On behalf of the staff of Simonds Catholic College I extend to all families a sincere welcome as we embark on the 2014 academic year. The year has started particularly well for all year levels, and our Opening School Assembly on Monday 3 February, where we welcomed eighty new Year 7 students and a handful of students in other year levels was a real highlight. At our Opening Assembly, we also welcomed back students who performed very well in their 2013 VCE results and prizes were awarded for the Dux of each VCE Subject.

Our VCE results for 2013 were both pleasing and quite impressive. The Year 12 students achieved a Median Study Score of 30 with 35% of students achieving an ATAR score higher than 80. The reality of this is, that 35% of our Year 12 students were in the top 20% in the state. I also commend teachers on their generous work with the students in achieving this fine result.

Many families have attended our respective Year Level Information Evenings where various speakers and Year Level Coordinators spoke about the forthcoming year. An area of focus at each of these evenings was in regard to a Minimum Standards and Benchmarks across all year levels in relation to attendance, uniform and academic achievement. Your support of this policy in the first few weeks of the year has been greatly appreciated with students arriving on time and wearing the uniform very well.

By now, all families should have received their copy of the 2013 College magazine – newly named The Justinian. It really is a terrific compilation of photographs and editorials that highlights the abundant co-curricular opportunities that are available to students throughout the course of a year here at Simonds Catholic College. Again, I thank Mr Bart Sanciolo for his fine work as editor of The Justinian, and also urge students to grasp these many opportunities that will arise throughout 2014. Finally, I welcome new staff to the College and hope that their time at Simonds Catholic College is professionally rewarding.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Peter Riordan
PRINCIPAL

Ms Nikki Williams  PA to the Principal
Ms Chantelle Brown  Learning Enhancement Coordinator
Mr Kevin Ladd  VCE Economics & Accounting
Mr Joshua Jennings  IT Systems Engineer
Ms Jenny Nour  Yr 7 Homeroom, Maths & Science Teacher

ENROLMENTS
We are still accepting application for Year 7, 2015.
For further information or to book a school tour please contact Nikki Williams on 9321 9206 or nwilliams@sccmelb.catholic.edu.au.
The correct wearing of uniform reflects our students’ pride in the school and is an area the boys are to be commended at this early stage of the year. Staff members have been asked to be vigilant and pay close attention to boys’ attire and to not allow anyone into class who is not wearing the uniform correctly. If your son comes to school without a part of their uniform they are to report to their Year Level Coordinator before 8.30am for a Uniform Pass.

The school uniform must be worn, correctly, be clean and in good repair. This applies from leaving home in the morning to returning in the afternoon. This helps the College set and maintain high standards and engenders pride in appearance. Each student’s appearance indicates his attitude to Simonds Catholic College. Members of the community will form opinions about the College on this basis.

- White, short sleeved shirt with school logo, or white shirt without the school emblem and school tie.
- Grey pants or grey shorts
- Shoes: black leather lace-up, with black or grey socks
- Simonds blazer
- Simonds pullover (maroon) (optional).

LOCKERS

All boys have been assigned a locker for which they must provide a suitable padlock. iPads are to be stored in their locked lockers when not in use and during recess and lunchtime. Phones must be turned off and stored in lockers during the school day.

BELL TIMES AND PUNCTUALITY

From the start of this year, each day will be a six period day. Students are advised to arrive at school by 8.25am. A warning bell will sound at 8.30am, and boys will need to be in class with their books for Periods 1 and 2 when the second bell rings at 8.35am.

Any student not in Homeroom at this time is to collect a Late Pass from the office. Period 6 ends at 3.00pm at which time boys move to Homeroom to await dismissal. Students who arrive late at the beginning of the day are to report to the Year Level Coordinator on duty in the General Purpose Room at the end of that day; these students may be detained up to 4.00pm if they arrived after the commencement of Period 1 (8.45am) and without a note from parents.
It is pleasing to see the majority of our students making the effort to be at school on time each day, and I thank parents for your continued support in this important matter.

Mrs H Koutoulogenis
Deputy Principal (Learning & Teaching) | Head of St Mary’s 7-10 Campus

The Simonds Year 12 Class of 2013 had a very successful year and on behalf of the College I wish to congratulate every student on their dedication and persistence in producing these wonderful results. Every student but one successfully attained their VCE certificate and our median VCE Study Score was again solid at 30, matching the state average. The Dux of the College for 2013 was Lakshya Tyagi, with an ATAR of 98.00. He was offered a place at Melbourne University studying science with the intention of following on with a Masters of Engineering.

With 8.8% of ATARs in the 90’s and 26.3% in the eighties, it meant that 35.1% of our students were in the top 20% of the state, allowing them access to the highest demand university courses. With another 14% in the seventies, Simonds had almost 50% of its Year 12 cohort over 70 (top 30% of the state). The fact that almost 85% of our students were placed in the top half of the state, allowing them to access University courses in 2013 is a cause for great celebration!

The most popular areas of study were Natural and Physical Sciences and Society and Culture with almost 21% of offers for each. The next most popular was Management and Commerce (14%), followed by Information Technology (11%).

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the staff for their continual hard work and tireless dedication whilst working with the boys throughout their secondary education. There is an inspiring passion to provide the best possible education to our boys and a commitment to provide opportunities for our young men to pursue excellence and success.

Mr R Anastasio
Deputy Principal (College Organisation & Senior Pathways) | Head of St Brigid’s VCE Campus
At the recent Family Mass all student leaders from Years 8-12 were presented with their leadership badges. After receiving their badges the student leaders then pledged to give their best to the school community that they were representing. I would urge all members of the school community to support these leaders and work with them as they work through the challenges that lay ahead for them in 2014.
St Brigid’s House Captains

- **Polding House**
  - Denny Truong

- **Goold House**
  - Andrew Le

- **Knox House**
  - Tai Truong

- **Mannix House**
  - Frank D’Agata

Year 11 Student Leaders

- **Johnson Luong**
  - Polding House

- **Denshan Fernando**
  - Goold House

- **Michael Au**
  - Knox House

- **Ben Netanyahu**
  - Mannix House

St Mary’s Student Leaders

- **Liturgy Captain**
  - Richard Precilla

- **Social Justice Captain**
  - Gustavo Arbizu-Duran
Due to the success of the first Trivia Night in 2013, held at St Mary’s Campus by the SRC Leadership Team at Simonds Catholic College, this year, we’re going to get bigger and better! We invite you to attend the upcoming Trivia Night on Thursday, 20 March, this time at St Brigid’s Campus Hall! All proceeds will go to Project Compassion where you will have a fun-filled night including free food and drinks, entertainment and trivia! Hope to see you there!

Date: Thursday, 20 March 2014
I am pleased to announce that the Scholtes family, who have had a very long association with Simonds Catholic College, have generously offered to provide a scholarship to a student currently enrolled at the school that will cover the total cost of school fees for 2014. Kathy and Michael Scholtes had three sons who attended Simonds Catholic College – Timothy (1995), Jerome (1998) and Dominic who was the College Captain in 2012. Mr Michael Scholtes was the recipient of the Justin Simonds Award in 2010.

Global Homework Program 2014

Years 7-12, North Melbourne Library, runs a Homework Tutoring program every Tuesday 3.30pm-5.30pm (during school term). Cost $33 per term ($23 Concession). Please contact ghp@centre.org.au or call 9328 1126

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

This is a reminder to families eligible for EMA ie. With sons under 16 years of age and parents holding a current Health Care Card that you need to submit a completed EMA Application Form by no later than Friday, 28 February 2014. We also need a copy of your Health Care Card.

A successful EMA application will entitle families to a significant reduction in school fees for 2014. If you would like a copy please contact Cindy on 9321 9200.

The Huddle - 2014

Study Support at The Huddle (204-206 Arden St, North Melbourne) has re-opened for 2014 and will continue to provide tutoring and quiet place to study for students aged 15+ from 4pm to 7pm, Monday to Thursday. Please contact Claire on 9320 1464 or email Claire.henry@nmfc.com.au for further information.

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- Scholarship Program

For further information or to book into a Talk & Tour contact Jodie McLeod on 9329 0411

Enrolments for 2015 close on February 28th, 2014

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