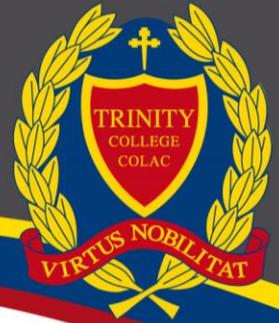


NEWSLETTER

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A Father Provides

4. **Matthew 7:9-11**: *“Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”*

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Friends of Trinity College

As we reflect on Matthew’s Gospel, after Father’s Day, we continue to remember the importance of having positive role models in our lives, for it is often those who ask that receive. However, it is important to recognise all people who do things without being asked. We think specifically of those students who continually do the right things in class without being asked and who continue to be positive role models to their peers. Unfortunately, it is often those who are doing the wrong things in our school that capture our attention for the wrong reasons. We continue our commitment to working with all in our community to help them improve their learning and foster a sense of working for a common good in our school and in our community.

This week sees the Child Protection Week arrive. The school continues its commitment to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all young people in our care. The Year 9 students embark on Melbourne Camp this week under the guidance of Mr Sean Trevaskis. We wish the Year 9 students along with the team of teachers, support staff and volunteers on the camp a safe and fantastic week of learning about the ‘big smoke’.

Last week saw our Year 11 Ski Trip group hit the slopes at Mount Hotham, amid some outstanding weather and, most importantly, for a great experience. A big thank you to Mrs Jane Hawker for her leadership of the trip, which allowed students to have an unforgettable time. A big thank you to all of the teachers, support staff and volunteers who were involved in preparation for the trip or the trip itself.

Our SRC representatives worked with a team from Colac-Otway Shire around the 2050 growth plan and provided suggestions for the team to feedback to council.

The building works continue on the Jubilee Centre with the finishing touches being applied in the coming weeks. What a privilege it will be to use this building. The oval is coming along steadily, with preparations continuing, with a focus on the running track taking place at the moment. It will be a welcome space for HPE classes, sport and leisure time during breaks once completed. We, as a school, look forward to its completion and the opportunity to use such amazing facilities.

With less than three weeks until another well-earned break, we wish all students well in the coming weeks. This can be an extremely busy time for Year 12 students. We wish the Year 12s well specifically in completing some key tasks in these three weeks.

Just a reminder to parents and guardians that Interim Reports will be accessible today via the Parent Access Module for all students from Year 7 to Year 12. As teachers, we value the opportunity to provide another avenue for feedback to students.

Virtus Nobilitat
Mr Brad Smith
Director of Students

ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

SCHOOL STARTING TIME

Families are reminded about the starting times of school:

- the 'moving music', which is a signal for students to move to class, sounds at 8:46
- homeroom period starting at 8:49.

It is expected that all students are at school by 8:46 so students can be in class, seated and ready for the important information that is conveyed during the homeroom period.

We ask that families make it a priority that students arrive to school on time so that students can start their school day in a calm and organised manner.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK: 3 – 9 SEPTEMBER 2017

This week sees the start of National Child Protection Week and is a timely reminder of the importance of ensuring that we all do our best to ensure the protection of all young people. Along with the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV), Trinity College is committed to the ongoing safety of children and young people.

As Catholic educators, we have a moral and faith-based responsibility to ensure the ongoing wellbeing and safety of every child in our schools. As a result of this belief, much work has been done at Trinity College this past year to strengthen our policies, strategies and procedures. This includes the establishing of a confidential email address on which members of our community can contact our Child Protection Officers should they wish to report any concerns: safety@tcc.vic.edu.au.

Various school case studies have been researched and videos exploring the compliance measures introduced at schools can be found on the Catholic Education Commission Victoria. The Trinity College video can be viewed by clicking on the following link: <https://youtu.be/br0zP1LfeZo>

To raise an awareness of this very important cause, posters have been placed in homerooms to remind students to look after themselves as well as other young people and, as a school, we will continue to raise an awareness of child protection and embed child-safe practice in all dimensions of school life.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN VOUCHERS

Trinity College is collecting the *Earn and Learn* vouchers that are being promoted at Woolworths.

Every donation will be gratefully accepted and the vouchers rewarded will be used by the school to purchase a range of equipment that enables students to enjoy their time at school.

Please ensure that you fill the sticker sheets and return them to the College Reception. Alternatively, the stickers can just be dropped off at Reception and the stickers will be pasted onto the sheets. To support the smaller schools in our community, Trinity College does not have a box placed at the Woolworths store



So, get 'earning' and send the stickers into Reception so we can ensure our students have the best opportunity to learn. Thank you in advance for your support of a great initiative from Woolworths.

Mr Brad Smith

Director of Students

CURRICULUM NEWS

INTERIM REPORTS AVAILABLE ON PAM

Semester Two interim reports are available via the Parent Access Module (PAM) on the College's intranet system on Tuesday, 5th September, as per our College calendar. Parents are able to view their child's reports (past and present), homework tasks, assessments reports by using their PAM log-on details. Please use the following link (<http://pam.tcc.vic.edu.au>) as well as the username and password as supplied on the College magnet that families have received. Parents/Guardians who experience any problems using PAM are advised to contact College Reception for assistance.

YEAR 11 VCAL HOMELESS EXPERIENCE/SOCIAL JUSTICE WALK

Before VCAL students went to Melbourne, they organised a gift bag for homeless people. These bags included toiletries, blankets, beanies, cookies, handwarmers, scarves and socks. On each bag, a supportive message was written "Hang in there. Thinking of you".

As we walked around Melbourne, we approached homeless people, had a brief conversation with them and presented a gift package. They were very thankful for the gift. We wish to thank everyone who donated items to make this possible.

The photo on the right shows Charlotte and Emilie in King Street, presenting Wally a package. He was with a friend who did not want a photo taken due to domestic violence issues as having an image placed on social media would compromise her safety.

Wally's face lit up when handed the bag and said it was great young people cared and were thinking of them.



This is a photo of all VCAL students in front of *Homie* on the corner of Brunswick and Johnson Streets. The store helps homeless people by providing new clothes: 500 people have been given 3,000 items of clothing since the store opened two years ago.

Homie has a training program and partnership with *Ladder* (AFL initiative) and *Cotton On*, to help support homeless people.

The experience enabled us to realise we have an obligation to help and that kindness can take the form of a gift, chat or smile. It can make someone's day.

VCAL Year 11 students

FAITH & JUSTICE

SEEDS OF JUSTICE CAMP NEWSLETTER REPORT

The Seeds of Justice program is a Mercy Justice project which holds conferences each year around Australia for students in Years 10 to 12 students studying at Mercy schools. Each year there is a different social justice issue as the focus for the event. On the 10th and 11th August, 7 other Trinity students and I attended the Regional Victoria Seeds of Justice program at the stunning Araluen Camp in Anglesea. Trinity was one of five Mercy schools present, with Mercy Regional College Camperdown, Damascus College Ballarat, Emmanuel College Warrnambool and Sacred Heart College Kyneton also in attendance. The theme for our conference was the issue of Homelessness, which is an important and prevalent matter in our society.

Some of the highlights of the camp were the influential guest speakers' presentations to the staff and students. The first person we heard from was Urban Seed worker/spokesperson, Mike Cutter. Urban Seed is an Australian community development organisation which focuses on helping the homeless population of Melbourne. Mike was very engaging and gave us all a thought-provoking take on the issue. Our second speaker was Father Constantine Osuchukwu, who is an Anglican parish priest in Ballarat. Father Constantine shared with us some great wisdom about the dignity of humans but the best part of his presentation was seeing the 'One Humanity Shower Bus' project he coordinated which is now operating to serve the homeless in Ballarat. More details on that can be found on Facebook. In the evening, we all participated in a hypothetical discussion and role-playing exercise based on the topic of homelessness, which worked really well as it allowed everyone to think deeper about the issue and then contribute back to the group. There were lots of other smaller group sessions, prayers gatherings, beach activities and bonding over mealtimes during our stay which were also very enjoyable.

Overall, it was a great opportunity to meet new people, have lots of fun and, above-all, develop a stronger, more passionate stance on the worthy cause of helping those who do not have a place to call home! On behalf of all the participating students, I would like to thank the school for the opportunity and especially Mr Rodway for coming along with us and helping make it such a worthwhile experience. I would highly recommend attending the program to other Trinity students for next year as it is an amazing opportunity.

Scott McCarney (Year 12 student)



ALUMNI NEWS

CALLING FORMER STUDENTS and STAFF

It is now easier for former students and staff of **Trinity College, St Joseph's College** and **St Joseph's/Trinity** to register as a member of the Trinity College Alumni (Old Collegians) Group. This registration can now be completed fully online.

The process is:

1. Log on to the Trinity College website by using the following link <http://www.tcc.vic.edu.au/trinity/alumni/>
2. On the bottom of the page, click on the link "Register online now"
3. Complete the details in the online form and submit it.

The application will then be emailed to the school so that your details can be recorded.

However, should you prefer to complete a paper copy of the registration, the form is available from the College. Either drop in to collect a form from the College or contact Reception on 5233 9200 to request that a registration form be posted to you.

The first edition of the planned twice-yearly Alumni newsletter, *The Triune*, was well received last December and the second edition is due to be emailed in the next few weeks.

Please register now. Spread the word amongst your family and friends as to how easy it is to register and read about former friends and colleagues in 'The Triune'.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Mrs Mary Day

EVENTS

Tuesday, 5 th September	Immunisations – Year 7 Interim Reports Released
Tuesday, 5 th September – Friday, 8 th September	Year 9 Melbourne Experience
Wednesday, 13 th September	School Community Feedback Session, 7.30pm SSV Coastal Year 7 & 8 Basketball
Friday, 15 th September	Top End Tour departs
Monday, 18 th September	SSV GW Athletics
Friday, 22 nd September	Term 3 Concludes, 2.30pm



SCHOOL COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SESSION (SCFS)

Our School Community Feedback Session (SCFS) will be held on Wednesday, 13th September at 7.30pm in the Boardroom, Gleeson Administration Building. Topics for discussion will be the Parent/Teacher/Student interview process, provide an update of the College Master Plan and seek input regarding our communication with parents/guardians

THE GREAT KEY CHALLENGE OF 2017

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During the 2017-year Trinity College, here in Colac, is building a state of the art "Performing Arts Complex" to cater for its wonderful music and drama programs. The complex will be self-funded by the College. The over 730 students that attend the college from all around the Colac Otway Shire will be able to share in the 300 plus seat theatre, music rooms, drama rooms and private tutorial rooms.

As a part of that development, Therese and I have decided to raise money to donate a brand new grand piano to the school. Our children have come and gone from the school and Chris is a former Board Member of the College. We are grateful for the education they received. As a part of paying our gratitude forward, we want the children of the school to have day-to-day access to a wonderful instrument that will enhance their enjoyment of music and life.

This is not something the school could ever do on its own. But with your help this can be done. As a beginning, we have had a \$10,000 donation from a local donor who wishes to remain anonymous. To raise the rest of the money, we are selling off the 88 keys on the piano for \$250 each. We are hoping you will consider buying one or more of these keys to help achieve our goal of raising \$30,000 to fund the purchase of the piano, trolley, stool and cover.

In return for yours, your family, company's, clubs or organisations \$250, your name will be placed on a piano style plaque in the performing arts complex. Trinity has committed to honour this plaque's prominence for a minimum of 10 years.

We already have several families who are committed to purchasing keys. I imagine these will sell quickly so to avoid missing out I encourage you to get on board quickly by contacting us (0408344468 or quinnfams@bigpond.com)

Or simply fill in the form attached with your details and post the form and your cheque (made payable to Trinity College Colac) to Chris and Therese Quinn, 15 Skene Street Colac or you can drop them into Trinity College, 119 Hart Street Colac. Payment can also be made using cash or EFTPOS at Trinity College Reception.

Chris and Therese Quinn

KEY CHALLENGE – GRAND PIANO FOR TRINITY COLLEGE COLAC

We invite your support of the fundraiser through the purchase of one or more 'piano keys'. The cost of each key is \$250.00 which includes GST and is not tax deductible.

First Name			
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Phone Number	Mobile	Home	

- Multiple keys may be purchased.
- A maximum of 40 characters is permitted for each key
- Trinity College will approve all 'key' names/wording

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STRONGER COMMUNITIES — SAFER CHILDREN —

TRINITY COLLEGE ENCOURAGES EVERYONE TO
PLAY THEIR PART IN KEEPING CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE SAFE FROM VIOLENCE, ABUSE AND
NEGLECT.



- Wellbeing and child safety is everyone's responsibility, every day, in every community.
- Trinity College has undertaken much work in Child Safety and our school continues to reflect, review and improve on our child safety strategies.

Protecting children is everyone's business: play your part

National Child Protection Week

3 – 9 September 2017 // www.napcan.org.au/ncpw

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