Dear Parents and students

I am very happy to be welcoming our families and friends to the College for 2014. The beginning of the year is a time that can make us tired because of the different routines and this is evident in our Year 7 girls especially. They have begun a new school with around ten new teachers and having to be moving each lesson from one part of the College to the opposite side is exhausting.

I know that in Boarding the girls were together all of the weekend last week and had a wonderful time enjoying each other’s company and welcoming the new girls. For all of our sporting teams this weekend sees the full competition start and I know that we will be successful.

So after such a big start it is good to report to the community that we have begun in a positive and busy way. The community of St Vincent’s College is diverse and unified. The girls come from many parts of Sydney and across NSW. Its’ unique character is formed by the way in which everyone who comes to our door is welcomed and they are recognized as friends. This year the staff and I are focusing on COMMUNITY. We can do this through our teaching and learning by ensuring all girls contribute and are valued for the gifts that they bring to each class and each teacher.

In our service of the poor we are going outside of our immediate community to offer comfort to the lonely and a smile to everyone we meet. The girls can be positive community members when they acknowledge that they are happier when they include every girl into their group and not exclude girls through gossip or bullying.

When working with the staff last week, I opened our academic year with the focus of COMMUNITY as we are a community of learners for whom learning and the pursuit of it never ends. We are also a community of faith who works for justice, respect and hope. We model generosity of spirit in encouraging each other to try something new, and to give reassurance and praise so that we all feel valued and part of something that is greater than us.
Principal’s Message (cont)

There are many initiatives for this year in pastoral care and teaching and learning which all exist under the umbrella of COMMUNITY. To begin the dialogue on COMMUNITY, I use this quote from Jean Vanier.

“Community is essentially a place of presence. Thus we must not forget that the best nourishment of community life, the one which renews us and opens our hearts, is in all the small gestures of fidelity, tenderness, humility, forgiveness, sensitivity and welcome which make up everyday life. It is these, which are the heart of community and can bring us to a realisation of love. It so they, which touch hearts and reveal gifts.”

The key words for me in this quote are ‘a place of presence’ and ‘the best nourishment of community life’ as these are reflected in the smile, saying hello, letting others on the team take the shot to score the points, and seeing how we can be better people through service.

I will continue to write throughout the year on these themes and in other reports I am preparing for the community.

Welcome to the Community

Each year we are blessed in having new staff join us and some changes in the responsibilities of some of our current staff. This year is no different as we welcome some new names and faces to the College.

- Ms Laura Wilson - Head of HSIE (replacing Miss Coyne who retired in 2013)
- Ms Rehab Wilson - Science teacher (replacing Mrs Grey who left in 2013)
- Mrs Sonja Clancy - Religious Education teacher (new position)
- Mrs Charlotte Burton - Religious Education teacher (new position)
- Mr Simon Andrews - HSIE teacher (12 months replacement for Ms Dobson)
- Mrs Charmaine Forbes - Languages teacher (12 months replacement for Mrs Hegarty)
- Mr Niall Gilhooly - Maths teacher (6 months replacement)
- Ms Cassandra Church - Maths teacher (6 months replacement)

These new teachers bring their skills and experience to our community and enrich us with their work.

New Head of Boarding

In January I wrote to the parents and families of Boarding to announce that Ms Rose Reid would be taking up the position of Head of Boarding starting this year. Ms Reid has been with the College for two years and has experience in boarding both as a student and in her teaching career. She has been Head of Aikenhead House last year, and whilst she is sad to let this role go she has already made a very positive mark on the boarding community.

Ms Reid brings vision and energy to the role with a unique position both in the College through her teaching so therefore, integrating boarding with the day college. I am confident that we will see and hear many positive and energetic stories from the boarding house during this year.

As Ms Reid has left her position as Head of Aikenhead I was very pleased to be able to ask Miss Elizabeth Young to take on this leadership role for 2014. Miss Young works in the PD/H/PE Department and is an energetic and focused young teacher who works well with the girls and will support the families of Aikenhead.

I would like to congratulate Ms Reid and Miss Young on their leadership and I look forward to working with them this year.

New Features of the Timetable

Your daughter may have commented to you about a change in the look of the timetable as we have included double periods in the schedule this year. The reason for this change which will include all classes in all years, is so that practical classes can have time to work on their projects and complete their work in one session eg cooking. It also allows for a diverse range of activities to happen within each lesson for better learning and greater reflection on the work done. Another important advantage and one that is not obvious, is that we now have one fewer movement for our girls in their day where they can have less time wasted in going from class to class. It may seem like a small advantage but by the end of a day it is a blessing.

Congratulations to the HSC class of 2013

The results from last year’s group were very pleasing. The details were communicated to the community when the results were released in December. St Vincent’s College was ranked 16th among all Catholic schools in the State. There will be more details given by Mr Graham in the coming weeks. It is very heartening to see the individual results of the girls who I know have worked so hard and have had a special goal in mind for their future, and the results they have attained means their dreams can be realised. It is the individual success and what it means to the students, which gives the teachers the greatest satisfaction.

As a learning community we will acknowledge these achievements and celebrate with the girls and their families at the HSC Academic Assembly to be held at the College on 21 February in the morning.

Next week is our Opening Mass where we begin our academic year with the celebration of the Eucharist which is the heart of this Catholic college. We all go to St Mary's Church in North Sydney and are always inspired by the celebration and ceremony of the morning. At this Mass the newest members of our community, Year 7, process into the church ahead of the priest to be welcomed in a special way by the whole community. This is a beautiful ritual and if new parents are able to attend they are very welcome.
As this is the final Opening Mass for our Year 12 they are asked to make the pledge of leadership and service to the College. I look forward to seeing you at the Mass next Tuesday.

The pages of this Bulletin are full of news and activities already. This year you will see that in each Bulletin there will be a report from each Department sharing with parents the news of the department and at times inviting you to participate in the great learning activities.

I look forward to seeing you at the College next Monday for the **Launch of the new Website** at 5pm in the Hall. Also for parents of Year 7 to meet their Head of House and to meet their daughter’s Tutor. This follows the launch at 5.30pm.

Regards

Fay Gurr

Principal

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**Social Justice News**

Pearl S Buck Nobel prize winning novelist, civil and women rights campaigner is quoted as saying **“To serve is beautiful, but only if it is done with joy and a whole heart and a free mind.”** This quote encapsulates one of the core values of St Vincent's College - service to the poor. It is also pertinent as it reminds us that the serving is best done when the girls commit to serving their community willingly using their own initiative. This is one of the main aims of social justice at the College. This year we will see social justice embedded in all aspect of the College’s activities.

The history of the house patrons’ work will be the core of the social justice activities each House will be committed to throughout the year. Once again there will be a student committee, Caritas Christi, which will communicate and raise awareness about social justice issues and will represent the College at various events. The year ahead is an exciting one, and I look forward to keeping you updated of all the activities of our whole hearted and free minded girls.

Ms Jessica Lee

*Social Justice co-ordinator*

As newly appointed social justice captain I’d like to extend a very warm welcome to all students (both returning and new) to the College. There is much in store for the upcoming year and with the help of Ms Lee, we are very eager to make 2014 the best year for social justice yet, starting with the re-grouping of the Caritas Christi committee.

Named for the Latin word 'caritas' meaning love and compassion, the committee provides practical opportunities for girls to help local and global communities in need. If you care for other humans and the world around you, I encourage you to join so that together at St Vincent’s we can promote awareness of injustices and take action.

Peta Banbas

*Social Justice Captain*

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**NSW GOVERNMENT 2014 SCHOOL STUDENTS TRANSPORT SCHEME**

**Free school Rail/Bus passes:** Free travel to and from school on school days without holding a pass has been granted to students until **Friday 14 February 2014 only**.

From **Monday 17 February 2014** all students without a current pass will be required to pay for their journey to and from school.

**Lost or mislaid passes:** The fee for a replacement rail/bus pass in 2014 is $20.00. Please go to Student Services for an application form to apply for a replacement school rail or bus pass.
Dear Parents and Students

A warm welcome to you all to the academic year of 2014. I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all families of students who have joined the St Vincent’s College community this year. I trust that your daughter has settled well into St Vincent’s College and I am confident that she will bring to the College a great sense of excitement and enthusiasm for learning. Your daughter’s Head of House, Tutor, Boarding Coordinators and Teachers are looking forward to working with you to support your daughter at this stage of her high school life and beyond.

In her article for this Bulletin Ms Gurr has made mention of the new staff members who have joined our community this year. Further to this I would like to formally inform all parents that with the appointment and announcement of Ms Rose Reid as Head of Boarding, and at the end of January Miss Elizabeth Young accepted the position of Acting Head of Aikenhead for 2014. Miss Young has written to parents of Aikenhead students, sharing an introduction of herself and as well as some of her ideas for the year. I am confident that Miss Young will lead the House well and will be a positive addition to the Heads of Houses team.

I have included below for your reference the email contacts for all Heads of House:

Ms Joanne Anderson – Head of Cahill - andersonj@stvincents.nsw.edu.au
Ms Stella O’Toole – Head of De Lacy - otooles@stvincents.nsw.edu.au
Ms Kathleen Parish – Head of Cater - parishk@stvincents.nsw.edu.au
Mrs Penny Radford – Head of O’Brien - radfordp@stvincents.nsw.edu.au
Miss Elizabeth Young – Head of Aikenhead - younge@stvincents.nsw.edu.au
Ms Joanne Tardo – Head of Williams - tardoj@stvincents.nsw.edu.au

Year 7 Information and Meet the Tutor Evening:
Monday 10 February

A reminder to all parents of students in Year 7 that the Information and Meet the Tutor Evening is held on Monday 10 February commencing at 5.30pm, immediately following the launch of the College website at 5.00pm. The Year 7 Information and Meet the Tutor Evening is an opportunity for parents of Year 7 to meet their daughter’s tutor in an informal setting as well as hearing from their daughter’s Heads of House. On the night the Heads of House will provide parents of Year 7 with information about: the College policy on the use of technology; assessment in Year 7 and ways of supporting the girls during times of formal assessment; use of the diary by students and parents; and the College award and demerit system. Ms Linda McCabe, Year 7 Boarding coordinator, will be in attendance with any boarders whose parents are unable to attend.

For parents with children starting secondary school, I offer the following tips provided by parenting educator Michael Grose.

- Prepare: attend information sessions, orientation programs and visit the school when opportunities provide
- Plan: talk to your child about their experiences and listen to their concerns
- Provide: young people need a supporting, caring environment. Discuss expectations and guidelines about greater independence.
- Positive: help them to see beyond the challenges of the transition period to see possibilities and opportunities
- Patience: be patient as it may take time for your child to settle in. Be flexible and diverse in your approach.

Cash is Back at the Canteen

The canteen at the College has been operating on a cashless basis, whereby students may pay for their purchases using credit uploaded to their student cards. From the beginning of this year the students may continue to pay for items this way or to use cash.

College phone number for absentees

A new phone line has been connected for parents to phone when your daughter is absent. This number is 9361 2404 and goes directly to student services. This important contact detail has been updated to the College website and I ask that you save this number in your phones and use it when contacting the College regarding your daughter’s absence from school.

Ms Marina Ugonotti
Director of Welfare
From the Director of Teaching & Learning

It has been wonderful to see the energy with which the girls have returned to school this year. For many the Christmas/summer vacation is very refreshing but I also get the sense that it has been long enough and many are happy to return and catch up with friends that they may not have seen for a couple of months. My hope is that everyone enjoys success during 2014. Of course success does not come without some hard work. The great golfer, Gary Player, once said “The harder you work, the luckier you get.” It is no secret that those who are prepared to make some sacrifices and put it towards achieving their goals, will enjoy a greater deal of success than those who try to find shortcuts.

Our Year 12 students may have had a slightly different holiday than many others since they have already commenced their HSC courses and sat their first assessment task in Term 4 of last year. I wish them well as they commence their final year of schooling. I will also take this opportunity to remind students and their parents about the assessment manual that clearly outlines students rights and responsibilities surrounding assessment and appeals. The College has in place processes that are strictly adhered to in order to provide justice for all, and providing no perceived advantage to anyone.

The commencement of each academic year is always busy as new timetables, classes and teachers all converge at once. Often small errors are only discovered once the timetable is in action and sometimes these errors, as small as they might appear, can have significant flow on effects. With a full cycle almost complete, I am confident that most of these have been identified and rectified. It is testament to the staff and students resilience and their ability to adapt when things do change. Things change from time to time for a variety of reasons. As you would have read, some late changes impacting the timetable included the appointment of Ms Reid as Head of Boarding while Ms Young was appointed the Head of Aikenhead House. Similarly late appointments at the end of last year in the Mathematics and HSIE Departments had an impact on staffing in those areas.

A letter was sent out to parents at the same time as reports regarding the way classes were streamed for 2014. I will have this included on our new website so that those who may have missed it can access it at their convenience. Similarly the parents of students in Year 8 will have received a letter outlining the structure of Languages in Year 8 for 2014 and the introduction of Italian as a Language for one of the classes.

Subject Choices

A great deal of time and effort goes into ensuring students are making informed and considered decisions about elective subjects. In many cases classes are full and changing subjects at this stage is not possible. My response to most requests will often be disappointing but I will remind girls that they made the choice, and perseverance and commitment are wonderful learning experiences.

HSC Results

The class of 2013 performed very well and St Vincent’s College remains embedded in the top 100 schools in New South Wales. While the regular media focuses on Band 6 performances, the reality is that a very small percentage of students in the state achieve a Band 6 result, and it fails to tell the whole story on whether students are performing below, beyond, or to expectations. I am pleased to present the following summary of the highlights:

- Ella Harkin Band 6 in 11 units ATAR = 99.10
- Stephanie Blancquart Band 6 in 10 units ATAR = 98.70

Also in the top 5%

- Nicole Mestrovic Band 6 in 9 Units
- Henriette Tkalec Band 6 in 9 Units
- Joanna Griffiths ATAR = 97.20
- Amelia Akle ATAR = 96.05
- Overall 42 students achieved top bands in one or more of their courses.

Excellent Individual Results

- Yvette Hammerschmidt 8th in the state in Studies of Religion II
- Gabrielle Hodge 12th in the state in Biology

The following students achieved 98%

- Ella Harkin - Visual Arts
- Nicole Mestrovic - Studies of Religion I
- Henriette Tkalec - English Extension 2
- The following students achieved 96%
- Stephanie Blancquart - Biology
- Nicole Mestrovic - Biology
- Joanna Griffiths - Visual Arts.

Band 5/6 Results

- In 23 of the 31 courses (74%), 50% or more of the students received a Band 5/6 result.
- 100% of English Extension 2 achieved E4
- 56% of French Continuers achieved Band 6
- 44% of English Extension 1 achieved E4.

Band 5/6 compared to State

- 87% of Business Studies students compared with 35% (+52)
- 78% of CAFs students compared with 33% (+45)
- 80% of Design and Technology students compared with 37% (+43)
- 100% of Music 1 students compared with 58% (+42)
- 90% of Visual Arts students compared with 51% (+39)
- 88% of English Advanced students compared with 53% (+35)
- 80% of Modern History students compared with 47% (+33)
- 76% of Drama students compared with 44% (+32)
- 75% of Soc. & Culture students compared with 48% (+27)
- 100% of History Ext. students compared with 74% (+26).

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From the Director of Teaching & Learning (cont)

Course Means compared with state
In all but two of the thirty one courses St Vincent’s College means were at or above state means. Fifteen of the courses had means of 5 marks or greater than the state mean. The eight subjects listed below were more than 7 marks higher than state means.

- Ancient History +9.25
- CAFs +9.25
- Business Studies +8.66
- Drama +7.06
- English Standard +7.55
- English Extension 2 +9.33
- Modern History +7.49
- PD/H/PE +7.07

Assessments
An assessment calendar will be distributed to all students next week which outlines the dates of all of their assessments in Semester one. The calendar will also be emailed to parents so that you have a record of when assessments are coming up. As a general rule each subject should have four assessments in a calendar year and generally this is one per term.

For students in Years 7-10 the assessments in Term 2 and Term 4 are examinations, while the other two can be other types of assessments which may include oral presentations, research tasks, practical tasks, production of works etc. Students in Years 10-12 will receive an assessment handbook that includes details of each task that a student may sit. The details include the timing, weighting and nature of the task as well as the outcomes being assessed. The assessment handbook also outlines the Board of Studies requirements regarding assessment as well as the College’s processes.

Year 10 students and parents are asked to attend an information evening on Monday 17 February so that the Assessment Handbook can be distributed and explained in detail.

Assessment notices are provided to each student no less than two weeks prior to the date of the task, but will also be available on the College intranet OLiV. Each assessment notice includes important information about the expectations regarding submission of tasks and what is required in case of Illness or Misadventure.

Parent Portal
In 2013 the Parent Portal was launched to allow parents to see when assessments are coming up as well as view results, timetable, attendance information as well as any awards or disciplines. Parents of Year 7 girls and students new to the College will receive details early next week about access and login details.

Laptops/iPads
Students in Year 7 will have the opportunity to bring their iPads to class next week after the iPad information and Meet the Tutor session on Monday 10 February. This will mean that all girls across the College have individual devices for use in their classes.

Can I take this opportunity to remind everyone that there is an expectation that girls have the technology with them so that they are able to access material required for that lesson. The devices used allow access to the internet for research, online learning materials that have been made available through OLiV, as well as some subjects having textbooks available on the computer either in pdf or online forms.

HSC Essay Writing Lecture
A free lecture series is available for Year 12 students on Saturday 15 February at the University of Sydney. More details on their website: www.tsfx.com.au/shsc, or see Mr Graham.

Mr Robert Graham
Director of Teaching & Learning

From the Religious Studies Department

I’d like to offer a special welcome to all new families and students to the College community and also welcome back to all existing families and students. I’d also like to take this opportunity to introduce parents to the new Religious Studies staff and the 2014 team.

Ms Charlotte Burton is a fulltime Religious Studies specialist, and has come to us from the position of Head of Department at St Catherine’s, Waverley and previously Barker College. Ms Sonia Clancy is also a fulltime Religious Studies teacher with extensive experience in teaching Religious Studies as well as English. Ms Clancy has joined us after previously teaching at Monte Sant’ Angelo, North Sydney before relocating to Brisbane for three years where she was studying and living with her family.

Ms Charmaine Forbes will be teaching Year 7 RE and Languages. The following teachers are also on the RE team for 2014: Ms Kate Parish, Mr Mark Bradley, Mr Joseph Hekeik, Ms Simone Lock, Ms Jenny McCarthy, Mrs Joanne Anderson, Ms Rose Reid, Ms Fay Gurr, Ms Rachel McLean and me, Mrs Elizabeth (Libby) Parker.

We had much to celebrate with the HSC results for Year 12 2013 in regards to their Studies of Religion results. Yvette Hammerschmidt ranked 8th in the State for 2 unit Studies of Religion and Nicole Mestrovic achieved 49 out 50 in her HSC examination. These are only two examples of some magnificent results and performances by students. I’d like to congratulate the 2013 HSC Studies of Religion cohort and their teachers on their work ethic and commitment to Studies of Religion. There can be no doubt that students who study SOR at SVC will most likely find that it counts as one of their top three units.
This year I look forward to some excellent learning and engagement within and outside the classroom. A significant review and renewal of the Religious Studies assessment process has begun and students can look forward to new approaches and choices within their learning.

I wish all Year 7s a happy and smooth transition into high school. Please don’t hesitate to contact any of the RE teachers for help or advice regarding your daughter’s learning needs. I will keep you informed throughout the year about all areas of the Religious Studies and Studies of Religion curriculum and classroom.

Mrs Elizabeth Parker

Head of Religious Studies
The LRC (also known as the library for all of you who are new to the College) has some exciting plans for the year ahead. At this time of the year, we usually start with a couple of fun lunchtime events and quickly move to the first orientation lessons for Year 7 and research classes for Year 11. Our new website will give you a sense of a range of our activities you may expect throughout the year.

We started the year by organising the Year 7 Fun Day in Week 2. It is now a library tradition to welcome new high school students to a lunchtime of games and some sweet rewards. Older students volunteered to help out by organising games, taking photos, and making sure everyone was happy and entertained. We already have some new names on our lists of club members. Library staff and our regulars are looking forward to introducing Year 7 and all other students to a vibrant life on the fourth level of B block.

Dr Suzana Sukovic
Head of the Learning Resource Centre

One of the best ways for students to make new friends in a school year is through a shared interest. The Learning Resource Centre runs several weekly clubs and lunchtime activities where students can have fun, start a new hobby and meet new people.

**Literature Club - Mondays in B47**
Literature Club is a student group for all people who love to read. You don’t need to be a strong reader to be involved. All you need is a love of books and stories, a willingness to share what you have read and a desire to try something new.

**Wordly - Every second Wednesday in B48**
Wordly is an opportunity for you to showcase your work, from creative writing, to book reviews, and reflections about literature. The magazine team meets fortnightly and the plan is to publish an issue per term.

**Manga Club - Wednesdays in B47**
Manga Club is a weekly get-together for students who are interested in manga, comics or graphic novels. We do a range of activities including drawing, writing, karaoke and crafts. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun.

**Gaming Club - Thursdays in B47**
The gaming club is all about play! Try your hand at board games, card games, games on your tablet or role-playing games. All players are welcome and all gaming opportunities are welcomed!

Dr Suzana Sukovic
Head of the LRC

Ms Alycia Bailey
Librarian
NSW Ministry of Health offers all school students free recommended vaccinations by the National Health and Medical Research Council. These vaccines are important and protect students through to adulthood.

**Year 7 students** will be offered the following vaccines on the following dates:

Visit 1: 05 March 2014
Visit 2: 04 June 2014

*Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough)* vaccine - 1 booster dose. This vaccine is now only offered in Year 7 (was previously recommended at 15 years of age).

*Varicella (chickenpox)* vaccine - 1 dose. If your child already had chickenpox disease or has been vaccinated, she does not need this vaccine.

*Human Papillomavirus (HPV)* vaccine - a 3 dose course offered (a catch up course will only be offered to Year 8 students who didn’t complete it in Year 7).

Childhood vaccination records for children born after January 1996 can be checked by calling the Australian Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.

The pink vaccination packs have been sent home with your daughter and need to be returned to student services as soon as possible, or at the latest by Wednesday 26 February.

Please read the information provided with the consent form to understand facts and the vaccines offered, and the diseases that these vaccines protect against, before you sign the forms. A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Keep vaccination records in a safe place as they may be required for future work or travel. If you have questions about the program, please contact the Immunisation Unit, South Eastern Sydney Local Health District on 9382.8333.

Ms Anita Stewart and Ms Cate Behenna
College Health Centre Nurses
St Vincent’s College

2014 COUNTRY VISITS

Meet the NEW Head of Boarding!
This year, the Principal, Ms Fay Gurr, the NEW Head of Boarding, Ms Rose Reid, and the Director of Marketing and Community Development, Mrs Alyssa Moore, are making personal visits to regional NSW. They are coming to visit our boarding families.

We recognise that it is often a challenge to get into Sydney regularly and want to create quality opportunities for face-to-face communication with our boarding families through a combination individual visits and local area gatherings.

Our local parents are the best word-of-mouth advocates for our College! We encourage you to invite your friends and family along to meet our team and learn more about St Vincent’s College Boarding.

We need your support!
Interested in hosting one of our local area gatherings?
CONTACT: Ms Alyssa Moore
Marketing@stvincents.nsw.edu.au
9368 1611

28 February to 1 March
Scone & Central Coast

10-12 June
Greater Sydney (North/South/East/West)

19-21 March
Griffith & Canberra Regions

11-12 July
Mudgee Field Days & Regional Visits

23-24 May
Greater Dubbo Region

19-21 August
Gunnedah Field Days & Regional Visits
Notice to all Parents

I am writing to advise you that our College community currently has a student who is returning to school after having treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma which is ongoing. Currently she is actively involved in the College community and recovering from her treatments and their side effects.

As this student has a compromised immune system (which makes her more susceptible to infection), it is important that you do not send your child to school if she is unwell. If your daughter has an infectious disease (e.g., measles, mumps, chickenpox, shingles, flu) then she should stay at home until no longer contagious. For more information about how long an illness is contagious please contact your GP or visit the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au

I would appreciate it if you would notify me if your daughter has an infectious disease. This will allow the medical team to assess the potential risk of the disease and if necessary, to notify the student's parents and her supervising medical professionals.

We appreciate your cooperation and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Mrs Penny Radford
Head of O'Brien House

From the English Department

It has been a busy and exciting start to the year for the English staff. We finalised our new programmes for the Australian Curriculum at the end of last year and have commenced teaching them in the junior years of English. We believe our new programs are challenging, inspiring and relevant for our students.

This semester one of our focuses is to select and prepare texts from the Board of Studies' new Prescribed Texts list. The HSC English Area of Study concept for 2015 is Discovery and all the texts for the Standard, Advanced and Extension 1 English Year 12 courses have changed. The English staff looks forward to the reading, discerning, selecting and programming that this change will entail in the coming months.

Some Year 11 English students were asked to reflect on themselves as Preliminary HSC English students. The responses indicated their understanding of the need for goal setting, diligence and organisation.

“...to start the year with a positive mindset and determination to reach my goals.”

“By the end of Term 1 in Year 11 I hope to feel more confident in my study of poetry and to finish the term with a positive outlook towards English”.

“By the end of the Year 11 course I want to be able to write a fluent, impressive essay and to be organised and prepared for Year 12.”

It is interesting to compare these with the excerpts below, which were written by some Year 7 students in their first English lesson this year. I think they demonstrate the core qualities of a St Vincent’s student: an enthusiasm for learning, a passion for social justice, and an awareness of the importance of supportive relationships and resilience.

“I'm looking forward to high school. I hope to get new experiences and try new things. I'm looking forward to learning about new subjects.”

“In Year 12 it would be my dream to become Captain of Social Justice and to help the less fortunate...I enjoy reading and writing…”

“At St Vincent's I hope I will make new friends! What I am also hoping to achieve during my time at St Vincent's is to not rush any of the activities and to know by the end of this week how to work my padlock on my locker.”

“I love Vinnies and I have already made loads of friends…! also love pandas and superman!”

I wish the students and parents of St Vincent’s College a safe, happy and productive 2014.

Ms Deborah Quigley
Head of English

From Visual Arts and Design

The Visual Arts, Photography, Technology, Design and Technology teachers would like to welcome our students and wider community back, and to extend our best wishes for a successful and pleasurable year in 2014.

In Term One we are pleased to welcome Ms Silk Burke and Ms Brooke Thompson as Visual Arts teachers. Both of these teachers have worked with the department over many years. Most of our students have been taught by Ms Burke or Ms Thompson at some time, and we are fortunate to be able to offer this familiarity with two excellent teachers while staff members are on leave.

Silk Burke is replacing Margaret Murton for the first four weeks of the term as Ms Murton takes the time to ensure that her own daughter's introduction to school is successful. Ms Thompson is replacing Ms Helen McCarthy for the whole of Term One as Ms McCarthy takes long service leave.

In the TAS area, Ms Emma Palmer has moved to full-time employment at the College to support the growth of this area through the continued success of Textiles courses and the introduction of Food Technology. We welcome Ms Palmer's growing role in the department.

Mr Graeme Colman
Head of Visual Arts and Design

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Head of O'Brien House

From the English Department

It has been a busy and exciting start to the year for the English staff. We finalised our new programmes for the Australian Curriculum at the end of last year and have commenced teaching them in the junior years of English. We believe our new programs are challenging, inspiring and relevant for our students.

This semester one of our focuses is to select and prepare texts from the Board of Studies’ new Prescribed Texts list. The HSC English Area of Study concept for 2015 is Discovery and all the texts for the Standard, Advanced and Extension 1 English Year 12 courses have changed. The English staff looks forward to the reading, discerning, selecting and programming that this change will entail in the coming months.

Some Year 11 English students were asked to reflect on themselves as Preliminary HSC English students. The responses indicated their understanding of the need for goal setting, diligence and organisation.

“...to start the year with a positive mindset and determination to reach my goals.”

“By the end of Term 1 in Year 11 I hope to feel more confident in my study of poetry and to finish the term with a positive outlook towards English”.

“By the end of the Year 11 course I want to be able to write a fluent, impressive essay and to be organised and prepared for Year 12.”

It is interesting to compare these with the excerpts below, which were written by some Year 7 students in their first English lesson this year. I think they demonstrate the core qualities of a St Vincent’s student: an enthusiasm for learning, a passion for social justice, and an awareness of the importance of supportive relationships and resilience.

“I'm looking forward to high school. I hope to get new experiences and try new things. I'm looking forward to learning about new subjects.”

“In Year 12 it would be my dream to become Captain of Social Justice and to help the less fortunate...I enjoy reading and writing…”

“At St Vincent's I hope I will make new friends! What I am also hoping to achieve during my time at St Vincent's is to not rush any of the activities and to know by the end of this week how to work my padlock on my locker.”

“I love Vinnies and I have already made loads of friends...! also love pandas and superman!”

I wish the students and parents of St Vincent’s College a safe, happy and productive 2014.

Ms Deborah Quigley
Head of English

From Visual Arts and Design

The Visual Arts, Photography, Technology, Design and Technology teachers would like to welcome our students and wider community back, and to extend our best wishes for a successful and pleasurable year in 2014.

In Term One we are pleased to welcome Ms Silk Burke and Ms Brooke Thompson as Visual Arts teachers. Both of these teachers have worked with the department over many years. Most of our students have been taught by Ms Burke or Ms Thompson at some time, and we are fortunate to be able to offer this familiarity with two excellent teachers while staff members are on leave.

Silk Burke is replacing Margaret Murton for the first four weeks of the term as Ms Murton takes the time to ensure that her own daughter's introduction to school is successful. Ms Thompson is replacing Ms Helen McCarthy for the whole of Term One as Ms McCarthy takes long service leave.

In the TAS area, Ms Emma Palmer has moved to full-time employment at the College to support the growth of this area through the continued success of Textiles courses and the introduction of Food Technology. We welcome Ms Palmer's growing role in the department.

Mr Graeme Colman
Head of Visual Arts and Design
The Mathematics Department continues to support the students of St Vincent’s College to reach our dual department aims:

**Excellence:** That all students have the opportunity to test themselves at the highest level at which they are capable and to gain the highest results possible.

**Positive Attitudes:** That all students have a positive overall attitude towards their Mathematics by experiencing both challenge and success in their learning and assessment.

**Welcome to new staff**
Ms Donaghy, Ms Chan and Ms Crittenden are all on extended leave at the moment (several children have been added to our extended mathematics family recently!). It is a pleasure to welcome Ms Cassandra Church and Mr Niall Gilhooly to our team and to thank Mr Bielinko for extending his time with us. They bring experience, enthusiasm and a wealth of knowledge to the department.

**New Courses and Text books**
The National Curriculum has arrived for students in Years 7 and 9 and Mathematics is one of the core subjects with a revised syllabus. This should make the learning of Mathematics more consistent across the nation, making things easier for students moving interstate.

We have taken the opportunity to update the textbooks we use in those years, changing to “New Century Maths for the Australian Curriculum”. This text comes with passwords that allow access to interactive versions of the text online. There are four sealed passwords so that the text can be on-sold to three future users.

**Acceleration and Enrichment**
As described in the College yearbook, a group of Year 9 students last year studied the entire Stage 5.3 course. I congratulate them on their efforts as they performed very successfully in their end of year assessments.

They are now in Year 10, but are studying the Year 11 Mathematics course with the aim of sitting the HSC in this subject one year early. This will give them time to focus on other subjects in Year 12, including Mathematics Extension 1 and 2 if they wish.

I give those students, and the students in the newly formed Year 9 Accelerated Maths class, my congratulations on accepting the challenge that these courses offer and my best wishes for their year of study ahead.

Students who are not in accelerated programs will still be offered enrichment and extension opportunities, both within class and outside of lessons - for example, through the **Thinking Club** that will continue to be run by Mr Bielinko this year.

**Mathematics Competitions**
Students at St Vincent’s have traditionally joined thousands of others from across Australia and the Asia-Pacific to participate in the Australian Mathematics Competition. This year they also have the opportunity to enter the ICAS Mathematics completion run by UNSW.

All students are encouraged to fill out the Academic competitions Application form and the dates to their diaries. These competitions are valuable opportunities to practice external papers that are otherwise not seen until the HSC.

**Maths Help**
Parents are reminded that their daughters have a valuable resource available to them every day. One of the Mathematics teachers is available to help students every lunch time in room A22. This is invaluable to any student who has missed work due to illness, has a particular area of understanding they want to improve, or just needs help with homework.

I especially encourage students to go to “Maths Help” earlier rather than later. It can get busy in the lead up to tests and it is much better to go early in the term to clear up any misunderstandings before they cause further problems.

On a similar note, I encourage any parent who is concerned about their daughter’s Mathematics learning to contact me as soon as any issue arises. I am very happy to hear from parents, whether by email or telephone, as I know that we can begin to resolve any issues through discussion.

I wish all students a successful year of Mathematics learning and their families a healthy and happy 2014.

Mr Nick Garben
**Head of Mathematics**
From the PD/H/PE Department

The PD/H/PE Department would like to say a very warm welcome back to all returning students and families, and a special welcome to those who have joined our community.

2014 is shaping up to be another fantastic year with some exciting changes to the program of study for the girls involved in the Years 7-10 PD/H/PE which will aim to provide stimulating learning experiences and practical activities that develop a range of fundamental movement skills. The subjects offered by the PD/H/PE Department in 2014 include:

- Years 7-10 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PD/H/PE) - Compulsory
- Years 9-10 Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS) - Elective
- Years 11-12 Community and Family Studies (CAFS) - Elective
- Years 11-12 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PD/H/PE) - Elective

We would also like to start the year by congratulating the students who completed the HSC in 2013. After lots of hard work, pages of study notes and numerous acronyms they made it to the end, and achieved very pleasing results with both PD/H/PE and CAFS course marks above the state average. A special mention also to the following girls who achieved Band 6's:

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In Term 1 students of PD/H/PE and PASS will be engaging in a range of exciting and fun practical activities as part of their courses of study. Students will be told by their individual class teachers when their practical lessons will be and are strongly encouraged to make note of this in their diary. This is also a timely opportunity to remind students of the expectations regarding equipment and uniform for practical lessons.

For all timetabled PE lessons, all students need to change out of College uniform and into PE uniform. This uniform, as outlined in the diary is:

**Swimming** - One piece swimming costume, swimming cap, towel and goggles (optional)

**Sports Uniform** - Navy tracksuit or blue College sports shorts; College sports shirt. A College hat/cap is compulsory for Sport lessons.

The diary also notes that the Sport uniform IS NOT an alternative to the College uniform and must not be worn to and from school. If for any reason a student cannot attend lessons with the correct PE uniform, a letter of explanation needs to be presented to the PD/H/PE teacher prior to the lesson. A change of clothes other than College uniform will then be required in order to participate with the rest of the class.

Stay tuned for more PD/H/PE updates in future Bulletins.

Mr Ben Doyle

*Head of PD/H/PE*

From the HSIE Department

It is with great pleasure that I write on behalf of the Human Society and Its Environment Department. My first couple of weeks at St. Vincent’s College has been a wonderful experience so far and I am very much looking forward to meeting all of the HSIE students and parents in the near future.

I would like to welcome our new staff member, Mr Simon Andrews to the St. Vincent’s College community. He is a talented and enthusiastic HSIE teacher with extensive experience. We are delighted to have him on our team. The HSIE staff are pleased to announce that 2013 was a successful year for our students and department. We had great results and were pleased with the overall outcome.

In 2014, the HSIE team will be teaching an array of subjects and are looking forward to implementing the Australian Curriculum for NSW in Year 7 and 9 Mandatory History. The new curriculum has brought an opportunity to develop new ideas and teaching strategies that will support the diversity of learners in our classrooms.

Also, new to our department is the way in which our Stage 4 and 5 Mandatory subjects will be organised. In order to make our teaching and learning more effective and efficient, we have decided that all year groups from 7-10 will learn the Geography and History content consecutively. Please find below the 2014 schedule and list of subjects that we will be teaching over the next two semesters.

**Year 7**
- Mandatory History (Semester 1) and Geography (Semester 2)

**Year 8**
- Mandatory Geography (Semester 1) History (Semester 2)

**Year 9**
- Mandatory Geography (Semester 1) and History (Semester 2), Commerce, Elective Geography and Elective History

**Year 10**
- Mandatory History (Semester 1) and History (Semester 2), Commerce and Elective History

**Year 11**
- Ancient History, Business Studies, Geography, Legal Studies, Modern History, Society and Culture

**Year 12**
- Ancient History, Business Studies, Extension History, Geography, Legal Studies, Modern History, Society and Culture.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the HSIE team if you have further questions or queries. Best wishes for the year ahead to all of our HSIE students!

Ms Laura Wilson

*Head of HSIE*
The Languages Department would like to wish all our students and their families a ‘Bonne Année’, ‘ein frohes neues Jahr!’ and ‘Felice Anno Nuovo’.

This year we are delighted to welcome the newest addition to the department, Mrs Charmaine Forbes, who will be teaching French and Year 8 Italian. Mrs Forbes comes with a wealth of experience and many creative ideas and we are very much looking forward to working with her. She is with us while Mrs Hegarty is on maternity leave for 2014. News is eagerly awaited of the Hegarty family’s new arrival, and we will update you as soon as we hear.

We also welcome Ms Ugonotti to the Languages Department, as our new HSC Beginners Italian teacher. We are all looking forward to the foreseen successes of our first Senior Beginners Language course.

As you can see, our students are now provided the opportunity to reconnect with languages they may have put aside for other elective pursuits in Years 9 and 10. Students can also access one or more new Languages in Year 11 if they feel so inclined to nurture their abilities in language acquisition.

We have also had a number of students return from some wonderful overseas exchanges. They have many fascinating and insightful observations and experiences to recount and share with our student community.

What’s happening in Languages?

We have moved completely into the Tarmons building this year with the final move of the Languages staffroom over the summer break, after kindly being hosted by the Science Department, to whom we wish to say a big thank you.

As mentioned above, we have introduced one Italian class for Year 8 and Beginners Italian in the Senior Language Course offerings. Italian has been included in Year 8 as we have the wonderful opportunity to expand the language offerings with the presence of Mrs Forbes, who has Italian in her suite of teaching Languages. Depending on the uptake of Languages as electives in Year 9 onwards, we envision the inclusion of Italian as a Continuers course, along with French and German currently offered.

Year 8 Languages for 2014 has two classes each of German and French, and one of Italian, based on data collected on Student language preferences. It is important to note that classes were structured based on core subjects of study, and Languages are not core subjects. While student preferences were carefully considered in the Language class allocation, not all first preferences were able to be satisfied. Please be mindful, that if your daughter is a keen linguist and maintains her motivation to successfully learn during the mandatory 100 hours of a specified language in Year 8, there is no reason why she couldn’t take on another or new Language as an elective in Year 9. It is all a matter of the individual’s determination and a realization that language acquisition involves transferable skills, regardless of the language studied. I myself took French as an elective when I was in Year 9, despite not being able to study it in Year 8. With supportive teachers and my own determination, I managed to make comparable progress in my French class. Determination is a powerful thing.

Study Tours to France, Germany and Italy April-May 2015

Preparations for the Study Tours to France, Germany and Italy are under way and I will soon be sending out an expression of interest letter and begin the regular updates of information as the planning process gets underway. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information at any stage.

Host Families needed from 8 June to 22 June - Klosterschulen Offenburg, Germany

Last year we sent out a request for SVC families to host twenty girls aged between 14 and 17 years. We still need quite a few host families.

The Klosterschule in Offenburg were the hosts for a number of our German students during the 2012 European Study Tour. The hospitality and care offered by this community was sincere and greatly appreciated. We obviously left an impression too, as they were keen to organize their visit this year.

Your daughter does not have to be a Languages student to be a host. The students can all speak English, so language will not be a barrier. The aim is that these girls are able to get a taste of the “Australian lifestyle” with an SVC family. So, we are asking all members of the SVC community if they are able to host one or more of these students.

For more information on anything mentioned above please contact me by email (kabler@stvincents.nsw.edu.au) or telephone the College on 9368 1611).

Mr Richard Kable
Head of Languages
From the Science Department

As we begin 2014 there is much excitement in the Science Department. We have been delighted with the enthusiasm of our Year 7 scientists as they learn the ways of the laboratory; from safety rules to becoming acquainted with all of the new equipment. There has also been much anticipation of, and planning for, the NSW National Curriculum upon which our Year 7 and Year 9 students have embarked. The Science team have been busy programming practical and ICT rich, fully differentiated units of work for these courses.

Our more experienced Scientists in Year 12 return for their most important year as we prepare for the HSC.

Time to Enter Academic Competitions for 2014!
The Academic Competitions letter will be shortly circulated to all students and there are plenty of challenges available to engage and push our students towards excellence. We encourage parents to support all girls in entering one or more of the following.

- The ICAS Science, Mathematics and English competitions (Years 7-10)
- The Mathematics Competition (Years 7, 8 and the top two classes of Years 9-12 are strongly encouraged to enter)
- The Chemistry Quiz (Years 7-10 and Year 11 Chemistry)
- The Science IQ team based online challenge (Years 7-10)
- The Sydney University Gifted Program Qualifying Examination (Years 8 and 9)
- Chemistry Titration Competition (Years 11 and 12 Chemistry only).

Please email myself or the Gifted Education Coordinator, Ms Cheryl McArthur at the College (mcarthurc@stvincents.nsw.edu.au) if you require an extra copy of the competitions entry form.

From the Performing Arts Department

The year has begun well for Performing Arts with ensembles and groups auditioning or commencing. The College play, Peter Pan, rehearsals commenced with an all time high of students auditioning. With 52 students I have been able to cast a full main cast and understudy cast. I believe that it is important to provide as many theatrical learning experiences as possible, and consequently the underudies have their own dedicated performance.

This means nearly twice as much work rehearsing two casts and a lot of co-operation on everyone’s part. It also provides a valuable performance opportunity for these budding performers that traditionally only occurs if someone in the main cast is unwell. In previous years the results have been worthwhile as our young underudies have performed wonderful and entertaining shows to supportive and enthusiastic audiences.

In the Garcia building there has been some movement that improves the use of space, accessibility and further improves teaching opportunities. The keyboard lab has moved to the same floor as the main music room and all the rehearsal room. We have also gained an ensemble room which provides a dedicated area for instrumental and vocal groups to rehearse in.

Drama has gained a room that will function as an experimental space. It will be a completely blackened space with portable theatre lighting to allow for more in depth and hands on exploration of theatrical elements of production. There will also be a green screen room. Currently drama film projects and the Snippets film group have had to be extremely creative when we want our films to be set in Africa, on the moon or in the clouds - now we will green screen it in after we film the action in the green room. Some schools who do film work have a small portable green screen, but this limits how many people can be in the scene and usually you can only film from the waist up as the screen does not cover the ground. With an entire room we will be limited only by our imagination!

Students of co-curricular Dance, Drama and Music have wonderful opportunities at the College with ensembles, groups and performance opportunities. I encourage all students to try something new and come and join in.

Ms Catherine Johnson
Head of Performing Arts

Dr Chris Reynolds
Head of Science
reynoldsc@stvincents.nsw.edu.au

"Year 7 students becoming familiar with lab equipment - Tilda Njoo, Rosa Blakemore, Sidney-Morgan Mulholland, Sophia Mackinnon, Isabella Croker"
From the Performing Arts Department

Music
Welcome back to all Music students. We had a very successful year in 2013 and I would like to congratulate all students who embraced the opportunities they had to be involved in music ensembles and performances at College events. 2014 is sure to be another fruitful year in the department.

Music is an enriching learning experience and students at the College are encouraged to consider learning an instrument. The College offers private lessons in piano, singing, violin, cello, double bass, ukulele, guitar, bass guitar, saxophone, clarinet, bass clarinet, trumpet, trombone and euphonium. We also offer private lessons in musicianship and theory for those students completing Music examinations through AMEB, and for those students who wish to extend their knowledge in music. Enrollment forms can be collected from outside the Performing Arts staffroom on the top level of Garcia building. For questions regarding private Music lessons, please email Miss Bridget Hall at hallb@stvincents.nsw.edu.au.

We are commencing Music ensemble rehearsals in Week 2. New members are welcome. The rehearsal times are:

**College Orchestra:** Wednesdays 7:30am in MCR Hall
**College Choir:** Mondays 7:30am in MCR Hall
**Wind Ensemble:** Tuesdays during lunchtime in Music Room 2
**Jazz Ensemble:** Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm in Music Room 1
**Glee:** Tuesdays during lunchtime in Music Room 1
**Rock Band:** Wednesdays during lunchtime in Music Room 2
**Ukulele Ensemble:** Fridays during lunchtime in Music Room 1.

For questions regarding the Music ensembles, please email Miss Julianna Wick at wickj@stvincents.nsw.edu.au or the Head of Performing Arts, Ms Catherine Johnson, at johnsonc@stvincents.nsw.edu.au.

Miss Julianna Wick
Music Teacher

From the Director of Professional Learning and Research

**STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING**

The Year 2014 commenced at St Vincent’s College in a very positive way, with Staff Professional Learning devoted to Communities of Practice.

Professional Learning can be viewed as a collaborative endeavour which leads to the improvement of individual practice.

The NSW Government paper ‘Great Teaching, Inspired Learning’ says the following about Professional Learning:

“To ensure we have inspired learning in every classroom in every school, teachers need to develop and maintain their professional practice. Quality professional learning leads to improved teaching practice and improved student outcomes. All outstanding teaching practice needs to be recognized and shared.”

St Vincent’s College teachers can be seen as a community of practice as they have a common interest and collaborate to fulfil both individual and group goals by sharing best practice and creating new knowledge (Cambridge). These goals always culminate in the improvement in student outcomes.

Two excellent presenters set us on an enthusiastic path for our deliberations:

1. Ms Lynne Stone, a former College Principal and fellow-practitioner, who spoke with great authenticity about the current research on seminal aspects of communities of practice, focusing on two of the most important aspects: trust and feedback,
2. Mr Martin Scroope, from the Loyola Institute, who placed communities of practice into the Ignatian context, by asking us to consider who will accompany us as teachers on our journey this year?

Teachers then worked in cross-faculty groups to identify factors that contributed to quality teaching and learning by reflection and sharing their own experiences of successful teaching and learning through guided discussion, facilitated by members of the Professional Learning Committee.

At subsequent Professional Learning opportunities we will further explore how to enhance the recognition and sharing of our teaching practice, with improved student outcomes always as our ultimate goal.

Mrs Evelyn Waygood
Director of Professional Learning and Research

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**SVC Dance Ensemble Auditions 2014**

We will be holding auditions for the Dance Ensemble groups on Monday 17 February at 3:30pm-4:30pm in the Tarmons Dance studio. Students will not need to prepare a routine for the audition as they will be learning choreography on the day. If you are interested you must collect an expression of interest permission note from the Performing Arts staffroom in the Garcia building.

Good Luck!

Mrs Alana Santi
Dance Teacher
Gifted Education

Welcome back to the College for 2014.

I am pleased to announce that this year I will be at the College in a fulltime capacity and I look forward to having the time to build on the foundations developed last year. In 2014 enrichment groups will continue as pull out programs for Years 7-10 and this year the opportunities will be offered to each Year Group rather than combined Year Groups. Similar co-curricular opportunities will also be available to selected students, with plans underway for the College to host a GATSTA Philosophy Day in Term 2.

The extra hours this year will also allow more time for collaboration with teaching staff to enhance differentiated opportunities for high ability students, in the form of enrichment and extension, in the classroom.

As the year begins, we have launched another accelerated Mathematics class for Year 9 students. Other high ability students from this year have been clustered in a Mathematics class to facilitate extension opportunities.

Over the summer break a number of students have taken advantage of academic opportunities available through Sydney University. Please read Dr Reynolds' column for details of student involvement in Science activities. In the area of Humanities, five students from the 2015 Year 11 cohort attended a tertiary level course; World Politics also at Sydney University. For successful students this results in six credit points towards a related degree; I am very pleased to announce that through hard work, four of the students achieved a Distinction and the other student received a Credit for her work.

I would also like to thank Mr Jeff Lowndes and Ms Maria Geracitano for the support they provided to these students, and for making themselves available during January to act as mentors for the girls. Having met with the students; Arainn Pidcock, Isobel Smith, Isobel Manion, Greta Flanery and Phoebe Armstrong on Monday, I am overwhelmed by their enthusiasm and the positive feedback they gave me about their experiences. It was a steep learning curve for them but they have returned to the College with a renewed vigour for study, a high level of confidence about their ability to succeed in the HSC and a great deal of enthusiasm for attending university. I highly recommend students to take up these opportunities for this resulting boost to their academic self-belief. If your daughter is in Years 10 or 11 and would be interested in learning more about what tertiary opportunities are available this year, please ask her to email me or pop in to see me in the Mathematics staffroom. I will also be presenting information about these courses at the Year 10 Subject Selection Information Evening at the end of Term 2.

This year the Gifted Education Resource Research and Information Centre (GERRIC) at the University of New South Wales is launching a series of free public lectures for the benefit of parents of gifted children. Topics will cover a wide variety of subjects, determined by the particular expertise of each presenter. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions following the lecture and network with other attendees over light refreshments.

Details and registration are available from: https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-parents/lecture/

They are currently accepting registration for a lecture titled, Home-School Collaboration: Challenges and Possibilities, presented by Doc Iva Strnadová to be held on 13 March. If you are one of the parents who attended the 2013 GERRIC course about parenting gifted children and wishes to learn more, GERRIC is offering an advanced parent course on the weekend of 17 and 18 May. More information and registration is available through this link: https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-parents/advanced-parent/

In addition GERRIC will also offer a winter program of workshops for high ability students from 30 June to 2 July. A number of students from Years 7-10 attended similar two day workshops held during January this year, as yet I have not had the opportunity to speak to them about their experiences but hope to do so before my next Bulletin contribution. Details and links for the mid-year workshops will be provided in the Bulletin as soon as details are available.

If you have any questions regarding the Gifted Education Program or the identification of students for participation in programs please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address below.

Ms Cheryl McArthur
Gifted Education Coordinator
mcarthurc@stvincents.nsw.edu.au

Student pick up and drop off area

Parents please be advised that the car drop off and pick up zone is located in Victoria Street.

Rockwall Crescent outside the College is a "No Stopping" area and should not be used for this purpose.

We have been notified by the builders on site at 22 Rockwall Crescent that there will be times over the next 9 months where the road will be blocked off due to crane work and delivery of materials, and there will also be a lot of truck movement in the area. Should you drive your vehicle down Rockwall Crescent there may be delays in leaving.

Thank you for your co-operation and consideration of our neighbours.
For Teens: Beautiful Minds
Saturday 22 February, 11am-12.30pm - Newtown Library
8-10 Brown Street, Newtown
Mother and Daughter Re-Connection.
During the tricky teenage years, it is often a time of great conflict for mothers and daughters. How would you like to learn tools to better understand each other and communicate more effectively? This is a not to be missed – a workshop for all mothers and their daughters. Suitable for teenagers 10-18 years and mothers. An introduction to a life skills, grooming, etiquette and leadership program run for teenage girls aged 10-18yrs. Director and Author Marina Passalaris will talk about communication, confidence building, self esteem and how to better equip your daughter in the media obsessed world we live in. Bookings are essential - places are limited.

Don’t be Afraid of the Dark
Poetry Competition
City of Sydney Library and Sydney Observatory are running an all ages Poetry Competition in the lead-up to Earth Hour (29 March 2014). Compose a ‘don’t be afraid of the dark’ themed poem and send into library@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au to win a family day pass to the Sydney Observatory. Please include your name, age, and address with your entry. Competition runs 15 January to 22 March.
There are three age categories: 5-11 years; 11-18 years; Open 18+.
This competition will be supported by a number of events, culminating in an Earth Hour evening program at Sydney Observatory.
Please see Ms O’Connor at the College for assistance with registering for any of these events.
Ms Suzanne O’Connor
Community Relations Coordinator

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS 2015
The St Vincent's College Board makes available academic scholarships to students entering Year 7 and Year 11.
These scholarships cover part remission of tuition fees and are awarded on the basis of the ACER Scholarship Examination with your supporting application to the College and an interview. All scholarships will be awarded at the discretion of the College Principal.
To sit for an academic scholarship you must register online and submit an application for enrolment. Please visit our website to register: www.stvincents.nsw.edu.au go to Scholarships/CSTP testing.
Performing Arts Scholarships available to students entering Year 7 to Year 11
The Madame Christian Scholarship is awarded to a student of singing. The Annie McParland Scholarship is awarded to a student of instrumental music and the St Vincent’s College Ex-Students’ Union Drama Scholarship is awarded to a student of outstanding ability in Drama.
These scholarships cover music tuition fees and part remission of College tuition fees and are awarded on the basis of an audition and interview. Please contact the Registrar to obtain a Music or Drama scholarship form and return it to the College Registrar with a cheque for the fee payable. NB: There is a fee of $100 for each audition for instrumental and vocal scholarships.
APPLICATIONS CLOSE MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2014.
Ms Lesley Knight
Registrar

VALENTINE’S DAY 14 February - no deliveries
As Valentine’s Day is fast approaching, please be aware and advise other family and friends, that due to the large number of deliveries in the past, reception is unable to deliver or inform students that they have received flowers at the College.
You are therefore asked not to have flowers delivered to the College but have them delivered to your home.
The exception is for boarders.
Accident Protection for Students:

In everyday life there are accidents involving children. To assist parents with the costs associated with those accidents, Catholic Education in association with Catholic Church Insurances Limited have developed the School Care Children’s Accident insurance programme.

St Vincent’s College is pleased to be a part of this programme and our School Activities Only policy provides protection to all students attending our College.

School Care is a worldwide student’s personal accident insurance.

The School Activities Only policy includes cover for school camps, school sports (including sports out of school hours, as long as they are organised by the school), work experience, travelling to and from school or school activities. It also includes any activity organised or authorised by the school. This includes before and after school care, if organised by the school. Cover is worldwide.

Our policy covers three important areas of care, any one accident may be claimable under one or more of these areas. It is important to note that the policy cannot cover any Medicare service including the Medicare gap. Cover includes:

- Up to $5,000 inclusive per accident for medical costs from the following registered medical practitioners: dentist, chiropractor, osteopath, physiotherapist, remedial massage, podiatry, acupuncture and also costs from a chemist and hospital accommodation and facility fees.
- Fixed amounts of defined events - for example when a child accidentally receives a broken nose the policy will pay a fixed amount of $300. The full table of benefits lists all the defined events covered under this policy and the fixed amount payable. The full table of benefits is printable from www.ccinsurances.com.au
- A number of other benefits: emergency transport, home tuition, school fee relief, hospital inconvenience allowance, nursing allowance, professional counselling fees.
- These are all limited to specific amounts per accident, specific amounts are detailed in the table of benefits.

Your daughter may have an accident so please cut out the information below and keep it on your fridge or in a handy place.

Mrs Chris Cameron
Business Manager

Your Child is Protected by a SchoolCare Accident Policy

Name of School: St Vincent’s College
Policy No: 02 PAE.111444
Policy Type: School Activities Only - Standard
INFORMATION: If you have any questions please call the SchoolCare Accident Helpline 1300 138 498
MAKE A CLAIM: You can print a claim form and the policy wording from www.ccinsurances.com.au. St Vincent’s College will need to endorse the claim form prior to it being submitted. You will need a Doctor or Dentist’s Certificate and copies of accounts or invoices for any claimable expenses.
CCI SchoolCare cannot pay for any Medicare service including the Medicare Gap.
Risk Warnings

Risk Warning under Section 5M of the Civil Liability Act 2002 on Behalf of St Vincent’s College, AHIGS and IPSHA:

**Sporting Activities**

St Vincent’s College organises many individual and team sporting activities during the course of a year. Some of these are organised in conjunction with the Association of Heads of Independent Girls’ Schools NSW (AHIGS) and some with the Independent Primary School Heads’ Association of Australia NSW (IPSHA). Students participating in these sporting activities take part in practice and in competitions.

St Vincent’s College, AHIGS and IPSHA expect students to take responsibility for their own safety by wearing compulsory safety equipment, by thinking carefully about the use of safety equipment that is highly recommended and by behaving in a safe and responsible manner towards team members, opponents, spectators, officials, property and grounds.

While St Vincent’s College, AHIGS and IPSHA take measures to make the sporting activities as safe as reasonably possible for participants, there is a risk that students can be injured and suffer loss (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation in these sporting activities, whether at training or in actual events.

Such injury can occur while the student is engaging in or watching a sporting activity, or travelling to and from the event. The injury may result from a student’s actions, the actions of others, the state of the premises or equipment failure.

On some occasions, an injury can be serious (such as torn ligaments, dislocations, back injuries, concussion or broken bones). In very rare cases an injury can be life threatening or result in permanent disability. If a student has a pre-existing injury, participating in a sporting activity could result in an exacerbation of that injury.

Students could also suffer loss as a result of their personal property being lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

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**Non-Sporting Activities**

St Vincent’s College organises many activities such as debating, mock trial, orchestra, choir, during the course of a year. Students participating in these activities take part in practice and in competitions.

The Association of Heads of Independent Girls’ Schools NSW (AHIGS) administers and convenes interschool activities (such as Archdale Debating and Festival of Speech) in which many students, including students of this College, participate.

While St Vincent’s College and AHIGS take measures to make the activities as safe as reasonably possible for participants, there is a risk that students can be injured and suffer loss (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation in these activities, whether at practice or in actual events.

Such injury can occur while the student is engaging in or watching a non-sporting activity, or travelling to and from the event. The injury may result from a student’s actions, the actions of others, the state of the premises or equipment failure (eg. a collapsed stage during a debating competition).

On some occasions, an injury can be serious (such as torn ligaments, dislocations, back injuries, concussion or broken bones). In very rare cases an injury can be life threatening or result in permanent disability.

Students could also suffer loss as a result of their personal property being lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.
The Sport Staff Contacts for 2014:
Co-ordinator of Sport: Ms Jacinta Jacobs 0418 416 663
Head of Tennis - Christian Gobolos 0416 071 033
Head of Touch - Mark Williams 0432 202 577
Head of Waterpolo - Sam El Safy 0419 912 004
Head of Softball - Corinne Rochester 0424 240 067
Head of Swimming - Jacinta Jacobs 0418 416 663
Website details: www.stvincents.nsw.edu.au

Welcome to Sport at St Vincent’s College for 2014

There have been a few changes this year to the organisation of Sport and the main one is that my office is now located on the third level of the Garcia building with the other co-curricular activities, however all the Sports information will be posted on the noticeboards on the ground floor and also on the College website under Beyond the Classroom.

Sport is not compulsory at the College, however we do encourage the girls to play in at least one term each year to meet new friends and develop team spirit. If your daughter registers for a team and is selected, she is then committed to all training sessions and matches and to pay the necessary fees.

Coaches will mark rolls at every training session and match. These rolls will be checked with our new Head of each Sport. If a student has an unexplained absence on more than two occasions then she will be required to have a meeting with the coordinator of Sport and may not be permitted to participate in sport in the subsequent term.

IGSSA SATURDAY AND TILDESLEY TENNIS

Training has commenced this week and competition commences on Saturday 8 February for all IGSSA teams. Training sessions for these teams are held at Rushcutters Bay courts at 7.00am Monday - Friday. Players are to check the noticeboard for their team’s morning.

Beginner lessons are on Monday afternoons 3.30pm-4.30pm. Intermediate lessons at 4.30pm-5.30pm - both are held on the College courts.

Advanced lessons are at Rushcutter’s Bay on Tuesday afternoons at 4.30pm-6.00pm.

Cardio tennis is on Thursday mornings at Ruscutter’s Bay at 7.00am (if we obtain enough enrolments - to be advised).

Training for the Tildesley Shield (which is held at Pennant Hills on March 26-28) will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm-5.30pm on the College courts.

We are actually looking for enthusiastic lines-girls for this tournament. This is a very prestigious event and the best lines-girls are selected from the two days of competition to officiate at the finals on the Friday. If you are interested please see Ms Jacobs in the Sport Department or Mr Christian Gobolos - Head of Tennis on 0416 071 033.

SWIMMING

All Years 7-10 PD/H/PE classes will be completing swimming trials over the next few weeks. These will give the Sport staff an indication of who should be in the Championship race or first heat at the swimming carnival. Each student needs to nominate which events they wish to swim in at their House meetings. Each of the six Houses will be allocated one swimmer per race.

This year the carnival is being held on Tuesday 18 February at Botany Aquatic Centre. It is always an exciting day of competition and fun and we look forward to seeing the girls in their bright new House colours. This carnival is always a highlight of Term One and parents and families are invited to come and support the girls as the Houses battle it out.

There will be a House meeting on Thursday 6 February where House Captains will finalise their event entries, relay teams and cheer squads and all relevant information will be given out.

ALL STUDENTS must be sun smart at the carnival. They should have a t-shirt, hat and sunscreen, and reapply during the day.

TOUCH - Wet Weather Number: 1900 957 394

Touch competition commences this weekend for all teams. All training sessions will be held at Rushcutters Bay 3.45pm-5.15pm. Please check the Sports noticeboard for your training schedules. Students are to change immediately and meet on the paved area at 3.30pm and will be walked down by a coach. If students are not collected from the park by 5.15pm they will be walked back to the College by a coach. They may not stop at shops or go to Edgecliff Station.

Touch competition commenced last weekend for all 13 teams. The draw can be found on the College website or www.eaststouch.com.au with one week off for State Cup on 15 February.

SOFTBALL - Wet Weather - Please text - softball and the first initial of your venue to 1992 2767 to find out if your field is open or closed.

This year we only have one softball team entered in the IGSSA competition, which play at venues all over Sydney. Training for this team is on Tuesday afternoons at Rushcutters Bay 3.45pm-5.15pm. Games commence on Saturday 8 February. All draw information can be found on the College website.
WATER POLO
Water polo training has commenced for all teams this week. The website will be updated this week as there are still changes being made to the draw.

Remember there is no wet weather number for water polo, you must turn up at the venue and it will only be delayed if lightning occurs at outdoor venues.

Please remember that public pools charge an entry fee for each player and spectator. No school venues have entry fees.

TERM 2 SPORTS
Registrations are due by 3pm Tuesday 11 February and no late enrolments will be accepted after this date.

Students can select from soccer, basketball and hockey. To register you need to go on to the College website [http://www.stvincents.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stvincents.nsw.edu.au) click on College Life, click on Sport, then click the Sport for which you want to register. You will need to know your student ID and email address. If you had problems doing this please contact the Sports Department immediately.

CROSS COUNTRY:
The annual IGSSA Cross Country will be held at Frensham on Friday 16 May 2014. Any girls wishing to participate in the carnival should be training in and out of school. There will be a meeting in the next few weeks for all girls interested in training this year, which will commence after the swimming carnival.

This fitness training will be on Monday and Wednesdays commencing 24 February at the College/Rushcutters Bay for 7 weeks, and then will also be on for 3 weeks until the carnival next term.

The team will be selected based on their training attendance and performance. Those selected to run at the carnival will automatically be representing their House and the College. The SVC Cross Country Age Champions will be determined by placing’s at the IGSSA Carnival.

SPORTS STAR:
This section is to make the College community aware of some of the exceptional athletes we have in the College. If your daughter has represented her state or country in her chosen sport, please send us any results, photos or blurbs on her performance. Please send to jacobsj@stvincents.nsw.edu.au

Apologies to the St Vincent’s Tennis Player of the Year for 2013: Billie Williams - who was mistakenly confused with our 2012 player in the last Bulletin.

Ms Jacinta Jacobs
Sport Coordinator

From the Development and Foundation Office
A very warm welcome back to our families, especially our new families. I look forward to meeting you throughout the year and working with you in support of your daughter’s education. For those new to our College, the Development office is the point of contact and liaison between the College, ex-students, past families, friends and the broader College community.

The Development office is also the registered office of St Vincent’s College Foundation Limited. St Vincent’s College Foundation, a fully incorporated company, was established in 1991 as the main fundraising arm of the College. The Foundation provides a means of engaging with members of our College community to support the College, and is charged to raise funds for scholarships and the capital works required to continue to deliver, now and in the future, an outstanding education for the students of the College.

Building Fund
School fees are kept to a minimum with no allowance refurbishment programmes, and fees alone do not cover the costs of maintaining our College. There is the option to participate in regular giving at the time of school fees. You will note it is listed on your College fee account. Gifts made to the Building Fund are tax deductible and a tax invoice is sent at the end of the financial year.

Thank you to the large proportion of families who contributed to this vital fund in 2013, allowing important improvements and maintenance to College facilities that otherwise would not occur. In 2013 these funds were directed towards Tarmons, as well as further upgrades to the boarding facilities and painting of the College Hall.

College Fees Draw
The other entry you will note on the College fee account is an amount of $20 to participate in the College School Fee Draw. This is a raffle that is drawn at the end of each term, with school fees paid for the winner for the following term. The remaining money goes to the Scholarship and Bursary Fund to support students who might not otherwise be able to attend the College. During 2013 just under $9,000 was raised for the Bursary Fund. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Nacson parents of Isabelle in Year 9, who were the winners of the Term 4 2013 school fees draw. Thank you to all those families who participated.

Ms Lyn O’Neill
Development and Foundation Office
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Lady Diana Cooper has always been one of my distant role models. She was born into an aristocratic but penniless family and shocked society by marrying a handsome and intelligent commoner who was also penniless and a serial philanderer. However, their marriage was mostly happy and they were completely devoted to their only child, John Julius. "Darling Monster" is a collection of letters from mother to son, from the time as a small boy he was evacuated to America to avoid the Blitz until his marriage. She is a wonderful letter writer, brimming with love for her child, able to write with wit and honesty and interested in all his far less frequent responses. The letters finish in 1954 when his "penniless" parents live in an exquisite eighteenth century chateau near Chantilly and have to make do with only six servants. In one way this book is a record of times and attitudes long past but the devotion between mother and son is universal. I think this book would appeal to historians and those of us who love the works of Evelyn Waugh and some of the Mitford sisters.

I decided to be systematic in my reading and accessed the IMPAC Dublin long list. The first book I borrowed was "The Sandcastle Girls" by Chris Bohjalian. I was somewhat embarrassed when I collected the book from the deeply wonderful Kings Cross Library: the cover was soft pastels with an attractive female face, a sunset and an old fashioned plane in the background. Never did a cover so belie the contents of a book. The main story is about the 1915 Turkish massacre of a million and a half of its Armenian citizens, an event about which there is still passionate arguments. The plot also includes the story of a modern author of Armenian descent who becomes obsessed with the secrets kept by her grandparents. This book is most definitely for adult readers because the descriptions of the slow slaughter of women and children are horrific. However, if you are able either to skip or be calm about these sections of the novel it is rewarding to read. Lovers of Australian history will also find it interesting to read the ANZAC story from a different perspective.

I outwardly groaned when I moved on to the next book on the IMPAC list because it was crime fiction which is not one of my favourite genres. Lisa Ballantyne's debut novel, "The Guilty One" does raise some interesting questions. An eleven year old boy from a privileged but unhappy family is charged with the murder of a younger child. His solicitor is from a background which is in complete contrast to that of his client. However, Daniel had been loved unconditionally by one of his foster mothers, an experience unknown to Sebastian, whom he is defending. The plot moves between these two threads gradually giving us more background and details. I suspect the beginning of attraction between Daniel and the barrister he briefly is included in the hope of a sequel. If this happens, I hope the book is better edited than this one. Obviously, I am missing the chance to mark; my red pen hovered over many mistakes in this novel. The book would be an excellent beach holiday read but I am bemused that it has been nominated.

Jenni Fagan's novel, "The Panopticon" is on the IMPAC list but I am unsure if it made the shortlist. A panopticon is a hideous prison design, an example of which is to be found at Port Arthur. The novel is set in modern Scotland, narrated by a young teenager who seems to be doomed from her birth when her schizophrenic mother commits suicide as soon as possible after the birth. Anais’ life has been made up of failed foster placements and increasingly serious crime as well as almost constant drug taking. However, there is also her obvious intelligence, her hilarious if bleak sense of humour and her own moral compass. This book may be confronting to some because the narrator cannot complete a sentence without a lot of swearing. I am still wondering about the ending. It is not a comfortable book to read and, at times, the bleak hopelessness is almost overwhelming. However, it is worth persevering because Anais is someone to admire and long to hug.

I do not think that "419" by Will Ferguson will win the IMPAC Prize but it is an excellent book. The title refers to the infamous scams originating from Nigeria. The story begins with a retired man in Canada being killed in an accident. To the astonishment of his widow and adult children, there are no life savings and the family home is lost to the bank. All the money had been consumed by an elaborate story of a young woman in danger whose life can be saved by money being deposited in a bank account. However, Ferguson also gives us the Nigerian perspective to demonstrate that little is as it seems, especially in the developing world. The most unlikely character travels to Nigeria to exact revenge - but, of course, the twists continue to the last page. I suspect the book is not sufficiently pretentious to win a prize but it may well garner many admiring readers.

"All the Broken Pieces" by Ann E Burg is about a boy whose Vietnamese mother had relinquished him to American soldiers as they retreated from Vietnam. She loved him but knew he would suffer under the new regime because of his American father who had deserted them. Matt's younger brother was horribly maimed when he stepped onto a land mine. The story begins with Matt settled with his adoptive parents and baby brother. However, he still has nightmares about his past. Matt is small for his age but excels at baseball. Along with his first experience of sporting success is his enduring of hatred based on his origins. This is a verse novel which seems to be straight forward but it can also be understood at a metaphorical level. It could be used by HSC 2015 students for Discovery but also appreciated by younger students.

Ms Suzanne O'Connor

English Teacher
WELCOME

Dear All

On behalf of the Parents & Friends Association I would like to wish a warm welcome to all St Vincent’s College families as we embark on the 2014 school year.

We hold four P&F meetings per year, one in each term including the annual general meeting (AGM) and election of committee in Term 4. The P&F meeting is an opportunity to hear first hand from the Principal about events and developments in the College, as well as a chance for parents to raise and discuss topics that are of interest to us as parents.

As with any P&F, our main purpose is to promote community building. We organise events, such as the annual cocktail party (Saturday 8 March) and Year Group outings, which provide opportunities for parents to meet up and mingle.

We also do fundraising activities - a great way for parents to get involved, working with other parents to achieve practical outcomes for the College. Our main fundraiser is the SVC Spring Fair, being held this year (almost in spring!) on Saturday 24 August. The Fair is not just for the College, it has proved a hit with our Potts Point neighbourhood as well, and we look forward to strong engagement from all families in 2014.

I look forward to meeting you in the weeks to come and especially at our cocktail party!

Best wishes

Elizabeth Roydouse and the P&F committee

Cocktail Party - Saturday 8 March

It’s the first parent event of 2014 - don't miss it!

A lovely evening for all parents, held in the College grounds, from 7.00pm-10.30pm. Price per head is $45 which covers all drinks and a great selection of high quality cocktail food. Please see the enclosed flyer for how to book.

Stay in touch

P&F news can be found in the College Bulletin, published each fortnight. We also look forward to making an appearance in the new-look College website!

Next P&F Meeting

The next meeting of the St Vincent’s College P&F Association will be on Tuesday 11 February 2014, starting at 7.15pm. Thank you to Class of 2017 parent, Chris Dunn, who has volunteered for the P&F Treasurer role. We now have a full complement on the P&F Executive for 2014.

Date for Year 10 Social

The 2014 Year 10 Social is organised not by the College but by parents. Are there any Year 10 parents who would like to be part of the planning for this event? Or Year 9 parents - it could be useful to get some experience this year. We already have a small organising committee, but will need more creative minds and more helpers! Please get in touch with your Class of 2016 parent coordinator, Annette Moran.

Canteen Duty - Volunteers Always Welcome

Would you be able to help out in the College canteen? Please call Reception on 9368 1611 and ask for Vicky. Canteen volunteers who use the Kings Cross Parking Station are eligible for a special rate - please call into Reception on the day of your canteen duty to have your ticket stamped.

Year Group Parent Coordinators:

Each Year Group has one or more designated volunteers to keep parents informed particularly on College P&F events such as the Fair or year events for families in your Year Group. You may remember filling out a P&F form at time of enrolment. If you aren’t getting emails from your parent coordinator, it may be because we haven’t received your details.

You can opt to have your details included in the class contact list. Please contact: Felicity Ratcliffe (felicity_ratcliffe@iprimus.com.au) Sally Ayto (sallyhux@tpg.com.au), or your Year Group coordinator - see below.

Year 7 (Trish Pryke and Zoe Sabados) svc.class2018pf@gmail.com

Year 8 (Geraldine King, Adrienne Ruz, Katherine Aitken) svc.class2017pf@gmail.com

Year 9 (Annette Moran) svc.class2016pf@gmail.com

Year 10 (Rebecca Hugonnet and Lynne Carr) svc.class2015pf@gmail.com

Year 12 (Abigail Gruzman, Sally Doyle & Mary O’Sullivan) svc.class2014pf@gmail.com

2014 P&F Executive:

President: Elizabeth Roydhouse - svcpandfpresident@gmail.com 0416 107 029

Vice President: Robert Goldrick 0422 259 364

Treasurer: Chris Dunn

Secretary: Sally Ayto - svcpandfsecretary@gmail.com or sallyhux@tpg.com.au

Assistant Secretary: Felicity Ratcliffe

From the P&F Association
2014 Cocktail Party
The Parents & Friends of St Vincent's College

Warmly invite you to attend our Cocktail Party in the grounds of the College, to welcome all parents and celebrate a new school year.

Date: Saturday 8 March 2014
Time: 7.00 pm – 10.30 pm
Venue: St Vincent’s College Grounds
(enter via Rockwall Crescent - no parking will be available in the College)
Cost: $45 per person
(includes drinks and substantial cocktail finger food)

RSVP: by Tuesday 25 February 2014

Payment enquiries:
Chris Dunn, P&F Treasurer on 0448 882 452 • lacgdunn@optusnet.com.au

Booking enquiries:
Barbara Addison on 0411 630 844 • barbara.m.addison@gmail.com
or Rebecca Hugonnet on 0418 611 909 • rebecca@hugonnetdesign.com
2014 Cocktail Party

St Vincent's College
P&F Cocktail Party Booking Form

Saturday 8 March 2014, $45.00 per person
RSVP: Tuesday 25 February 2014

Guest Details
Name  Surname (please list all guests attending on your booking)
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Daughter(s) Name

Year

Year

Contact Number:

Email:

Payment Details
• Paying by EFT: [ ] Account name: SVC P AND F  BSB: 062 156  Account number: 0090 1803
  (EFT reference: ‘booking surname and daughter’s year’ e.g. SMITH YR9)
  Amount to be debited by EFT: $

• Paying by credit card: [ ] Visa  [ ] Mastercard  [ ] Amex
  Card Number:  Expiry Date:
  Name on Card:  Signature:
  Date:  Amount to be debited: $

• Paying by Cheque: [ ] Please make cheque payable to SVC P&F Association

Send this form with full payment to: (no booking forms or payments to be sent to the School)
By Mail: Chris Dunn, SVC P&F Treasurer
          PO Box 268, Randwick NSW 2031
By Email: lacgdunn@opusnet.com.au

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