

# Delany News



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## Events in April

Thursday 6th  
Patrician Brothers Rugby  
League Cup at Blacktown

Friday 7th  
Last Day of Term 1

Friday 14th  
Good Friday Night Walk



Monday 24th  
First day of Term 2  
All Students to attend

Tuesday 25th  
Anzac Day Public Holiday

Dear Delany community,

The topic of the most recent Parent Forum was "What's on @ Delany" at which the College presented the changes regarding teaching and learning initiated this year. One particular change involved streamlining the use of student learning spaces to provide greater flexibility and adaptability.

In reinforcing this point we invited Mr Birol Salicioglu, a current parent, to describe the changes occurring at Sydney Trains. He explained that Sydney Trains are in the process of transitioning their engineering department into a new hub comprising of agile spaces allowing for different work functions such as collaboration, presentation and reflection. Moreover, Mr Salicioglu made the connection between the changes taking place at Sydney Trains, and other workplaces with how his daughter is learning. He also was confident that his daughter would have the skills and knowledge needed to enter a workforce that is ever evolving and uncertain.

Delany College would like to congratulate Mary Ghibian from Year 10 who has been selected to travel to France and Belgium as part of a student group visiting the Western Front. This NSW government initiative included all schools across the State and Delany was nominated as one of twenty schools. Mary will be in a position to immerse herself in the spirit of ANZAC and speak to other adults and students present about their experiences. It is the school's intention that on her return, Mary will share her thoughts and stories to enhance our appreciation of the ANZAC story.

As Easter is approaching, we are constantly reminded of Christ's ultimate sacrifice and love. It is this love that gives hope to all people and a desire to live in the light of Christ. On behalf of the College Executive I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff members and students for a successful beginning to this academic year. I trust that during this time of Easter, the company of family and friends, in communion with Christ, brings an opportunity for reflection and happiness.

## A Prayer for Holy Week

Lord Jesus Christ,  
in this sacred and solemn week  
when we see again the depth and mystery of your redeeming love,  
help us to follow where you go, to stop where you stumble,  
to listen when you cry, to hurt as you suffer,  
to bow our heads in sorrow as you die,  
so that, when you are raised to life again, we may share in your endless joy.  
Amen.

God bless  
Mr Robert Muscat  
Principal

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## VOLUNTEER BUS DRIVER WANTED

Delany College is looking for a volunteer light rigid vehicle license holder to drive the College mini bus. Times and days will vary based on needs of the College. Please contact Amanda Fasavalu on 8633 8100 if you are interested and are willing to assist.

## ORGANIST WANTED

Church organist wanted at Holy Trinity Parish to play at Sunday Mass at various times. Please contact the Parish office on 02 9637 1904

Delany College in the tradition and spirit of the Patrician Brothers  
"Pride, Persistence, Passion!"

## PREMIER'S ANZAC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Winner Announced



On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at our College assembly, Mr Robert Muscat, Principal, announced that the successful candidate for the scholarship is Mary Ghribian of Year 10. Mary was one of a number of outstanding candidates who presented work submissions of a very high standard to a community Panel who heard the presentations as part of a rigorous selection process.

Other exceptional candidates included Vincent Tuala, Yara Fakoua, Elizabeth Kondok and Rasha Abou Halka, all of whom received commendations for the high quality of their submissions, however only one scholarship was available.

Mary created a model reproducing three battlefields, complete with trenches, sandbags, soldiers, nurses' kit, poppies and contoured terrain. Mary added blindfolds to her miniature soldiers and explained "this is a metaphor for stepping into the unknown". Mary's soldiers were also painted different colours; "this is a metaphor for the different emotions they felt", she said. Mary also identified why it is important to commemorate and recognise past war efforts, making references to other tragedies, such as the Armenian genocide. Mary also included a Folio, illustrating the progression of ideas in her project and details of her research.



**Mary with her model of the battlefields.**

Other excellent and well thought out submissions from our highly commended students included:

- A poem, composed by the student, with the student finishing by asking the panel to join them in saying "Lest we Forget". The student also drew a portrait with very well thought out ideas, including a fallen soldier with blood moving towards a (blood) red poppy; further there was an image of a woman who was grieving her lost family member looking on. Flowing out of the poppy was a drawing of a panel from the War Memorial, with red poppies placed near the names, symbolising the link to the fallen soldier.
- An artwork incorporating soldiers' letters which the student had researched. The student said "art is not what you see but what you make others see" and collated a thoughtful selection of soldiers' letters as primary sources. The student stained the paper with coffee; the student said that they chose coffee because it gave energy to the soldiers to stay on patrol on the battlefield. The student observed "man must put an end to war or war will put an end to mankind".
- A poem titled "Grandfather" which described a hero who was a 'brave man of war'. The student was very passionate about telling the Anzac story and stories of those fallen in war, making moving links to stories from other heritages and nationalities.
- A painted artwork on canvas. The student said "it is a shame that there is only one day in the year when we commemorate Anzac day. An artwork helps commemorate this event every day." The artwork included the image of a soldier looking over poppies on a blue background, with a self-composed poem in the corner of the canvas to illustrate Anzac imagery.



**Mary with Mrs Venhuizen.**

Mary has won an all-expenses paid trip to Europe in 2017, courtesy of the NSW Premier and the NSW Department of Veterans Affairs. In September, Mary will travel to Anzac sites as a representative of the NSW Government. She will travel to significant Australian battlefields in Belgium and France on a 12 day tour of the Western Front, along with students from other schools. Mary will also attend commemorative events in the town of Ypres in Belgium, acknowledging 100 years since Australia lost 38,000 men in battle there. We look forward to hearing about her journey as she shares her experiences with her Delany community.

*Mrs Jennifer Venhuizen,  
School Learning Leader - Human Society*



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We find ourselves suddenly at the conclusion of Term 1. It has been a busy and bustling term of activity, celebrations, teaching and learning. The following two weeks are a time of spiritual, emotional and physical renewal in preparation for Term 2, 2017.

### THE DELANY COMMUNITY

On Tuesday 28 March members of the school leadership team hosted a Parent information evening. The focus of the evening was our teaching and learning practices at Delany College - what these look like and why we are taking this particular approach. You should be aware that we have two new leadership positions at Delany this year - Leaders of Pedagogy. In short these two staff - Mrs Sharon McManus and Mrs Joanne McKeown - are charged with working alongside our teaching staff to introduce new practices of teaching and to work to ensure learning is effective.

During their presentation they provided this thought-provoking quote: *We're all instructors to realise that the quality of mental process, not the production of correct answers, is the measure of educative growth, something hardly less than a revolution in teaching would be worked.* John Dewey

We were also privileged to have Mr Birol Salicioglu (parent of a year 10 student) speak at this evening. In short, he described his new workplace as one that is very similar to that of the learning environment at Delany. His words were, in effect, that he was very confident that his daughter would be prepared for her working life ahead because of the experiences and learning she is receiving at our school.

The evening concluded with a Q & A forum. During this time there were several probing and engaging questions from our parents and (we trust) thorough and justified responses. There were questions asked that are already answered as well as questions that have opened further dialogue. I strongly encourage all parents to attend our future information evenings.

### THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY

Year 12 students now have approximately 10 weeks of lessons, plus two holiday blocks, to prepare for their Trial HSC examinations. This time will disappear in a blink of an eye. Our students will receive all their marked exams from last week prior to the completion of this term, and this feedback is the perfect point to revise what went right and wrong, then start preparing for future work.

Meanwhile all remaining students will be headed towards exams in term 2. Year 11 kick off this process with exams in week 2 (beginning 1 May), years 9 & 10 in week 5 (beginning 22 May) and years 7 & 8 in week 6 (beginning 29 May). Exams are only one component of assessment. Every task that is submitted (or not submitted) forms a picture of a student's learning and progress throughout the year.

### THE PATRICIAN COMMUNITY

On Friday, the last day of Term 1, we will celebrate a short Easter liturgy. The Easter season, climaxing with the resurrection of Jesus, is the key celebration of the Catholic Church. If you would like to join our College community in prayer please give our administration staff a call to ensure we save you some space. On Thursday 6 April all staff who are new to Delany College have been invited to breakfast with Br Aengus Kavanagh. During this time Br Aengus will share the Patrician story with these staff and "induct" them into the family.

### TERM 2 COMMENCEMENT DATE

Term 2 begins on **Monday 24 April**. In an unusual twist of the calendar our second day of Term 2 is ANZAC day which is, of course, a public holiday. All students are expected to attend school on Monday. This also means that students are to be wearing the College winter uniform. The uniform shop will be open this Thursday if you require particular winter clothing. St Patrick, pray for us.

Mr Anthony Blomfield  
Assistant Principal

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Each year at Easter we are reminded of the great sacrifice Christ made for us on the Cross. We use this time to consider our wrongdoings and the ways in which we can reconcile our hearts with Christ.

Pope Francis has declared Marian themes for the next three years for World Youth Day. This years theme is "The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His name". The theme is intended to give a clear Marian focus for the year. Deep commitment to following Christ in the same way that Mary did.

Over this Easter period it becomes especially fitting to reflect on Mary's role in our Passion story. We see Mary mentioned a few times in the lead up to Easter and in the Passion story. Mary, despite being in deep sorrow, stands by her Son and stays waiting for His return. It isn't difficult to empathise with Mary in her situation. Whilst she is entirely faithful, she must have felt a deep sense of despair and longing for the pain inflicted on her Son to stop. She must have felt helpless in knowing there was nothing she could do. Jesus' life surely flashed before her eyes, his growing up, his struggles, his successes...her Son and the Son of God. And yet, she waits patiently, in vigil, knowing in her heart that "Holy is His name". Mary becomes the ultimate disciple model for us. In the times where we are unable to see God's plan, we wait patiently knowing that "The Mighty One has done great things".

This Easter, I encourage you to experience the season through the eyes of Mary and embody the qualities she models to each of us. Patience, contemplation, selflessness and a sincere trust in Christ. It is in these ways that we truly reconcile our hearts with Christ.

I wish you and your families a peace, safe and Holy Easter.

God Bless

Mrs Karina Stow

Religious Education Co Ordinator

## Interested in the Good Friday Night Walk?

Please collect a permission note from Mrs Stow.



EXPERIENCE THE

**AWESOMENESS**

OF BEING PART OF THE **YOUNGEST DIOCESE IN AUSTRALIA**

**Palm Sunday**

STREET PROCESSION,  
WYD MASS AND EVENT  
WITH BISHOP VINCENT

Sunday 9 April | 5:15pm | Parramatta Town Hall

**Good Friday  
Night Walk**

FRIDAY 14 APRIL

STARTS 10PM - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH BLACKTOWN  
CONCLUDES 7AM - ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

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SATURDAY 13 MAY | 7PM - 10PM  
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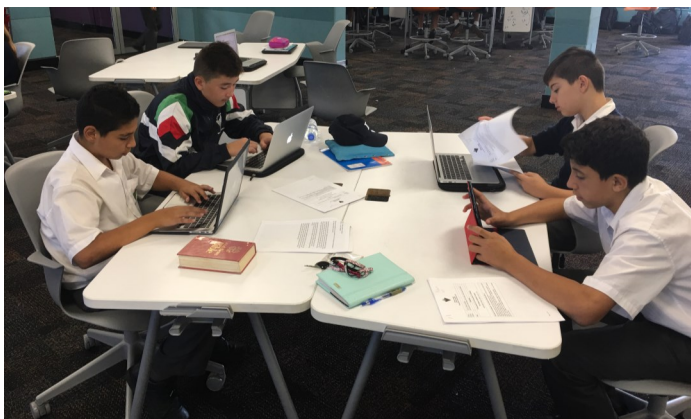
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## FROM THE PEDAGOGICAL LEADERS

Sitting up straight, in a chair that faced the front of the room, surrounded by other students, similarly sitting in very neat rows was the typical setup of the traditional classroom that most of us would remember. The rare opportunity to work with others was always greeted with excitement.

Educational research and the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century learner have revealed that cooperative and collaborative learning is essential for today's students. The learning spaces at Delany College certainly reflect this belief and in supporting our practice, attempt to incorporate as many opportunities for teamwork as possible.



Working in small groups, allows students to share their strengths and also develop skills they are yet to be proficient in. They develop interpersonal skills and learn to deal with conflict. Teachers ensure groups are guided by clear objectives so students engage in activities that improve their understanding of the content explored.

Other benefits include:

- learners actively participate
- teachers become learners at times, and learners sometimes teach
- respect is given to every member
- diversity is celebrated, and all contributions are valued
- students learn skills for resolving conflicts when they arise
- members draw upon their past experience and knowledge
- research tools such as Internet access are made available
- students are invested in their own learning.



Thus, group work offers students the chance to practise skills that will one day enable them to be productive members of the workforce. As we come to the end of term one, I encourage you to discuss with your child in readiness for term two, the opportunities they will have, each day to work with others and the benefits gained from such opportunities.

*Jo McKeown and Sharon McManus*



## CURRICULUM

At the end of this term, Yr12 completed their half yearly exams and next term Yr11 and Years 7-10 will begin their half yearly exams. Around this time students start to summarise their notes for each subject. Is this the best way to study? Everyone learns and remembers in a different way, different ideas are worth a try.

There are a few websites that have some great suggestions for studying, such as the State Library of Victoria  
<http://ergo.slv.vic.gov.au/learn-skills/study-skills>

Also are two other valuable sites:

<http://learnline.cdu.edu.au/studyskills/studyskills/revision.html>

<http://learnonline.canberra.edu.au/course/view.php?id=2101>

As always, your child's teacher is a great place to start if you have any concerns.

*Mr Mark Robinson*

*Head of School Learning & Diversity*

## SCHOOL FEES

There are still a number of families yet to contact the school to make school fee arrangements or to make their first contribution. In order to avoid reminder letters please ensure you keep your payments regular or contact the school to make alternative payment arrangements. We continue to encourage families to apply for the Bishop Manning Scholarship which will assist with school fees for next year. Please read the information within this newsletter and our Finance Team will be available to assist with the application process.

*Sheryl Temu*



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

### School Zones Reminder

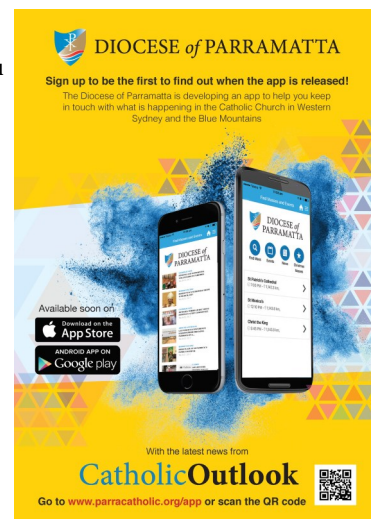
A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families.

School zones operate on all gazetted schools days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days.

## BISHOP'S OFFICE

**Sign up to be the first to find out when the app is released!**

The Diocese of Parramatta is developing an app to help you keep in touch with what is happening in the Catholic Church in Western Sydney & the Blue Mountains





## 2017 SECONDARY SCHOOLS School Leadership Program at Parliament House

On Wednesday 29th March 2017, Mrs Pratelli, Hilary and I attended the 2017 Secondary Schools Student Leadership Program at Parliament House Sydney and Government House Sydney. The day started off with a short talk by politicians including the Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Opposition Leader Luke Foley as well as local members of parliament including the Member for Granville, Julia Finn.

They answered questions concerning gender equality in the parliament, challenges that they have faced, as well as giving us leaders valuable advice and inspiration on making a change in our communities and the state for our future.

The day continued with a tour of the chamber where a bill concerning green slips was heard, as well as a short visit to the Legislative Council, where another bill was heard. As the day progressed, we took a short walk down to the Government House Sydney where we had a quick tour of the Government House. We learned about the role of the Governor and the British influence on the building, then we met His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) Governor of NSW, and his wife. Governor Hurley provided us with insight on his role as governor, and more insight on leadership and developing our future.



**Wesley, Hilary and Mrs Pratelli meet His Excellency General  
The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)**

The day ended after Governor Hurley and his wife Mrs Hurley personally spoke to us, wishing us well for the rest of the year, and getting to know a bit about our school. As leaders, Hilary and I took some valuable inspiration from our experiences from this leadership program which will influence us and our peers in making a difference for our future.

*By Wesley Swalah Mcdahrou, 12.1*

## LIFE AS A YEAR 12 STUDENT

*People say that being in Year 12 is a year where you'll have 'no life'.*

After experiencing these two terms of Year 12, I feel that it is more of a year where you discover yourself and a year where you experience change. Yes, there are tough and stressful moments but once you learn how to balance everything out, it becomes a lot easier. It first begins with our mindset, the most influential factor towards stress. 30% of the stress is from the work itself and the negativity around us, but the remaining 70% is often to do with our mindset and the way we view things and that is why balancing is crucial.

Mr Pillay had once said to us that 'HSC is made for the students who are most organised'. Our aim is to not overstudy, not overstress and to become motivated all at the same time. In order to do that, we have to learn to balance time between school, time with family and friends, health and hobbies to develop the 'positive mindset' - and that is sometimes difficult.

We have to constantly remind ourselves of our self worth and who we are to get through tedious times. If you believe in yourself you will get through!

*By Hilary Lim 12.3*



**Year 11 students preparing for 2017 Year 12 at their retreat.**



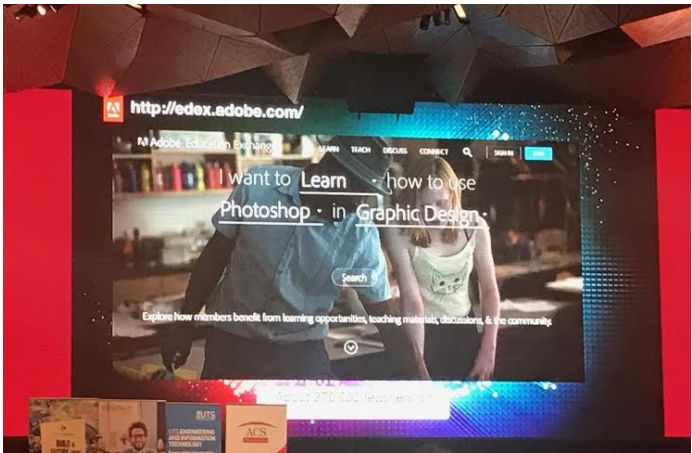


# THE BIG DAY IN

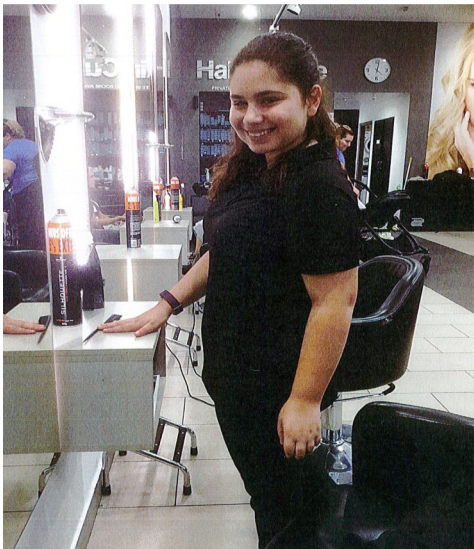
Students in 9 and 10 IST and Year 12 IDT visited UTS in Ultimo to attend the Big day In last Tuesday. Presenters for the day included Microsoft, Google, Animal Logic, Adobe, Commbank, and Westpac just to name a few.



The day is all about careers in I.T. which was great to see just how diverse the selection is. Guest speakers spoke about their work environment, what subjects they did in high school, their thought processes which led them to their career and what they studied at university. Some emphasised how easy it is to get a job in I.T. breaking it down in statistics.



## POST SCHOOL OPTIONS



**Chanel Abounader**  
Work Place Learning  
@ Hair Culture Merrylands



**Yr 10 Christian Ibrahim**  
Work Place Learning  
@ Aus Joinery West Guildford

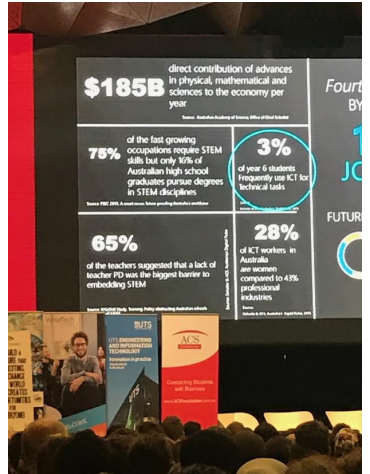


**David Katrib Yr 12**  
Work Place Learning  
@ Target Merrylands



There were demonstrations and exhibitions stands for students to test new technology from the exhibitors and ask questions as well as a raffle draw at the end of the day for all those that participated in the day by asking questions and using their hashtag on social media.

Mrs Marian Lennon





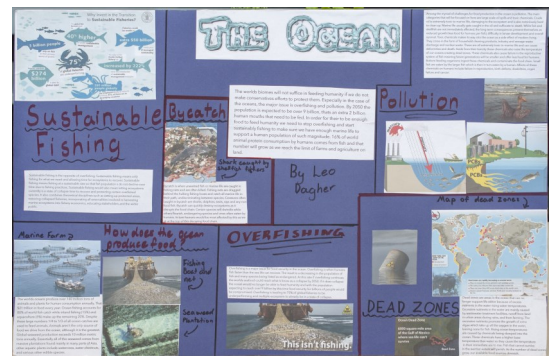
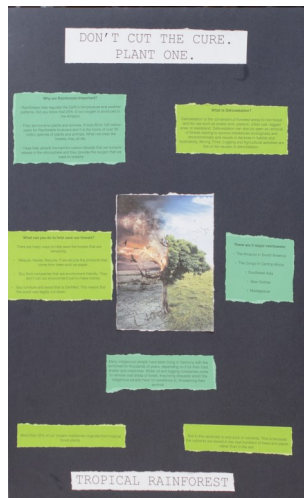
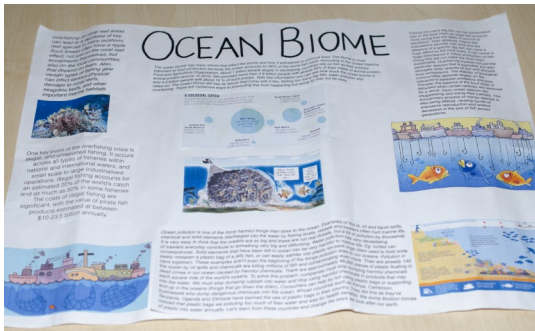
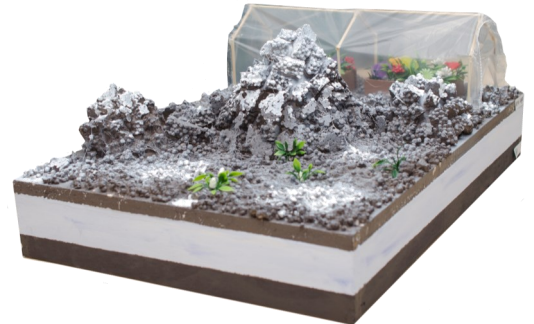
## SUSTAINABLE BIOMES

In Year 10 this term our topic was based on 'sustainable biomes' and whether by the year 2050 the earth's biomes could produce enough food for an estimated 9 billion people.

Everyone had the decision to choose what biome that they would further investigate, such as issues that prevent food production and solutions that could solve the arising problems. To entice our research and investigation, individuals decided how they would present their findings. As seen on this page are the efforts of some Year 10 students extraordinary art works.

As a result the Year 10 co-hort were able to learn about different biomes and now we as human beings can help our biomes to be more sustainable for the future.

By Mary Ghribian



## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS COURSE

Pauline, Elizabeth, Vincent, Mary and Marie attended a Eucharistic Ministers Course at Blacktown. They will be commissioned in the next school mass.



## DISCOVER

All Art, Design & History Students - Delany College is organising another exciting Tour of Europe including France, Germany & Italy, visiting Art and Cultural Museums, Galleries and Historic sites in November 2018.

If you are a parent/guardian of a senior student who will be in Years 10, 11 or 12 in 2018 register your interest now.

Travelling overseas with a school group is a fantastic educational experience. The 2015 tour was a fabulous experience - one which will never be forgotten.

Places are limited! Email Ms Broue to find out more.  
(School Leader of Learning - Creative Emergence and Design)

An information night will be held in Term 3 where the costs and itinerary will be discussed with our tour operator.





## SPORT REPORT

Congratulations to the Swimming Carnival Age Champions who were announced at our school assembly. Delany College is proud of all their efforts and achievements.



Open Girls	<b>Elisar Salameh</b>
Open Boys	<b>Alex Mendez</b>
16 Year Boys	<b>MJ Olca &amp; Taleb Salameh</b>
15 Year Girls	<b>Chanel Georges</b>
15 Year Boys	<b>Hakim AlHakim</b>
14 Year Girls	<b>Laura Awad</b>
13 Year Girls	<b>Christina Awad</b>
13 Year Boys	<b>Gabriel Rashada</b>
12 Year Girls	<b>Georgia McIntyre</b>

A big congratulations to the mighty MacKillop house who was crowned the 2017 Swimming Carnival Champions.



## PDSSSC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

These students attended the PDSSSC swimming carnival, representing our school. They showed a great resilience and sportsmanship for which they should be commended. Laura entered 7 events and came 1st in her heat in the 50m freestyle, Abraham came 1st in his heat in the 50m breaststroke and Gabriel came 1st in his heat in the 50m butterfly and 2nd in breaststroke. Fantastic effort and I congratulate them all for their wonderful achievements.

*Ms Danielle Karim*

## VINNIES VAN APPEAL

On Tuesday 28th March, 2017 the following students assisted with the Vinnies Van Appeal



**Divashna, Nihal, Nora, Patricia & Bettina with Mrs Roberts and Brother Charles.**

For the Vinnies Van Appeal, we prepared food and drinks, and went to the Mt Druitt and Parramatta locations to help people in need. This experience allowed us to bond with those in the community who do not have the proper necessities that they need in their everyday lives. Assisting the people that we have met through the Vinnies Van Appeal has allowed us to step out of our comfort zone and experience something that would not happen in our regular day to day life.

My group and I have developed a sense of empathy towards the folks that we helped that night, and we were able to give back to the community. Participating in the Vinnies Van Appeal has allowed us to gain the satisfaction of helping others around us by putting our words into actions.

This was a memorable experience for my group and I. I encourage every student to participate in the future.

A special thanks to Mrs Roberts and Brother Charles for taking the students on the Vinnies Van Appeal.

*By Bettina Francisco*

