominican Sisters gathered in Maitland to celebrate the faith and courage of their forebears in bringing the Dominican tradition of education to generations of young Australians. It was an odyssey of audacity and determination, faith, hope and love.

Sr Elizabeth Hellwig OP

In celebration of those 150 years, Santa Sabina alumni reflected on the impact of the Dominican Sisters on their lives at school and beyond.

From Clare Falzon (née Turner) and Anne Fick (née Turner) on behalf of the Turner family including parents Monica and George:

Amongst countless memories and reasons for gratitude, thank you...

- for the blushing 24-year-old country girl pirouetting with enthusiasm at the black board while discussing quadratic equations
- for the primary school teacher who drilled daily times-tables, supervised spelling bees and instilled a love of poetry
- for the stern Latin teacher who embodied integrity
- for the ageless maths whiz who could lip-read the clandestine conversations occurring in the back row of Year 7
- for the bonny young Nun scampering in games on our asphalt playground in Primary School.

Our family of nine children; two boys and seven girls, received 97 years of cumulative Dominican tuition. So, on behalf of our parents, Monica and George Turner, and ourselves, we would like to congratulate the Dominicans on 150 years in Australia.

Thank you for championing education for both girls and boys. Our heartfelt thanks also for every single act of kindness, self-sacrifice and care, for the smiles, the community, the intellectual rigour and scholarship delivered in flexible and respectful ways, and above all...for every act of witness.

May God bless you all.

Students: George, Michael, Mary, Catherine, Monica, Anne, Clare, Therese, Elizabeth Turner

Schools: Santa Sabina: Kindergarten (at Santa Casa) 1953 –Year 12, 1986

St Martha's Primary School, Strathfield: Kindergarten 1956 –Year 6, 1980



From Maxine Andrews (née Moore 1956):

My life at Santa Sabina began with my first time away from home boarding in 2nd Year in 1955. New girls from everywhere. It was a whole new experience and for the first year I thought it was a lot of fun. Visitors were only allowed on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. I caught the bus alone to visit my grandmother at Hurstville on the first Sunday of the month.

My second year at Santa started well until we had a family accident and my father and brother and girlfriend were all drowned in a boating accident during the May holidays. I somehow survived the accident. After an extra two weeks' holiday I returned to Santa still in a state

of shock. The sisters in charge I must say were wonderful to me. Spoiling me with sleep ins and hot milk before bed...I am still very close friends with the two girls who slept either side of me in the blue and pink dormitories; they and Sister Vincent and Mother St John kept me alive.

I'm sorry I didn't stay on for the Leaving at Santa but I am so proud of the efforts and results that I read about in your magazine.



DOMINICAN ART EXHIBITION

Early in 2017 Santa Sabina College hosted the 2017 Dominican Art Exhibition as part of its Australian tour.

Inspired by the 800th anniversary exhibition at Santa Sabina in Rome of the last few months of 2016, the local display included works by several Dominican artists including our own Sr Sheila Flynn OP.

Stunning landscapes, portraits and abstract works adorned the walls of our Large Ensemble Room (LER). The international artists represented included Mary Horn OP, Kim En Joong OP, Maurice Keating OP, Cristóbal Torre OP, Rosemary Yelland OP as well as Sr Sheila.

As former College Principal Sr Judith Lawson OP said at the opening, "art as a way of preaching is a core element of our charism".



A boarder's memories of Santa Sabina

1961 - 1965



THE VERY DRAB BEIGE DRESS...

Trish Moran of the Class of 1965 visited all her old school haunts recently and penned a wonderful account of her life here in the early 60s. Life was different then...

This was an interesting time to be a boarder at Santa Sabina, as it was the end of one era and the beginning of another. There were significant changes ahead for the school and its community, with the last Leaving Certificate in 1965 and the new HSC commencing in 1967. Santa was then a day and boarding school, and the boarding option, which would eventually cease, was at that time critically important for rural families who wanted to give their daughters a broader education than that available in rural NSW.

It was the time of the "Golden Fleece" when wool was literally gold, and farmers and graziers were generally wealthy people.

This too would change, as NSW was soon to experience a lengthy period of severe drought. Boarders mostly came from diverse areas of NSW, and rarely saw their families during the school term. There was a small number of overseas students boarding, mostly from Hong Kong.

Visitors were restricted to the second and fourth Sundays of the month, between 2:00 and 4:00pm, and were carefully watched over by the Nuns. In the early days visitors were "received" in the Library, but students were later allowed to walk around and even picnic in certain areas of the school grounds with approved visitors. All incoming mail was vetted by the boarding mistress in the first two years, and outgoing mail was perused for appropriate content and correct grammar. Boarders also had a "Sunday" uniform, a very drab beige dress, trimmed with green piping which they disliked intensely.

The third Sunday of the month was a "closed" Sunday when all boarders were required to spend the day at the school in quiet reflection. A lot of novels were covered in brown paper and quietly read during this time. This was probably the worst day of the month for homesick boarders!

The BEST day of the month was the First Sunday, when boarders were allowed to "go out" after Mass with approved hosts, usually relatives, to spend the day with them. I believe we had to be home by 5:00pm for Benedictions.

In 1961 most of the boarders' life centred on the original red brick building. On the ground floor were our three classrooms, St Margarets and two others. Sister Mildred had the care of the large group of new boarders in their first and second years, as well as being the head of Music Studies in the school.

The first floor had a large classroom at the rear, also later called the "recreation room" and two "music Rooms" used by Sr Mary Mildred, and also an older retired sister (Sister Gregory) who only had two pupils.

The first floor balcony at the front held the boarders' shoe lockers, and it was there we were required to polish our shoes daily.

The second floor held the dormitory for all the boarders in first and second year. It was known as "the pink side", and approximately 60 wrought iron beds were arranged perfectly, each with a wooden chair beside it. Tucked away in a corner were the toilets, and there were usually several girls there "waiting their turn". Sister Mary Mildred was never far away, as her "cell" was just a few doors along the corridor from the Dormitory door. The closed in balcony alongside the dormitory was always freezing, and six or seven very "privileged" girls were chosen to sleep there.

The third and top floor held two long rows of ceramic wash basins in the centre of the space, about thirty basins in total. There were also two baths and two separate showers in this area. The first and second year boarders had to run up the stairs after breakfast to brush their teeth before school and run down again before the bell for commencement of classes.

Mrs Trish Moran (née Fisher)
Class of 1965



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TOP THREE TIPS FOR SUCCESS

One of the College events of 2014 Teal Scarfone attended in Year 12 was the careers networking evening featuring ex-student mentors providing guidance for life and career. Three years on she was a mentor herself.

Teal has vivid memories of how much the 2014 evening helped her.

“I truly believe that it helped both calm my nerves about the future and helped me figure out exactly what I wanted to do”, she said.

This year around 200 members of the Santa community took up the opportunity to attend the event, now called Beyond Year 12. This year’s theme was “finding your great path”.

The Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents heard from more than 40 ex-student mentors including three of last year’s HSC high achievers. They were joined by past parent and board member Dr Chris Walker as well as current students from seven Sydney-based universities.

Everything from fashion to law and medicine and engineering was covered by practitioners in those fields. There were also police officers, a real estate agent, marketers, a dentist, university academics, an architect, an accountant, a banker, a writer,

designers, teachers, a physiotherapist, social worker, midwife, speech pathologist, nurse, HR specialist and nutritionist.

The expo in the library was preceded by a Q&A session in the Hall facilitated by our Careers Advisor Mrs Kathryn McKee. Giving the benefit of up to the minute insights into tertiary education were Anna Power (Class of 2016), Teal Scarfone (Class of 2014), Carla Todaro (Class of 2010) and Dr Walker.

Dr Walker’s top three tips to the girls for tertiary success were:

- Parental guidance – new university students who listen to parents’ advice cope best with the initial weeks of university. According to Dr Walker who is Head of the School of Social Sciences at the University of NSW, 90 percent of dropouts occur in the first 10 weeks of university. Those first days can be very challenging, especially after attending a nurturing independent school which has provided a supportive environment throughout the secondary years. Eighty-five percent of students dropping out are from independent schools. University campuses are enormous places without automatic support networks. Just finding your way to classes and making new friends out of large student cohorts can be overwhelming.



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- Get to know the required approach to research and assignments of the course you are after. Understand how to use the library. Both essay writing in humanities courses and scientific research require vastly different approaches.
- Enjoy and love university life, not just the course you are studying. University is a formative stage of your life; get involved in other activities. Building a connection with your university will ensure a rewarding and enriching experience. It is a fantastic period of your life when you are free to make your own choices.

Santa Sabina College would particularly like to thank Dr Walker and the ex-student panellists and mentors who generously gave their time and advice to benefit our senior students.

For many of the ex-students, not just Teal, it was also a chance to give back to their alma mater. As mentor Alicia Ryan-Davis told us after the event:

“It feels great to reconnect with the Santa community, and give back just a little to a school that has given me some of the best gifts in life – education, confidence, resilience and my best friends!”

Thank You Beyond Year 12 Mentors 2017

Maureen Anderson (Class of 1970)	Gladys Mallqui (Class of 1991)	Teal Scarfone (Class of 2014)
Kate Ayoub (Class of 2009)	Katie McGrath (Class of 1995)	Gabrielle Shina (Class of 2013)
Stephanie Caltabiano Cherrington (née Caltabiano, Class of 2006)	Kirsten Mustica (Class of 2009)	Brooke Simmons (Class of 2009)
Kylie Chow (Class of 1995)	Natalie Nicholas (Class of 2007)	Isabella Sufferini (Class of 2009)
Yvette Graniero (née L'Estrange, Class of 1995)	Claudia Novati (Class of 2002)	Bonnie-Anne Talese (Class of 2010)
Adelaide Highfield (Class of 2016)	Ellese O'Sullivan (née Evans, Class of 2003)	Chantelle Thomy (Class of 2011)
Helen Hislop (Class of 1997)	Anna-Lise Phoebe (Class of 2011)	Carla Todaro (Class of 2010)
Bec Johnstone (née Sturevski, Class of 2007)	Anna Power (Class of 2016)	Jessica Tringali (Class of 2007)
Juliette Kaado (Class of 2016)	Angela Rassi (Class of 2005)	Stefanie Vaccher (Class of 2010)
Nina Kerwin-Roman (Class of 2016)	Nicole Reaney (née Haj, Class of 1995)	Rachel Vosila (Class of 2008)
Alice Kyu (Class of 2010)	Amanda Rehayem (Class of 2011)	Gretta Watson (Class of 1990)
Madeleine Ferrari (née Fraser, Class of 2004)	Cristy Rinaldi (Class of 2011)	Lauren Whateley (Class of 2012)
Chloe Latouche (Class of 2011)	Olivia Rinaldi (Class of 2009)	Meaghan Williamson (Class of 2009)
Alessandra Lopert (Class of 2002)	Alicia Ryan-Davis (née Ryan, Class of 1995)	Sarah Younan (née Vaccari, Class of 2007)
	Cassandra Saklaoui (née Bova, Class of 2007)	

Gemma Lee (2012)

Gemma Lee, violinist, is a 2017 Fellow in the Sydney Symphony Orchestra fellowship program. It is a one-year program, where she is immersed into the day-to-day workings of the orchestra. She is training and gaining experience with the guidance of the SSO permanent members through rehearsing and performing with them in the Sydney Opera House concert hall. Occasionally, there are international guest soloists who present masterclasses; coaching skills in both chamber music and solo playing.

Gemma has also had the opportunity to tour with the SSO, participate in various chamber music concerts and has travelled to schools to hold workshops for school students.

She told *Encompass* it has so far been a challenging yet rewarding experience as playing in a professional orchestra whilst studying is rare opportunity. Upon completion of the fellowship year, she plans to head to Germany for her Master's degree.



Dr Jane Tooher (1985)

Dr Jane Tooher received her PhD in 2015 from the School of Medicine at the University of Western Sydney. Her thesis was titled: "Cardiovascular risk following hypertensive disorders in pregnancy". Jane is a Research Midwife at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Kate Ayoub (2009)

Kate Ayoub teaches Kindergarten at Santa Sabina College.

A musician and photographer, Ms Ayoub did not plan on teaching as a career when she left school. She went into business as a freelance photographer and began a Commerce degree to help her with the practical side of that career. But she soon realised Commerce was not where her heart lay and took the advice of her careers advisor from school who had encouraged her to work with children.

She enrolled in a Bachelor of Education degree (early Childhood and Primary) at Macquarie University and it was while studying primary school teaching that she realised she had found where she wanted to be.



Maureen Bunnell (McLaughlin1968)

After graduating from Catholic Teachers' College, North Sydney, Maureen spent 25 years teaching in the Sydney Diocese.

Life changed in 1993 when she married her American husband Ron. They met on a plane when she was returning to Sydney from a visit to America.

The marriage at Santa Sabina Chapel which was very special. After the wedding and honeymoon in Fiji, they left Sydney to live in Orange County, California where they still live today.

Maureen's second career was working at Australian Travel Headquarters in Newport Beach. Nothing pleased her more than promoting and planning vacations for Americans to Australia.

She returned to teaching in the Catholic Diocese of Los Angeles before retiring after 17 years. She taught Grade 2, was Religious Coordinator, also taught Music from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

Maureen and her husband are enjoying retirement, travelling overseas and spending time with family, friends and their adorable little dog, Keely.

Having survived breast cancer, Maureen says she knows she is blessed. Her advice is to enjoy life and share your love.



Melanie Bragg (Evans 1994)

Melanie is currently Head of Retail Banking for ING Australia. She is responsible for the business that helps consumer and small business customers with their banking and wealth needs.

She also gives her time to Surf Life Saving Australia. As an independent Director she sits on their national Board and the Finance and Audit Committee.

Her education continued after completing Year 12 at Santa in 1994. Melanie went on to study a Masters of Commerce, and later a Masters of Professional Accounting at UNSW. She has also studied business leadership at Harvard Business School (which shares the Veritas motto with Santa).

Her career in Financial Services has spanned over 20 years. During this time Melanie has become an advocate for customer needs, diversity in leadership, public policy and professional standards.

Her most important roles are that of mother and wife. Living in Sydney, she is married to Andrew and has two young children – Sophia and James.



Nicole Larkin (2007)

Nicole became an architect after excelling in design and technology at Santa Sabina. She completed her Masters of Architecture at Sydney University and works full time for Tzannes Associates.

Nicole won the Good Design Young Australian Design Award for Sustainability, as part of the Vivid Light Festival in 2017 and was successful in exhibiting in Sculpture by the Sea at Bondi (2014 and 2016).

Her first sculpture called “Ephemeral Aura” was purchased and is in a private garden at Byron Bay. Her latest exhibit called “Dynamics in Impermanence” won the Clitheroe Foundation Emerging Sculpture award.

The Sculpture was exhibited at Eden Gardens Nursery near Macquarie Centre, as part of their support for local emerging artists.



Vincene Muller (O'Brien 1956)

After finishing school at Santa Sabina, Vincene O'Brien worked at various office jobs in Sydney to save money to travel. Leaving Sydney in 1960 she travelled to Europe and got a job working for Australia House in London travelling around Britain promoting Australian products. Handing out samples of canned fruit in supermarkets, Christmas puddings with Australian dried fruit in Scotland and even samples of Australian wine in Soho. Vincene then went to Italy on a motor scooter for the 1960 Summer Olympics in Rome. As a former competitive swimmer she knew many of the Australian swim team. In Italy she met two Canadian school teachers and joined them travelling around Western Europe for the next four months. After returning to Sydney she worked many extra jobs to save money to travel to Canada to visit her friends and ski. In 1969 she met her Austrian husband Willi Muller who was managing a small ski area just outside Calgary. Willi started a company manufacturing hang gliders and Vincene ran the office.

During the 1988 Winter Olympics in Calgary, Willi was Chief of Start for the Bobsled and Vincene worked in the timing office up in the start area. Due to previous experience working as a volunteer at swimming competitions, Vincene also worked ski races, hang gliding competitions and speed skating as well as the bobsled events. Willi, Vincene and their son Chris also worked on the movie *Cool Runnings* about the Jamaican Bobsled team at the Calgary Olympics.

Vincene was awarded The Alberta Centennial Medal in recognition of outstanding service to the people and province of Alberta in 2005. She currently runs a Hang Gliding, Paragliding and Kiting Company in Cochrane, Alberta just outside of Calgary.



Yvonne Strahovski (Strechowski 2000)

The critically-acclaimed 2017 tv series, *The Handmaid's Tale*, featured our ex-student Yvonne Strahovski (née Strechowski, Class of 2000) in a key role. Currently screening on SBS on Demand Yvonne plays Serena Joy, the “icy antagonist” in the dystopian world originally created by Margaret Atwood in her 1985 novel of the same name. According to UK's *Express online* “Yvonne has won rave reviews for her turn as the villainous Serena.” This is riveting, prize-winning entertainment which has brought our alumna significant international attention.

Now living in California, Yvonne has also played a serial killer's accomplice on *Dexter*, a CIA agent on *24: Live Another Day* and a feminist on *The Astronaut Wives Club*.

Photo: Dennis Leupold

Maris Cummins (Cuming 1968)

Maris's mother Kathleen McCamley (O'Keefe 1944) wrote with pride of the achievements of her daughter Maris. Maris won First Prize and also the Standard of Excellence at the Sydney Royal Easter Show 2017.

According to Kathleen, Maris's lifetime of creative works began with sewing classes at Santa Sabina where she was taught by Mrs McDonald.

Maris is pictured with her award-winning piece, *Mesmerising Garden*, made up of 200,000 beads.

Photo: Chris Lane, St George and Sutherland Shire Leader



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Jubilees 2017

We congratulate the following Sisters who celebrated the anniversary of their profession

11 January	Diamond	Pamela Davis
		Philippa Fennell
21 January	Golden	Jill Shirvington
23 May	Platinum	Frances Caine
		Elizabeth Lusby
12 August	75th	M. Germaine Innes
16 December	Diamond	Patricia Bendeich
		Joan Mulhall

Deaths

We Remember

Dominican Sisters:

Sr Patricia Murray	7 September 2017
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Ex-students:

Prof Natalie Bolzan (1975)	4 January 2017
Marie Baz (Brandt, 1953)	16 February 2017
Helen Colley (Monaghan, 1953)	5 April 2017
Eileen Cummins (Sheil, 1961)	19 August 2017
Claire Killen (Crawford, 1937)	7 September 2017
Danielle Moir (1992)	5 May 2017
Jane Watson (Brennan 1971)	24 September 2017

Past parent:

Michel Jarjoura	27 June 2017
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DANIELLE MARIE MOIR

22 September 1974 – 5 May 2017



Danielle Moir was educated at Santa Sabina College, leaving in 1990 when her family moved to the UK where she completed her secondary education. Her peer year was the Class of 1992.

After tertiary studies at the University of Sydney she taught Music at Santa for 16 years on both the Primary and Secondary Campuses. She was

also a Homeroom teacher in the Middle Years. She was inspirational for countless students while also gaining the love and respect of her colleagues.

She was known for her immense kindness and for bringing out the best in her students. Her passion for music making was contagious and her impact on young people far-reaching. She has been described by former pupils as brightening their lives with her love of music and offbeat sense of humour. Colleagues described her as a “generous and beautiful soul” with a contagious laugh and a beautiful way with children that was calm, sensitive, kind and nurturing.

Danielle was lost to us at a tragically young age and is greatly missed. Her memory is held fondly at Santa Sabina. She is survived by her husband Josh Hoogland and her children Molly, Jack and Harriet.

Josh sent *Encompass* this moving obituary:

OUR LIVES TOGETHER

Danielle and I met on the first day of our teaching course at Sydney University. I was immediately drawn to her understated beauty and her amazing hair. During those initial weeks I sought any excuse to engage Dan in conversation, enabling me an opportunity to spend time in her presence – learning of her life’s adventures abroad, spoken in a voice shaped by a number of years living in England.

At this time Dan was living with her sister Lis (1986) and I would sometimes invite myself around to their house for a meal. During these visits I met many wonderful people – her friends, school mates and other family members that included second sister Kath (1988) and big brother David who had attended school at Riverview. Later that year I was introduced to Dan’s folks, Carol and Brian, whilst they were home briefly from overseas.

Soon afterwards began an incredibly happy and exciting time of life. Introductions made to friends and grandparents, camping trips away, a truly memorable time in Hong Kong to visit with Carol and Brian. So many good times, but perhaps the most enjoyable of those spent at Redhead beach south of Newcastle along with Dan’s brother Dave, whom she has always greatly

admired and loved, and who is now one of my closest mates.

Commencing teaching at the end of 1998, Dan accepted a position in a tough school, located in Western Sydney. With no public transport option available, Dan learned to drive in just 3 weeks, heading down the motorway to and from work each day. I was teaching on the South Coast and very much missed her throughout the week. We would meet on weekends whilst looking forward to school holiday periods when we could load up the car and head off in search of adventure.

A strong desire to spend more time together lead to my transfer to Sydney. The work was tough and, as uncertain as this time was, what remained clear was our desire to marry and to spend our lives together. Dan, acutely aware of my struggles at work had noticed an advertisement in the paper for a one-year position at The King’s School. Encouraging me to apply has since proven a significant event in our lives together, resulting in many years of happiness as members of this wonderful community. Life at King’s has afforded us many amazing opportunities and forged for us lifelong friendships.

SCHOOLS

As a student, Danielle attended Santa Sabina College in Strathfield until the conclusion of Year 10 in 1990, at which time her family moved overseas. Dan has recounted many times her fond memories of the school during her formative years, developing a love for both music and literature at this time. It was with immense delight that she accepted an opportunity to return years later, as a music teacher to the familiar surrounds of Holyrood.

Danielle’s most favoured task whilst at Santa was as the conductor of choirs. She thoroughly enjoyed rehearsals, preparing the girls for chapel performances and various concert events. Perhaps her happiest time however, came when the choir performed at our wedding. A truly special event and much cherished memory for us both.

After 16 years as a teacher at Santa Sabina it was a tough decision for Dan to consider a move to Tara prep for 2016, where she remained at work until her passing earlier this year.

CHILDREN

Having our children proved life changing. Dan and I regularly questioned what it was that we did before the kids, the pace of life becoming increasingly frenetic with each new arrival. Parenting came naturally to Dan, an incredibly patient and loving mother who was always reading to the kids and singing to them. As it is now, I am so I am so grateful that they were able to have this time together.

Unbeknown to Dan, I once plotted a secret pact with a very dear friend who, at the time, also had two children. The agreement was to stick it out with just the two each, resisting pressure from our wives and the strong urge for a third. I don’t believe that either of us ever intended to honour this pact however, and Dan was shortly pregnant again with Harriet,

his own wife following soon afterwards. I received a lovely text from him shortly after Dan passed away. It stated that despite shaking hands, he now understood why it was that we had had the three children – they were all needed to preserve Dan’s many qualities.

And so it is that I see my wife in our children:

- Molly, with her patience, intelligence and understanding
- Jack, Dan’s sensitivity, an immense love and affection for others
- Harriet, her steely determination and incredible courage

CANCER

Danielle was incredibly courageous during what was a short, yet vicious battle with cancer. With every crushing development, Dan would prepare to fight, remaining both positive and full of hope. Our GP and “team captain” worked tirelessly over a period of just two months, later recounting that Dan’s unyielding ability to face immense adversity with absolute grace was incredible, even when the news was most bleak.

THANK YOU

To the College Principal Dr Maree Herrett, the amazing staff, wonderful students and all in the Santa Sabina community, I wish to express our sincerest gratitude for the incredible support we have received from you all in the months immediately following Danielle’s initial cancer diagnosis, and then after her passing on 5 May this year. We are truly overwhelmed by the love and support you have offered my wife, and now us in her absence.

Dan thoroughly enjoyed her time at Santa, returning home at the end of each day with stories about just how engagingly wonderful the girls were to teach. She often remarked on their enthusiasm within the classroom, of their love of learning, and of their willingness to be actively involved in the music program. It must be said that they brought her a great deal of joy.

Santa Sabina is truly, a very special school. For those who have sent cards, flowers and gifts, of which there are many, we are most grateful. The generosity of Santa families is truly humbling. As have been the efforts of the girls, and the staff led by your amazing Principal.

Molly, Jack, Harriet and I wish you every happiness and success, now and into the future.

With thanks to you all,

Josh Hoogland (Danielle Moir’s husband)

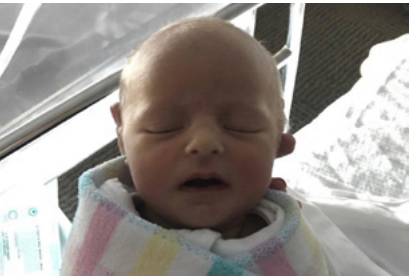
BIRTHS



6 December 2016 Charlie Samuel Jennings
Katrina Jennings (Saad 2001) and Chae Jennings



June 2017 Will Jonathan Felton
Vanessa Felton (Middleton 1997) and Dave Felton



30 June 2017 Audrey Michele O'Connor
Shellie O'Connor (Deacon 2001) and Richard O'Connor



7 June 2017 Ava Josephine Lyn Thistleton
Meredith Plant (1995) and Marcus Thistleton



22 May 2017 Madeleine Elias
Maggie Barakat Elias (1995) and Robert Elias



24 November 2016 Scarlett Hagopian
Rebecca Hagopian (Rahme – former Director of OOSH) and Sarkis Hagopian, Scarlett is the granddaughter of Nable Rahme of the SSC Property Department

MARRIAGES



18 April 2017
Cindy Pon and Francis Wong
Bridesmaids: Natalie Phong (née Chu 2002), Carla Lombardo (2002), Laura Pon (2013) and Stella Tang



1 July 2017
Kris Anne McClement (née Pulanco 2005) and Cameron McClement
Bridesmaids: Kathleen Pulanco (2003), Christine Pulanco (2009), and Camille Pulanco (2011)



11 March 2017 at Santa Sabina Chapel
Rebecca Cordi (2008) and Brent Hosking
Bridesmaids: Madeleine Grant (2008), Alexandra Boukouvalas (2008), Rebecca Cordi (2008), Philippa Cordi (2011), Emma Gialouris Coote (2005), Grace Rogers (2008)



23 April 2017
Sarah Ramjan (2005) and Dwight Watson
Bridesmaids: Lauren Ramjan (2017), Emma Coote (2005) and Sabene Ramjan (2006)
Groomsmen: David Ramjan (Del Monte 2001)



10 December 2017 at Santa Sabina Chapel
Suzanna Dell'Aquila (2009) and Damien Ferreri



15 March 2017 at Santa Sabina Chapel
Corrine Shalala and Chadi Chalhoub



REUNION
GOLDEN GIRLS
& BOYS

Exceptional people and partnerships were celebrated in May at our annual Golden Girls and Boys lunch. Over 150 ex-students who graduated from the College at least 50 years ago were guests of the College at High Tea in the Hall, preceded by a celebratory Mass in the Chapel.

Coming for the first time to celebrate their 50 years' reunion were more than 20 members of the Class of 1967, some making the trip from regional NSW. Another large group filled two tables of 10 from the Class of 1957, celebrating 60 years since leaving school.

Current students dropped in on the lunch as well as performing well-received musical items during Mass. The day was a heartwarming gathering of many members of College family.



1 YEAR REUNION CLASS OF 2016



10 YEAR REUNION CLASS OF 1997



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30 YEAR REUNION CLASS OF 1987



CLASS OF 1977 40 YEAR REUNION



45 YEAR REUNION CLASS OF 1972



50 YEAR REUNION CLASS OF 1967



FELLOWSHIP TO THE SOLOMON ISLANDS APPLY FOR 2018

A wonderful opportunity to experience an Immersion in the Solomon Islands.

Santa Sabina Ex-Students are invited to apply for a fellowship which will enable two young women to undertake an Immersion/Service experience with the Dominican Sisters in the Solomon Islands for up to three weeks in 2018. The fellowship will be funded by Santa Sabina Dominican Ex-Students' Association and the Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and Solomon Islands.

The fellowships cover travel and living expenses to the value of \$3000 each.

The purpose of these fellowships will be to provide an opportunity to travel to the Solomon Islands, to stay with the Dominican Sisters and to engage with the local communities with whom they live and work. The approach is based on respect and equality and once relationships have been formed opportunities may arise where knowledge and skills are shared.

Through this heightened awareness of the Solomon Islands' community, it will be expected that on their return, the participants will give presentations to various groups of students and adults and in so doing will raise the profile of our Dominican connections. They may also be part of activities organised by the Ex-Students' Association to promote social justice.

In order to be considered, applicants must have successfully demonstrated an understanding of the purpose of the fellowship and be willing and able to participate for two to three weeks sometime between March to end of October 2018. Timing is negotiated with the Dominican Sisters and The Solomon Islands Support Group.

APPLY FOR A FELLOWSHIP!

Information and application forms are
available on The Dominican Sisters' website www.opeast.org.au

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Closing 2 February 2018

Dynamic, educational and resilience-building

The Santa Sabina College Tallong Outdoor Education and Retreat Centre continues to provide a welcoming space for College families in addition to the wider community. School holiday camp enrolments grew from 35 in January, to 46 children in July, to 66 campers in September.

2017 has been an extremely dry year for the campus, with much lower than average precipitation. Being dependent on tank water, this impacts significantly on the site and affects its budget. However the opportunity then presents itself to remind our students and other guests of the impacts of changes in climate and weather patterns which affect us all. Environmental education is at the heart of our very existence at Tallong, as we are conscious of our responsibility to be advocates for respect of our earth and its creatures, as the Wodi Wodi people were for tens of thousands of years before us.

We joined the NSW Bird Atlassers with a view to identifying local birdlife and contributing this information to the national and global register of birdlife. Ornithological studies are now integral to our school holiday camp program.

Thirty-three Year 9 students were trained as Tallong Student Outdoor Education Leaders. These girls will each be a support person for a Year 4-8 Santa Sabina College student group in next year's Outdoor Education Camps. These positions are highly regarded and provide another platform for leadership training and community service at the College.

Our Tallong handyman Andrew has finished the construction of a bush chapel. It has now been blessed and utilised as a spiritual outdoor location; may it continue in the years to come to provide a sacred space for our Tallong guests.

Mrs Michele Naughton
Tallong Campus Manager

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Outdoor Education
& Retreat Centre

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2018 DATES

Term 1 2018

Friday 16 February – Jane of Aza Playgroup

Friday 2 March – Information Tour (6 – 12)

Friday 9 March – Information Tour (P – 5)

Friday 9 March – Rhyme Time Playgroup

Term 2 2018

Friday 4 May – Information Tour (P – 5)

Friday 4 May – Rhyme Time Playgroup

Tuesday 8 May – Beyond Year 12

Friday 11 May – Information Tour (6 – 12)

Friday 18 May – Jane of Aza Playgroup

Friday 25 May – Golden Girls & Boys

Tuesday 29 May – Year 5 Try Day

Tuesday 19 June – Step Up to Year 6

Term 3 2018

Thursday 9 August – Information Tour (P – 5)

Friday 10 August – Rhyme Time Playgroup

Friday 10 August – P&F and Ex-Students' Association Dinner

Thursday 16 August – Information Tour (6 – 12)

Thursday 30 August – Ex-Students' Association Year 12 Welcome Picnic

Friday 7 September – Jane of Aza Playgroup

Term 4 2018

Friday 19 October – Rhyme Time Playgroup

Friday 19 October – Information Tour (P – 5)

Wednesday 24 October – Twilight Information Tour (6 – 12)

Friday 23 November – Jane of Aza Christmas Playgroup

STAY IN TOUCH

To find other students and keep on top of events coming up please join our Ex-Students Online Community or like our Facebook page. Visit www.ssc.nsw.edu.au/ex-students

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