The 2005 Project Compassion Appeal at Xavier College was brought to a conclusion on Tuesday with a final fundraising effort. An extended lunch with sausage sizzle, musical performances and staff dressed in school uniform helped bring the final tally past the $2,800 mark. Many thanks to Mr Watson and all involved in appeal events.

OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 3rd APRIL 2005
11 am – 1 pm

All prospective students and their parents are warmly invited to Open Day at Xavier College. This is the ideal opportunity to meet with staff and view displays of student work.

One of the features of Open Day is that Xavier students act as tour guides. You will be able to view all specialist areas with practical demonstrations and performances being conducted during the Open Day times.

The College looks forward to meeting you in 2005, and we trust that your visit to Open Day will be a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

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From the Principal

I hope all families were able to enjoy a reflective and refreshing Easter weekend. At Xavier we concluded the Lenten period on Holy Thursday with a powerful reflection which involved a powerpoint presentation of the Stations of the Cross, relayed electronically to all tutor group rooms, followed by a College assembly in the gymnasium.

During this time the account of the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, taken from John’s Gospel, was presented.

On their return on Tuesday all students gathered in the College gymnasium for a resurrection liturgy. The assembled student body was sprinkled with Holy Water that had been blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass and then proceeded to participate in a lively and hope filled liturgy, with our musicians and liturgical choir leading the celebration.

The resurrection of Jesus assures us that in every circumstance and in the face of every difficulty, Jesus is at our side. It enables us to see the world through a different lens, to imagine what the human spirit is capable of achieving with a commitment to the betterment of humanity. If all were imbued with the same vision as that of Don Bosco, who reassured the young people in his care with the words “What I want is your happiness now and forever”, we would send out a real message of hope to our world.

A successful Project Compassion appeal was brought to a conclusion at lunchtime on Tuesday with a musical concert and sausage sizzle. The College staff also appeared dressed in school uniform to add to the occasion. I am delighted that the College community was able to raise over $2800 in support of the urgent work being carried out by Caritas Australia, the Catholic Church Aid Agency.

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, telephones have misplaced for a variety of reasons, including theft. We do our best at Xavier College to avoid this happening, however, as with any item of value, it is impossible to stop some incidents from occurring.

The school does not take any responsibility for 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 they need to contact parents and do not have any money, they can see their House Director to organise telephone call for them. In the event of illness, parents would be contacted by the College.

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

Ms Michelle Rawady
Director of Students

‘Seasons for Growth’ - Grief Program

Learning to live with change and loss

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives. At Xavier College we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth that will commence at the school in Term 2. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research which highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem-solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth, we would encourage you to talk to him/her about participating in the program.

Xavier College is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved. If you require further information, please contact either Mr Oreste Farrugia or Ms Louise Smith, our School Counsellors, or myself at the College.

Ms Michelle Rawady
Director of Students

Enrolment of Students for Year 8, 2006

Xavier College is now accepting enrolments for the 2006 school year in Year 8. Applications for Year 8, 2006 need to be forwarded to the College Secretary, Mrs. Jane Montgomery, by Friday, 15th April.

Enrolment Application Forms and College Information Packs are available from the school office.

For further information contact the College Secretary during school hours Telephone 8523 0088, Fax 8523 0916 e-mail secretary@xavier.sa.edu.au

Ms Michelle Rawady
Director of Students
YEAR 12 MEDIA EXCURSION

NOVA 91.9

Our excursion to Nova was a good way for us to learn about what really goes on in an Australian Media outlet. When we arrived Nick Nolan who is the program director for Nova & 5AA radio greeted us. He guided us around the Nova studios where we saw radio personality, Emma Rebellato reading the news ‘live to air’. We then found out that Nova use many satellite clocks, which cost about $3000. A signal is sent from a satellite to give the clock 100% accuracy. Next we met announcer, Hayden Else showed us some techniques of how they play songs, cut in adverts and promos, as well as talking to callers. We then moved onto the promo room where Aaron told us all about making the special effects for radio, promos for the station and special segments like ‘CSI Noarlunga’ with ‘Fitzy’ (Ryan Fitzgerald). We then moved to the main studios at 5AA where we met Keith Conlan (radio personality & Ch 9 TV presenter on Postcards). He chatted to us about what it is like to work in radio and how to go about getting into that area to work.

Adam Knott & Matt Adams
Year 12 Students

CHANNEL 9 STUDIOS

After visiting Nova we went to Channel Nine and met our tour guide, Nigel Kerby. Nigel showed us the studio control room, where a team of people control which camera, graphic or story is put to air for programs such as the news. We saw the big videotape machines & also computer systems that recorded digital & high definition programs ready to be seen at home on a 30-minute delay. Afterward we went to Studio 2 where we spoke with Rob Kelvin as he had completed recording a newsbreak. Rob let us have a go at reading from the autocue, as he does every night for the news. He was very friendly and answered all of our questions and explained a bit about how he started off in journalism.

I was surprised that the studio was nothing special - I thought it would have been new and modern. The news studio background (although a very expensive blue screen) was a big ‘tarp-like’ structure that had the news design printed onto it to make it look good. We saw the ‘newsroom’ where all the journalists work to piece together the stories that make the news for the day. We also looked at the ‘cruiser’ which is a vehicle fitted with all of the equipment needed for outside broadcasts, when journalists are ‘on site’ and away from the studio. We left the Newsroom and went into Studio 1 where Carol Davis was filming Top Spot for the next week. It was pretty cool watching ‘behind the scenes’, especially when she made a mistake saying ‘crusty bed’ instead of ‘crusty bread’. It was easy for them to fix up – but we don’t often get to see the ‘bloopers’ of each show.

Once Topspot was finished filming we went back to the administration area and Nigel gave us a show bag to take home. It was a great day all around, although it would have been better if it were a whole day excursion, not just half a day.

Marie Trimboli & Michael McGivern
Year 12 Students

Kentish Road, Gawler Belt

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CATHOLIC CO-EDUCATIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2005

On Monday 21st March, a group of the best athletes at Xavier College, descended on Santos Stadium to compete in the annual Catholic Carnival. Held in superb conditions, our team performed excellently to finish a credible 5th. All involved had a great day with Xavier claiming 6 out of 20 new records set on the day. A special mention must go to Rebecca Ramsbotham, who began the final leg of the U15 relay 15m behind 1st place, before powering past the field and winning on the line. She also won all 4 of her individual events entered. There were many other fine performances as detailed below. Congratulations to all athletes, whose support of their peers was very inspirational, and led to our fantastic display in the relays.

Daniel Searle
Sports Administrator

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2005 CATHOLIC COMBINED SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Wednesday evening, a group of swimmers from Xavier College competed in the annual Catholic School’s Carnival. The team performed admirably with Xavier winning the Under 15 Boys division and narrowly missing out on claiming the U16 and Open Girls division. Rebecca Pierotti, Karlee Taylor and Shamika Moore all had excellent victories. Our strength in the relays was evident with two stirring triumphs and the Xavier supporters close to bringing the roof down! Shamika Moore was fantastic and was unlucky not to win more events with 3 2nd places. The support from parents at this event was wonderful and special thanks must go to Barbara and Roger Greenhalgh for their efforts at and before the event. Also, thanks to Frank Monaghan for his computer scoring of the event. A great night!

Daniel Searle
Sports Administrator

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