



LEARNING UPDATE - 6

Friday, 4 March, 2022

Working so that our students feel they are known, understood, valued and learning.



Every war leaves our world worse than it was before. War is a failure of politics and of humanity, a shameful capitulation, a stinging defeat before the forces of evil.

Fratelli tutti (261)

Franciscus

#PrayTogether #Ukraine

Dear Parents / Carers,



We have, over the past two weeks, been working with the eSafety Commissioner to take down a number of instagram sites that have been full of damaging information and threatening and violent statements. These sites have also posted pictures of staff and students. A number of these sites have been removed. Unfortunately, in a very short period of time new sites have been posted on-line with similar content. **Please**

understand that we are doing everything possible to address this situation including making reports to the Police. It is clear that we have students who, despite all warnings and communications and despite the upset that they cause, are committed to hurting others. This is premeditated. Once these students are identified the school will be taking very strong steps in dealing with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of our staff if you have useful information. Confidentiality is guaranteed.



NSW Police Force

Dux 2021 Speech

On Tuesday, 1 March we invited our 2021 Dux **Elkah Pillay** back to St Clare's to celebrate as a community. While Elkah was at school she delivered a speech about her experiences in Year 12 last year to our current Year 12 students. Please see below her words of advice:

Good morning teachers, staff and students.

It is an honour to be here again to share my journey here at St Clare's which has led me to being awarded as the Dux of the class of 2021.

Firstly, I would like to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to every teacher and staff at St Clare's, who have undoubtedly played a crucial role in my education. Thank you for your continued dedication and support throughout these past 6 years which has helped me become a better student and member of society.

When I first entered these school gates in Year 7, I was a shy, quiet girl who was terrified about this big new change in my life. Although I still am slightly shy and quiet, my high school journey has transformed me into a strong, confident woman who is now excited about beginning a Bachelor of Psychology Honours at Macquarie University.

Since a young age, my education has been instilled as an important part in my life. Discipline and hard work became core values in my learning as I strived to achieve good results whilst also continuing to have a passion for learning. In saying so, this doesn't mean that success is only measured by how well one does in their academic studies. Over the past few years, I learnt how to live a balanced life that involved working hard in my studies, but also working a part time job, spending time with my friends and family and prioritising my mental health and wellbeing.

Year 12 was an unforgettable year filled with the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. I started off the year feeling prepared but also daunted by the HSC exams that were fastly approaching. I had started writing my notes for each subject and bought study resources to prepare as well as I could. But nothing had prepared me for a 3 month lockdown during the most crucial time period before the HSC exams. I managed to stick to a routine consisting of attending zoom meetings, completing classwork online and writing notes for each subject. However, weeks passed by and my motivation quickly began to vanish with the end goal of completing the HSC exams feeling out of reach. Thankfully, I received early entry offers for my dream course which gave me reassurance, hope and motivation to continue pushing myself.

To the students sitting here today, I would like to offer some advice that may help you in your own studies. Firstly, find your passion and use it as a source of motivation so that you can achieve your goal. Whether that be in academics, sports, arts and more, push yourself to achieve your meaning of success. Secondly, work smarter and not harder. Find a balance to all the commitments in your life. Lastly, to the class of 2022, I'm sure you have all heard the cliches like "The ATAR is just a number and you are not defined by your ATAR" and that the "HSC is a marathon, not a sprint" but it's true. Do the very best that you can do and know that it is enough, and ensure that you take care of your wellbeing whilst cherishing your last few months as a high school student. I wish you all good luck and remember that "there is no greater education than one that is self-driven".

Thank you.

Our Award Recipients



Year 12, 2021 Graduate Update

We have been delighted in hearing that **50%** of last year's Year 12 cohort are enrolled in university this year. This is a huge achievement, considering the challenges that the group overcome with home-learning in both 2020 and 2021. It has been wonderful hearing about the university courses that each student has successfully gained entry into, as well as the employment positions that graduates have taken up. We continue to remain focused on developing students' key skills and habits to ensure post-school success in whatever their chosen pathway is.



2021 First in Course

On Tuesday in our Stage 6 Academic Assembly we were able to celebrate our first in course and VET commendations. Please see these students below:

VET Awards

Business Services	Johnny Fakes
Construction	Liam Irwin
Entertainment	Amy Hayes
Fitness	Boston Comino
Hospitality	Hannah Khalil
Retail	Seinisia Tauataina

Year 11 1st in Course Awards

NAME		AWARDS
Annalise	Cassar	First in - Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation 1 unit
Cooper	Cavanough	First in - English Studies
Avishal	Chand	First in - Design and Technology
Eloise	Dearie	First in - Photography, Video and Digital Imaging
Emmanuel	Deng	First in - Industrial Technology
Shadi	Elhaouli	First in - Legal Studies
Alicia	Hall	First in - Food Technology
Amy	Hayes	First in - Visual Design
Connor	Hepenstall	First in - Work Studies
Mia	Laws	First in - Modern History
Jade	Milag	First in - Ancient History
Jessica	Rivera	First in - Visual Arts
Miracle	Sang - Yum	First in - Learning for Mission
Jordan	Torralba	First in - Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation 2 unit
Naya	Wahbeh	First in - English as an Additional Dialect
Patrick	Conde	First in - English Extension 1 Biology
Cristina	Huynh Manriquez	First in - Music Economics
Sangela	Rosa	First in - Society and Culture Exploring Early Childhood
Akon	Deng	First in - English Advanced Business Studies Studies of Religion 2 unit
Maddyson	Gafa	First in - English Standard Mathematics Standard Community and Family Studies Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
Kristel	Briones	First in - Mathematics Extension 1 Mathematics Advanced Studies of Religion 1 unit Chemistry Physics

2022 Assessment Handbooks

Our assessment handbooks have been finalised for Yr 10-12. Please see the links below which contain integral information on our assessment policies.

- [Year 12 Handbook](#)
- [Year 11 Handbook](#)
- [Year 10 Handbook](#)

As a school where are we going? What are we working on?



A relentless focus on **feedback**; delivering timely, effective feedback that students are then able to use to improve their learning.



St Clare's
Catholic High School

We seek to support all families by offering a Catholic education for students from Year 7 to Year 12.

**ENROLLING NOW
YEAR 7 TO YEAR 12**

OPEN EVENING 9 MARCH 3:00pm - 5:00pm

UPSKILL AT @CATHWEST



Use the holidays for an opportunity to:

- ✓ **Upskill for Employment Outcomes**
- ✓ **Develop skills in your passion area**
- ✓ **Develop skills that will compliment your studies at school**

SHORT COURSES

Fashion Design (Yr 9 - Yr 12)

The basics of fashion design!

- 9:00am - 3:00pm 11 April, 2022 \$50 pp

Barista Basics (Yr 7 - Yr 12) \$30pp

Learn to become a barista for employment opportunities in the Hospitality Industry.

- 9:00am - 12:00pm 11 April, 2022
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm 11 April, 2022
- 9:00am - 12:00pm 12 April, 2022
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm 12 April, 2022
- 9:00am - 12:00pm 13 April, 2022
- 1:00pm - 4:00pm 13 April, 2022

E Sports (Yr 7 - Yr 12)

Gaming, PC Building, Team building, Content Creation. Students will need to BYO Computer.

- 9:00am - 3:00pm 11 April, 2022 \$30 pp

Location: Onsite classes will be held at 91 North Parade, Mount Druitt 2770.

Virtual Courses will be delivered via Zoom.

Cake Decorating (Yr 7 - Yr 12)

Learn the foundational skills of cake decorating in our Beginners Class.

10:00am - 2:00pm \$50 pp

- Beginners 12 April, 2022
- Beginners 13 April, 2022

Videography(Yr 9 - Yr 12)

Understanding the basics of video productions.

- 9:00am - 2:00pm 12 April, 2022 \$50 pp

Animation Course (Yr 7 - Yr 12)

Learn to draw from your imagination. Students will need to BYO Computer.

- 9:00am - 3:00pm 13 April, 2022 \$50 pp

VIRTUAL COURSES

Cyber Security (Yr 10 - Yr 12)

Learn how to stop hacking!

- 10:00am - 12:00pm 12 April, 2022 \$30 pp

All You Need To Know About Property

Investing (Yr 10 - Yr 12 & Adults)

- 10:00am - 1:00pm 13 April, 2022 \$30 pp

Term 1 School Holidays
11 - 13 April, 2022

Registrations close 1 April

**Expressions
of Interest**



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