



From the Leadership Team

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

Anzac Day provides us with an opportunity to remember the service of many to the protection and preservation of the nation of Australia. However, this day is also a time to reflect upon the motivations for and realities of war, in the hope that Australians continue to pursue peace and resolve conflicts through diplomacy and negotiation. We commemorated this day in a College Assembly on Wednesday and students and staff marched in our school group on Thursday at Camp Hill and Wynnum. Much praise was afforded to our students from members of the public who attended these marches. They spoke of the respect and dignity of our students and the poise and high regard they showed for their College throughout the morning. I thank the members of our community who participated in either gathering.

On a much lighter note, this is the week of the Senior Formal. Our young ladies will certainly be beautiful, elegant and fashionable on Friday night. The Habit of Spirit for this week is Passionately Engaging in Life—no doubt that sentiment will come alive at this event. We look forward to sharing the evening with them and meeting the young people that they have chosen as their partners.

We were successful last term in our application for a Brisbane Catholic



Education project in the area of literacy support. This exciting project is titled Write-up and will be headed in our College by Middle Leader—Learning and Teaching, Mrs Cara Robinson-Taylor. She will be joined by Mr Peter Barber and Ms Gabe Lang. The project will focus on Year 8 as this is the year identified in which factors can impede student academic growth eg adolescent cognitive developmental change. There has been an impact on staffing as a result of this project. A new teacher of Science and Religion will commence at the College in the coming weeks.

Whilst awaiting news of the birth of her baby from Mrs Kim Blake who left at the end of the term, we welcome Mrs Elise Godwin back to the College from Maternity Leave. In other staffing news, we also farewell Ms Sally Hall from our College next Friday. She has been instrumental in providing marketing directions for the past four years. We congratulate her on her new position

and wish her well for the future.

God's blessing for the week ahead,

Mrs Shelley Hamilton
Principal

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Religious Life of the School

ANZAC Day Commemorations

On Wednesday, we gathered as a college community for an ANZAC Day ceremony lead beautifully by our Student Leaders. We then had a number of students represent San Sisto at the Camp Hill and Manly/Lota marches on Thursday. We are proud of all students and staff who attended these marches, and others who represented different groups. Well done girls!



St Catherine of Siena Feast Day

Next Tuesday we will celebrate St Catherine of Siena's Feast Day. Catherine was considered to be a revolutionary leader of her time and was not afraid of people's perceptions. She had absolute and total faith in God. Fearlessly, she had the courage to challenge the Pope, and played a significant role in the Pope returning to Rome. She would often facilitate between political leaders and families. She had a real vision for peace and did what she felt was necessary to

achieve peace in her own time.

Catherine is known to live a life of contemplation and action. She spoke of the "power of two feet" that action and contemplation go hand in hand.

Below is St Catherine's prayer – may it guide us always.

*O Holy Spirit, come into my heart;
By your power draw it to yourself, God,
And give me charity with fear.
Guard me, Christ, from every evil thought,
And so warm and enflame me again
With your most gentle love
that every suffering may seem light to me.
My holy father and my gentle Lord,*

*Help me in my every need. Christ love!
Christ love!*

Have a great week!

Mrs Erica Qureshi
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Rose Retail Centre College Blazer

A reminder that during the months of June, July and August it is compulsory for students to wear their blazers to and from school.

Jumpers may be worn by themselves inside the college grounds, however should not be worn as the outer layer at any other time.

If you have not already purchased your blazer, please see Mrs Hancock at the

Rose Retail Centre as soon as possible.

It is compulsory for Bologna students to wear their stockings during these months as well. Students in Years 7-10 are welcome to wear stockings if they so choose.

The sports jacket should NOT be worn with the formal uniform at any time.

Mrs Anna Doré
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Rose Retail Centre Winter Blazers and Jumpers

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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Term 2 Begins

It has been a busy start to Term 2 at San Sisto College.

Just a reminder about our expectations regarding attendance at San Sisto College.

We anticipate there will be times your child may be unwell or that events happen in families where a day out is needed. Outside of holidays, we would expect for the average student, no more than 10 days absence from school across the year. If your child has been or is going to be absent outside of these expected parameters, we would urge you to please get in contact with your daughter's School Coordinator as soon as possible. Or, alternatively, if the information surrounding their reason for absence is particularly sensitive, you may wish to contact our Guidance Counsellor in the WELL. Please keep this in mind, and keep us informed.

Our Verigram article in Term 1 highlighted some of the reasons you as parents may run into difficulties meeting our expectations for attendance. These include:

- Physical Illness
- Truancy
- Parentally condoned absences (holidays or home responsibilities)



- School refusal

As was mentioned in Term 1, we are fully aware that when a student falls into the category of school refusal this is generally quite a difficult time for the family. It is of paramount importance that you receive the support needed to help manage your own feelings around this, as it requires a lot of strength in parents to transition your child back to full time learning once they have been school refusing. The behaviours and emotions you will witness in your daughter can be quite extreme, stressful and confusing.

A reminder again, you have chosen a school that is invested in the wellbeing of your child. We will always do our very best to mitigate any issues that may be preventing your child from accessing their education. It may be the case that your daughter needs additional supports, or even a modified transition program, to help get them back into the classroom. Your child has a right to a

full education, and it is a government requirement that your child be engaged in full-time learning (before age 16) or full-time earning. For some this is harder than for others and we are here to support families with meeting this requirement.

If your child is struggling with the transition back, for whatever reason, we would like to know. Please do not leave things until they become unmanageable. The sooner we know of your concerns, the sooner we can offer the supports needed, or direct you to the people/ organisations who can help. The full and complete education of your daughter is our primary objective.

Best wishes for a fulfilling Term 2.

Mrs Anna Doré
Assistant Principal Student Wellbeing

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Open Day 2019

Our Open Day this year is on Sunday 19 May from 1 pm until 4 pm. Many girls will be required to attend on this day. Our students act as guides, performers, participants, exhibitors, communicators, musicians, presenters and a whole

lot more.

All girls in attendance are required to wear their full College uniform (unless specifically directed to wear an alternative dress. Teachers will advise your daughter of her tasks for the day. Some girls may not have rostered duties — they will not be required to come, but

are most welcome.

With the smell of food and the sound of music in the air, there will be plenty to see, experience, do, taste and listen to at the San Sisto College Open Day 2019.

Mrs Anna Doré
Assistant Principal Student Wellbeing



Café Caterina

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.

[Click here to view.](#)

Flexischools Online Orders Get Priority Service

When you pre-order online through Flexischools, you get to dodge the queue on arrival. Come to the small window to pick-up your orders.

If you are waiting in line at the small window and have not pre-ordered, you will be asked to move to the back of the queue until these orders are collected. The system brings a sense of order to the lunchtime rush for our staff and volunteers. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Café Roster Term 2: 29 April — 3 May

Monday 29 April

- Angela Garske
- Vanessa John

Tuesday 30 April

- Leonara Buchanan
- Priscila Straw

Wednesday 1 May

- Amanda Nichols
- Fiona Howard

Thursday 2 May

- Urshala Clarke
- Megan Marty

Friday 4 May

- Lynne Dunlop
- Amanda Lynch
- Jade Dunlop

Mrs Margaret Kupper

Café Caterina Convenor

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Upcoming Events

Term 1

26 Apr	Year 12 Formal
30 Apr	College Assembly 9.00 am — 10.00 am
1 May	Trimester 1 Sport Ends Rosies (Brisbane) 7.00 pm — 10.00 pm
6 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
7 May	College Board Meeting 7.00 pm — 8.00 pm Prouilhe Admin. Building
8 May	Rosies (Brisbane) 7.00 pm — 10.00 pm
9 May	Parent, Teacher & Student Interviews

	Centacare Engaging Adolescents Parent Course
11 May	Working Bee 8.00 am until 12 noon
13 May	Eyes Open Social Media Parent Event 7.00 pm Siena Centre
	P&F Meeting 7.00 pm — 8.00 pm Prouilhe Admin. Building
18 May	Working Bee 8.00 am until 12 noon
19 May	Open Day Click here to register

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STUDENT ABSENCE LINE

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School Visits Program

We at San Sisto College have much for which to be thankful. The Year 10 Peer Mentors have been visiting our local Brisbane Catholic Education Primary Schools, to educate the Year 3 students about our Dominican heritage and of course, show them how wonderful it is being a part of the San Sisto College Community.

For San Sisto College, developing closer relationships with our Catholic primary schools is an essential step to assist in the social and emotional wellbeing of younger students as they become ready for the eventual transition from primary to secondary school. By providing this "shared" platform, we have found our senior students communicate their experiences of San Sisto's curriculum, co-curricular, unique programs, social groups and events, and teaching approaches, in a way the younger students relate with. Our students then invite the younger students to take advantage of the many events the College holds each year such as Open Day, to experience what it means to be a San Sister for themselves.

Several of our talented college musical artists have performed for the Year 3 students. They have spoken with great pride about our College and have presented themselves in a manner that is most pleasing. The Year 3 students have been thrilled to talk to the "Big Girls" and were in awe watching the musical performances.

Primary school students laughter is infectious and our students have been enjoying the opportunity to spend time

with the younger students. One could only feel a sense of gratitude for the wonderful students that we have, for the girls who are so full of spirit, who have so much energy and spirit of fun.

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P&F Event



P&F Father and Daughter State of Origin Event

Date: Sunday 23 June

Time: from 7.00 pm

Location: Siena Centre
San Sisto College

Price \$4.00 per person

The cost includes a pizza, prizes, games, and much more.

Attire: State of Origin Themed

Come along to watch QLD take on NSW in the second game of the 2019 State of Origin series on the Siena Centre big screens for the annual P&F Association event.

Tickets are now on sale through Flexischools. Registration is essential.

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Visit [w flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)



Cyber Safety

Social Media Parent Information Night

Monday 13 May in the Siena Centre from 7.00 – 8.30 pm.

San Sisto College in conjunction with Eyes Open Social Media (a registered provider with the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner) is offering you a unique opportunity to gain hands on practical advice on how to significantly reduce your daughter's and your own risks while using social media sites.

Tricia Munn will facilitate the session and is one of Australia's most specialised educators within this field. Tricia passionately believes in giving you workable solutions and guarantees that you will walk away from the session with some invaluable tools which you can immediately put into practice.

The session will cover the main cyber safety risks and dangers including predators, inappropriate material, bullying and digital footprints and how to manage and report issues.

The program will also cover the most popular sites accessed by students, how what you do online can put your children at risk and practical steps that you can take to improve your own and your children's safety through the use of site security settings.

Having you attend this session will also help reinforce the messages and commitment San Sisto College has made this year through the ongoing support of Eyes Open Social Media to keeping our students cyber-safe.

To register, contact Mrs Di Felice
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Highland Music

During the second week of the holidays, Eliza Rogers competed in the 115th highland gathering in Mclean in northern New South Wales.

The gathering goes over two days, with the first day a solo competition in which Eliza competed in C grade Tenor drumming. Eliza performed three different pieces of music - March, Strathspey and Reel. She has been studying these pieces over that last 12 months.

Eliza said she then had to, "perform and compete against another four competitors on the following day. At the end of the day when the results were announced it was shown that I had placed 1st."

Congratulations, Eliza.

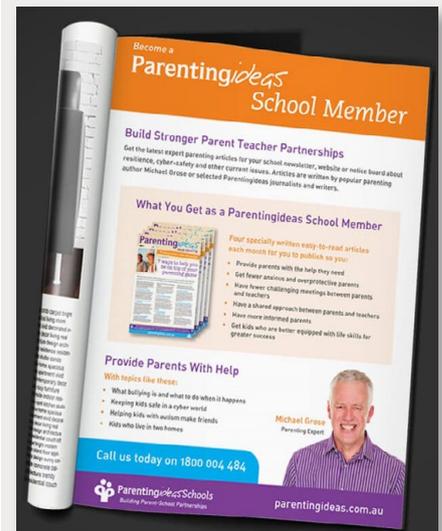
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Parenting Page

Parenting Ideas Resources



San Sisto College has a school membership with Parenting Ideas which allows us access to the latest parenting information and support for parents.

All the resources can be found on the Parent Portal under the Student Wellbeing tab.

Here you will find articles and EGuides on a range of topics including Friends, Coping and Confidence.

In addition, parents can go directly to the [Parentingideas website](http://Parentingideas.com.au), where more Eguides are available for purchase ranging in price from \$15. Look under Resources and click "Find Out More".

During the purchase parents will set-up their own user account so they will always have access to the E-books/guides via their own dashboard.

[Click here](#) and enter your name and email address to receive regular parenting blogs and articles.



Sport

Hancock Prospecting Australian Age Swimming Championships

During the holidays, Alicia Goodwin travelled to South Australia to compete in the Hancock Prospecting Australian Age Championships. She raced in 9 events and finished in the top 6 in each of her races. Alicia broke 5 of her personal bests, receiving 2 silver and 3 bronze medals. This has been

her greatest swimming achievement to date. Congratulations Alicia, you are a fantastic athlete and role model, we are all extremely proud of you. Alicia has also qualified to compete on behalf of Queensland at the School Swimming Nationals in Melbourne later this year.

Mr Ryan Gould
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CaSSSA Results

Team	San Sisto	Opposition	Player of the Week
Volleyball 03/04			
Open B (Stocker)	SSC 3-65	STU 0-40	Sharli Chesmar
Inter A (Corley)	SSC 1-49	SRC 2-54	Isabella Smith
Inter C2 (Ferraioli)	SSC 1-50	AHS 2-58	Caitlin Marriott
Inter C3 (Nassar)	SSC 0-25	LOR 3-65	Grace McCaul
AFL 03/04			
Senior A (Giffen)	SSC 0	LHC 37	Tahlia Neszpor & Stella Major
Indoor Cricket 03/04			
Open South (Meyer)	SSC 88	BRI 66	Lucy Vaschina & Jorja Osmond
Junior South (Dore)	SSC 101	BRI 126	Natasha Winchester
Touch 03/04			
Junior B (Smith)	SSC 0	SRC 2	Milieka Edey
Junior E (Saltmarsh)	SSC 0	LHC 7	Brooke Holman

Working Bee

We have our next Working Bees coming up soon to prepare the College for Open Day – Saturday 11 and 18 May, from 8.00 am until 12 noon. With plenty of gardening, cleaning and trimming to be done prior to Open Day, we would appreciate as many parents and students to come along and have our college campus looking its best.

Attendance at the Working Bee contributes towards your fifteen hours

of volunteering needed to qualify for the P & F Service Levy refund.

The P & F Committee puts on a great morning tea, so come along to support the college and students. Please register your attendance with the administration office, ideally by 9.00 am Friday 10 May on t 3900 9800 or e scarina@bne.catholic.edu.au



NCCD

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

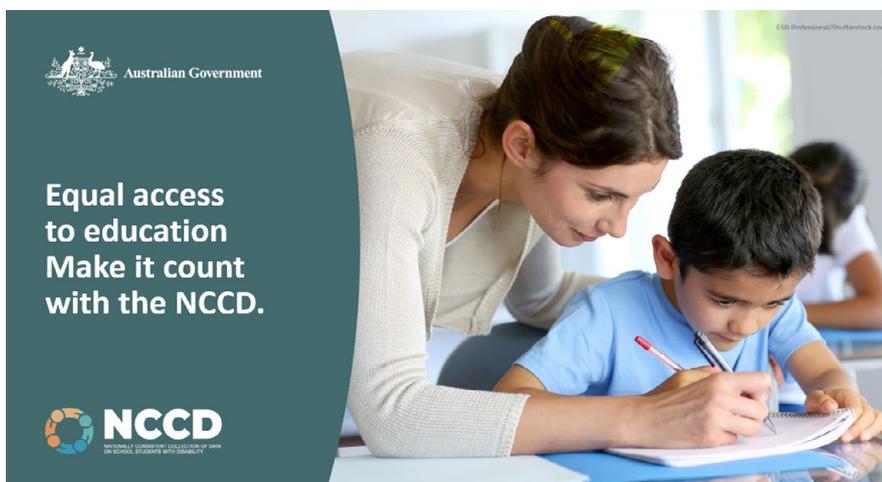
Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and



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NCCD
NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

adjustments provided to students with disability in schools

- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The

school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the Australian Government's Privacy Policy [w education.gov.au/privacy-policy](http://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the NCCD Portal [w nccd.edu.au](http://www.nccd.edu.au)

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Join us for

OPEN DAY
19 May at 1 – 4 pm

Register Online TODAY!



Our Community

San Sisto College is fundraising with the Entertainment Book!

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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.

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. [w parentshop.com.au](http://w.parentshop.com.au)

Australian Fitness & Martial Arts Club

Beginner classes starting now (free trial - first lesson).

Locations:

- Norman Park at "Norman Park State School Hall" via Hipwood Street — Saturday 10.45 – 11.30 am

- Cannon Hill at the "School of Arts" 958 Wynnum Road — Tuesday & Thursday 4.00 - 4.45 pm

1. Mount Gravatt at "Clairvaux Mackillop College" Hall; Klumpp Rd Monday & Wednesday 5.45 - 6.40 pm and "St. Bernhard's Primary" — Wed. 3.40 - 4.30 pm

Also classes at Manly West on Monday & Friday.

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- Building Confidence and Self-Esteem
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- Guidance to achieve Junior Black Belt

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Sensei Andy Schwandner: AFMA - National Chief Instructor.

Contact Christine 0400 179 960 or Sensei Andy 0403 358 397 or visit

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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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