For those students who were enrolled in the College last year, the 2011 College Magazine will accompany this newsletter. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Kelly Allen for her work in editing this publication. I am sure that you will agree that it is a fine result. Inside the front cover you will find a number of corrections to the awards that appear on page 102. On behalf of the College I apologise to the students who were not appropriately acknowledged in the magazine properly. I need to note that this is not due to any editing error.

Congratulations are extended to all prize-winners from last week’s Dux Ceremony. I will see that the local media receives a media release as we are justifiably proud of our results. Students receive a Tertiary Entrance (TE) score which is also converted to an Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranking (ATAR) which is a percentile result. Our Dux, Erin Howells received a TE score of 112.9 which translated to an ATAR of 99.35. Another 10 students also received an ATAR greater than 90.

Congratulations to Elloize Galpin (8G7) who competed in the State Cycling Titles at the week-end, winning four Gold medals and being awarded the Samantha Hellyer Memorial Trophy for the best performing female at the titles. She has been selected to compete at the National Titles in Melbourne next month.

Congratulations to Mrs Suzy Cole who won 6 Gold medals at the Oceania Masters Athletics Competition in New Zealand last week.

Congratulations also to Georgia O’Rourke (7G5) who has been selected in the Tasmanian Junior Track Cycling Team as well as the Tasmanian Youth Triathlon Team. She travels to Melbourne and Queensland next month to compete.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the whole school community will mark the beginning of Lent together. The College has a proud tradition of charitable works, with project Compassion being a major event. I encourage families to contribute to their student’s homeroom appeals.

I look forward to tomorrow’s swimming carnival. This is an excellent mix of competition and fun.

Please mark next Thursday evening in your diary. This the meet-and-greet evening, giving parents, students and teachers the opportunity to meet so that we can be more than just a name to each other. It is not a Parent-Teacher Interview, but a more informal gathering. Please bring your son/daughter with you.

To date I have had just one response (favouring a change) to my request for feedback on the permissibility of a nose piercing. Please let me know if you have a feeling on this.

Mr Frank Pisano
Principal
World Challenge Expedition
Cambodia/Laos 2013

On Wednesday February 16, students from Years 8, 9 and 10 were involved in a presentation by World Challenge. In conjunction with World Challenge, the College will be running an expedition to Cambodia and Laos in June/July 2013.

On Tuesday February 21, the College will be hosting a Parent Information Evening in the Genesis Centre at 6:30pm. A representative from World Challenge will be available to provide additional information to parents and students and answer any questions regarding the expedition.

We look forward to seeing interested parents and students at the Parent Information Evening.

Mrs Emma McIver & Miss Renee Sushames

Buses
A reminder to all students who travel on buses that they shouldn’t be eating or drinking on the bus. All students have a responsibility to keep the buses clean to allow for the comfort of all passengers.

Young Endeavour
Students aged 16 or above may be interested in sailing with the Young Endeavour. The Ballot for voyages from July to December 2012 has opened. Students wishing to apply can do so via the website: www.youngendeavour.gov.au.

Uniform
It is pleasing to see almost all of our students coming to school correctly attired at the beginning of the year. At this stage, due to the warm weather, blazers do not have to be worn home from school. However, students need to have their blazers for assemblies, liturgies, etc. In last week’s newsletter Mr Pisano called for parent responses as to whether the College should allow students to wear a small stud in the nose if they have a nose piercing. We are still happy to receive comments from parents before we make a decision.

Year 9 Pathways
This year our Year 9s do not have timetabled Pathways lessons. Instead, Pathways for Year 9s will operate in a completely different way. Big announcement coming soon...

Mr Richard Chapman
Deputy Principal
Pastoral Care

Swimming Carnival

This Friday is the College Interhouse Swimming Carnival. Students will be bussed to the Devonport Aquatic Centre where they will participate in a variety of activities.

The morning session will involve age group races while the afternoon will consist of students participating in a variety of aquatic activities.

As this is a normal community activity it is expected that all students are present on the day. Events will start at 9:10 am and the day will conclude at 2:30 pm.

Any parents who wish to come and support the day are welcome and support the day are welcome to attend.

Mr Steve Ryan
Head of Health & Physical Education Faculty
Touch Football

Congratulations to our Touch Football teams on a great season. Grand finals were played late last year with two of our teams winning their divisions. In the 9/10 boys grand final the SBSC Titans defeated the DHS Better than Callum (13-2) and in the 7/8 girls grand final the SBSC Untouchables defeated our own SBSC Da Bowwss (6-3). Congratulation to all involved and we hope everyone will be back to play again this year.

State Representatives

Congratulations to Georgia O’Rourke who has been selected to represent Tasmania in both Cycling and Triathlon. Georgia will be in Melbourne to compete in Cycling from 13/3 -17/3 and in Queensland to compete in Triathlon from 21/3 - 23/3. We wish her all the best.

Could any student who gains state representative selection please inform the college so that they can be acknowledged in future newsletters.

Miss Renee Sushames
Head of Sport

Schoolgirls Netball Selection Trials

The 2012 Secondary Schoolgirls Winter Roster will commence in early March. St. Brendan-Shaw College will have its team selection trials on the dates and at the times indicated below. All interested players are able to sign up for selections at the PE office through Miss Sushames.

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Teams must have a Coach to be entered into the roster. Any parents interested in coaching a team are welcome to attend the selections. Any interested persons please contact Miss Josie Emery at the College.

St Brendan-Shaw College Canteen

Expression of Interest

Volunteer for St Brendan-Shaw College Canteen

Wednesday/Thursday/Fridays from 10.00 am – 1.30 pm

For further details please contact

Mr Bob Farr on 6424 7622

Or email

bfarr@sbsc.tas.edu.au

Futures & Pathways

The Australian Defence Force Academy will be sending a specialist team from Canberra to SBSC on Wednesday 22nd February.

The team will be speaking with all year ten students and any senior students who are interested in learning about a career with the ADFA.

Mrs Tanya Rataj
Futures & Pathways Coordinator

Uniform Shop

Tuesdays/Wednesdays 10.00 am — 4.00 pm
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Mrs Sue Arrowsmith
Uniform Shop Manageress
**Student Clubs**

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Now is the time, at the beginning of a new school year, to think about participation in groups and clubs. Students earn merit and/or house points with activities.

If you are a community minded person or someone who would like to help out some of our local residents, the St. Vincent de Paul group could be well suited to you. In the past we have helped the local pantries refill their stock by having a canned food drive. We have also had a lolly jar, coin line and a fashion parade.

All age groups are welcome to our first meeting for 2012 on Tuesday, 21st February in room T2, during lunch. Please come by and have a listen to see if Vinnies is something for you! Mr Kam Douglas and I hope to see you there.

Ms Patty Barratt
Teacher

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**Students Need a Greencard for Non-Metro Buses in 2012**


Note: students who are eligible for free travel, and who currently hold an un-expired free pass, won’t need to apply, but will be issued with a Student Greencard automatically.

**Contact details for enquiries:**

Enquiries: Telephone 1300 851 225

Email: buspasses@dier.tas.gov.au
The Australian Curriculum
A Guide for Parents

Catholic Education Tasmania

In 2008, education ministers from all states and territories agreed that a national curriculum would be developed to provide all young Australians with a quality twenty-first century education from Prep to Year 12.

Every ten years, contemporary views on educational needs for the future are sought and documented. The most recent being the 2008 Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians, which commits to ‘supporting all young Australians to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens’, and promotes equity and excellence in education.

The Australian Curriculum sets out what all young Australians are to be taught, and the expected quality of that learning as they progress through schooling. At the same time, it provides flexibility for teachers and schools to build on student learning and interest.

Developing the Australian Curriculum means that greater attention can be devoted to equipping young Australians with the skills, knowledge, understandings and capabilities necessary to enable them to effectively engage with and prosper in society, compete in a globalised world and thrive in the information-rich workplaces of the future.

The Australian Curriculum will be developed in three phases, with English, Mathematics, Science and History already available. Geography, the Arts and Languages are currently being developed and the remaining areas - Economics and Business, Civics and Citizenship, Health and Physical Education, Design and Technologies to be developed over the next few years.

Schools are required to teach the first four subjects each year to all students from Prep to Year 10. In Years 9 and 10, some subjects will be optional, such as the Arts, Geography and Languages. Courses are currently being developed for Years 11 and 12 in English, Mathematics, Science and History.

The Australian Curriculum focuses on an entitlement for all students while acknowledging that the needs and interests of students may vary. The curriculum provides the content, and a set of achievement standards which state the expected quality of learning in year levels from Prep to Year 10. What makes this Curriculum so rich and contemporary is that at each year level and throughout the subjects, there is an explicit focus not only on the content, but on general capabilities (or twenty-first century skills), and cross-curriculum priorities.

The general capabilities include:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information Communication Capability
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Ethical Behaviour
- Personal and Social Capability
- Intercultural Understanding

There are three cross-curriculum priorities – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia, and Sustainability.

Teachers and administrators in Catholic Education Tasmania have been actively involved in the development of the Australian Curriculum since its inception in 2009.
At St Brendan-Shaw College, Phase One subjects – English, History, Mathematics and Science – have been introduced into Years 7 and 8 and will extend to Year 9 this year. Other subjects will be added as curriculum is written.

Planning for all subjects is being undertaken by teachers in teams using backward design. This method of planning keeps “the end in mind” and teachers begin with shared goals, questions and ideas for assessment.

For now, A-E will be retained for formative assessment as well as the summative assessment. Summative assessments EA, HA, CA, SA, PA and NN and so on will be replaced gradually with A-E.

There will be a change to the reporting format and timing of reports which will be advised in a later newsletter.