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OFFICIAL OPENING AND BLESSING OF THE SR UNA MCALLISTER CENTRE

ACTIVITIES WEEK

CATHOLIC LADIES’ COLLEGE, YEAR 7 TO 12 CATHOLIC GIRLS SCHOOLS
From the Principal

For the past five years, I have regularly shared updates with Collegian readers of our progress in relation to the development of our Sacred Space/Music Centre. On Sunday 17 June, the Sr Una McAllister Centre was blessed and opened with many representatives of the wider Catholic Ladies’ College community present to celebrate the occasion. This new facility is one of stunning beauty and simplicity, contemporary in design and seamlessly captures the uniqueness of the Eltham environment. Music students have delighted in the “state of the art” music facilities and there is joy for all in the sacred art works that grace the upper level.

In many ways the physical completion of this building marks the beginning of a new era for the young women of CLC. As stewards of this place and time, we now begin an exciting stage of seeing the Sr Una McAllister Centre as part of the life of Catholic Ladies’ College.

The original architect brief named this facility as the “iconic” building on the Eltham site; in subsequent consultations, amongst the goals was that this place should invite, inspire and reach out, that it should be a place of celebration and fullness of life. As we move to the most important phase of the Sr Una McAllister Centre, it is my hope that the heritage of the past and the joy and hope of the present will weave and inform our way forward.

All within our Catholic Ladies’ College community are warmly welcome in this new Centre.

Mrs Margaret McKenna
Principal

Congratulations to Kathryn Alexander for her outstanding success as 2011 College Dux. Kathryn attained an ATAR of 99.2, and is currently studying Commerce at Melbourne University.

Sisters of Charity Celebrate CLC’s 110 Year Anniversary

To mark the 110th Anniversary of the foundation of Catholic Ladies’ College we were delighted to welcome many Sisters of Charity, including Sr Annette Cunliffe RSC, Congregational Leader, to share a special afternoon tea with our Student Leaders and Year 8 & 9 Student Guides.
We also celebrate the achievements of the 2011 VCE Students on their outstanding success with 24% attaining an ATAR scores over 90.

*Back:* Claudia McKeough, Georgette McKeough, Olivia Trayhurn, Jacqueline O’Neill, Lauren Sandars, Madeline Shipley, Laura Smoorenburg, Brittany Stella and Melanie Nolan.

*Middle:* Lauren Drzewucki, Amy Freund, Bridget Gilmartin, Rebecca Gallo, Prani Harrison, Grace Hardy, Chloe Jackson and Maria Korakas.

*Front:* Innes Bigaran, Alissia Bisiani, Sophie Boyd, Audrey Capasso, Adeline Chan, Alexandria Currie, Jackie Dalrymple and Jessica De Bolfo.

*Absent:* Kathryn Alexander, Catherine Gierer and Laura Porter-Jacobs.
Global Cultural Experiences

Language Tour of Germany- CLC Deutschland 2012 Los gehts!

German Language students from Years 10 and 11 along with teachers, Frau Caroline Bailey, Mrs Stephanie Evans and Mr Sam Di Camillo, headed off on a three week language tour around many different parts of both Germany and Austria. The group’s tour began in Passau, located in the South of Germany, where they visited our CLC sister school. The girls thoroughly enjoyed their time and soon fitted into life with their host families. They also experienced a week of German school and took part in many of the traditional celebrations leading up to Easter. At the end of the home stay and after a few tearful goodbyes, we headed to beautiful Salzburg, surrounded by the Austrian Alps. From Salzburg the group travelled to Munich, Heidelberg and Cologne for Easter. We then caught a fast train across the country where the tour finished in Berlin.

Travelling to Germany, experiencing the culture and being surrounded by the language is a wonderful opportunity for language students. It makes the language come alive for the girls and provides them with hands on experiences at using German in real life situations! The students learnt and experienced many amazing things that will hopefully instil a love of Germany and for travel in the future. It was a wonderful trip, which each and every one of the students is sure to remember!

Frau Caroline Bailey
LOTE Teacher
An unforgettable 17 day literary and cultural tour of England took place in March with 17 students, accompanied by Ms Mary Farah, Mrs Debbie Brock and Ms Jessica Vassallo. The main objective of this tour was to inspire and broaden the horizon of possibilities for our students. It was a chance for them to visit the cathedrals and castles, monuments and museums all steeped in rich history. As a group we stood in awe in the grounds of Kings College, crept down the halls of the Bodleian Library and navigated carefully down the cobbled streets of York and Cambridge. Christchurch provided a thrill for Harry Potter enthusiasts, West End a taste of the Arts and Stratford-Upon-Avon stirred our literary curiosity as we stood under the Mulberry tree that Shakespeare himself had planted from a cutting. It was with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to England with all feeling privileged to be part of the inaugural Catholic Ladies’ College Literary and Cultural Tour, however, we were all eager to share the stories of our adventures upon our return.

Ms Jess Vassallo
Teacher
International Women’s Day

College Captains, Reyna Vincent and Bridgette Duckworth offer presentations to Katherine Gilbert (CLC 1998) and Deborah Hitchen (nee Gilbert CLC 1993) on behalf of the College Community for an inspirational International Women’s Day address.

In marking International Women’s Day, our Senior Student Leaders and Staff initiated and organised a wonderful day of celebration. As part of the day, we congratulated and welcomed our 2011 College Dux, Kathryn Alexander, and heard reflections of her journey at CLC.

The International Women’s Day Assembly also welcomed two past CLC students, Deborah Hitchen (nee Gilbert, CLC 1993) and her sister Katherine Gilbert (CLC 1998). Both have worked in International Organizations, providing knowledge, expertise and compassion in their respective careers. Deborah and Katherine addressed us from a global perspective. Their insightful and considered reflections spoke of justice and our obligations to women in different life circumstances to many young Australian women. We were very proud to claim these inspirational women as Old Collegians.

A LITTLE RA Y OF YEAR 7 SUNSHINE.

Armed with some pretty, potted flowers, Year 7D students headed down the road to visit the Melbourne City Mission Eltham residents who were affected by the Christmas Day storms and resulting floods. Unfortunately not all of the residents are able to return to their homes but were very appreciative of the girls’ visit. According to the residents, sharing cordial and patty cakes for morning tea and having a chat certainly brightened their day!

Remembrance Day

During a recent excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance, Chelsea Jones 10C (left) and Georgina White 10B, were invited to be part of the wreath laying ceremony. These monthly ceremonies are conducted at 11:00 am and focus on particular battles which commemorate in particular the service and sacrifice of Victorian soldiers. It was fitting that both girls have a grandfather who served in WW2. All students were commended on their appreciation, reverence and respect of the sacred nature of the Shrine. The College is very proud that CLC girls were invited to play such a privileged part in the commemorative service.
Celebrating Reconciliation Week – *Dreaming as One*

Student participation in The Project Dreaming Tracks Art Exhibition was just one way in which the College celebrated Reconciliation Week. In this the 10th anniversary of the Exhibition, students were invited to create an artwork in response to the theme "Dreaming as One".

Ms Twidgen’s Year 7 Art Classes took up the challenge with some amazing paintings, 15 of which were chosen to be included in the Exhibition. It was wonderful to see students, staff and families at the Exhibition Opening at St Francis Church in Melbourne. Georgia Borg (11A) (left) and Rebekah Hitchens (11D) were also invited as guest speakers; they spoke with pride and appreciation of their Aboriginal Immersion Experience to the Pijiantjatjara Lands in Central Australia.

Catholic Education Week

*In March, Catholic schools across the State enjoyed the activities of Catholic Education Week, culminating in the Annual St Patrick’s Day Mass for Schools held at St Patrick’s Cathedral, East Melbourne. The Mass was celebrated by Archbishop Hart. Mrs Margaret McKenna and Mr Jeff Hobbs accompanied students (L-R) Ciara Croft, Caitlyn Mefflin, Rhiannon Gent, Georgia Sullivan, Madalyn Wachinger, Gabrielle Power who attended the Mass.*

Project Compassion

*The Student Leadership Team worked extremely hard to encourage all students to support this year’s Project Compassion. Their hard work paid off with an outstanding total of $3985.60 being raised for various Caritas projects around the world. To finish the campaign Ashleigh Willoughby, Brigette Duckworth, Emily Styring, Jessica Ramsay and Mollie Bracken invited all girls to contribute their loose coins which were collected at the end of a College Assembly.*
Learning Matters

DEBATING

Catholic Ladies’ College has a well-established program for Public Speaking and Debating. 2012 has already seen a number of valuable learning experiences for our students. There has been great interest in debating this year with five teams entered from across all year levels in the Debater’s Association of Victoria (DAV) Debating Program.

We are also fortunate to have the assistance of our CLC Alumni in coaching three of our teams. Georgette McKeough, Laura Porter-Jacobs and Kathryn Alexander (all Class of 2011) are currently applying the skills they acquired in CLC debating to coaching our C Grade and D Grade students. It is pleasing to see our past students still having such an active and valuable role in the community.

Through our Debating program, it is clear CLC recognises the growing need for our students to develop their public speaking skills to enhance their lives within and beyond the College. D Grade girls are having the most success so far with one team undefeated! We wish all the Teams great success for the rest of the 2012 season.

Miss Samantha Duncan
Public Speaking Coordinator

iPAD Program

Although, in many senses, changes in schools can be viewed as steady rather than revolutionary, it would be somewhat appropriate to view 2012 as the year learning and teaching at CLC embarked upon technology change in a truly revolutionary way - with the introduction of the iPAD at Years 7, 8 and 9. Any such implementation is never taken without an immense body of work behind it - planning, discussion, pilot and research. The question we wanted to answer was simple enough......would such an introduction improve learning and teaching for students and teachers?

The last 25 years have seen various technological implementations in schools.....and the learning environment has consequently had three influencing spheres: the device, the content and the pedagogy. Twenty-five years ago the device of choice was the desktop computer, content was kept in a textbook and pedagogy was the teacher at the front of the classroom, as the source and director of all actions. A decade ago, the device became a laptop, content was a textbook with a CD ROM, and pedagogy was still the teacher at the front of the classroom, as the source and director of all actions. Change has perhaps embarked upon a revolutionary path - and one CLC is proudly leading.

Ms Mary Farah
Deputy Principal - Learning and Teaching

Year 7 students use a language program on their iPads during an Indonesian Language class.
A fantastic opportunity arose when the CLC Choir was invited to perform at the “Choral @ Montsalvat” Festival in one of the beautiful buildings within the grounds of Montsalvat which, as attested by many visitors, are Eltham treasures. The choir had previously enjoyed public performances, in particular at Francis Catholic Church, in the city and were very excited at the prospect that the Montsalvat Festival provided.

Given the 20 minute slot we were invited to occupy, the repertoire was the first consideration and would represent our longest performance ever. As time was of the essence, we drew upon several existing works from our repertoire of 2011, and the girls responded enthusiastically to the challenge of learning three new pieces in a very short time frame. It is testament to the dedication of parents that our demanding rehearsal schedule allowed us to be ready in time for the Festival. I am most grateful for their efforts and ongoing support.

We performed in the Great Hall at Montsalvat and it was a very special occasion indeed. We followed a primary school choir who, throughout their delightful repertoire, reminded us of the deep and important connection children have to singing, to the joys of harmony and feeling united in a choir. Our set was well received and the girls performed with dignity, singing beautifully throughout. After the first number, we all started to relax and enjoy ourselves. The feeling at the end of the performance was very special and a reminder to all involved why we choose to be part of the choir.

Mr David Tod
Choir Director

Australian Youth Science Forum

College Captain, Brigette Duckworth, was selected to participate in the 2012 National Youth Science Forum in Perth, a program for students moving into Year 12 who are thinking about a career in science, engineering and technology. “I know for some people the prospect of attending ‘science camp’ during the summer holidays is not a very appealing one, however the National Youth Science Forum was one of the most influential, inspiring and enjoyable experiences of my life” said Brigette, who was chosen and sponsored by the Greensborough Rotary Club.

She attended laboratories and universities, listened to guest speakers and participated in leadership workshops and seminars. From learning the finer techniques of suturing and key hole surgery, to performing experiments in real life working laboratories, then to an interactive and incredibly fascinating seminar on lasers, Brigitte was exposed to a phenomenal range of science.

In describing her experience Brigette said “As well as exposure to various aspects of science, I met 150 likeminded students with similar hopes and aspirations and developed lifelong friendships. The NYSF was an incredible and life changing opportunity which I encourage future students at CLC to apply for!”

Brigette Duckworth

Learning Matters
Year 12
Class of 2011

Congratulations to the graduates of the Class of 2011 on their excellent VCE and VCAL results. Twenty eight VCE students gained an ATAR of 90 or above, placing almost a quarter of our graduates in the top 10% in Victoria. Overall, two thirds of the students achieved results which placed them within the top 30% in the State and all VCAL students gained their Senior Certificate.

We are also proud of the involvement of our students in many different areas of school life in fields as diverse as sport, music, drama, debating, peer support, toastmasters and social justice. In particular we acknowledge the way so many of the girls fulfilled the responsibilities of significant leadership positions.

Thanks also to the VCE and VCAL teachers for their obvious dedication to their students and to the staff as a whole for the important part they have played in the girls’ development over the last six years.

Catholic Ladies’ College aims to offer a broad curriculum which enables students to choose courses of interest and relevance and assists each young person to achieve her potential. Students graduate with a wide range of skills, experiences and achievements which should equip them with the ability to succeed in their lives after school. We congratulate all our students on achieving a fine set of results and wish them success and happiness as they move into the next stage of their lives.

Congratulations, to the following students who achieved Study Scores of 40 or more in individual subjects:

- **Art:** Amy Freund
- **Biology:** Prani Harrison, Lauren Kilkenny
- **Business Management:** Adeline Chan, Chloe Jackson, Sarah McBride
- **Business (VET):** Paige Christodoulou, Stephanie Parmenter, Natalie Yacoub
- **Chemistry:** Innes Bigaran
- **English:** Kathryn Alexander, Sophie Boyd, Audrey Capasso, Lauren Drzewucki, Amy Freund, Catherine Gierer, Bridget Gilmartin, Prani Harrison, Maria Korakas, Stephanie, Laws, Claudia McKeough, Georgette McKeough, Melanie Nolan, Laura Porter-Jacobs, Lauren Sanders, Carla Scobell, Brittany Stella, Olivia Trayhurn, Jessica Winters
- **Environmental Science:** Cassidy Livingstone
- **Food and Technology:** Alexandria Currie, Brittany Stella
- **Health & Human Development:** Emily Carpenter, Lauren Drzewucki, Rebecca Gallo, Shelby Greenlaw, Amy Howard, Stephanie Laws, Natalie Meehan, Lauren Todd, Bridie Waldron
- **History:** Sophie Boyd, Audrey Capasso, Alexandria Curry, Amy Freund, Maria Korakas, Claudia McKeough
- **Interactive Digital Media:** Alissia Bisiani, Dayle Humphreys
- **Legal Studies:** Kathryn Alexander, Audrey Capasso, Madeline Shipley
- **Literature:** Sophie Boyd, Maria Korakas, Claudia McKeough, Laura Porter-Jacobs, Madeline Shipley
- **LOTE German:** Georgette McKeough
- **LOTE Indonesian:** Jessica De Bolfo, Maria Korakas, Laura Porter-Jacobs, Laura Smoorenburg
- **Mathematics – Further:** Emily Walker
- **Mathematics – Methods:** Innes Bigaran
- **Physical Education:** Madison Beck, Lauren Sanders
- **Physics:** Innes Bigaran
- **Psychology:** Kathryn Alexander, Samantha Bird, Jacqueline Chan, Elise Cowdery, Jessica De Bolfo, Brigette Duckworth, Ciara Flynn, Abhilasha Gaddi, Bridget Gilmartin, Grace Hardy, Felicia Hergert, Ellen Lock, Elanah Metcalfe, Ellen Murphy, Jacqueline O’Neill, Lauren Sanders, Georgia Sholly, Emma Smale, Rachael Smythe, Reyna Vincent, Catherine Vingerhoets
- **Texts and Traditions:** Laura Costello
- **Visual Communication & Design:** Olivia Trayhurn

The following students also achieved a scaled score of 40 or more in the following subjects:

- **Chemistry:** Alissia Bisiani
- **LOTE German:** Audrey Capasso, Catherine Gierer, Bridget Gilmartin, Prani Harrison, Chloe Jackson, Brittany Stella, Olivia Trayhurn, Georgina Waller
- **LOTE Indonesian:** Jessica De Bolfo, Maria Korakas, Laura Porter-Jacobs, Laura Smoorenburg
- **Mathematics – Methods:** Innes Bigaran
Activities Week is an integral part of the Catholic Ladies' College learning experience. For one hectic week in March students had the opportunity to learn outside the classroom in a myriad of different experiences at a variety of locations.

Year 12 Retreat

The Year 12 Retreat enabled students to reflect on how they are being called to life as unique individuals within community, to celebrate their journey so far and to identify the place of God, Spirit, Mystery and Faith in their lives.

Clara Dickson and Melissa Sergeant at the Year 12 Retreat in Grantville.

Year 10 Community Service

(L-R) Annie Dimitrovska, Rosie Timmons and Rachael Durnand attended the Kevin Heinz Garden Centre for their Community Service.

Year 10 students were challenged to explore and extend their own experiences as they participated in the Community Service Program. The girls had the opportunity to share their experiences with their peers at a Reflection Day where they discussed what they did and what they learned about themselves and others over the course of the program.

Year 11 Work Experience

The Year 11 students completed a very positive week of work experience, providing most students with an invaluable opportunity to test the world of work and possible career options. Students gained placements in a wide range of occupations and teachers found themselves travelling throughout Melbourne to visit the girls in various industries.

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Year 11 student Caitlin Sutterby during Event Management work experience in Richmond.

Year 9 Activities

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Year 7 Camp

Year 7 Camp is always enjoyed by all the students as it challenges the girls to grow whilst participating in a variety of fun activities in a safe and caring setting. The experience gave every student time to nurture friendships beyond the homeroom and strengthen their sense of belonging to the CLC Community in a relaxed atmosphere. Activities included low ropes, high ropes, giant swing, flying fox, vertical challenge, leap of faith, archery, canoeing, sea kayaking, snorkelling, beach education and fishing.
Congratulations Vincentia Year Level Captains: Gemma Jackson, Stephanie Doyle, Isabella Webb, Leeana Wilson and Shae Kirby with the winner's trophy’s.

YEAR LEVEL SWIMMING CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the individual Year Level Swimming Champions:
Medeline Witbooi (8E)
Xanthe Sefton (7F)
Alanna Purchase (7D)
Courtney Barro (9D)
Melanie Fyffe (10D)
Rebecca Kazmierczak (11D)
Anneliese McDonal (12A)
Well done girls!

Special Achievements In Sport

Under 15 National Baseball Championships

Congratulations to Paris Penny (8F) who participated in the Under 15 National Baseball Championships in Canberra and was selected in the All Star Team. She was also awarded the Golden Glove Award for her efforts in the tournament. Well done Paris!

Under 18 National Basket