



# The Good Samaritan

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11th March 2011

Term 1 Week 6

Reminder!

## Calendar Dates

18 March	PDSSSC Swimming Carnival
22 March	Staff Meeting—9:30 Start
28 Mar –6 Apr	Yr 12 Exams
28-30 March	Yr 7 & Yr 9 Camp
6 Apr	Yr 10-12 Parent Teacher Night 3:30pm - 8:30pm
8 Apr	Term 1 ends



## Photos/Video

From time to time photos/video footage may be taken at school and school events. These may be used in school or Diocesan newsletters, brochures, advertising, newspapers, websites or publications/video footage. If you do not wish your child to be photographed under any circumstances, please notify the Year Coordinator *in writing*.

## International Student Volunteers

After the success of the volunteer program over the past 4 years we are continuing to organise our groups for 2012. The group will depart on 3rd January and return on 23rd January for Thailand. We are currently looking at Vietnam as an additional location.

If you are interested in allowing your child to participate in the program please feel free to contact me at Bede Polding during school hours to answer any questions.

*Margarete Formanek*

## Principal's Desk

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I include for your consideration the opening commentary from our liturgy on Wednesday. The script was provided by Caritas and it is a wonderful introduction to Lent.

“Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the journey to Easter – a time for reflection on how we are living our lives. Lent is a time of preparation for the greatest celebration in the Church’s year, the day on which Jesus rose to a glorious new life. The 40 days of Lent remind us of other significant times of preparation: the ancient Hebrews wandered for 40 years in the desert before beginning a new life in the Promised Land; Jesus spent 40 days in the desert fasting and praying before beginning his mission.

Lent provides us with an opportunity to make our lives new. We can re-examine our relationships with others and with God. Following Jesus’ example, we can pray and fast and give to others. We are called to a life of love and compassion.”

I hope that all families in our community can be actively involved in reflection, prayer and action over the coming weeks.

God Bless

Kevin Jones  
Principal

### **Reflection Morning with the Bishop**

Bishop Anthony Fisher OP will give a reflection on 'The Spirituality of St Dominic' on Saturday 26 March from 10am-1pm in Sacred Heart Parish Hall, cnr Sturt & Wentworth Sts, Blackheath.

Entry by donation. Morning tea provided. No need to book. Details: Carmel (02) 4787 8706.

### **Theology on Tap**

Live performance by Gary Pinto, followed by the highly anticipated talk by His Eminence, Cardinal Raymond Burke from the US. Gary Pinto has written chart-topping hits for Guy Sebastian, Jimmy Barnes & Anthony Callea. Gary co-wrote the WYD08 anthem and is preparing the Australian pilgrim song for WYD11 Madrid. Where: Sunday 13 March at PJ Gallagher's Irish Pub, 74 Church St, Parramatta. Time: 6.30pm. Details: [www.theologyontap.com.au](http://www.theologyontap.com.au) ( <http://www.theologyontap.com.au/> )

### **Marayong Parish 50th Anniversary Lenten Retreat**

The theme of the Retreat is Life in Christ and consists of eight presentations by Fr Raniero Cantalamessa. These will be video presentations beginning at 7pm. Life in Christ presents a discussion of evangelisation and spiritual renewal based on St Paul's Letter to the Romans. It is an attempt to go straight to the heart of what animated the Apostle when he wrote the letter - to build up the faith of the readers and reveal to them the immense treasures of Christ's redemption. The Letter to the Romans deals with the basics of Christian faith. Beginning Monday 21 March the program will take place in a Café-style atmosphere and on Monday and Tuesday evenings across four weeks. Where: St Andrew the Apostle Parish, 40 Breakfast Rd, Marayong. Details: (02) 9622 0817, [saapm@bigpond.com](mailto:saapm@bigpond.com)

### **Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference**

The Sister conference seeks to draw women together for a weekend of prayer and praise, sisterhood time and formation in what it means to be and live as a Catholic woman in the 21st Century. Keynote speakers: Sr Mary Rachel OP, Anna Krohn from the Pontifical Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family; Karen Doyle, author and co-founder of Catholic media business Choicez Media. Other speakers: Fr Chris Ryan MGL as well as author, parenting expert and former principal of Redfield College, Andrew Mullins, and Carolyn Martin founder of The Day of Difference Foundation and mother of burns victim Sophie Delezio. Dates: 13-15 May at Collaroy. Numbers limited - book soon: \$195pp.

Details and registration: [www.sisterhood.org.au](http://www.sisterhood.org.au) ( <http://www.sisterhood.org.au/> )

### **Reflection Day for Women**

On 21 March, Sr Mary Louise Walsh ISSM and Fr Terry Bell will host a Reflection Day on the theme: Lent - A Time of Letting Go. The sessions include talks, spiritual reflections and time for personal prayer all set in the peaceful grounds of Mt Schoenstatt Retreat and Conference Centre at Mulgoa. Cost: \$10 donation. BYO lunch. Where: Mt Schoenstatt, Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa. Time: 9.30am-2.30pm. Details: (02) 4773 8338.

### **Positions Vacant: Office Manager (part time)**

The Good Shepherd Parish, Plumpton, is recruiting for a part-time Office Manager, 30 hours/week (Mon-Fri).

This is a new position. You will need to have MYOB Accounts Payable & Receivable experience and General Ledger knowledge. You will prepare end-of-month accounts, BAS reporting and payroll. Details: John Sheehy tel (02) 8838 3417 or download the job description from the Diocese of Parramatta's website:

[www.parra.catholic.org.au](http://www.parra.catholic.org.au)

( <http://www.parra.catholic.org.au/> ) Closing date: Monday 18 March at 5pm.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday: 1 May**

Prayers start 1pm with street procession with the relic of St Faustina to be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy Novena, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Mass at 3pm: principal celebrant - Bishop Anthony Fisher OP, veneration of the relic to follow. Religious items for sale. Where: Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 8 Diana Ave, Kellyville. Inquiries: Steve Boland 0405 206 695.

## **RAGE**

### **Renavigating Angry & Guilty Emotions**

A free 6 week course for teenage boys in Years 7-10 at High School dealing with anger issues.

4:30pm—6:30pm on Mondays for 6 weeks on 18th & 25th July, 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd August 2011 Hall 1 at Richmond Neighbourhood Centre, 20 West Market Street, Richmond.

Families with boys IN YEARS 7-10 wishing to participate must complete preliminary questionnaires sent on booking and returned to facilitators by 30th September. Priority placement in the group given to Hawkesbury residents. For bookings phone 4588 3502 or email [admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au](mailto:admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au)

Limited spaces—early booking essential

## **MAAD**

Richmond Community Services Inc is pleased to offer a free 4 week ongoing group MAAD for parents/primary carers of teenagers with anger issues.

4 weeks ongoing on Mondays—August & September dates 2011 at Hall 3, Richmond Neighbourhood Centre, 20 west Market Street, Richmond.

Bookings & further information phone 4588 3502 or email [admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au](mailto:admin@rcsi.ngo.org.au)

## **Star Spot**



*This is the star of the week.*

*Congratulations to:*

*Rachel Ryan (10S2) and Erin Ryan (7D5) who both competed in the Inter Schools Equestrian Competition. They both competed in Vaulting (Gymnastics on horseback).*

*Well done - to these students*

# Volunteering In Thailand (Part 2)

For me the two weeks we spent with the children at the Banunrak orphanage was the most amazing part of the trip. I never thought I would grow a connection with the children, but when the day came to leave them, it was hard for all of us to stop hugging the children and say goodbye.

When we first arrived, the children were all at school and it was quiet (we quickly learned silence did not last long after school was over) and we were shown around the orphanage and the markets in the centre of town. We then visited the bakery the orphanage runs in the middle of town. The whole orphanage was vegan and so was the bakery. Everyone had heard from the previous year about the amazing bakery but didn't quite believe the hype, but as soon as we tasted the infamous Banunrak vegan chocolate cake we knew all the stories were true. Nearly every day after work a large group of us would walk back from the farm, covered in dirt and sweat straight to the bakery to get an ice cold coke and a slice of the best chocolate cake in the world! Next, we would then stop by the awesome Graph Café, an American style little coffee house for the take away frappe (coco was the most popular).

Along with all the fun with the children and hanging out at all the amazing places in Sangklaburi, there was plenty of work, sightseeing and learning to be had. We slaved away in the blistering heat down at the farm by the river, clearing fields, digging trenches and preparing the soil for planting. Along with farming, we sanded and painted grates up at the house and painted a mural along the wall running down the driveway (a very steep driveway that we had to climb every day).

New Year's Eve was a great learning experience for the whole group. The whole orphanage gets together 2 times a day to meditate and on New Year's Eve they meditate for three hours nonstop until the fireworks at 12 o'clock. We joined in at the last hour, dancing and singing then watched together at 12 as fire works went off in every direction and paper lamps were lit and sent into the sky for good luck in the New Year. It was definitely a once in a lifetime experience.

In between days of work we did some activities that taught us more about Thai culture. We visited the sunken temple, the Mon temple and pagoda in the Mon city. We took a tour of the children's school and played with them at their lunchtime, swinging off monkey bars and getting stuck on the see saws. We also took a yoga class from an older member at the orphanage and watched as the children performed a spectacular yoga and hip hop show. One of the days was dedicated to the children. We were set in groups of arts and crafts and sports and were told we have the children all day, entertain them. We had everything organised and ready and when the children got there, it turned to anarchy. Everyone in arts and crafts had at least 10 stickers and headbands, made by the kids stuck to their faces and people in sports were covered in sweat and dirt.

The last night was one of the saddest of the trip. We were told we had to be at the orphanage for a little get together and to say goodbye. We joked around and asked if it was going to be a pizza party and there was going to be soft drink there as well (we had been living on mainly vegetables and rice for the whole trip and we were missing western food like crazy). When we got there, there was pizza, soft drink and dance music and all the children were hanging off us and jumping on our backs trying to get us to pick them up. When the party was over and it was the children's meditation time and no one wanted to leave. We got multiple hugs and drove away looking back at the orphanage with long faces. Chuck, the stray dog that had glued himself to our group since we arrived was also sad to see us leave and tried to chase us down the driveway. The next morning we started the first leg of our adventure tour.

*By Alison Howard (11B3)*



# Social Justice at BPC

The Ash Wednesday liturgies held in the Good Samaritan Hall provided the community of the College with time to reflect. Social Justice Issues featured strongly through song and prayer. The choir preformed "Who will Speak?" a beautiful hymn which poses many questions.

*Who will speak for the poor and broken? Who will speak for the peoples oppressed?  
Who will speak for the ones who are voiceless? Speak the truth in the places of pow'r?  
Who will speak for the children of violence? Who will speak for the women abused?  
Who will speak for the shunned and the outcast? Who will speak for all the people with AIDS?  
Who will work for the thousands of homeless? Who will work in the ghettos and streets?  
Who will care for the plants and the creatures? Who will care for the land and the sea?*

The Year 11 SRC read the following prayers of the faithful. I invite you to say these with your families this Lent.

Andrew Callus

God of Community, you have given all peoples one common origin, and your will is to gather them as one family in yourself. Fill the hearts of all with the fire of your love and the desire to ensure justice for all our sisters and brothers. By sharing the good things you give us, may we secure justice and equality for every human being, and a human society built on love and peace. Lord hear us.

Brooke Hile

God of Compassion let us be filled with the presence of your great compassion toward ourselves and toward all living beings. Realizing that we are all nourished from the same source of life, may we so live that others be not deprived of air, food, water, shelter, or the chance to live. With humility, let us work and pray for the establishment of peace in our hearts and peace on earth. Lord hear us.

Lana Babazogli

God of Hope, you bring hope out of emptiness, energy out of fear, new life out of grief and loss. Give all people security, a place to live with those they trust. Let our hope in you be a sign of peace to the world. Lord hear us.

Kaitlyn Durgali

God of Justice, grant us a vision of your world. A world where the weak are protected and none go hungry or poor. A world where the riches of creation are shared and everyone can enjoy them. A world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect. A world where peace is built with justice and justice is guided by love. Give us the inspiration and courage to build it. Lord hear us.

Hayley Douglas

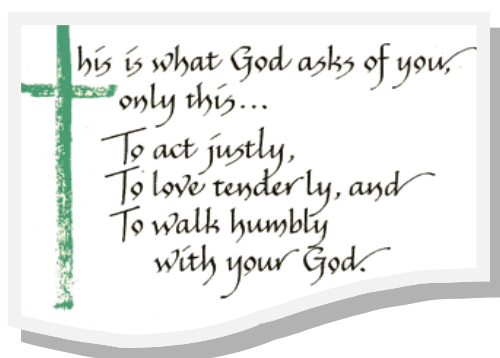
God of Peace, increase the spirit of neighbourliness among all who dwell on earth, that in peril we may uphold one another, in suffering tend one another, and in loneliness befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that are strengthened by your constant love. Lord hear us.

Jack Houston

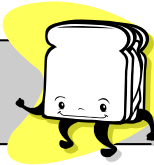
God of Forgiveness, look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infects our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that we may serve you in harmony. Lord hear us.

**Project Compassion** boxes have been distributed to all families. This is Caritas Australia's major annual fundraising and awareness campaign. "It is an invitation for us all to reflect upon the significant issues of poverty, justice and development in our world. Donations collected during Project Compassion support aid and development programs around the world and help to build a better life for the poorest of the poor." [www.caritas.org](http://www.caritas.org) Posters have been put around the school and in every homeroom to inspire the students to think of others and to reflect on all they have.

Over the six weeks of Lent, please take the opportunity to visit the Caritas website and be inspired by the work being done both in Australia and overseas with your donations.



Mrs Janette Wick  
Social Justice Coordinator



## Week 7

### Monday 14th March

S Makkonen, S Walton,  
F Peare, L Mitchell

### Tuesday 15th March

B Toulson, J Liso, L Edwards

### Wednesday 16th March

J Buttigieg, M Durgali,  
K Brett

### Thursday 17th March

L Donlan, J Paskin, C Brown

### Friday 18th March

L Wilshire, A Dickie

## Week 8

### Monday 21st March

A Ascjak, J McCartney,  
A Vella

### Tuesday 22nd March

C Kersten, K Accary

### Wednesday 23rd March

N Pace, C Teuma, A O'Brien

### Thursday 24th March

L Turner, S Exton, J Paskin

### Friday 25th March

L Mackey, A Ryan (HELP  
NEEDED)

## Canteen News

- 2011 Roster still has many vacancies especially **Fridays**. If you can help please call Natalie on 4577 6243.
- To all new Year 7 students if you do not want to miss out on hot food at recess or lunch please order.

*Natalie Jones*  
(Canteen Manager)

## Public Speaking ... Round One

On Friday night, 4th March our College hosted the first round of the CSDA Public Speaking Competition. On the night, ten schools from across the Parramatta Diocese ascended upon the College, bringing with them their competitors in each of the divisions from Year 7 through to Year 12. Also nervously in tow, were these competitors' parents and their coaches. Close to 200 people gathered in the Good Samaritan Hall for the event.

Public Speaking is a craft which requires students to prepare a speech from a list of possible topics. Year 7 students prepared a three to four minute speech. By the time they move into the Senior Competition, they will be presenting a 7 to 8 minute speech.

On the night, our College had two competitors in each year group. They had been working on their speeches for weeks and had spent countless recesses and lunchtimes tuning their presentations. Our College representatives were:

**Year 7:** Jennifer Goode, Rosalyn Fannin

**Year 8:** Kate Paskin, Rebecca Owen

**Year 9:** Ellie Compton, Rhiannon Kenyon

**Year 10:** Naomi Garrick, Lisa Emanuel

**Year 11:** Mallory Siemsen, Alison Howard

**Year 12:** Jacquie Mey, Wendy Mansell

Each one of our students presented themselves impeccably. Their speaking was polished and their ideas, insightful. By the end of the evening, Rosalyn, Ellie, Rhiannon, Lisa and Mallory were chosen to progress to the next round. The next round will take place on Friday 11th March at Nagle College. This is a fine achievement.

Finally, there are many volunteers to be thanked. There were 50 student volunteers who acted as registrars, chair people, supper servers and car park attendants. Ably supervised on the night by Mr Jones, Mr Howard and teachers, these volunteers were an integral ingredient to the smooth running of the night. Our senior students were particularly outstanding in the gracious way they dealt with all of our guests. With their tummies full of pizza and caramel slice, they provided fantastic support and helped to further advance our school's reputation across the diocese.

We sincerely thank them.

*Maryanne Grosvenor*



# BEDE Reads

The Library is open from 8.00am -4.00pm Monday-Friday.

The Library at Bede Polding College is a vibrant place with a variety of resources for all our students to access.

The Premier's Reading Challenge 2011 is up and running with students from Years 7, 8 & 9 taking part. New books are added to the Premier's collection providing a rich array of choice for those students attempting the challenge.

The list of possible books now numbers several thousand covering many genres, types of writing and subject matter. Students attempting the challenge need to read 15 titles from the Premier's List and 5 of their own choosing. Newspapers and magazine can be part of those choices.

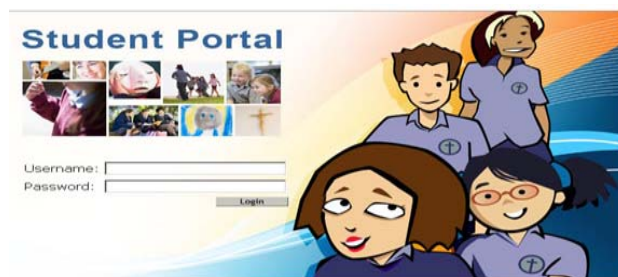
The Website to access the Premier's Challenge is at <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

The library has copies of the Scholastic Book Club leaflets as they become available. Pick up a copy from the library if you are interested in purchasing. Our Year 7 students may have utilised Book Club offerings during their primary school years. A portion of the orders is returned to the college to help us add to our collection. Payments can be made by credit card and details are on the forms.

A good story can help us to think and wonder and empathise with the world around us and the people we meet. We are now running a Reading Competition across the whole school, to encourage students to read more widely and discover the richness that reading brings to our imagination and understanding. We hope to draw a name from our special box once fortnightly and students will receive a small prize. Students can enter up to 3 times each fortnight. The entry form asks a few questions about the book the student has read and asks for a brief book review. We hope to display these on our shelves.

Students who wish to access the College Library resources available on-line can access them at

[www.studentnet.parra.catholic.edu.au](http://www.studentnet.parra.catholic.edu.au) and use their school login and password. These resources are on-line databases containing journal articles, critical essays and book reviews etc. Website links and information on the RE courses, Literature and other areas of interest are found through the student net portal.



## Reading, Writing & Maths for Adults

Do you wish your reading, writing, spelling or maths skills were better—for work, further study, helping with homework, or just for every day?

Then Richmond College of TAFE has a free course for you! Classes are small and students set their own learning goals. If you can't get to the college, you maybe able to study with a trained volunteer tutor at home or another suitable place.

All enquiries are confidential. To find out more, phone Amanda Linn at Richmond College on 4570 9045 or email [amanda.linn@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:amanda.linn@tafensw.edu.au)

To read is to empower  
To empower is to write  
To write is to influence  
To influence is to  
change  
To change is to live  
~Jane Evershed~

## Adult Literacy Volunteer Tutors Needed Now!

Can you spare 2 hours a week to help another adult from an English or non-English speaking background improve their essential literacy skills? Tutoring is not difficult and can be very rewarding.

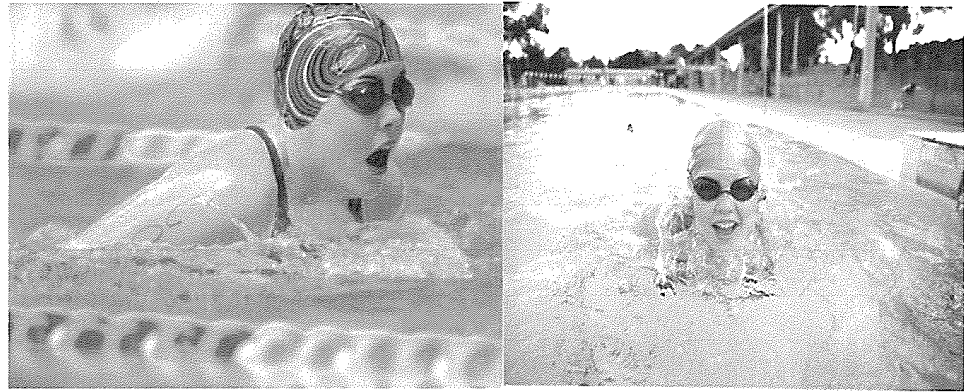
Richmond College will soon be conducting a short training course for new volunteer Adult Literacy Tutors. After initial training, tutors and students meet weekly at a time and place convenient to both. Tutors receive on-going support from the TAFE Adult Literacy Officer.

The next training course starts on Wednesday 16th March, from 9:30am—12:30pm. There is no fee.

To register, or for more information, please phone Amanda Linn, Adult Literacy Officer at Richmond College on 4570 9045 or email [amanda.linn@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:amanda.linn@tafensw.edu.au)



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## Sandy Freeman

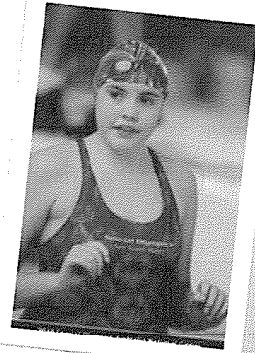
Sandy Freeman, a student of Bede Polding College has been selected to represent Australia in Aquatics at the Special Olympics World games to be held in Athens, Greece in June 2011.

At only 15 years of age, Sandy becomes the youngest team member of 131 athletes representing Australia across eleven different sports.

She joins over 7,500 athletes from 185 countries who will enjoy the thrill of competition at the birthplace of the Olympics.

Sandy joins 3 other female swimmers and 8 males in the Australian Aquatic Team

Sandy trains at the YMCA in Windsor under head coach Michael Faccin and also has a tremendous mentor and Coach in Sean Webber who runs a Disability swim program.



Sending the Australian Team to Greece comes to nearly \$10,000 per athlete. Any sponsorship or donations for Sandy would be much appreciated.

Sandy can be sponsored on the official Special Olympics Australia website which is

[www.specialolympics.com.au](http://www.specialolympics.com.au)

(click donate and enter Sandy Freeman)

or by TEL: 02 45 725 771



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### The next workshop in your area will be held:

Time and date:	Venue:	Bookings :
Friday 25 March 2011 6pm - 8pm	Tebbutt Room Deerubbin Centre 300 George St, Windsor	Denise Oakes 4560 4498

# ASSESSMENT TASK CALENDAR

7A			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			14 Mar	15 Mar	16 Mar	17 Mar	18 Mar
		DTS			12 Food Tech 11 ITT 10 PDHPE	12 Religion Studies	11 PVD
	12	ATD				Visual Arts	Ancient History English Extension 2
	11	ATD	Religion Studies Studies of Religion	EES Senior Science	English Advanced English Standard English Studies CFS SLR	Mathematics Gen	
	10	ATD	Commerce	Aust Geography			Religious Education
	9	ATD	RE (in class)				
	8	ATD	PDHPE (in class)				
	7	ATD					

8B			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			21 Mar	22 Mar	23 Mar	24 Mar	25 Mar
		DTS	12 Chemistry 12 Hospitality 12 IT Timber 11 Business Studies 11 Visual Arts 10 IT Multimedia 10 IT Timber 10 Music 10 PASS 10 PDHPE	11 Agriculture 11 IT Graphics 10 English 9 History	11 EES 8 Geography	11 Maths Ext1	
	12	ATD	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free	Assessment Free
	11	ATD		Music 1	EEC PDHPE		Biology Mathematics
	10	ATD	Music Visual Arts	English			
	9	ATD	English PDHPE	Commerce			PAS PDM
	8	ATD	RE (in class)				
	7	ATD				History	History

9A			Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			28 Mar	29 Mar	30 Mar	31 Mar	1 Apr
		DTS	11 Religion Studies		11 Chemistry	12 Maths Ext1	10 Religion Ed
	12	ATD	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams	Exams
	11	ATD	Modern History Physics	Drama Legal Studies	Food Technology		Chemistry Drama
	10	ATD	Drama	Agriculture Aust History Graphics Tech Science	Food Tech (A)		Food Tech (B)
	9	ATD	CAMP	CAMP	CAMP		
	8	ATD	English			English (in class)	
	7	ATD	CAMP	CAMP	CAMP		

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
 In the case of any discrepancy in the assessment dates published here the date that will be used by the College in the event of any appeal or other process will be the date on the Assessment Task Cover Sheet provided directly to the student. Please contact the College if you have any concerns about any of the information published here.

**DTS is a list of the tasks that are to be handed out to students on that date**