Youth Parliament May 2004

Law Week 2004 resulted in Xavier College participating in two events. The first of those events was Youth Parliament.

Six Yr 11 students from Ms Meyers Legal Studies class took their place in the South Australian House of Assembly with approximately 100 other students from around the State.

Students are allocated the role of a Member of the House and are required to prepare a speech, which outlines the needs of their community, or prepare a debate speech for the Bill that has been proposed.

Tegan Couzner spoke about the lack of car parking in the main shopping precinct of Gawler. This is a very pertinent issue for this community as Tegan found after speaking with the Honourable Member for Light, Mr Malcolm Buckby in the process of her research.

Mr Buckby made mention of Tegan in his address to the House of Assembly when he tabled his thanks to the team who ran this programme.

Kylie Hargrave, who is an avid competitor with the Western Riding Fraternity spoke with a particular focus on establishing world-class facilities within the Gawler Region.

The proposed Bill was then debated. The proposal was to proceed with the introduction of a South Australian Identity Card.

As Members of the Opposition, Belinda Angus established in her speech the Bill would represent an invasion of privacy. Sarah Smyth and Joseph Sarmiento reinforced the absurdity of the Government’s proposal of introducing such a card, as it would be impossible to enforce.

As the afternoon progressed all students showed their understanding of the process and like our elected politicians joined in with the heckling of other members of Chamber who did not support their ideas.

The final speaker for the Opposition was Peter Curtis who revelled in the opportunity to sum up the arguments presented by all Members and put his stamp on why the people of South Australia do not need to have an identification card.

Kathleen Meyers
Business Education Co-ordinator

The quality and calibre of presentations was the highest I have ever seen. Our six representatives matched the excellence of their peers and their representation of Xavier College at this event did not go unnoticed.

Front Row L – R  Belinda Angus, Kylie Hargrave, Tegan Couzner
Back Row L – R  Peter Curtis (in Speaker Chair), Sarah Smyth, Joseph Sarmiento

“a school of the future in the present”
From the Principal

End of Term 2

Students will be dismissed at 2pm on Friday, July 2, bringing to a conclusion the second Term. The last few weeks of the Term have been particularly busy with a substantial focus on assessment and reporting. The first Semester ended in Week 8 for students in Years 11 and 12 and in a number of subjects, students sat for summative exams. For students in Years 8-10, the end of term brings to a conclusion units of work and in many cases this has also involved various forms of summative assessment. In all, teachers have given considerable attention to the process of assessment, leading to the preparation of formal reports.

Academic Reports will be distributed to Year 11 and 12 students this week. It would seem to be an opportune time for students to use the holiday period to reflect on their progress over the last two terms and for parents to discuss with their son/daughter appropriate goals for the remainder of the year. Reports will be distributed to students in Years 8-10 in Week one of next term.

A ‘Big’ week in the life of Year 12 students!

Last week was a significant week for the Year 12 cohort in the context of their graduation year. The latter part of Term 2 is often a time when students begin to weary of the demands of the final year of their schooling. Experience would suggest that it is a time when some lose motivation and their efforts begin to decline. The Year 12 retreat was an opportunity for students to withdraw from their demanding schedule and contemplate the real purpose of their endeavours, to review and assess their personal position on essential aspects of life, relationships and their future.

Students spent three days at Victor Harbor involved with a program that had as its theme, 'The Magic of Connection'. The theme was an apt description of both the formal input and the apparent lived reality of the experience. The retreat was directed by Fr Mick Court, a Salesian Priest, a member of the Salesian Retreat Team, and a talented magician who is based in Victoria.

Fr Mick used magic along with a deliberate reflection process, to capture the imagination of students and challenge them to explore their connection to; Others, their Best Self, Life and to God.

As a year 12 RE teacher I was fortunate to be part of the experience and was delighted by the manner in which students immersed themselves in the program, gave of themselves in a variety of meaningful ways and co-operated with Fr Mick and the teachers involved. I feel confident that the experience will have been refreshing for many students and serve as a significant launching point for the remainder of the year, and into the future.

The week concluded on an equally high note as the Year 12 Formal was held at the Stamford Plaza on Saturday night. The Formal concept provides a rare opportunity for students to have a good night out with the full spectrum of their school friends. Students were dressed in formal attire, they all looked stunning and their behaviour matched the occasion, something that was commented on by the staff at the Stamford Plaza. It was also wonderful that so many teachers were able to attend the Formal and I know they were delighted that students were so keen for them to be present.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of teachers who were involved on the Retreat and who attended the Formal. In particular I commend the organisation of Mr Gareth Watson and Ms Michelle Rawady who planned, coordinated and managed the respective events.

LYNN MARTIN

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sam Farren on his selection in the SA Schoolboys Rugby Union team. Sam is currently involved in the National Schoolboys Championships being held at Geelong Grammar, Victoria.

CAN APPEAL

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who donated cans to this year's St. Vinnies Can Drive. We were able to forward over 700 cans to the local St. Vinnies conference to help them assist those most in need in the Gawler region.
XAVIER COLLEGE
GAWLER

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS
1995—2004

Invites you to our

Inaugural Old Scholars Dinner
Saturday 28th of August, 2004
at
The Gawler Arms Hotel
Murray Street - Gawler

3 Course Meal
Cost: $25.00
(Drinks not included)

Tickets available through the College Office
from July 26th to August 13th
Phone: 8523 0088

This evening will be a great opportunity to catch up with other past students and teachers.
It is hoped that through this gathering we will be able to create an Old Scholars Association as a formal way of maintaining a link between the College and its past students.
A program inspired by the United States NASA organisation and which takes its participants into Australia’s desert country, is being used in South Australia to build understanding amongst Adelaide teenagers about life in the Outback, in Aboriginal communities and Australian history and culture.

The nine day Trek into two indigenous communities (Mimili and Mutijulu) is structured with a series of activities and facilitators who provide the necessary challenges to undergo a shift in perception by students. Immersion Treks are not ‘look and see’ nor text driven. Immersion Treks represent an event in which human dynamics are maximized to fully impact on the individual. For example, school visit, indigenous dance (Inma), storytelling, campfires, concerts, disco, BBQs, indigenous craft sessions, food gathering and a host of other activities with the community elders, local school kids and our own specially selected crew, all contribute to maintaining a dynamic state and change.

Mercedes College in suburban Adelaide began the Mimili Immersion Trek in 1996. Small groups from other school (Xavier College - Melbourne; Casimir - Hobart; St Ignatius College - Adelaide; Christian Brothers College - Adelaide, have joined the Trek. In 2004, we are hoping to attract a school from Queensland and New South Wales to make it more of a national event.

The cost for the Trek is $660 - further information is available from Mr Martin.

This year, the Archbishop's Dinner is to be held on Friday August 20th at the Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace. Individual bookings or table of 10 are available by phoning 8210 8210. Included in the cost of $120 per person is a three course dinner with drinks and music by well known Adelaide Band, Take Five. The proceeds again will go towards the Catholic Charities Appeal that received $15,000 from the 2003 Dinner. At this year’s Dinner the recipients of the Archbishop’s Awards will be announced. This will again be a great night and tables are limited so book early. Booking slips are available in the school’s Front Office or on the above phone number.

DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY
CONFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

FACILITATOR: Fr MARK COOPER CP

SATURDAY JULY 24, 2004
9 AM - 3.30 PM

AQUINAS COLLEGE
1 PALMER PLACE, NORTH ADELAIDE
CONFERENCE ROOM (JUNIOR COMMON ROOM - FIRST FLOOR)

Enquiries: Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide 8210 8108
**Junior Girls Soccer 2004**

In a first for both Xavier and Trinity Colleges, the first round of a round-robin series of junior girls soccer matches between Xavier College, Trinity College Gawler River and Trinity College Blakeview was held at Xavier College.

The match was a very even affair with all girls from both schools showing great enthusiasm and much promise as future soccer players. Although the result of 2-0 in favour of Xavier indicates a reasonably comfortable victory, the match was extremely even.

The two goals came from the foot of Ashlee Hall in the second half. The second goal was a fine strike of the ball from just inside the right corner of the penalty box and went into the top right hand corner of the net. Brilliant stuff.

Much drive and strength came from Emily Howard who displayed on numerous occasions, many fine skills.

All team squad members played very well and are looking forward to their next match against Trinity College Blakeview.

**Score:** Xavier College 2 : Trinity College Gawler River 0

**Goal Scorers:** Ashlee Hall 2

**Xavier College Best Players:** Ashlee Hall, Candice Hudson, Leanne Gajewski, Olivia Clasholm, Emily Noble, Emily Howard

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**Year 9 Xavier College KO Football 2004**

Xavier College: 6 goals 13 pts  49
Trinity College: 5 goals 6 pts  36

**Best Players:**
Brad Dodman, Ned Seccafien, Michael Dimuccio.

**Goal Scorers:** Ned Seccafien 2, Jarrod Irvine 2, David King 1, Adrian Costa 1.

The game was a tight battle between two very skilful teams. The physical toughness displayed by some of the players, led by Ned Seccafien and Brad Dodman, was a contributing factor to a great win. This was accompanied by stellar performances by individuals and great teamwork. A great effort by all.

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**Open Boys Knock-out Soccer 2004**

The first round of the open boys knock-out soccer competition was always going to be a competitive encounter with Xavier drawing local rival Trinity. The match commenced at a very fast pace with both sides playing attacking soccer. However after 8 minutes of end to end soccer Xavier scored after a quick counter attack starting with Jason Delfos delivering a pin point pass to Lewis Howard who confidently slotted the ball past the Trinity goal keeper.

Eleven minutes later Pat Barbaro scored another brilliant goal following another quick counter attack which was again initiated by Jason Delfos. The third goal came seven minutes later, with the ball hit by Kraig Andrews, who forced a defensive error ending with the ball in the net. The score was 3 – 0 at half time.
OPENING HOURS FOR TERM 3

Mondays
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Thursdays

MOBILE TELEPHONES

Many students now have their own mobile telephone that they bring to school each day. If a student has a mobile telephone at school, they must have it switched off during class time so that their learning and the learning of others, is not disrupted. They are not to be used during lessons.

Unfortunately in recent times, many telephones have been stolen from lockers that have not been locked, or taken from school bags left unattended. We do our best at Xavier College to avoid this happening, however, as with any item of value, it is impossible to stop these thefts from never occurring.

Students are reminded to keep their telephones with them at all times. The school does not take any responsibility for the theft of these telephones. If a student chooses to bring a telephone to school, they must take responsibility for looking after it. Ideally, students should leave their telephones at home. Students do have access to a pay telephone at recess and lunchtimes if they need to make a telephone call. If it is an emergency situation, students are able to contact parents through Reception and vice versa.

If you have any queries regarding the use of mobile telephones, please contact me at the College.

The Senior Xavier football team travelled to Smithfield Plains Oval to start their knockout campaign against Smithfield Plains High School defeating the home team 16-15 (115) to 4-2 (26). After what was an ordinary start in the first quarter, where we failed to use the ball properly, Xavier’s skills and decision making improved and we led by 6 goals at halftime. With Luke Liccione at full forward and Daniel Havelberg at center half forward causing a handful for the Smithfield defence and the on ballers using the ball to their advantage, Xavier was able to kick away and defeat Smithfield by 12 goals. Smithfield’s forwards hardly had a chance to get into a rhythm with the strong Xavier back line controlling everything that came its way. **Better players were:** Luke Howard, Daniel Havelberg, Ben Hampel.

**Goal Kickers:** Daniel Havelberg 4, Luke Liccione 2

**Xavier College Year 10 Soccer**

In a very even match played in shockingly windy conditions, Xavier went down to Craigmore High School 3-2. Xavier did very well in holding Craigmore to 1-1 at the interval, considering that Craigmore had use of the very strong breeze. Craigmore scored the first goal at the 13 minute mark with Xavier equalizing at the 15 minute mark after a great ball from Michael Pogus to Callum Johnstone found the back of the net. Xavier went ahead at the 7 minute mark of the second half after a great solo effort from Jarrod Chester in getting past 3 Craigmore defenders before finding the net. Craigmore replied with a goal at the 10 minute mark and then went ahead after converting a penalty at the 25 minute mark. **Score:** Craigmore 3 Xavier 2.

**Xavier Goal Scorers:** Callum Johnstone, Jarrod Chester.

**Xavier Best Players:** Jarrod Chester, Patrick Doolan, Ben Garwood, Callum Johnstone.

**Year 10 Netball**

Well done to the Year 10 Knock-out Netball team for defeating Thomas More 61-36. After a very tight opening few minutes the girls broke away to a 10 goal lead at quarter time. With the solid defence of Kathryn Koslowicz, Tash Dunstan and Nikki Connaughton and the drive of the center court players, shooters Clare O’Reilly and Lauren Allen had many opportunities to take the team to a 17 goal lead at half time. During the second half Xavier continued to increase the lead eventually taking the team to a 25 goal win. **Best players:** Clare O’Reilly, Alix Stanton and Kathryn Koslowicz. All played very well.