

## From the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

HAPPY SACRED HEART DAY!

The annual Feast Day of Chevalier College, celebrated this year on 16 June, holds immense significance in the life of our community. Founded by Jules Chevalier, a visionary MSC priest, the day serves as a cherished occasion to commemorate his legacy and the enduring values he instilled in the College.

On this day, students and staff, supported by alumni and the wider Chevalier College community, come together to reflect upon and honour the rich heritage and traditions of what it means to "be MSC". It provides an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the College's founding principles, such as compassion, service, and humility.

The Feast Day celebrations this year included a number of events and activities that foster a sense of unity, pride, and gratitude for the special place the College has for each of us. Students, staff, and invited guests commenced the day with a joyous celebration of the Eucharist. It was another reminder of the importance of faith in nurturing our humanity.

Jules Chevalier, the founder of the Chevalier Family, had a vision of a new world emerging and he wanted to make known the Gospel message of God's love and care for all men and women, and to evoke a response in every human heart. He especially valued love, concern, compassion, understanding, respect, and acceptance of every individual.

By celebrating the Feast Day, Chevalier College ensures that the values and vision of Jules Chevalier remain at the forefront of our educational mission. It serves as a day of reflection, inspiration, and renewal for the College, reinforcing the importance of integrity, compassion, and academic excellence in the lives of its students and the broader community.

Lastly, on this Sacred Heart Day may we continue to honour the vision of Jules Chevalier by being a unique expression of his call for us to "Be on Earth the Heart of God."

### The MSC Community

Recently, I have been reminded that Chevalier is but one of many MSC communities within Australia. Whether it be one of the 4 schools still serving the needs of young people on the eastern seaboard of Australia, or as a member of the Community House at MSC Headquarters at Kensington in Sydney, those of us are connected by the bond created by Jules Chevalier and the forefathers of trailblazers who started the Australian community in the 1800s.

Most notably, I attended the annual general meeting of MSC schools in Canberra in late May. The 3-day meeting ensured connection between each of the four MSC schools, each one of which continues to serve the needs of the young people for whom they are called to serve.

Another MSC gathering saw me attending an event which celebrated 20 years of the Chevalier Institute. The Chevalier Institute is a ministry of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in the Australian Province. Its mission is to facilitate, and support lay, adult faith formation in the Chevalier Family's Spirituality of the Heart. It does so very successfully. At this gathering, I had the great honour to be with four past principals of Chevalier College. They can be seen below.

Chevalier College Principals



From left to right: Greg Miller (2023-present), Chris McDermott (2008-2022), Fred Stubenrauch (2002-2007), Father John Mulrooney (1997-2001), Father Robert Irwin (1990-1996).



### Community Forum for Parents and Carers – LAST CHANCE TO BOOK

Please be reminded that there will be another **Community Forum for Parents and Carers** on **Wednesday 21 June**. The forum will focus on **2024 Best Use of Time**. At this forum I will provide some modelling on a proposed 2024 timetable. The modelling will adapt some considerations from the previous consultation with staff, students and parents dating back to March of this year.

The event will take place between **6.30pm to 7.45pm** in the Sacre Coeur Centre. Parking is available in the car park adjacent to the Centre – enter via Gate 4. Please note that this event is for parents and carers, not for students.

RSVPs are required by Monday 19 June. To reserve your seat, please [click here](#).

### Tribute to Father Bob Irwin MSC – 50 Years a Priest!

In May 1973, Father Bob Irwin took his final vows to become a priest in the tradition of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart (MSC). As a teacher and leader, Father Bob served across many MSC schools. This included his time as Headmaster of Daramalan College from 1983-1988, and St John's College from 1997-1998.

In these school settings and many other places of learning and leadership, Father Bob has made a positive impact on the many thousands of students he has taught, the many hundreds of teachers he has led, and the many communities he has served over his 50-year vocation.

Father Bob Irwin also served as Principal at Chevalier College from 1990-1995. So, I thought I would ask a few of our current Chevalier Staff who were here when Father Bob was Principal; some experienced Father Bob as a teacher and others as a student. By reflecting on their words, we can gain some small insights into the large impact Father Bob had when here as Principal in the 1990s, and we can also understand the legacy that endures to this day.

Mr Mark Fitzpatrick reflected,

*I had not long been at Chevalier when Fr Bob arrived. He promised much and delivered more. One of his greatest legacies is in the way that he touched the hearts of a community and made us a family. The Chevalier liturgies came to life under Fr Bob, and we began a tradition of inclusiveness and involvement that lives on to this day. Fr Bob sang the first ever rendition of 'Shout Out My Soul' at a time when the Chevalier family greatly needed it. He lifted us all and carried us in that moment. Fr Bob's legacy is that he showed us all that "The Heart of Education is the Education of the Heart."*

Ms Kelly Clunn (Walker) from the Class of 1991, and a current staff member since year 2000, was one of the many thousands of students who were lucky enough to have Father Bob as Headmaster of their MSC school. Ms Clunn reflected,

*As a senior student at the time of Fr Bob's arrival, my first impression was that he came with a definite presence. He walked with us as a student body, and it was evident that he did the same with his staff. There was a saying of Fr Bob's that I only learnt of much later, when I became a staff member myself "you've just got to love them (the students)". Even the most challenging students were treated as "one of God's children".*

Mr Peter Reeves reinforced this sentiment when he remembered,

*One quote from Fr Bob that has sat with me for over 3 decades at Chev, one day Bob said, "You know what Peter, you just gotta love 'em."*

Mrs Felicity Bentley reflected,

*Fr Bob is a beacon of gentle yet strong leadership. With unwavering faith and courage, he leads and loves our College, inspiring us all. My favourite memory is when he would sing 'Shout Out My Soul' at College liturgies. Those moments united us, instilling a sense of inspiration that will forever remain etched in my heart. Through his leadership and love, he brings light and inspiration to our MSC community.*

Mr Matt Heard knew Father Bob as a student and reflected,

*Fr Bob was a principal who led with everything that it means to be truly MSC. In the four years Bob was my principal, I can never remember a bad word ever being spoken about him. He was, and still is, just that sort of man!*

Miss Louise Glase reflected,

*Just hearing Fr Bob Irwin's name brings a smile to my face and fills my heart with joy. I started at Chev as a Year 7 student in 1991, and even though in those days his title was Headmaster, he was always approachable and easy to talk to. There were certainly never any airs and graces from Fr Bob. He would often be found at recess and lunch walking the playground and chatting to groups of students. There was always a sense of genuine care and interest in you as a person. My sisters Kathryn (CPS 1991) and Sharon (CPS 1993) both agreed that him singing 'Shout Out My Soul' at the top of his voice on Sacred Heart Day and getting everyone up on their chairs was our main memory of him. These were truly goosebump-inducing moments of College spirit and heart.*



Mrs Barbara Santos, our Deputy Principal, and member of staff when Father Bob was Principal, reflected,

*Bob is a true leader. My memories of Bob are of a strong, kind man who had a wicked sense of humour and a great wit. His door was always open, and he greeted you with open arms and a smile.*

Last, but not least, Father John Mulrooney, who is not only a close colleague of Father Bob, but a great friend as well, reflected,

*Bob has been a great gift to the Education ministry in the MSC Province. He was the Principal at Daramalan, Chev, and St John's in Darwin. He always brought great joy into a school through his very personable relationships with students, staff, and parents.*

*I followed him in a few roles in the MSC Province – school retreat team, Principal at Chev, Provincial, and I always found things in 'good spirit' and 'well-oiled'. His great gift with people allowed people to follow with him and together create a great school community.*

Father Bob, "Thankyou" for all that you have given to MSC Education in many forms and in the many places in which you have served, including here at Chevalier College. There is no doubt that you are a Missionary of the Sacred Heart from the top of your head to the bottom of your bootstraps.

Greg Miller  
**Principal**

## Learning and Teaching

### **Library resources due by end of term**

All students have been emailed about books and resources due to be returned to the library by the end of term, Thursday 22 June. Please note that items not returned by this date will be charged to school accounts. Students should come and speak to library staff if they have any issues or would like to renew a title.

Rebecca Graham  
**Assistant Principal – Learning and Teaching**

## Wellbeing

### **Collective Shout presentation and parent information evening**

On Tuesday 25 July, Collective Shout are offering an information evening for parents and carers following presentations to students on navigating a s\*xed up world. Further information on the student presentations is available in last week's *Need to Knows*.

#### Presenters

*Melinda Tankard Reist, Author, Speaker, Advocate*

*Daniel Principe, Youth Advocate & Educator*

#### Parent and carers information evening

The parent information evening will begin at 7.00pm in the Sacre Coeur Centre. The purpose of the parent evening is to empower parents and carers in the increasingly difficult role of guiding young people to healthy adulthood. By creating opportunity for conversation, we can be more informed and equipped to deal with the challenging situations that are facing the ever-changing landscape for our adolescents in the 21st Century, and our responses to them.

The parent and carer information evening is free to current Chev parents/carers. To register for the adult only information evening, [click this link](#) before 16 July and enter the code CHEV10. This event will be open to the wider community from 24 June, so get in quick to reserve your place now.



Chevalier College invites Parents and Carers to our Pastoral Care Symposium  
presented by Melinda and Daniel from Collective Shout

## THE S\*XUAL WORLD OF THE 21ST CENTURY: CONSENT, RESPECT AND THE ROLE OF P\*RNOGRAPHY



**SPEAKER**

Melinda Tankard Reist  
Movement Director



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Youth Advocate & Educator

**ADULTS ONLY EVENT**

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**7:00PM-  
8:30PM**

<https://bit.ly/CollectiveShout>

**SACRE COEUR CENTRE  
CHEVALIER COLLEGE**

Free entry for Chev parents and carers with code CHEV10.  
\$10 entry +BF for general community from 24 June.  
Bookings are essential.



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Enquiries [office@chevalier.nsw.edu.au](mailto:office@chevalier.nsw.edu.au)

### Further Information

If you would like further information on this subject matter, presenters, and endorsements from other parents, visit [Collective Shout](https://www.collectiveshout.com.au). If you have any questions regarding these presentations, please contact us on [office@chevalier.nsw.edu.au](mailto:office@chevalier.nsw.edu.au) or 4861 1488.

Kelly Clunn and Natalie LaGarde  
**Assistant Principals – Wellbeing**

### Extra Curriculum

#### ISA Sport

ISA Round 7 is on this Saturday. Team fixtures and bus information can be found [here](#). All buses will be leaving from the bus zone on Charlotte Street. All students should be dropped off in the JFC carpark.

#### Duke of Edinburgh Award

The College has partnered with YouthAdvance to offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award to students aged 14 years and up.

YouthAdvance will help guide and mentor students through the steps of the Award which will include getting active, learning a skill, giving back to the community, and completing an outdoor adventure camp. Completing the Award can assist with university entrance and job interviews, as well as the individual attributes gained through the Award.

Interested students should go to [YouthAdvance](https://www.youthadvance.com.au) for further information.

Coach Phillips  
**Extra Curriculum Administrator**



## Other matters

### Cyber Safety Information Session for Parents

YSafe is running a free online Cyber Safety Education Session for parents and carers on Monday 19 June from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. The information session will cover online safety, including social media and gaming, screen time recommendations, and step-by-step instructions on how to set up a cyber-safe home for children of all ages.

If you are interested in attending, please click [this link](#) to register.

### NEW DATE: Upcoming Roadworks – Charlotte Street

We have been advised that road maintenance works on Charlotte Street have been postponed and will now commence from 19 June 2023, weather and other circumstances permitting. The work will be undertaken between 7.00am and 5.00pm each day, and we understand the work will take approximately 5 days to complete. Traffic controls will be in place in Charlotte Street. We encourage you to use Gate 1 (off Moss Vale Road) or Gate 6 (off Eridge Park Road) to avoid the inevitable delays that will occur on Charlotte Street.

### Year 10 Vaccinations

The 2023 vaccination program for Year 10 students will commence on **Thursday 20 July** (Week 1 of Term 3). All Year 10 students will be offered: Meningococcal ACWY Conjugate Vaccine.

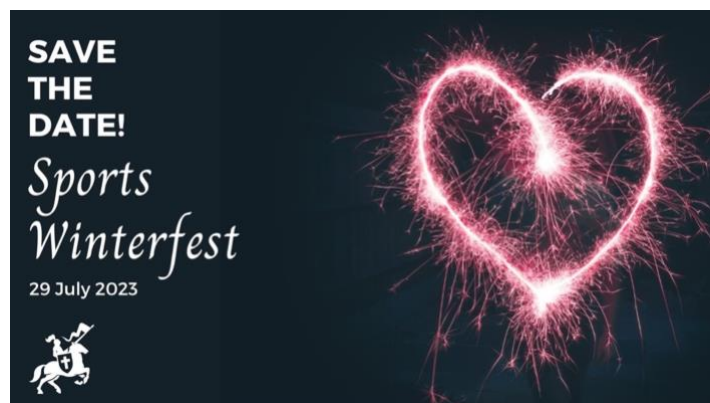
This year parents can provide consent online for their child's routine school vaccinations. Vaccination will only be provided at school if consent has been received. Visit the [NSW Health website](#) and follow the prompts to complete the School Vaccination Consent Form.

For more information on routine school vaccinations, please visit NSW Health on [this link](#) or call the Liverpool Public Health Unit on 9794 0855.

### Last day of Term 2

The last day of term for students will be **Thursday 22 June**. Please note that the office will be closed on Friday 23 June for all staff to attend a Staff Development Day.

### Sports Winterfest – Save the Date



## Upcoming Events

- ⇒ YSafe Parent Session – 19 June
- ⇒ Ration Challenge – 19 – 23 June
- ⇒ Year 10 Wilderness Excursion – 20 June



- ⇒ Year 9 Wilderness Orienteering – 21 June
- ⇒ Last day of class – 22 June
- ⇒ Staff Day (**office closed**) – 23 June

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