COMING - READY OR NOT

Watch out Adelaide – there is a force to be reckoned with. The Rock Eisteddfod 2004 ‘Positives Minds Attract’ Rock Challenge has produced some outstanding performances from several schools – and Xavier is no exception. We are the only school in the State to win the ‘Positive Minds Attract’ Excellence in Drug Awareness Award this year and we also gained recognition for our efforts by winning the Channel 7 Excellence in Drama.

The Xavier students – all 63 of them performed beautifully and represented the College graciously for all the 15 hours they were together at the Adelaide Heats in the Festival Theatre. Now it is on to the Grand Final at the Entertainment Centre on September 17th with high hopes and gusto! Tickets will go on sale shortly for $28.50 each (sorry, no concessions).
BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

Xavier College takes the issues of bullying and harassment very seriously. Recent Australian research (from RMIT) suggests that up to 50% of young people who are bullied may not always tell adults as they are afraid or ashamed. This may result in a student being victimised for a prolonged period of time before it is discovered and carries the potential for serious short, medium and long-term side effects.

In order for the school to carry out its duty of care of providing all students with a safe environment in which to learn, grow and develop, the school seeks to enlist the cooperation of all parents in the school community. In addition to our normal preventative measures that we have in place at Xavier College, the school is committed to working in a proactive manner with parents.

In light of the RMIT research, we would like to share with parents some of the signs that they need to be aware of. Young people who are bullied may display one of (usually) several of the following signs:

Ø Not wanting to go to school and finding excuses to stay home (for example, feeling sick)
Ø Being very tense, tearful and unhappy after school
Ø Talking about hating school or not having any friends
Ø Refusing to tell you what happens at school
Ø Do not bring classmates or other peers home and seldom spend time in the homes of others
Ø May not have a single good friend to share free time with (play, shopping, sports, chatting on the phone, etc)
Ø Are seldom or never invited to social gatherings and may not be interested in arranging gatherings themselves (for example birthday celebrations), because they expect nobody wants to come
Ø Appear afraid or reluctant to go to school in the morning, have poor appetite, repeated headaches or stomach pains (especially in the morning)
Ø Have restless sleep with bad dreams, may cry in their sleep
Ø Have bruises, injuries, cuts and/or scratches that cannot be given a natural explanation
Ø Come home with damaged books, folders, clothes, etc
Ø Lose interest in school work and get poor results
Ø Appear unhappy, sad, depressed or show unexpected mood swings with irritability and sudden outbursts of temper
Ø Request or steal money from the family (to accommodate the bullies)

These signs may not necessarily mean your child is being bullied or harassed at school. However, if you do notice these signs, it is necessary to check out what is worrying your child and to inform us as soon as possible. Please telephone the school and ask to speak to your child’s House Director about the situation. In the meantime, parents should be assured that the school is committed to continually reviewing its policies and practices on bullying and harassment. Please feel free to contact one of the House Directors or myself if you would like to discuss these issues in the future. The House Directors at Xavier College are:

Bosco House Director – Mr Jim Roberts
McCormack House Director – Mr Rob Polito
MacKillop House Director – Mr Michael Hennessy
Polding House Director – Ms Chris Dwulat

Ms Michelle Rawady
Director of Students

For all uniform enquiries please phone the Uniform Shop direct on 85-214547. If not attended, please leave a message.

OPENING HOURS FOR TERM 3

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INTER-SCHOOLS GIRLS SOCCER CARNIVAL

Xavier College won the inaugural Inter-Schools Girls Junior (Year 8-10) Soccer Carnival played between Trinity College, St. Columba College, Norwood Morialta High School and Xavier College played at Trinity College on Wednesday 11th August.

On a beautiful Spring sunny day Xavier defeated St. Columba in the final 2-1, Kathryn Rocca scoring the winning goal in the first period of extra time.

Norwood Morialta High defeated Trinity College 1-0 in the play off for third position.

Xavier won their way to the final the hard way after going down to St. Columba 1-0 in their first game of the round-robin series. Xavier had a lot more possession of the ball, but St Columba were able to score the only goal for the match.

In the second match Xavier defeated Norwood Morialta High 1-0 with a great goal coming from the foot of Brittny Connaughton scored in only the second minute of the match. Another goal at the 12 minute mark was ruled off-side. The fine defensive work of sweeper Alysa Adderly and backs, Khala Penrose and Ashlee Hall, together with the good form of goal-keeper, Emily Howard, built a solid foundation for this victory. The strikers were continuously being fed with good balls from captain, Adele Cockayne and Leanne Gajewski in the midfield.

The final round-robin match against Trinity College had to be won, as a draw would not have given Xavier enough points to qualify for the final. Xavier got away to a dream start with Alicia Butler getting past her defender and finding the back of the net with a well hit ball in only the second minute of the game. Emma Byers did a magnificent job in cutting out the Trinity “gun” striker and in fact Xavier convincingly won the match to move into the final, being the only team to win two matches.

The final was a very even affair. Although having more of the ball, Xavier struggled to capitalize until in the 14th minute Alicia Butler (again) scored from an almost impossible position. Just as victory appeared insight, St. Columba scored an excellent goal, struck beautifully from just inside the penalty box and just under the crossbar. Extra time was required and just before halftime Kathryn Rocca, in a goal front scrimmage, managed to get the ball into the back of the net for a Xavier victory. A great day was had by all four participating schools.

Xavier College squad: Adelle Cockayne, Brittny Connaughton, Nikki Connaughton, Emma Byers, Emily Howard, Jenna Samson, Nicole Groombridge, Leanne Gajewski, Khala Penrose, Alysa Adderly, Ashlee Hall, Kathryn Rocca, Charissa Cruz-Lees, Alicia Butler. Lauren Allen (manager) and Rick Drewer (coach)
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Featuring:
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- Year 10 Band
- Saxophone Ensemble
- Vocal Ensemble
- Talented Year 8's

Music Performance
- Commences at 7.00pm

Art Exhibition
- Opens 6.30pm (in the PE lab next to the gym)

Refreshments served in the PE lab during interval

AUGUST 31st