Australian Language Certificates

2006 Results

Once again many Indonesian students from Ms Avril Hinsliff’s and Ms Kirsty Hatch’s Indonesian classes have achieved stunning results. This national competition provides an opportunity for our students of Indonesian to test their skills in comprehending written and spoken Indonesian.

The following Year 12 students were awarded distinctions in both sections and were also placed in the top 10% of participants:

Emily Callender, Rachel Gavini, Sarah Gavini, Laura Kellond, Samantha Kondraciuk, Heather Lee and Bonnie Marsland.

Ashleigh Drumm achieved at this level in the written test and also gained a high distinction for the listening test, Clare O’Reilly earned two distinctions and Ashlee Bloffwitch one. This was a stunning class result and we wish all these girls well as they prepare for and take their final school exams.

In Year 11 Holly Staehr and Courtney Suridge were also placed in the top 10% in both sections. Kianda Delyn, Jessica Firka and Kathleen Lane were awarded 2 distinctions and Ellouise Goodwin one.

In the Year 10 class there were many pleasing results with Nicole Drake gaining two distinctions and Tamika Christou, Ellie Clark, William Coad, Lachlan Martin, Rebecca Ramsbottom.

Congratulations to the teachers and students on these fine achievements.

Mrs Wendy Martin
Humanities Coordinator
From the Principal

Welcome back to staff and students for the commencement of Term 4. It is an extremely busy period for all involved in the educative process. There is an accentuated focus on assessment and the period is also coloured by deliberations about future pathways and the planning that needs to occur for next year and the years ahead. These characteristics make the Term seem to pass very quickly.

Year 12 students conclude their formal lessons in 2 weeks time and from that moment on there is a constant stream of events that are summative in nature. I encourage every student to make a real commitment to their academic work over the course of the final term, being mindful of their future aspirations.

There are various celebratory events scheduled towards the later part of the term, and different events will have special significance to different families. I would draw everyone's attention however to the Xavier College End of Year Mass and Presentation Evening. This occasion is the most important whole school event of the year and I would encourage all families to attend. It will be held in the College Gymnasium on Wednesday, November 29, please put the date in your diary.

Next Friday, October 27, 2006, Xavier College will launch the following:

- Xavier College Strategic Plan 2006 – 2010
- The new Xavier College Web site
- A new ‘Xavier News’ format (redesigned with colour)

These will all be launched simultaneously, with the new look Web page going online on Friday to coincide with the distribution of the first edition of the new ‘Xavier News’ which will include the release of the College Strategic Plan.

The Strategic Plan is a very significant document that has been developed by the College Board, after extensive consultation with the whole school community, over the course of the last 18 months. The plan will underpin the operation of the College over the next 5 years.

The new College Web site and redesigned newsletter format will present an attractive and contemporary image to the community that is user friendly and eye catching.

Mr Lynn Martin, Principal

McCormack House

Profiles

House Leader

Nicole Lemke, McCormack Junior House Leader
Age: 15
Interests: Shopping, partying, dancing, netball, eating and sleeping!

Why did you want to be a House Leader? I wanted to be a good role model for others. Also to wear a badge and I wanted to get more involved within the school and take the responsibility of showing my leadership skills.

What is the best/worst thing about being a house leader? Best - wearing a badge. Worst - missing out on occasional recess or lunch due to a meeting.

What do you love the most about being a student at Xavier College? The friendly environment.

What do you want to do when you leave school? A professional dancer, personal trainer or a PE teacher.

What is your favourite subject and why? PE and Home Economics.

What word or phrase describes you best? Friendly.

Tutor Teacher

Stephen Orr, McCormack Tutor Teacher
Age: below the national average for teachers.
Interests: Writing, journalism, bushwalking.

Why did you want to be a teacher? Have a job that involves lots of interactions, helps other people develop, and realise their potential.

What is the best/worst thing about being a teacher at Xavier? Best - help young people discover the natural world and how it functions.

What do you love the most about being a staff member at Xavier College? Hearing about what’s going on in staff and students lives.

Did you ever consider not being a teacher? If so, what were you going to do? Be a pilot - but scared of heights.

What is your favourite subject to teach and why? Horticulture. Good to relate the theories to the real world.

What are the biggest differences in schools now compared to when you were a student? No longer sell Chiko rolls. Also, more technology, and more pathways into the work force.

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Some reasons for homework

1. Increased academic achievement
Through practice and participation in learning tasks, homework can improve your child’s achievement. Thus, it would be expected that if homework were completed accurately, not only would your child’s general knowledge and grades improve but your child would also increase mastery of basic academic skills in literacy and numeracy.

2. Developing organisational skills
Your child’s ability to bring an assignment home, gather and organize necessary materials to complete the assignment, return the assignment and receive a grade, strengthens his or her sense of responsibility. In turn, this will help with improved organisational ability, an essential skill for success in senior school.

3. Time management improvement
There is improved development of personal skills such as time management gained by completing homework.

4. Monitoring student progress
Teachers use homework for a variety of reasons including to help students understand and review the work that has been covered in class. Teachers can use homework as a tool to see whether students understand lessons.

5. Communication between school and home
Homework offers schools an opportunity to let parents know what their children are learning. Thus, homework can play a role in keeping you informed about class activities and learning objectives.

Many students try to avoid it, but teaching and learning research indicates that children who spend more time on regularly assigned, meaningful homework, on average, do better in school, and that the academic benefits of homework increase as children move into senior years.
Parish of St Peter & Paul - Gawler

Catholics Returning
Home program

If you are an inactive Catholic this program provides an opportunity for you to respond to an invitation to be welcomed, accepted and comfortable in rejoining the faith community and participating in its sacramental life.

Starting on October 23 a six week program (one and a half hours per week) will be offered to welcome inactive Catholics home. A supportive team of Catholics who have a listening spirit, welcoming and affirming of others, will run the program.

If you wish to participate or to find out more about the program please contact one of the following:

Ros and Steve Hofmeyer 8524 5049
Loreto and Jim Hewitt 8524 5621
Colleen Mann 8522 2605
Phil Kaddatz 8524 4355

A pamphlet which has a fuller explanation of the program is available from the college office or the Church.

CENTACARE PRESENTS

Being a Dad
Fathers between football and feminism

A workshop for fathers wanting to explore what it means to be a father, and to find practical ways of male parenting.

When: Wed. 25th October 2006 from 6.00-9.00 pm
(a light meal provided from 6.00 pm)
Where: FRS Centacare, 247 South Rd., Mile End
Cost: $20 ($ 10 concession)
Bookings: Reception, Telephone 8210 8200

The workshop will enable you to:
1. Clarify role confusion and expectations of being a father
2. Identify different parenting styles
3. Explore your relationship with your own father
4. Help your children to be the best they can be
5. Optimise communication with children

The program will be facilitated by a male educator.

SANDS (SA)
Stillbirth & Neo Natal Death Support

Candle Lighting Ceremony
For families bereaved through pregnancy loss and infant death

Tuesday 24th October 2005, 7.30 pm
at Hewett Community House,
Kingfisher Drive, Hewett.

Feel free to bring a candle to light in memory of your baby

ALL WELCOME
Refreshments available after service
Further information:
Ali - ph. 8523 2292 or
Katrina - ph. 8524 8507

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SAT. NOVEMBER 11th
9 00 A.M. START

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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.

“a school of the future in the present”