



#### From the Principal

#### **Foundation Day**

On Friday 17 November we celebrated the anniversary of the arrival of the founding Christian Brothers on 18 November 1868. We marked the occasion with a luncheon at the College to acknowledge the work and commitment of the Christian Brothers to education in Australia. It was a lovely occasion, and we had a number of former Parade College Principals in attendance.

Ms Philomena Billington, President of the Trustees of Edmund Rice Education Australia, was the guest speaker at the luncheon. Br Gerard Brady, Oceania Province Leader of the Christian Brothers, spoke on behalf of the Christian Brothers.

#### Advent

As we approach the end of November, we are close to Advent, the season in which Christians wait and prepare for the celebration that commemorates the birth of Jesus Christ.

The College commences our observance of Advent with our annual *Christmas Carols Under the Cross* in the Rivergum Theatre on Wednesday 29 November.

## Calls for Expressions of Interest to Join the School Advisory Council

The College is wanting to hear from parents and community members interested in joining the School Advisory Council. Further information is available in the advertisement on page 2 of this *Newsletter*.

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## Parents of Parade Annual General Meeting and POP Mega Raffle

The Parents of Parade AGM was held at the College last Wednesday 15 November. A sincere thank you to the parents and carers on the team this year and to the Office Bearers for their contribution and support in these roles over a number of years:

Flavio Cosmelli	President	4 years
Trish Bennett	Secretary	1 year
Linh Premoselli	Treasurer	4 years
Corinne Wyner	Communications Officer	1 year

Flavio has also driven a number of initiatives, and we look forward to new ideas and opportunities in 2024.

The Office Bearers for 2024 were also voted in at the AGM. Congratulations to the following parents:

Bethany Henry	President
Trish Bennett	Secretary
Steven Drazic	Treasurer
Jerry Papaluca	Communications Officer

A reminder that tickets for the Mega Raffle are still available via <u>https://rafflelink.com.au/pop-mega-raffle-2023</u>. This is the POP major fundraiser. The prizes will be drawn on Thursday 30 November.

#### Preparing for 2024

Our students have been involved in a variety of camps and commencement programs and classes for 2024 this week. We wish all our students every success in these programs, prior to the conclusion of the academic year.

Mr Mark Aiello Principal



Tickets On Sale Now Winners to be drawn on 30 November 2023

\$10 per ticket - the more you buy the cheaper the ticket!!!

## 14 Prizes including 1st Prize: 2024 Tuition Fees for one child

Enter Here: https://rafflelink.com.au/pop-mega-raffle-2023

Parents of Parade proudly supporting Eddies Brekky Van





# Call for Expression of Interest to join the College Advisory Council

Parade College is a member of the national body of Catholic schools known as Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA). Parade College, in common with these schools, takes its inspiration from Br Edmund Rice, founder of the Christian Brothers. The values of the College are enshrined in the Charter for Edmund Rice Schools, and in the College Mission Statement.

The College aims to help our students grow into well rounded individuals who will make a meaningful contribution to society. In a vibrant learning community, students are encouraged to explore and develop their talents to the fullest and aim for excellence in all endeavours.

Those appointed to EREA School Advisory Councils are highly committed and motivated persons, who are able to work effectively as part of a team. Appointees are provided with a range of supportive processes and materials and will be required to participate in an Induction Program for new Advisory Council Members.

Positions on the Parade College School Advisory Council will become vacant in 2024, and expressions of interest are invited from suitably qualified members of the Parade community with particular skill sets, eg; Strategic Planning, Risk & Compliance, Child Safety, Finance, Legal Expertise, or Marketing

> Further information can be obtained by writing to Mr Mark Aiello principal@parade.vic.edu.au





#### From the Director of Music

#### **Christmas Carols 'Under the Cross'**

The annual Christmas Carols 'Under the Cross' is one of the biggest events on the Music calendar and marks the culmination of an entire year's work for the Music students. This year's concert will take place on Wednesday 29 November at the Rivergum Theatre, 7.00pm.

Tickets are selling fast, with all proceeds going to the Comboni Sisters Nazara Hospital, Parade's current partner charity. Tickets can be purchased by visiting: <u>https://</u> <u>events.humanitix.com/christmas-carols-under-the-cross-</u> <u>m285l174</u>

The invitation is open to all families and friends in our Parade College community to join us and celebrate the musical achievements of our students throughout the past year. There may even be a special guest appearance by Student Santa!

#### **2024 Instrumental Music Enrolments**

Instrumental music enrolments for 2024 are now open, and we encourage students from all year levels to sign up. The College offers tuition on a range of instruments, including guitar, piano, woodwind, and brass, in both individual and small group lessons.

Learning an instrument is a fantastic way for students to immerse themselves in College life and make new friends along the way as part of their individual ensemble. Research has also shown it is a fantastic way to strengthen memory and literacy skills and enhance overall mental health and wellbeing.

The enrolment form can be accessed via the College website by following these steps: Education --> Music --> Instrumental Lesson Booking Form.

Students interested in learning more about the program can watch the Meet the Teacher videos and instrument demonstrations located on the Parade College Music website.

A reminder to all families currently enrolled in the Instrumental

Music Program that there is no need to re-enrol your son in instrumental music lessons for 2024.

As per the instrumental music enrolment conditions stipulated in the Instrumental Music Handbook, enrolment lasts for the duration of your son's time at the College.

More in-depth information regarding the Instrumental Music Program can be found in the Instrumental Music Handbook on the College website.

#### 2024 Instrumental Music Scholarships

The Music Department is pleased to confirm that Instrumental Music Tuition Scholarships will once again be offered in 2024 to enhance the development of eager music students.

The Music Scholarship is designed to nurture, encourage, and foster a love of music in young musicians and will be awarded to the candidate who best demonstrates exceptional musical ability and potential.

To apply for a Parade College Music Scholarship, please complete the digital application form by 11.59pm on Friday 16 February 2024. The application form is accessible via the College website by clicking on Education > Scholarships at Parade College.

Please note that scholarships are only awarded for instruments that are offered for tuition at Parade College.

Ms Melissa Calia Director of Music





#### From the Business Manager

#### 6% Discount Offer for 2024 Tuition Charges

Invoices for 2024 were issued in early November 2023. If you have not received your invoice for 2024 fees, please contact the office immediately.

A discount of 6% off tuition fees is offered until December 8. Please contact Ms Emily Hosking on 9468-3327 or via <u>fees@parade.vic.edu.au</u> to take advantage.

#### **Payment Authority**

Families are reminded that any Direct Debit payment authorities for 2023 will remain in place unless we are advised otherwise. Payments will be updated for the current balance outstanding.

Families need to check their bank accounts to ensure that any existing arrangements have rolled over for 2024. If you are a new family or do not have a Direct Debit payment authority in place, please return your form immediately.

If you would like to discuss other options available regarding the payment of fees, please call Ms Emily Hosking on 9468 3327 or email to <u>fees@parade.vic.edu.au</u>

#### **Approved Payment Plans**

Families who do not have an existing approved active payment arrangement are required to finalise any 'Brought Forward' outstanding balance immediately.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty meeting your fee obligations or need some assistance with setting up your payment plan, please contact Ms Emily Hosking at 9468 3327 or via fees@parade.vic.edu.au.

#### **Charter Bus**

Students travelling by charter bus in 2024 have been allocated a seat and billed for 2024, unless we have been advised otherwise. Please note that a one terms notice is required to cancel use of this service. Families who no longer wish to use the service are required to forward a cancellation request to <u>transport@parade.vic.edu.au</u> or via letter addressed to Mr Anthony Glatzel, Logistics Coordinator.

#### **Finance Committee Members**

The College Finance Committee is looking for potential members for 2024. If you are interested in joining or would like to know more, please contact the Business Manager, Mr Paul Harris, at 9468 3309 or via <u>paul.harris@parade.vic.edu.au.</u>

Mr Paul Harris Business Manager



#### From the Property Manager

#### **Clearing Lockers**

All parents and carers please note that students at both Bundoora and Preston have been advised that they must clear their lockers by Friday 1 December and they will need to take their padlocks home with them.

We would appreciate parents and carers reminding their sons that they need to do this.

All lockers will be cleaned on Monday 4 December, and any items left in lockers will be discarded. The College cannot take any responsibility for missing items or locks left in or on the lockers after school finishes.

Mr Mario Camilleri Property Manager



#### Calendar

The following important dates in the College calendar can also be found on our website under the 'News' tab 27 November **Finance Committee Meeting** 28 November Homework Club 29 November Carols Under The Cross Concert Year 9 ExCEL Orientation Day Homework Club 30 November Christmas Party for the Elderly 1 December Year Level Liturgies Term 4 Ends 3 December 1st Sunday of Advent 2024 Year 7 Orientation Day 5 December 6 December **OPA** Committee Christmas Dinner Preston Campus Reception Closes 8 December 10 December 2nd Sunday of Advent 11 December VCE Results Released 13 December **EREA Offices Close OPA Monthly Luncheon** 15 December Bundoora Reception Closes 12.00pm 25 December Christmas Day 26 December Boxing Day 1 December New Years Day 15 January **Bundoora Reception Opens EREA National Student Leaders Forum** 15-20 January 24-25 January Laptop Collection 26 January Australia Day Public Holiday Finance Committee Meeting 29 January **Preston Receptions Opens** 30 January 31 January Year 12 La Trobe University Excursion 1 February Year 7, 11 and 12 students commence All students commence 2 February 8 February Preston Photo Day Bundoora Photo Day 9 February Shrove Tuesday 13 February Ash Wednesday 14 February

- 24 February \* POP Scone Making Day
- 25 February \* Open Day
- 26 February \* OPA Bike Ride

#### ACADEMY UNIFORMS

238 Wolseley Place

Thomastown

9460 8011

9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday

9.00am to 12 Noon Saturday

North of the Yarra School Booksellers 52-56 Strathallan Road Macleod 9458 4749





#### From the Assistant Principal - Teaching & Learning

Congratulations to all our students for successfully completing the 2023 academic year and their recent examinations. I would also like to express my appreciation for the support our families and teachers have provided our students throughout the year.

Your efforts, words of encouragement, and advice have been instrumental in guiding our students during times of challenge. In so many ways, our College theme, "*Walking Together: Relationships, Respect, Resilience,*" has proven to be crucial in helping our students with their learning.

#### 2024 Commencement Classes

As we begin commencement classes for 2024, it is essential that all students continuing at Parade attend school until the year's end.

We understand that elective choices are important, and we have made it our focus to accommodate them to the maximum extent possible while ensuring a balanced number of students in each class. Please note that, other than for compelling cases, no further changes will be possible.

#### JacPLUS - Jacaranda e-Textbook Bundle for 2024, Year 8 to 10

A reminder to families about the importance of the Jacaranda Digital Bundle for supporting your son's learning in 2024. For those families who have yet to subscribe, we kindly request that you ensure the necessary payment is made at your earliest convenience.

Details on how to make the payment were emailed to families on 11 September. For more information about Jacaranda's Digital Bundle or assistance, please contact Jacaranda at <u>support@jacplus.com.au</u> or by phone at 1800 522 758. Alternatively, you can reach out to Stavroula Tsembas, Dean of Digital Learning.

Mr Maurice Petruccelli Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning



# From the Curriculum and Innovation Leader

#### Year 9 2024 ExCEL Orientation Day

Year 9 2024 Early Commencement ExCEL Orientation Day will take place on Wednesday 29 November. All current 2023 Year 8 students will participate in this special commencement program.

This one-day compulsory event is designed to support your son's participation in the Year 9 ExCEL program in 2024. Please note that there will not be an alternative program to the ExCEL Orientation Day.

The day will commence at the Bundoora Campus after Tutor Group and involve supervised travel on public transport either to or from the CBD via the Preston Campus.

Please note that all students are required to have a valid Myki ticket with sufficient funds for travel and packed food and drink for recess and lunch.

At the end of this day, all students will return to the Bundoora Campus with staff for dismissal by 3.15pm.

Families are asked to complete the relevant permission on PAM so that their son may attend on the day.

#### Ms Janette Berglez Curriculum and Innovation Leader





#### From the Dean of Learning - Years 10 to 12

#### **VCE Results**

To our 2023 Year 12 class, we would like to remind you that VCE results will be released by VCAA at 7.00am on Monday 11 December. You can find details on obtaining results on the back page of the VCAA Navigator 2023, which all students received, as well as online.

The College will also be offering career counselling support from Monday 11 to 13 December and wellbeing support until Tuesday 12 December.

## Year 12 2024 VCE and VCE VM Day at La Trobe University

All Year 12 students will launch into their 2024 school year with a fantastic opening day at La Trobe University on Wednesday 31 January.

Guest presenters, past students, and staff from both La Trobe University and Parade will run a day that caters to all students in the Parade Class of 2024.

This is a compulsory event for all Year 12 students with the correct summer school uniform to be worn. Students will need to make their own way to La Trobe University and morning tea and lunch will be supplied.

We see this as a fantastic way to kick start this important year of schooling.

More information will be sent to families regarding details, as well as a map of where the boys are to meet.

*Mr Paul Fahey Dean of Learning - Years 10 to 12* 



#### Careers @ Parade

#### Year 10 Work Experience

Congratulations to our Year 10 students who recently completed their Work Experience Week. The program provides students with a unique opportunity to gain firsthand insight into various professions.

Throughout the week, our Year 10 students demonstrated enthusiasm, flexibility, and a strong work ethic. We received positive feedback from several employers, praising our students for their dedication and willingness to participate in various tasks.

Work Experience not only exposes students to potential career paths but also helps them develop essential skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving.

We would like to express our thanks to the businesses and organisations that hosted our students during Work Experience Week. We appreciate the time and effort you have dedicated to providing them with a meaningful experience.

To the Year 10 students, we commend you for embracing the opportunity with positivity and enthusiasm. Your commitment has not gone unnoticed, and teachers who visited or called your employer were "blown away" by the feedback.

Well done, and congratulations for completing this program. We hope that it has provided you with valuable information regarding your career pathway.

Mrs Liz Bult Careers Leader





#### From the Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing

## School TV Special Report: Gambling and Young People

With the extended break on the horizon, we wanted to share some resources with families regarding online use. We know that there is an increase in online use around holiday times, especially during the large Christmas break.

School TV has shared a report around gambling, which research shows is on the rise among teenagers, with gambling companies specifically targeting our young people through their online content.

School TV, along with Child and Adolescent Psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, have released a special report to help parents speak through online gambling with their students, so please see below.

Dean of Child Safety Paola Fornito has also put together a list of resources to assist parents in knowing what is happening more broadly online for our young people.

We hope all of these resources assist parents, carers, and families as they navigate through the holidays and beyond.

We wish all of our families and students a happy and holy Christmas, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in 2024.

#### **Gambling and Young People**

Today's generation of children and adolescents faces a unique and concerning environment regarding gambling. They are growing up in a digital age characterised by constant connectivity, where the gambling industry has evolved significantly during their formative years.

With smartphones and social media platforms at their fingertips, the line between gambling and entertainment has blurred, particularly within the realms of video games and social media.

Even with legal restrictions in place, a considerable number of teenagers are engaging in online gambling, a trend facilitated by the industry's normalisation of betting practices on the internet.

Research consistently highlights that a significant percentage of adolescents are involved in gambling activities, and some experience adverse consequences such as diminished academic performance and strained relationships.

The digital era has made gambling more accessible, and certain factors elevate the risk of problematic gambling among young individuals, particularly those who already engage in risky behaviours like alcohol consumption.

Simulated gambling in video games can further increase the likelihood of teenagers transitioning to real-money gambling and developing future gambling-related problems.

To navigate children through responsible online gaming and gambling, it's imperative for parents and carers to foster open discussions about media choices.

Encouraging a balanced approach to screen time, promoting alternative activities for stress relief and boredom, and setting clear family rules for screen and internet use, including establishing spending limits for online gambling and in-game purchases, can empower children to make informed and responsible decisions in this digital age.

For the full article, please visit: <u>SPECIAL REPORT:</u> <u>Gambling & Young People | Parade College - Bundoora</u> (schooltv.me)

For support services and more information, go to: Gambling Help Online: Free online support for anyone affected by gambling. Available 24/7 across Australia.

SMART Recovery: SMART Recovery is an evidence-based recovery method grounded in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), that supports people with substance dependencies or problem behaviours.

Ms Sarah Pyle Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing





## From the Dean of Child Safety

#### The eSafety Guide

This guide presents the latest games, apps, and social media. It also provides advice on how individuals can protect their information and report harmful content. eSafety provides data for informational purposes only and does not endorse any of the services on the platform.

It may be a useful tool to understand the platforms and services our students use and how to assist them. It would also offer an opportunity for us to initiate a conversation with students about safety online.

Click here for the link. https://shorturl.at/aemsY

#### eSafety Website For Young People

The following website is for young people. It offers a range of topics that our students can explore to inform themselves about staying safe online. Please share it with your students. https://www.esafety.gov.au/young-people

#### **Report Online Harm**

The link below assists with preventing and dealing with harm caused by serious online abuse or illegal and restricted online content. It offers information on what type of investigation is conducted by eSafety and guides the process of making a report. It also provides a link that allows individuals to make a report.

This is information that you can share with your students to help them stay safe online.

Click here for the link https://shorturl.at/einrx

#### Ms Paola Fornito Dean of Child Safety







#### From the Dean of High Performance Sport

#### **Term 4 ACC Grand Finals**

Here are the Grand Final results from Term 4 that Parade participated in. Congratulations to everyone involved in Term 4 Sport.

Team	Opponent	Score	Result
Year 9 Tennis	St.Bede's	8-4	Premiers
Year 7 Tennis	St.Bede's	10-2	Premiers
Year 7 Cricket	St.Bede's	5/91 off 15 v 5/90	Premiers
Year 10 Volleyball (B)	St.Bede's	3-1	Premiers
Year 9 Volleyball (D)	Emmanuel	3-1	Premiers
Year 8 Volleyball (D)	Mazenod	2-0	Premiers
Year 7 Tennis (Blue)	St.Bede's	8-4	Premiers
Year 10 Volleyball (C)	Emmanuel	1-3	Runners Up
Year 7 Volleyball (D)	St.Bernard's	0-2	Runners Up

#### Year 7 Cricket Final

St.Bede's won the toss and batted, making a fairly brisk start before Tom Milner N17 (3/21) made a series of breakthroughs to slow the run rate. Will Mitchell L13(1/13 off 4) and Ben Aldridge T12 (0/12 off 4) bowled very tidily through the middle overs before a final flurry from St.Bede's lifted them up to a par score of 90 off their twenty overs.

In reply, Parade started well, but with the dismissals of key batsmen Achyut Patel B16 (15) and Reuben Alonso B16 (13) we were in a bit of trouble at 4/46 at the half-way point. Archer Richards N16 and Ben Aldridge T12 steadied the ship with a brief partnership, but we were back under pressure after Ben lost his wicket. Needing 28 off the last 6 overs, the match ended rather abruptly with Archer (31\*) with some help from Emerson Bennett H12, taking all 28 runs needed off the fifteenth over of the inning to wrap up the match.



Above: Year 7 Cricket team with their Premiership Banners.

#### **Tennis Premierships**

Digby Morrell's Year 9 Tennis Boys went through the season undefeated and closed out the final against St.Bede's 8 rubbers to 4 after an 11-1 victory over Mazenod in the semi final. This is this group's first Tennis Premiership, after being denied by COVID in 2021 and weather in 2022.



Above: Year 9 Tennis team with their Premiership Banners.

The Year 7 Tennis team, coached by Mark Beers, prevailed in even stronger fashion, winning their final against St.Bede's 10 -2, after a 9-3 semi-final win over Mazenod.

This win rounds out an outstanding first year in ACC competition by our Year 7s, with our youngest athletes benefiting from a number of our sport extension and development programs, making six division one Grand Finals, as well as winning Division 2 premierships in soccer, basketball, and tennis. We look forward to their further development in the coming years.

#### High Performance Sport Classes Years 8 to 10

Semester 1 2024 High Performance Sport commencement classes begin this week for Year 8 to 10 students.

These classes cover the physical education curriculum and other practical and theoretical aspects of athlete development. The classes are also used to prepare our ACC Sport teams at these year levels.

Students not in High Performance sport classes should monitor Daily Messages for trial dates for consideration for inclusion in ACC squads.

The schedule for ACC trials for non High Performance Sport students is as follows:

March	AFL, Soccer, and Badminton
May	Basketball
August	Cricket and Tennis

Volleyball Training runs throughout the year at lunchtime. See Mr Baxter for details regarding Hockey and Table Tennis.

#### **Student Achievements**

Congratulations to Year 12 student Nate Caddy B04 on being drafted to the Essendon Football Club with Pick 10 in the 2023 AFL Draft.

Senior Sport Academy student Nate was part of the 1st XVIII ACC Premiership and Herald Sun Shield winning team. Nate was a member of Northern Knights squad and was a real stand out on the team finishing second in their Club Best and Fairest. Nate was also selected as a member of the Vic Metro squad in 2023, kicking 6 goals during the carnival and showing his talents in the forward line.



Above: (L-R) Year 12 students Davin Cameron L03, Christian Mardini B04, Isaac Kako T08 with their classmate Nate Caddy B04 after being selected with pick 10 at the AFL Draft.

These performances were also mirrored in ACC competition. During the Bedford Madden Shield game, Caddy kicked 8 goals in a best on ground performance.

We wish Nate all the best as he continues his football journey with Essendon!

Mr John Baxter Dean of High Performance Sport





#### From the Director of Ministry

#### 2024 Year 12 Commencement Camp

This was held from Wednesday 15 November to Friday 17 November at CYC Phillip Island Adventure Camp. We were fortunate to enjoy generally good weather, though rain did threaten to derail things a little on Thursday afternoon, when the second round of activities took place.

> Below: 2024 Year 12 Students enjoying their time away on Camp







Operating in their House and Campus groups, the students were able to consider questions such as their strengths and abilities, how they will take on the student leadership role in the College, who their supporters will be in 2024, and what dreams and ambitions they have for next year and beyond.

Our guest speaker on Wednesday evening, Mike Rolls, shared some of his story and suggested ways for the students to approach their final year of secondary school. Many thanks are extended to the staff in attendance, who fulfilled their duties admirably and took on additional activities as needed.

#### **Nzara Hospital Fundraiser**

2024 College Captain David Donato and Vice-Captain Max McArdle and I attended a Nzara Hospital Fundraiser at Villa Verde Gardens in Greenvale on Sunday 19 November.

David and Max (and their parents) very generously gave up their Sunday afternoon to support the event and to inform those present about the \$20,000 raised this year by the College community to support the hospital and to say a few words to those gathered for the event.

This brings the tally raised by the college to over \$100,000 over four years in two different phases. The money has constructed an operating theatre, set up and expanded on a solar system that gives a much-needed regular supply of power to the hospital, and a blood bank. Dr Danny Doyle, who began his work with the hospital in 2009, spoke passionately about the needs of the people and how having the hospital has saved lives.

The hospital serves some 14,000 people a year, and about 80 babies are born there each month. The hospital offers help for illnesses such as malaria, particularly for children under five; \$2 is enough to purchase the medicine needed to save their lives. Dr Doyle expressed his appreciation to the College for the support offered.

Ms Anne McLachlan Director of Ministry





#### From the Director of Preston Campus

One chapter closes and another chapter opens at the Parade College Preston Campus.

Our Year 8 and 9 students completed their final day at the Preston campus last week. Our junior students are now well prepared as they take on commencement weeks at Bundoora for the next two weeks.

We thank their Wellbeing Leader, Ms Jessica Wogan, Transition Coordinators, Tutor Teachers and, most of all, our supporting parents, who have equipped your sons to make their transition to the Bundoora campus smooth and successful.

As always, please reach out to your son's Tutor Teacher regarding any questions or concerns as our students commence their new year level and new campus.

Fundraising continued last Wednesday with our Bolognese Bonanza; all proceeds went to the purchase of toys for the local St Vinnies Christmas Toy Drive.

A fitting Remembrance Day service was held on campus for our junior classes and Trade theory classes based at Preston last Friday. We remembered all those lives taken across the globe through war, conflict, and terrorism.



Above: Preston Campus gathering for the Remembrance Day Ceremony

#### John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

#### **Preston Campus Annual Christmas Toy Drive**

This year, we have been carrying on the tradition of having an annual Toy Drive. The Preston Campus has been fundraising throughout Semester 2 to raise funds for the St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Drive.

We had collected and purchased over 60 various toys for all age brackets, which are earmarked for disadvantaged families within our local community.

#### Acts 20:35.

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help those disadvantaged, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

The St Vincent de Paul team that came to collect the toys last week was amazed and delighted with the donations, and they couldn't believe their eyes at the generosity given by Parade College.

Many thanks to the staff and families of Parade who also donated toys this year.

#### **Preston Campus Meet a Staff Member**

In the third of a series of '*Meet the Teacher*' articles, we feature Mr Tim Watson, teacher at the Preston Campus



#### What football team do you barrack for?

The mighty Melbourne Demons. Look out in 2024 – The Year of the Demon!

#### What's your favourite food?

Seafood Chowder is one of my favourites but no one else in my house likes it so I don't get to eat it much

#### What's your favourite holiday destination?

Pambula on the South Coast of NSW or Vietnam

#### Do you have any Pets?

No time for pets. I have 3 kids that keep me busy.

#### What are a few of your hobbies?

I like to play golf (poorly). I also like to go to the footy with my family.

*Mr Jacob Williams Director of Preston Campus* 



#### From the Preston Student Wellbeing Leader Years 10 to 12

As the year draws to a close, I can report that our Year 10 and 11 students will be engaged in their last work experience placement for the year, commencing Monday 21 November. Important skills and experiences will be developed, and perhaps establish some relationships that can be built upon for 2024.

Our Year 11s just concluded their Year 12 2024 Commencement Camp at Phillip Island. Over 40 VCE VM 2024 Preston boys were in attendance, joining the Bundoora Year 12 VCE boys.



Above: 2024 Year 12 VCE VM students on the Commencement Camp.

The group engaged in a range of fun activities and was able to focus on establishing some goals for 2024 and reflecting upon the year that was, and some key themes that we were able to share at the camp. Some of these themes included the importance of leadership, resilience, respect, mateship, and gratitude.

We are confident that the boys will demonstrate these qualities in 2024 and be positive role models for the younger students on Campus.

Our Year 10 students concluded their year with a very enjoyable excursion to URBNSURF in Tullamarine. They were able to undertake some instruction and training and then be able to 'hit the waves' with a surf. Thanks to Preston Sport Coordinator Paul Watson for organising the day.



Above: Year 10 Gianni Di Pierro H10 enjoying the day at URBNSURF.

We wish the boys and their families a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to working together with them in 2024.

*Mrs Kim Nicholls Preston Student Wellbeing Leader Years 10 to 12* 





#### From the Preston Student Wellbeing Leader Years 8 to 9

Thursday 16 November was the final day for the 8 and 9 students at Preston in their Lower Tutor Groups. It was a busy day with final exams, intense soccer matches, packing up, and our final assembly.



Above: A guard of honour for the Year 9 Students heading to Bundoora Campus in 2024

The excitement was evident among the students as they looked forward to 2024. Below is a reflection from Year 9 students Yacoub Abraham H20 and Orlando Pettinella T20 about their time at the Preston Campus.

What a time it has been. We think we can speak for everyone when we say that Preston Campus was one of the best times of our lives. The memories that were made along the way are what define this Campus' unique character.

Bundoora next year brings countless more opportunities. More people, more space, and more fun and memories to be made.

It is the start of journeys of which their ends cannot be foretold, but we would like to stress the fact that the Preston campus identity will remain, and whether we spent two years here or three doesn't change the fact that Preston will always hold a special place in our hearts. We would like to thank every teacher, CRT, and LSO that has made this journey possible for all of us. We all truly appreciate the effort and hours you put in on a daily basis, and this Campus simply wouldn't be the same without you all.

So, to conclude, thank you to everyone for making Preston so special.

*Ms Jessica Wogan Preston Student Wellbeing Leader Years 8 to 9* 

## Parade College A Catholic School in the Edmund Rice Tradition





## From the Parents of Parade (POP)

#### Parents Of Parade Mega Raffle 2023

The POP Mega Raffle is our major fundraiser for the year to be able to help out in the community, for example, Eddie's Brekkie Van. Plus, hold other events, like the Trivia Night, where funds raised helped the Nzara Hospital in South Sudan.

This year for the first time in many years, POP was able to support the Drivers Education Program for our Year 11 students, where we wish to do it again next year.

There is a limited number of tickets, so do not miss out and jump on to the link <u>https://rafflelink.com.au/pop-mega-raffle-</u>2023 to be in it to win it.

1st Prize:	2024 Tuition fees for one student
2nd Prize:	Weber Q Family valued at \$949
3rd Prize:	YETI Navy Tundra haul wheeled hard cooler
	valued at \$599.95
4th Prize:	Kincrome Portable Automotive Tool Kit 150
	pieces valued at \$529
5th Prize:	Uniform Academy \$500 of uniform vouchers
6th Prize:	Coles Myer Gift Card \$500
7th Prize:	Weber Q Titanium valued at \$499
8th Prize:	Weber Baby Q - Black valued at \$399
9th Prize:	Weber Fire Pit valued at \$299
10th Prize:	Dan Murphy Gift Card \$250
11th Prize:	Restaurant Gift Card \$200
12th Prize:	Village Gold Class Experience E-Voucher \$175
13th Prize:	Bunnings Gift Card \$150
14th Prize:	Village Movie Gift Card \$100

Purchase 14 tickets for \$100 and 6 for \$50 fewer tickets at \$10 each. The raffle will run until the 29 November 2023 or until sold out, and drawn at school on the morning of the 30 November 2023.

A special thanks to this year's sponsors for their generous help and contribution towards our Mega Raffle, BBQs and Outdoor Thomastown, Weber Store South Morang, Uniform Academy, Kincrome, and Parade College.

#### POP AGM

Our POP Annual General Meeting (AGM) and last POP meeting for 2023 were held last Wednesday 15 November.

It was welcoming to have Mark Aiello, School Principal, and Michael Torpey, Assistant Principal, Partnerships and Organisation, join us on the night and provide us with many updates on the school for Term 4 and initiatives for 2024, plus be part of the AGM formalities.

I am happy to announce and congratulate our new POP Committee members for 2024.

#### **New POP Committee Members:**

Bethany Henry	President
Trish Bennett	Secretary
Jerry Papaluca	Communications Officer
Steve Drazic	Treasurer

I wish all the new POP committee members great success in their roles, in particular Bethany Henry as your new President.

Over the coming weeks, I will do a formal handover to Bethany.

I also would like to thank Linh Premoseli, our departing Treasurer for all her great work over the past 4 years in the role, and Corinne Wyner, our Communications Officer for the past year, for her wonderful support.

Thank you to everyone who attended the evening.

Mr Flavio Cosmelli Parents of Parade President





## From the Old Paradians' Association

We look forward to publishing our final eNewsletter to be published later this week, to all Old Paradians 'Connected' to the Association.

A link to the Newsletter for College families can be found at <u>https://mailchi.mp/8b5e38dc2794/opanov2023newsletter</u>

The Newsletter has a number of entries that give reports and photos on OPA events, including our reunion program including the 1983, 1993, 1978, and 1981 gathering.

Our Hall of Fame Annual Dinner also features, together with the OPA RACV monthly lunches. The very successful OPA Golf Day was also featured. I hope you enjoy the read.

The OPA has also received enquiries from Old Paradians in business looking for apprentices. One in Mechanical Plumbing, refrigeration and air conditioning, and Fitting and Turning. Those interested should contact us at the College.

#### Bike Ride

Parade College's Open Day 2024 will welcome the return of the Parade College Community Bike Ride.

The event named 'Giro D'Parade' invites old Paradians, parents, past parents, students, and families to take the ride that will take in some significant locations in Parade's history.

Starting at our Preston Campus that opened in 2009, riding to the East Melbourne site of the original school ('The Old Bluestone Pile') (1871-1967), then on to what was Parade College Alphington (Flowerdale) (1953-1988) and concluding at the Bundoora campus (1968-)

The ride uses bike paths and bike lanes and is largely on a flat route of around 35 kilometres. Stops will occur with drinks stations at East Melbourne and Alphington, where some College history will be given. At the end of the ride, participants can enjoy a sausage sizzle and drink back at the Bundoora campus on Open Day.

See the flyer for details on registering your interest.

Mr John Nicholls Alumni Officer



# GIRO D'PARADE





### Sunday 25 February 2024 from 9am

Stage 1 | Preston Campus to East Melb (Bluestone Pile) Stage 2 | East Melb to Alphington (Flowerdale) Stage 3 | Alphington (Flowerdale) to Bundoora Campus

Enjoy a sausage sizzle at the Parade College Open Day

## www.oldparadians.com.au/events

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