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Vision 2017

BRIGIDINE IDENTITY STATEMENT

Our students: inspired by Gospel values, participate in their world critically, effectively and creatively.

CLONARD COLLEGE - VISION 2017

Clonard College is a Catholic secondary school for girls where we strive for learning to be collaborative, dynamic and vibrant. Inspired by the Gospel values of love, justice, service and peace, we will be a community that:

- Welcomes and includes everyone
- Encourages each person to develop their potential
- Promotes the dignity of all and shows respect for creation
- Empowers students to empathise with and respond to the vulnerable.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

Last Friday it was a delight to welcome back the 805 Clonard students including the new 154 Yr. 7 students. We had the opportunity to gather as a whole school, remember the feast of St Brigid and talk about the exciting year ahead. Our theme for 2013 is taken from one of the six core values in Brigidine Education: 'Celebrate all that is good with joy and gratitude. I would especially like to welcome all new families to Clonard. It can sometimes take a while to get used to the processes and procedures in a new school. Please feel free to make contact with us if you have any queries regarding your daughter's time with us. This newsletter is emailed to parents (and interested friends) every second Friday during a school term. It is a vital source of information regarding the happenings at Clonard. Our College website (www.clonard.catholic.edu.au) and PAM (Parent Access Module) are two other avenues of communication that should be relied upon over the course of the year. Further explanation of PAM (for those who are unfamiliar) will be distributed in coming weeks.

I would like to welcome the following students who are new to Clonard (Yrs 8-11) in 2013:

Year 8

Jessica Jozwik
Olivia Price
Abbey O'Donnell
Phoebe Van Andel

Year 10

Georgie Marshall

Year 9

Laionosi Vave
Melissa Melnik
Nyanhial Yang

Year 11

Jennifer Ratcliffe
Elizabeth Eden
Darcie Scarlett
Lucy Sjodin
Emme Bergman
Tara O'Donnell
Bronte Van Andel

In 2013, we welcome the following staff:

- Ms Lisa Armstrong-Rowe (Student Support Office Wed/Thurs)
- Ms Sally Brown (Science Lab Assistant –Term 1 Long Service Leave Replacement)
- Mr Eoghan Browne (Domain Head LOTE (French) Yr. 7 Purple Home Room French and English)
- Miss Danielle Higgins (7 White Home Room- Religious Ed, Psychology, Health and Human Development and Physical Education)
- Ms Elizabeth Rush (8 Yellow Home Room- Religious Ed, English)
- Miss Dayna Stewart (Physical Education/Outdoor Education Trainee)
- Mrs Laura Ward (11 Purple Home Room - Religious Ed, Humanities, Accounting, Economics, Business Management)

We also welcome those staff members who are returning to the College after a period of leave:

- Mrs Lisa Bolitho (English and RE)
- Ms Tracey Newnham (Visual Arts and Design)
- Mrs Alison Curran (Replacing Mrs McMahon Term 1)
- Ms Yvonne Kavanagh (Integration Aide- four days a week)
- Mrs Ros Leishman (Replacing Mrs Meredith- four weeks)

Yr. 8 & 9 Centre

Work is well and truly underway in relation to the construction of our new Yr 8 & 9 Centre. All demolition of the former classrooms has been completed as has the site cut. It will be a matter of time before building structures start to appear. Scheduled works on this new learning space are due to be completed by November this year and at the latest be ready for occupation by our students at the start of the 2014 year. Construction in this area now means that vehicles cannot enter the College grounds. Parents who need to visit the office or pick up students during the school day should do so by parking on Church Street and accessing the College via the pedestrian gate.

Minerva Road

Last Friday our Yr 8 & 9 students accessed their temporary buildings on the Minerva Road site. Many hours of preparation have gone into making these buildings fit for use. I would like to thank the Clonard Business Manager, Mr Harriott and buildings and grounds staff under the direction of Mr Lynch for their efforts in the preparation of this space. We have made a conscious decision not to replace certain things in this building such as some of the windows in the interests of sustainability (given that this building will be demolished at the end of the year). Although the building itself may not have the finest carpet or cleanest walls, we have set the challenge to the students in this area to beautify the interior with some exciting creations. Could I also reinforce the fact that in order to maintain student safety, no parent/visitor cars should enter the Minerva Road site during morning (8am-9am) and afternoon (3pm-4.15pm) peak times. These times involve a lot of student movement and bus interactions and therefore we must minimise any external traffic at this time.

Ash Wednesday Opening School Mass

Next Wednesday afternoon we will gather as a College Community at St Mary's Basilica to celebrate the opening College Mass (commencing at 1.45pm). Students will be provided with transport to and from the venue. At this Mass we will officially welcome the new students to the College and also reflect upon the 2013 College theme: Celebrate all with joy and gratitude. Parents are welcome to attend, however be mindful that it will be a tight squeeze getting all into the Church.

2012 VCE, VET, VCAL Results

Congratulations to the students who undertook VCE, VET and VCAL subjects on the academic results attained in 2012. The 2012 cohort of students who undertook Unit 3 & 4 VCE studies attained a median study score of 31 with 9.6 of students attaining study scores in excess of 40. Congratulations to our College Dux, Rachel Van Zetten who obtained an outstanding ATAR of 99.35. Three students obtained the perfect study score of 50 for Health and Human Development, Food Technology and Business Management respectively. We are also very proud of students who successfully undertook VCAL and VET studies for their successful completion of these courses. At the next whole College assembly on Monday the 11th of February we will celebrate these results with the students and their families who have excelled in their studies in 2012.

Senior Years Parent Welcome Evening

The Senior Years Parent Welcome Evening will take place on Tuesday the 12th of February commencing at 7.30pm in the Theatre. All parents of students in Years 11 and 12 undertaking VCE and VCAL units are asked to attend this evening where important information will be discussed concerning the year ahead. Further information about this evening has been distributed through your daughter's homeroom.

Yr 7 Athletics Day/Alternate programme for Year 8 (all day)

Next Friday the 8th of February the Yr. 7 students will have an athletics day at Goldsworthy Reserve in Corio. As well as a good getting to know you day, this day acts as trial for students in order to place them in events at the full athletics carnival on the 8th of March. On the same day a letter has been distributed to all parents of Yr. 8 students regarding an alternative program on that day. All Year 8 students will be involved in a day of painting and decorating their homerooms. Normal Year 8 classes have been cancelled to give the girls the opportunity to make the space they will be working in this year unique and meaningful to them. Students have begun the plans and designs for the rooms as part of their Year 7 Learning to Learn curriculum. Please ensure your daughter wears the appropriate clothing on Friday for this activity – i.e. old and comfortable items. Some parents have already kindly donated some resources for the day, and if anyone has any paint, brushes or rollers it will all be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Yr.8 Coordinator Mrs Anticev if you have any further questions about this day (tania.anticev@clonard.catholic.edu.au)

Swimming Sports

On Friday the 22nd of February all Clonard Students will be taking part in our annual swimming sports. The sports will be held at Kardinia Pool. We also welcome any parents who are willing to volunteer their time to assist at this event. This day has been an important one in Clonard's calendar as it gathers all students and introduces them to their House groups. It is an opportunity for students to dress up and partake in a spirited day. Please note that it is a compulsory day for all students and the College will follow up any student who is absent without reason. In order to ensure the safety of all at the pool, there will be a sign in sheet for any parent visiting as a spectator and who will be taking the daughter home at the conclusion of the sports. Students must remain for the duration of the sports so I would ask that there are no early exits arranged by parents.

Yr 7 Family Picnic

On Friday the 1st of March, we officially welcome our Yr. 7 families with a shared picnic at the College commencing at 6.15pm and concluding at 8.00pm. This is a chance for the parents of our new students to meet in a social atmosphere and establish some contact particularly with their daughters Home Room teachers. Further information will be distributed to Yr.7 families about this event.

SMS Absence Notification

A reminder about the Text (SMS) Messaging System, called "Message You" to which Clonard subscribes. An automated SMS text message is sent to parents regarding student (unexplained) absences. The system can also receive messages from parents explaining absences. The "Message You" system has been fully operational from Monday. Please note that the SMS absentee number is **0419402834**. Please enter this number into your mobile phones. There are occasions (for a variety of reasons) when a message is received reporting an absence when in fact the student is at school. I would still ask that parents respond to any message regarding absence if received and we will immediately follow up any inaccuracy.

Belinda Clark Medal

Congratulations to past student, Jess Cameron (2007) who on Monday night was awarded the prestigious Belinda Clark Medal as Australia's female cricketer of the year. Jess is currently on tour with the Australian side (Southern Stars) in India attempting to win the World Cup.

Day of Protest

You may be aware that negotiations are continuing between the State Government and the Australian Education Union regarding a new certified agreement. As yet there has been no resolution to these discussions. Consequently there is a 'Day of Protest' scheduled for next Thursday the 14th of February. If this action takes place, it is likely to have some impact on the classes that are run at Clonard on this day. I will inform parents as soon as possible (next week) if your daughter's classes will be affected.

Twitter

A reminder that Clonard has its own Twitter account @clonardcollege that I encourage any Twitter users to follow. This is another avenue to keep up to date with what is happening around the College and even receive some 'live updates' on College activities.

Bereavements

The College extends its sympathy to the following people and families:

Avalon Hergstrom (11W) on the passing of her Mother, April.

Staff member Ms Chris Smith on the passing of her partner, Glen.

Best Wishes



Damian McKew
Principal

Calendar

Mon 11 Feb	High Achievers Assembly
Tue 12 Feb	Senior Years Parent Information Evening
Wed 13 Feb	Opening School Mass Ash Wednesday
Mon 18 Feb	School Photos
Fri 22 Feb	House Swimming Sports

VCE Results from 2012

On Monday the 11th of February Clonard will celebrate the successes of VCE from 2012 with a High Achievers assembly at which students gaining ATAR scores of 90 and over will be presented with a certificate as will those students who achieved outstanding results in individual subjects. 13 students from the class of 2012 received ATAR scores of over 90 placing them among the elite performers for 2012 statewide! It can also be added with pride that the vast majority of our students successfully completed their VCE in terms of gaining entry to the course of their choice (see below) whilst still taking part in Year level and whole-school activities and juggling some part-time work, sport etc. Some gained their VCE against all odds, making it through successfully despite a range of difficult health issues and personal difficulties. Their fine results are a credit to these students, their supportive families and hard-working teaching staff (from both VCE and from earlier years). Well done one and all!

The tertiary offers made on 17th January this year continued the good news for our 2012 class with 85 of our 93 VTAC applicants receiving a first round offer for a University/TAFE/ Private College placement.

Senior Years Information Night - Tuesday the 12th of February

Parents of students undertaking VCE units 1-4 should have received a letter indicating that next Tuesday night an information session will be held in the college theatre followed by an informal session to meet VCE teachers. It is hoped that as many parents as possible will attend this evening.

Special arrangements for mid-year or end of year exams

At this early stage of the year, schools are asked to publicise the fact that unless a student sitting VCE Unit 3 /4 exams (mid-year or end of year) have applied for "special arrangements" permission, they cannot, for example, take into an exam room (or access during the exam time) medication, take rest breaks, have extra reading time and so on. Special Examination Arrangements may be approved to meet the needs of students who have **recognised and long-term disabilities, illnesses or other circumstances** that would affect their ability to access the examination.

Applications for these Special Examination Arrangements close at the VCAA on Friday the 1st of March.

All Special Examination Arrangements for a student must be approved by the VCAA upon application from the school. The fact that a student has a disability/illness does not automatically entitle that student to Special Examination Arrangements. Please telephone or email Evelyn Dawson or Leonie de Jong with any questions or ask your daughter to see Mrs. Dawson or Mrs. de Jong prior to the above closing date (a medical report in support will need to be arranged prior to lodging so the timeframe is very tight). **The appropriate forms must be collected and completed and returned to Mrs. Dawson or Mrs. de Jong no later than Monday the 25th of February.**

Illness

In case of an illness when an assessment task is scheduled.

Please note all students who are undertaking a VCE unit (1-4) must provide a **DOCTORS CERTIFICATE** if they are absent for an assessment task unless it is a legitimate school based activity. If a doctor's certificate is not provided the task will not be scored and the student is at risk of failing the unit. Any questions or concerns about this please contact Mrs. Dawson or Mrs. de Jong

General Achievement Test

All students undertaking a unit 3 and 4 study are expected to sit the GAT on Wednesday the 12th of June.

Practice Exams

Would all parents/students please note that on the last Friday of term three, Friday the 20th of September (Unit 3/4 English practice

exam) and during second week of the third term break Wednesday the 2nd of October to Friday the 4th of October, all students undertaking a unit 3 and 4 study will be expected to sit practice exams in preparation for the end of year exams. This has proven to be an invaluable experience in the past and we expect that all students will be able to participate.

Our wish for all students undertaking their VCE is not only some luck (which is helpful) but, importantly, a willingness to work hard, to ask questions, to plan their work at home, to prioritise their time, to revise regularly and to avoid the enemy of many people – procrastination – PLAN and DO IT NOW!

Evelyn Dawson/Leonie de Jong - VCE Coordinators 2013

Lourdes Day Mass

The seventh "Lourdes Day Mass" will be celebrated at St. Mary's Basilica, Yarra St., Geelong on Saturday February 9 (the Saturday prior to the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Feb. 11) at 10.00am in association with the World Day of the Sick. It is a Mass of healing and hope for sick and infirm people, their carers and all interested parishioners from all parishes in the Geelong region. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be available, and there will be a blessing with Lourdes Water at the conclusion of the Mass. The Mass will replace the usual 9.00am Mass at St. Mary's for that Saturday only.

Fr. Kevin Dillon

Interschool Sports News 2013

Clonard College is involved in two Interschool Sporting Associations, the Geelong Independent School Sporting Association (GISSA) and the Secondary Catholic Sports Association (SCSA). We compete locally against other independent schools in the Geelong area. These schools include Christian College, Geelong Grammar, Kardinia International College, St Ignatius, Geelong Baptist College and Covenant College. Sports include Swimming, Soccer, Cross Country, Super 8's and AFL. The girls also have the opportunity to represent the region in both Soccer and AFL.

The main association is the Secondary Catholic Sports Association (SCSA), which involves competing against twenty six other independent Catholic girls schools from Melbourne which includes Sacred Heart Geelong, Ave Maria, Killbreda, Killester, Marion College and St Columba's College. We offer Clonard students thirteen different sports ranging from the traditional through to volleyball, triathlon, and badminton. Most of the competitions are in Melbourne at various venues, which involves leaving school early in the mornings, usually around 7.00am and returning to Clonard about 4.30pm.

If your daughter is chosen for a sporting team she will be given a letter explaining the details for that particular sport and day. Please read the details carefully and sign the permission form which will be returned to the PE office or coach. Please note that sometimes we pick students up from the Caltex service station on Geelong road, Werribee depending on the need.

This term the girls will prepare for the SCSA Tennis and Triathlon and the GISSA Swimming.

Clonard is involved in rowing, being affiliated with the Barwon Rowing club. The girls have been training very hard over the past few months with early morning starts on the Barwon River. The girls have been participating in a number of regattas throughout the season. The regatta program on the Barwon River for the rest of season: Feb 9th – School Regatta, 23rd Feb – Victorian Junior Girls Championships, March 14th – School Girls Regatta, March 16th 17th - Head of School Girls Regatta. I am sure the girls would appreciate any support from the Clonard community, at any of the regattas. They usually start by 8am and conclude by 4pm. Thank you to all the coaches for their work so far this season.

As sport coordinator it is difficult to be aware of all the sporting achievements of the girls. I would appreciate any news on any students sporting highlights outside of school. Please feel free to email me with any news.

My email address: samanda.griffin@clonard.catholic.edu.au

Congratulations to Taryn Love who in January was chosen in the U14 National Indigenous Netball team known as the Budgies. She will represent Australia in July in Queensland, where they will compete against Tonga, New Zealand and Samoa. Well done Taryn.

Congratulations also to past student Jess Cameron (1999) who received the Belinda Clark Award, for Australia's best female cricketer, she was the youngest-ever winner aged 23. Jess scored 525 runs at an average of 52.5 from first drop in the Southern Stars' batting order. Jess is currently in India for the World Cup campaign.

Dates for Terms 1 and 2:

Feb 22nd	HOUSE SWIMMING (Kardinia)
Feb 26th	SCSA Interschool Triathlon (Eastern Beach Geelong)
March 6th	SCSA Interschool Tennis
March 8th	HOUSE ATHLETICS (Landy Field)
March 13th	GISSA Interschool Swimming
TERM 2	
May 3rd	GISSA Interschool AFL – YR 10-12
May 6th	SCSA Interschool Badminton
May 7th	GISSA Interschool AFL – YR 7-9
May TBC	GISSA Interschool Cross Country

May 10th	SCSA Interschool Athletics
May 28th	SCSA Interschool Basketball
June TBC	HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
June 20th	SCSA Interschool Cross Country
June 25th	SCSA Interschool Hockey

Clonard is affiliated with School Sport Victoria. This allows students attending schools affiliated with SSV to be eligible for selection in Victorian Teams to compete in 2013 School Sport Australia National Championships. Further information is available from me or on the School Sport Victoria website, www.ssv.vic.edu.au. Parents are encouraged to visit the site for details of when selection trials for the following 13 to 19 Years and Under state teams will take place and register for the trial. The following state teams are closing very soon:

Tennis - 18 Years and Under Girls	CLOSING 13 FEBRUARY
Volleyball - 15 Years and Under Girls	CLOSING 14 FEBRUARY
Softball - 17 Years and Under Girls	CLOSING 15 FEBRUARY
Australian Football - 16 Years and Under Girls	CLOSING 21 MARCH
If your daughter remains 12 years old for the year they are eligible to nominate on line for Australian Football, Basketball, Football and Netball teams	CLOSING 21 MARCH

Samanda Griffin Head of Interschool Sport



Year 10 Class Captains from 2012 - Volunteered their time to make Christmas Hampers with St Vincent de Paul - Penny Dewar Year 10 Coordinator

Student Exchange

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is now accepting applications from students who wish to participate in 2013/14 exchange programs for a summer, semester or year. Students can choose to study and live with a carefully selected host family in more than 25 countries. There is an information night at the Geelong West Town Hall on the 19th March 7.00-8.30pm for more information please go to www.wep.org.au

Canteen News

Mary Magee
Anne Lakey

Robyn O'Donoughue
Kaylene Grigsby

Thanks this fortnight to:
Bernice Stanley
Sue Harman

Tracey Cooper-Gorham
Ulrike Honner

Your time is always appreciated! There are still shifts that need to be covered throughout the year. If you are able to volunteer any time please give me a call at the school on 52782155.

Next Tuesday the 12th is Shrove Tuesday. Pancakes will be available in the canteen for breakfast and recess. Two for \$1.00

Karys - Canteen Manager

NEWTOWN & CHILWELL FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

CLUB REGISTRATION

For all current and new Junior FOOTBALL and NETBALL players including Youth Girls Under 16

FRIDAY 22nd February 2013

4.30pm – 9.00pm



Elderslie Reserve, Read St, Newtown

Players welcome in all football and Netball age levels

Sausage Sizzle and coaches in attendance

Training commences: Under 9-12 Thursday March 7 at 4.30pm

Under 14- 16 Tuesday and Thursday at 4.30 from March 5 2013

www.newtownchilwellfc.vcfl.com.au

For further information regarding football and netball training times please visit our club website

Please join us!



We are seeking the graduating classes of:

1963 (1958 - 1963) - 50 years out

1973 (1968 - 1973) - 40 years out

1983 (1978 - 1983) - 30 years out

1993 (1988 - 1993) - 20 years out

2003 (1998 - 2003) - 10 years out



- 2013 is the year when your graduating class will celebrate a significant anniversary away from Clonard, therefore we would like to provide your graduating class with the opportunity to join us and the other milestone graduating classes here at Clonard. We will make the Clonard ILC available for a catered afternoon of drinks (champagne, wine, soft drink, tea and coffee) and nibbles on:

Saturday April 20, 2013, from 4pm till 7pm.

- We would like to offer you the opportunity to return to Clonard for a casual catch-up with other members of your year level, within the confines of Clonard. You can choose to join us for the 3 hours or if you have the drive to hit the town you may wish to organize an alternative venue for your year level to move to after the catch-up at Clonard.
- If you have not been back to Clonard of late we have purchased adjoining land, there are new buildings, landscaped gardens and artworks to observe along with the old school buildings you hopefully look back upon fondly since your departure. We will provide senior leaders to serve as guides if you wish, alternatively you may prefer to relax and converse with your old school friends within the surrounds of the school.
- School Principal Damian McKew will briefly welcome you. We would also like to provide a slideshow of images, stories and Clonard memorabilia from your year level, however this will only be possible with your support and the support of your peers. Please send images and memorabilia to Dean Williams.

For further information please contact Dean Williams
Clonard College Assistant Principal – Community Relations

dean.williams@clonard.catholic.edu.au
ph: 5278 2155 (school) / m: 0419 548770

We would ask that each lady who chooses to attend pay only \$10 to help cover the cost of the food and drinks. Please detach this stub and return your payment to: **Clonard College. 225 Church St, Geelong West. 3218**

NAME: _____ Please Circle: CASH CHEQUE VISA MASTERCARD BANKCARD

ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS ORDERED @ \$10 PER TICKET: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

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Card Holder's Name: _____ Signature: _____

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