

CrossRoads



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HOLY CROSS COLLEGE RYDE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

3 February 2009 No. 1

Staff commence year with mass with St Charles Catholic primary school

On Tuesday 27 January, we had a wonderful start to the new school year, sharing mass with the St Charles staff and Fr Paul Monkerud. There was a great spirit of community and shared purpose that I know will lead us in the right direction in 2009. My thanks to Fr Paul for the great support that he continues to show for Holy Cross.

There is an opportunity for parents to join us for the **Opening School Mass on 18 February in the Holy Cross Centenary Hall at 10.00am**. I would be delighted if you were able to join us for this important occasion to mark the commencement of our school year.

Smooth start to the year

My thanks to parents for the energy I know goes in at home to ensure that sleepy holiday heads get appropriately re-gearred for school. The vast majority of boys presented for school alert and ready for the challenges of the new year.

As boys will hear many times this year, their attention to the little things matters, because it says something about their pride in themselves and in their school. With pride in self and school comes connectedness for young men. With connectedness comes the right atmosphere for learning and quality results. I would appreciate your discussing with your son the importance of his wearing the Holy Cross uniform correctly and with pride. Out in the community, rightly or wrongly, when the general public sees your son going to and from school, he is the beginning and the end of what they know about Holy Cross. Your son is our greatest asset.

New staff

There is good stability in the teaching staff from 2008. There are no new members of the general teaching staff. There is one new KLA Coordinator only. Mr Michael Croucher comes to Holy Cross after eight years service at Terra Sancta College. Mr Croucher will head up the HSIE Department.

The School Leadership Team has two new members this year. Our Religious Education Coordinator is Mr Michael Halliday. An experienced REC, Mr Halliday comes to us from Brigidine College, St Ives where he most recently held the position of Assistant Principal—Mission. Mr Halliday brings with him great depth, maturity and wisdom and he will be an asset to Holy Cross for, I hope, many years to come.

The College also adds a second Assistant Principal (Pastoral Care) to the leadership team. Mr Peter Buxton, with experience as a Year Coordinator, Subject Co-ordinator and Sports Coordinator at Marist College Kogarah, brings a depth of experience to his new position. His most recent experience is as Assistant Principal at Marist College, Pagewood.

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School Leadership Team

Mr Phil Gibney, Curriculum Coordinator, Mr Michael McCormack, Assistant Principal (Administration), Mr Adam Taylor, Principal, Mr Keith Rugg, Administration Coordinator, Mr Michael Halliday, Religious Education Coordinator, Mr Peter Buxton, Assistant Principal, Pastoral.

From the Principal continued .../

Mr Buxton's position will complement the work of current Assistant Principal Mr Michael McCormack. Mr McCormack will hold the position of Assistant Principal (Administration). Mr Buxton's appointment will afford Mr McCormack the opportunity to further the development of the fantastic physical resource we have here at Holy Cross. We are enormously privileged as a community to have two Assistant Principals of the calibre of Messrs McCormack and Buxton.

On the non-teaching staff, we have the addition of a Computer Technician, Mr Ben Wood, who will assist in the establishment of the Mac program.

On behalf of the school community, I welcome all new members of staff and hope their time at Holy Cross is rich and fulfilling.

School Swimming Carnival

A busy first week concluded with the Swimming carnival at the Ryde Aquatic Centre. The behaviour of the boys was excellent. A big thank you to Mr Rugg who took on the organisation of the carnival in Mr Chase's absence due to the birth of his first child. Thanks also to the many parents who supported on the day. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet and talk with some of you.

Congratulations

Our very best wishes to Mr Damian Chase and Mr Brad Horner, whose wives delivered healthy baby girls last week. Congratulations also go to Ms Van Domburg and Mrs Russell (nee Abdo) who were married in December last year. To all our families that may have had special blessings and such good news over the break—congratulations!

Welcome Evening for Year 7 parents and other parents new to Holy Cross

To welcome our new Year 7 parents in a special way, as well as other parents new to the College who have sons starting in other year groups, there is a special Welcome Evening at the College, 7pm on Tuesday, 10 February in the Holy Cross Centenary Hall. Hosted by the College Parents & Friends, refreshments and nibbles will be served and there will be an opportunity for you to meet the teachers as well as other new parents in an informal setting. I look forward to meeting our new parents there.

Teachers Stop Work Meeting

Parents may be aware that stop work industrial action in Catholic Schools is planned for Thursday morning 5th February. Parents are advised that Holy Cross College will remain open with supervision for students from the regular start time.

Mr Adam Taylor
Principal

Coming Events - 2008

- 10 Feb Yr 7 P&F Greeting Night—School Hall
- 11 Feb Yr 7 Camp to 13th
- 17 Feb VET Information Evening 7pm—School Hall
- 18 Feb College Opening Mass 10am
- 19 Feb Rd 11 Cricket/BBall
- 24 Feb MCS BBall Trials
- 26 Feb Semi Finals MCS Cricket/BBall
- 3 Mar P&F Meeting 7.30pm—Staff Common Room
- 5 Mar Finals Cricket/BBall
- 10 Mar MCS Swimming Carnival
- 11 Mar Yr 7 & 10 Vaccinations
- 14 Mar College Works Day
- 15 Mar OPEN DAY

Year 7 P & F Greeting Night



Dear parents of Year 7,

Hopefully by now you will have received an invitation to the Parents and Friends Welcome Evening to be held next Tuesday 10th February in the College hall. The evening will commence at 7.30pm and light refreshments will be served. Students are not required to attend which makes for a great opportunity to meet other parents in an informal environment and to hear briefly from members of the College staff and Parents and Friends Association. We would love to see you there!

Please complete the RSVP and send back through your son's Homeroom by Monday 9th February.

Looking forward to meeting you,

Ms. Tina van Domburg
Year 7 Coordinator

From the Assistant Principal (Administration)

- Welcome back to all members of the College community. It was certainly exciting to see the new Year 7 boys last week as they proudly presented themselves in their College uniform for the first time. These boys, like all members of the community, are ambassadors of the College so it is important that they continue to wear their uniform in a way that demonstrates their acceptance of the College expectations on personal grooming.
- The Patrician Technology Building is now complete, although like any new facility there is still some fine tuning. There has also been a major refurbishment of the Industrial Arts Amenities Block, the top floor of the Bishop Daniel Delaney Block and the new Sports Office and Gymnasium. All of these improved facilities will ensure that the proper resources are being utilized to improve the teaching and learning environment at Holy Cross.
- The Term 1 school fee account will be sent home within the next two weeks. We appreciate that in the current economic climate there is much financial strain on families, however to ensure the ongoing viability of the College we need to ensure that fees are paid as promptly as possible. Thank you for your consideration in this.
- All students have been given a 'Student Information Form' which is required to be returned to the College now please. There is important information on this sheet which is required to assist the accounts department in finalising your Term 1 account. If your son has lost the sheet please have him call at the office to collect another sheet. It is mandatory for every family to return this information please.
- Parents / carers of the boys at Holy Cross are always welcome to visit the College. On occasion it may be necessary for you to visit your son during the day. Should you need to do so please do not attempt to find your son in the yard or at his classroom. To ensure the safety of all boys at the College, all visitors are requested to present themselves at the front office, to sign in if necessary; your son will be sent for if required. The purpose of this is to ensure that only registered visitors have access to the College campus. The care and safety of the boys at Holy Cross College is paramount. This is not negotiable.
- The College driveway is a very busy thoroughfare at the end of the day. There are signs which dictate the speed zone and non-parking areas; please ensure that these requirements are adhered to. Furthermore, the double gates next to the Chapel must be kept free at all times; many students use this exit in the afternoon. Parking across the driveway is prohibited. Your cooperation is expected please.

The calendar of events for 2009 is already busy, and there are many plans afoot for exciting educational and community projects throughout the year. It is important though, in the midst of the business of life not to lose sight of each other. And so, I issue a very sincere invitation to all parents to maintain close contact with the College at any time during the year about matters pertinent to the best educational outcomes for your children. The College exists for your children.

Best wishes for the year ahead.

Michael McCormack
Assistant Principal Administration

STAR OF THE WEEK—Jack Wheelhouse

Jack has made an excellent start to Year 7 school life - greeting all staff courteously, wearing his uniform well and interacting positively with his peers. Jack is to be commended on his admirable involvement in the College Swimming Carnival last Friday, swimming in every race of his age group. Jack comes to us from St Charles Primary School, Ryde.

A spectacular start to the term Jack, well done!



Mr Vince Galletto, Client Services Manager, City of Ryde Council, Mr Adam Taylor, Principal Holy Cross College, Mr Vic Tagg, Mayor, City of Ryde Council, Mr Alex Gouff, Architect, Mr Dominic Johnson, Group Manager of Environment, City of Ryde Council at Holy Cross College Tuesday 3rd February 2009 discussing plans for the enhancement of the Victoria Street scape.

CANTEEN ROSTER 2008					Canteen News <i>We need your help!</i>
	Group 1 9—13 Feb 2009	Group 2 16-20 Feb 2009	Group 3 23-27 Feb 2009	Group 4 2-6 Mar 2009	
M O N	Lesley Saunders Leonie Munce Terry Hulme	HELP NEEDED	Wendy Dobis Hepburn Cheung	Josephone Colasuouuo Susana Pusic Cathy Nardo Norma Sciara	A full day at canteen is 11am until 2pm. With a free lunch!! Please call Lorraine in the Canteen 9808-1033 ext 120.
T U E S	Connie Warren Dorina Tomasello	Dee Flanagan Rick Mustillo Megan Dessent	Rita Sciancalepore Stephen Fonti	Alison Coombs Helen Burton	
W E D	Carolyn Cecere Paula Quigley	Mary Zouko HELP NEEDED	Donna Chalmers Mary Cox	Helen Clark HELP NEEDED	
T H U R	Anne Golding Claudia Camilio Woffa Sabi-Saab	Houda Dakaul Julie Smith Lea McAuley	Carol Jarvis Sharon Stephens	Nicole Mather Jo-anne Plug Michelle Skrivanic	
F R I	Sharon Boyle Sylvia Georgakopoukos Helen Williams	Jane Rungwerth Jessie Raptis Lisa Vasilikas Antoinette Hezlett	HELP NEEDED	Alyson Michell HELP NEEDED	

THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL
Chicken & Salad Wrap
\$3.00

Must be ordered.

Holy Cross College UNIFORM SHOP
Located next to the Chapel.

Opening Times


Tuesdays: 8.00am—9.30am
Fridays: 8.00am—9.30am
Enquiries: 9449 9777
Email: andrew@cowanlewis.com.au
Fax: 9440 8931

(See full version of CrossRoads on school website for Price List)

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP
Monday, 16th February 2009 - 8.30am till 9.30am

Donations of uniforms especially Senior Blazers is greatly appreciated. All money raised will be donated back to the school.

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100 Years of Cricket
Holy Cross College Crusaders
22 February 2009 9.00am to 4.00pm
Holy Cross College




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LEARNING SUPPORT CENTRE

TO HOLY CROSS PARENTS – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer Tutors are needed to help our Year 7 students who struggle with reading and literacy. Tutoring is one-on-one with a student starting at 8.45 for 30 minutes. Training in the material is provided. If you have half an hour to spare one morning a week, we would love to hear from you. Please call Virginia Reeves, Learning Support Coordinator on 98081033.



ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM

As a new initiative this year we are introducing year 7 and 8's to the Accelerated Reading Program. Each English class will attend the library during one lesson per cycle where they will read and do quizzes corresponding with the books they read. The program will encourage the practice of reading regularly and help students to understand that it is a requirement of their homework routine. It will also help them achieve goals and become better readers. Boys will be tested shortly for their reading levels and a report will be sent out to parents. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the Accelerated Reader program.

Trish Baran
Accelerated Reader Coordinator



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Fax: (02) 9440 8931

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE PRICE LIST 2009

Name: _____ Class: _____ Contact Phone No: _____ Date: _____

ITEM	SIZE	PRICE	SIZE	QTY	SUB TOTAL
Senior Blazer With Braid	10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19, 20,21,22,23,24	\$160.00			
Junior Blazer	10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19, 20,21,22,23,24,	\$160.00			
School Navy Trou-	9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,	\$50.00			
Shirt's					
Blue Short Sleeve	12,14,16,18,20,22,24,26,28,30	\$25.00			
Blue Short Sleeve	12,14,16,18,20,22,24,26,28,30	\$25.00			
Blue Long Sleeve	10,12,14,16,18,20,22,24,26,28	\$25.00			
Tie	College Tie Junior	\$16.00			
	Senior Tie	\$21.00			
Pullover	12,14,16,18,20,22,24,26,28	\$75.00			
Socks – Black &	2-8, 8-11, 11-14	\$ 5.00			
Socks – Sport	2-8, 8-11, 11-14	\$ 8.00			
Socks- Football	2-8, 8-11, 11-14	\$ 8.00			
Shorts Sport	30",32",34",36",38",40",42",44"	\$25.00			
Shirt Polo	10,12,14,16,18,20,22,24,26,28	\$30.00			
Tracksuit Top	XS,S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL,4XL	\$55.00			
Tracksuit Pants	XS,S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL,4XL	\$44.00			
Shorts Rugby	S, M, L, XL, 2XL	\$22.00			
College Cap		\$15.00			
School Bag	Medium	\$85.00			
	Large	\$85.00			
	Extra Large	\$85.00			

Please ensure cash or cheque for the appropriate amount is attached to your order. Alternately, credit card details may be supplied.

The School Shop will be open on Tuesday & Friday from 8am – 9.30am during Term.

* This price list is Valid from the 1^{6TH} August 2008 (GST Inclusive)

CREDIT CARD : Visa / M/C / B/C (Please circle)

CARD NUMBER : _____ Exp _____/_____

NAME ON CARD : _____

AUTHORISED BY: _____

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2008-09

100 YEARS OF CRICKET

HOLY CROSS CRUSADERS

22 February 2009 9.00am - 4.00pm

Holy Cross College

Program of Events

9am - 10am	In2Cricket Demonstration
10am - 11am	Super 8 Game - Under 8's
11am - 12.30pm	10/10 Game - U11 v U12
12.30pm - 2pm	10/10 Game - U13 v U14
2pm onwards	Main Fixture - 20/20 Game Past v's Present
4pm	Centenary Ceremony & Reunion

Past & present players welcome

Memorabilia Display

BBQ

Canteen Facilities