Dear Parents and Carers

**Enhancement of the Higher School Certificate**

The College is currently in the process of Strategic Planning with a focus on renewing our vision for the future. As part of our renewed vision the College will be expanding and improving its Higher School Certificate (HSC) offering commencing in 2020; one of the outcomes of this review is that we will phase out the IB course.

The graduating class of 2020 will be the last cohort to complete the IB Diploma at Penrith Anglican College.

Discussion has taken place over many months and included feedback we received from you as part of the 2018 College Review.

As a College we seek to offer the best opportunity to all students to achieve personal excellence through Christ. We believe that for our senior students in year 11 and 12, a focused and diverse HSC will allow each student to better choose subjects that cater to their individual needs.

The HSC is an internationally recognised qualification that offers students with a wide range of abilities and interests opportunities to learn and grow. We have achieved consistently excellent results in the HSC throughout the history of the College, and with greater focus and wider subject choice we will have enhanced capacity to cater for the needs of our most academically able students, as well as the needs of students seeking vocational or other pathways.

Over the past week, I have taken time to contact staff who were instrumental in the establishment of the IB Programme at the College, including Mr Barry Roots (Foundation Headmaster), Mr Geoff Voller (Foundation Deputy) and Mrs Els van Zwieten (IB Co-ordinator until the end of 2016). On behalf of the College, I have expressed our sincere thanks and appreciation for their tireless efforts over many years. I have also expressed my thanks to the many staff who have been integral to the ongoing success of the programme. This decision in no way disparages their commitment and teaching in the IB programme which has always been outstanding.

The IB Diploma has been an excellent programme for many students in the past, and we now look to the future with the aim for Penrith Anglican College to be a Christian College that is the best comprehensive, co-educational school in the greater west. We will achieve this with a focus on a single programme in Years 11 and 12 which will provide a greater breadth of subject choice and depth of teaching expertise.

More information on the 2020 Year 11 HSC programme will be available at the 2020 Year 11 Subject Information Evening on 29 May 2019.

I understand that there may be questions and concerns surrounding this decision and I would like to assure you that we are committed to listening to your feedback. Please contact me or Mr David Tweed (Acting Deputy) at the College.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Felicity Grima
Principal
Community Events

At the start of Term 2, we have had a number of community events here at the College.

The ANZAC Service on Friday 3 May was a truly wonderful occasion as we recognised the sacrifice and service of many men and women in the Australian Defence Forces as well as the families and friends who support them. There were many highlights, including the personal reflections of Annabelle and Rohan who shared their experiences from the Western Front Tour in April 2018, the Air Force Cadets who provided the Catafalque Party, Tim Batcheldor who played the bugle without fault, the drama performances by Primary and Year 10 students and the beautiful wreaths made by all the Primary Classes.

The P&F Mother’s Day Stall was a resounding success signalling the start of Mother’s Day celebrations at the College. Thank you to the P&F and all the parents who generously shared their time to serve the students. The sea of student smiles was definitely a sight to behold.

Finally, the Mother’s Day Chapel, classroom visits and morning tea on Friday. It is always wonderful to share the morning with our families and we treasure the joy that it brings to the students in our care.

Deputy Principal Appointment

I am pleased to announce that Mr Mark Ramsay has been appointed as the Deputy Principal of the College. Mr Ramsay is currently the Deputy Principal at Nepean Christian School where he has also been the Head of Secondary. He attends the Lower Blue Mountains Anglican Parish at Glenbrook with his wife Penny and their 3 teenage sons. Mr Ramsay has a teaching background in Mathematics, PDHPE and Christian Living. We look forward to welcoming Mr Ramsay to the College at the beginning of Term 3.

IB Co-ordinator

At the end of last Term, Mr Phil McIntyre officially informed the College that he will resign at the end of Term 4 this year. Mr McIntyre has been at the College since the start of 2012. He has been a Mathematics teacher and later the Head of Mathematics before commencing in the IB Co-ordinator role at the start of 2016. Mr McIntyre and his family will be returning to full-time missionary work aboard the OM Ships International “Logos Hope”.

Mrs Fiona Wright has accepted the offer to take on the IB Co-ordinator role for 2020 and will oversee the final year of the IB Diploma at the College.

Presentation Night

In response to parent feedback, the College Executive have decided to move the Annual College Presentation events back to the College this year. We thank the P&F for their generous donation of the large fans in the Gym that will make the event more comfortable if the weather is warm.

Year 6 Graduation in the Lighthouse Theatre
Tuesday 3 December
9.00am

Pre-K Presentation in the Lighthouse Theatre
Thursday 5 December
4.30pm

K-6 Presentation in the College Gym
Wednesday 11 December
9.00am

7-12 Presentation in the College Gym
Wednesday 11 December
7.00pm

Please add these dates to your diary. These events are compulsory for all students and they are expected to attend.

Parent Coffee Mornings

Twice a term, members of the Executive team and I will hold a ‘Coffee and Chat’ morning in an informal setting. This is an opportunity for all parents to meet with us to discuss any new suggestions or share constructive feedback.

We meet in the hospitality space next to the Lighthouse Theatre from 8.30am until about 9.30am. The dates for Term 2 will be Tuesday 21 May and Tuesday 18 June.

Mrs Felicity Grima
Principal

“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” Colossians 4:5-6 (NIV)
The College’s photo days will occur over four days at the beginning of June. An overview of the days and photos involved are provided below. A detailed schedule will be released as an Edumate Bulletin closer to Photo Week.

Please note the following in regards to uniform:

- Full winter uniform is to be worn for all photos including sports photos.
- Blazers (Senior School) or Bomber Jackets (Primary School) are to be worn and not jumpers.
- Hair must be in a neat, school style with no products. Ribbons etc. for girls must be in plain College colours. All girls’ hair must be pulled back off the face and tied back if longer than their shoulders.

The School Photographer will be taking photos on the following dates:

- **Day 1 - Monday 3 June 2019**: Performing Arts groups, Co-curricular photos, and Service Trips.
- **Day 2 - Tuesday 4 June 2019**: Primary School Class, Year Group, and individual photos, some Primary Co-curricular photos, Pre-K 3 and 5 day class and individual photos.
- **Day 3 - Wednesday 5 June 2019**: Senior School photos, Mentor Group and individual photos, Year Group photos, School Student Leadership photos, Sibling photos.
- **Day 4 - Thursday 6 June 2019**: Pre-K 2 day class and individual photos, Sports photos (in Winter not Sport’s Uniform), Sibling photos.

Order envelopes will be distributed to all students in Mentor Group or by Primary Class Teachers.

Sibling photo envelopes can be collected from Reception and the Study Centre in E Block. Please note time slots need to be prebooked for sibling photos before school on Wednesday and Thursday morning between 8:00 – 8:30 am. To reserve a spot, please go to the trybooking event [https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=495486](https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=495486). Note this is for reserving a time slot only, payment is direct to The School Photographer via the Sibling Envelope.

Envelopes need to be returned to each student’s Mentor Teacher / Primary Class Teacher by Monday 3 June 2019. Payment details must be completed on the envelope or cash payment placed inside. Each student needs an individual envelope, even if the cash payment is placed in a sibling’s envelope or an online payment has been made.

For parents wishing to pay after photo day, please go to the website [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au). You will be asked to enter details to make a payment online. Alternatively, parents can call The School Photographer on 9674 9824, and they will take credit card payments over the phone. Note that there is a processing fee of $5 for phone payments. The School Photographers no longer accept cheques. Please see the instructions on the envelope to pay via Money Order.

Sports photos will be able to be ordered after the photos have been taken. Details will be emailed, once available, from the School Photographers.

If you have any concerns upon receiving your photos, please contact ‘The School Photographers’ directly on 9674 9824.

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**College Uniform**

**Terms 2 and 3**

The College winter uniform is compulsory from the beginning of Week 3, Monday 13 May, after the Mother’s Day weekend.

A reminder that the compulsory winter uniform includes the Bomber Jacket for Primary School and Blazer for Senior School to be worn to and from the College each day.

The winter uniform remains compulsory until the Father’s Day weekend in Term 3 after which students may wear their summer uniform.

Mr David Tweed
Acting Deputy Principal

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**Photo Days**

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**Winter Scarves Now Available $27.50**

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

**Tuesday** 8:00am - 11:00am
**Wednesday** 12:pm - 5:00pm
**Friday** 8:00am - 11:00am

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Helping our Students in their Online Behaviours

Throughout the year staff often have a reason to get involved in assisting students due to different online incidents that occur. These can be on different programs and apps such as Snapchat or other forums such as game sites and group phone chats. It is clear that technology can be used for great things such as the building up of friendships. Unfortunately it can also be harmful things and can negatively impact friendships.

Online interactions can start out as something well-meaning but evolve to something totally different. Young people in their endeavour to be humorous and witty, can type and post things that are inappropriate and which do not follow respectful social expectations. Another thing young people can often forget, is that nothing is private and eventually any poor communication is made public to others including teachers and other adults.

I have recently been participating in some professional development forums where the focus has been helping our youth and their families to navigate the world of technology. As educators, we see students’ efforts in learning with technology in the classroom. However youth of this generation are online for more than just class time. It is good for families, and particularly parents, to be involved and active in our children’s online behaviour. Asking them questions and being curious as to what your children are using and are involved in online is very beneficial.

The research says that strong relationships are key to helping our young people navigate through their online activity. When young people have strong relationships with their parents or significant adults, they are more likely to be open, honest and seek these people for help. Use of opportune times such as driving them to activities or walking the dog can allow you to enjoy time hearing about what is happening in their lives. Giving them time to talk and listening carefully to what they say is invaluable. Remember too that you are able as their parent to define and maintain boundaries regarding your child’s use of technology. Have restrictions on their use at night time. Ensure that filters are on each device. For younger students, get into the habit of looking at their search history. Being a strong role model in their lives is also important. It is amazing how much young people are influenced in terms of our language, attitude, habits and priorities. Ensure that you model the expectations you also have for them. If they don’t have their technology in their bedrooms at night, consider implementing that for yourself as well. I was encouraged to see in the research that young people could more often than not see the positive in the negative situations that can arise online. Positives such as being more aware of the risks, learning who their real friends were and being prompted to check and update security settings were the types of things that were identified. Often incidents are complex and have a number of layers. It is good to learn that our children can see this.

If all this leaves you with more questions than ideas, don’t worry. There are many places you can find more information. The esafety webpage has a section just for parents (https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents). This site has everything from how much screen time youth should have to helpful discussion starters to learning about online pornography. Technology can present us with many challenges and learning opportunities and it is important to be intentional in navigating this world with our students. Technology is not something we should fear. Wisdom, expert advice and strong relationships with our children and students can help us make technology a positive and helpful tool in our children’s lives.

Miss Adele Crane
Director of Student Wellbeing
James Phillips participated in what he now describes as “An experience of a life time” over the Easter Break.

The Young Endeavour Youth Development program is internationally recognised in the field of sail training. Participants learn the skills required to sail a tall ship as well as develop attributes that make them more effective leaders, communicators and team members. At the end of each voyage the youth participants have full direction of the ship and need to sail the ship for 24 hours using all the communication, teamwork and leadership skills they have been building through the program.

As the website states, this is a great program as “the tall ship environment provides a unique and powerful opportunity in which to conduct outdoor education. Youth crews are taken out of their comfort zones and provided with the tools to overcome challenges. The immersive nature of the program encourages youth to rapidly develop interpersonal, leadership and teamwork skills, which are transferable to everyday life and career settings. The program is also designed to elicit an appreciation of the strength diversity brings and instil a desire to contribute back to the community, increasing both individual and social capital” (https://www.youngendeavour.gov.au/the-program).

James is full of stories of the adventures that he was part of. Below are a few snippets of his adventure…..

Miss Adele Crane
Director of Student Wellbeing

On the first night when we were docked outside of Taronga Zoo, I was on night watch. We were the first to climb the mast, being very scared of heights, never in my wildest dreams did I think I could make it. Well I did and the sights of Sydney Harbour, the roar of the lions and screeches of the elephants made the experience incredible.

We motored-sailed down to Jervis Bay. it was magical as we were accompanied by a big pod of about 30 dolphins, we arrived and enjoyed a rope-swing off the boat and swim, played tug-of-war and settled in for the night in Honey Moon Bay. We continued to learn more about rope knots, best way to set sails in different wind angles, navigation and we continually cleaned to keep the ship looking her best.

A start to the day is as early as 3am and many youthies made several attempts at making concoctions of strong coffee and Milo to keep us awake. It tasted bad, but it kept us awake. From here on in, there were many sunrises and sunsets while climbing the mast and singing shanti’s at the same time, with nearly not enough sleep, we were all getting into our groove and our own little family was quickly forming.

As Command Day drew closer, we were preparing for the 24-hour youthie takeover of the ship. This would enable all youthies to use all skills learnt over the past days and allow us to practise skills learnt. With excitement and nerves we took on the challenge. With Captain Kenny’s feet up. we finally had the chance to show the crew what we had learnt over the past week, leaving responsibility in the hands of the watches. Completing all our tasks on time and successfully arriving where we were meant to and not ending up in New Zealand was a relief and something we were all proud of. We were all a little tired but we are all quiet proud of what we have achieved.

We arrived as strangers and parted as friends and as Captain Kenny would say, fair winds and following seas and don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.

James Phillips
Year 11 Student

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On Wednesday 3 April, Years 11 and 12 IB Spanish went to a Spanish restaurant in Glebe. We had a chance to experience Spanish food and culture. We ate different paellas with different tapas. Our Spanish class found that the restaurant was a very pleasant experience of the food and culture. The atmosphere was very realistic and the paintings on the walls were very beautiful. The food was delicious and we would recommend this trip for future Spanish students.

Year 11 IB Spanish Students

El miércoles tres de abril, los alumnos de cursos once y doce del IB español fueron a un restaurante español en Glebe. Tuvimos la oportunidad de experimentar la comida y la cultura españolas. Comimos diferentes paellas con diferentes tapas. Nuestra clase de español encontramos que el restaurante era una experiencia muy agradable de comida y cultura. El ambiente era muy auténtico y las pinturas en los paredes fueron muy hermosas. La comida era deliciosa y recomendamos este excursión para futuros estudiantes de español.
This year has been off to a fantastic start for Dance. The students have absolutely loved being in their ‘own space’ in the Dance Studio. Years 9, 10 and 12 Dance elective classes have been working hard in the new space, improving in their technique and compositional skills - made far easier and more effective with ballet barres and mirrors!

Two co-curricular groups also started up in Term 1. The Dance Ensemble meets during Sport time - an exciting change that means that more students have the opportunity to participate in dance activities. The Dance Company are meeting every week bright and early on a Tuesday morning; these students are being challenged with tricky choreography and compositional tasks to help prepare them for the professional dance world.

Both groups have auditioned for the Independent Dance Festival in September, which (depending on audition success) will be an excellent performance opportunity for our dancers.

There are two big projects underway in Performing Arts this term.

The production of "Fairytale Tale Misfits" is now in rehearsal on Tuesday afternoons. Congratulations to our Year 7 to 9 students who auditioned and received roles for this play which promises to be great fun! The performance date for this production is in October.

The Senior Choir and Jazz Band are off to perform at the Merimbula Jazz Festival in about 5 weeks. They have been rehearsing a show featuring the music of Stevie Wonder. There will be an opportunity for the College community to see this show on Friday 31 May. More details to follow.

The Primary Choir made their public debut this week at the Mothers’ Day chapel. Congratulations to them, and big thanks to Mrs Michelle Foreman who is the choir’s new Director.

Mr Steve Clark
Head of Performing Arts
s.clark@penrith.nsw.edu.au
Congratulations to Year 10 students Taylor Aurisch and Tiana Comber who have been selected to attend a ‘Health Inspirations’ program conducted by the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District from Monday 27 May to Friday 31 May. Health Inspirations is a 5 day Work Experience program for high school students from the Local Health District.

The opportunity for students to do the traditional Work Experience in Nursing in hospitals is no longer available and hence the opportunity to be granted a place in this program is highly sought after and a great achievement for our students.

Taylor and Tiana were selected from several hundreds of applicants across the district to participate in the program which covers not only the career of nursing but a wide range of other careers in health related fields.

The program enables students to

- visit over 30 wards and departments in the Nepean Hospital
- speak directly with over 25 Healthcare professionals
- participate in ward/unit activities in the hospital setting
- observe a typical work day in a health service and ask questions about what skills are required and what sort of careers are available.

Apart from the course and services provided, ACU was pleased to announce their new Campus in Blacktown which will commence with pathway programs in 2020 and offer degree programs from 2021 as well as providing the convenience of connectivity via Blacktown Rail Station.

Six of our Year 12 2018 cohort are studying at ACU in 2019 with several of those students gaining entry via their Community Achiever Program which recognises the time given by students voluntarily to assist others in the community. ACU believes that great work makes a positive impact. so if students are making a difference helping others, they may be eligible for early entry. To be eligible for the program students must be regularly volunteering in their community, either through their school, community organisation or cultural or religious group. We believe his is something very applicable to students from Penrith Anglican College.

ACU was represented on this occasion by Paige Noller (ACU Law student) who shared her experience of gaining entry into an ACU degree via the Community Achiever Program that all graduating students from Year 12 can apply for.

Mr Brian Jones
Careers Advisor
Penrith Anglican College is excited to announce its inaugural book parade for the Primary School on Wednesday 22 May, 2019.

Primary Students are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on this day. The parade will take place between 8:45am and 9:30am in the Primary School area, with students parading in their year groups to music. More information about the Parade will come via an email sent home this week. Awards will be presented to the Most Original Idea; and the Best Detailed costumed from each grade.

Wednesday 22 May is also National Simultaneous Story Time Day, which is organised by the Australian Library and Information Association.

At 11am that day, over a million Australian children, teachers, parents and volunteers will be reading the story Alpacas with Maracas, written and illustrated by Matt Cosgrove. Our Pre-K to Year 2 students will be joining the fun by reading along at that time. To find out more, please visit: https://www.alia.org.au/nss

Mr Mark Pullen
Head of Library Services
And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Mother’s Day at the College
Primary Athletics Carnival

The wonderful cool weather and a new venue made for a fantastic Primary Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sports Park. During the day we had some new records set in the 11 Years Girls 800m by Mabel Dukes of Year 5 and in the Junior Girls Shot Put by Ava Maurer of Year 4. Congratulations to Latimer House who won day. Well done to all of our students for the way in which you cheered on your houses. We look forward to seeing many of our students compete at the NASSA Athletics Carnival on 15 August.

Primary School Sport Term 2 and 3

The Primary School have started their sporting groups for Term 2 and 3 for PSSA Sport and School Sport here at the College.

For students staying here at school the GWS Giants are in helping to coach AFL, Western Sydney Wanderers FC coaching are running our soccer groups and Footsteps Dance is tutoring in our new dance studio. Nepean District Tennis Association are teaching students new tennis skills with many other students taking part in a range of activities on offer like athletics and newcomb ball.

PSSA competitive rounds starts in Week 3 with students doing training at school in Weeks 1 and 2.

CSSA State Gymnastics Invitation

This year Penrith Anglican College has been extended an invitation for students in the Primary School to compete in the CSSA State Gymnastic Competition on 6 June. For students to be a part of this event they must be a level 3 or higher competitor based on the NSWGA code. The competition is open to both girls and boys. If you would like your child to be involved in this event please contact Mr Worrall at e.worrall@penrith.nsw.edu.au by Monday 27 May.

Mr Edward Worrall
Primary School Sports Co-ordinator
Junior NASSA Touch Football Gala Day

On Tuesday 7 May boys and girls from Stage 3 represented the College in the Junior NASSA Touch Football Gala Day at Vale of Ah, Milperra. The day turned out to be a great day for touch football and the students were eager to get out to the field and show off their skills.

Both teams played seven tough games throughout the day and were competitive in each of those games. The girls’ team managed to go through the day undefeated for the second year in a row and won their division, while the boys came in 7th.

These students showed great sportsmanship and represented The College very well on the day.

Congratulations to Charlotte Butler, Tia Linford, Halle Savage, Taj Savage and Ben Reeves who were all selected to trial for the CIS team.

Mr Chris Hall
Primary Teacher

NASSA Netball Gala Day

A small group of students from Years 5 and 6 travelled to Sydney Olympic Park to compete in the NASSA Netball Gala Day. During the day the girls did an outstanding job to remain undefeated going into the final round. The girls won their final match against St Luke’s to take out the day. Thank you to Alyssa Bone and Sarah Blaikie for coming along and refereeing on the day. Congratulations to Halle Savage, Tia Linford and Bella Fluke who were picked to represent NASSA at the CIS Primary Netball Championships.
Prayer & Praise

Please pray for:

• College families who are grieving or experiencing times of hardship.
• Those students who have joined the College this term, that they would settle quickly into classes and make strong friendships.
• Those who find Mothers’ Day difficult. That God would comfort and strengthen them.

Praise God for:

• Wonderful mums!
• A smooth start to a busy and learning filled Term 2
• The way so many of our students involve themselves in a huge range of activities at the College.

Compassion Child Sponsorship

Effo Didier Komlan Aklikokou

Effo is 11 years old and lives in Togo with his parents. There are 3 children in the family. His father and mother only occasionally work.

At home, Effo’s duties are to carry water and run errands.

Effo loves to play soccer and go to Sunday School. His favourite subject is History.

Effo has been sponsored by the current Year 6 since they were in Kindergarten.

“I like to support our sponsor child because I realise how lucky I am to go to this school, to be able to play in a great playground, to have a home, clean drinking water and lots of other things that these children don’t have. I like to help.”

Mrs Sue Munce
Primary Compassion Child
Co-ordinator

Callum Power
Year 6 Student

Compassion Competition
Term 2
Tuesday 7 May
Tuesday 18 June

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Are you a student in Year 9, 10 or 11? Want to visit Japan in October?

It’s not too late!! We still have a few spaces left!

Come and join other students to immerse yourself in a new culture and make lifelong friends at our sister school, Kumamoto Marist College.

The trip highlights include:

- 7 night homestay with a host family.
- 4 days attending classes and other activities at Kumamoto Marist College.
- Visiting Osaka, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Mt Aso (dependant on volcano and weather conditions).
- Travel on the Shinkansen (bullet train) and local trams, ferries and trains.

Sunday 29 September – Saturday 12 October 2019

Want more information?
Chat to Mr McIntyre, Mrs Jay or Mr Pigot

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The Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award is an exciting self-development program available to all young people aged 14 to 25 worldwide equipping them with life skills to make a difference to themselves, their communities and their world.

The Award program has three levels; Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each of these levels is made up of four sections

- **Service** (e.g. coaching, church music or youth leading, first aid, vet)
- **Skill** (e.g. music, netball umpiring, Spanish, L driving, acting, photography)
- **Physical Recreation** (e.g. netball, soccer, dance, boxing, Oztag, golf)
- **Expeditions** (typically a hike for one or two nights)

Students personalise their own program and set their own goals to work towards. Completing the four sections to gain your Award requires persistence and determination to overcome challenges faced along the way. It is a fantastic way to recognise students’ achievements and community engagement outside of the classroom.

If you’d like to learn more about the Duke of Edinburgh Award please speak to Mr Poirier or Mrs Price.

Alternatively, you can head to the Duke of Ed Australia website dukeofed.com.au

Mrs Erica Price
PDHPE Teacher & Duke of Ed Award Leader
The 11th NSW All Schools Mountain Biking Championship is on Sunday 16 June this year.

Held just outside Penrith in the Yellomundee Regional Park, it is an opportunity for high schools students across NSW to take part in an exciting and fun team mountain bike event and to represent their school.

This is a 4 hour teams event with riders in teams of three or four taking turns at completing laps of the 5km cross country track.

For more details about the All Schools Championships, students can see Mrs Price in the PDHPE staffroom.

Mrs Erica Price
PDHPE Teacher
Working With Children Check Renewal - How To Guide for Volunteers

You might not be aware of this, but Working With Children Checks (WWCCs) only last for 5 years. If your WWCC is about to expire, there's a pretty good chance you will have already received an email notifying you. If you have not received such an email, it might be in your junk mail or sent to an address you no longer use.

Please note, it is illegal to work with children in NSW without a valid Working With Children Check, and this includes both paid and volunteer work.

There are 3 steps to complete in order to renewal your WWCC:

Step 1 of 3 Please go to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check, update your details (particularly if you did not receive the aforementioned email) and then click “Renew your WWCC”.

If you do not know your WWCC number, go to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check and click “Lost my WWCC number”.

Please note the system will only allow you to renew your WCCC within three months of the expiry date. Please also make sure you click “Renew” and NOT “Apply for Your Check”, as the latter starts a new application which will cost you more time and more money.

If your details are already linked to the College, we will receive notification of your renewal for our records. This will also enable us to verify you as a College volunteer.

Step 2 of 3 Please note volunteers do not need to pay for the Working With Children Check. However, at this point you will need to verify your identity at your nearest Service NSW branch. Unfortunately, this part of the process cannot take place online.

Step 3 of 3 Once your identity has been verified, you will receive a confirmation email. Please forward the email containing the details of your renewal (including your date of birth) to our College receptionist, Mrs Maxine Nielsen (m.nielsen@penrith.nsw.edu.au), who will update the College system.

If you require any further information, please go to www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/check/renew or contact me at the College via email m.clarke@penrith.nsw.edu.au. Thank you again for all you do at the College, we very much value your contribution.

Mr Mitchell Clarke
Head of Teacher Accreditation

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Ridley House Charity Day

On Thursday 16 May the College will be raising money for Mama Lana’s Community Foundation.

Ridley will be running a Multicultural Food Fair. Preorder for lunch and dessert by Friday 10 May. The trybooking link is https://www.trybooking.com/BCOIE and can also be found on the College Website. Trybooking allows orders for hotdogs and once choice of dessert.

On the day, students from Kindy to Year 6 may also bring $2 for a drink and $1 for a chance to hit the pinata and maybe win the lollies inside!

Drinks will include Indonesian Es Campur, American Ice Cream Spiders, German Apfelscharle (apple juice and sparkling water) and Turkish Uludag (lemonade).

If you have any questions, please contact Fiona Wright at the College on 4736 8100 or at fwright@penrith.nsw.edu.au
Go 4 Fun - Free Program

Healthy. Active. Fun.

Families are welcome
• 10 week after school lifestyle program
• Learn about nutrition and healthy lifestyle choices
• Fun games and activities for 7-13 year old children

Penrith YMCA, 1 Pattys Place, Jamisontown
Tuesdays, 4-6pm (from Tuesday 7 May, 2019)

Song Writer’s Retreat

Are you in grades 9-12 and have a passion for expressing yourself through music and lyrics? Do you want to spend several days honing your songwriting skills with a group of new musical friends in the beautiful Blue Mountains? Then this camp is for you!

Get inspired, enjoy music and learn from a team of leaders who are passionate about songwriting and Jesus.

15th–18th July
Kihilla Retreat, Lawson NSW

Cost $300
Places strictly limited!

http://sunsw.org.au/susongwritersretreat

Join our FREE program

Go4Fun is for families with children aged 7 - 13 years who are above a healthy weight

Each 2-hour session covers topics such as:
Learning about healthy habits | Lunch box ideas | Fun group activities | Exercise | Building confidence | Managing digital screen time | Guided supermarket tour | Sports and games

For more information or to register (numbers limited), visit go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900

LOCATION: Penrith YMCA, 1 Pattys Place, Jamisontown
Tuesdays, 4-6pm (from Tuesday 7 May, 2019)
Ridley House Charity Day

MULTICULTURAL FOOD FAIR

Thursday May 16

Hot Dogs $4
Churros (2 with topping) $4
Profiteroles (2) $4
Ice Cream Sundae (with 2 toppings) $3
Drinks $2
Hit the Pinata $1

In support of Mama Lana’s Community Foundation