

SALESIAN HOUSE

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newsletter



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Zac, Luke, Alan and Mr Head enjoying the end of term bonfire at McNally Farm

I gathered the students for an evening reflection at the beginning of the term. My theme was "Come on the Saints". Whilst there was a passing reference to St Kilda who continue to test the loyalty of their supporters, the saints that I was talking about were the more traditional Catholic saints. My main idea around sainthood was that it was about people responding to the moments that they were in. It was about people being the best that they can be in a particular situation.

In the history of the Church some people have responded in a tremendous way and we have called them saints. They are not supermen or women. They are ordinary but somehow with generosity and optimism, courage and determination, they become extraordinary. At the end of the reflection, I said that my hope for Salesian House was to produce saints. We have many extraordinary young people living together. This place could become extraordinary.

To finish, I gave them a table that summarised their academic achievement at the end of the semester and I built our prayer around responding to challenge. The results below aren't too bad. The saints of Salesian House are working. I think that our boarders are taking their studies seriously as well as responding to the many moments in Salesian House life. In presenting the chart I asked them to find themselves amongst all of those grades. Your son and daughter are there below and they looked.

Year Level	A Grade	B Grade	C Grade	D Grade
Year 12 5 students	10	7		
Year 11 6 students	11	18	9	1
Year 10 4 students	6	14	3	1
Year 8/9 6 students	14	34	15	3

The Salesian ideal sees the home as a place of welcome and the boarding experience as a place of celebration. We also talked about the Salesian House as a place of learning which supports the ambitions of the school and families. There is no confusion about it being a place of scholarship. Denise makes that very clear in her leadership.

My own confidence is that it is a place of challenge. That is an essential element of Salesian House. We want people to be at their best. We challenge them to. That puts more saints into St Mark's. We have quite a few of them who are boarding. That's why I say, "Come on the Saints!"

Warm regards

Greg Hay

Principal, St Mark's College

Salesian House Report

We continue to review the catering food selections each day to have a 4 week menu accepted by the students. A survey was emailed to all Boarders in mid-August and results have been collated to help achieve this.

Jane continues to engage Boarders in as many activities and outings as practical. Recently students attended the truck museum, the beach, cooking and sports in the Sports Centre. Our School Counsellor Ashley continues to visit every Tuesday afternoon.

A number of Boarding students and myself attended the College Musical. It was very enjoyable and the students and staff did an amazing job to produce a very successful musical. Well done to Mr Hay and his support staff! I would like to congratulate one of our Boarders, Emily, who was part of the production, I was very proud of her contribution to the Musical.

Good luck to our four Year 12 students, Meg M, Meg K, Mia and Lauren as they work towards the end of their time at St Mark's College and in Salesian House. They will all be greatly missed by fellow Boarders and staff and we wish them the best in their exams and whatever the future may hold for them.

Six of our Boarders- Anthony, Alan, Zac, Bridie, Georgia and Issy were involved in an evening photo shoot at McNally Farm. Well done to these students who also study Agriculture at the school- we can't wait to see the photos!

The Salesian House End of Year Liturgy will be held on Sunday 17 October, 7.00pm in the Bosco Chapel. We encourage all students and families to attend as this is Salesian House's most important celebration for the year. I urge all students who usually arrive back on Monday morning to please come back on the Sunday night and be a part of this celebration to farewell our Year 12's. It would be wonderful to see all students take part in this special liturgy.

Denise Arbon

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House Coordinator

College Musical

I enjoyed being in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat as there was a lot of music, singing and dancing- those are the bits that I enjoy most!

I was given the role of Rachel, Jacob's wife, which we added to the original script. My favourite part of the whole musical was when Jonas performed as the Elvis-style Pharaoh. While he was Pharaoh, I was one of the Egyptian servants and we supported Jonas with dancing, singing and lots of idolisation during Song of the King!

I would definitely recommend being in a musical if there is another. It was a lot of fun!

Emily Hilder



Emily, as Rachel with Jacob (Brodie) in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat

Adelaide Show Wether Competition

This year six students were lucky enough to be able to participate in the Royal Adelaide Show Wether Competition. This was my second year being involved with the wether's at the school and the show. Although the Adelaide Show wasn't on we were still fortunate enough to compete in the agricultural competitive side of the show. While we all had to wear masks, social distance and follow the COVID regulations I am confident that everyone thoroughly enjoyed their day while getting to learn quite a bit on handling, wool classing and shearing.

Issy Bray



Georgia, Anthony and Issy at the Adelaide Show Merino Competition



Madison during the sheep pluck investigation in science



Meg with her brownie created in the Boarders MasterChef Challenge with Mrs Byerlee



Mia presenting her Research Project with her parents Michelle and Terrence



Chloe and Codi making smores at the bonfire



At the end of Term 2, Alan completed his work experience at Flinders Hydraulics



Claire playing the keyboard in music lesson



Bridie, Claire, Codi and Alice enjoying a swim at Solomontown Beach



Emily takes the microphone in music lesson



Chloe completes a chemical practical with Bridie and Madeline



Claire and Tayah making a custom brownie in the Boarders MasterChef Challenge



Alice playing the keyboard in music lesson



Enjoying a game of netball in the Sports Centre



Anthony and Alan checking out the truck at the 'Stories from the Road Museum'



Happy birthday Meg (with Codi and Bridie)



Happy birthday Tayah



Happy birthday Georgia (with Issy)