



# St Agnes Catholic High School

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## Diary Dates

**13 February**  
Shrove Tuesday

**14 February**  
Ash Wednesday Liturgy  
Rose Day

**23 February**  
Swimming Carnival at  
Mount Druitt Swimming  
Carnival

**27 February**  
School Photo Day

**2 March**  
Staff Development Day/  
Pupil Free Day

**5 March**  
Yr7/2019 Information  
Evening

12 February 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of St Agnes,

Welcome to the start of the 2018 school year which we hope will be a rewarding one for every member of our school community.

A particular welcome to our new families who join us, I have had the pleasure of meeting many parents on the first day and more formally met several parents who have enrolled children in older years. I look forward to working in partnership with you to meet the needs of your child.

The Opening School Mass was a wonderful opportunity to come together as a faith community. We appreciate the ongoing support of Fr Alan Layt and Fr Pat Mullins and encourage students to participate fully in the many opportunities available to them to live the faith. Photos are further in this newsletter.

Congratulations to the School Leaders who were commissioned following the Mass. Our School Captains for 2018 are Alyssa Willis, Vanie Barcelon, Lachlan Watson and Jonathan Israel. The Portfolio Leaders are named further in this newsletter with pictures of the Opening School Mass.

Each year, we set goals as a learning community. These reflect analysis of a range of learning data and align with system initiatives. In 2018 these are:

## Formation

For students at St Agnes to participate in the life, mission and work of a Franciscan faith community.

## Numeracy

For students to improve their Mathematical achievement in the domains of counting, place value, addition/subtraction, multiplication and division.

## Literacy

For all students to improve their reading and comprehension by one year's growth, or more.

Returning families would be aware that I have been appointed as Principal for 2018 - a secondment position from my most recent role as Learning Leader, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. This role has afforded me a close relationship with St Agnes Catholic High School over the past three years and it is a privilege to be able to serve the community as Principal this year. I extend a warm welcome to the following members of staff who have also joined our community: Counsellor - Prue Excell, Maths - Kristen Brackenbury and Jenet Chapman, HSIE - Cassandra Millwood, Science - Rebecca Cruickshank (temporary appointment), CAPA - Nicole Thauvette (temporary appointment)

## God of New Beginnings

*Guide us with your spirit as we begin our new school year at St. Agnes Catholic High School.*

*Keep us close to you and to our families, strengthened by your spirit.*

*Bless the members of our community as we work together in service to bring your light to those around us.*

*May we realise how important each of us is, and help us to be guided by your Words and to share the light of Christ.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Pace Bene*

*Lisa-Maree Browning*

**CHRIST  
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COLLEGE  
COMMUNITY  
OF SCHOOL**

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**Loyola Senior**  
**High School**  
91 North Parade  
Mt Druitt  
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*a diverse  
community  
learning  
together*

## Staff Information

### THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Principal	Ms Lisa-Maree Browning	8882 0703
Assistant Principal	Mr Kenneth Wolffe	8882 0701
Religious Education Coordinator	Mrs Mary Reyes	8882 0711
Teaching & Learning Coordinator	Mr Laurence De Martin	8882 0713
Information Technology Coordinator	Mr Usman Khan	8882 0712
Counselor	Ms Prue Excell	8882 0710

### TEACHING & LEARNING COORDINATORS

Religious Education	Mrs Mary Reyes
English (Acting)	Ms Barbara Kelly/Ms Linda Hicks
Mathematics	Mr Gavin Hilder
Science	Mrs Pam Kehal
HSIE & Connected Learning	Ms Bonita Carlin
CAPA/LOTE	Mrs Anneke Reemst
PDHPE	Mr Greg Devine
Learning Support	Ms Joanne Penna
TAS	Mrs Rachel Vincent
Sport	Mr Christopher Shanahan

### PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
<b>Stage Coordinator</b> Elizabeth Gale	Elizabeth Gale	Christopher Chavez	Christopher Chavez
<b>Assistant Stage Coordinator</b> Josiah Raad	Adam Scarpin	Nicole Tomich	Jeunelle Juarez

### LEARNING ADVISORS

1. Nicole Thauvette	Shanti Chand	Anneke Reemst	Linda Hicks
2. Kristen Brackenbury	Virginie Nash	Jubilee Bedi	Shobna Shyam
3. Barbara Kelly	Richard Szczygiel	Pam Kehal	David Jadrijevic
4. Melissa Devine	Chris Shanahan	Rebecca Cruickshank	ASukkarieh/CRana
5. Harry Sadsad	Cassandra Millwood	Ashleigh Henderson	Greg Devine
6. Joanne Penna	Bonita Carlin	Rajend Singh	Hayley Fielding
7. Gavin Hilder	Eliza Clarke^	Claire Ely	Aroona Naidoo
8. Luke Dempsey	Rachel Vincent	Vijay Krishna	Chris Azzopardi
9. Denise Davidson	^ from week 4		

Additional Teaching Staff: Nicole Hicks, Raj Kumar, Jane Rutkin, Jenet Chapman

### SUPPORT STAFF

Business Manager	8882 0702	Mrs Kelly Pickett
Finance Secretaries	8882 0706	Mrs Lorraine Bailey, Mrs Lorraine Phillips
Principal Secretary	8882 0703	Mrs Annette O'Keeffe
Reception	8882 0700	Mrs Susan Hagarty, Mrs Kerri Bradbury
Student Office (Absences)	8882 0707	Ms Natalie De Luca
Uniform Shop	8882 0708	Ms Cherie Borthistle
Canteen Manager	8882 0709	Mrs Francine Norton
Library Assistants		Mrs Sharon Berman, Ms Hanna Brogan
Food Technology Assistant		Mrs Nola Balzan
Science Assistant		Ms Cherie Borthistle
Maintenance Staff		Mr Frank Zentai
IT Assistants		Mr Michael Tramonte, Mr Liam Norton

Teachers' Aides: Mrs Maree Copping, Ms Janet Green, Mrs Sandra Shaw, Mrs Maria Vella, Mrs Sharon Deveridge, Mrs Naomi Campkin

### **YEAR 7/2019 INFORMATION NIGHT**

Monday 5 March 2018

Tours: 5.30pm & Information Session: 6.30pm

Register your interest at <https://www.trybooking.com/TZEZ>

## From the Assistant Principal

At St Agnes we encourage all students to do their best and then to try to extend themselves. The following may help to achieve this goal.

- The first and most important factor in learning is to have regular attendance. Turning up on time every day gives students the best opportunity to learn. Every absence impacts on learning.
- Be organised. Do they have all the equipment they need? Do they check their timetable each night and pack their bags ready for the next day. We all know how busy mornings can be for families
- Set goals. Many young people have clear goals for their chosen sports but do not set academic goals. It is important to visualise what they want to achieve.
- Read every day. Encourage your child to read for enjoyment every day. Ask them questions about what they like.
- Have a routine. There needs to be time set aside each day for exercise, work and for play. This takes a little planning but once a routine is established it becomes much easier to get things done.
- Get enough sleep. Ensure that they get plenty of sleep so that they are not tired the next day. There should be no electronic devices in bedrooms. This can be difficult to achieve for some families but the rewards are immense. Do not be afraid of enforcing rules around technology for their own benefit. Young people should not be connected 24/7.
- Completing homework and assignments. To get done what they need to do, it is essential for students to apply themselves for well-structured periods of time out of school time - home learning. The key is to spark in them a willingness to build these study sessions as everyday habits in their lives. They pursue their interests, hobbies and sport with enthusiasm; we need to encourage them to extend these attitudes to their learning.
- Reward positive behaviours. We should encourage the behaviour we wish to see, not just punish the behaviour we do not want. Achieving small regular goals should be celebrated and rewarded. Young people can then see the relationship between regular effort and achievement. The aim is that eventually they become self-managing.

*Ken Wolffe*

## Uniform Shop

**Opening Hours -Tuesdays between 10.00am and 12:00 noon during school terms only.**

The uniform shop is closed during school holidays. Students can attend the Uniform Shop at recess on Tuesdays ONLY. Cash, Eftpos, Cheque, Visa and Mastercard is accepted. We do not accept American Express.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There are NO layby facilities available at the Uniform Shop.

Enquiries can be made through the school office on 8882 0700. Orders can be left at the School Office which will be filled on the following Tuesday, through the following methods.

- Credit card payments can be made over the phone on 8882 0700.
- Cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS payments can be made in person at the Reception Office.
- Send cash, cheque or your credit card details in an envelope with a note detailing what you wish to purchase with your child on Tuesday.

GIRLS UNIFORM		BOYS UNIFORM	
Blouse	\$45	Shirt	\$35
Skirt	\$132	Grey Pants	\$55
Blazer	\$165	Tie	\$25
Jumper	\$75	Blazer	\$165
Navy Socks	\$5-\$10	Jumper	\$75
SPORT UNIFORM		ACCESSORIES	
Polo Shirt	\$43	Calculator	\$27
Shorts	\$30	DT Apron	\$15
Trackjacket	\$82	School Bag	\$60
Trackpants	\$52	Safety Glasses	\$5
Cap	\$15	Music Book	\$2
		Bible	\$30

# From the Teaching & Learning Coordinator

Students have received their individual timetable and are to be commended on the positive start they have made to the 2018 academic year. Copies of these timetables as well as equipment lists for 2018 are available on the school Moodle under the Know Your Learner course.

Years 7-10 Assessment Handbooks which outline the school policy in regards to the completion and submission of assessment tasks, as well as the assessment schedules for each subject, will soon be available on the school website. It is a good idea to go through the Assessment Handbook with your child and ensure that they are aware of assessment expectations and submission dates for tasks.

Students in Years 9 & 10 will have the opportunity during Week 3 to see me regarding possibly changing their elective subjects for this year. A reminder that there are no guarantee students will be able to make any changes. Changes can only occur if there is a vacancy in another elective class they wish to move to.

All students should be setting realistic learning goals that they plan to achieve this academic year. This is best done on a semester basis and involves students identifying subject areas they have experienced past difficulties in and examining ways they can improve and achieve their personal best in. If students do not have good study habits, it will be hard for them to achieve. Trying to implement the 10 study habits below could see students learning capacity grow.

1. Keep your study desk and materials organised and tidy.
2. Schedule in your study time and *stick to it!*
3. Set short-term goals for each study session and reward yourself when you meet those goals.
4. Read the chapter of information that will be covered the following day. Write down any questions you have that pertain to that subject.
5. Make it a point to try and use new terms and concepts in order for them to really sink in.
6. Do not study for hours on end. Study for 45 minutes and then take 15 minutes off.
7. Try and correspond your class notes and textbook/online information.
8. Make sure to cut out all distractions when studying: phones, TV, iPods, surfing the net, loud areas, etc.
9. Go to bed after you study. Your brain will mull over what you just learned while you sleep. There will be a good chance you will remember it pretty well when you wake up.
10. Keep a positive attitude about your studies. If you find yourself dreading your studies, change your attitude and think how exciting it is to learn something new!

I hope that all students enjoy, participate and succeed in their studies this year.

*Laurence De Martin*

## Congratulations to the 2018 Student Leadership

### SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Alyssa Willis, Vanie Barcelon, Lachlan Watson and Jonathan Israel.

### CATHOLIC IDENTITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Kiera Everingham, Micah Fernandez, Katalina Vave, Rhiannon Soans and Daniel Villanueva.

### PASTORAL CARE

Callandra Jane, Emily Moyse, Mari Cuasay and Hedrone Aquino.

### EVENTS

Maddison Harris, Angelene Concepcion, Katelyn Leonardo, Althea Fajardo, Anthony Gagliardi and Jesse Gonzalez.

### ENVIRONMENT

Abigail Romero, Rachel Galacio, Carlos Clariz and Andy Yassine.

### DIGITAL MEDIA

Priyanshi Sharma, Nathan Luk, Evan Tecson and Shazim Siddique.

### PEER SUPPORT

Abul Tuil and Jordan Ferry.

### SPORT

Kathleen Sikuea and Angelo Audish.

### HOUSE

CHISHOLM - Rasha Ali and Michael Aithe

FRANCIS - Selenna Fuimaono and Andrew Freeman

MACKILLOP - Tina Nani and Alex Lind

XAVIER - Solo Tafau and Mahina Taiki

Mentors Mr Shanahan and Mr Devine



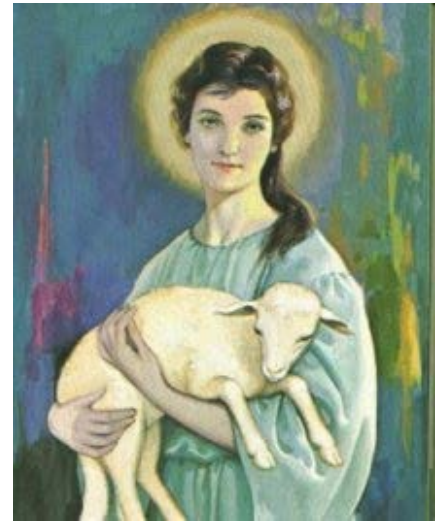


## Feast of St Agnes (21 January)

Pace e bene! Welcome to all staff, students, parents, families and to our St Agnes community to the 2018 school year.

During the school holidays on the 21st of January, we acknowledge the **Feast of St. Agnes**. On this day we remember the life of our patron saint, a twelve year old girl who lived in Rome in the 4th century who devoted her whole life to love God above all things. In a time of Christian persecution, men often abused her beauty, however, with her purity of heart, she was not easily tempted by riches and empty promises and willingly surrendered her life to preach her love for God.

St Agnes is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs. As a community, may we imitate St Agnes' love and faithfulness to God, as we live deeply in His Words and stay faithful to his unending love for each one of us.



We began the school year with a liturgy that welcomed our newest members to the St. Agnes community, our year 7 students. The theme for this liturgy was "Joy in Faith", a message that will be a constant theme for 2018 that encourages us all to find the joy in knowing Jesus as a friend through the scriptures and in the sacraments, but most of all, through our faith journey. A central symbol of our liturgy was a **coolamon**, an Indigenous Australian carrying vessel that was often used by women to carry seeds, fruits and even babies from one place to another. It was also used to sow seeds by riverbanks and as a digging tool. The coolamon for us is a symbol where we can place our prayers; deepest desires, worries, struggles and challenges this year. The Cross sits in the coolamon as Jesus is with us, and a loving God who holds all of us in the palm of his hand.



Peace be with you!

**What does Pace e Bene mean?** Pace e Bene is an old greeting used by the Friars, used by Francis and Clare and other followers of the Franciscan spirituality. It translates as 'Peace and Goodness'. Why do we use that greeting?

1. The first is rooted in the **words of Jesus Christ**. When Jesus sent the Apostles out for the first time, he said to them, that when they entered a village and knocked on a door, they should greet the people by saying 'Peace be with you!'. He said if a person of Peace lived there, your Peace will remain with them, if not, it will return to you.
2. Secondly, it is rooted in our **Franciscan Tradition**. St Francis saw EVERYTHING as Good because everything comes from God who is Goodness Himself (with a Capital G!). Francis wrote '*Mi Signore, Sei il Bene, tutto Bene, molto Bene*' - 'My Lord, you are Good, every Good, All Good'.
3. Thirdly, it is rooted in our **Christian identity and mission**. When we greet somebody with 'Pace e Bene' or in another similar form (Pax et Bonum ... Peace and Goodness.. Peace be with you), we are identifying ourselves as Representatives of Peace (with a Capital P) and Good (with a Capital G), who is God.



Peace and Goodness, the essential message of Jesus Christ, is the essence of Christian living and discipleship. It is what we need as individuals, as families, as a society and a world.



## St Agnes Sacramental Life

A significant aspect at St Agnes is our sacramental life. 'Sacramental' are sacred signs that help us recognise that Christ is always with us. One way we continually do this is through our **Thursday Morning Mass** that begins from 8:00-8:20am and **Confession** available every Friday from 11:00am. Staff and students are invited to attend these opportunities to receive Communion and Confession and is greatly supported by Fr Alan Layt and Fr Pat Mullins SJ. Seeking and deepening our faith is a part of the St. Agnes mission and is a place where staff and students are encouraged to live in the spirit of Jesus.

I wish you all a very blessed, safe and exciting new year of ahead of learning at St. Agnes. We are a community who build each other up, cares for every individual and who continue to pray for one another.

Pace e Bene to you all!!!

*In Christ,  
Mary Reyes*

## 2018 Opening School Mass

*Our Lady of Victories Church, Horsley Park*





# Starting Secondary School

Starting secondary school is a time of change and uncertainty, which places new demands on young people. Being the youngest in the school when they used to be the eldest, getting used to new subjects and teachers, as well as forming new friendships are just some of the challenges our new Year 7's face while settling into our St Agnes community.

Whilst most Year 7's will take these new experiences in their stride it is natural to experience some difficulty, particularly as it's accompanied by the potentially unsettling transition from childhood to adolescence.

It helps to remember the **3 P's** to assist your child to settle in:

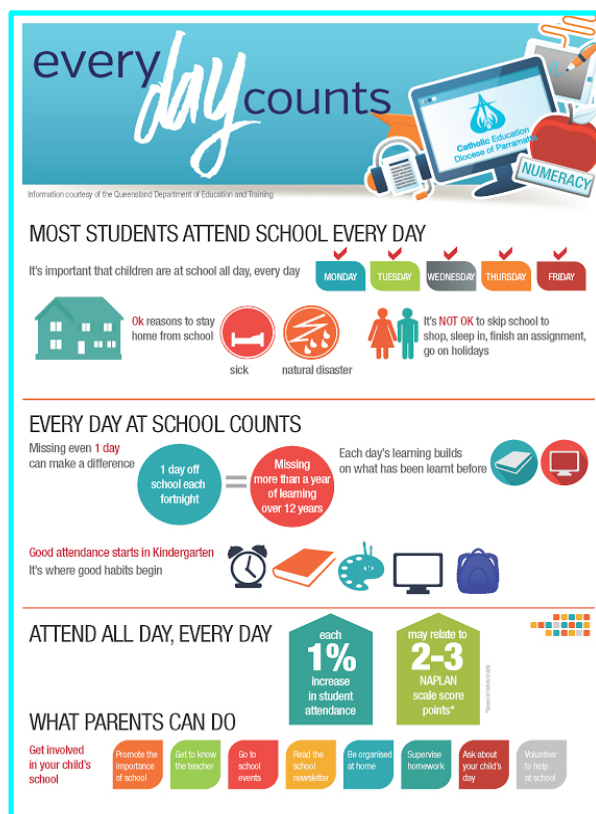
**1. Patience** - Be patient and understanding in the early weeks. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your child to adjust. Talk to your child about change and reassure them that it is normal to feel nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many of the difficulties they face will be temporary.

**2. Positive Attitude** - Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that you and your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about their new subjects or interesting activities they are doing, and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Encourage them to discuss 'settling in' problems with the Learning Advisor, Assistant Stage Coordinator or Stage Coordinator. All these people have many great strategies to help your child settle into school and are more than happy to help.

**3. Process their day** - Some young people may come with fairly exaggerated accounts of secondary school and may not always paint a fair picture. They can be sensitive to many things, which they would have shrugged off in primary school. It helps if you can listen without judgment and show a real interest in their new school.

Although secondary school may seem a little foreign to those used to the relative intimacy of primary school, one aspect is the same - outcomes for students are maximised when schools and parents work together in the best interest of the student.

Most importantly, talk your child's new school up, rather than talking it down as kids of all ages take their cues from the most significant adults in their lives - their parents and carers!



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2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

**For Android users:**

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

**For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:**

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

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## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

23 February 2018

Mt Druitt Swimming Centre

Mount St, Mt Druitt

Students are to make their own way to the pool in readiness for roll call at 8.15am

# Who Do I Contact for.....

The list below should assist you in knowing who to contact with questions about the school or your child's

<b>Short absences</b>	Telephone the school in the morning by 9.00 am on 8882 0707. Advise the Homeroom Teacher, by letter, within three days of the beginning of the absence. <b><i>A medical certificate is required for absences of more than 3 days.</i></b>
<b>Absences longer than 1 week</b>	Illness - telephone the school and send a letter to the Stage Coordinator. Extended /planned absence - a letter and Application for Exemption from Attendance (AEO) to the Principal, giving at least 2 weeks notice. AEO available from the office and from our website.
<b>Academic Progress</b>	Subject Teacher Teaching & Learning Coordinator Learning Support Teacher Assistant Principal
<b>Assessment Tasks &amp; Examinations</b>	Teaching & Learning Coordinator
<b>Bullying</b>	Depending on the nature and severity: · Homeroom Teacher/Subject/Teacher/Assistant Stage Coordinator · Stage Coordinator · Counsellor · Assistant Principal · Principal
<b>Complaints</b>	Depending on the nature and seriousness of the complaint · Stage/Assistant Stage Coordinator (pastoral / general issues) · Teaching & Learning Coordinator (curriculum issues) · Assistant Principal · Principal
<b>Personal, Family and Pastoral Care Matters</b>	Homeroom Teacher Stage Coordinator Counsellor Assistant Principal Principal
<b>Discipline Matters</b>	Teaching & Learning Coordinator (subject matters) Stage Coordinator (general matters) Assistant Principal Principal
<b>Lost Property</b>	Student Administration Office
<b>Finance (Fees)</b>	Business Manager or School Fees Secretary
<b>Uniforms</b>	Stage Coordinator (management) Uniform Shop Manager (purchasing)

## HOMework CLUB

Do you need a hand with homework?  
Has an assessment or assignment got you stumped?  
What about getting some handy study in!  
Just need a quiet place to study!

Come along to Homework Club in the library  
Every Tuesday afternoon 2.30-3.30pm



# School Fees

CEO mails statements direct to students' homes. Included is Flexible Payment Option paperwork for options to pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

**If parents are suffering financial hardship please contact our Business Manager, Mrs Kelly Pickett on 8882 0702 as soon as possible.**

The table below shows the breakdown of school fees at St Agnes Catholic High School. Payment is due 28 days from the statement date unless an arrangement is made with the Finance Department. Overdue fees may be referred to a collection agency as instructed by the Catholic Education Office.

## Term 1 fees are due on the 21st March 2018.

PER YEAR	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
<b>Diocesan Fees (A)**</b>				
Diocesan School Fee	\$2100	\$2100	\$2331	\$2331
Diocesan Building Levy	\$783	\$783	\$783	\$783
<b>School Fees</b>				
Resource Fee	\$630	\$570	\$570	\$570
Activity Fee	\$159	\$180	\$210	\$168
Overnight Excursion	\$339	Nil	Nil	\$159
PASS Elective Fee	Nil	Nil	\$99	\$99
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4011</b>	<b>\$3633</b>	<b>\$3993*</b>	<b>\$4110*</b>

\*Students in years 9 and 10 will be charged separately for excursions that relate to their elected subjects.

\*\*Additional charges apply for families who are not Australian Residents - further information available from the school office.

### A. Diocesan Fees

These fees are set by, and collected on behalf of the Diocese of Parramatta and are passed onto the Catholic Education Office. They are directed towards supplementing Commonwealth and State Grants (which cover about 80% of the running costs of the schools) for the payment of teacher's salaries, general running costs associated with the school and the administration of the Catholic Education Office Parramatta.

Sibling reductions for Diocesan School Fees only apply to those children attending Systemic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta and St Dominic's College at Kingswood or systemic schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney and Dioceses of Wollongong and Broken Bay.

PER YEAR	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1st child	\$2100	\$2100	\$2331	\$2331
2nd child	\$1575	\$1575	\$1749	\$1749
3rd child	\$1050	\$1050	\$1167	\$1167
4th child	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

It is anticipated that no other fees will be payable (with the exception of elective subject excursions).

## Important Notice

The safety and well being of your child is our highest priority.

- School hours are from 8.15am -2.25pm. Supervision is ONLY provided between the hours of 7.45am - 3.00pm. We request your cooperation in not having your children at school outside these hours of supervision.
- Vehicles are NOT permitted in the school car park. Please park on Evans Road.
- We encourage parents to use the drop-off and pick up areas outside the school and not to stop for extended periods of time. We recommend that if you pick up your child on Evans Road you instruct your child to cross at the designated crossing point. Please be aware of our neighbours and do not park across their driveways.

# Communication Channels

At St Agnes we believe parents and community members play an important role in their children's education and a strong partnership between them and the school enriches the learning experience.

There are many formal and informal opportunities for the school to communicate information and share student's progress with our parents:



**Website:** [www.stagnesrootyhill.catholic.edu.au/home](http://www.stagnesrootyhill.catholic.edu.au/home)

Our school website is the main avenue for all communication and is constantly updated with notices, reminders, news stories, galleries, events, school notes and more!



**FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com/StAgnesCHSRootyHill](http://www.facebook.com/StAgnesCHSRootyHill)

'Like' our official St Agnes Catholic High School Facebook page for instant reminders, notices, news stories, photos as they happen.



## School Newsletter

Our Newsletter is published fortnightly on even weeks (2,4,6,8,10) of each term. The newsletter is sent out via email and is placed on our website under the [News & Events tab](#). If you do not receive the newsletter email, you can subscribe on [our website!](#)

Parents who have changed their email address or need to update their email addresses can complete this via the school website by clicking on 'Newsletter Signup' on the [homepage](#) and filling in the details. Ticking the box 'Receive Announcements' will ensure you receive any message sent via email.



**YouTube Channel** [www.youtube.com/user/StAgnesCHSHotShots](http://www.youtube.com/user/StAgnesCHSHotShots)

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## Skoolbag

Skoolbag is a mobile App that communicates news/events directly from St Agnes to your mobile phone or ipad. Click here to download [Skoolbag](#).



**Phone: 8882 0700**

Our Administration Office is open from 8.00am to 3.00pm, Monday to Friday. The office staff can be contacted for any information regarding your child's education or if you would like to make appointments with any staff member.



**Email:** [stagnes@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stagnes@parra.catholic.edu.au)

We can be contacted via our official email address for all of your questions and queries.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday 27 February 2018

All students will receive an order form but preferred method is to order and pay online at

<http://www.advancedlife.com.au>

using our school's unique 9 digit Online Order Code (QF8 B2A E3H)



Our Canteen operates with one paid supervisor and the rest of the food preparation and service is done by a valued group of volunteers. We seek to recruit some parents to provide much needed support and assistance on Thursdays and/or Fridays.

Working as a volunteer in the Canteen is an excellent way of getting to know other parents, the teachers, and the school environment.

We welcome any member or friend of the family of enrolled students who could help. Please contact Francine on 8882 0709 if you can volunteer. (Please note: All volunteers need a Working with Children's Check.)

# School Opal Card

All eligible students should now have received their Opal Pass. If you require a pass and have not applied for one please do so via the [Transport NSW website](https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/home) (<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/home>). Once your application is complete bring the form in to have it authorised by the school and it will be sent to the Transport Department. Your Opal Pass will be sent to your home address.



**SCHOOL TERM BUS PASS** (For students who live equal to or less than 2 kilometres in a straight line (radial) distance from their home address to school and the walking distance from home to school is equal to or less than 2.9 kilometres).

If you do not qualify for free travel, you may be eligible to purchase a School Term Bus Pass, which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.

If your travel is in the Opal network you can apply online by clicking in the 'Apply now' button on the [Transport NSW website](https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/home). If your application is successful, your School Term Bus Pass will be in the form of a School Opal card.

A School Term Bus Pass is valid for travel between the registered home address and the school on school days only, via the most direct route.

A School Term Pass can be purchased for one or more terms in the school year. The current cost is \$53 (including GST) per term (price is correct at the time of publication and is subject to change).

If your application is successful, travel for the number of terms purchased will be loaded onto a School Opal card. Please keep your School Opal card if you wish to purchase more terms, as your existing card will be updated.

If your travel is outside the Opal network you should check with your local bus operator to see if a School Term Bus Pass is available.

## LOST/STOLEN CARDS

To report a lost or stolen School Opal Pass visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/reportPass> - [/reportPass](https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/reportPass). (A card replacement fee may apply.) To report a damaged card phone 131 500 or email [concessions@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:concessions@transport.nsw.gov.au) quoting your name, address and school. (A card replacement fee may apply.)

## TROUBLE TAPPING ON/OFF

If you are having problems tapping on/off, or if an error code comes up please email [concessions@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:concessions@transport.nsw.gov.au) stating your name, address and school and details of the problem and/or error code.

## Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services.

If students don't Tap on and Tap off, services may be cancelled or reduced due to the lack of recorded patronage. With this in mind, we again ask for your assistance in reminding your students that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card. This in turn helps us ensure we are able to provide the appropriate level of service to your students.

## MEDICAL CONDITION ALLOWANCES

If you believe you have a medical condition or other special circumstances that inhibits you walking to school you should complete and submit an [SSTS medical report](#) form with your application. If you're in the Opal network and are applying online, you can attach this completed form electronically as part of the online process.

Initial applications on medical grounds may be approved for up to 12 months with a certificate from your general practitioner. Subsequent applications require a more comprehensive report from a medical specialist demonstrating how the student's medical condition prevents him/her walking to and from school. Subsidised travel on medical grounds does not apply to a one-off injury or a minor, temporary or irregular condition.

## SHARED PARENTAL SITUATIONS

In a shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody), a student is eligible for subsidised travel from both the parents' addresses, subject to meeting the normal eligibility criteria.

A separate SSTS application should be made by each parent (or by the student if aged 16 or over) for each address. Applications for subsidised travel for Friday afternoons and Monday mornings only (to cover weekend access visits) are not eligible under the Scheme.



Our Ref: TRIM 18/4339

## NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended for adolescents by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

Confirmation of Vaccination clinic details is as follows:

Tuesday 29/May/2018	8:30 am	Yr7 1st dose HPV & Yr7, dTpa
Tuesday 11/Sep/2018	8:30 am	Yr10 MenACWY
Tuesday 27/Nov/2018	8:30 am	Yr7 2nd dose HPV

In 2018 the following vaccines will be offered:

### Year 7 students

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine in a 2-dose schedule at least 6 months apart
- Diphtheria –Tetanus-Pertussis(whooping cough) vaccine - single dose

### Year 10 students

- Meningococcal ACWY vaccine – single dose

*\* The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, checklist, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.*

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of your child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- Complete the consent form; including **signing your name next to the vaccine/s you would like your child to receive.**
- return the consent form to your child's school **ASAP**
- Ensure that your child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw your consent for any reason may do so by writing to the School Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, **parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child's name)** on the consent form, as this is required to record the student's information on the National HPV Vaccination Register (for female students only) and link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

**A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that your child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.**

Should you have any further questions or comments regarding this program please call the Immunisation Team on 4734 2022. Further information regarding immunisation is also available at [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)

# Uniform Expectations

A student's sense of belonging and identity is aided by wearing a school uniform. Pride in the school is often demonstrated by the manner in which a student wears the school uniform.

Correct school uniform is to be worn travelling to and from the school, while at the school and at any formal occasion designated by the Principal. The school uniform should at all times be clean and neat.

**All St Agnes uniform articles other than shoes and tights must be purchased from the School Uniform Shop.**

Girls' Uniform	Boys' Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School skirt (below the knee length; mid calf)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School grey trousers</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St Agnes school blouse</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St Agnes short sleeved shirt, tucked in</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Opaque black tights (Navy turn over socks are optional in Terms 1 &amp; 4)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Standard dark socks</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Standard polished black lace up school shoes (no elevated heels)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Standard polished black lace up school shoes</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School blazer (Term 2 &amp; 3 plus formal occasions)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School blazer (Term 2 &amp; 3 plus formal occasions)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School jumper (optional) Only permitted under school blazer to and from school</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School jumper (optional) Only permitted under school blazer to and from school</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plain black scarf (optional, in Terms 2 &amp; 3 only)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plain black scarf (optional, in Terms 2 &amp; 3 only)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plain black gloves (optional, in Terms 2 &amp; 3 only)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plain black gloves (optional, in Terms 2 &amp; 3 only)</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St Agnes school tie</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Black belt</li></ul>

SPORTS UNIFORM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St Agnes sport shirt with crest</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St Agnes shorts</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St Agnes tracksuit</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>White ankle socks</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clean lace up joggers (see picture for appropriate style)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>School Cap</li></ul>

## SKIRT REQUIREMENTS

Girls are to ensure:

- the length of the skirt is **NOT** shortened as it is intended that it be worn below the knee.
- the skirt button is worn on the left hand side of their waist and the label is at the back of the garment.
- the temporary stitching at the hem is removed to release the pleats.
- the skirt is **NOT** rolled over at the waist as this affects the hang of the skirt.

### A few helpful hints to ensure the good presentation of the skirt:

- Skirts need to be dry cleaned, hand washed, or washed on a **wool cycle** only.
- The shape of the skirt holds best if it is hung on a skirt hanger to dry.
- To ensure the pleats fall correctly it is best to press down both the hem and the pleats. This works best using a damp cloth when ironing.

## SCHOOL BAG

The St Agnes school bag is a compulsory part of the school uniform.

## GROOMING

- Students are expected to keep their hair clean, neat and tidy at all times.
- Hair is to be kept off the face and out of student's eyes.
- Long hair, below the shoulders, is to be tied back.
- All hair accessories are to be black.
- There are to be no extremes of fashion in hairstyle, cut, colour or accessories.
- No make up or nail polish is permitted.
- Boys must be clean-shaven.

The Assistant Principal will make the final decision on what is appropriate.

## JEWELLERY

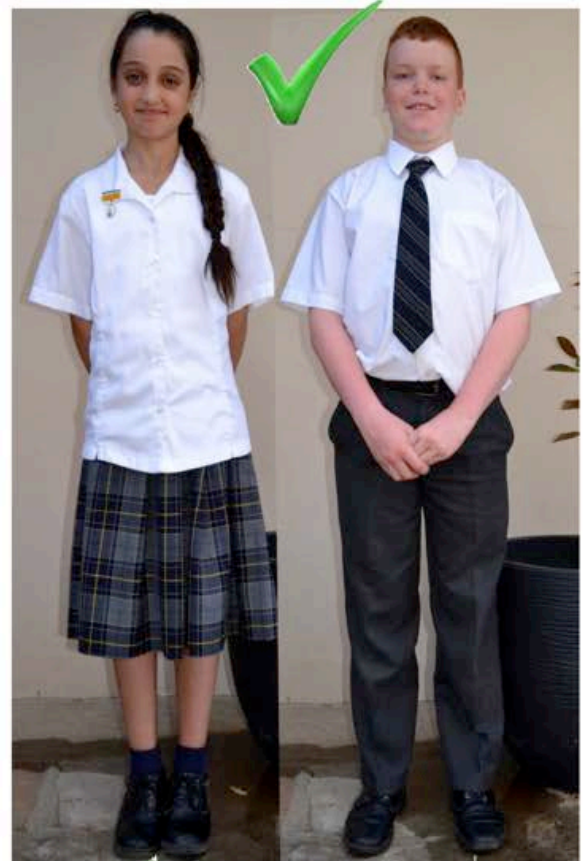
In the interest of safety and security, no inappropriate jewellery should be worn. Body studs, chains or bracelets are not permitted. Inappropriate jewellery will be confiscated, secured in the school office and returned to parents or at the end of term. The following only may be worn.

- A simple wrist watch
- A plain gold or silver ring (with no elevations, stones or sharp points)
- A plain gold or silver chain with a Christian cross or Christian medal (to be worn underneath the shirt)
- Girls may wear one pair of plain gold or silver sleepers or small studs without stones, one in the lobe of each ear.
- Boys may wear a similar earring in one earlobe only.

## OTHER

- In Terms 1 and 4 the tracksuit is optional.
- Students may wear their sports uniform, including tracksuit, to and from school on their designated Sports and double PDHPE days.
- All items of uniform must be clearly marked with student's name.

Parents may be contacted to bring in the correct uniform if students are inappropriately dressed.



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### When is sick too sick for school

If I am sick please call the school or write me a note to let the school know why I am not at school.

Send me to school if ...	Keep me home if ...
✓ I have the symptoms of a cold or hayfever	✓ I have a temperature higher than 37 degrees
✓ I have a sprain, strain or pain and I can function (walk, talk and eat)	✓ I am vomiting or have diarrhoea
✓ If I have asthma, diabetes, epilepsy etc. school personnel are trained to manage my condition. Talk to the school about my health plan	✓ My eyes are red, and crusty (conjunctivitis)
✓ I haven't vomited or had diarrhoea for 24 hours	✓ I have influenza (flu) - combination fever, sore throat, cough, muscle aches and headaches
	✓ I have the symptoms of an infectious disease. Go to NSW Health A-Z of infectious diseases for more information

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta



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**PLAYERS REQUIRED**

**UNDER 6'S TO SENIORS**



**DATE 10<sup>TH</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2018**

**TIME 4PM- 6PM**

**LOCATION AT OUR NETBALL COURTS  
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**PLEASE CONTACT**

**ROBERT FITZGERALD PRESIDENT**

**0403 677 519**

**SONIA MCWHIRTER REGISTRAR**

**0425213080**

**DON'T FORGET THE ACTIVE KID PROGRAM**



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## BYALLAWA

School Fee Co-Contribution Scheme

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## KEEP UP WITH SCHOOL EVENTS

Through our google calendar  
Click the '+Google Calendar' on our Upcoming Events page  
Add our school calendar to your Google Calendar.

## TAX FILE APPLICATION PROCESS

Students can apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office. Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au) by searching for 'QC27248'. If you require any further information you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday

Watch this video for further information

<http://tv.ato.gov.au/ato-tv/media?v=bd1bdiubkctq5u>

## New Student Prayer

*Jesus, I am stepping out  
onto the threshold of a  
completely new beginning.  
I know that this is a  
wonderful opportunity that  
You have given me and I  
ask that You be with me to  
lead and guide me, as I seek  
to become accustomed to  
the changes in my  
schooling.*

*Help me to make some good  
friends and help me as I  
adjust to the new  
surroundings and different  
teachers.*

*Lord, I pray that You bring  
some good friends into my  
life that are supportive and  
encouraging.*

*Help me to work hard and  
settle in quickly and easily.*

*Amen*

