

Delany News



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Events in June

Friday 8th

BBQ for Delany Students

Monday 11th

Public Holiday

Tuesday 12th

Yr9 HSIE Excursion

Thursday 14th

*Yr5 Learning day (Holy Family, Holy Trinity, St Oliver's)

*Yr12 SLR in -class excursion

Friday 15th

*Yr8 Reflection day

*CSDA Debating Round 6

Wednesday 20th

Yr5 Learning Day (St Margaret Mary's)

Friday 22th

*College Athletics carnival

*CSDA Debating Round 7

Dear Delany Community,

There have been numerous reports in the media lately about the benefits and seemingly impediments of mobile phones in schools. Undoubtedly, when mobile phones are used as a substitute for a learning device, the benefits are enormous. Unfortunately, when the focus of the user is not that of learning but of other intentions then the phone becomes a source of distraction.

The Delany College policy on mobile phones states that mobile phones are permitted but are NOT to be used during learning time. If a teacher, in negotiation with a student, allows for a phone to be used to access information (in circumstances when a student's iPad or laptop is in repair) then that is also permitted. On the whole, no student should be accessing their mobile phones during class time.

Moreover, students should not be contacting parents or family members during the day about situations at school especially when the school is unaware of the issue. I ask parents not to respond to phone calls or texts before contacting the school to seek clarification. Unfortunately, we have had occasions when parents have reacted instinctively to a phone call causing undue commotion, then realising the matter is negligible.

The College's mobile phone policy is under review and we will be seeking parent/caregiver contribution over the coming months.

Finally, I ask parents/caregivers to ensure their child/ren are wearing the correct uniform at all times. It is imperative that students represent the College in the best possible light as they travel to and from school.



God bless,

Robert Muscat
Principal



Delany College in the tradition and spirit of the Patrician Brothers

"Pride, Persistence, Passion!"

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

The Delany community

I wrote last week of a number of up-coming events. Here again are these events to which you are warmly invited:

- **College Athletics Carnival** - Friday 22 June. Our Athletics carnivals are always great community days. Parents are very welcome to attend and watch the thrills and spills of championship races through to novelty events.
- **2018 Multicultural Day** - Friday 29 June. Over the past two years this has become an annual event that is firmly planted on our calendar. During the afternoon we will celebrate the amazing cultural diversity of this College through sharing food, learning about culture, and watching a number of cultural performances by our students. You can be involved by preparing and sending food for the day; helping your children find and prepare cultural dress and performance; attend and celebrate the day with us.
- **Parent/teacher/student interviews** - Wednesday 27 June and Tuesday 3 July (3.30 - 6pm). We provide two separate evenings so that we cater for as many families as possible for students from years 7 to 11. Booking appointments will be available as these dates approach. In meantime, you are welcome to contact our teaching staff at any time.
- **Year 10 subject selection for HSC 2020** - The journey officially begins for our current year 10 students. On Wednesday 27 June, immediately following the parent/teacher/student interviews, we will meet with Year 10 students and a family member to detail the process of selecting subjects for the HSC course, and providing you with information regarding the expectations of both the College and of NESA.

The academic community

By the time of publication, students in years 7 to 10 should have completed their Semester One examinations. My own success criteria for students is not what grade they are awarded, but the effort with which they have approached their education... every day.

While the “academic community” usually assumes “students”, it is actually our teaching staff who lead the academic work and efforts of the College. Our Delany teaching staff are in a constant cycle of plan-teach-review-replan for all the units of work in every subject. We are in a constant cycle of learning ourselves. A prime example of this is the significant amount of effort and planning that is being invested into literacy and numeracy strategies. The objective of our weekly Tuesday staff meetings is to build and deliver these strategies into the everyday teaching and learning of classes - not just English and Maths, but every subject, since every subject has either or both literacy and numeracy requirements.

The Patrician community

I’ve written before that we are blessed to have a Patrician Brother still on our staff. Br Charles Barry has been a valuable part of this community for so many years, and there is probably not a single student who he has not sat with and listened to their story.

This week Br Charles celebrated his 80th birthday (I hope he doesn’t mind me revealing that!). There were great plans to share cake and singing with him on Monday, but we were informed that he was, instead, in hospital after suffering a dislocated shoulder. I ask you to join with our Delany community to wish him a very happy birthday, a full recovery, and a speedy return to our school.

School Uniform

School uniform is unsatisfactory at the moment.

The majority of Delany students wear their uniform with pride and ensure they present the “complete package” - that is, winter blazer, school jumper and a complete uniform. Too many, however, do not.

The College’s winter uniform requires all students to wear a College blazer to and from school. Sports jackets, either the school one or any other variety, are not permitted. Non-College jumpers or “hoodies” cannot be worn underneath school shirts, jumpers or blazers. Please support the College by ensuring your children leave home with the correct uniform. The Uniform shop is open every Wednesday during Term 2.

Attendance at school, and what to do when absent

A key focus of 2018 is ensuring all of our students attend school regularly. Students are, of course, sick and injured from time to time. Our focus is really on those students who decide it’s too hot, too wet or generally too difficult to get out of bed and attend school. When it comes to learning, every day counts.

If your child is sick, or for some other reason is unable to attend, there are several ways in which you can let us know. You can leave a message by phone (8633 8100) at any stage of the day or night (using voice mail); you can email a message to administration, the Student Learning Leader or mentor teacher; you can write a note and have your child deliver it the following day; or you can use the ‘absence slips’ in the back of the student diary.

St Patrick, pray for us.

Mr Anthony Blomfield
Assistant Principal

UNABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY?

Here's how you can let the College know that your child will not be attending school.



GIVE US A CALL

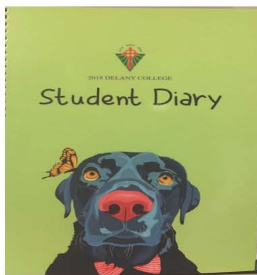
Call the College at any time of the day or night and leave a voicemail message.

The College phone number is 8633 8100.



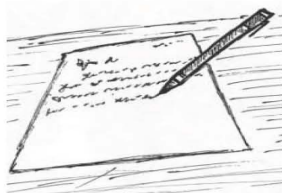
SEND AN EMAIL

Send an email to the College with your child's name, mentor class and a short reason for the absence.



USE THE STUDENT DIARY

Did you know that there are Absentee Notes available in the diary? Just fill it in and your child can hand it to their teacher.



SEND A WRITTEN NOTE

Write a note to your child's mentor teacher with an explanation of the dates and reason for the absence.



EVERY LEARNER. EVERY DAY.

We want every learner to be present at school every day they possibly can.

FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR

Dear parents, carers and students of Delany College,

I hope that this second term of 2018 is unfolding well for you.

On Friday 25 May, our Year 11 students visited Mount Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa for our school's 2018 Year 11 Reflection Day. There, they reflected upon the day's compelling question, 'What is my vocation?', by learning about ways in which a vocation is a lot more than just a job. Additionally, there, our Year 11 students contemplated the questions, "Love. Serve. Hope." (Romans 12:9-13): Why would St Paul have written this letter to the Romans?, 'How can we give witness to St Paul's message in our hope for the future?' and 'How can we hope, like Jesus, in our pursuit of our calling? Why?', before gathering after lunch for a liturgy. Student involvement was significant, and I thank Ms Margaret Bartley, Ms Naomi Booth, Ms Megan Cook, Miss Sarah Guillaume and Mrs Kathleen Moujalli for their immense energy and enthusiasm, as well as for their profound sharing of faith, throughout this day.

Then, last Wednesday 6 June, our school launched World Youth Day Panama 2019. A 1984 initiative of St John Paul II, World Youth Day (WYD) is a Catholic event for and of young people, celebrated on Palm Sunday each year at a diocesan level, and every few years at an international location. WYD is much more than merely a gathering, drawing hundreds of thousands of young people. WYD is profound evidence of a living and vibrant Church, hopeful for the future. Moreover, young people are the proponents of this rich coming-together of faith and unity, and the key objective of WYD is to enable young people to understand Christ's message in the context of a joyful gathering of the Pope, Church leaders and young people. To this end, I am very pleased to announce that Maryanne Takchi of Year 11 will represent Delany College at World Youth Day Panama 2019. And, from the sale of raffle tickets to participation in mufti days, I encourage you all to be feverish in your support of our school's various fundraising efforts during the coming months.

Wishing you and your families the very best for the fortnight ahead, with God's love,



Mr. Derek Wales
Religious Education Coordinator

FROM THE PEDAGOGICAL LEADER



What is GRIT?

GRIT is a term synonymous with a *passion for something, one wishes to accomplish and the long-term persistence to achieve it.*

Albert Einstein once stated, "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result." Teachers and students at Delany College are constantly called to reflect on their teaching and learning as the basis for improvement. It is not a condemnation to how the work was previously taught and completed, but an opportunity to develop new practices and opportunities.

What brought me and most likely all teachers to the profession is a true *passion for learning and what keeps me and most likely all teachers within the profession is our persistence to seek new methodologies and use these daily so as to "ignite" a love of learning.*

The teachers within our community constantly ask your children to define what success means to them and explain what it looks like. Having GRIT is a good place to start, as without passion and persistence success only remains an ideal.

Students also need to exhibit tenacity and resilience, a strength and determination to continue to strive and achieve their very best. To that end, students need to understand that "giving things a go" is a philosophy that continues way beyond school and well into all aspects of life.

The link provided is a great place for parents to begin the discussion around GRIT, with their child. It provides nine activities to build GRIT in adolescents that are fun, accessible and relatable.

<https://biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog/activities-grit-resilience-children>

Ms. Sharon McManus

School Fees

A huge thank you to those who have contacted me regarding payment arrangements and returning any required paperwork for fee assistance.

A statement for the second instalment of school fees should have been received by now. If you have not paid term one fees please do so now or contact me regarding an arrangement.

A reminder that fees can be paid by:

- * Direct debit,
- * Bpay,
- * Billpay,
- * Centrelink payments,
- * Eftpos,
- * Credit card,
- * Cheque
- * Cash.

We are willing to support families who require more time to pay off the school fees. If you are experiencing financial difficulty or would like to organise an alternate payment plan please contact me directly Ph 8633 8107.

Just a reminder of the Diocesan policy regarding a student leaving the College during the year that a Terms notice (10 school weeks) in writing must be given to the Principal before the removal of a student or a full Term's Fees will be payable

Mrs Sheryl Temu
Senior Finance Officer

Debating Update

Over the last three weeks, multiple students from Years 7-9 have represented Delany College in the Catholic Schools Debating Association in rounds 3-5. The competition took place over the last three Friday evenings, two at Delany College and Round 5 at Domremy College in Five Dock. Our students hosted Bethlehem College and De La Salle Ashfield with grace and presented tough competition with several extremely close debates.

Congratulations to our Year 7 team of Ethan Dogra, Joseph Koroma and Mariah Sleiman on their win over De La Salle, Ashfield in Round 4. On the 15th June, our teams will be competing in the final round of the Debating Competition against Holy Spirit, Lakemba. We wish them all the best on this evening.

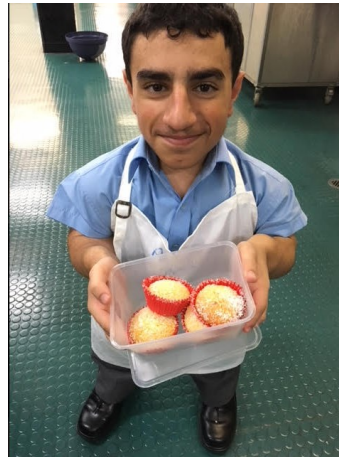
Thanks to our regular debaters that have committed every week and for their efforts in this difficult competition and a special thanks to all the teachers involved in Debating throughout this term.

Ms Whiticker

Food Technology

This term, Stage 5 Food Technology have been busy learning about the traditional Australian bush foods.

This week they made Lemon Myrtle Cupcakes and experienced the traditional way of life.



Daniella Karim

Certificate of Excellence in HSIE

Recipients of this award are to be congratulated for their consistent effort and diligence in all their HSIE subjects. HSIE teachers have nominated the students based on the following criteria:

- The student works with diligence and sustained effort consistently.
- The student is an active participant in class activities and discussions.
- The student works hard to showcase their learning and encourages the learning of their peers.

Certificate of Excellence in HSIE at Delany College will be awarded to students at every College Assembly and is a commendation that every student at Delany College should strive for.

I look forward to hearing about all the amazing things you do in your HSIE classes and hope to see you in front of the assembly being recognised for all your efforts.



Mrs R Akkouche
School Learning Leader of HSIE

For Parents

"Any student who has Asthma or allergies needs to supply the school with an updated health care plan for our records every year. You can obtain this plan from your doctors or specialists. This is essential to keep our students healthy and safe. Please forward any medical information to the front office."

Mrs Kata Collimore
Leader of Diverse Learning

STEM NEWS

Australian Space Design Competition



We have recently joined forces with one of our fellow Patrician Schools, Patrician Brothers Blacktown to create a team and enter the Space Design Competition. We have two students from Delany who have expressed their interest and will be representing our school, Gabriel Dandash and Claressa Bechara along with a group of students from Patrician Brothers. Students form futuristic aeronautical engineering companies, and respond to a Request For Tender (RFT) to design a space settlement set in a fictional solar environment, in which humans are beginning to colonise the solar system. After forming their engineering organisation, teams are tasked with producing a tender response, which details how their design meets the requirements established in the RFT.



Delany Mythbusters



Can you beat Year 8 with their own classwork?

Year 8 have been participating in a unit in STEM called Mythbusters. Each student has created their own avatar which will receive points for each activity – or myth that they bust. At the end of every week, work will be checked and points will be allocated for their work.

The STEM room will be open for lunch on various days to complete the activities. If you think you have what it takes, speak to Mrs Lennon for more information or to see the challenges.



Mrs Marian Lennon
STEM Coordinator | LTST

Delany Girls Netball

In the third week of the representative season, both the Junior and Intermediate girls netball teams were victorious! They have developed and refined their skills over the past few weeks, and their hard work has paid off. Congratulations to the Junior team who won 18 - 0! Congratulations to the Intermediate team who won by a staggering 42-0!!

We are very proud of you, and encourage you to keep up the hard work and persistence!

Junior Netball Team



Intermediate Netball Team



What's happening in HSIE? Year 8 Geography

Year 8 are currently studying a unit of work called 'Place and liveability.' In week 2, Year 8 had a visit from a Town Planner and a Senior Urban Designer from the Cumberland Council, explaining some of the projects that they are currently working on to make the area more *liveable*.

For their project this term, Year 8 will need to plan a community event that will enhance the liveability of the Cumberland local government area. In order to do this, students are designing a liveability survey, distributing the survey and collecting the results to analyse an area of need. At this point, each team is required to select an appropriate strategy to improve and enhance the perceptions of community members through creating a community event.

We look forward to their upcoming presentations. Watch this space as we could have future town planners in the making!!

Miss Mutabdzija and Miss Biddle

Stage 4 Mentor time

Positive relationships

This term Stage 4 have been focusing on a range of topics based on 'Positive relationships.'

We started the term by thinking about having a positive relationship with ourselves. At first we thought this was weird, but we looked at how we can use self-talk to encourage ourselves to do well, instead of giving excuses. We really liked looking at some of Will Smith's motivating clips to push us to be successful.

After this we were looking at relationships with our parents. This helped us realise some of the little changes we can make to get along with our parents better.

Now we are looking at relationships with friends, especially the qualities of a good friend vs a toxic friend. We really liked this because this helped us realise how we can be a better friend, and how to see who is a toxic friend.

Next week we will look at positive relationships with our teachers. Thank you

Simran Kaur, Mikaylla Chakoush and Pieta Pirini

BBQ Bonus for Delany students

On Friday 8 June almost 200 of our Delany students were invited to attend a BBQ at lunchtime. Every student whose attendance at school (for the first term and a half) that was 95% - 100% was invited. The objective of this approach is to both reward students for their excellent attendance, and also to promote the importance of daily attendance at school.

Here are the important statistics:

- 100% attendance - 61 students have not missed a school day this year
- 95 - 99% attendance - 130 students have missed between 1 and 4 days only.

As we move through the remainder of the year we will continue to promote and reward students for the positive attendance at school.

Of course, the most important reward students receive from a high attendance rate is a first-rate education. Every day that a student is in class, receiving tuition from our excellent staff and encouragement and support from their peers, is a step towards a successful future both at and beyond school.

Mr Anthony Blomfield
Assistant Principal

DELANY COLLEGE PRESENTS

MULTICULTURAL DAY

COMING SOON
29th June



MULTICULTURAL DAY



NEW MASS TIME

SUNDAY | 5:00 PM

Opportunity for Confession available from 4PM

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
EAST GRANVILLE

200 THE TRONGATE, EAST GRANVILLE



INTERNET 101



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Starts each THURSDAY from 3/5/18.

The classes are FREE but you must register by calling 9735-1222.

BERALA COMMUNITY CENTRE
98-104 WOODBURN RD BERALA

10am - 12 noon



This is a collaboration between Cumberland Multicultural Community Centre and Cumberland Council