Mater Dei College believes in the dignity and the nurturing of the individual and seeks to follow, with courage, Mary’s example of faith.

Vision Statement

From the Principal

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKING

Last week I had cause to write to parents of Year 9 students about the inappropriate use of social networking sites. I include an extract from my letter because the issue is not just confined to one particular year level.

In recent times issues arising from students visiting social networking sites have caused significant difficulty for all involved.

Catholic schools are entrusted, in partnership with parents who are the primary educators of their children, with the total education of the child. Catholic school staff therefore owe a duty of care to students during school hours and at other times when a staff/student relationship exists. The College has procedures and protections in place to deal with any event that occurs during school hours or at school supervised events.

What is becoming more frequent is that students are using social media to communicate with each other out of schools hours and, in some cases, in a very inappropriate way. These relationship breakdowns then flow over into their daily school life and become an issue for Mater Dei College staff. Because the harm experienced by these behaviours may have a significant negative impact on a student’s wellbeing, I am asking for parents support in either circumventing these issues before they arise or in dealing with the flow-over into school life.

In drawing this issue to your attention, I am asking that families become more attuned to the social interactions of our students. We are here to support families and their children as they navigate through this turbulent period. Many parents have expressed a desire for assistance and over coming weeks, I will be publishing a series of websites and articles that might be helpful in increasing awareness and in broaching this issue with your family members. In the meantime, please approach any staff member from our Pastoral Care Team who will be happy to assist.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Last week students in the Senior years voted on the membership of the Student Leadership group for the coming twelve-month period. The successful appointees will be announced at the College Assembly on the last day of this term.

I thank student nominees for their willingness to put themselves forward for these important roles and for their generosity in wanting to be of service to their fellow students.

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

The Semester One Reports will again be distributed electronically at the end of this term following the successful roll-out of the electronic Interim Reports. Please let the College Administration know if email addresses have changed this term.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interviews between parents, students and teachers are scheduled for Tuesday 30 June. Details regarding the booking system will be distributed closer to the time. It important to note this date in the family calendar so that time can be set aside for conversations with teachers about students’ progress in Semester One.

YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTIONS

Following the exams and the Semester 1 Reports, Year 10 students will be deciding upon their choice of subjects for Year 11 next year. There is a Parent Information Evening scheduled for Tuesday 23 June to detail the requirements for Year 11 and Year 12 studies.

Subject selection will be accompanied by counselling advice to assist students in making their most appropriate choices. Some students have already sought assistance from staff Course Counsellors in this regard.

WONDERFUL MOTHERS & DAUGHTERS HIGH TEA

The annual Mothers & Daughters High Tea was a wonderful occasion for grandmothers, mothers, daughters and granddaughters to gather, to enjoy a glamorous and convivial afternoon tea. The P&F Committee are to be congratulated for staging such a successful event. Thanks must go to all those who assisted in the preparation and contributed to the outcome on the day. Already plans are being hatched for next year’s event!

Barry Alfirevich
Term 2 Events

18 June
Romero Feast Day

19 June
Year 11 Supper Dance
Australian National Chemistry Quiz
ICAS Writing Competition

23 June
Year 10 Parent Evening

25-28 June
South West Music Tour

26 June
Subject selection site opens for the 2016 Year 11s

30 June
Parent/Teacher Interviews

1-2 July
Year 10 Outdoor Education Camp

3 July
Last day of Term

22 July
Students return, Term 3 begins

Please click here to view the full Term 2 Calendar

Note from the Counsellor

Thank you Amy Coombe

In line with the Mater Dei’s ongoing focus on the health and well-being of our students, yesterday we were fortunate to welcome back Professional Inspirational Speaker, Amy Coombe to our College. Last year Amy spoke to each year group about her personal journey during her adolescent years, her battle with body image and mental health issues, which began in Year 8. This year Amy returned to speak with students about the importance of ‘Resilience’, how to build it and how to maintain it!

Amy was as always funny, engaging and spoke from the heart throughout the day. Amy further provided an information session in the evening for all parents and families of Mater Dei students, which focused on ‘supporting and assisting our youth to build resilience – top tips for parents’.

Amy’s top tips for supporting young people:

Seek first to understand then to be understood!
The world for young people is more challenging now than ever before. Today, young people experience normal adolescent development and challenges with the added pressure of issues such as social media. As parents, we must ensure we understand their world before we can help.

Listen, Truly Listen. Don’t speak!
Amy encouraged parents to step back and give young people space to vent, explore and feel. She stressed the importance of choosing the best moments to engage with young people, ensuring that as parents, we ourselves are in the best space first. Timing is essential!!

Support the ‘Pack mentality’ rather than push it away!
A sense of belonging is so important for young people. Young people often feel the most connected and mentally healthy when they are with their group of friends. Embrace this!!.

Disconnect to Connect!!
Ensure there are times within the home that phones, internet, social media is switched off and family connection is switched on. This is beneficial in increasing sleep, family connection and rest.

Monitor Changing Behaviours Closely!!
The line between normal adolescent behaviour and issues can become blurred. Be observant and engage, engage, engage!!

The feedback from students, staff and parents was again very positive and Amy’s message of acknowledging and identifying when issues occur and how best to respond to them was one that touched many.

Have a great week!!!

Mrs Sally Stott
College Counsellor
Mater Dei College participated in Sorry Day held in the city at Wellington Square on 26 May. Six students were lucky enough to work their way into the city and involve themselves in a fun day of activities. They had a wonderful day which was centred around reconciliation and building relationships with other schools and the wider Aboriginal community. Our two-sided Aboriginal mural was on display at the event and seemed to be quite a drawcard with many schools using it to take photos in front of. A big thank you to Mrs Bradley for her ongoing support and Mr Morison who helped with transport and setting the mural up.

Mr Hurd
Teacher of Art and Design/Technology

Year 9 Mission Project - Uthando Doll Presentation

The Year 9 Mission Project for 2015 culminated on Thursday 11 June with all Year 9 Students making around 200 dolls for the children of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa. Lynne Tognolini from 'Uthando Project' was presented with the dolls at a special Year Assembly and she reciprocated with a special Certificate of Appreciation. A fantastic effort for a wonderful cause. Congratulations to everyone involved!

For more information on the Uthando Project, please visit their website: http://uthandoproject.org/

Mr Adam Camuglia
Year 9 Coordinator
On 12 May, the School Coordinators from the CareerLink cluster visited the students to observe them taking part in their certificate courses. It was an opportunity for the lecturers and students to explain and demonstrate the different learning areas involved in the Certificate courses.

Our first stop was at Polytechnic West, Balga, where the Certificate II Construction students were applying new skills. The First Year students, were learning about bricklaying, having done plastering previously and Second Year students have progressed to learning carpentry skills.

We then moved on to West Coast Institute of Training, first stopping at Trades North to look in on the Certificate II Electrical Students. Again, we have both First Year students, who were practicing how to wire circuits and Second Year students, who were having a Maths assessment, which looked very complex. Our next stop at West Coast Institute of Training, was to visit the students on the Certificate II Health Services Assistance who were in the simulated hospital, successfully diagnosing patients with various degrees of injuries and ailments. Whilst at West Coast we also popped in on the students in the Certificate III in Education Support and Certificate II in Business.

On 19 May, we visited the Certificate II in Leadership students at Challenger Institute of Technology who have written, produced, directed and acted in a production called Bounce Back. The theme of the story is of a young man, discussing how fame and money have affected him and how he came back from that. The students presented the video to both teachers and parents. This gives the students a chance to work as a team, playing on their strengths and building in confidence.

These courses enable students to try out a diverse selection of vocations and, for many, allows them to gain a head start when it comes to the next step on their career pathway.
Recently, eighteen students from our Year 8 Gifted and Talented program went to Scitech for a Secondary Catholic School Brainstorm Challenge. Brainstorm Challenge Days provide a platform for like-minded students to increase their confidence and team building skills in an environment where they are competing against other schools.

The event serves to extend the students interest and awareness in science, engineering, technology and maths fields via a range of motivating challenges. Each team consists of three students. One of our MDC teams finished 14th out of 47 school teams.

This is the second time we have attended. We have seen a good range of skills and are pleased with the advances made in the Gifted and Talented program.

Mrs Quelch
Gifted and Talent Coordinator
Dear Parents/Guardians

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Mater Dei College, we recognise that when major changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or other circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful program called *Seasons for Growth*.

This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, management of feelings, problem solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

The *Seasons for Growth* Program runs for eight weeks and each weekly session is about 40-50 minutes during school hours. The program concludes with a 'Celebration' session. Later in the year each group will have the opportunity to meet for two further sessions to build on their earlier learning.

The program will be facilitated by Ilanie Janse van Rensburg and Shirley Fullam who are trained *Seasons for Growth* Companions. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from *Seasons for Growth*, we would encourage you to talk to him/her about this. Should he/she decide to participate, please fill in the reply slip below and return it to Student Services by Friday 19 June.

Mater Dei College is pleased to offer this essential program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved. If you need more information, please contact Shirley (Years 7-9) at shirley.fullam@mdc.wa.edu.au or Ilanie (Years 10 – 12) at ilanie.jvrensburg@mdc.wa.edu.au or phone 9405 0568 during school hours.

Erika Hancock
(Deputy Principal)

Shirley Fullam
(Year 7-9 SFG Companion)

Ilanie Janse van Rensburg
(Year 10-12 SFG Companion)

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO STUDENT SERVICES BY 19/06/2015.**

I, (Name, please print) ___________________________ give consent for my son/daughter, ___________________________ to attend the *Seasons for Growth Program*. I have discussed this with him/her.

Signed: ___________________________ Parent Contact Number: ___________________________

(Parent/Guardian Signature)
On Sunday May 14 the Ladies of Mater Dei gathered together for High Tea in the Cafeteria. The students of the College worked hard to prepare all the food and to serve throughout the afternoon. Members of the P&F organised various prizes, these were given out throughout the afternoon. Students, staff and friends of Mater Dei attended the event dressed in Twenties inspired outfits. They were treated to fashion parades, a demonstration of Twenties style dancing and sumptuous food. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and we look forward to the next High Tea!!
Mater Dei College Careers Expo

MATER DEI COLLEGE FUTURE PATHWAY EXPO

June 30th Bernie Boss Hall Foyer 11 – 4 PM

Students and Parents are invited to attend. It will be an opportunity to discuss the

The following institutes will be available for students to discuss options for their future careers.

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Mater Dei College Cafeteria

Please Help!!! The canteen desperately needs some helpers, if you can spare a little of your time we would really appreciate it.

To put your name down on the cafeteria roster, please contact:

Beryl Lythgoe, Cafeteria Manager, on 9405 0528.

Mater Dei College Uniform Shop

Weeks 9 - 11

Monday  8.00 am - 12.00 pm
Wednesday  8.00 am - 9.30 am
Thursday  8.00 am - 12.00 pm
12.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Student Smartrider Card, EFTPOS and Credit Card facilities available

Telephone:  Mrs Linda Caporn on 9405 0539
Email - linda.caporn@mdc.wa.edu.au

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Latest Recipients of Merit Certificates

McCormack House
Isabelle Ashton (Year 7), 4 merit certificates

Romero House
Kiara Czerwionka (Year 7), 1 merit certificate

Siena House
Bronte Croyston (Year 7), 2 merit certificates
Tahli Arbuckle (Year 7), 2 merit certificates

Extra Curricular Clubs & Activities 2015

A list of extra-curricular activities is on our website. Please click on the link below for details about the extra-curricular clubs and activities that are happening around the College in 2015.

http://www.mdc.wa.edu.au/programmes/co-curricular/
Junior Girls Soccer

Our first away match of the season saw us on the bus to Duncraig. One again we were blessed with fine conditions but this time we had the added burden of flocks of cockatoos to dodge! The game was very much in the MDC half with many opportunities to score and we looked set to be goalless at half time until finally Esperanza Lopez Navarro managed to put one past the sure hands of the Duncraig keeper. In the second half Zoe Jones scored our second goal from a very fine cross by Taneesha Baker. Keira Rock and Emily Bennett worked tirelessly in defence and Violana Winchester, our keeper, managed some very nice saves to keep the ball in our attack. Taneesha scored our third and final goal and also had a magnificent save right on the goal line, that had the Dad's on the sideline shaking their heads in awe! Congratulations to all girls for an excellent display of teamwork and sportsmanship! A big thank you to all the parents who came down to support the girls.

Tuesday June 16 2015  Mater Dei 3 def Duncraig 0

Mrs Janine Boyle
Junior Girls Soccer Coach

The Mater Dei Girls AFL Football

The Mater Dei Girls AFL Football had a special surprise on Monday 15th June, with a coaching session from their competition sponsors, the Fremantle Dockers!

Both students and staff were pleased to see some senior Dockers players including Stephen Hill, Tendai Mzungu, rookie Josh Deluca and biggest surprise of all, captain Matthew Pavlich show up for the session.

The players were also accompanied by Female All Australian AFL players Hayley Miller and Emma King.

The Mater Dei girls participated in a training session followed by some celebrity photo snapping and selfie taking moments that they will remember for a long time to come.

Our Senior Girls Team are set to play in a Finals match against the Darling Ranges High School next Tuesday 23 June. Hopefully they will take the pointers that the Dockers gave them and cruise to a win and a Grand Final firmly in their sights.

Mrs Martin/Miss Wheeler
Sports Arena

CORRECTION

Name Omission: Georgia Charles won the U15’s Northern Territory Junior Squash Female Champion for 2015.

Congratulations

During April (3/4/2015 to 6/4/2015) Pascale Louka participated in the Australian Junior Open Squash 2015 Championships held in Sydney. The tournament was open to Boys and Girls aged 10-19 years of age and they came from all over Australia and New Zealand. Pascale Louka competed in the Under/15 age bracket, which had a total of 32 players. Pascale was awarded Second place in the U/15 group, an amazing achievement. Not only did Pascale perform brilliantly in this tournament, she is also ranked fourth in Australia in the Girls under 19 category. Pascale is the youngest in the top 8 in Australia. We congratulate her on her success.

Before and After School Activities

**TERM 2 MATER DEI COLLEGE SPORTS**

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**BEFORE SCHOOL SPORT ACTIVITIES**

**AFTER SCHOOL SPORT ACTIVITIES**

Mr T Wyme - SPORT COORDINATOR: email: troy.wyme@mdc.wa.edu.au
Careers Information

**Curtin University Parent Information Evening**
YEAR 12 – Sunday, 2 August
These two events are intended to help demystify university preferences and the TISC process. There will be an opportunity to speak with Curtin experts from admissions, scholarships, university support services and faculties.

**Curtin University: Medical School Approval**
Curtin University welcomes the Federal Government’s approval for its Medical School. From 2017 Curtin will offer a five-year direct-entry medical degree that will help the state meet an urgent doctor shortage. The program will be the only undergraduate entry program in the State.

**Curtin Engineering Evening Tours**
This is a fantastic opportunity to gain an insight into how we are producing better engineering for the future with our nationally award-winning, multimillion dollar facilities and excellent teaching capabilities. The evening will begin with a presentation overview, followed by a tour of the facilities and concluding with a Q&A session and light refreshments.
Date: Thursday 6 August
Time: 6 – 7.30pm
Location: Building 215, Engineering Pavilion, Curtin University, Bentley Campus
Registration

**Polytechnic West: Pre-Apprenticeships**
Polytechnic West offers a range of pre-apprenticeship courses to assist you in gaining an apprenticeship. Pre-apprenticeship courses are full-time and provide background skills and knowledge to make a future apprenticeship easier.
http://www.polytechnic.wa.edu.au/content/pre-apprenticeships

**University of Notre Dame: School Holiday Outreach Programs**
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th July @ University of Notre Dame, Fremantle
Notre Dame’s Academic Enabling & Support Centre organise outreach programs for students to achieve success in years 11 and 12. The sessions cover time management, study skills, and dealing with procrastination. Cost: $60.
http://www.nd.edu.au/academic_support/outreach

**Central Institute: Course Information Sessions**
Potential students and their parents are invited to attend information sessions.
Graphic Design Production: Thursday, 25 June, 4.00 pm @ 133
Newcastle St, Perth

**RSVP Online:** [http://www.central.wa.edu.au/Courses/Pages/Course-Information-Sessions.aspx](http://www.central.wa.edu.au/Courses/Pages/Course-Information-Sessions.aspx)

**Edith Cowan University**
Year 11 and 12 Pizza Night! Whether you’re an ATAR or Non-ATAR student, ECU offers a pathway for whatever course you wish to study. We’ll go through the various entry pathways to ECU, tell you about the variety of courses we offer and at the end, we will chat some more over pizzas for dinner.
Where: ECU Joondalup Campus
When: Monday 22 June, 6:00pm
You can register your attendance to this event by visiting Future Student Events.

If you don’t have a current ECU parking sticker, please park in a green visitor’s parking bay. There is a small parking fee. The building and room number will be emailed to you, along with a registration confirmation a few days before the event. If you have trouble finding the room location or if you would like a security escort, please call 6304 3333.

**University of Western Australia**
Day in the Life of a Uni Student events have opened for registration. To apply please follow the link:
This July holidays they have a bigger range than previous years, including Business, Engineering, Architecture, Psychology, Botany (includes Marine and Agricultural Science), Law and Physics. The closing date for applications is June 30.

**SUNDAY 26 JULY 10AM - 4PM**
**MURDOCH OPEN DAY 2015**
Which course? What’s the campus like? What jobs could I get? What do we learn about in that degree? Can I get a globally connected education in Perth? How does it apply to the real world? Come along and get answers to all of your questions at Murdoch University’s Open Day.
[openday.murdoch.edu.au](http://openday.murdoch.edu.au)
Community Events

Joondalup Business Association

The Joondalup Business Association is conducting a Ladies High Tea that will feature guest speaker Jade Lewis. Jade will be talking on the topic of “Under the Influence”, a parenting help session on teenagers.

West Perth Football Club

The West Perth Football Club will host its 5th Annual International Football Festival on Saturday June 27 as West Perth take on Subiaco. The day celebrates the multicultural populations of Perth’s North with AFL providing an opportunity to unite Australia.

FREE TICKETS
We are offering FREE Admittance for the event by downloading our match day ticket. Tickets will admit both adults and children at no cost to this match.
For further details please follow the link:

College Contacts

Please note the College Administration and Student Services office hours are 8.00 am - 4.00 pm

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Students Services – 9405 0563
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Cafeteria – 9405 0528

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