Dear Stella Community,

Welcome back

We begin a short Term 4 due to our planned building works which commence in early December. In anticipation of the missed days, senior students will be undertaking some independent research and academic work over the summer break. Mrs Yeates is working with all subject departments to ensure that the continuity of the girls’ learning is maintained.

Our Deputy Principal, Sarah Carter, and Site Services Manager, Terry Bartlett, spent the holiday break ensuring that the staff move to the upstairs of the Convent building went smoothly. Thank you for ensuring a good start to the term for students and staff.

During this term we are to refurbish what was the staff area to become Design and Technology and Visual Arts spaces.

Congratulations
Our Stella dancers, Company Jazz and Lyrical, Jazz Ensemble and Lyrical Ensemble, have done well competing recently in the Dance Royale at Chatswood and achieving podium finishes in every category entered. Rochelle Jones and Cara Brown are to be congratulated for their great work as the girls have achieved some excellent results this year.

School Funding Concerns
Over the last week there have been articles in the major newspapers about the ‘overfunding’ of private schools in Australia. Stella Maris College was named as one of 150 schools who (if the Gonski formula was applied) would be considered overfunded.

The Association of Independent Schools (AIS) in response has rejected the Australian Education Union’s analysis of school funding saying it lacked credibility. Dr Geoff Newcombe, AISNSW Chief Executive, stated that ‘students attending independent schools attract, on average, only half the level of public funding than if they attended a government school.’

‘Parents who choose an independent school are the main funders of their child’s education. They make this choice knowing that in addition to the payment of fees from their after-tax dollars, their child will also receive less public funding for their education. It is unreasonable of the AEU to suggest that government funding should be further reduced for that child.’

In a later media release, Dr Newcombe affirmed that the AISNSW supports increased levels of funding for the education of all students in all schools. [Click here to view media releases]

Welcome
We welcome three new staff this term. Nicola Chin is our new Director of Mission, Identity and Culture. Carmel Patterson joins us as Director of Professional Learning and Pedagogy (while Brett Foster is on leave) and Dean Hunter is replacing Evan Browett, who is on long service leave. We thank these staff for joining us this term.

Elizabeth Carnegie, Principal
inclusive innovative inspiring

Stella Ex-Students Association
Farewell to the Hall
All former Stella Girls are invited to bid the hall/D block farewell before it is demolished in December.

Sunday, 30 October
Benedict Campus tour 2pm (Pittwater Rd, the old ‘Fishos’)
Afternoon tea & tour under the fig tree, main campus 2.30pm

Contact donna_stimson@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au or call main reception on 9977 5144 to RSVP ASAP. No cost.

Class of ’68 Reunion
12 November at the home of Lynn Mahony.
Contact Lynn on lynn_mahony@hotmail.com

Class of ’76 Reunion
4 February, 2017 at the home of Alicen Van Bokhoven (Burrell). Contact Alicen or Colleen Manson (Parsons) via Facebook or email donna_stimson@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au for full details.

Spread the word!

Parents and Guardians are cordially invited to celebrate the completion of their daughter’s education at Stella Maris College by joining with the students and staff at the Year 12 Formal

Doltone House, Darling Island, Pyrmont
Wednesday, 16 November 2016
7:00pm for 7:30pm
$120 per person

Payment by credit card, cash or cheque payable to Stella Maris College. Instalments can be arranged. Please include your daughter’s name and class marked clearly with your payment.
Final payment due 22 September 2016

Enquires: Margaret Heraghty Head of Year 12
margaret_heraghty@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

Upcoming Events and Important Information

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Good luck to our Year 12 girls who are doing their HSC exams over the next 3 weeks.
We believe in you!
Mobile Blood Service visiting:  
Freshwater Beach  
50-52 Kooloora Avenue, Freshwater  
Monday 31 October  11.30am - 5.00pm  

**Drink up!** Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate  
**Eat!** Have a good sized breakfast or lunch  
Please bring photo I.D. with you

Languages Department - Spanish Lessons for Parents

**Hola! Would you like to learn Spanish?**

Following the success of the Term 1 evening lessons for parents, the Languages Department is looking at the possibility of running a Spanish class for parents in Term 1 next year, Monday 5.30 – 6.45pm.

Benefits:

- Learn a new language
- Create new neural pathways in the brain
- Discover how a language is taught today
- Help your daughter with her homework
- No fees
- Meet other parents

Please email your interest (plus your daughter’s name and Year) to  
Ms Jennifer Murray, Head of Languages:  jennifer_murray@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au

This looks to be a great film that you might find empowering for your daughter. It talks about having a healthy attitude towards your body image and there has been a great deal of talk about it in the media.

A portion of the ticket sales go towards the Manly Women’s Shelter – an incredible, local organisation supporting women!

You can book tickets here: for next Wednesday night.
SAILING LESSONS FOR STELLA STUDENTS

Our students have the exciting opportunity to sail at Middle Harbour Yacht Club (MHYC) where they are offering training exclusively to Stella Maris College at a ratio of 1:3 or 1:4 instructors to students. The Club has four identical small keelboats, Melges 20s, and are welcoming all students in Year 9 (Year 10 in 2017), Year 10, and Year 11 who would like to learn to sail or who already have sailing experience. One afternoon a week the girls and a Stella teacher will meet at MHYC where two Australian Sailing (AS) accredited instructors will train our students. Students can progress through the National Keelboat Syllabus from beginner right through to skippering in races and be awarded these nationally recognised certificates.


The initial course will run for eight sessions in Term 4, 2016; the afternoon will be decided upon after consideration of student availability. There are 6 six possible courses (20 hours each) which will run over one term. We envisage beginning with the Learn to Crew and Learn to Helm courses. MHYC will provide all the necessary equipment (including life vests, which are mandatory). The cost of the course covers the students for insurance and includes club membership.

Nicky Bethwaite, ex-Olympic sailor, is coordinating the training and racing program for the new sports boat Melges 20 class at the Club. She says,

“We believe that our Learn to Crew Program is ideal as it allows the students to build self-confidence, self-sufficiency, spatial awareness and team building to play a major part within an effective crew.

The main objectives of our program are to introduce students to the basics of sailing on a small boat, including boat handling, safety, sailing in a non-competitive and social environment, and provide an opportunity for them to develop life skills such as leadership, teamwork, confidence and water safety.”

Please email Ann O'Brien ann_obrien@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au with any questions or expressions of interest. MHYC is happy to host an orientation for students who are interested but not ready to commit. Ultimately, they would love to see our students progress to crewing on the Saturday races on these club boats in future years.
**Preparation for End of Year Exams**

Years 7 and 8 will complete their End of Year exams in Week 3 while Years 9 and 10 will have their exams during Week 4. An exam timetable is being formed and subjects will be allocated a common time so all classes complete each exam in the same time slot.

The Heads of Year are using a range of strategies to assist the girls in their preparation for these exams. Learn@lunch sessions will commence next week. Supervised classrooms will be made available for students wanting a quiet place to revise for the exams. They are also working with the girls to establish a study plan that divides their time into manageable, effective blocks of revision time with adequate rest breaks.

We recognise that everyone learns differently and encourage the girls to use the strategies that work best for them. This could include completing practice questions, using flash cards for key terms, constructing mind maps or setting up study groups to teach concepts to friends.

We hope they prepare well in order to achieve their personal best.

Heads of Year

**Duke of Edinburgh News**

Congratulations to Ella Birrell and Grace Kirkby who have been awarded their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards.

Andrea Mezger - Coordinator of Duke of Edinburgh

**Years 9 and 10 Photography workshop**

In the last week of Term 3 we were fortunate to have photographer, Amanda Naylor give a lecture and workshop for our Photography Students.

Amanda studied photography in New York for two years. In that time, she created an amazing body of work which was grouped into different themes showing aspects of life in New York City. Since returning to Australia she has continued with her photographic practice which includes many inspiring photographs of Manly and the Northern Beaches.

Our students enjoyed her presentation, which included many tips and techniques for their own photography. In the workshops Amanda taught the students two processes using Photoshop which helped the students to have a deeper understanding of how Photoshop can be used.

The girls were perfect students on the day and made the most of the opportunity. The works will be completed in class this term and we look forward to displaying them around the school.

The day after the workshop, Amanda contacted me to say: “Thanks so much for inviting me to the school yesterday. I really enjoyed working with the girls and seeing how enthusiastic and innovative they were in approaching the exercises. I was also impressed with how very well mannered and polite they all were.”

Some of the photos the girls took are on the page following
Welcome Back to a Busy Term 4

Congratulations to the girls who have received Encore and Call Back Nominations!
Only the top music students and dance students in the State are nominated for these awards. This is a momentous achievement. Well Done! We couldn’t be more proud.

- Tara Whittard has received an Encore nomination for Music
- Nicola Green has received a Call Back nomination for her Major Dance Composition
- Maddison White has been nominated for Call Back for her Core Performance and also her Core Composition

PERFORMANCE DATES AND EVENTS:
Dance Night - Semester 2 Dance Night -Tuesday 25th October, 7pm in the Theatre
Music Night - Wednesday 8th November, 7pm in the Theatre
Dance Company Tech & Dress Rehearsal - Thurs 3rd November, 4:00pm – 9:00-pm in the Theatre
Dance Company Triple Bill Show – Fri 4th & Sat 5th November, 7:00pm in the Theatre
Warringah Mall Concert - Wednesday 8th November - 2pm
Drama Night - 10th November
Presentation Night - Monday 28th November

At the closing Mass on Friday 25 November, all elective music students, tour choir and vocal ensemble will be contributing their talents to enhance the prayerfullness of the occasion.

MUSIC NEWS
AMEB Music Exam Results
During the last month the following girls sat for their AMEB Music exams and passed with excellent results. These exams take a lot of hard work and dedication over a year of practise.
Lara Frawley – Grade 3 French Horn
Chloe Bosman – Grade 3 Flute
Eva Chew-Harris – Grade 3 Flute passing with Honours
Renee Tsagaris – Grade 3 Flute
Freya Chew-Harris – Grade 4 Clarinet

Special mention to Gemma Hicks (Violin) and Amy Hicks (Flute) who passed their AmusA AMEB Music exams which is a very impressive acheivement. This exam may only be taken once you have achieved all your grades up to Grade 8 on your chosen instrument. Well done girls!!

DANCE NEWS
The Stella Maris dancers competed at the Dance Royale Challenge at Chatswood on the first weekend of the holidays and took out a large number of the places! All the Stella groups that entered placed. It was a great way to start the holidays with a bang!

The results were:
1st – Company Jazz “Phoenix” (Miss Jones)
2nd – Jazz Ensemble “Scared of Me” (Miss Jones)
2nd – Company Lyrical “Give Me Love” (Miss Jones)
3rd – Lyrical Ensemble “Sound of Silence” (Miss Brown)

Well done to the girls for their sensational performances and professional behaviour.

Dance of Champions
This Sunday the Stella Company Jazz will be on TV in the Dance of Champions competition. Tune into Channel 10 this Sunday 16th October at 12 Noon to see the Stella girls give a wonderful performance in a very tough competition.
Swimming
Congratulations to Hannah Baldwin in Year 11. Hannah was the vice captain of the NSW All Schools Swimming Team that headed interstate at the end of last term to compete at the National titles. Hannah came 4th in Australia in the 200m breastroke and 10th in the 50m breastroke. She was also a silver medallist in the 10x50m freestyle relay and bronze in the 4x50m freestyle relay. Well done on such an outstanding achievement.

Basketball
Congratulations to Millie Prior, Kayla Kimball and Beth Moran who all participated in the National Under 14 Basketball titles in the holidays. The girls won the shield division of the tournament. Congratulations girls. Congratulations to both Millie Prior and Molly Dignan who have been selected to participated in NSW basketball training programs.

Good luck to both the junior girls' and intermediate girls’ basketball teams who will be playing in the NSW CCC basketball at Penrith next week on Thursday and Friday. The Stella teams are the representatives for the Broken Bay Diocesan after their success at the diocese tournament in May this year. Thanks to Anthony Dignan for his help in preparing the girls for this tournament.

Water Polo
It is a busy term for our representative water polo teams this term.

Good luck to our Hawaii team who will be playing at the BBSSSA Water Polo Championships at Homebush on 21st October. Stella will also have a junior (Years 7 – 9) and senior (Years 10 – 12) team playing at the NSWCCC Championships on 28th October and 2nd November. We wish both teams the best of luck.

Trials for the NSWCCC water polo teams will take place at Ryde Pool on 14th November. This is a representative trial for an open team to represent NSWCCC at the NSW All Schools Championships in 2017. Students must nominate themselves for the trial on the NSWCCC website before 9 November. Year 7 players are not eligible to trial.

Congratulations to the Stella girls who played in the Breakers team who recently won the National Club title. Well done to Skye Nankervis, Aysha Whyte and Tasma Woolley who were part of this team.
Netball
A big thank you to the 90 students who assisted the Peninsula Catholic Schools at their netball gala days at the end of last term. You were all amazing role models and did a fabulous job umpiring all day. Special mention to Sophia Thomas and Brooke Smith in Year 7 who did an outstanding job umpiring the grand final between St Keiran’s and St Rose in front of a large crowd. We really appreciate the great job you did girls!

NSW All Schools Athletics
Good luck to the Stella girls who are competing in the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships at Homebush this weekend: Sydney Kania, Skye Cselko, Sophie Wickham, Emma Mahon and Kiera Coates.

Pilates classes
This term we are offering Pilates classes to students who wish to improve their core strength and flexibility. These are aimed at students who are already playing sport outside of school and would like to do some extra strength and flexibility to help in their sport. These classes are being lead by an external instructor who has a great deal of experience with elite athletes. There are just a few places left in this program so interested students should email Mrs Jenny Wickham by Monday 17th October if you would like to join this group.

Melinda Gainsford-Taylor Sprint Training Sessions
We are again offering Sprint Training sessions with Melinda Gainsford-Taylor this term. There are only a few places left in the program. These will be held on Thursdays at lunch (commencing 27th October) at Kierle Park. These are great training sessions for any students who are wanting to improve their speed in any sport. Please email Mrs Jenny Wickham if you are interested in joining this group.
UNIFORM SHOP - OPEN (During School Terms): 8:00am-4:30pm Tue/Wed/Thu.

CHECK THE COLLEGE WEBSITE FOR:
• uniform regulations
• second hand uniform policy
• College shoe policy
• uniform and stationery price lists

SUMMER UNIFORMS
The summer dress is worn from the start of Term 4.

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**Year 10 2017 Senior Dresses**
Current Year 9 girls need to come to the Uniform Shop this term to buy their senior dress for Term 1 next year. We have had our final delivery of dresses until the end of next year, so don’t leave it until January as we may have run out of your preferred size.

Dresses cost $80 and we recommend you buy two. There are only a couple of second hand dresses available.

The girls can come to the Uniform Shop during the day (Tuesdays to Thursdays) and we will fit them. Please have payment arranged with them, ideally on their Student Card.

Volunteers’ Dinner RSVP
The Stella Maris Volunteers’ Dinner is on Tuesday, 15th November from 6-8pm. If you have volunteered in the College this year, please contact the Uniform Shop to inform us if you are able to attend the evening. We would also appreciate knowing if you are unable to attend.

The Uniform Shop’s last day this term is Friday, 25th November.

UNIFORM SHOP VOLUNTEERS
**Tuesday, 18th October: Sandra Marshall**

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Gail Hickey & Maree Sewell, Uniform/Book Shop Supervisors
Ph: 9976 1819 or uniform_books@stellamaris.nsw.edu.au
Northern Beaches TAFE Campus at Brookvale has just announced a brand new digitally-focussed Diploma in Marketing and Communication.

Northern Beaches TAFE campus in Brookvale is offering school leavers a fast-track into the new Diploma via an 8 week part time Introduction to Digital Marketing Statement of Attainment beginning in February 2017.

No matter what industry you are interested in, Marketing and Communication are essential. The new course covers PR, Social Media, Advertising, Marketing and more. TAFE will assist students in finding an internship and attending industry events to start making those all important connections while studying.

The new Diploma in Marketing and Communication will be offered across a 1 year period, giving students the opportunity to work while they study.

Email or call Susan Coleman for more information - E: Susan.Coleman@tafensw.edu.au - T: 99415301

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Celebrating 10 years of 5-star ratings for Notre Dame

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that The University of Notre Dame Australia is once again regarded as a top 5-star university by students past and present in The Good Universities Guide 2017.

Feedback from thousands of our students and graduates reveals that Notre Dame is among the top five universities in Australia with 10 consecutive years of 5-star ratings in areas related to the quality of learning, teaching and the overall student experience in the influential Guide.

To receive a 5-star rating in any category, student and graduate ratings need to fall in the top 20 per cent across all Australian higher education institutions.

In the 2017 Guide, Notre Dame received 5-star ratings in a record seven categories:

- Overall Quality of Educational Experience
- Teaching Quality
- Learner Engagement
- Student Support
- Skills Development
- Graduate Employment Rate
- Median Graduate Starting Salary

This year’s 5-star ratings are based on the Federal Government’s Quality Indicators for Learning & Teaching (QILT) published earlier this year. The results show that Notre Dame is #1 in Sydney for all of these categories. It’s also worth noting that Notre Dame is #1 in Australia for Skills Development!

I am delighted that students continue to value Notre Dame’s distinctive approach to education so highly. Students are at the heart of Notre Dame. We recognise and value the unique gifts and talents of each and every student and we seek to provide an environment in which each student is encouraged and enabled to reach his/her potential. These results are testament to the value of a Notre Dame education.

Your ongoing support and stewardship of the University is greatly appreciated for helping provide our students with such positive educational outcomes.

If you would like to find out more about Notre Dame’s results as featured in The Good Universities Guide 2017 and QILT, please visit notredame.edu.au.
Spring Gala

At the Baringa Bush Community Garden, we've been busy little bees getting ready for our annual Spring Gala. And we'd like to invite you along for our most fun-filled event yet. You'll be able to look inside our singless bee hives and taste their honey. Take a tour and learn about organic gardening. You can grow your own produce from our seedlings – or fill up on our organic sausage sizzles, hommambarra cakes and Rebecca's famous jams.

All are welcome, so join us and help Baringa the community closer together.

11am – 2pm
Sunday 23rd Oct 2016
Corner Barossa Ave and Promelas St, next to the playground

For more info, visit www.baringabush.vic.gov.au or www.facebook.com/bccCleverMulch
Apprenticeship positions available

If you are looking to begin a career in Hairdressing, we have apprenticeship opportunities available.

If you are passionate, enjoys being part of a team whilst having fun along the way apply today we would love to hear from you.

Contact Kelly on 99054631 or Email: info@richfieldhair.com
We look forward to hearing from you.

JOIN THE TEAM AT MAKING A DIFFERENCE

School Leavers CHILD CARE TRAINEESHIP
Child Care Traineeships x 10 (Immediate start)
12 months, full-time 38 hours per week at Making A Difference Early Learning.

Working in partnership with our award winning training provider, NVRSD we are looking for passionate students who would like the challenge of a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care Traineeship.

A Traineeship with Making A Difference Early Learning is a perfect opportunity for a recent school leaver to start your career in Childcare and at the same time gain valuable job based training whilst obtaining a formal qualification and whilst training and you get paid a salary. You will receive professional training and have regular access to a VARSCH workplace trainer.

We can help you achieve your career goals in childcare where you will receive professional training and in return gain 12 months industry experience and a formal Qualification! You will get the opportunity to work with professional and dedicated and passionate industry leaders and be a part of a successful team of childcare individuals. You will provide you with coaching and industry experience in Early Childhood Education & Care.

Benefits
- Get paid to study and gain your formal qualification.
- Company uniform.
- Paid holidays.

What we need from students
Applicants must be 18 years or older by employment commencement date. Successful applicants will require a Working With Children Check and Police check.

How to apply
If you want to play a key part in the success of this unique opportunity, please email your resume and covering letter today to kate@ Making A Difference Early Learning or call 0409 9479 7000.

Casual Assistant positions available

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