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NEWSLETTER OF LOYOLA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### STAFF NEWS

**Mrs Samantha Fresco**, who has served our community as Arrupe House Coordinator for the past several years has been appointed as Leader of Learning for Personal Development, Health and Physical Education, a position Sam will commence from the start of Term 4.

**Miss Sally Johnstone** has been appointed in a permanent capacity as Leader of Learning for Human Society and its Environment. She has fulfilled the acting position since the start of Term Two with great accomplishment.

### Year 11 2018

We are currently working with **Year 10 students regarding their enrolment for Year 11, 2018**. Offers of enrolment have been sent to families and interviews have been taking place. Students from St Clare's and St Agnes enrolling into Senior High have been interviewed by Loyola staff regarding their course packages. Students enrolling into the Trade Training Centre have been contacted inviting them to Loyola for their interviews.

Any Year 10 students still wishing to enrol into either Senior High or the Trade Training Centre need to contact Loyola for an enrolment package.

We look forward to hosting Year 10 students towards the end of Term 4 for their Orientation programs, in readiness for Year 11 2018.

### Staff Reflection Day

Loyola staff members enjoyed a reflection day with a difference this year. The day was hosted by the Two Wolves Cantina in Broadway, where we enjoyed a beautiful lunch and each other's company. The Two Wolves is an aspect of the Cardoner Project, which is an avenue for young people to share prayer, community, formation, leadership programs, and opportunities for overseas immersions. Thanks very much to Mr Ryan Reyes for organising the day, and the staff of the Two Wolves and Cardoner project for their input and culinary delights!

**Mrs Cathy Larkin**  
Principal

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Year 11 Exams

Monday 11 September  
To Wednesday 20 September

### Uniform Shop Opening Hours:

Wednesdays 8.00am - 1.00pm

**Enrolments Yr 11— 2018**  
**NOW DUE**

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## REPORT FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

**Loyola Disco Friday 1 September 7.00pm - 10.00pm at St Mary's Band Club**

"The Loyola Disco" was a great success with over 100 students attending. Thank you to all involved in the organising the evening.

### **Year 11 Final Examinations: Weeks 9 and 10**

Students have received their Examination Timetable last week. If you need any additional information please make contact with your child's tutor.

### **Details of final weeks for Year 12: If you would like any additional information please contact your Tutor**

During this time, it is important for Year 12 to realise that it is "business as usual" at Loyola. We realise that it is an exciting time, but, at the same time it is a most important time for you to concentrate on your studies and gain confidence in your ability to either answer the HSC examination questions, or, achieve those most important competencies.

It is also a time when Year 12 students need to be "a person for others" as friends and colleagues will be experiencing conflicting emotions of sadness, anxiety and happiness, all at the same time.

### **Wednesday 13 September**

*This is the last day for the return of:*

the note requesting tickets for the Valete Evening Mass to Mrs Bettiol at the Front Office.

### **Monday 18 September**

Period 3. This is the final school assembly.

Period 4. This is the final pastoral care lesson that Year 12 will have time with their tutor group and it will be the time when they will celebrate with their tutor.

### **Wednesday 20 September (the day before Valete Day)**

There will be a Valete practise on Wednesday afternoon after lunch, therefore, **no Year 12 students will be leaving early that day.**

**This practice will be for the three different ceremonies scheduled for Thursday 22 September.**

### **Thursday 21 September (Valet Day)**

*Please remember that:*

**the day will start at 9.00am with Year 12 going to tutor group. At 9.30am you will then proceed to the House Assembly** where they will sign the Graduation Book and receive their school gift. students must be wearing full school uniform ( blazers and ties )

No student will be allowed on stage to accept an award with unusual coloured hair or canvas shoes. **(These are just two examples of things that will not be tolerated!)**

### **Term 4 HSC Examinations and beyond**

*Please remember that:*

if students are sitting a HSC examination, they are required **to wear full summer uniform in the examination room.** (Blazers and jumpers are optional) from Monday 6 November to Friday 11 November **students are expected to come to school and sign out.** Students are expected to return all library books, locker keys, borrowed uniform items and pay any outstanding money which is owing.

To begin this process, **students will need to collect a Year 12 Clearance Form** ( Sign Out Sheet ) from the Front Office.

**The sign out sheet must be returned to the Front Office when it is completed.** It is not to be taken away from the school premises.

**When students return borrowed uniform, it must be clean and if a blazer has been borrowed a payment of \$12 must be paid on its return** to have it dry cleaned. This is a WHS regulation. If a student has received a perpetual trophy at the Valete celebrations, it also needs to be returned to the Front Office at this stage. **It is only when the sign out sheet is returned, completed to the Front Office, that students are allowed to pick up Graduation Ball tickets and that a school reference** (if requested by you) will be forwarded to the student.

Please remember that **it would be appreciated if students could donate their uniform** to the school.

### **Year 12 Picnic Day**

A Picnic Day has been organised for students of Year 12 on Friday, September 22, 2017. The purpose of this day is to celebrate, as a community, the completion of a very successful HSC year. It is anticipated that all Year 12 students will attend the Picnic Day unless they have approved leave.

Please note the following advice from the administrators of Luna Park:

*“Rain or Shine, we are still open. Half of the rides are undercover and the other half are outdoors. If thunder or lightning is present, then the closing times may change.”*

Additional details are available in the letter given to Year 12 last week

### **Very Important: Top Ten Exam Tips**

1. Make sure you know the structure of the exam  
(Multiple choice, 5 mark questions, 20-mark essay ...)

2. Ask for help (talk or email your teacher)

Don't feel bad if you need to ask for help. People you can talk to about exams include:

- Teachers
- Family members
- Friends and fellow students

3. Sort out your course material: Study notes are very important!

Before starting to review a course, it helps to write your own summaries and put your study notes in order.

4. Review past exam papers

Get your hands on any old exam papers from the subject and familiarise yourself with the structure and format.

5. Know where to go

Make sure you know where and when the exam is happening. You don't want to miss your exam! Here's how to make sure that doesn't happen to you.

- Check your exam timetable for time and place details

Make a list of everything you need to take with you (for example, calculator, pencil, ruler)

6. Don't cram

Staying up all night to cram will only stress you out. It's better to just review what you've already studied and get an early night. That way you'll be as refreshed as you can be on the day of your exam.

7. Keep your cool

Fronting up to an exam can be nerve-wracking, but here are some tips for staying calm:

Try to get there with time to spare so you don't arrive all rushed.

Make sure you have a healthy breakfast

8. Use your reading time

The way you use your reading time can really help you make the most of your exam time. Here are some ways to use your reading time well:

Read all of the instructions very carefully.

Start thinking about your answers.

9. Break the questions down

A great tip for any exam is to break the questions down to make sure you really understand what you're being asked.

Look for the key parts of the question. These can give you clues on how to answer it.

10. Review your answers (if you can)

If you finish the exam before the time is up it's a good idea to go back over everything, even answers you're confident you got right. Try to:

review as many answers as you can

make sure you've answered every question

make sure you've answered every part of every question (some questions might have multiple parts).

Thank you for your continued support

**Mr Patrick Finnerty**  
**Assistant Principal**

## YEAR 12 MENTORS OF DEBATING

**Nia** and I both participated in the Loyola Senior High School Debating Team of 2016 and 2017.

Despite our heavy study loads, we decided to continue debating into Year 12 as we enjoyed the positive atmosphere where individuals could excel. We had the opportunity to mentor and shape how and what we learned from each other and other schools, to build strong cohesive teams with lasting bonds.

When we became a part of the Year 12 team, we had the privilege to mentor the new Year 11 teams along with **Mrs Payne** and **Mrs Larkin**. Working with the Year 11 team proved to be really rewarding, we encouraged speakers to step out of their comfort zone as most of the students had no prior debating experience. From initially speaking for only 2-3 minutes we were able to help the teams develop into strong assertive debaters that could speak for more than 7 minutes. An individual's growth prompted the rest of the team to push together resulting in high team morale and confidence. This inclusivity of both new and old debaters was fundamental to the success of the teams, past experience being the foundation for improvement.

We strongly felt that debating in 2017 at Loyola enabled student possibilities via their new skills of argument structure, presentation of oneself and their ideas, and how to respect opinions that oppose their own.

This year's debating team was one of conscience, compassion and competence. We hope to see this year's Year 11 debaters return to mentor those that follow them.

Congratulations for all of their success. May it bring them new found confidence in their possibilities.



**Ebonie Galea and Nia Pohahau**

**Year 12 Debating Team**

## AUSTRALIAN JESUIT DEBATING CARNIVAL 2017

**The 2017 Australian Jesuit Debating Carnival** was generously hosted by St Ignatius, Adelaide from Sunday 2 to Tuesday 4 July during the school holidays.

The Loyola team consisted entirely of Year 11 students being; **Atishay Singh (Captain) Jasmine Thomas, Gabrielle Norton and Brandon Toa**, coaches were **Mrs Cathy Larkin, Miss Johanna Larkin and myself**.

St Ignatius Adelaide hosted seven schools: St Aloysius College, Milsons Point; St Ignatius College, Riverview; John XXIII, Perth; Xavier College, Hervey Bay; Xavier College, Melbourne and Loyola, Watsonia, Victoria and ourselves.

Debating at Loyola is always about formation of students, where we challenge students to fulfil their possibilities, especially so this year with a Year 11 team of mostly new debaters. What a significant opportunity to debate the best in Jesuit education! Whilst we didn't win this year's Jesuit Cup the students came away winners for many other reasons, such as graciousness in defeat, inclusivity in friendships made and humble gratitude. This year the winners were Xavier, Kew who defeated John XXIII from Perth in a tight final.

The students experienced wonderful billetes, who opened their homes, kitchen and hearts to the interstate visitors, ensuring they were warmly looked after. The boys even came home with a Gourmet showbag! Further it was a delight to see the pride exhibited by the billets when Loyola students received medals.

There is much work that goes into developing student potential in debating. I would like to thank Mrs Cathy Larkin who has trained these students in structuring their argument and refining their speaking style over many Friday afternoons and evenings during 2017. Also, I thank Miss Johanna Larkin, the 2015 Loyola All Australian Jesuit

Debating Team representative, who, in the final weeks focused their Jesuit argument style, structured their preparation room tactics and attended the Carnival as a Coach.

**Jasmine Thomas** was chosen for the All Australian Jesuit Debating Team. It was such achievement and recognition of significant improvement in her debating style. The Spirit of the Carnival award was warmly awarded to **Brandon Toa**, by the St Ignatius, Adelaide Debating Coach, Mr Anthony Haskell.

It was with great pride that we witnessed the Loyola Jesuit team's skill, teamwork and humble courtesy as they moved through the rounds of this tournament. Congratulations to the 2017 Jesuit Team. You made us very proud!



#### Members of the 2017 Jesuit Loyola Team.

**Brandon Toa, Atishay Singh, Jasmine Thomas** and **Gabrielle Norton**

**Mrs Christine Payne**

## **LIBRARY REPORT**

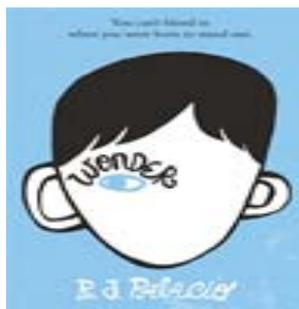
### **Book Week August 2017 'Escape to everywhere'**



As Doctor Seuss wrote in 'I can read with my eyes shut' "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." This quote is so true with reading

- especially fictional stories. How many of us are ever going to travel a land inhabited by warring kings and queens and flying dragons? Or experience life as an amateur sleuth solving crimes? Experience how another person reacts to different situations in their life. Gain understanding of different viewpoints or discover that others feel the same as you do. We can be immersed in a different time, culture, life or place whilst reading.

If you're at a loss when it comes to selecting a novel, the library staff are able to help. Not only do we know the collection but we are very fortunate to have the database Novelist to assist you here or at home. Novelist enables you to choose simply by title or author or by giving you a selection of different options, such 'I'm in the mood for books that are...



For example, you could select 'fast-paced and amusing' or 'character-driving and unreliable narrator' as well as many other combinations. You may wish to make your own appeal mix, for example a fast-paced, compelling writing style with a courageous character. This would bring up a selection that includes John Marsden's 'Tomorrow, when the war began' series. Other selections are genre types, age ranges and 'for fans of'. If you're not sure how to find Novelist in the library's e-resources, please ask library staff for assistance.

Our school community is also fortunate to have access to e-books which can be downloaded to your device. Once read, these can be 'returned' or just left until the borrowing period has expired. They will automatically disappear from your device's bookshelf. E-books are fantastic to read when travelling when you don't want any extra baggage. New titles are being constantly added, for example, 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio which will be soon released as a movie.

Joining your local public library will also give access to a wide range of literature in both print and e-books. Public libraries also have a service

called 'interlibrary loans' which enables you to borrow books from other libraries for just a very small fee.

Anna Quindlen wrote that '*books are the plane, and the train, and the road. They are the destination, and the journey. They are home*'. Hopefully by reading, you too, will be able to 'escape to everywhere' - all in the safety of your own home.

**Mrs Hodgson, Mrs Guerra and Mrs Pinto**

## **A WEBSITE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD AND CARE**

As an extension activity for my Business Services class I created a website for my Early Childhood Education and Care course, which would be on our school website.

My aim is to provide additional information for potential new enrolments. The interactive website covers the main aspects of the course and showcases our learning environment, which is a fully equipped childcare classroom. There are a lot of photos that show the many resources and activities available to enhance our learning. The website also includes testimonials from students and a focus on our highly qualified trainer.

Please take time to have a look at the website at <https://loyolatrainedtrainin.wixsite.com/children-services>

**Jessica Willett**  
**Year 12 Student**

## **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **SCHOOL FEES**

School fees for Term 3 were due for payment by 21 August 2017. If you are not on a payment arrangement, then your fees are considered overdue and you would have received an overdue reminder letter by now.

Payment arrangements help families pay school fees either on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis. Payment methods include Direct Debit, BPay, Centrelink, Credit Card, Cash or Cheque. If you want to set up a payment arrangement, please call Athena Patel (School Fees Officer) on 9407-7097 or call the school number 8886-9509 and dial

4 for school fees, or email [apatel8@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:apatel8@parra.catholic.edu.au). Athena is contactable every day, but she is only at Loyola every Tuesday and Wednesday. Please email/phone for appointments.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty in paying school fees, we can assist you. Please contact Athena for the relevant documentation. If you do not complete and submit the form and supporting documentation, we will not be able to review your situation and cannot provide a concession. You will be liable to pay the full amount of fees.

### **Notice to withdraw a student**

One term's (ie 10 weeks) notice in writing must be given to the Principal before withdrawing a student otherwise a full term's fees will be payable. Refer school fees information Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta website <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/school-fees>.

**Ms Vicki Fraser**  
**Business Manager**

## **ACARA**

Australian Curriculum Assessment Reporting Authority

### **PRIVACY NOTICE**

Information required to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child's school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes: formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Dear students, parents, and guardians,

You may be aware of a petition on the site *Change.org* regarding the future of Loyola Senior High School. This petition has been posted by a Loyola graduate concerned about the future of the school which, in his words, *made me the person who I am today*.

Given the number of people who are aware of the petition, and the reaction it is causing, I think it is important to clarify a few matters:

1. Although consideration is currently being given to the future of secondary education in the Greater Mount Druitt area by Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta, **no decisions have yet been made**.
2. There are **numerous models** being considered and these are currently being analysed. I expect a decision **before the end of the year**.
3. Loyola Senior High School will have **Year 11 and 12 students in 2018**, with the Year 11 students continuing onto **Year 12 for 2019**.
4. **The Jesuits** have a 25 year presence in Mount Druitt and hold a very strong interest in the school, which will be maintained into the future.

The **needs of the students** in our area and across the diocese are at the forefront of our minds. Our mission, as always, is to educate and form young men and women as people of competence, conscience, compassion and commitment; in essence to be 'men and women for others'. That mission will continue into the future.

When the announcement is made, we will have a sense of the 'big picture'; the Diocese will then be in a position to clarify what will happen in local area schools in the longer term. Nonetheless, I appreciate the current distress and uncertainty that our community feels as we await a decision and announcement.

Let's pray that the values of St Ignatius Loyola, those of reflection, discernment, and care for every individual will be foundational hallmarks, not just of our past and present, but our future as well.

Yours in the spirit of Loyola,



Cathy Larkin  
Principal



Smartphone school to parent communication

Skoolbag is a mobile App for your school to communicate directly to both parents and students. It works through both smart phones and smart devices (such as iPads and Android Tablets). Ideal for:

- > School, free push notification alerts
- > School events
- > School newsletters
- > School documents
- > School RSS feeds
- > School social media (Facebook, Twitter)

Skoolbag delivers school notices directly to parents and students



### How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

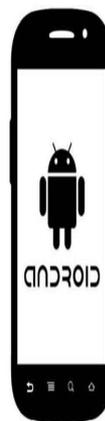
#### iPhone, iPad, Mac, PC Users



1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type *Skoolbag Loyola Trade* or *Skoolbag Loyola* in the search
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click "Free" then "install".
4. If iPad, change the drop list to "iPhone Apps", your school will then be visible, click "Free" then "install".
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 to you.
9. For parents to send absent/late/early leaving notes or change of details - click on "eForms"

#### 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 *Skoolbag Loyola Trade* or *Skoolbag Loyola*
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions
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 to you.
9. For parents to send absent/late/early leaving notes or change of details - click on "eForms"

Alternatively, you can visit the school's website ([www.loyolamtdruitt.catholic.edu.au](http://www.loyolamtdruitt.catholic.edu.au)) and click on your relevant link - see below



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