

*"Who Do You Say I Am"*

WEEK 2 TERM 1, 2013

8 February 2013

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Friends of the College,

*Prayer of New Beginnings*

*God of new beginnings, we are walking into mystery.  
We face the future, not knowing what the days and months will bring us  
or how we will respond.  
Be love in us as we journey.  
May we welcome all who come our way.  
Deepen our faith to see all life through your eyes.  
Fill us with hope and an abiding trust  
that You dwell in us amidst all our joys and sorrows.  
Thank You for the treasure of our faith life.  
Thank You for the gift of being able  
to rise each day with the assurance of  
Your walking through the day with us.  
God of our past and future,  
we praise you.  
AMEN*



**Welcome Back**

Welcome back to a new year at Clancy Catholic College. Can I firstly thank you for the care you have taken in ensuring that your children have the correct equipment and are well presented in our Clancy uniform. We have been very impressed by the general attitude and engagement our students have demonstrated.

Our enrolment numbers at the moment stands at 997 students although there is still some clarifications pending. With our increased enrolments we also have an intake of 14 new teachers. We have also been fortunate to be able to create two new positions here, VET Coordinator, Mr Michael Ha and Leader of Student Development, Mr David Timillero. Below are the 2013 news teachers' names and their position at our College:



Mr Michael Bell  
Mr Michael Ha  
Mr Scott Mulford  
Ms Sarah Blake  
Mr Daniel Boggs  
Ms Jessica Burfitt  
Mr Marc Ghignone  
Mr Michael Harvey  
Ms Ruby Habib  
Mrs Sandra Naraj  
Mr Mark Peterson  
Mr Trent Prasser  
Ms Tiana Romeo  
Mr Dominic Wilson

Sports Coordinator and PDHPE Teacher  
VET Coordinator and TAS Teacher  
Year 10 Coordinator, PDHPE and RE Teacher  
Visual Arts Teacher  
English Teacher  
English Teacher  
Acting Youth Ministry Coordinator, RE and HSIE Teacher  
Music Teacher  
RE and HSIE Teacher  
Science Teacher  
TAS Teacher  
RE and HSIE Teacher  
RE and HSIE Teacher  
RE, HSIE and English Teacher

## Scriptural Theme



Every year at Clancy, we develop a scriptural theme that motivates our students on a whole range of levels and more importantly, assists us in engaging our students in scripture. Scripture at Clancy is traditionally very important. Cardinal Clancy himself

nominated the importance of maintaining a connection with scripture and as a result, the Bible is within the Clancy Crest. This year our scriptural theme is a question. It comes from Luke's Gospel "*Who Do You Say I Am?*" (Lk. 9:18-24). I am very excited about the theme being a question, because I think it allows our students to engage and think about what potentially that answer might be. The theme works in two ways, it challenges us to assess whether or not we live truly by our motto "*To Love Like Christ*", it challenges us to look carefully at the actions and words of Jesus and see that we are following through here as a community. It also challenges our students to be the best person possible, to harness talents, commit sincerely and show kindness and empathy in our everyday interactions.

I believe it is a question for all of us, teachers and parents as we interact in our College community, and to be true to the Clancy way. Most of all, by asking this question, we hope that we are challenging the cult of superficiality. Here, we are asking our students to think more deeply about their role in their world and more deeply about the importance and the difference that they can make every day in what they do.

We hope at the end of the year our students can say that they have been true to themselves, true to the talents that they have been blessed with, true to their families, their Catholic identity and their relationship with Christ.

I look forward to seeing those who can come to our **Opening Mass on Thursday 21 February** where we explore this question and the Gospel even further.

### Welcome to Fr Joseph Truong and Father Thu Nguyen

Fr Joseph Truong is our new Parish Priest at Holy Spirit, Carnes Hill. He visited the school this week and we are very much looking forward to working with him and he will be celebrating our Opening Mass with us on Thursday 21 February.

Only days ago, Father Thu Nguyen has been appointed as Administrator of St Francis Xavier Parish. Our early conversations with Fr. Thu indicate that we are going to be well supported. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Father Thu soon.

### Parent Advisory Board

This year we are forming a Parent Advisory Board. The Parent & Friends Association at the end of last year, was dissolved having spent 7 years of donating time and energy to support the early years of our College. At the end of that time however, it became clear that the same parents bore the burden of representing our parents here at Clancy.

The Parent Advisory Board will operate as a way for us to gain feedback from a parents' perspective. It also provides a channel where we can cooperate to build opportunities for parents to get involved here. The Board will be chaired by myself and with the support of a parent group, we could report regularly to the community about initiatives or discussions and future directions.

We are seeking parents to be involved in the Advisory Board. A cross section of two parents representing each year group is ideal. If you are interested in participating, please drop us an email at: [info.clancy.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info.clancy.catholic.edu.au).

I will be in touch with you in the next week. Looking forward to working with you.

Parent Advisory Board meetings will be held at the College at 6.30pm on the following dates:

<b>27 March</b>	<b>16 May</b>
<b>7 August</b>	<b>4 September</b>
<b>27 November</b>	

### HSC Results

We are incredibly proud of our Year 12 2012 cohort and the results they achieved. Congratulations in particular to Fiona Fuller ATAR 96.9, Jessica Bono ATAR 94.8 and Robert Zappacosta ATAR 92.65 who have already been to school and shared some of their insights around their success. Our hope is that these students will speak to our College group at our High Achievers Assembly and to our Year 11 and 12 students in particular. We know from experience students' insights have a much greater impact on capturing the hearts and imagination of peers. Once our Clancy students can see the potential for success, they can begin their journey inspired by the reality that others have achieved their goals and more.



Congratulations to the Clancy teachers who were highly affirmed through the Year 12 exit survey. Again and again I hear it is because of the teachers that we do so well.

Positives for this cohort include being significantly above the state average Studies of Religion II, Standard English, General Mathematics, Industrial Technology, Legal Studies, Visual Arts and Hospitality. There was an improvement from 2011 (63%) with 73% of HSC exam results being a Band 4 or above.

Courses with a combined Band 5 and 6 tally above Stage average include Studies of Religion II, English Standard, General Mathematics, Community and Family Studies, Industrial Technology Music 1, Visual Arts and Hospitality.

We had an 85% improvement in Bands 5 and 6 this year. We continually challenge our students to maximise their potential in this world and the majority far exceeded any expectations of potential that they demonstrated at the outset of Year 11.

### Welcome to New Parents and Carers



All parents and carers new to the College are invited to attend our "Welcome to New Parents and Carers Evening" on Monday 11 February at 7.00pm at the College. This evening will provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and other parents and carers. We hope you are able to join us.

## Information Nights

We have a number of Information Nights in Term 1 where we invite you to the school and give you an opportunity to ask questions from us also. I have included a table of the Information Nights here, but would like to remind you as well, that all of this information is on our calendar through the website.

### Information Nights

Monday 11 February  
Welcome New Parents Night at 7.00pm  
Monday 18 February  
Year 11 Preliminary Information Night  
Monday 25 February  
Year 9 & 10 Assessment Information Night

The format of our Information Nights changed slightly last year. The first session is where we provide information around Pastoral and Curriculum areas, including Assessment. This will last around 30 to 40 minutes and the last 20 minutes provide an opportunity to approach key members of our staff for clarification, or for a particular question around your child. The night concludes within an hour and we have deliberately kept this as brief as possible because we know how busy you are. Keeping all this in mind, we do ask that you attend these nights. They set the tone for our learning culture here at Clancy. As you know, when parents and teachers give the same message to our young people they have a greater chance of success, not just in their studies, but in terms of how they approach difficult situations in life also.

## KARI Scholarship

Congratulations to Madeline Morrison of Year 12 who is the successful recipient of the KARI Scholarship. Madeline competed against a large number of students through a very strict set of criteria and because of her hard work, application and resilience; she has been awarded a scholarship through this group. Madeleine aims to become a pediatrician, a noble profession and one that particularly attracts her because of the capacity to give back to the community. We are very proud of you Madeline.



## NSW Baseball Representative from Clancy

Aaron Wilkins has impressed many with his pitching, with speeds up to 140kms. Aaron has represented NSW at the Under 16 National Titles. Congratulations Aaron.

## Drop Off, Pick Up

Our street frontage as you know, is very narrow and it means that we all have to be very careful and responsible in picking up and dropping off children. The drop off, pick up zone as you know in Carmichael Drive is down beside the oval, the area around the gate is kept for buses. We do have the Police and Council patrol regularly to enforce the restrictions around the area. I would say to you that they are there to ensure maximum safety for our students and from 2.55pm to 3.20pm we close the Visitor's Carpark so that cars do not cross the path of our students. I am seeking your cooperation around these regulations and again appeal to you that they are there for the safety of our students and your children. I refer you to more detailed information further in the Newsletter.

Thank you again for all the support you have given our teachers and our students in giving them the best start that they could possibly have. I look forward to seeing you throughout the year.

Iris Nastasi  
Principal



## From the Assistant Principal

I extend a very warm welcome back to all our students and parents. Also a special welcome to all our new students and their parents. It was great to see students returning last week looking refreshed and relaxed after their summer holidays. I particularly commend students on their presentation when returning. Clancy students wear their uniform with pride and are fantastic representatives of our College.

## The College Calendar

A reminder that the Calendar can be accessed from the College Website. This is a live calendar, which has up to the minute information including major events, excursions, camps and examination periods.

## Students Couriers

All Year 8 students are offered the opportunity to be 'Student Courier' for one day during the year. It is an opportunity for students to assist the office staff and develop some practical skills. Students will not be taken out of practical lessons or examinations to fulfill this role. Students in the past have expressed enjoyment in spending the day with our office staff. If you do not wish your son/daughter to be involved in this program could you please contact the College.



## Safety Before and After School

As many parents would be aware, the roads around the College of a morning and afternoon are very congested. Could I ask all parents and students to be patient and take particular care to ensure the safety of all when travelling to and from the College. A few reminders:

- ◆ It is illegal to park for more than two minutes in the drop off/pick up bays located parallel to the College oval;
- ◆ No students should be dropped off or picked up in the bus bay or approaching pedestrian crossings;
- ◆ In recent years Police and Council Rangers frequent our local area and a number of parents have incurred expensive fines for failing to abide by either of the above two dot points;
- ◆ A reminder all students who drive to school must park in Moondarra Drive;
- ◆ The car park at the front of the school is not to be used to drop off or pick up students each day, it is for the convenience of members of the community who have appointments at the College;
- ◆ Could I also ask parents to be mindful not to park across or in the driveways of our neighbours;
- ◆ Please encourage your son/daughter to only cross at the pedestrian crossing.

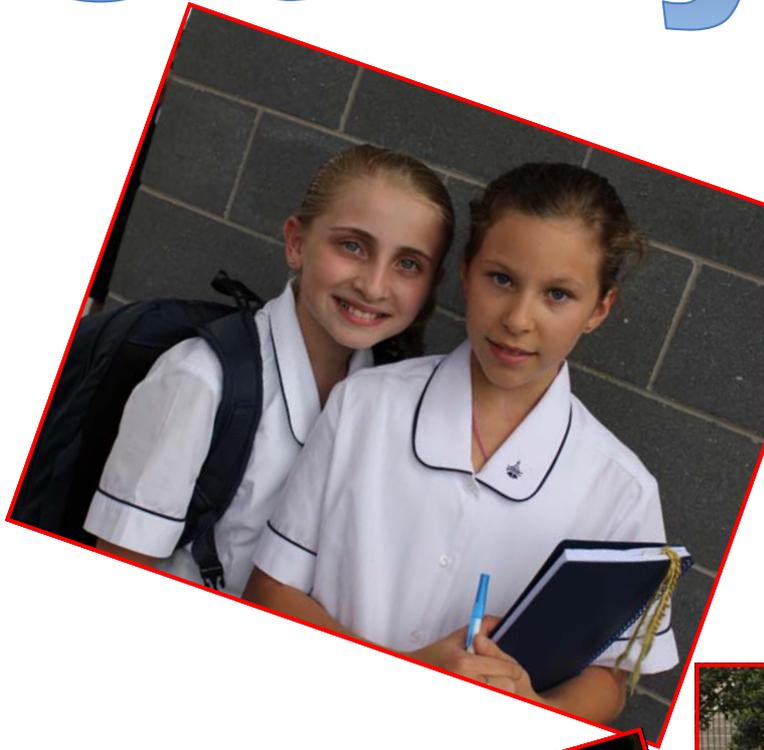
Finally, I hope the year ahead is an extremely happy and rewarding one filled with many blessings for you all.

Craig Mooney  
Assistant Principal

# Welcome to

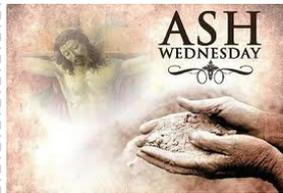


# Clancy 2013



### From the Religious Education Department

As we begin a new school year we welcome two new priests to our community. After nearly ten years, both Fr Peter Smith and Br Pat Hurley have moved to new Parishes. The support and commitment they have offered our community has helped to shape our story and traditions at the College. We welcome **Fr Joseph Trung** to Holy Spirit as Parish Priest, and **Fr Thu Nguyen** to Francis Xavier as the Administrator of the Parish. Both of them will continue to support our faith life here at the College with Fr Noel Short from St Anthony's at Austral, and we are fortunate to have them in our community.



Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lent. When we consider our College theme in light of this season, we have great insight as to who Christ is. From Jesus' temptation in the desert, through to

His arrest, crucifixion and resurrection, we learn the depth of His love. Our motto challenges us to 'Love like Christ', this Lenten season we are called to show our love for those around us, both in our school community in how we interact and care for one another, and globally, by supporting Caritas Australia through Project Compassion. If we say we are people of compassion, faith, hope, and respect, who are proud of our beliefs, then our relationship with those less fortunate than ourselves needs to be authentic. I encourage all students and families to be involved in our Social Justice initiatives this term.

Next Wednesday, all families are invited to attend their Parishes' Ash Wednesday Mass at 9.00am at Lurnea, Austral and Carnes Hill. Those students who are attending must have returned their permission slips to the College by today, parents take their children to the church and they will be bused back to the College by the staff in attendance after Mass. All other students will come to school as normal and participate in a school liturgy.

Our Opening Mass is a wonderful celebration of our College community, our faith and commitment to the year ahead. I invite all families to attend this Mass. Please ensure all permission notes are returned to the Pastoral Teacher and indicate on this note the number of family members attending.

Finally, Fr Joseph will continue with Mass before school this year. At the moment the day is being negotiated, we anticipate this will begin in Week 4. Further information will be sent home as families are more than welcome to join us.

**Melinda Melham**  
**Religious Education Coordinator**

### Youth Ministry

Welcome to a new year! I am very excited in my new role as Acting Youth Ministry Coordinator this year and look forward to working with the many wonderful young people of Clancy.



### Become involved in our local parish

Holy Spirit Parish, Carnes Hill is looking to start up a Youth Group in 2013. If you are interested in becoming involved, please see Mr Ghignone.

### Youth Bible Studies Group

Holy Spirit Parish Carnes Hill is also starting up a Youth Bible Studies Group. They will meet every Wednesday night

### World Youth Day Countdown!

Young Catholics the world over are getting excited as WYD Rio 2013 fast approaches. WYD is on 23 to 28 July, 165 days away! All students are encouraged to support the fundraising efforts this term.



Carissa Dunn (Year 11) says: "I'm looking forward to the experience of strengthening my faith with young people from around the world. It will be an amazing, soul-enriching experience".

Frankie Schrippa (Year 11) says: "It is a once in lifetime opportunity through which I will strengthen my faith. Plus I get to travel with my mates!".

### My hope for Clancy:

Motheba Shakhane (Year 11) says: "I hope we can all grow in faith, remembering that we are children of the Lord and should proclaim His word".

May we continue to love like Christ.

**Mark Ghignone**  
**Acting Youth Ministry Coordinator**

### Year 7 MacBook Bootcamp



Wednesday marked a significant day in the Year 7 calendar as students were given the opportunity to participate in MacBook Bootcamp. Year 7 students have been eagerly waiting to learn about their brand new polished MacBook Air laptops and met the challenges of Bootcamp with great enthusiasm and curiosity. The three Bootcamp sessions covered areas from the importance of laptop protection and backing up files to effective internet browsing. Students were engaged in demonstrations and experimentation, absorbing many of the features the MacBooks offer, with a particular focus on Google Drive, Google Docs, Google Mail and Google Groups.

Clancy is fortunate to be a 1:1 laptop environment and as such, technology is a key tool in allowing students to access the curriculum and enhance their achievement of learning outcomes in the classroom. Laptops are used to foster and develop students' creativity, skills in collaboration and critical thinking. Year 7 have now been introduced to many of the applications at their fingertips and are encouraged to continue to play and practise their new skills.

The Year 7 Bootcamp Website is available on the College Website within "Student Links". Students and parents are welcome to visit the site for specific information about what was covered on the day and further tutorial links that may be of use. Thank-you to Year 7 for driving the day with eagerness and in particular to the Bootcamp Session leaders Mr Jones, Mr Liceralde, Miss Fantini, Miss Montibeler, Miss Jajo, Miss Palumbo, Mr Carniato and Mr Thomas.

We look forward to exploring all that Year 7 can create with their new digital tools!

**Lauren Batty**  
**Acting eLearning Coordinator**

# Linking Learning to Parents



Welcome back to another great year for Diverse Learning.

This year we have many opportunities happening around gifted education and developing an academic repertoire.

## Clancy University

If you are in Year 8-10 you may have been nominated, or would like to self-nominate to become part of Clancy University. This small group is a flexible learning challenge group where you will be able to extend your ideas and abilities in a project that you negotiate with a specially selected mentor. This year, we will have two cohorts of Clancy University. The 'undergraduates' will be our new Clancy University members. This group will involve some withdrawal from your normal classes to help you begin to work towards new personal bests. You will learn vital skills for academic and lifelong learning success, such as research, project management and critical literacy and learning skills. Our 'postgraduate' group will be asked to develop their project this year with an external competition or real world trail process an added requirement.



## Senior Students

For Year 11 and 12, we will be offering two initiatives. One is the Academy Conference, held annually at Ascham School. On 6 May, selected Year 11 and 12 students will be given the chance to meet other gifted students in upper high school years whilst engaging in thought provoking lectures delivered by world credited speakers. A second opportunity invites Year 11 and 12 students who are keen to open up their worldview in order to enrich their knowledge and understanding in a range of subjects. This will be offered in the form of a regular debate and discussion at a time to be decided. Each fortnight, students view or read about current global ideas and issues and are able to discuss and examine their own emerging academic opinions. Students can relate their views to their specific academic units and this can be a major factor in achieving higher bands in the HSC.

## Other Opportunities

Throughout the year, any University workshops and gifted opportunities will be published here for you to see. If you have any questions about the initiatives this year at Clancy, please contact Mrs Drego at the College.

## Lauren Drego

### Diverse Learning Coordinator

## Student Development

Welcome back to another school year. I hope that the holidays renewed and restored energy levels for a busy semester. My role this year is to connect our community with strategies and projects that develop the whole student and increases their wellbeing.

Our natural instinct as teachers, parents and caretakers is to protect children from hardship, yet we know avoiding adversity is not possible. Instead of sidestepping challenge, we can teach kids to cope positively, to learn and grow from adversity. We can arm them with the skills of resilience.

People react differently to the same exact challenges, because between A (adversity) and C (consequence) lies the crucial factor. Every *adversity* one faces triggers *beliefs* about that situation, which in turn causes a reaction or *consequence*. The key here is BELIEF.

Optimistic and more realistic beliefs contribute to high resilience in an adverse situation. By being aware of their own strengths and personalities, students can have control over how they react to situations.

This model is a simple yet powerful tool in cultivating self-awareness -- a crucial element of resilient mindsets. It is one I believe; our students can learn to harness their own talents and skills to a fuller capacity.

This year through a number of initiatives in our Pastoral Care and Curriculum programs, the students of Clancy Catholic College will be well catered for with strategies to develop their belief and improve their wellbeing.

## David Timillero

### Leader of Student Development

## Mathematics Drop-In Centre

In an effort to support the students at Clancy Catholic College, the Mathematics Drop-In Centre will be running again this year.

The Drop-In Centre is open to any student who would like some extra help in Mathematics. Every **Tuesday and Friday morning (8.00am – 8:30am)**, a member of the Mathematics faculty will be available in **A1** to offer students the opportunity to ask questions or get some extra help with their homework. I strongly encourage the students at Clancy to 'drop-in' and take advantage of this service!

## Spyro Kyritsis

### Acting Mathematics Coordinator



Offence	Minimum Fine	Minimum Loss of Demerit Points
Stop on or near: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A pedestrian crossing</li> <li>• A children's crossing</li> <li>• Any marked foot crossing</li> </ul>	\$353	2
Double park	\$265	2
Park on a footpath or stop across a driveway	\$147	2
Make an illegal U-turn	\$265	3
Exceed 40km/h in a school zone in a light vehicle: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 km/h and under</li> <li>• Over 10 km/h</li> <li>• Over 20 km/h</li> <li>• Over 30 km/h</li> <li>• Over 45 km/hr</li> </ul>	\$154 \$278 \$463 \$896 \$2,041	2* 4* 5* 6* 7*
Use a mobile phone while driving	\$353	4
Fail to give way to a pedestrian	\$353	4
Reverse unsafely	\$206	3
Park within 3 metres of double barrier lines	\$206	-



The minimum penalty for disobeying 'No Parking' is \$147 and 2 demerit points. You may only stop here for 2 minutes and stay within 3 metres of



The minimum penalty for parking in a 'Bus Zone' is \$265 and 2 demerit points. You can not stop here at all.



The minimum penalty for disobeying 'No Stopping' is \$265 and 2 demerit points. You can not stop here at all. Parking on nature strips is also illegal.

### Careers News

- ◆ **SWSI TAFE** has some new courses running in 2013. Check website for details or see your Careers Adviser if you are thinking of this as a future pathway.
- ◆ Year 12 students can access the UAC website at any time to gain information regarding courses and ATAR requirements for 2014. Get started early and have a realistic plan of options for your future.
- ◆ Anyone considering an apprenticeship in 2014 needs to have a white card. See your Careers Adviser for details.
- ◆ Appointments are available in the Careers Office in the library every Wednesday and Friday. Visit during morning (bring your diary) homeroom for an appointment.

Anne Weeks  
Careers Advisor

### Ash Wednesday 13 February

This week the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion Appeal. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work with local communities around the world to alleviate poverty, hunger, oppression and injustice. Each family will receive a Project Compassion box and/or a set of envelopes for their donations. You can also donate online via the website at:

[www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au).



Please put your compassion into action this Lent by supporting the Project Compassion 2013 appeal.

