



Important Dates

**Virtual College
Tour**
Saturday 16 May

School Photo Day
Wednesday 27 May

**Virtual College
Tour**
Thursday 4 June

**Queens Birthday
Public Holiday**
Monday 8 June

**Year 10
Immunisation**
Wednesday 10 June

**Virtual College
Tour**
Saturday 20 June

A Message from the Principal



When the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions started to come into place, and online teaching and learning ensued, I dropped into various classes to see how our students were coping with the unprecedented developments. In one of the Year 11 classes, the students enthusiastically explained to me that the new restrictions were not about social distancing, but rather 'distance socialising'.

This 'distance socialising' remark demonstrated the endearing and resilient nature of our students and also served as a reminder of just how proud we are of each of them. There is no doubt that over the past weeks, all of our students, staff, and families have faced a steep learning curve. Our determination to overcome these challenges together are a true indication of the strong three-way partnerships shared and enjoyed by the staff, students and families here at Kildare College. Despite the incessant changes that often took place at little notice, our students always demonstrated resilience, an openness to embracing new ways, and an exceptional understanding of what we could control and, conversely, what we could not. In many ways, the past weeks have empowered our students to be more independent and to gain confidence. They were able to translate what was an unpredictable situation into one that allowed them to seek and embrace new ways of learning, whilst 'distance socialising'.

Our staff demonstrated how willing and able they were, as evident in their efficient switch to online learning. The professionalism, collaboration and collegiality of the staff highlighted the unfailing dedication and love of each staff member. Furthermore, it was testimony to their shared commitment to ensuring all of our students are learning to the best of their ability.

To our valued families, these past weeks have certainly been different from anything we have experienced before, both as a College community and as a collective world. For those of you who have been supporting your daughter's learning at home, whilst also trying to navigate through the individual implications of this situation with your respective families, we applaud you on the great work that you have done. On behalf of all of us at Kildare College, a big thank you for the harmonious way in which we have all worked together to make the most of an otherwise difficult situation.

We also sincerely understand that there are some families in our school who have faced a lack of employment security, with far-reaching consequences on the family income and lifestyle. Once again, we would like to assure you that if you do find yourself in this situation, please know that your daughter is valued above all else and her enrolment is not in jeopardy. What is most important to us is that your daughter/s education remains steadfast and that, as a community, we remain well-connected by maintaining open lines of communication. Please do not hesitate to contact our Business Manager, Lil Mader, at lmader@kildare.catholic.edu.au or on 8369 9999,

if you currently find yourself in this situation. This invitation also applies for the coming weeks and months.

It certainly has been an extraordinary time for many of us. Despite this, the time to slow down has also afforded us the opportunity to reflect on all that is good. Namely, during these last months, a strong sense of solidarity has been felt by us all and this has certainly underlined how very fortunate and grateful we are to be part of the beautiful Kildare College community.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you once again for your tremendous support.

Many blessings always,

Tina Neate - Principal

Recent News

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Virtual College Tours

Dear Families

Thank you again for your incredible support, especially as we have worked together during these times.

Whilst there are restrictions in place for gatherings, we have had to be creative about how we facilitate our College Tours.

We are delighted to advise we are now able to offer Virtual College Tours of Kildare.

Families who are interested in discovering the Kildare difference during Term 2, are invited to register their attendance at one of our Online Virtual Tours. Participants will receive a link via email to log in to the session.

As Principal, I will greet guests at our virtual Resource Centre where they will view a short presentation about the College. From there, members of our Student Leadership Team and I will take the participants on a tour of the College to see the contemporary learning spaces and hear about our engaging and innovative curriculum.

Following the Virtual Tour, there will be an opportunity to ask questions. Our Registrar will also be in touch with families after the Virtual Tour to answer any further questions, and to post an enrolment pack.

Register your interest to attend a Virtual Tour by visiting our website: <https://www.kildare.catholic.edu.au/your-enrolment/college-tours>.

We invite you to share this information with any friends or family that you think may be interested in discovering the Kildare difference. We look forward to meeting them virtually, very soon.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

Tina Neate

Principal

07.05.20

Year 7 Sustainability in Textiles

As the Year 7 did online lessons for Textiles they researched into the Textile and Fashion industry and the impact 'Fast Fashion' is having on the environment.

Students investigated into 'Slow Fashion', how this can be made and also how the Textile industry could be more sustainable.

The last creative task of this unit was to create a high fashion outfit for a runway made out of recycled materials or materials from nature. Learning about sustainability is so important as well as thinking about it in every part of our lives, including our clothes!

Kara Steward

Hospitality and Design Teacher



14.05.20

A Message from the Middle Years Coordinator Kim Thomas

Welcome to Term 2. It is so good to see our students return to face-to-face learning.

At Kildare we greatly value our holistic education. Not only do we cater for our students' academic needs, but we strive to provide opportunities that promote and facilitate the development of healthy relationships.

Due to the current circumstance we find ourselves in, providing traditional activities, such as excursions, camps and retreats, where students have the opportunity to bond with their peers in a non-structured environment, is proving challenging. For many students, these opportunities enable them to form long lasting positive memories of school. When we, as parents, look back on our school days, it is usually the camps and excursions and the fun we had with our friends that we remember most clearly.

We really want our students to have these valuable experiences so we will be hosting 'Activity Afternoons' over the course of the term. Beginning in Week 5, students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will participate in afternoon activities of fun and games with their peers. Please be assured that we will comply with social distancing, hygiene and gathering restrictions, as activities will occur on different days for different year levels.

In Week 5 we will host a Quiz Afternoon and in Week 7, students will compete in a series of events in a House Competition. We will work with the Middle Years House Captains to plan some student led activities for Week 9. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

Kim Thomas

Middle Years Coordinator



15.05.20

A Message from the Senior Years Coordinator Raymond Kropinski

It was great to hear the sound of excited voices and to see the sense of joy on the faces of the students as they returned to school over the past two weeks. Many spoke of how much they had missed being with their friends and teachers in person during these past weeks. Most students have appreciated the dedicated work of their teachers in preparing online lessons and resources, but their preference was clearly for the face-to-face experience of being together in class and at school.

For our Year 11 and 12 students this has been an interesting, evolving and out of the ordinary year thus far of study. The SACE board has been working hard to ensure that students will be able to complete their Year 12 studies this year. The majority of subjects will continue as usual for the year, including the scheduled exams at the end of the year. Some minor changes in subject areas have been made and teachers will inform students of any changes that affect them.

More information about this can be found on the dedicated COVID-19 SACE portal: <https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/covid-19-coronavirus>.

Year 12 students have the requirement of additional homework in each subject area, and managing sleep, exercise and down-time as well as social contact with peers is also very important during these times. It is important that the Year 12s quickly pick-up where they left at the end of Term 1 and find ways to ensure they catch up if needed before the end of Term 2.

On a brighter note, the Year 12 Jackets have arrived – just in time for the colder months. As you can imagine, students were very excited to receive them. The jackets are part of the College uniform and can be worn with winter, summer and PE uniforms.

Due to the impact of the coronavirus, and in order to further support your daughter we have had to reschedule some events including the examinations for this semester. Examinations are used to identify concepts students have learnt, identify areas of concern and are an important part of the feedback process. Results from examinations provide further information that is used during the subject selection process for students moving into Year 11 and 12.

The end of semester examinations for Year 10 and 11 students will be held in Week 9 of this term.

Year 10 - Week 9, Thursday 25 June and Friday 26 June

Year 11 - Week 9, Wednesday 24 June – Friday 26 June

Mid-year examinations for Year 12 students will be held during the school holidays so they do not impact on teaching time.

Year 12 - Week 2 of the Term 2 holidays, Monday 13 July - Wednesday 15 July

Examinations are compulsory for all students sitting a subject that has an exam at the end of Year 12. More information will be released once the timetables have been finalised.

Raymond Kropinski

Senior Years Coordinator

14.05.20

Refugee Week



Year 8 students Charlie Price-Smith and Charlotte Clark worked together to produce a bright and positive poster for the SA Refugee Week Youth Poster Competition. Their design truly captures the culturally diverse land we all live in. The intention of the poster design was to encourage the welcoming of Refugees and to promote the celebration of Refugees' contribution to the Australian community.

I'm sure you will agree that they have done this in a very creative and thoughtful way.

Amy Fairweather

Art Teacher

14.05.20

Maths Pathway

At the end of last term you would have received an email from the College explaining how to access the Parent Portal to your daughter's

Maths Pathway program. By accessing this portal, you can view your daughter's progress over the year. This includes her Test History, Learning Dashboard and her Overall Learning.

- The Test History shows you the full results of each test she has undertaken this year. You will be able to view her growth, effort and accuracy rates for each test.
- The growth rate tells you how much your daughter is learning, an average of 100% growth means your daughter is on track to learn one year's worth of learning.
- The effort rate tells you how much work your daughter is completing in a learning cycle. An effort rate of 100% indicates that your daughter is completing all of the work assigned to her. Anything above 100% indicates she is completing more work than expected and anything below means she has not been able to complete all modules assigned.
- The accuracy rate explains the level of accuracy your daughter demonstrated in her test. 100% accuracy indicates that she mastered all of the modules undertaken in the learning cycle. You will also see that your daughter records these results, along with her learning goals in SEQTA Assessments at the end of each learning cycle.
- The Learning Dashboard details each module that your daughter has attempted and mastered this year. You can clearly see the modules that she has mastered, the modules she is working on and the modules with which she has had some difficulty. By simply clicking on the name of the module you will be taken directly to the resources for the module, which includes the worksheet and the supporting video.
- The Overall Learning Grid maps your daughter's Mathematical knowledge and understanding directly to the Australian Curriculum. The Mathematics she already knows is shown in pale yellow and the Mathematics she does not know yet is shown in blue. The Mathematics she has learned this year appears in a dark gold colour.

We strongly encourage you to take some time to log in and familiarise yourself with the Parent Portal. We would also encourage you to register your name and email address so that you can receive updates on your daughter's progress. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact your daughter's Mathematics teacher, or myself, for a conversation.

Kim Thomas

Maths Teacher

14.05.20

What have we been doing during COVID-19?



It has been a time of discovery and learning new skills. I believe that it was crucial for our students to stay connected to Kildare College and maintain a feeling of belonging.

We created interactive online lunchtime activities. All students at home or at the College had the opportunity to be involved and stay connected with us.

Each Day 40 - 50 students participated in different online events. Each day at 1.15pm I would announce the day's activity, the first student to direct message me with the correct answer went into a draw to win a book.

The students enjoyed finding new ways to occupy themselves, while at home. The students adored the coding games while others were amazed at being able to have a virtual tour of the Sistine Chapel in Rome.

Click on the link here to enjoy your [virtual tour of the Sistine Chapel](#).

The daily winners of the Online Lunchtime activities are

Monday - Crack the code was won by Keira Year 8

Tuesday - I Spy Aliens was won by Abigail Year 7

Wednesday - Lets go on a holiday to the Sistine Chapel was won by Lauren Year 12

Thursday - Rainbow Scavenger Hunt was won by Rachel Year 12 and Lauren Year 12

Thursday - bonus round was won by Katya Year 8

Friday - Interactive Puzzle was won by Tiffany Year 9

Congratulations to the book winner Lauren Year 12.

Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Mrs Haythorpe

Resource Centre Manager

14.05.20

Premier's Reading Challenge

During COVID-19 I am delighted to say that our students have been reading. A passion for reading has helped our students escape from the stressful situation of the last few months.

During our Resource Centre lessons we have been busy handing out stickers, rewards and signing the Student Record Sheets. For every book read, students receive a house sticker. At the completion of the Premier's Reading Challenge a Shield is presented to the House Captain of the House that wins.

So far we have had a total of 561 books read. Here is an update of who is in the lead

- Chanel 80
- Kildare 92
- Delany 105
- Nagle 132
- Bridget 152

The Challenge finishes on 6 September so we have plenty of time to read lots of books and help your team win the Premier's Reading Challenge Shield.

Mrs Haythorpe

Resource Centre Manger

14.05.20

Kildare sport is making a comeback!



Saturday Morning Sport

From Week 4, training for weekly sport will commence in preparation for the start of the season.

The weekly schedule is as follows:

- Monday Lunch Football (AFL)
- Monday 3:30-4:30 7 White and 7/8 Maroon
- Tuesday 3:30-4:30 7/8 Premier and 9-12 Premier
- Wednesday 3:30-4:30 Football (Soccer)
- Thursday 3:30-4:30 9/10 Green, 8/9 Maroon and 7/8 Green

An updated team list with coaches has been direct messaged to students on Thursday 14 May 2020.

Catherine Smith

Sports Development Officer

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Inter House Netball Tournament

In the coming weeks we will be playing an Inter-House Netball Tournament. Students are currently in the sign-up stage and are looking forward to the trainings sessions. The friendly games will commence when restrictions are lifted.

The carnival will take place during various lunch times and is being lead by our Sport House Captains. We are encouraging involvement and these games will be fun for everyone.

Lunch time activities will be run by our Sport House Captains in the Brigidine Centre for students to enjoy and be active.

Catherine Smith
Sports Development Officer

15.05.20

Representative Sport

In the coming weeks tryouts for Knockout Sports and nominations for SAPSASA sports will begin.

Students can check SEQTA notices for dates and times.

Catherine Smith
Sports Development Officer

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Jumping into first place!



Year 9 student Emily Worley competed at the Athletics SA State Championships. She came 1st in the U15 2km steeplechase with a time of 8:30.69 which was a 22 second personal best (pb) time. Emily only started competing in the steeplechase event this season. The steeplechase involves hurdling a total of 18 steeples and going through a water jump five times.

Based on this result, Emily was selected to be a member of the Athletics SA State team which was due to compete at the 2020 Australian Track and Field Championships in Sydney.

Congratulations and we look forward to hear more amazing results.

Catherine Smith
Sports Development Officer

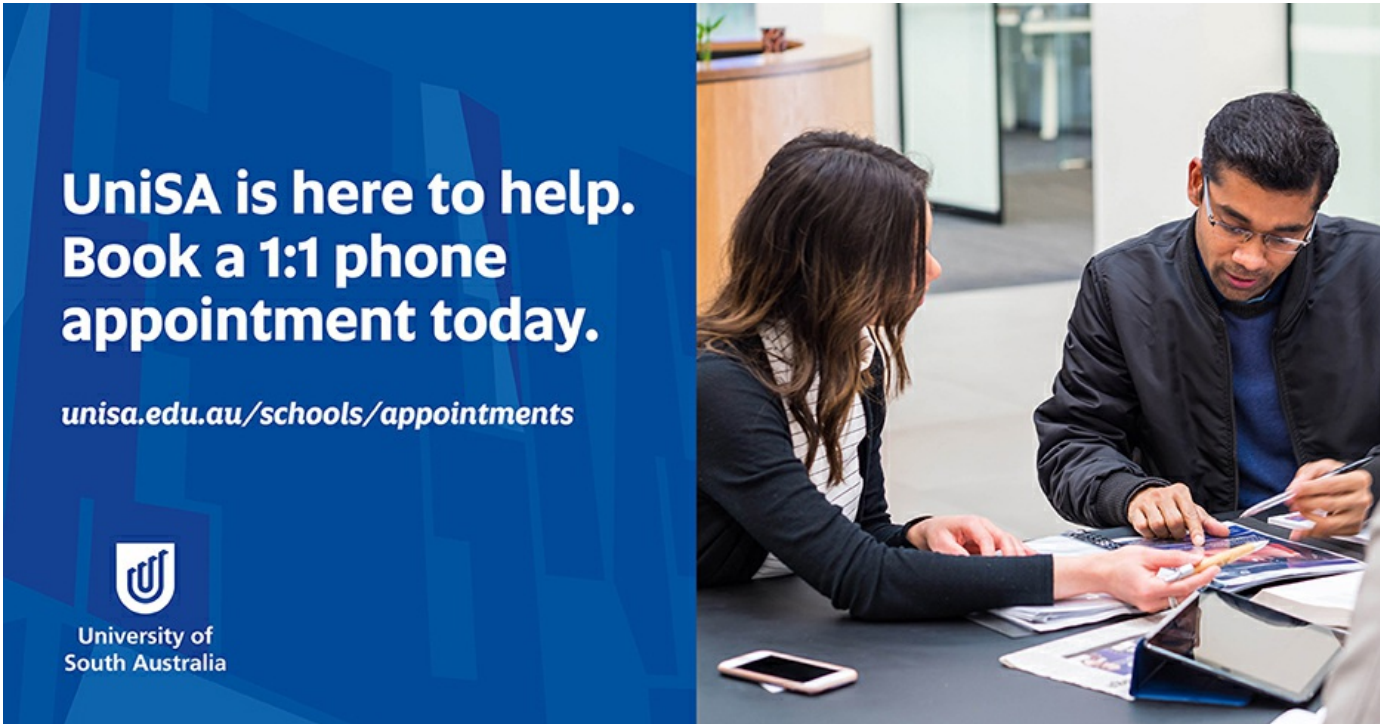
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Do you like our new Newsroom?

You may have noticed that things are looking a little different....


We're part of a pilot project for Catholic Education South Australia to test and showcase this new functionality for our electronic newsletters - we hope you'll love the addition of video content, photo galleries and all of our news stories for each edition featured on the one page.

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Isolation Poem

It's not self-isolation,
It's self-discovery!
Discovering things
We never knew we needed.
Hopeful families,
Loving friends,
And a belief that was always here.

Discovering happiness again,
Something that was always there.
Discovering a whole new world,
That lives inside our homes.

Throughout the weeks of isolation,
We are still Incredible
Invincible
And Infinite in our Imaginations.
What realm did we create?

We may be apart,
We may be distant,

But we still stand together.
The crisis that affects us,
We will fight from our homes.

We may be in isolation,
but we were never alone.

Lauren Burchard

Year 12 student

Going Back To School After Online Learning

Pack your bags, the time has come,

For learning new things and having fun.
To refill our minds that have gone empty,
With figures, facts and knowledge aplenty.

For those returning and those brand new,
There will always be something new to do.

A job over here, a job over there,
A new friend to make or a book to share.

What did you do?

What did you see?

How are you managing with only a cup of tea?

Did you learn to cook or learn to play?

Lunch and drink,
Neatly packed,
Into the school bag,
On my back.

IT'S TIME TO LEARN!!!

Rose Tharakan

Year 8
