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- Yr 10 Exams begin
- Catholic Youth Festival Adelaide
3 December
- Yr 10 Exams
- Catholic Youth Festival Adelaide
4 December
- Yr 10 Exams
- Yr 7, 8 & 9 Netball Christmas Carnival
- Catholic Youth Festival Adelaide
5 December
- Catholic Youth Festival Adelaide
6 December
- Catholic Youth Festival Adelaide
7 December
- Yr 10 Exam Review Day
- Yr 7, 8 & 9 Exams begin
- Combined Council Meeting
8 December
- Final Day Yr 10, dismissal at lunchtime
- Yr 10 River Cruise 6pm
- Yr 7, 8 & 9 Exams
- NALC Concludes
9 December
- Yr 9 Outdoor Ed. Excursion
- Catholic Youth Festival Adelaide
10 December
- Yr 7, 8 & 9 Exams
- 2016 Yr 12 Student Leaders Training Day
11 December
- Yr 7, 8 & 9 Final Mass, Assembly & clean up
- Yr 7 - 10 Academic Program Concludes
18 December
- Staff Conclude

Message from the Principal

Departing Staff

I would like to thank all of our staff on your behalf, for the manner in which they have worked with your children this year. They go above and beyond and we are very grateful for the work they have done this year.

In particular, I would like to wish the following people well in their careers, as they take up other opportunities. These people will either be on leave or departing the College:

Elizabeth Hille  Maternity Leave
Adam Miotti  Travel
Madeleine van der List  Moving to Melbourne
Stephanie Meagher  Retiring
Thea O’Keeffe  Helena College
Barbara Wright  Retiring
Tim Travis  CBC Fremantle
Leon D'Audretsch  Employment
Mary-Beth James  On leave

I especially want to recognise the distinguished careers of Stephanie Meagher and Barbara Wright. They have been highly skilled, gifted and committed teachers, who have gone the extra mile for their students. We wish them well in the next stage of their lives.

It has been another fantastic year for our College. Our students were asked at the beginning of the year, by me, to keep four things in mind for 2015:

1. Work hard
2. Be good
3. Be polite
4. Be kind to each other

I am pleased to say that on most occasions, most of our students have kept this request in mind. I am very proud of our students. They have had an excellent year. There are so many different opportunities which occur at the College and our students have engaged in these opportunities, wholeheartedly.

Christmas

We have just commenced Advent in the Church and it is a time of preparing for the coming of Jesus, at Christmas.

It is a special time, where we exchange gifts and families come together. It is important to remember the reason why we have Christmas. It is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus and the fact that he came to live amongst us.

His life has had a profound effect on our world and I encourage you to discuss with your sons and daughters, the importance of Christmas.
I would like to wish you well for Christmas and the summer break. I hope that you and your families have a holy and happy time.

A footnote if I may; a hundred and seventy years ago Ursula Frayne, the Mercy sisters established Mercedes College, in Perth. It was to become the first secondary school in Perth and since that time there has always been a priest, a brother or a nun, working as a Principal, in at least one of our schools.

With the retirements of Father Peter Daly at Mazenod College and Brother Rick Gaffney from Balgo Hills in the Kimberley, there will be no religious Principal in any Catholic school, in Western Australia, for the first time.

This is worth noting and it is perhaps important to reflect upon the magnificent contribution that our nuns, priests and brothers have made, to the establishment of Catholic education in this state.

We are fortunate to have, Sr Janina Pascoe continuing to work at the College in 2016 and Sr Joan Buckham who is on the College Board.

I shall leave you with that thought and wish you well for the summer break.

God Bless

Mr Declan Tanham
Principal

Message from the Deputies

Email Addresses
Recently, the College has contacted you to confirm that your email address is correct. This is because, commencing next year, parents will have access to software called ‘conneqt.p’. This is an online learning platform that will allow you to access a number of features including; your child’s assessment results as they are completed, progress charts, attendance details, notices about homework and assessment deadlines.

Parent/teacher/student meeting times for interview nights in 2016 will also be booked online using a facility called ‘Parent Teacher Online’. This is why it is essential that your email details held by the College are up-to-date. Semester Two school reports will be mailed home the usual way before the end of the academic year. Please note, this will be the last time school reports are mailed home. In the future, school reports will be issued to families on-line. Please note also that booklists for 2016 will be published on the College website before the end of the academic year. Copies of the booklists will not be mailed to parents with the school reports.

Mr Michael Williams
Deputy Principal (Curriculum)

Channel 9 Christmas Recording

This Year the Aranmore Choir was chosen as part of the Channel 9 Christmas Song Showcase. Students had the exciting opportunity of being professionally recorded in the Channel 9 studios ahead of being featured on television throughout the Christmas Season singing ‘African Noel’. If you haven’t seen the performance live on Channel 9 as yet, visit the link below to our Facebook page to watch the clip:

https://www.facebook.com/429425957222010/videos/vb.429425957222010/542848259213112/?type=2&theater
The College Evangelisation focus for 2015 is to promote our Founders, Catherine McAuley and Edmund Rice. Catherine & Edmund's Corner will contain information and wisdom from our founders.

“We have one solid comfort… our hearts can always be in the same place, centered in God, for whom alone we go forward or stay back.”

Catherine McAuley from Letter to Elizabeth Moore 1841

Wednesday Masses - 9am St Mary’s Leederville

**Term 4**
- Week 9 (8 December): Year 10 Mass
- Week 9 (11 December): Year 7-9 Mass

**Secondary Assistance Scheme**

The Secondary Assistance Scheme is available to eligible Parents/Guardians who hold one of the following cards, valid for a period of no less than 4 weeks.

- Department of Human Services (Centrelink) Health Care Card
- Department of Human Services (Centrelink) Pensioner Concession Card
- Department of Veterans’ Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

NOTE: Health Pensioner Card, TPI/TPI Gold Cards or State Cards cannot be accepted as they are issued for Medical benefit purposes only.

The card must be current some time during first Term (1 February 2016 - 8 April 2016)

This Assistance is available for students in Years 7 to 12 studying a full-time secondary course.

The Allowance is paid up to and including the year the student turns 18 years of age (ie. not eligible if born in 1997 or before).

Students can only claim for themselves if they are classified by Department of Human Services (Centrelink) as an Independent Youth. Appropriate evidence must be supplied by the Department of Human Services (Centrelink) to validate the claim.

**Please Note:** Appointments can be made by calling the College after the commencement of the school year in 2016 with Sr Janina who will assist you in completing an Application Form.

Sr Janina Pascoe
Music & Religious Education

**St Mary’s Parish Youth Group**

St Mary’s Parish Youth Group met on Saturday 14 November. Fourteen young people attended and had fun playing cards and board games. The highlight of the night was an app version of charades on the mini iPad that saw teams competing against each other. It is great to see the numbers attending increasing and we welcome any children from Year 5, 6 and High School to attend the 6:30pm Mass, then come along to socialise with other young people from the Parish. The next Youth Group meeting will be on 12 December from 7:30pm - 9pm for a movie night.
Cooking For Shopfront
On Wednesday 25 November, a group of twenty five students from Years 9 and 10 kindly volunteered their time to cook meals for Shopfront. Shopfront is an agency of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Perth located in Maylands, with a goal to relieve poverty and suffering in an environment that offers practical assistance, hospitality and fellowship to those in need.

The students prepared and packaged 300 meals to donate to Shopfront, an extraordinary effort that both the students and Shopfront will benefit from greatly. A huge congratulations and thank you to all of the students who were involved. Hopefully our meals will go towards making this Christmas time a little easier for some families in our community.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal Afternoon Tea
On Thursday 26 November three of our 2016 Year 11 Student Leaders: Bianca Monterosso, Hope Jordan and Morgan Jasson, attended the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal Launch afternoon tea in Government House Gardens.

Aranmore was invited to the event in recognition of all of our hard work and strong involvement with multiple Vinnies initiatives throughout the year. It was a wonderful event, where the students were able to reconnect with Vinnies Youth Leaders they had previously met, and were also fortunate enough to listen to the stories and experiences of the many Vinnies volunteers and employees who also attended the event.

As a College, we look forward to furthering our relationship with Vinnies in 2016 and continuing to support such a wonderful organisation.
Vinnies Welcome to WA Picnic
A group of 22 Aranmore Year 10 students attended the ‘Welcome to WA Picnic’ organised by St Vincent de Paul. The picnic was held to welcome refugee families and children who are new to Perth. Our students enjoyed engaging with the families, inviting them to join in with cricket and soccer and spent time sitting and chatting. Some of our students who are fluent in Arabic were able to speak in their language with some of the families and make wonderful connections. It was great to see our students involved in such a worthwhile event which was a wonderful day for the new migrant families but also a fantastic experience for our Year 10s.
ECU Visit
The Aranmore Catholic College Year 10 Rugby class was invited to ECU Joondalup to participate in a Fitness Study Research for specialist schools in Perth. All boys and girls were tested in those tests used at AFL Combine draft testing, (Vertical jump, Running vertical jump, Agility test, 20 metre sprint and the beep test). The test results will be collated and measured against other schools with specialist programs. The boys and girls had some great results and the following students were high achievers in: Vertical jump (Jackson Pugh 72cm), 20 meter sprint (Brody MacAskill, 2.92s), Agility (Aquila Mulombwa 8.13s), Running Vertical Jump (Grason Makara, 68cm).

At the end of the testing, the students had a tour around the campus and watched a presentation about being a University student, University life and pathways. I would like to thank ECU for the opportunity to participate in the day.

National Sevens Rugby Tournament
Congratulations to all the players who have been selected to participate in the National Sevens Rugby tournament in Wagga Wagga, NSW this weekend. The following players have been selected to represented Western Australia:

**Boys U/17s Team**
Solomon Stone (Captain)  
Jacob Foster-Hall  
Manaia Stockman-Terahui  
Kade Pearce  
Jackson Pugh  
Jaylen Tuapola

**Girls U/17s Team**
Langely Sesega  
Pania Kara  
Kali Blair
Year 10 River Cruise

Thank you to all students who have paid for their tickets to attend the Year 10 End of Year River Cruise. The cruise will take place on Tuesday 8 December from 6.00pm till 10.00pm aboard the Crystal Swan. The cruise will leave and return to the Barrack Street Jetty and late comers will literally miss the boat!! Parents/Guardians will be expected to transport students to and from the venue.

The dress standard is “dress to impress” where students are asked to make that extra effort to wear something that will make the evening a special occasion. If any student (or parents) are not sure of what is appropriate (or inappropriate) for this evening please contact me.

Below is the schedule of times. Please be aware that traffic can be an issue in this area so allow plenty of time to get to the Jetty.

6.00 pm Boarding
6.30 pm Depart
9.30 pm Return
10.00 pm Disembark

Tickets for the River cruise will be distributed at the conclusion of the activities on Tuesday 8 December

Year 10 Final Week

Monday December 7 – Final day of classes and exam review day.
Tuesday December 8 – Final Day. Clean-up, Mass & assembly. Students will be dismissed at lunchtime.
Tuesday December 8 - Year 10 River Cruise 6pm
Please note students are expected to attend the final days of the academic year.

Mr Craig Rogers
Head of Year 10

Library

We would like to say a big thank you to all the students who helped make the library look ready for the festive season. Over several lunch times there were lots of students who came in to help make the paper chains and snowflakes that help decorate the library this year, you all did a great job. Don’t forget to return all your library books for the year and have some great suggestions for books for Ms Harbord to buy next year. Have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy your holidays.
It is nearly the end of school year again and I am very proud of all the French students who have worked so hard this year. The Year 7 students have shown great interest in learning the French language and culture, most of them told me that they were learning Italian, Indonesian or Japanese in their previous Primary Schools. They have embraced LanguagePerfect, the online learning tool and I am very happy to announce that Year 7.1 won the $100.00 Pizza Challenge for scoring the most points for the year, thanks to Jennifer Nguyen, Ellie Warren-Sanusi and Chloe Ngo who scored the highest!

Sarah McCarthy (Yr 10) was awarded the first prize for the Year 10 Alliance Française exams in the category B for students with a French background. Well done and congratulations Sarah!

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and all the best for the coming New Year 2016.

Bonnes vacances, Joyeux Noël et bonne année à vous tous

Madame Linda Blake
French Teacher

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Carers Needed

Centrecare Djoomarinda is looking for people to care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who for various reasons can’t live at home. Finding carers to look after them is really difficult. If you feel this could be for you or if you know others that would be good at looking after our kids in need, please share this with them:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NEyXpp1pJfE

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The Fathering Project

Make Conversations More Meaningful: Your Weekly Fathering Tip

Many of the conversations we have with children are about achieving a task – e.g. deciding where to go on a dad date, or what to have for dinner. These conversations require little effort, and yet are not particularly helpful in gaining an understanding of your child. Try having more conversations with your child that focus on them and their world – and try to let your child do most of the talking. Ask questions only to clarify, not distract. Listen! Don’t interrupt.

For more information visit:
The Fathering Project at http://thefatheringproject.org/schools-project/
Canberra/Sydney Tour - Expressions of Interest

Tour departs 3 October and returns 8 October 2016. (first week of the holidays)

Visiting key cultural sights including: The Sydney Harbour Bridge, Opera House, a Sydney Harbour cruise, Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, Art Galleries, Australian Institute of Sport and more!!

Cost is $1600 and includes:

- Airfare Perth/Sydney - Canberra/Perth
- Coach transportation as per itinerary
- 1 night accommodation in Sydney
- 4 nights accommodation in Canberra
- Continental breakfast, packed lunch and 2-course dinner in Sydney
- Breakfast, packed lunch, morning & afternoon teas and dinner daily in Canberra

Please email Craig Phillis, Head of Humanities & Social Sciences at c.phillis@aranmore.wa.edu.au to register your interest.

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50 Year Reunion

CBC Leerville 50 Year Reunion
We recently held a 50 Year Reunion of the CBC Leederville Class of 1965 here at the College grounds. It was a great pleasure to meet all of the ex students and find out more about their school days. Twenty two former students attended the morning and for some of them it was the first time they had seen each other in 50 years!
Please return to the front reception as soon as possible.
If required, additional copies are available from front reception or the Music Office.

Aranmore Catholic College offers comprehensive individual music lessons for a variety of instruments. Thirty minute lessons are taught during school hours on a ROTATING timetable so as not to disrupt the same class each week. These timetables are displayed on the music board at the commencement of every school term and it is the responsibility of the students to write lesson times in their diary, remember the time and come out of class on time for their instrumental lesson. Students will not be collected from class unless there is a variation to the original lesson time.

Music Teachers are employed by Aranmore on a yearly contract to teach instrumental and vocal music lessons, therefore lessons must be considered as a year long commitment. If in exceptional circumstances a student wishes to terminate lessons, payment for the remainder of the term is expected. Termination of lessons will only be initiated after a formal email by the parents is sent to the Head of Music and Instrumental Teacher.

Please fill in the details below, indicating clearly your current contact details and your child’s desired instrument for which they wish to receive lessons. If they wish to learn more than one instrument, please clearly indicate this.

**PLEASE PRINT**

FULL Student Name: __________________________________________________________

Current Age: ________  Academic Year in 2016: _________

Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________________________________

Phone: (Home or Work) _______________________________________________________

Mobile: ____________________________________________________________

Email: (Please print clearly) ___________________________________________________

Postal Address: _____________________________________________________________

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Lessons can be offered on the following instruments:

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Drum Kit, Guitar, Piano, Bass, Voice and Violin

Please indicate your choice of instrument: _______________________________________

If your child wishes to learn an ADDITIONAL instrument/s, please indicate below:

__________________________________________________________________________
The total program cost is $1024 consisting of 32 half-hour lessons. Year 11 and 12 students studying Music as a WACE subject will have 26 one-hour lessons, at a cost of $1664. Costing will appear as an additional expense to your academic fees.

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS THESE ARE THE CONDITIONS UPON WHICH A STUDENT TAKES UP INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSONS AT THE COLLEGE**

In signing up for Instrumental Lessons, Parents/Guardians undertake to:

- Promote your child’s organisation of checking lesson times on the music board, writing in the student diary and communicating with the tutor if unable to make a lesson time due to sickness or assessment. Please note that if a student is sick/absent from school, the instrumental teacher is NOT automatically informed by the school. Parents must inform both the school and instrumental teacher when there is an absence and lessons are impacted.
- Provide at least 24 hours notice to the instrumental tutor if a lesson needs to be rescheduled otherwise the lesson will be charged.
- Supervise and encourage their child’s practice at home.
- Assist their child to look after their instrument and music books.
- Commit to lessons for the entire school year and if suddenly terminated, pay out the rest of the term.
- Support their child’s participation in required musical activities, including rehearsals/performances.
- Music books and instruments may need to be purchased externally.
- All students will be expected to partake in at least one ensemble decided upon by the Head of Music.

I accept the terms and conditions stated above and wish to have my child enrolled in receiving music lessons on the instrument/s stated for the entire year.

Parent/Guardian signature: ________________________________ Date: _____________________

If you have any questions regarding instrumental lessons at Aranmore, please do not hesitate to contact me via email: e.hille@aranmore.wa.edu.au

Kindest regards

Elizabeth Hille
Head of Music

Please sign **BOTH** copies of the **MUSIC LESSON APPLICATION FORM** and return **ONE COPY ONLY** to front reception or the Music Office as soon as possible. One copy is for the school file and the second copy should be retained for your records.
Careers

Start your summer break with UWA!

Between 10.30am and 3.30pm on Thursday 10 December you can take part in fun activities and competitions at UWA’s Beach Zone at Scarborough Beach. Find your flexibility during a yoga class, feel the sand between your toes in a game of volleyball or just relax in our chill out zone. There will be a DJ spinning all the latest summer hits as well heaps of prizes, giveaways and refreshments. Plus you can chat to student ambassadors to find out what it’s like to be a UWA student and learn more about the great student experience from the UWA Student Guild.

UWA and ConocoPhillips: Science and Engineering Experience

Budding scientists/engineers in Years 9 and 10 are welcomed to UWA’s campus for three days of fun and to fuel their passion for science and engineering. They will experience the wonder of physics, take part in an amazing race, test their fitness, discover how maths can help win games, and be inspired by engineers who are finding ways to improve lives through humanitarian projects. They also learn how to protect our precious environment and witness the magic of chemical reactions!

Students meet our enthusiastic scientists and current students, get to know others with an interest in STEM fields, experience what it’s like to be a university student, and discover the rich variety of careers that can come from having a degree in science or engineering.

Date: 19, 20, and 21 January 2016
Time: 9am to 4.30pm
Location: University of Western Australia
Cost: $120 per student (inc GST)
Audience: Year 9/10 students (entering years 10/11 in 2016)
Register visit: www.scienceexperience.com.au/conference

Mrs Catherine Wallace
Careers & VET Coordinator

City of Vincent News

Free Youth Scooter Workshops!
You asked for it and we have listened! The City of Vincent and Freestyle Now have teamed up to help you become a pro! Come down to the Leederville Skate Park to learn some new skills.

6 December 2015  12.30pm – 2.30pm
23 January 2016  12.30pm – 2.30pm
9 April 2016  TBC

*Dates and times are subject to change. Check the City of Vincent’s website and Facebook page for updates. If you’re keen to take part, make sure you complete the registration form to secure your place. There are limited places available so make sure you get in quick!

Skate Clinics
We’ve teamed up with Skateboarding WA to offer free skate clinics for anyone aged 5+. Join us;

Sunday 6 December  10am-12pm
Thursday 21 January  10am -12pm

Just show up at the Leederville Skate Park and skate, no need to bring anything! Don’t forget to check out the City of Vincent Facebook page to keep up to date for any changes.
Monday Afternoon

Every Monday from 3.30 - 4.30pm in the library there is free English tutoring for Year 11 and 12.

Ms Ruby-Jean Hindley

Maths Homework Help Reminder

Monday Afternoon

Maths Homework Help is on every Monday afternoon from 3:15pm - 4:15pm in Room MU25. All students from all years are welcome.

Mrs Kathryn Ralph
Head of Mathematics

Middle School Homework Club

The MSHC is on every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30pm - 4:30pm in The Library. All students from Years 7 – 10 and in all subjects are welcome. See you there!

Ms Martin, Mrs Resuggan and Mrs Hine

Homework Centres

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