

The Our Lady of Sion College

Newsletter

College Theme 2018 – Rejoice in God's Love



From the Principal

Our year of celebration for our 90th anniversary culminated in a Gala Concert evening at Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University, last week. It was a fitting environment in

which to showcase the dedication, skills and talents of our students and staff, and was a spectacular evening of entertainment. I don't think anyone could forget the show-stopping performances especially of 'When You Believe'. During the evening, 350 students performed to an audience of one thousand family members, friends and staff. We enjoyed performances by our Year 7 and College Choirs and our College Vocal Ensemble, Jazz Band, String Ensembles, Orchestra, Concert Bands and our aerobics team. The evening also included public speaking and films created by our staff and students to celebrate sport, as well as the contribution and hopes for the future from the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion, College staff and students. We also enjoyed the many artworks created by our students displayed in the gallery of the theatre.

The evening was a wonderful celebration, not only of the legacy we have inherited over the last 90 years but also of the promise of a very bright and hopeful future. It was a chance to share our story – one which calls us to continue to offer the best Catholic education and the best opportunities to help our students to discover their gifts – and in turn, to truly flourish and grow as good people. Our school's story began with the needs of the young girls who became students of Our Lady of Sion College in 1928 and it continues with the students of 2018, as witnessed on the evening.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Week B

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| Mon 17 Sep | Sport, Health & PE Week

Sports Awards Night
LHC @ 7:00pm |
| Tue 18 Sep | Sport, Health & PE Week

Investiture Assembly

Student Leadership 2019 Camp |
| Wed 19 Sep | Sport, Health & PE Week

Term 2 Soiree
Miriam Theatre @ 7:00pm

Student Leadership 2019 Camp |
| Thu 20 Sep | Sport, Health & PE Week

Indigenous Immersion Trip
departs |
| Fri 21 Sep | Sport, Health & PE Week

End of Term 3 |

Week A

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| Mon 8 Oct | Term 4 commences

Mental Health Week

Unit 4 Drama Performance
Evening Miriam Theatre @ 7pm |
| Tue 9 Oct | Mental Health Week |
| Wed 10 Oct | Mental Health Week

VCE Music Recital
Miriam Theatre @ 7pm |
| Thu 11 Oct | Mental Health Week |
| Fri 12 Oct | Mental Health Week |

From the Principal...

Our 2018 College theme – *Rejoice in God's love* – was very evident on the night. We have much for which we can rejoice and thank God, for the many blessings we have experienced, blessings that come through the relationships we enjoy, and the opportunities we have to grow in faith, as people who seek to contribute positively to our world. The evening allowed us to give thanks for all with which our school has been blessed and it was fitting to conclude our celebrations where it all started – with our students.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude: for the family spirit of our Catholic and Sionian traditions; the talents, gifts and creativity of so many students and staff; and the support of our families and the broader community who contributed to making the evening a great celebration of our school. As a community, staff and students will now turn their attention to completing our 90 Deeds for 90 Years social justice project.

As we approach the end of the term, I also take this opportunity to wish our Year 12 students and those undertaking a Unit 3 and 4 subject all the very best as you prepare for the final exams next term. I encourage you to take every opportunity provided by your teachers to achieve your best.

Thank you to all staff and students for another great term. I hope the upcoming break is a safe and restful one for you and I look forward to seeing you again next term.

Tina Apostolopoulos
Principal



Deputy Principal Faith and Mission



Last week, a number of our girls in Year 10 participated in our annual Day of Dialogue. Once again, this allowed us to highlight the importance of Scripture and Dialogue that make up so much of what we value here at Our Lady of Sion College.

Day of Dialogue Reflections

On 31 August we participated in a Day of Dialogue together with four other schools: Sirius College, Mt Scopus, Catholic College Sale and Marist Sion College. As each school follows one of the three monotheistic religions, we had the chance to learn and discuss our commonalities between faiths. It was great to hear the personal perspectives of young people our age and their religions. We all had

so much fun making new friends and dispelling a lot of the misconceptions from each of our religions. **Year 10 participants**

The Day of Dialogue gave myself and my peers an appreciation for other faiths. Learning about how people live out their faith was interesting and those who took part in the day will no longer simply believe the ways in which the media portrays particular religions. The discussion not only centred around our religions and how they influence our lifestyles but also our day-to-day schedules and hobbies. Overall, I think those who participated in this day came away with memories and lessons that will help our generation to promote change, understanding and compassion for all religions. **Sophie Chan, 10 Blue**

What I most appreciated was that we were able to talk to people of the same age who share similar ideas about faith. Some of these people were Christian, like myself; however, others had different faiths and different lifestyles due to that. I really liked the moment when all the awkward barriers broke and we were able to speak freely to each other as friends. We learnt that faith doesn't separate us; rather it gives us the opportunity to share our experiences and connect with others. **Elle Beltsios, 10 Silver**

I learned and understood about how people with other religions live. Some people go through discrimination almost every day. Some were explaining how poorly they've been treated and how lucky Australia is to have such a safe and caring environment. Hearing these stories made me appreciate how lucky I am to go to a school such as Sion, where we don't face discrimination or violence due to our faith. After meeting someone who had faced that discrimination it started to affect me personally. The way they are being targeted for believing in their faith is wrong and I came away from the experience feeling more sympathetic towards them. **Tara Kiraly, 10 Gold**

I enjoyed being able to make new friends and connections with people who I may not have had the opportunity to speak to. I loved being in the company of all these new, wonderful people for the length of the day, and loved getting to know about their school, religion and themselves personally. I really appreciated and admired how they were all so open about their religion, and were happy to share the different traditions, rituals, prayers, etc., that they use throughout their lives. Day of Dialogue was such special and memorable day for all involved, and we were so upset when it ended. We all enjoyed the day so much, and felt like a massive family by the end of it! **Josie Day, 10 Purple**

I honestly wasn't expecting too much from the day. When I spoke to my friends about why I would be out of class on Friday, they didn't find it very appealing, particularly when I explained that I'd be 'talking about religion all day'. However, I enjoyed the day so much more than I thought I would and got the opportunity to talk to so many new people and gain a whole new perspective on different faiths and traditions.

It's one thing to learn about the theory in class, but a whole new experience seeing it all firsthand from people you can relate to; despite all coming from different backgrounds and faiths, it wasn't hard to find common ground. We all grew to have a genuine interest in each other and each other's faiths, which really just made the whole experience so much more worthwhile. I met so many new friends, and we all still keep in contact in a huge group chat! I'll be sure to remember this day and take the experience and message with me forever. **Aurelia Alimansjah 10 Red**



John McInerney

Deputy Principal – Faith and Mission

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Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching



I would like to acknowledge the way in which our students have continued to engage and thrive in their learning. Term 3 is typically a time during which students can feel a little more challenged as the curriculum content and the skill development required intensifies. This is not something to be feared but rather a sign that learning is happening! It is also a time of growth as these two important components continue to be enhanced in readiness for the next level of learning. Learning is a progression and I am of the firm belief that all students can learn, and equally, I believe that all students may not understand a concept or master a skill at the same time. When this does not occur and students are challenged, typically a student will respond with 'I don't get it and this is too hard'. I encourage parents to suggest to their daughter that they include one tiny word in that statement: *yet*. 'I don't get it *yet*.' A colleague who is a pastoral leader in the College recently reminded me of the work of Carol Dweck, and as I also firmly believe in paying it forward I share this with you:

www.ted.com/talks/carol_dweck_the_power_of_believing_that_you_can_improve?language=en.

Language is powerful and it is important that we empower our learners with language that is affirming; not just when the learning is easy or when they get a good mark, but also when there is challenge and even disappointment.

Year 12 Colours Awards

For our parents of Year 12 students I would again like to remind you that Colours points close on Friday 21 September. We look forward to celebrating their achievement in the Colours program on Friday 19 October at the Year 12 Graduation and students are reminded of the following key dates

Monday 8 October:	Colour points are published and available in Notre Dame for student checking
Tuesday 9 October:	Review of Points applications open
Wednesday 10 October:	Review applications close at 5pm
Friday 19 October:	Colours awarded at Year 12 Graduation

Week 1 of Term 4 is understandably a busy time for our Year 12 students but in order to avoid disappointment, I **strongly recommend** that points are checked during the time indicated above and applications for review submitted by the due date. I ask for the support of parents in gently reminding their daughters of these dates as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you well in the final weeks of Term 3 and for the term break.

Michelle Rangelov
Deputy Principal – Learning and Teaching



Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing



Alcohol and teens

While parents may have very different views about their teenagers consuming alcohol, there is plenty of evidence to suggest that it is important that parents teach teens to drink responsibly. Delaying the age at which a young person starts drinking is important, as this enables them to build sound decision-making skills before alcohol is introduced to the situation. Risk-taking behaviour will nearly always increase and the ability to evaluate the likely consequences of actions is reduced when alcohol is consumed.

It is vital that parents communicate their expectations about alcohol consumption and the consequences if rules are broken. Alcohol consumption is usually promoted in a positive light by advertisers, and parents can have a difficult time reducing their child's exposure to this. It is important that parents take control over what they can and that they do not provide their underaged teen with alcohol, nor allow underage drinking at parties that they host.

Parents need to resist the pressure that says a 'dry' 16th birthday party will be a flop. Having underage drinking happening in your home or at a hired venue opens parents up to huge legal liabilities if someone gets hurt. If you are having a party, make sure that there is plenty of supervision as unmonitored teens tend to drink more. It is also important to abide by school expectations in regards to drinking before an event, this includes a celebratory champagne before the formal, as staff will not take duty of care for any student that they suspect of having consumed alcohol.

If your daughter is going to a party, it is also important to let the parents who are hosting the event know your expectations and that under no circumstances is your child to be supplied with alcohol. Conversely, teens and their friends should also know that if too much alcohol is consumed at a party it is still OK to call home and ask to be picked up – a difficult balancing act for parents between expectations and care when a poor decision is made.

To ensure that conversations about alcohol consumption say positive:

- take the time to share your concerns before you are asked to make decisions
- start the conversation early, Year 7 is not too young
- be a positive role model in your own consumption of alcohol
- listen to what they have to say and don't interrupt; you can try checking that you heard correctly by repeating key points back to them
- pick the right time to talk about the topic
- if something happens and they are drunk or they have broken your agreed rules, leave the discussion until an appropriate time after the event.

The College teaches students about risks around alcohol consumption as this is an important part of our Pastoral Care and Health programs. We want to enable your child to make informed and healthy choices about such matters. If you have concerns about this issue, parents/guardians are welcome to call the College counsellor or myself at the College.

Change Over to Summer Uniform

From the beginning of Term 4, students should be wearing the summer academic uniform to and from school. **Parents/guardians and students are reminded that this includes wearing the College hat.** Please ensure that all items of uniform are in a presentable state and that the school dress is worn at the knee and no higher. I ask that shorter dresses are lengthened over the holidays and students return to school in Term 4 with alterations already made to the uniform.

Students are also reminded that the College blazer is the outer garment of the uniform when travelling to and from school. On particularly hot days, College staff will let students know if it is a blazer-free day.

Queries should initially be directed to your daughter's Homeroom teacher.

Christine Kralj
Deputy Principal – Student Wellbeing

Year Level News



Year 7

Though the holidays are often an exciting time, filled with opportunities to spend time with families and friends, it is also an important opportunity for students to rest and relax. While students may have some homework, to help them revise and retain important information for the skills that will be built upon in Term 4, it is important for them to take time out as well. Taking time to rest and relax over the holidays will give students the time to recharge themselves, so that they come back for Term 4 refreshed and ready for its challenges and learning opportunities. Term 4 will be a busy one as well, so please encourage your daughter to find a balance between schoolwork, socialising and taking time out over the break.

The students have also been asked to ensure that they do try on their summer uniforms over the break to ensure that it meets the expectations on the first day back. Dress length can be an issue in Term 4, as the students have all grown in height over Terms 2 and 3, and a dress that previously had met the expectations for length now may not! We appreciate your assistance in helping the students to wear their uniform with pride.

Wishing all families a safe and happy break,

Brianah Walsh
Year 7 Coordinator



Year 8

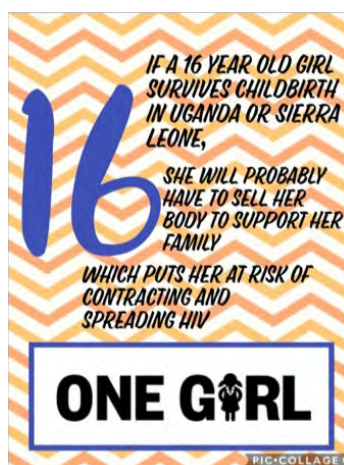
The Year 8s have been busy planning and arranging events for the last week of term for our One Girl initiative. This social justice project was founded last year and the Year 8s this year have taken it to the next level with their enthusiasm and commitment to justice for others. The One Girl Foundation helps to support and educate young girls in Sierra Leone and Uganda. The Year 8s have had a speaker from One Girl Foundation come and share the stories of the girls whose lives have been changed by the work and support of One Girl. After this talk the Year 8s have been inspired to spread the word to the Sion community and try to raise some funds to help educate a girl.

Some of the activities and initiatives that will be run next week are:

- Talent show
- Bake sale
- Wearing an orange ribbon in support of One Girl and girls' education
- Sponsoring a Teacher in staff vs student matches
- Do it in a Dress initiative
- Education poster campaign

Well done to the Year 8s who have participated in this project and good luck for next week!

Michelle Rudd
Year 8 Coordinator



Year Level News



Year 9

Over the last few weeks the students in the Ayin Program have been focusing on the World of Work unit. Throughout this unit, students have learnt how to apply for casual jobs, prepare a job application and portfolio, attended a session on professional presentation and developed job interview skills. All this work led up to their 'mock job interview', where a number of parents conducted interviews for the students. For a number of students it was a very exciting, nerve racking and enriching experience. We are hopeful that these skills can be taken out of

school and put to practical use as students begin looking for part-time work.

Thank you to Rick Sherwin, Carl Pallegirino, Michelle Strong, David Horn, Fiona Thompson, Paul Burke, Dina Stylliano, Paul Saunders, Vicki Napier and Melissa Baker for their assistance on the day.

Jac Canning, Year 9 Coordinator



Year 11

With just over a week until the holiday break, we have been working with your daughters to normalise the feelings of exhaustion or slight drop in motivation. We have encouraged them to support each other and look at different ways that work for them individually to cope when experiencing these feelings. I thank you and continue to ask that you remind your daughters to seek out additional support where needed. I have seen some real success and improvement with students who have sought out that support.

In pastoral on Tuesday, it was great to get out in the sun and fresh air, and we had a Homeroom dodgeball tournament. We emphasised the importance of being present and the importance of being able to switch off and take a break; to relax, to laugh, to rest. Congratulations to our winning homeroom – Purple.

Lastly, I wish all the Year 11s and their families a safe and happy break. I look forward to the home stretch Term 4 will bring in preparing your daughters for their transition into Year 12.

Lauren Amalfi
Year 11 Coordinator



Year Level News



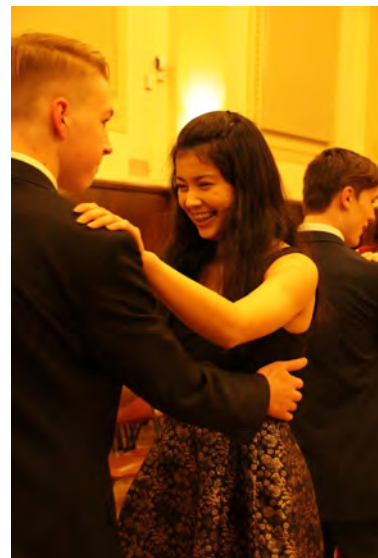
Year 10

This week the Year 10 community celebrated the culmination of nine weeks of dance classes with a display at the Presentation Evening with Whitefriars College. This program has been an immense success and I commend both the girls and the boys on the way they have approached classes and the presentation night with such energy and enthusiasm. There are many who participated in making the program a success: the Sion homeroom teachers and staff who supported our weekly rehearsals, and the myriad of staff who supported the final evening with setup, catering assistance and supervision of students.

During pastoral this week, the homerooms challenged each other in the Lip Sync battle, won by 10 Blue in a very close contest.

This term has been extremely busy time for our students and staff. I wish the girls a restful and relaxed break and hope they come back refreshed for the challenges of Term 4. Once again I would like to thank parents for their continued support of their daughters and the school and look forward to working with you next term.

Paul Kerr
Year 10 Coordinator



Year Level News



Year 12

For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare ... to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.
(Jeremiah 29: 11–12)

This time of the Year 12 journey can be complicated for students and families, and on Tuesday we explored what we can control, what stress is all about and most importantly what we can do as individuals and as a collective group to ensure that we further develop our skills to ensure that we have success.

Stress is a normal part of life; it ensures that we can achieve tasks to the best of our ability. We all experience stress on a day to day basis and it is normal.

Simple steps like asking for help, not procrastinating and having a positive attitude are all small areas that can help us work through our day-to-day stress.

'Controlling our controllables' is an area that we can all focus on positively. We need to acknowledge that there are certain things we cannot control and that we let go and not worry about those things. This allows us to spend our time and energy on those things that we can control.

Some things that we cannot control are:

- how others treat me
- past mistakes
- someone else's decisions
- others being kind
- others asking for help.

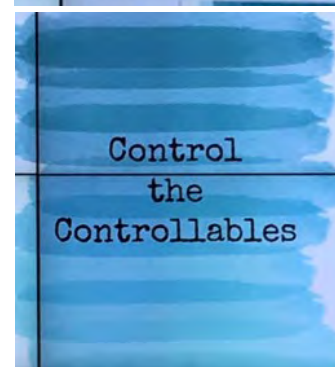
Things that we can control, that can make a positive difference each day, include:

- doing my homework
- being kind
- how I respond to challenges
- forgiving
- doing my chores
- working hard
- how I respond to others.

While doing some reading earlier this week I came across the following calendar that is targeted toward the month of September, but it could be any month and I would argue should be every month. I hope this might help you to ensure that you see yourself as being important, loved and cared for.

On behalf of the Year 12 Pastoral team we wish all members of the Year 12 community a safe and supportive end to Term 3 and term break.

Adam Rieusset
Year 12 Coordinator



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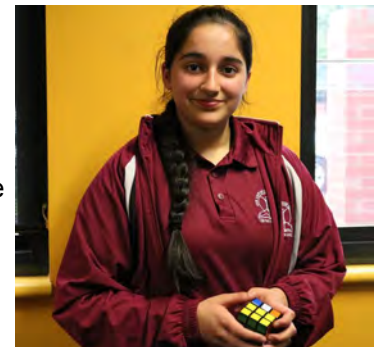
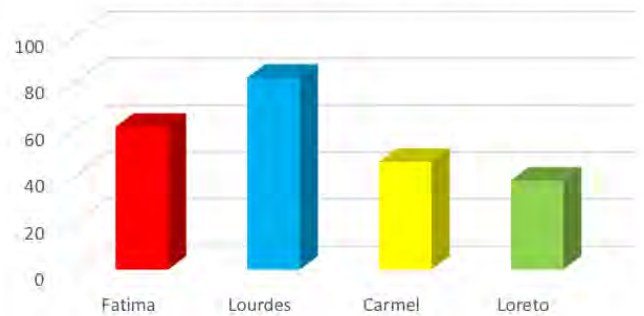


Mathematics

House Mathematics Competition

On Wednesday 29 August approximately 90 eager students competed in the House Mathematics Competition. Students attempted a range of problems of varying themes and difficulty. It was great to see the classrooms buzzing with mental energy and concentration for the entire lunchtime. This year, we also had a Rubik's cube challenge. Congratulations to Pavit Kalsi who was the Rubik's cube winner and to Lourdes House who are the 2018 champions!

2018 House Maths Competition



The Australian Mathematics Competition

In July, 150 students took up the opportunity to challenge and extend themselves in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Congratulations to the following students who were our top achievers:

- Year 7 – Rhylee Farrell, Akshita Gupta, Ella Curry
- Year 8 – Ellen Thomas, Rose Lim, Caitlin Gorry, Evelyn Wu, Mia Maguire, Holly Richmond, Jessica Zou, Bella Chan, Georgia Whiting and Sarah Zhang
- Year 9 – Hanna Gassmann, Annie Squires, Madeline Ballingall and Heather Divens
- Year 10 – Nicola Gaudion, Jenna Hart and Clarissa Luo
- Year 11 – Ella Hartman

Helen Mulvogue
Mathematics Learning Leader

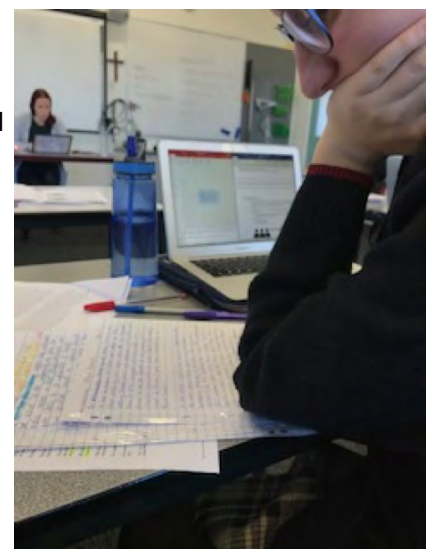
IN THE ARTS CLASSROOM

Unit 4 Media

Throughout the term we have begun the process for our final film production. Although the process has been extensive, I have gained a greater respect and subsequent passion for the art of filmmaking. Going through the production process has allowed me to understand in depth a vast range of techniques and abilities that are required to create an engaging production.

One of the most interesting pieces of knowledge I learned over my time of filming was how determination and passion for the art can influence the entire project. If you love what you do, you are more inclined to carry out the action with positivity and reach the goals you have set yourself, producing a high-quality media product. Learning about all the factors that can alter the mood or tone of a film has been extremely insightful. This includes how lighting, sound effects, song and camera techniques are used. Returning to our media class, we have been given time to edit our work digitally; this process is essential to transform a range of fragmented footage to a fluid and successful production.

We have also begun our new topic of 'Agency and Control', a very interesting topic as we explore the extent to which the media has an influence on its audiences. We are a part of a society run by technology and social media; therefore, we have urgency to understand how we are able to manipulate or are potentially being manipulated by a range of media platforms such as social media, propaganda, radio, film and television, print and everyday news. Ultimately, this has allowed my class and me to determine and educate others on what we have learnt and hopefully inspire them not to be influenced by media sources or second-hand information, but rather, to create their own opinions of the world by engaging with information from a wide variety of reliable media sources.



Amy Rowe, 12 Purple

The Arts News



Music



We have had an exceptionally busy and highly rewarding term in the instrumental music department. Term 3 is the busiest term for music departments throughout Melbourne, as it is also the term for many of the major music festivals and eisteddfods.

Our Intermediate Concert Band and Senior Concert Band both performed at the Victorian Schools Music Festival in August. We were so proud of their exceptional performances, with the Intermediate Band achieving a silver award and the Senior Band achieving a gold award.

Earlier in August the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Club also joined the Plan B Big Band to perform a night of jazz at the Box Hill RSL. This was a fabulous opportunity for our girls to share music-making with accomplished jazz musicians from the Melbourne music community and to see what performing opportunities they could consider being a part of for a musical life beyond their school years.

Of course, there was also the 90th Anniversary Gala Concert performance at Monash University that showcased all of our wonderful musicians at Sion. Well done for a fabulous term of music-making!

Joanne Heaton
Director of Bands



Drama

In Week 9 we celebrated Drama Week with a whole host of fun activities! *Mamma Mia* was showing in the Miriam Theatre and the seats were packed with girls singing along to ABBA songs. On Monday, we had a staff versus students Theatre Sports match. The students and the staff had the audience in stitches with some fantastic characters and scenes presented. It was a close competition but the staff were victorious in the end. On Friday, we added a never before see event called the Tri-act-a-thon bringing together four teams competing in three Drama themed games. The week has been a wonderful celebration of the strong Performing Arts culture that we have at the College and our many creative and talented girls. Thank you to the

Drama Team for all of their assistance in creating a fabulous program of events; Monisha Inserra, our fantastic Drama Captain, for her brilliant leadership and innovative ideas; and the Drama Representative team for their support throughout the week and in the lead up.

On Monday evening, the Unit 4 Drama class performed their solo pieces to the community. These pieces will be performed early Term 4 to a set of VCAA assessors in October under exam conditions. All of these students are to be commended on their fine performance work and we wish them well for their upcoming performance examinations.

On Friday 7 September, the Year 10 and 11 Drama classes attended a professional Drama Performance in Carlton. It was an after-hours excursion and we all caught the train together into the city before seeing a one-woman show called *Echo*. The performance was highly non-naturalistic, using movement, storytelling and symbolism. It was a very different performance style for many of the students and has provided opportunity for reflection and discussion in the lead-up to their formal analysis of the performance. Thank you to all the Year 10 and 11 girls for embracing this opportunity and for your excellent conduct and participation in the after show forum with Lola Howard the performer.

The Drama Team



Sports News



GSV Championship Track and Field Team



Weekly Sport Results

Senior

Badminton – A Grade: Sion (1/2/190) def by Korowa (3/6/214)

Soccer – Sion (2) def Loreto (0)

Volleyball – Sion (0–42) def by PLC (3–75)

Intermediate

Soccer – Sion (4) def Fintona (0)

Volleyball – A Grade: Sion (2–99) def by Toorak College (3–105)

B Grade: Sion (3–75) def Toorak College (0–60)

C Grade: Sion (3–107) def Toorak College (2–111)

Junior

Badminton – A Grade: Sion (2/6/325) def by Genazzano (2/6/326)

B Grade: Sion (2/5/267) def Genazzano (2/5/266)

Soccer – A Grade: Sion (0) def by Camberwell (5)

B Grade: Sion (3) def Camberwell (0)

Volleyball – A Grade: Sion (0–49) def by Ivanhoe (3–76)

B Grade: Sion (1–55) def by Ivanhoe (3–98)

C Grade: Sion (3–89) def Ivanhoe (1–74)



Lacrosse

On Friday 7 September we were lucky enough to have four teams participate in the annual SCSA lacrosse competition in Altona. This day is always a great opportunity for the girls to continue to develop their lacrosse skills and have a day of fun, playing a sport that not many girls have had the opportunity to play. The end of day results proved just how hard our girls worked and how much they enjoyed playing. The Junior A team put in an amazing effort, finishing fourth in their division, with the Junior B team finishing seventh. Both Senior teams played off in finals and the A team came out on top, finishing third in the Senior division, while the B team finished sixth. Overall it was great to see so much encouragement and success during the day!

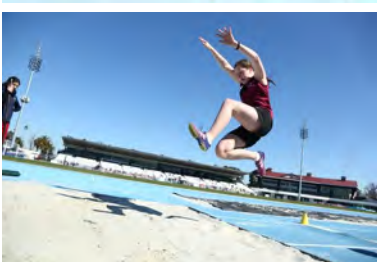
Monique Turner, Lacrosse Captain

GSV Championship Track and Field Event

On 29 August, the Athletics squad competed at the last GSV Athletics carnival for this year. It was an amazing competition with everyone trying their best, their combined efforts contributing to our best result yet in the GSV Track and Field season, coming Runners-up in Division 3! It was a close competition between Sion, Siena, and St Margaret's for the top three placings, with St Margaret's winning the day, but not by much. A huge congratulations to the Intermediate team who came first in their age group, and also to the Junior and Senior teams who both placed third. Also, good luck to the girls competing on Tuesday Night in the GSV Finals evening, congratulations on qualifying and we wish you the best!

Hannah Shanley, Athletics Captain

Katrina Gurciullo
Sports Coordinator



Sports Star of the Week

Hannah Shanley of Year 12 is our Sports Star of the Week. Hannah has been outstanding in her role as Track and Field Captain and has shown a huge level of commitment and dedication with regards to training, competitions and developing younger students. Hannah's leadership skills have grown substantially over the past two years and she has achieved great success in her Athletic pursuits. Hannah also recently participated in the SCSA Lacrosse tournament and excelled as a part of the Senior A team. Congratulations Hannah!



House News



Table Tennis

The Table Tennis competition took place for Years 7 and 8 on Thursday 6 September and Years 9–12 on Friday 7 September. This was a really fun event where students had five-minute round robin matches and played other Houses in a friendly competition! A huge thank you to the wonderful House Captains for running the events and Ms Sherine Baydoun who facilitated the Senior Table Tennis Competition.

Results

Juniors

- 1 Fatima
- 2 Lourdes
- 3 Loreto
- 4 Carmel

Seniors

- 1 Lourdes
- 2 Fatima
- 3 Loreto
- 4 Carmel

House Cup

Thank you for another wonderful year of House-based activities! The 2018 House Cup was awarded on Tuesday 11 September in the LHC. This previous year of events was truly amazing and celebrated the College's 90th year with flair and plenty of friendly competition. A huge thank you to all staff and students who helped with every event. It has been an honour playing a role in the organisation of these events, which bring so much life and colour to the College.

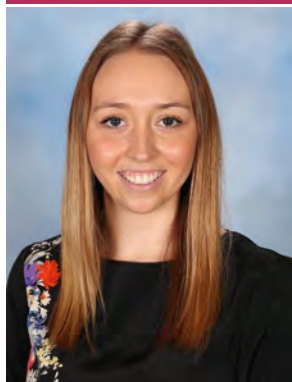
FINAL SCORES

Fatima	2725 points
Lourdes	2575 points
Loreto	2450 points
Carmel	2375 points

Siobhan Taylor
House Coordinator



Parent Notices



Rebecca Bennett
Social Justice Coordinator

Social Justice and Sport Combined

Relay for Life

From the afternoon of Saturday 8 September till midday of Sunday 9 September, girls from all year levels gathered at Doncaster Athletics Track for the Manningham Relay for Life to raise vital funds for the Cancer Council and its services. Along with running and walking, there were so many other activities to participate in, such as lip-sync battle performances, live music, sumo wrestling, tai chi, belly dancing and the (not-so) silent disco.

At 8 pm on Saturday Night, the relay stopped for 20 minutes for a candlelit ceremony. The moving ceremony gave relayers the opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of someone who has passed away from cancer or who is currently battling cancer. The candles burnt throughout the night, to remind us why we were doing the relay and to have hope for the future.

Overall, the experience from the whole event was a fantastic way for all of us to get involved in the community and raise money for those who need it but also allowing students to share so many memories and laughs! A special thank you must go to all the different staff members who stayed overnight or dropped in for a little bit, giving us all the opportunity to participate.

Anna Kipping, 12 White

The Relay for Life was one of the most amazing experiences I've had this past year. Everyone who participated had a reason to be there and it was fantastic to see so many brave faces. Seeing so many people there just to help raise money for all those affected by cancer was truly amazing. The day was certainly filled with very memorable moments. One of the highlights was dancing around the track along with students and staff, just singing our lungs out. I can certainly say that over this past weekend the girls that participated have made very great memories that they will treasure for a long time.

Georgia Drake, 11 Blue

Our weekend completing the Manningham Relay for Life was an amazingly touching and rewarding experience. The sense of community and unity among our team was so powerful and really made for a wonderful 20 hours. Despite most of us being deliriously tired, our singing and continuous energy powered us on through the weekend. Thank you to all of the staff and students who made it possible, I couldn't feel more grateful to have worked with you all for such a worthy cause.

Mia Blezard, 11 Blue

Katrina Gurciullo
Sports Coordinator

Thank you to all students and staff involved, as well as parents and members of the community who come along to support the team or donated. The Our Lady of Sion College Relay Team raised over \$5500 for Cancer Council Australia and will also be making a donation to Caritas Christi to support the work they do locally to support families during the final stages of terminal cancer.



**Celebrate.
Remember.
Fight Back.**



Parent News



Learning Resource Centre

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge finished on Friday 7 September. After verification of books logged by students, the final outcome was 26 students across four year levels finishing the reading challenge for 2018.

Well done and congratulations to all the students that participated, regardless if you read the full 15 books or not. It is a huge effort to read a set amount of books in between school, co-curricular activities, and everyday life!

Year 7

Amelia Faulisi – 41
Erin Kavanagh – 20
Emilia Rottura – 18
Taline Gaudion – 18
Charlotte Scida – 17
Sofia Floratos – 17
Ella Curry – 15

Year 9

Annie Squires – 22
Keely O'Shannessy – 20
Jordan Berns – 19

Year 10

Sophie Chan – 42
Kiara Fonseca – 17
Fiona McAuley – 15

Year 8

Pavit Kalsi – 80
Bella Chan – 50
Rebecca Ting – 35
Jasmine Farini – 33
Isabelle Athey – 30
Jordan Sistanis – 19
Jasmine Theuma – 19
Natasha Godino – 18
Emma Quinlan – 17
Caitlin Gorry – 17
Maya Meehan – 16
Sienna Shacklock – 15
Yasmine Buultjens – 15



Talei Valucava
College Librarian

From the Careers Room

Success isn't about how much money you make, it's about the difference you make in people's lives.

Michelle Obama



Students and families can find the fortnightly Careers newsletter at www.olsccareers.com/?page=newsletter. In this fortnight's newsletter there is information relating to:

- * Upcoming events – Choose Clever workshops, La Trobe University – Bendigo campus talk and tour
- * Career in the Spotlight – Public Relations
- * Things to Consider – VTAC key dates, Alternative Schoolies program for Year 12 students
- * One for the diary – Deakin University: Step on Campus, ACU: Talk with teachers, RSPCA holiday program
- * Research ideas – Federation University – Berwick campus, RMIT Accommodation.

Brooke O'Hara
Careers and Pathways Counsellor

Our Lady of Sion College

Creative Arts Week



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Opening Celebration Gala
Tuesday 23rd October starting 5pm
Miriam Theatre, Our Lady of Sion College
1065 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

Exhibition of final VCE pieces:

Art installations, Media Screenings,
Studio Arts Catwalk & Visual Communication Displays
as well as galleries of Year 7-10 Visual Art Pieces



Featuring:

Music & Drama performances,
Guided gallery tours & finger food
prepared by food technology students.

Artwork by: Molly McDonald and Miss Natasha Borg