Principal’s Address at the College Assembly to celebrate the Feast of Mary MacKillop

In the years ahead there will be Xavier College Honour Boards mounted on the walls of the College gymnasium. The 15th Anniversary of the commencement of Xavier, in 2009, might be a good opportunity to establish the first. Most schools have honour rolls that list the College Leaders, the annual College Dux and the College Athlete of the year. The media often reports on individuals who have been inducted into a ‘Hall of Fame’ established by a particular organisation like the AFL, and on occasions like Australia Day and the Queen’s Birthday we hear of those who have received an Order of Australia award. John Polding, Irene McCormack and Mary MacKillop, each a patron of one of our College Houses, would all be candidates for an Australian Catholic ‘Hall of Fame’. I hope you are all aware that Mary MacKillop has also been nominated to join St John Bosco as a member of the Catholic Church’s world wide ‘Hall of Fame’. These people are of course revered as Saints. I am sure you all recognise that this means that Mary MacKillop lived an extraordinary life. What you may not recognise however, is that many of the remarkable things she achieved were undertaken when she was a very young woman. By the age of 14 she was financially supporting her parents and 8 younger siblings, and by the time she was 19 years old she was a full time teacher. At the age of 24 she opened her first school, the first free Catholic school in Australia. By this stage others were beginning to take notice and soon there were hundreds of women willing to drop everything and join her cause. Interestingly, at this very same time John Bosco was doing the exact same thing in Europe.

But what exactly made her life extraordinary? She wasn’t at school long enough to be a notable academic. She didn’t play sport for Australia, nor was she an outstanding musician or artist. She certainly possessed the personal traits of courage, determination and persistence, but what was her special gift? Quite simply, Mary MacKillop had an enduring respect for others – for all people, especially the poor and disadvantaged. This was the same human quality that John Bosco also demonstrated.

My point is that everyone sitting here this morning in this College gymnasium has the capacity to live an extraordinarily successful life – every one of you, without exception and it is not about achieving straight ‘A’s, or fulfilling an ambition to play for the Adelaide Thunderbirds. If you have an enduring respect for others you will inevitably be extraordinarily successful - because people will be inspired by your human character, in whatever you do in life.

Central to the Vision for our school and also to the Charter for Salesian Schools, is for a culture of respect to exist at Xavier College. Signs that this sort of culture is truly evident, would include things like:

- the absence of bullying (which is the most abhorrent lack of respect);
- a genuine care for the environment (evidenced by the absence of litter in the College grounds);
- adherence to SA Road Transport laws as we come and go from the College (serious consideration being shown towards other road users whether as a driver or as a pedestrian);
- the correct wearing of the College uniform (recognition that the uniform is an outward sign of our connection to something worthwhile).

My challenge to you on this Feast of Mary MacKillop is that you will all strive to be extraordinarily successful by showing a real respect towards others and helping to ensure that a culture of respect really does exist at Xavier College.
## Academic Honour Roll
### Term 2, 2006

### Bosco House Profiles
#### House Leader
Lachlan Greenhalgh - Bosco Junior House Leader
- **Age:** 15
- **Interests:** Soccer, golf, swimming, sidecars.

Why did you want to be a House Leader? Because I thought it would be a great experience and to be a role model for younger students.

What is the best/worst thing about being a house leader? Worst - people pulling your badge off and losing the magnet down your top.

What do you love the most about being a student at Xavier College? It’s competitive nature at sports days and house sport competition.

What do you want to do when you leave school? Pick up a trade and maybe even own my own business.

What is your favourite subject and why? Technology, because it involves precision.

What word or phrase describes you best? Team player.

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#### Tutor Teacher
Noel Tiver - Bosco Tutor Teacher
- **Age:** Yes!
- **Interests:** Football, tennis, music, golf, agriculture, land development, current affairs, environmental issues.

Why did you want to be a teacher? Always different, challenging, fulfilling. I enjoy being with people and feel I am doing something worthwhile.

What is the best/worst thing about being a teacher at Xavier? Best - Seeing young people develop, watching people make good choices. Worst - Seeing young people wasting opportunities.

What do you love the most about being a staff member at Xavier College? I love the care that people (staff and students) show for each other.

Did you ever consider not being a teacher? If so, what were you going to do? Yes. I started pharmacy, I worked in a bank. I left teaching for a year or so to be a farmer. I have taught at other schools and colleges.

What is your favourite subject to teach and why? I like teaching teams (like footy, concert bands, choirs, musicals) but I don’t do much of that these days.

What word or phrase describes you best? Confident, resilient, determined and creative.

What are the biggest differences in schools now compared to when you were a student? Advances in technology, increased speed and access to information, wider curriculum, student centred approach to learning.

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### Year 8
- Aaron Bain
- Cameron Stephens
- James Coblledick
- Jamie-Lee Tulik
- Jessica Heatlie
- Kate Lin Clark
- Lisa Bowman
- Nicole Bubner
- Scott Davie
- Erin Butcher
- Clare Kibble
- Lauren Mason
- Madeleine Powell
- Madeline Shalders
- Brett D’Antonio
- Jade-Starr Tregeagle
- Kaylie Baker
- Lucy Harnett
- Michael Dyer
- Michael Jones
- William Ahrens

### Year 9
- Erin McAuley
- Aimee Nixon
- Emily Bettison
- Kate Powell
- Naomi Tucker
- Natalie Carypis
- Rosa Shackley
- Tyson Whitelaw
- Ashleigh Trainor
- Brock Koen
- Claire Alarin
- Jazmin Johnston-Kenyon
- Kate Cummings
- Keith Weatherley
- Kyra Middlemiss
- Lauren Nixon
- Nadine Coad
- Natalie Simpson
- Sarah Jarvis
- Tyler Jenke
- Zac McEntee

### Year 10
- Caitlin Thackray
- Charlotte Berrill
- Elizabeth Rex
- Meredith Lane
- Rebecca Ramsbotham
- Thomas Farren
- Becky Couzner
- Brett Lange
- Jessica Asher
- Jessica Power
- Michael Trimboli
- Remy Low
- William Coad
- Cameron Daniels
- Courtney Irvine
- Ellie Clark
- Hayley Webber
- Kate Fetherstonhaugh
- Kia-Lee Llewellyn
- Peta Orchison
- Rhiannon Menadue
- Samuel Wedding

### Year 11
- Alisha Johns
- Caitlin Hennessy
- Rebecca Butcher
- Hayden Stevens
- Jessica Grima
- Kathleen Lane
- Sally Keane
- Sara Carnino
- Tara Behen
- Kate Launer
- Holly Staehr
- Amy Songer
- Jackson Dare
- Shae O’Callaghan
- Stefanos Kiparoglou
- Courtney Suridge
- Leanne Gajewski
- Leonie Turrell

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Weekly Celebration of the Eucharist
Every Tuesday morning at 8.10am Fr. Germano Baiguini will say a morning Mass in the Xavier Chapel. Students and staff are invited to join the thousands of Catholics around the world who begin their day by spending some time in prayer and celebrating the Eucharist together before they go off to school, work.... etc.

Science Competition Award Winners
Local Students awarded for academic achievement in International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

Students from Xavier College won University of New South Wales awards for their academic achievement when they participated in the recent International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). Students whose achievement was outstanding were awarded Certificates of Credit, Distinction and High Distinction.

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools are developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) of the University of New South Wales and are conducted annually across Australia and in 12 other countries. There are over 1.7 million entries worldwide.

Credit Winners - top 20%
Nicole Bubner
Erin McCauley
Andrew Vinton
Elizabeth Rex
Victoria Lewis

Distinction Winners - top 10%
Lachlan Martin

High Distinction Winners - top 1%
David Caunce

Year 10 Knockout Soccer
On the 2nd of August the year 10 soccer team travelled to Trinity College to play their first game in the competition.

The first half was very evenly matched with both teams having many opportunities to score. Trinity had a great chance that hit the post and Xavier then replied with a header from a corner that was cleared off the goal line by a Trinity defender.

At half-time the score remained at 0-0. After the break, Trinity had a breakthrough with a goal from their striker. They then scored another goal and it looked as if it was over but then Ben Powell scored with a header after a great cross from James and the boys were back in it. Trinity then scored a late goal which sealed it for them.

Coaches Comments:
A gutsy performance against a very strong team. The attitude and effort until the end of the game was a credit to all playing. Well done.

Best: Lachlan Greenhalgh, Ben Stevens, Jared Brennen, Ben Powell.

Mr Gordon Levett

Balaklava Eisteddfod
Congratulations to the Guitar Ensemble and the Vocal Ensemble! Both groups finished second in their respective categories in the Balaklava Eisteddfod.

From left: Daniel Alba, Joshua Molenaar, Mark Harris, Michael Jones, Leo Shackley, Melissa Jones, Cameron Gibson, Ian Wharton.

From left: Casey Suridge, Clarissa Hermann, Emily Bettison Linda Cavanagh, Charlotte Berrill, Remy Low.
Choices at the Crossroads

A workshop for separated fathers and mothers wanting to understand the emotional impact of separation on themselves and their children.

- Recognize the hidden sorrow of separation & divorce
- Understand the affects of grief on adults & children
- Develop strategies for handling your grief and your children's grief
- Explore resources to support all members of the family through the grieving process.

When: Wed. 23rd August 2006 from 6.30pm to 9.30pm
Where: Emmaus House, Centacare,
33 Carey St., Salisbury
Cost: $20 ($ 10 concession)

Women of Strength

“Emotional Eating” with Dr. Margaret Anderson
Hewett Community Church of Christ, Kingfisher Drive, Hewett,
Tuesday 15th August, 7.30pm
Margaret will sensitively raise our awareness of eating concerns.
Contact phone 8522 5142 A gold coin donation is appreciated

NetAlert Roadshow

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Technology School of the Future, Milner St, Hindmarsh
9am - 10.30am or 1.30pm - 3pm or
University of SA - Magill Campus, St Bernard’s Rd, Magill
4.30pm - 6pm

17th August, 2006
St Mary’s College, Centre for Performing Arts,
253 Franklin St, Adelaide, 7.30pm - 9pm

Salesian Youth Group

We will meet after 10am Mass at St Peter and Paul on Sunday 20th August for games and fun.
Bring a packed lunch, pick up time is 1pm.
If you are in years 6 to 9 at school, we would love to see you there!

BOBFest06

Band Registrations Now Open

BOBFest06 is the regions first Battle of the Bands competition and youth festival to be held over a four day period from the 24 to 28 October 2006.

Burra, Clare, Balaklava and Freeling will hold individual battle of the bands concerts over four consecutive days. The first three days will be local battles competing in town halls and other suitable venues. The fourth day, falling on Saturday 28 October, will be a whole day festival at the Freeling oval with entertainment, side shows, skate park exhibitions, funk dancers, DJ’s, food and drink and merchandise stalls. The local performers will battle in the afternoon and in the early evening the four winners chosen across the region will battle to become the “Regional Champion”. Other acts include Blow up Betty, The Trafalgars, Fighter Pilot, Munchkin and the final performance will be GRINSPOON.

We strongly encourage all regional bands (ages 12yrs – 25 yrs) to consider entering into this battle, as prizes will include studio time, mentoring programmes and professional development to name a few. There are limited spaces, so if at least one of your band members lives within Light, Wakefield, Clare & Gilbert Valleys or Goyder Council districts , get registered NOW!

Registration forms available from all four Councils, (mentioned above) or by contacting Sue Williams Ph:
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