Xavier News

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ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

Wednesday November 24th

7:00 pm

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All families and students are invited to this special evening.

TERM 4 DATES

Nov 15 Year 11 Exams commence
Nov 24 Presentation Evening – whole school awards night
Nov 29 2005 Year 8 Information Night
Dec 1 Final Year 9/10 Masses – last day for Middle School (1.10 pm)
Dec 1 Greet Awards Night
Dec 2 2005 Year 8 Orientation Day
Dec 3 Final Year 8 Mass – last day for Year 8 (3.24 pm)
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“a school of the future in the present”
From the Principal

An extract from the Principal’s Year 12 Final Assembly Address 2004.

Today is a day of mixed emotions, our year 12 cohort has reached the end of their school days, although there is still work to be done with exams starting on Monday, the familiar routine that has been the daily pattern for much of the last 12 years, concludes today. On one hand there is a sense of excitement, of anticipation of the new adventures that lie around the corner and of what the future might hold. At the same time however, when you contemplate leaving familiar territory there is also a feeling of some sadness, there is a certain comfort in what we know well and being where we feel at home.

I hope that during this last day, year 12s will take the time to look around and reflect on what lies beneath their feet and indeed all around them, this place has been here for millions of years, the Ngalu people cared for it for thousands of those years and 11 years ago Fr Handley looked over it and imagined what we now see here. This is the 6th graduating class to leave Xavier College and you are part of a new beginning as we look forward to the many graduation classes to come, the next 4 of which are sitting here today. That said, you now continue on your journey and will forever be discerning what you hang on to and what you leave behind. Life demands this!

As a society we decide what buildings to treasure and which ones to demolish, what forests to preserve and what land to clear.

Our year 12 students will be confronted with many similar decisions, in its entirety it is unlikely that this cohort will ever gather again! What friends will you keep? The decision to preserve friendships will require maintenance, you need to go out of your way and make special efforts to keep in touch, make sure you do!

The school curriculum has been full of information, what has been the really powerful knowledge that is worth remembering, worth pursuing further or making part of who you are and the way you live your life? What school experiences will remain with you forever? I know there will have been events and experiences that touched you deeply and will forever make a difference in your life.

I hope you have found Xavier College true to the Salesian charter. I hope you have found it to be a welcoming ‘home away from home’ and that in response you take with you a willingness to open your hearts to all people in society and make them feel welcome in your homes, this is how peace will find its way into our world.

I hope the educational experience we have shared here has prepared you well for life and that you realise that success is achievable, irrespective of the career choices you make, because success is born out of who you are as a person. It is achieved through the personal human qualities of commitment, determination and persistence, and an understanding that relationships are at the centre of all that happens, including in the world of work.

I hope Xavier College has been in someway evangelical and marked you indelibly with a sense of the spiritual, with a realisation that there is a god who holds you in the palm of his hand. I hope you will always sense that presence in your life, a presence that will ensure you find meaning in what ever experience life presents to you. I can but pray that you might find merit in continuing to be part of a Eucharistic community, attending mass is part of the maintenance work I mentioned.

I hope you have met and made many friends in your time here, that the playground has been a happy place and that you will want to return to us as old scholars, perhaps even send your children to Xavier College.

I congratulate you all on what you have achieved. In a few moments we will acknowledge the academic achievements of a number of students and later in the year other outstanding performances will be acknowledged at the Presentation evening, but right now I would like to acknowledge in a special way each and every one of you. As a year level you have been an outstanding group, your solidarity never more evident than at your retreat. Your positive approach to all aspects of school life has been infectious and has provided a very positive example to younger students. I hope our current Year 11 cohort have gleaned much from what they have witnessed.

Lynn Martin - Principal

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Congratulations to the students for Years 9 -12 who did so well in the recent ACER tests of Indonesian reading and listening skills. Year 12 students Lauren Barker and Sarah Drake were in the top 10% nationwide and earned distinctions in both areas. Philippa O’Loan gained a distinction in the reading section. All our Year 11 students, Lauren Adler, Rosanna Afford, Richelle Alarin, Brent Bloffwitch, Tegan Couzner, Hannah Murdoch, Heath Varco and April Webber gained double distinctions with Lauren, Hannah and Brett also being in the top 10% nationally for both skills. In Year 10 Emily Callender, Ashleigh Drumm, Rachel Gavini, Sarah Gavini, Samantha Kondraciuk, Kathryn Koslowicz and Ninette Notto were awarded double distinctions and in Year 9 Courtney Surridge reached this level of excellence. Tegan Couzner, (Year 11) Rachel Gavini, Kathryn Koslowicz, Stephanie Moore (Year 10), Kathleen Lane (Year 9) and April Webber were also in the top 10% for one of the skills.

During the last two years our Indonesian teachers Ms Hinsliff and Miss Hatch have spent holiday time traveling and studying in Indonesia. In October 2002 Miss Hatch traveled to Bali. Last holidays Ms Hinsliff undertook an Indonesian language course in Yogyakarta and travelled in Sumatra.

Mrs Wendy Martin
Co-Ordinator of Humanities

Congratulations to the newly elected College Leaders for 2005

**College Captains**
Karlee Taylor
Tyson Hamilton

**Bosco House Captains**
Karlee Taylor
Kieran Sankey

**Polding House Captains**
Tyson Hamilton
Lauren Calandro

**MacKillop House Captains**
Kasey McVicar
Brent Bloffwitch

**McCormack House Captains**
Monique Dare
Luke Liccione

**ROAD SAFETY**

There are a few students who are crossing the Malalla Road (80km) and the Bypass Road (110km) as they walk home. The speed limits set on both these road makes this a dangerous practice and one to be avoided. Using the path over the Overpass Bridge and crossing the Malalla Road in the 50 km section is the sensible course of action. To make matters even worse I have received reports of students acting foolishly and recklessly whilst crossing the Bypass Road. I urge parents to address these issues with their son or daughter if they suspect they may be using this route home.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

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

**OPENING HOURS FOR REMAINDER OF TERM 4**

**Mondays 22/11, 29/11, 6/12**

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**Thursdays 25/11, 2/12, 9/12**

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Please note the Uniform shop will also be open on 2/12/04

8.00 am - 9:30 am

Uniform Shop Opening Times at the beginning of 2005 will be as follows:-

Mon 24/1/05, Tues 25/1/05, Thurs 27/1/05

1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

Friday 28/10/5  9.00 am - 1.00 pm
Monday 31/1/05  8.00 am - 9.00 am
Monday 31/1/05  2.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Thursday 3/2/05  2.30 pm - 4.30 pm
Xavier College 2004 Yearbook

Special 10th Anniversary Edition of the College Magazine. Features the highlights of the 2004 school year, as well photographs and articles that delve back into the history of the College. We reflect on the life and great vision of Fr Dennis Handley, founding Principal of Xavier College.

All the major events of the year will be covered, including Sports Day, Yr 8 Camp, Xavier Day, year 12 formal, retreat and graduation, just to name a few!

There will only be one 10th Anniversary, make sure you have a copy of this special edition yearbook.

If you wish to purchase a copy, you are invited to pre order this year. The cost will be $36, which will include 100 pages of photos and articles. (including 12 great colour pages!) Limited copies, guarantee yours now!

NAME: ..........................................  TUTOR GROUP: ...........................................
I would like to order 1 copy of the 2004 Xavier College Magazine. I have enclosed my payment of $36. (Payable at the bookroom)