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The Mission and Vision of Clonard College

Clonard College is a community of learners where individuals are formed and inspired by the tradition and values of the Brigidine Sisters. As a Catholic secondary school for girls we are committed to encouraging a love of learning in all its dimensions: spiritual, intellectual, ethical, social, environmental and physical. In this way each individual can become a person of hope who forms a sense of purpose by realising her dignity and impact as a valued member of society.

Dear Parents, Students and Friends of Clonard College,

I hope that everyone had the opportunity to take a break over the Christmas holidays and are refreshed as we commence 2011. On Monday, we held a full school assembly where we had the chance to welcome the 134 students starting in Year 7. This is the beginning of what I hope will be a productive journey for these students over the next six years. In welcoming the students I would also like to welcome all families who are new to Clonard in 2011. I thank you for putting your trust in us. We will ensure the best possible care is provided for your daughters over the coming years.

We remember at this time the many people in our country who have been affected by the floods and cyclone. The loss of life and damage to belongings has placed people in extremely stressful situations. We pray that these people recover from the disasters and that others reach out and assist where needed. The Clonard community will undertake a fundraising effort on the swimming sports day (25/02) to assist those in need.

I would like to welcome the seventeen new students (from outside of Yr. 7) to the College who started with us on Friday:

Year 8 Isabella Hills

Year 9 Abbey Lybyk Kelly Hoskin Madison Hensel
Margarita Zias Simone Dooley Erin Carlile

Year 10 Alethea Carino Caitlyn Francese Chole Terzic
Ruby Jackson Wilma Kembo Chole Mabbett

Year 11 Kayla Hensel Skye Bausch

Year 12 Milana Vuska Sophie Hunt (*returning student*)

To each of these students and their families, we extend to you a very special welcome to the Clonard community.

New Staff

We welcome the following new staff members to Clonard in 2011:

Miss Jessica Nash: Miss Nash is a Year 9 Homeroom Teacher and is also teaching Dance, Performing Arts and Indonesian.

Ms Lisa Couzens: Is our Koori Education worker, who will be based at Clonard two days a week.

We welcome back the following staff from periods of leave:

Mr. Garry Nolan (Mathematics Domain), **Mrs Lesley de Noronha** (Office Staff) and **Ms Tracey Rose** (Support Staff).

We also welcome and thank *Mr. Chris Lynch* who will be with us for the next two weeks teaching Physical Education and Science.

Ms Melissa Patterson will be joining the College staff from the 21st of February teaching Physical Education and Science.

Miss Taylor Robertson will also commence on the 21st February as the College's Outdoor Education trainee.

Farewell

Over the holiday period, we farewelled the following staff members:

Mr. Peter Rudinas (IT Technician) who gained employment in Melbourne.

Mrs Wendy Breer (Physical Education and Science) who accepted a teaching position at Geelong Grammar School.

I would like to thank Mr. Rudinas and Mrs Breer for their contributions to the College in 2010 and I wish them well in the future.

2010 VCE Results

Congratulations to the students who undertook VCE, VET and VCAL subjects on the pleasing academic results attained in 2010. The 2010 cohort of students who undertook Unit 3 & 4 VCE studies attained a median study score of 32 with 10% of students attaining study scores in excess of 40. Congratulations to our College Dux, Olivia Cummings who obtained an outstanding ENTER of 99.45.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers who worked with the students through the challenges of their final year of secondary school. At the next whole College assembly on Monday the 14th of February we will celebrate these results with the students and their families who have excelled in their studies in 2010.

Yr 7 Family Picnic

Next Friday the 18th of February we officially welcome our Year 7 families with a shared picnic at the College commencing at 6.15pm and concluding at 8.00pm. This is a chance to meet with your daughter's teachers and other staff members. An invitation with the details of this picnic will be distributed via the Year 7 Homerooms. I look forward to meeting as many of our new parents as possible next week.

Senior Years Parent Welcome Evening

The Senior Years Parent Welcome Evening will take place on Thursday the 24th of February commencing at 7.30pm. 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. A notice regarding the details of this evening will be distributed.

Mass for the Opening of the School Year

On Monday the 14th of February we formally commence the school year with an important celebration as we gather to celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Basilica at 1.15pm. At this Mass we will commission the senior student leaders for 2011. Any parents or other family members who are able to attend the Mass are warmly invited to do so. Families may choose to have their daughters dismissed from St. Mary's at the conclusion of Mass, however permission is not granted unless the relevant form has been returned to your daughter's Homeroom Teacher.

House Swimming Sports

The House swimming sports will be held on Friday the 25th of February at the Kardinia pool. Parents are most welcome to join us on this day. The swimming sports provide a great opportunity for students to represent their houses through their event participation, participating in novelty events or simply by them being active cheerers and supporters of their house teams. This day is compulsory for all students. Efforts will also be made on this day to raise some money for those people who have been victims of floods over the summer period. More information about these efforts will be distributed to parents shortly.

Peak in at Deakin

Next Wednesday the Yr 12 students will have the opportunity to check out what tertiary life is about through their attendance at a Deakin University Information day. Details relating to this excursion have been distributed at the start of the year. Thank you to Mrs de Jong and Mrs Dawson for their organisation of this activity for the students.

Calendar

Each newsletter will include an outline of events for the upcoming two weeks. Parents are reminded that a full calendar can be obtained via the College website (www.clonard.catholic.edu.au). Eventually we will be working towards having the vast majority of newsletters emailed to families. Current (and archived) newsletters are always available via the website.

Calendar

Mon 14 th of Feb	VCE Achievers Assembly (Pd 2) Opening of School Year Mass (1.15pm) Stewardship combined Committees and Council meeting
Wed 16 th of Feb	Peak in at Deakin (Yr. 12)
Fri 18 th of Feb	Yr. 7 Family Picnic (6.15pm-8.00pm)
Sat 19 th of Feb	Stewardship Council Chairs and New Members Meeting
Mon 21 st of Feb	School Photo day Justice and Democracy Seminar
Wed 23 rd of Feb	SCSA Triathlon
Thur 24 th of Feb	Senior Years Parent Welcome Evening (7.30pm)
Fri 25 th of Feb	House Swimming Carnival

Bereavements

The Clonard College community extends its sympathy to Khadija Besancon (Year 9) and her family on the death of her Grandmother.
Best Wishes



Damian McKew *Principal*

Absences

In 2011, Clonard has moved to a new integrated database for its management of students. This move has opened up a number of exciting possibilities for the future, including use by parents and students at home. The move has enabled us to more accurately track student absences, excursions and other activities. It is envisaged that within the next twelve months we will move to an SMS notification system to parents for student absences.

In the meantime, could all parents ensure that they call the College office on 52782155 if your daughter is away. This assists us greatly in the administration of absences for the day.

VCE Results from 2010

On Monday 14th February Clonard will celebrate the successes of VCE from 2010 with a High Achievers assembly at which students gaining ENTER scores of 90 and over will be presented with a certificate as will those students who achieved outstanding results in individual subjects. 14 students from the class of 2010 received ENTER scores of over 90 placing them among the elite performers for 2010 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!

Some tertiary offer statistics....

- The tertiary offers made on 17th January this year continued the good news for our 2010 class with 96% of our 93 VTAC applicants receiving a first round offer for a University/TAFE/ Private College placement.
- Of those offers made, 98% were for 1st or 2nd preferences chosen by the students.

Achieving potential reports

On Friday 25th of February "Achieving potential" reports for our Year 11 and 12 students undertaking units 3 and 4 subjects will be mailed home. These reports are an effort to highlight any areas of concern for teaching staff so that any issues concerning individual students can be addressed in a cooperative manner (between teacher, student and parents). It is certainly too late, in the 33 week "year" which is final year VCE, for students and parents to only become aware of any concerns at the end of Term 1 (i.e. 9 or 10 weeks into the year) and these reports are an attempt to address this issue. Hopefully they will be received positively in this light but if any parents have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the subject teacher or, if you would prefer, our VCE Coordinators, Evelyn Dawson or Leonie de Jong by phone or email (evelyn.dawson@clonard.catholic.edu.au / leonie.dejong@clonard.catholic.edu.au).

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 on 4th March (and hence are only made by those with serious, long term disabilities or illnesses eg diabetes).

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).

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 revise regularly and to avoid the enemy of many people – procrastination – PLAN and DO IT NOW!

Evelyn Dawson/Leonie de Jong **VCE Coordinators 2011**

Year 12 Careers News

Students interested in pursuing medicine, and other health science careers, need to sit the UMAT (testing will take place in Geelong) on July 27, 2011 (see <http://umatweb.acer.edu.au/>). Registration will open on Friday 1st of April 2011 and accepted until 5pm Friday 17th of June 2011. A government accredited Registered Training Organisation specialising in helping students perform at their best on this test is MedEntry UMAT prep. MedEntry offers discounts of 30% for groups of 3 or more, and a discount of over 55% to students who are financially or socially disadvantaged. For more information visit www.MedEntry.edu.au. Also see <http://www.premed.edu.au/>

Careers Education

Over the holidays Cheyenne Lerm, Katie Steer, Kristen Lambrecht, Maddy Howie, & Monica Sphabmixai (Year 11 this year) completed a Certificate II in Hospitality (Coffee, Bar & Waiter). This is a new partnership arrangement between Hospitality Training Australia and Clonard. The course included assessment training in Responsible Serving of Alcohol, Responsible Gambling Service, Workplace Hygiene Procedures, OH&S, and First Aid Level 2. Practical classes covered food & beverage skills, bar service, & serving expresso coffee. As graduates of this course, they can now access casual and PT job opportunities with a number of catering companies that service the Australian Open Tennis, the Melbourne Spring Racing Carnival, Cricket and AFL. They can also gain employment with restaurants, cafes, clubs, reception venues, caterers or other hospitality workplaces.

The second course will be starting soon here at Clonard and will proceed over semester 1. The cost is \$105 due to Victorian & Commonwealth Government funding. If your daughter is in Year 10, 11 or 12 and would like to enrol she should let me know by next Friday 18th Feb. If you require any further information about this course, please email me penny.dewar@clonard.catholic.edu.au



Year 10 Work Experience

A reminder to all Year 10 parents that our Work Experience Week is from Monday 8th August – Friday 12th August. The girls should be thinking about their options and making contact with employers. They will get assistance with this process in their Personal Development classes. If your daughter is interested in a career in sport – club events, media liaison, operations, technology, sport science – I have received an offer from the Melbourne Football Club who have developed a leading work experience program that exposes the participants in all areas of the club. Applications close on March 31st. Please contact me for further information and assistance with an application: penny.dewar@clonard.catholic.edu.au

Congratulations Kaitlyn Donnison 7G for participating & winning an award for Art & Literature Achievement

Southside Netball Association A9004

TEAMS AND/OR PLAYERS WANTED FOR LADIES MIDWEEK
INDOOR NETBALL COMPETITION
WHERE: YMCA STADIUM, RIVERDALE RD, NEWTOWN
WHEN: MONDAY - 10am, 11am, 12pm
WEDNESDAY 10am and 11am
THURSDAY NIGHT
BEGINNERS OR EXPERIENCED, ALL LEVELS OF PLAY IN
FRIENDLY COMPETITION. JOIN AN EXISTING TEAM OR
PUT A TEAM TOGETHER
UMPIRES, FIRST AIDE & CHILD SUPERVISION PROVIDED
CONTACT : MONDAY - 52457290
WEDNESDAY - 52815053
THURSDAY NIGHT - 52754339

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will trade on **Day 7 Tuesday** at lunchtime, 12.30pm to 1.15pm.

Appointments available if necessary, please contact Marion Buckley Items maybe dropped off at the office Please contact Mrs Buckley for further information.

TEACHERS NEEDED ...



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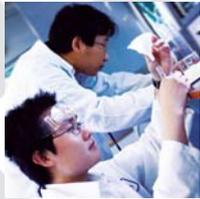
Canteen News

Breakfast is available from 8.15 am -8.45am
Lunch orders can be place at breakfast and recess time

Thanks to Kay Hanson, Leanne Foord, Heidi Preston Warakea, Fiona Crompton & Sue Clarke for volunteering in the canteen this week.

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Education Maintenance Allowance information for the school newsletter

Information for 2011

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (**1 February 2011**) which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (**18 July 2011**).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **28 February 2011** for the first instalment and **5 August 2011** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$230** for primary students and **\$460** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2011 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

Payment Amounts

Instalment	Portion	Primary school*	Secondary school*
One	Parent	\$ 80.50	\$ 161.00
	School	\$ 80.50	\$ 161.00
Two	Parent	\$ 34.50	\$ 69.00
	School	\$ 34.50	\$ 69.00
	Total	\$ 230.00	\$ 460.00

*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2011 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after **28 February 2011** and prior to or on **5 August 2011**, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

Contact: School Office for application form and further information.