

From the Principal

Dear Parents,

I write to you the day before **Winterfest** and both the students and staff are abuzz knowing that it will be a great celebration of our commitment to sport with all teams playing at home this Saturday. From 8:30am through 3:30pm, all fields will be filled with Chev teams playing a host of teams from 5 different schools. When the last game finishes there will be food, refreshments, and live music until 6.00pm when we light the fireworks so kindly donated by CPS – Chevalier Past Students. Why don't you come and join us!



**PLEASE NOTE:** While the College is organising and hosting this event, we ask for the support of all our parents/carers by maintaining high levels of care and supervision for their children while at the event.

**myDESIGN Education**

On another matter, it was great to have the myDesign Education team at the College on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Richard Burton and Kirstene Ciappara adapted their school-based program to work with over 150 of our Year 10 students over a 2-day bootcamp. Using the unique SIM framework, students took an inside-out approach to reflect deeply on their SIM – their Strengths, Interest and Motivators. Students reflected that they are not only more informed leading into the Year 11 Subject Selection process but also feel a little more empowered to 'design their life'. We look forward to an ongoing relationship with the team from myDesign Education.





### Collective Shout

The previous day, the team from [Collective Shout](#) visited the College. **Collective Shout is a grassroots campaign movement against the objectification of women and the sexualisation of girls.** Since they launched in 2010, Collective Shout has achieved a huge number of significant wins: billboards objectifying women have been removed, inappropriate clothing for children withdrawn from sale, violent games banned, and other forms of sexualised advertising halted. Major corporations have joined the movement, pledging to reshape their practices for a world free of sexploitation!

Experts in their field, Melinda Tankard Reist and Daniel Principe hosted workshops for students throughout the day. Melinda worked with our girls to better identify the intense sexualisation and objectification of women and young girls that starts from a very early age. Melinda also clarified the definition of sexual harassment and identified behaviours which constitute it. Most specifically, Melinda strongly encouraged girls to speak with an adult to seek support in not putting up with it. Many of the girls reflected that they felt empowered by the messages from her workshop.



Daniel worked with our boys to identify the impacts of harmful messaging and stereotypes about masculinity. Through his workshops, Daniel helped our young men gain a little more understanding about how these cultural forces give them distorted ideas about their bodies, relationships and sexuality, and fuel inappropriate behaviours for some. Some of our young men felt more informed about acceptable behaviour and language, especially when directed towards girls.



Approximately 200 parents joined Melinda and Daniel for a presentation in the evening. Whilst the message was quite shocking, parents felt more informed about how to address the extreme challenge of supporting their child in to manage the pressures of social media and the messaging from mainstream media and other companies.



I have heard some staff speak very fondly of the messaging they heard when attending one of the student workshops. Whilst we pride ourselves at Chevalier in the way that we treat each other with respect, we acknowledge that in the growing years of teenagerhood, our students are sometimes less than perfect. The workshops and presentations from Collective Shout have brought to light that some behaviours within and outside our College that are simply unacceptable. Students were encouraged to speak to their Stage Coordinators if this raised any concerns for them. With greater knowledge for all of us after Collective Shout's visit, staff will continue to work with students to uphold respectful relationships and challenge behaviour which falls short of that.

#### **Proposal – Best Use of Time**

Please be reminded that all parents are asked to check their emails and complete a survey regarding the preference of choice regarding 2024 Best Use of Time. The email also has a '2-page Explainer' which outlines the key features of the proposal, including 'learn from home' Monday requirements. Completing the survey by Monday of next week would be greatly appreciated.

Whether or not you join us for Winterfest, have a great weekend and may the week ahead be wonderful for you and your family.

Yours faithfully

Greg Miller  
**Principal**

#### Faith Formation and Mission

##### **Year 9 Retreat**

A reminder that our Year 9 students will be on retreat next week, on the following days:

Burford and Reid Houses	Monday 31 July
Clancy and Riversdale Houses	Tuesday 1 August
Giles and Osborne Houses	Wednesday 2 August

Students are to wear neat casual clothing, including warm outdoor clothing and sturdy shoes, and bring a hat and sunscreen.

Phillip Lane  
**Assistant Principal – Faith Formation and Mission**

#### Learning and Teaching

##### **Year 12 HSC Trial Examinations**

Specific information regarding the HSC Trial examinations will be sent to Year 12 students and families next week. Parents and carers of Year 12 students have been sent a digital copy of the timetable today. The calendar can also be found on Canvas [here](#).

##### **Year 11 2024 Subject Selection interviews**

Subject Selection interviews for Year 11 2024 can be booked via **the link below**. These interviews are a crucial part of the process where each student, with their parent/carer, has the opportunity to spend 15 minutes finalising their subject preferences for Year 11 with an experienced member of staff.

Staff available for booking:

- Rebecca Graham – Assistant Principal Learning and Teaching
- Andrew Langdon – LoL Curriculum Administration
- John Hargreaves – Academic Development Coordinator



Each of the Leaders of Learning below have both specialised knowledge in their area as well as knowledge of the NESA requirements for Stage 6:

- Melissa Latter – LoL English
- Abi Parsons – LoL Mathematics
- Tim Byrne – LoL Science
- Jane Lowe – LoL Religion
- Peggy Handley – LoL Technology/VET
- Josh Combes – LoL CAPALOT

**Bookings are made with one staff member only.** The portal will be opened at 6.00pm this evening and will be open until Tuesday morning at 9.30am.

[Subject Selection Interview booking link](#)

Rebecca Graham

**Assistant Principal – Learning and Teaching**

## Extra Curriculum

### **ISA Sport – Sports Winterfest is this Saturday**

ISA Round 9 is on this Saturday, with all teams playing at home as part of our Sports Winterfest celebrations. Team fixtures can be found [here](#).

Important information for Sports Winterfest:

#### **Parking**

- On-site – enter and exit via Gate 1 on Moss Vale Road only.
- Off-site – in surrounding streets.
- Disabled parking – access via Gate 5 on Charlotte St.
- Gate 6 on Eridge Park Rd will be closed all day. Gate 6 will only be open for parents to collect children after the fireworks at 6.15pm.
- Please be patient with car parking during arrival and exit.

#### **Important Safety Information**

- Parents are responsible for their children at all times.
- Smoking and vaping are NOT PERMITTED on-site.
- Dogs are NOT PERMITTED on-site.
- Alcohol is available for purchase only from event vendors. No alcohol is to be brought on-site.
- First Aid professionals will be on-site for all your first aid requirements.

#### **Food and Beverage Sales**

##### 9.00am – 3.00pm

- Two BBQs selling bacon and egg rolls, sausage sandwiches and drinks.
- Coffee vans selling hot drinks and snacks.
- Chev run cake stall also selling glow sticks to light up the evening.

##### 3.00pm – 6.00pm

- Food vendors selling savoury and sweet treats.
- Limited alcohol sales. Students WILL NOT be permitted alcohol, even if over 18 years.

Coach Phillips

**Extra Curriculum Administrator**



## Upcoming Events

- ⇒ Sports Winterfest – 29 July
- ⇒ Murasakino Sister School visit – 29 July–11 August
- ⇒ Year 9 Retreats – 31 July–2 August
- ⇒ Year 11 2024 Subject Interviews – 1 August–3 August
- ⇒ Year 11 U-Turn the Wheel Excursion – 3 August
- ⇒ CAPALoT Concert – 3 August
- ⇒ Year 8 CAPALoT Excursion – 4 August
- ⇒ Year 12 HSC Trial Exams – 7 August–18 August
- ⇒ Year 10 HSIE Excursion A – 7 August
- ⇒ Year 10 HSIE Excursion B – 10 August
- ⇒ Year 9 Subject Selection evening – 10 August
- ⇒ Greater Sydney Schools Cattle Competition – 12 August
- ⇒ Year 8 Retreats – 14 August–17 August
- ⇒ Year 11 Wilderness Excursion – 14 August–18 August

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