

# CrossRoads



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**HOLY CROSS COLLEGE RYDE**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

## 11 February 2009 No. 2

Dear parents, staff and students,

Holy Cross College joins with the local community in our prayers and condolences for the victims of the Victorian bushfires. A statement from Cardinal George Pell to the victims of the Victorian bushfires is on page 2.

On Wednesday evening, 4 February, the parents and students of Year 10 gathered in the Centenary Hall for an information evening and the distribution of Mac computers, a part of the Federal government's Digital Education Revolution.

On the evening, I spoke to the parents and students about expectations. It is not just about the school's expectations. Everyone has expectations—parents, teachers and, of course, students. I want to share with you some of the things I said on that night.

### What parents want

Parents have expectations of strong discipline and high standards. That is why they chose a school like Holy Cross College in the first place. Parents understand that clear and unambiguous boundaries for their sons provide the environment for him to grow into a good student and a good person. In choosing this Catholic school, parents also make it clear that they want their child to grow up in a Catholic environment that cares about their son—that celebrates and sanctifies life and all things life-giving and provides a happy and positive culture.

### What teachers want

Teachers seek a structured, organised, disciplined environment in which they can do what they do best—teach well and help students to learn. Achieving this also requires high standards and strong discipline. I am very proud to be a teacher, all the more so when I see how often my colleagues will go the extra mile with students—not because they will get paid any more or gain any personal benefit—but rather for the sheer satisfaction of seeing young people succeed and grow from boys into young and responsible men.

### What students want

Students want to enjoy themselves in the company of their friends. And so they should. They can also see through laxness from adults—parents and teachers—like seeing through tissue paper. They may not say it, but they too want high standards, because it is good to be associated with a community with a winning way, a positive culture. Most of all, students want to be good at something. It might be sport, science, maths, art, music. Whatever it is, when a boy finds it, he will put his heart and soul into it and it will give him life. It is our job as adults—parents and teachers—to help him find it. Young people also want to be engaged—not bored—at school. How do we do it. The Mac program is one exciting initiative to engage boys in their learning. There are some more old-fashioned, but tried and tested and successful ways that cost nothing but our attitude.

### Why the little things matter

We have been working hard in the last few weeks (and will continue to do so) to ensure that all Holy Cross boys understand that the little things matter. Attention to the correct grooming—'College cut' hairstyle, no jewellery, top button done up with the senior tie, shirts tucked in, at school, on time each day. Your son may tell you the school doesn't care about these things. He is wrong and he is hurting us and himself if he says it. All of these things help to engender pride in this great school. With pride comes connectedness. With connectedness comes a great atmosphere for learning and doing your best.

I look forward to the support of all parents in helping to achieve great things by guiding our boys to look after the little things first.

**Adam Taylor**  
Principal

**Holy Cross**  
College, Ryde

**OPEN DAY**  
2009 10am - 2pm  
Enrolment packages available on the day

**15th March**

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'A great school going forward'

## Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney responds to victims of the Victorian bushfires Statement by Cardinal George Pell

9 February 2009

At 2pm the death toll from the bushfires in Victoria over the weekend stood at 128. The grim news from fire fighters and police is that this shocking number of deaths is likely to rise, with the fate of 100 people still uncertain.

On behalf of the Catholic community of Sydney I extend my deepest condolences to all who have lost family members, friends and loved ones in these devastating fires. You are very much in our prayers and thoughts at this time and we stand ready to help in whatever way we can.

The Victorian Premier said that the devastation was worse than that of Black Friday in 1939 and Ash Wednesday in 1983. More than 700 homes have been lost, 550 of them in the Yarra Valley – usually one of Australia's most beautiful areas, and 340,000 hectares of land have been burnt. Thousands of people have had to abandon their properties and we do not yet know how many have been left homeless.

A special Mass was offered at St Mary's Cathedral this afternoon for those killed by the bushfires, their families and the communities which have been destroyed. Our prayers for the victims and for all those effected by the fires will continue and will be a special focus in parishes and schools at Masses this week and next Sunday.

Archbishop Denis Hart, the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, has announced the establishment of a special appeal to support the victims of the bushfires and to help in the reconstruction effort. The Archdiocese of Sydney will donate \$50,000 to this appeal. Sydney Catholics are asking how they can help, and I encourage parishes to contribute to this appeal, and Catholic schools to co-ordinate their efforts through the Sydney Catholic Education Office.

I have also written to the Catholic bishops of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo and Sale, to express our support and solidarity with their communities at this time. Nationally, church agencies and their state and local counterparts are focussing resources and attention to offer assistance to the victims of this tragedy. This includes aid in the form of clothing, accommodation, counselling and financial support.

Our prayers and thoughts go also to the fire fighters, police, emergency service workers and the many volunteers who are at the front-line in the relief effort. All Australians are immensely grateful for the tremendous work they continue to do in impossible circumstances.

I am particularly grateful for the heroic efforts of our priests, pastoral workers and parish communities who are counselling and supporting the grieving. The loss of church buildings in the fires redoubles our commitment to help in the rebuilding of these rural communities.

The Catholics of Sydney are united with the whole community at this terrible time in the many efforts to comfort those who have lost loved ones and to help devastated communities rebuild.

**Cardinal George Pell**  
**Archbishop of Sydney**

*Donations to the Archbishop of Melbourne's Bush Fire Appeal* can be sent to Bush Fire Appeal, Archdiocese of Melbourne, P O Box 146, East Melbourne 8002. Donations should be made payable to Archbishop's Charitable Fund—Bush Fire Appeal.

### From the Assistant Principal

Welcome back to 2009, especially to the new members of our community. Hopefully you have all enjoyed a restful break and are ready to start the new school year with enthusiasm and commitment.

To ensure a smooth start to the Term, I would like to bring your attention to some important College information.

#### **COLLEGE DIARIES**

All students have received their Diaries which are a critical form of communication for teachers, students and their parent/guardians. I strongly recommend that all in our College community familiarise themselves with the procedures and policies that are contained in the student diary. Students need to pay particular attention to our College expectations, uniform and hair policy and the ICT policy.

#### **UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:**

February 18th— Opening College Mass

March 14th— College Works Day

February 25th— Ash Wednesday

March 15th— College Open Day

Further college information can be obtained through the website. <http://www.holycrosscollege.org/> If you have any concerns or questions throughout the coming year, please do not hesitate to contact your son's Homeroom teacher.

Wishing all in our community a nice start to the year,

**Mr Buxton**  
**Assistant Principal**

## Holy Cross College Swimming Carnival Report 2009

The College carnival was held on Friday 3rd January 2009 at the Ryde Aquatic leisure Centre. A good number of students attended which gave promise of things to come.

The day went very smoothly even though we ran a little over time. This was due to the enthusiasm and involvement of the students, especially the senior students.

I would like to thank them for their efforts on the day and the energy they had to be involved in as many events as possible. It was a tremendous show of leadership.

To the important aspects of the carnival day. Due to the large number of events we were not able to identify the age champion at the carnival. They are listed below.

Congratulations to them all. They will receive the Age Champions' Banners at the next full College assembly. Congratulations to Hannigan house on winning the carnival overall. They were able to succeed due to the large numbers of students they had in nearly every event. It is up to the other Houses to try and defeat them next year.

**12 years**  
 First Steven Alexander 54 pts  
 Second Dean Pollicina 41 pts  
 Third Joseph Gough 27 pts

**13 years**  
 Bayley Sironen 70 pts  
 Nicholas Tsoukatos 65 pts  
 Tristan Ulloa-Jonsson 46 pts

**14 years**  
 Jacob Molloy 72 pts  
 Mitchell Kenny 59 pts  
 Jayden Wheelhouse 47 pts

**15 years**  
 First Glenn Burton 68 pts  
 Second Ryan Hezlett 46 pts  
 Third Alex Meredith 35 pts

**16 years**  
 Duncan Vincent 70 pts  
 Jarrod Hitchcox 50 pts  
 Adrian Pusic 38 pts

**17 years**  
 Jared Marsh 57 pts  
 Marco Tomasello 48 pts  
 Mitchell Soames 38 pts

**Opens**  
 First Bradley Chalmers 70 pts  
 Second Jarred Mobbs 54 pts  
 Third Benn Van Balen 34 pts

**Final House Points**  
 Hannigan 1119pts  
 Delany 893 pts  
 Gallagher 806 pts  
 Dwyer 702 pts

The boys to represent the College at the MCS Carnival are listed below. They will receive information regarding training and the MCS Carnival within the next week or so. The senior boy's Butterfly events still need to be completed, but we will have that finalized shortly. Best of luck at the next level of competition.

A special thank you to the staff who worked so hard throughout the day and to the parents who attended.

[\(Please see full version of \*CrossRoads\* on our school website for details of the MCS Swim Team\)](#)

Mr Keith Rugg  
 MCS Coordinator



| <b>CANTEEN ROSTER 2009</b> |                                     |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                            | <b>Group 3<br/>16—20 Feb 2009</b>   |
| <b>M<br/>O<br/>N</b>       | Fiona Varrica<br>Debbie Ryan        |
| <b>T<br/>U<br/>E<br/>S</b> | Rita Sciancalepore<br>Stephen Fonti |
| <b>W<br/>E<br/>D</b>       | Donna Chalmers<br>Mary Cox          |
| <b>T<br/>H<br/>U<br/>R</b> | <b>HELP NEEDED</b>                  |
| <b>F<br/>R<br/>I</b>       | <b>HELP NEEDED</b>                  |

**Canteen News**  
*We need your help!*  
A full day at canteen is 11am until 2pm.  
*With a free lunch!!*  
Please call Lorraine in the Canteen 9808-1033 ext 120.

**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.

**HCC Coming Events - 2009**

- 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

**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](mailto:andrew@cowanlewis.com.au)  
Fax: 9440 8931

Boys who require a **Blazer** for Terms 2 & 3 need to be measured no later than Tuesday 17th February to enable delivery for Term 2. A \$60 deposit is required when ordering.

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

**Holy Cross College**  
**WORKS DAY**  
**Saturday, 14 March 2009**  
**(8:00am—4:00pm)**

In preparation for *College Open Day* We need as many parents and sons to volunteer a couple of hours or even one hour to help with general maintenance, gardening and painting.

Telephone Mr Keith Rugg  
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MCS Swim Team 2009

| Event           | 12 years                 | 13 years                   | 14 years               |
|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 100 m freestyle | Stevie Alexander 1.41.57 | Nicholas Tsoukatas 1.16.97 | Jacob Molloy 1.04.37   |
| 50m free D      | Anthony Yomona 50.19     | Chris Mather 38.07         | Jake Henwood 34.91     |
| 50m free C      | Stevie Alexander 45.69   | Sam Dessent 36.78          | Mitchell Kenny 32.78   |
| 50 m free B     | Jesse Gough 39.44        | Bayley Sironen 36.38       | Jeremy Pollicina 32.43 |
| 50m Free A      | Dean Pollicina 34.06     | Nicholas Tsoukatas 33.60   | Jacob Molloy 30.52     |
| 50m Fly         | Dean Pollicina 40.59     | Nicholas Tsoukatas 39.44   | Jacob Molloy 35.19     |
| 100m Fly        | X                        | X                          | Jacob Molloy 1.26.69   |
| 50m Back A      | Dean Pollicina 42.25     | Nicholas Tsoukatas 41.94   | Jacob Molloy 35.30     |
| 50m Back B      | Stevie Alexander 50.15   | Pierre Lattouf 47.65       | Jeremy Pollicina 39.41 |
| 100m Back       | X                        | X                          | Jacob Molloy 1.20.09   |
| 50m Breast A    | Dean Pollicina 42.16     | Nicholas Tsoukatas 47.72   | Jacob Molloy 37.71     |
| 50m Breast B    | Stevie Alexander 56.22   | Bayley Sironen 51.46       | Mitchell Kenny 42.82   |
| 100m Breast     | X                        | X                          | Jacob Molloy 1.20.53   |
| Freestyle Relay |                          |                            |                        |
| Medley Relay    |                          |                            |                        |
| Freestyle       |                          |                            |                        |
| Backstroke      |                          |                            |                        |
| Breastroke      |                          |                            |                        |
| Butterfly       |                          |                            |                        |
| Event           | 15 years                 | 16 years                   | 17 years               |
| 100 m freestyle | Glenn Burton 1.10.85     | Duncan Vincent 1.03.43     | Jesse Hewitt 1.09.25   |
| 50m free D      | Ryan Hezlett 34.15       | Thomas Chylinski 35.78     | Brad Chalmers 1.09.87  |
| 50m free C      | Luke Dawson 34.03        | Paul Borghonzian 34.34     | Adam Passafaro 33.37   |
| 50 m free B     | Matt Saleh 33.78         | Curtis Sironen 29.34       | Jared Marsh 32.41      |
| 50m Free A      | Glenn Burton 30.83       | Duncan Vincent 28.39       | Marco Tomaselto 32.19  |
| 50m Fly         | Glenn Burton 36.06       | Duncan Vincent 30.07       | Joel Mcfadden 30.33    |
| 100m Fly        | X                        | Duncan Vincent 1.05.97     | Brad Chalmers 28.91    |
| 50m Back A      | Glenn Burton 37.97       | Duncan Vincent 36.16       | Brad Chalmers 36.06    |
| 50m Back B      | Ryan Hezlett 42.53       | Duncan Vincent 37.87       | Brad Chalmers 1.52.59  |
| 100m Back       | X                        | Curtis Sironen 37.87       | Jared Mobbs 40.12      |
| 50m Breast A    | Matt Saleh 40.65         | Duncan Vincent 1.15.71     | Jared Mobbs 1.36.94    |
| 50m Breast B    | Glenn Burton 44.97       | Curtis Sironen 41.30       | Brad Chalmers 43.03    |
| 100m Breast     | X                        | Duncan Vincent 42.97       | Jared Mobbs 44.21      |
| Freestyle Relay |                          | Duncan Vincent 1.28.87     | Joel Brooks 1.21.56    |
| Medley Relay    |                          |                            |                        |
| Freestyle       |                          |                            |                        |
| Backstroke      |                          |                            |                        |
| Breastroke      |                          |                            |                        |
| Butterfly       |                          |                            |                        |