



From the Leadership Team

Dear Parents, Students, Staff, Past Students, Past Staff and Community,

This week marks the end of a very busy first term. It also begins the school holiday season that ends with the rituals culminating in the celebration of Easter Sunday. Easter is the time in the liturgical year when we celebrate the centrality of our Christian beliefs. Pope Francis in his 2018 Easter Sunday message said “the message of the resurrection offers hope in a world marked by so many acts of injustice and violence”. Easter is a time for hope. It is a time to let go and to see beyond what is going wrong with our lives. It is a time to look for the happiness in our hearts and to look towards the future with positivity. It is a time to care for one another and to remember that when all hope appears lost, sometimes the unexpected happens. Saint Paul wrote that, unless Christ rose from the dead, our faith is in vain (1 Corinthians 15:17).

As Easter people (people of hope), we are called to be the bearers of Good News in the world. A quote that we have used this year from Timothy Radcliffe OP reminds us “One becomes a person through integration into the community, by embracing one’s position and enacting one’s role”. At San Sisto College, we live out this message with a sense of positivity. Reflecting on Term 1, we have welcomed the Year 7s into our school and there have been activities such as the sleepover, the Opening Mass, the New Families Barbeque, swimming carnivals, special academic assemblies, working



bees, music camp and the semi-formal. We have seen events attended by the Equestrian Team, Caritas collections, clean-up Australia lunchtimes, fun runs, sporting afternoons and debating competitions. The language of learning is evolving with the ELT moving forward strategy. We have welcomed many new staff and students into our community. Our College is alive with special students and staff who give their best and seek connectedness with one another.

Sadly, we farewell two staff members from our community this week. Both ladies are planning to seek out and challenge themselves with new adventures. Mrs Moore is one of our longest serving staff members and is retiring after twenty-five years at San Sisto College. Her patience, kindness and care for all students and staff over many years has been a blessing for this school. Mrs Moore’s genuine love of San Sisto College has been evident in all her interactions with our community. We wish her well for a happy retirement full of cuddles with her

beautiful grandchildren. Mrs Vardanega joined our community eight years ago. She has encouraged and supported many students throughout their time at San Sisto College. Her passion and energy has led to initiatives such as the Sister Squad, a group to which many girls have had the fortune to belong. We will miss her get up and go attitude, the oomph she brings to the everyday and her vast array of Doc Martens. We wish her all the very best in her new position.

Easter is a time to spend with family and friends. It is also a time for chocolate and bunnies, bilbies and holidays. It is a time for sleep-ins, egg hunts and hot cross buns. And now it is time to take a break — to reflect and rejuvenate — ready to leap back into learning in Term 2. Enjoy your holidays.

God’s blessing for the week ahead,

Mrs Shelley Hamilton
Principal

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Religious Life of the School

Throughout the term, our Project Compassion fundraising has been tremendous. Many thanks to our students, staff and parents who have contributed generously to this wonderful cause. We have had two fewer weeks for fundraising this year, due to Easter being at the end of the break, but our community has been very generous.

Our Easter drama and ritual will take place on the last day of Term 1 (5 April). The drama has been written and prepared by Mrs Jackie McCarthy and will be performed by the students in our Drama Society with some Year 8 students acting as the Palestinian crowd. This dramatic interpretation of Jesus's life and final hours, as well as how our students might be able to reflect and learn from this, is well considered and powerful. I would like to thank Mrs McCarthy and all students involved for all of their time in preparing and rehearsing the play so that we might all learn about seeking connectedness because of the Jesus story. There will be three 'performance' times during the day:



9 am, 11 am and 1.30 pm in the Siena Centre. Parents are most welcome to attend any of these.

Finally, as we move closer to Jesus' death and resurrection, I offer you this prayer –

God of wisdom and compassion,

You gave us the example of your Son, Jesus, to show us the way to live the life you desire.

Give us courage to do what Jesus did – to reach out to someone with patience, without judgement, and with the sensitivity needed to heal the wounds and struggles of our time. Amen.

Best wishes over the Easter break.

Please take time for reflection and prayer. Be sure to check your parish websites for mass times over Easter. May God's love continue to bless the San Sisto community and the hope of the resurrection continue to sustain us.

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Spirit of San Sisto Award

Congratulations,
Annika Poole

This award is given to girls who demonstrate a high standard of commitment to a Habit of Spirit. The Habits of Spirit are ways in which we live out the gospel, and ways which have been modelled for us by St Dominic and the many Dominicans who have come after him.



Rose Retail Centre

Purchase Your Winter
Blazers and Jumpers in
Term 2

Our College blazers and jumpers are now available to be purchased from the Rose Retail Centre from the start of Term 2.

The winter uniform includes the blazer and jumper with the tights only compulsory for Years 11 and 12.

Mrs Janine Hancock
Rose Retail Centre

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Parent Page

Farewell

This will be my final Parent Page in the Verigram - the end of an era for me. I have accepted a position at Iona College commencing Term 2 and so begins a new and exciting chapter of my life. Thank you wholeheartedly for supporting me by reading the Parent Page and for the many emails of encouragement and appreciation I have received over my 8 years at San Sisto College. I have so enjoyed my time working with the students and families in this community and it's been a privilege to have had an opportunity to share in the incredible moments of so many students lives, from transitioning to high school to graduating as Seniors and everything in between.

My favourite moments would have to be when I see students move past challenges and grow from them to become more confident young women.

My message to the young women of San Sisto continues to be to love themselves, to be clear on how they want to be treated and to always know their worth.

Along the way I have had opportunity to meet, speak and engage with so many



parents and I have learnt so much from all of your experiences. What I know for sure is that there are no perfect parents, and no perfect children but plenty of perfect moments along the way and spending time with your kids allows you to share in those moments.

Thank you for your support and I wish each of you the very best of good health and happiness.

Mrs Megan Vardanega
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Local ANZAC Marches - Thurs 25 April

Please join us this ANZAC Day.

Camp Hill

Our College community will be assembling at the Camp Hill Hotel (Old Cleveland Rd) at 7.30 am for an 8 am start. The march will finish at the Camp Hill State Infants and Primary School (676 Old Cleveland Rd, Camp Hill) followed by an ANZAC ceremony. It is anticipated that this will finish by 10 am.

Manly

Our College community will be assembling at the Manly State School (63 Ernest St, Manly) at 7.30 am for an 8 am start. The march will finish at the Manly Cenotaph followed by ANZAC ceremony. It is anticipated that this will finish by 10 am.

These are just two of the many ANZAC Day events that provide the general public the opportunity to honour those who served in the defence of Australia or its interests, especially remembering those who paid the supreme sacrifice or otherwise suffered as a result of their service.



Café Caterina

Easter Promotion

Good luck to anyone who has been ordering online this week (Tue to Fri), you automatically receive a ticket in the draw for a \$20 Coles Voucher. One lucky winner will be drawn on Friday at First Break, and you must be present to collect the prize or we will have a redraw.



Term 2 Menu

Check out the new menu for Term 2 on the Parent Portal and College website. We will have a few new specials to tempt you with.

Café Roster Term 2: 22 — 25 April

Monday 21 April

- Public Holiday

Tuesday 22 April

- Tracey Joyce
- Yvonne Taylor

Wednesday 23 April

- Marg Dinte
- Lisa Urshala Clark

Thursday 24 April

- ANZAC Day

Friday 25 April

- Janelle Charrington
- Georgie Rutherford

Mrs Margaret Kupper

Café Caterina Convenor

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Upcoming Events

Term 1

4 Apr	Inter-house Cross Country	6 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
5 Apr	Last Day of Term 1	7 May	College Board Meeting
19 Apr	Good Friday	7.00 pm — 8.00 pm	Administration Building
21 Apr	Easter Sunday		

22 Apr Easter Monday

Term 2

23 Apr	Term 2 Commences	9 May	Parent, Teacher & Student Interviews
25 Apr	ANZAC Day Public Holiday		Centacare Engaging
26 Apr	Year 12 Formal		Adolescents Parent Course
30 Apr	College Assembly	11 May	Working Bee
	9.00 am — 10.00 am		8.00 am until 12 noon
1 May	Trimester 1 Sport Ends	19 May	Open Day
	Rosies (Brisbane)		Click here to register

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VET News

This past week has seen many Year 11 and 12 students undertaking work placement as a part of their VET certificate courses here at the College. Students studying Certificate III Early Childhood Education have been placed in childcare centres and have worked directly with young children across a range of age levels in order to develop the 'hands-on' skills that they have been learning about in the classroom. Year 12 Certificate III Allied Health Service students have spent the past week at Darling Point Special School, learning specifically about the medical needs and care procedures adopted by the school for their young people. And our students Studying a Certificate IV Education Support have extended their knowledge of teaching practice and education support across a number of schools in the region. Many other ladies completing a Cert III Business course have entered various companies in a business administration role.

The College would like to thank all of these workplaces and employers for providing our students with an opportunity to develop the skills they require to complete their courses of study.



Mrs Michelle Watt
Academic Leader- VET

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Sport and Health

CaSSSA Tennis

Our two teams arrived at 6.30am on Saturday morning for their final games of the CaSSSA Interschool Tennis season. The Junior D team (Kate Dinte, Abby Schmidt, Madalynne Wallis and Ruby Keppel) played for third place against All Hallows at Churchie. At the same time, the Junior B team (Natalie Welsh, Elise Welsh, Sarah Brookhouse, Tess Quinton and Harriet Hudson) competed in the grand final against All Hallows at the University of Queensland. I am happy to say that both teams were victorious. I would like to congratulate both teams on their seasons, you represented San Sisto with pride and were very gracious winners.

Mr Ryan Gould
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CaSSSA Sport Results

Team	San Sisto	Opposition	Player of the Week
Volleyball 27/03			
Open B (Stocker)	SSC 1-57	AHS 2-61	Georgia Kopp
Inter A (Corley)	SSC 0-33	LOR 3-65	Phoebe Joyce
Inter C2 (Ferraioli)	SSC 0-39	MSM 3-65	Caitlin Marriott
Inter C3 (Nassar)	SSC 1-58	STU 2-64	Grace McCaul
AFL 27/03			
Senior A (Giffen)	SSC	MSM	RAINED OUT
Indoor Cricket 27/03			
Open South (Meyer)	SSC 95	AHS 39	Abbi Howard & Ella Winchester
Junior South (Dore)	SSC 64	BRI 82	Izzy Dore
Touch 27/03			
Junior B (Smith)	SSC	OLC	RAINED OUT
Junior E (Saltmarsh)	SSC	LOR	RAINED OUT
Tennis 30/03			
Junior B PREMIERS	SSC 35	AHS 15	The Whole Team
Junior D	SSC Win	AHS	The Whole Team

Jude House Captain Introduction

In this edition we interviewed our Jude House Captain, Ailish Lee for this first time for 2019.

Ailish Lee

What made you decide to run for a student leader position?

Throughout both primary and secondary school, I was always inspired by those in leadership positions. I wanted to be able to give back to San Sisto all that they have provided me with the past five years. Mostly I decided to run for a student leader position to have the ability to lead the fine young woman of the College. I knew that a position would be an incredible opportunity to grow not only as a leader but as a young adult and simultaneously make the most out of my last year of school.

What does being a leader mean to you?

To me, being a leader means to both serve and lead. Leadership is about filling the need and doing what needs to be done. I believe that a good leader not only creates change themselves but inspires others to bring about change also. A leader has good communication and organisation skills or takes the initiative to ensure they improve on these.

What would you say to any girls who are thinking of running for a leadership position?

I would say, as cliché as it sounds, just go for it, you have really nothing to lose. A leadership position is a great chance to grow closer with your school community, build your skills at communicating and time management. The opportunities that San Sisto provides to students of the College is incredible and it is an honour to be able to give back to that community.

How vital do you see the role of the Jude House Captain student leader in 2019?

I believe the role of Jude House Captain, along with the other house captains is very vital. I think that the role of house captains is often underrated — there is a huge amount of time, effort and stress that goes into organising athletes for races and other events.

What are you looking forward to most in your role?

I think I am looking most forward to being able to lead a house of amazing sportswoman to success this year. I am excited to bring a greater sense of participation, pride and enjoyment to the sporting carnivals. I'm looking forward to also strengthening the bonds between the other house captains and student leaders alike.

How do you plan to impact students and the College community with your role?

I plan to always encourage the girls in my house to genuinely get involved in all the College activities and events. I hope to demonstrate to the young woman how beneficial participating in the sporting carnivals is and help them to see how rewarding it is to lead a house of girls that are eager to participate.

What are you most looking forward to in 2019?

I think I am most looking forward to the lasts. As daunting as each one seems as they approach, the last swimming carnival, the last school dance, each event is made so much more special this year knowing it is the end. I am also looking forward to the many amazing memories I will make with the seniors of 2019. The first few weeks of this term have already passed so quickly; I am excited to make



the most of each day we have left.

What are your hopes and dreams for life after graduating?

Ideally, I would love to study a double degree of midwifery and nursing although the options within the nursing field nowadays are so varied, I am happy to see where life takes me. All I hope is to be constantly excited and challenged in my career and to be making somewhat of a difference in the world.

What are your passions?

I think one of my biggest passions is eating. A by-product of that love for food is my enjoyment of cooking. I am a huge fan of sport, regardless of my ability in many of them, I still enjoy participating and having fun with my friends. I also thoroughly enjoy doing 'Just Dance' and going to the beach!

Tell us something that someone normally wouldn't know about you.

I lived in a small town in Western Victoria until I was six years old and I can move my ears without touching them. Very proud of that party trick.



Japanese

St Mary's Visitors

We are always privileged to have our Sister schools from Japan at San Sisto College.

During week 8 and 9 this term, we had 20 students from St Mary's Girls School, Gifu, Japan.

These students who just finished 2nd year of junior schooling (equivalent of Year 8) visited the College to experience Australian culture and schooling as well as to improve their English communication skills. During their stay, they had opportunities to visit different subject classes, assisted Year 10 Japanese students and joined HPE

class. Then, St Mary's students have given Year 7 Japanese class a cultural presentation. Our year 7 students have learnt about their school, learnt Japanese songs and Origami. Both San Sisto girls and St Mary's girls simply enjoyed getting to know each other.

Our experience of having St Mary's students are the great example of how people can create great relationships despite the language barriers, cultural difference and values. Witnessing our girls to do so without any hesitation but with great excitement and enthusiasm are something our community should be proud of.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all San Sisto families who hosted and San Sisto buddies who looked after St Mary's girls.

Now, we are excited to welcome Kyoto Koka high school at the beginning of Term 3! If you are considering becoming a host family for Japanese students in the future, please have a look at what our students thought of their experience this year!

Ms Mayca Chung

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Our Homestay Experience

Meeting the girls for the first time was awkward as they were strangers who didn't speak fluent English. I quickly learned that the two Japanese girls I was hosting were so funny and outgoing, they quickly inserted themselves in our family. My family learned a lot especially my Dad with his Japanese translator that didn't work and always sent the girls off laughing. They loved swimming in our pool and playing board games with the family. On the weekend we travelled into Southbank on the ferry. We went to the museum and took them on the Brisbane Eye and for a swim in Southbank, they were so excited and took lots of photos. The Japanese girls taught me how to cook okonomiyaki which is a Japanese cabbage pancake, spicy noodles, pasta and they even bought my parents Sake from Japan and our dog Striker a chewy toy. The gift that I loved was a book that one of the Japanese students made for me, it was about their life in Japan. We have since heard from

them after they returned home. I definitely recommend hosting Japanese students as it was an amazing experience that I will never forget.



Bethanie Harris

During last week I had the amazing opportunity to host Japanese students from St Mary's. This was a great opportunity, through which I was able to form new relationships and gain new knowledge through. It was fun to not only share our Australian culture with the girls but to also learn about their Japanese culture. They prepared for us a traditional Japanese desert known as rice pudding. It was very different from our food, but it was

nice to try food from a different culture. I liked being able to help the students throughout their time spent in Australia both at school and during their time spent at my house but most importantly I loved forming new friendships. The girls were both very friendly, kind, and I particularly enjoyed swimming at the beach and doing puzzles with them. The girls said they both really enjoyed watching my sister's netball training as in Japan they don't play netball. It was so much fun to get to know the St Mary's students, and was overall a great way to get involved with the language aspects of the College.



Lana Holt

Music Notes

On Friday 29 March the annual Music Camp was held at the College. Many of the girls who are a part of the thriving musical aspects of the College stayed back after school to participate in ensemble rehearsals, music workshops and then the well-anticipated 'Music Games Night'.

The afternoon began with the girls sharing afternoon tea with each other, then proceeding to move to their allocated workshop & rehearsal locations. The ensembles rehearsed from around 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, at which point dinner was served, and on the menu, was a crowd favourite - pizza! After enjoying the shared pizza, all the girls headed back up to the Siena Centre to participate in some music games!

The games night started off with a 'Getting to Know You' sheet, where girls had to find people on a bingo sheet, and write their name down. This was a perfect way to get-to-know the people in our music community, and certainly brought us together. After this, we played a mix of games, including Four Corners, Amoeba tag, Scissor-Paper-Rock-Posse, Giants-Wizards-Elves, a 'Guess the Song' challenge, as well as the traditional music trivia, all of these in hope to win the prize of lollies! All in all, it seems that all the girls that came along and participated in the music games night enjoyed themselves and had a great night!

The following morning, students in the Mother Mary Molloy Concert Band and Siena Strings returned to the College at 9am and were split into their instrumental parts (sectionals) where they worked on breaking down their repertoire to

ensure that they understood how to play unknown notes or rhythms in the piece. The girls then returned to their ensembles to rehearse collectively before they had a concert for parents, which was a big hit!

The girls in Veritas Voices then arrived at the College at 1pm for further rehearsals. Spending time learning their different vocal parts and then rehearsing together to prepare for their mini concert for their parents – once again a big hit!!

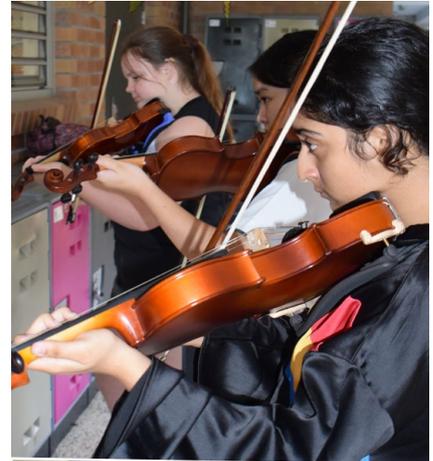
I'd like to thank Mrs Hart for her tireless efforts in organising and running this event! This wonderful musical event would not have been possible without all her efforts and hard work. She was assisted by Mrs Dore and Mrs Winks in organising the great food and the parent helpers from the Friends of Music Group were a great help in serving all our meals.

I'd also like to thank the ensemble captains for all their continued support and assistance with organising and running the night – I really couldn't have done it without you guys!

Finally, I'd like to thank all the College staff, tutors, conductors and our lovely girls who came and participated in the music workshops on both Friday and Saturday! I know I had a blast, and I hope you did too!

Ella Uhlmann

2019 Cultural Captain and Ensemble Captain – Vox Angelicus.





Religion

This week, the Year 7 Religion classes have been learning about various forms of prayers. In particular, this week we looked at the Labyrinth as a form of prayer. A Labyrinth, unlike a maze, has only one path; the way in is the way out. Walking has a long association with meditation. The movement of the body can become the focus or one can meditate on/think about a scripture text, or pray a repetitive prayer or ponder a question or issue. We then learned how to draw Labyrinths in our books and found our own paths in them. It was very interesting and reflective.

Mr Vincenzo Ferraioli
Teacher

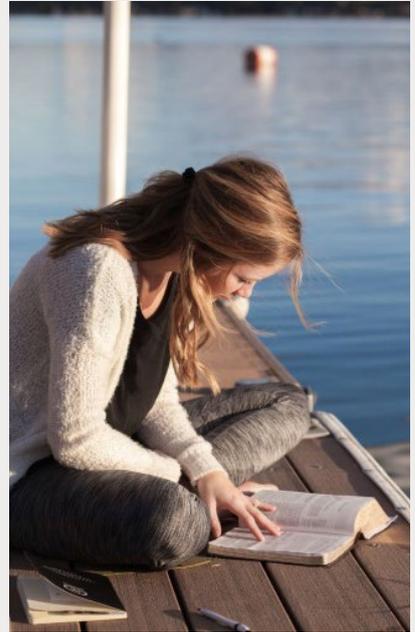
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Resource Centre

As the term comes to a close it is essential the girls have something to read over the holidays. We have had plenty of new additions this term with more arriving in the coming weeks. Alternatively, students can download eBooks and audio books using the Sora website and app. Feel free to visit the library for a demonstration on how to do this or a set of instructions can be emailed to you. If you would like more information, please email me at e yrelja@bne.catholic.edu.au. Have a safe and restful break.

Mrs Yasmin Relja-Alvos
Teacher-Librarian



Our Community

Parent Aide Unit Volunteers Required

The Parent Aide Unit is currently looking to recruit volunteers to work with referred families in the community. If you, or anyone you know has a minimum of two hours free each week (Monday to Friday) and you would love to work with children under two, please contact us.

Parent Aides are volunteers who assist families experiencing difficulties in early parenting.

For many years, Parent Aides from Mater have helped hundreds of families by offering much needed personal support and encouragement in parenting.

Parents often worry that the difficulties they face could adversely affect their pregnancy or new baby or toddler. They might find it useful to meet another person who is experienced with children. They may just want to talk, regain their confidence in parenting or seek answers

to questions they might have.

Parent Aides are often able to fulfil this important role.

Training will commence in May 2019.

If you think you may have the experience and time to become a Mater Parent Aide and would like to discuss this further, we would be pleased to discuss the valuable work and satisfaction that comes from being a Mater Parent Aide.

Contact the Parent Aide Unit on t 07 3163 2234 or via e parentaideunit@mater.org.au

Royals Netball Club

Royals Netball Club, a Coorparoo based Club, has a number of positions for players born 2007 - 2001 of varying ability in their 2019 teams.

Please contact Luanne on t 0430 011 886 or via e royalsregos@gmail.com

ANZACDay Camp Hill Bowls Club Family Event

- Thursday 25 April
- 1pm until 6 pm

Bring your picnic rugs and enjoy barefoot bowls, food trucks, TwoUp and LIVE MUSIC.

Supported by the Bulimba District RSL Sub-branch.

Camp Hill Bowls Club Celebrating 75 Years!

San Sisto College is fundraising with the Entertainment Book!

Hurry! Bonus Early Bird Offers. Limited Time Only \$70.

Your support really helps our fundraising, so we're thrilled to let you know about special bonus Early Bird Entertainment Membership Offers for loyal supporters.

[Click here to support us by ordering your copy today!](#)

ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™ PARENT COURSE

Join the three-session program for parents and carers at San Sisto College 97 Mayfield Rd, Carina, 4152

on Thursday 9, 16 and 23 May from 6.00-7.45pm.

Learn:

- Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- New understandings of adolescence
- Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can't ignore.

Registration Fee

The course costs \$10 (course booklet).

Register for this course by emailing scarina@bne.catholic.edu.au or by calling the College on 3900 9800. At the time of registration please let us know the name and Year level of your daughters/daughters.

Who's running it?

The sessions are being facilitated by practitioners from Centacare Family and Relationships Services, Fortitude Valley, 4006. This course is being run by a Parentshop® licensed practitioner. www.parentshop.com.au

Innovation In Aviation

Designed for high school students in Years 7-12, our 'Innovation in Aviation' school holiday program will see students spending three days (15-17 April) working with the Virgin Australia team as they tackle a series of challenges to bring a bit of magic to flying. This three day camp has been designed to fuse STEM with Entrepreneurship, Aviation and Innovation to provide a fun, fast paced program for students as they work with industry mentors at Virgin Australia Head Offices.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

Start QUT Program

Applications for Semester 2 of the START QUT program are now open. Students have until 16 May to apply.

For the first time, START QUT is open to students in Semester 2 of Year 11, as well as Year 12 students.

The program gives high-achieving students the chance to complete QUT subjects while still at school and trial future study areas. They may also receive a selection rank adjustment for entry, credit towards a related QUT degree, and up to four credit points towards the Queensland Certificate of Education.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

We want to hear from you.

Send us your news and we will include it!

Are you a current or past San Sister with news to tell? Then we want to hear it. Send us your article and we will share it with the wider San Sisto community.

Also, send us feedback on your *Verigram* experience. Positive or negative, all feedback helps us understand what we are doing well, and areas that need improvement.

Send your feedback to Ms Sally Hall, Media and Communications Officer on [e sally.hall@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:sally.hall@bne.catholic.edu.au)

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