



Newsletter



From the Principal....

Dear Parents and Carers

As the 2022 school year draws to a close, I would like to thank all the St Francis' staff for their hard work, dedication, and the passion they demonstrate in working with the students at St Francis' School. Their dedication to the school and the students of St Francis' along with the mission and vision of the school is to be admired. I know that parents/carers appreciate all the truly authentic care staff demonstrate for all students daily.

As the school year concludes it is important to take time to reflect on the achievements of the year. St Francis' continues to provide students with outstanding opportunities to grow and flourish in a caring and supportive environment. The staff at St Francis' have provided so many unique learning opportunities for the young people to engage in: including Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Bike Riding, Senior First Aid Course, Off-Campus VET Programs, Workplace Learning, Try a Careers Day, Interschool Sport with Communicare Academy, Art Competitions and Barista Training. All the educational endeavours and opportunities provided for the students at St Francis' build their capacity to be positive contributors to society as well as providing them with key skills and capabilities for life beyond school.

Staffing

I would like to thank four staff who will be leaving St Francis' at the end of the year, Mrs Belinda Fabling, Mrs Courtney Gratteri, Mrs Jaid O'Donnell and Ms Sarah Ware. Teacher, Mrs Belinda Fabling is taking leave for one year, during which she will be taking up teaching positions in mainstream schools including two terms at Mazenod Catholic College. Mrs Courtney Gratteri will commence twelve months of Parental Leave at the end of this year, we wish her and husband Chris all the best for the birth of their second child, a brother/sister for their son Koah.

Education Assistant Mrs Jaid O'Donnell has been with St Francis' since 2016 contributing to our school in so many ways over the past seven years. A highlight has been the St Francis' Olympics which Jaid introduced in 2016, they are now a yearly feature on the school calendar. I am truly grateful for all she brought to St Francis' during her time at the school, Jaid will be missed by the staff and students, we wish her all the best for the future.



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If your son or daughter is absent, please contact the school on 9262 4421 before 9:30am.

A medical certificate is required for absences of 2 or more consecutive days, or when requested by the school.

If you are picking up your son/daughter during school hours, please notify the school prior to your arrival.

You must come to Reception to sign them out. We will not allow them to leave school grounds without written or verbal permission.

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From the Principal....continued

Ms Sarah Ware has been at St Francis' School since 2018 as a teacher and VET Coordinator. Sarah's wealth of knowledge in Vocational Education & Training (VET) and Workplace Learning (WPL) has been valuable in the development of the wide range of TAFE, WPL and other off campus learning opportunities St Francis' has been able to offer for the students. We wish Sarah all the best for the future as she takes on a teaching role at Tranby College.

School Social Worker Mrs Debbie Iacozza will be working part-time (Monday to Wednesday) in 2023. To cover the Social Worker role on Thursday and Friday Mrs Tonya O'Keeffe will continue at St Francis' School for 2023, Tonya has a great wealth of experience in this role.

In 2023 we will welcome Mr Tim Travis to the school, Tim will be teaching Religious Education and Mathematics whilst Mrs Fabling is on leave. Mr Alex Mubanga will return to St Francis' in the role of Youth Worker for 2023 whilst Mrs Gratteri is on Parental Leave. Mrs Karen Young will also be returning to St Francis' in 2023, taking on the VET Coordinator role along with some teaching. We welcome Tim, Alex, and Karen to the St Francis' community.

QCE Award – Live to Give Program

On Friday 14 October, St Francis' was announced as the winner of the 2022 QCE Award - Secondary: Catholic Identity for the St Francis' "Live to Give" Program. The QCE Awards recognise programs and initiatives in Catholic schools across Western Australia that support the vision of providing Christ-centred, student-focused engaged learning environments.



The Awards celebrate the remarkable efforts and dedication of Catholic school communities, staff and students across our state, identifying, commending and showcasing the very best of Catholic education in Western Australia. As a part of winning the Award, St Francis' School will receive \$4000 which will be put towards continuing the development of the Live to Give Program.

"For it is in giving we receive" (St Francis' Prayer). At St Francis' School all students are encouraged to model the example set by St Francis by giving back to their school and wider community through their active participation in the St Francis' Live to Give Program.

The *Live to Give Program* pays homage to our patron, St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology and animals who encourages us to care for the things of the earth. Just as the early followers of St Francis were attracted by his powerful message to be of service to others in the spirit of Jesus Christ, the students and staff at St Francis' School are exemplary in their commitment to Service. They truly pay homage to our patron in their commitment to the St Francis' Live to Give Program, I thank them for their very generous efforts.

Year 12 Graduation

On Friday 14 October eight Year Twelve students graduated from St Francis' School. It was a wonderful celebration of the students' achievements and growth during their time at St Francis' School. It was wonderful to have all the students in attendance along with members of their families to support them on their special day. Several important awards were presented to Year Twelve students at Graduation, the winners of the awards were:



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| St Francis' Award, Presented by the McNally family, | Christian Etchell-Ellerby |
| MTA Award for Excellence in VET | Jayden Egan |
| Long Tan Youth Leadership Award | Lara Delilkan |

Leila Brouwers was also presented with the Year Ten Long Tan Youth Leadership Award.

Congratulations to all the award winners.



From the Principal....continued

School Fees 2023

There will be no increase in fees for 2023. The Fees and Levies for 2023 are outlined below.

2023 Fees and Levies Summary

School Tuition Fees	\$880
Building Levy (per family)	\$88.00
Total (single student family)	\$968 which is \$24.20 per week for 40 school weeks

As I conclude my time as Principal of St Francis' School, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the staff, Leadership Team, School Advisory Council, students, and parents/caregivers for your support, understanding, perseverance and guidance over the past six years and three terms.

I am extremely proud of what we have achieved together, as a team, to make St Francis' such an amazing school, a school that truly honours the spirit of our Patron, St Francis' and encapsulates our Mission – "To be a leading Catholic Co-Educational CARE School, offering a safe, nurturing environment for teenagers who, for a variety of reasons, are educationally marginalised in society and find themselves unable to attend mainstream schools."

Finally, I wish all families a blessed Holy Christmas and a happy New Year.

Peace and Goodness to everyone.



Mr Ian Hagen
Principal

*Lord, make me an instrument of your
peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.*

St Francis of Assisi

Mr Hagen, Thank you for everything you have done for our school.



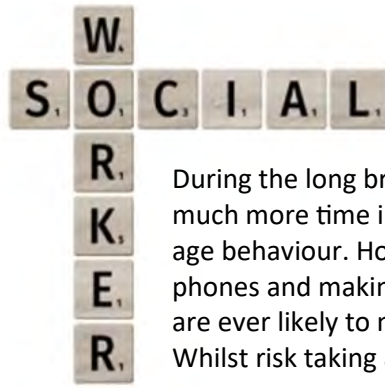
*Thank
You*



We wish you lots of luck and success at Salvado Catholic College.

IMPORTANT DATES

Australia Day.....	Jan 26
First Day Term 1.....	Jan 30 (Staff)
First Day Term 1.....	Feb 1 (New Students)
First Day Term 1.....	Feb 2 (Returning Students)
New Families Morning Tea....	Feb 15
Shrove Tuesday.....	Feb 21
Ash Wednesday.....	Feb 22
Student Free Day (Staff PD)...	Feb 24
OLNA.....	Feb 27 - Mar 10
SUP Boarding (Friday).....	Mar 3-24
Labour Day Public Holiday.....	Mar 6
2022 Alumni Afternoon Tea.	Mar 16
Year 10 Immunisations.....	Mar 24
Holy Thursday.....	April 6
STFS Easter Liturgy & Treasure Hunt.....	April 6
Last Day Term 1.....	April 6 (Staff & Students)
Good Friday.....	April 7
Easter Sunday.....	April 9
First Day Term 2.....	April 27 (Students)



During the long break, your teenage son &/or daughter will spend much more time in isolation in their bedrooms. This is normal teenage behaviour. However, during this time they are often on their phones and making connections with people they have not met or are ever likely to meet.

Whilst risk taking and increased non-sharing is a normal part of being a teenager, at least “back in the day” parents, if inclined, could ask who our child was spending time with and often has the opportunity to meet the parents, meet the young person and make some kind of assessment around whether that person was suitable for our child to be around. With mobile phones, the opportunity to ‘check out’ our child’s friend or family has been severed, shutting us out even more from our child’s life. Although the time of being a teenager is a time of transition with increased independence and autonomy, teenagers still need the guidance and protection of their parents.

Susan McClean was a member of the Victoria Police for 27 years and is Australia’s foremost expert in the area of cyber safety. Susan’s website has many great resources and advice for parents around current concerns involving our young people and the use of modern social media. There are short videos ranging from laws and legislation, sexting and sending nudes, to grooming and online predators.

Susan’s shared knowledge is particularly important considering the safety



Respect Responsibility Belief Belonging

- The principles of St Francis’ School -

Our School Prayer

St Francis,

Help me to jump into this day, full of joy and hope.

Help me to see every problem as a learning opportunity.

To myself and others, let me show respect, act responsibly, believe in myself and learn to belong to our school community.

Amen

Message sent out by the Australian Federal Police and the Centre to Counter Child Exploitation in relation to our young boys.

To go to Susan’s website visit www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au

For further information around keeping your child safe:

To report online child sexual exploitation www.acce.gov.au

For more information about ‘sextortion’ www.acce.gov.au/sextortionhelp

For more resources www.thinkuknow.org.au

For advice, please email online-child-safety@afp.gov.au

Pastoral Care Team Staff Hours

Please also note that the Pastoral Care Team will not be available during the school holidays

If assistance is required please contact the relevant 24 hour support numbers below.:

Emergency 000 or go to any Hospital Emergency Department

Crisis Care: 9223 1111

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

Mental Health Emergency Response Line: 1300 555 788

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Youth Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636

Kids Help Line: 1800 551 800

Health Direct (information/advice): 1800 022 222





Vocational Education & Training

with Ms Sarah Ware

2022 TAFE

Well done to these students for completing the following TAFE courses this year:

- ◇ Monet Rose (Year 12)
Certificate IV Preparation for Nursing, Health Science Hub
- ◇ Jayden Egan (Year 12)
Certificate III Technical Engineering, South Metro TAFE
- ◇ Aishlynn Merrey (Year 11)
Certificate III Education Support, South Metro TAFE

Year 11

Congratulations to the following students for completing their Certificate II Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways qualification:

- ◇ Aishlynn Merrey
- ◇ Ordacia Glindemann
- ◇ Archer Burch
- ◇ Grace Beal
- ◇ Shenaye Kelly
- ◇ Emily Shaw
- ◇ Jeremy Raats

TAFE Applications for Year 12, 2023

Applications for South Metro & North Metro TAFE 2023 Semester 1 are still open for Year 12 students hoping to complete a course starting February 2023.



KEY DATES:

- ⇒ **Friday 2nd December 2022** Applications close
- ⇒ **Saturday 3rd December 2022** Late application open
- ⇒ **Tuesday 3rd January 2023** Late applications close
- ⇒ **Friday 6th January 2023** Waitlist applications open

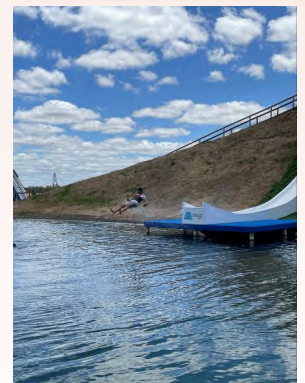
Summer Holiday Positions



Summer Jobs

Businesses are still recruiting for casual staff over the summer holidays. Visit www.summerjobs.com.au and enter a postcode to see the jobs available in that area.

Around the School in Term 4.....



Let us always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love.



Mother Teresa





Religious Education

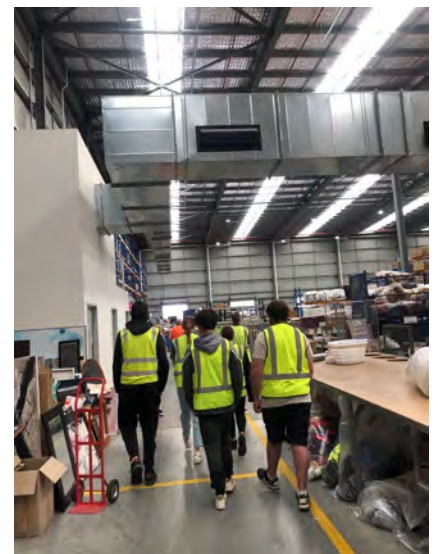
with Mrs Belinda Fabling

As part of their Religious Education course, some Year 10 and 11 students went to the St. Vincent de Paul Distribution Centre in Canningvale, during Week 7.

We had a tour of the centre, seeing where donated clothes are sorted, emergency relief homewares and beds are stored and Christmas Food Hampers were being assembled.

Students then spent an hour helping with a pre-sort of donations collected from the Blue Vinnies bins we see around Perth.

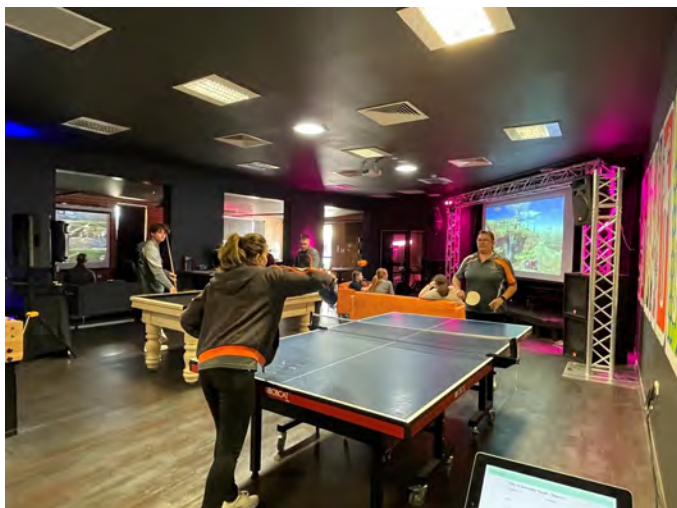
I was proud of our group. They worked hard, had some fun together and showed appreciation of the opportunity to see what goes on behind the scenes at one of Australia's largest charitable organisations.





SPORT & RECREATION

with Mr Simon Emmerson



 Act. Do something.
Belong. Do something with someone.
Commit. Do something meaningful.

Mentally Healthy WA actbelongcommit.org.au

In The Workshop

by Mr David Willock

As part of the Certificate II Engineering Pathways programme, students design and build a project of their own choice. A lot of planning goes into the final work piece, researching ideas, selecting materials, drawing plans and writing production processes.

This activity also showcases their welding skills.

Ordacia challenged herself building a complicated shelving unit.

With just the painting to go, this project is turning out to be a very impressive piece.

Well done, Ordacia.



ABILITY
is what you're capable of doing

MOTIVATION
determines what you do

ATTITUDE
determines how well you do it

It is with great pride that we can close 2022 knowing the students have worked so well this year to produce amazing work. They have been continuously involved in the wider community through art shows, exhibitions and competitions.

They have shown courage and resilience in the Art room with trialling new styles and imagery that is out of their comfort zones, but they have seen that sometimes this achieves learning and progress. The students have also shown resilience in continuing on through problems and rectifying issues that arise with their work.

All year levels have been involved and all students should be proud of their work this year.



Bush Walk
Alshlynn Year 11



Moora Carnaby
Matilda Year 11



Trees
Grace Year 11



Breaking Free
Alshlynn Year 11



The Memory Lives On
Archer Year 11



Seasons Djeran
Cassie Year 10



Youth Worker News

with Courtney Marie Gratteri

Our St Francis School breakfast club is open every day from 8am until 8:50am in our Common Room. Breakfast Club is open to everyone and is a relaxed atmosphere for the students to start their day. A health breakfast is provided for students who may otherwise arrive to school hungry or needing that extra energy boost before heading off to class. Research shows that one in seven children arrive at school without eating breakfast, which can affect their learning and attendance. Our school has been running the school breakfast club for quite a few years now. It is led by the school Youth Workers as well as staff and students who volunteer their time to help out. Most days we have a simple continental breakfast (toast, cereal, eggs or a smoothie, fresh fruit) and others we do a cook up (BBQ, pancakes, omelettes, waffles, fruit cups, avocado toast) or any other ideas suggested by the students.



This year has been a tremendous year with so many achievements for our school, staff and students. We have such a dynamic and exciting school, offering all students wide and varied learning experiences in a safe and welcoming environment. Throughout the year it has been important for the Youth Worker team to bring a variety of activities, service suggestions and referrals to the finger tips of our young people.

I would like to say thank you to you all for allowing me into your lives and my sincere appreciation for being a part of your journey. I have never worked in a school where staff continue to go above and beyond across so many fields of endeavour. I have really appreciated and valued my last 6 years being the school's youth worker.

In very exciting news for my family, I will be on maternity leave in 2023. I am honoured to have met you all in my working journey and I know I will look forward to reconnecting on my return to work in Term 1, 2024.

I would like to Thank Tonya O'Keeffe for all her amazing work and efforts this Semester. You have added to much value to our school and I am so pleased you will continue working within our community as a part-time Social Worker in 2023. I have enjoyed sharing the youth worker role with you immensely.

I would also like to give a huge congratulations and welcome back to Alex Mubanga, who will re-join the team for 2023 as a fulltime Youth Worker. I'm sure the students will be excited to have Alex back.

Lastly, To all the students whose energy, personalities, characters, behaviours, smiles, laughter and individual qualities make each and every day that much richer; enjoy the Christmas holidays, be safe and i will see you in 2024.

Courtney



From the STFS Admin Team...

STFS Administration will be closed from 4pm Thursday 15th December 2022 reopening on Monday 23rd January 2022. Should you have any queries during this time, please call and leave a message or alternatively, please email admin@stfs.wa.edu.au

Thank you to our principal Mr Ian Hagen for his leadership, assistance and guidance over the past 6 years. We truly appreciate everything he has done for our school and wish him success in his new role at Salvado.

We hope you enjoy the school holidays. Take some time for yourself and do something that makes you happy. Merry Christmas to you and your family

Take care,

Jodi & Kate

STFS Admin Team



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IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT SCHOOL FEES

School Fees will be issued in February 2023 with details regarding payment options.

If you are unable to pay your fees by the due date, please contact Jodi at Admin to discuss a payment plan.

Prompt payment of School Fees play an important role in the financial welfare of the school and your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Students Leaving Early

At STFS, we encourage our students to take responsibility for themselves and their actions. At times, we have students calling or messaging parents during classes or break times asking to be picked up or to leave the school and go home.

Should students feel the need to go home (for whatever reason), we ask that they speak to their Advocate Teacher or a member of the Pastoral Care Team who will try and provide support and encourage them to stay at school.

If a student needs to go home or be picked up, parents will be contacted by a member of staff who will advise of the situation and seek approval for the student to be dismissed from school.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school when you receive a call or message from your son/daughter. We are happy to work with them so they can remain at school for as long as possible.