



# MARONITE COLLEGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 – Week 3: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Sr Irene Boughosn

The end of the third week of the school year has come and gone and it was a busy time farewelling the second group of Chinese exchange students, the secondary Swimming Carnival which took place at Granville Pools and the College photographs which took place on Tuesday & Wednesday.



In addition to all the exiting events which took place this week, the College has been very busy with tradesmen and maintenance staff working around the clock to ensure students and staff were able to come back to normal classes on Monday, following the damage caused by the storm on Friday evening. The College was hit very hard and a number of classrooms, offices and our Convent had extensive damages. We pray that all our families were kept safe during this storm.



Just a short reminder to all the Kindergarten parents to please ensure that you leave after you drop your child off in the morning. We are finding that the students tend to be more distressed if the parents linger on in the playground. You are all more than welcome to stay and hear the announcements and prayers but please remain close to the benches and not on the landing near the Kindergarten lines.

I would like to remind all Secondary Parents that there will be a very important Parent Information Night on Wednesday, 20 February 2019. It is imperative that at least one parent of each child in year 7-12 be present at the meeting. The meeting will commence at 6.30pm and will take place in the College Hall.

**Sr Irene Boughosn**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## HEAD OF PRIMARY MESSAGE

### Head of Primary Message

This week we welcomed the second group of Chinese International students to our school. This has been a wonderful learning experience for both the visiting students and our own students. A big thank you to our special buddies and all other students who assisted them while they were here. All Chinese students were presented with a certificate of attendance and a commemorative MCHF show bag as a souvenir at our Friday morning assembly. We hope that they enjoyed their stay as much as we enjoyed having them visit us.



### Parent Information Evening

On Monday night the College held its Parent Information evening for Primary students. I would like to thank all those parents who were able to attend on the night. For those parents who did not attend, I encourage you to contact your child's class teacher and arrange a suitable time to meet and introduce yourself.

### Parent Volunteer Induction

A reminder that we will be holding a Parent Volunteer Induction on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 2pm in the Primary Hall. This induction must be completed to enable you to assist in various voluntary roles at the College. A note was sent home earlier this week that provided details of the session. Please return the bottom portion of the note to confirm your attendance.

### Importance of Reading

Please encourage your children to read each day. Talking to them about what they have read allows them to practise sharing their ideas and understanding about the text. Also take time to read yourself. Children who see their parents read are more likely to become good readers themselves.

### Holy Communion

This term our Year 4 students have begun to prepare for their First Holy Communion. We keep them in our prayers and thoughts as they embark on this important spiritual journey.

### Weekly Merit Awards

The Merit award recognises the achievements of individual students. Classroom and specialist teachers reward students who are demonstrating academic progress or social improvement in their class or on the playground. Merit Awards are given out to our students at Wednesday morning assemblies. Congratulations to this week's recipients.

### Keys to Success

Positive behaviour of students is also encouraged through the Keys to Success program. When students display the qualities of Persistence, Kindness, Honesty, Courage, Patience and Reverence they will receive a token. After accumulating 6 tokens, students will receive an award. There are 4 awards to obtain. These include the All Rounder, Bronze, Silver and Principal's Award. Well done to the following students who received awards this week - All Rounder Award - George Massoud (3 Lavender), Celina Dib (4 Violet), Elyse Habak (4 Violet) and Juliana Licha (4 Violet)



Mr D. Day

Head of Primary



## HEAD OF SECONDARY MESSAGE

Our secondary students are getting back into routine and are settling in to their classes. It is important that students adopt of routine not only while at the College but after school. The sooner a student can settle into their out of school routine, the less disruption it will cause to their education. It is important for a student to have their personal time outside the College hours, however, it is even more important to ensure there is a balance between all aspects of their lives – family, work, education, social, sport etc.



At the College this week, we commenced with a very successful swimming carnival at a new venue this year - Granville Swimming Centre. The event was a success and I am proud with the level of enthusiasm, commitment and competition the students demonstrated on the day. Congratulations to the Maroun House for winning the carnival again this year. However, it was a very close competition between all four houses with only 13 points separately first and fourth place.

Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who attended, assisted and supported on the day. A special mention to Mr Abood for convening the day and preparing the event.

The final points were as follows:

Maroun House – 309 points  
MacKillop House – 304 points  
Rafqa House – 297 points  
Charbel House – 296 points



This week we commenced with analysing our 2018 HSC results. Staff will be undergoing professional development analysing the results and implementing strategies to continue improving student achievement. Our students have elected for their semester 1 leaders and the College will now collate the results from the elections and prepare the Semester 1 Student Leadership Assembly to be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Elected student leaders will receive an invitation for their parents/guardians to attend the assembly.

A reminder to our parents/guardians to continue monitoring your child's uniform and grooming to ensure they are meeting the College's uniform and grooming policy. Also a reminder that documentation is required when a student is absent from the College and arrives late. To assist parents, refer to the back of your child's diary for slips you may complete and submit to explain absences. Furthermore, there is an eForm on the College app to submit directly to the College.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Secondary Parent Information Evening this Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

**Mr E. Asmar**  
**Head of Secondary**



## THIS AND THAT

This week Kindy classes visited our Primary Learning Centre. The children were so excited to choose a book and borrow for the first time.



Thank you to Police Liaison Officer Constable Dakic for discussing Police Powers and Rights of Young Offenders to the Preliminary Legal Studies class...





Mr Abou Gharrach's Year 7 PE class getting physical...



### Science Extension Project

On Thursday afternoon after school, Year 12 student and College Captain, Elie Nol, presented his research proposal for his Science Extension Project. He presented in front of an external panel of doctors from UNSW, Dr Couttas and Dr Robson, as well as the Science KLA Coordinator, Mr Stillen. His topic for research is on medical imaging and his presentation was outstanding. The visiting doctor were extremely impressed with his proposal as was Mr Stillen, Miss Zaferis, his teacher, and the other teachers who sat in the audience. We wish Elie every success in completing his project for the HSC.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- **COLLEGE FETE – Postponed until next year**
- Secondary Parent Information Evening – 20<sup>th</sup> February, 6:30-7:30pm
- Ash Monday – 4<sup>th</sup> March
- Bullying Awareness Week – 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March

**College Tour Dates...** For tour bookings, please complete the booking form available at <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/college-tours/>

Term 1 College Tour – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Term 2 College Tour – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Term 3 College Tour – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August

Term 4 College Tour – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November (*Term 4 is also an orientation for new parents and students*)

## PARENT CORNER

### 2019 Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection Notice

Please find the information attached to this newsletter – Last page.

#### Parent Association

The Parent Association will be holding its first meeting and afternoon tea for 2019 on Monday 18th February at 1:00pm in D001 (Infants Playground). This is a great opportunity to get involved in fundraising events such as the College Fete, Independence Day and the Mother's and Father's Day Stall. It is also a great way to get to know the school community and meet other parents. We especially look forward to meeting our new College parents and hope you will join us for an exciting year of events.

If you would like further details, please contact Mary Bechara on 0411 033231 or the college administration.

#### BYOD Link and Code –

<https://www.ibeducation.com.au/byod/>

School Code: MCHFBYOD2019

Events: <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/events/>

For E-newsletter email [admin@mchf.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@mchf.nsw.edu.au)

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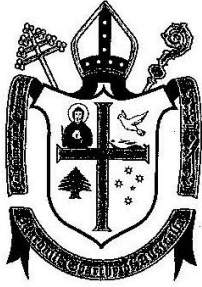
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# MARONITE EPARCHY OF AUSTRALIA

Ref: BP2019/28

8 February 2019

**Sr Irene Boughosn**

Principal

Maronite College of the Holy Family

20 Alice St

HARRIS PARK NSW 2150

Dear Sr Irene,

I pray that you are doing well and enjoying a good start to the school year.

I also hope that you are adjusting well to your new role as Principal of the Maronite College of the Holy Family.

I write regarding the appointment of Chaplains to the Maronite College of the Holy Family. Further to our conversation, I hereby confirm the following appointments for 2019:

- Fr Tony Sarkis as Chaplain
- Fr Danny Nouh as Assistant Chaplain

I hope that they can assist the school in its mission to instil the faith in its students.

Please convey my best wishes to the staff and students at the Maronite College of the Holy Family, and assure them that they are in my prayers for a blessed and rewarding academic year.

In God's Love,

**+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay**  
**Maronite Bishop of Australia**



## **For Parents/Guardians of Students: 2019 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection notice**

This notice is from the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the department), to advise you that the department has requested that your child's school provide a statement of addresses, in accordance with the Australian Education Regulation 2013 (Cth) (Regulation).

A *statement of addresses* contains the following information about each student at the school:

- Student residential address (**not student names**)
- Student level of education (i.e. whether the student is a primary or secondary student)
- Student boarding school status (i.e. whether the student is boarding or a day student)
- Names and residential addresses of students' parent(s) and/or guardian(s)

Schools generate a record number for each student for the purposes of this collection, which is also provided to the department.

### Purpose of the collection

This collection is routinely used to inform Commonwealth school education policy, and to help ensure that Commonwealth funding arrangements for non-government schools are based on need, and are fair and transparent.

On 20 September 2018 the Government announced that it will implement a new, improved capacity to contribute methodology used in the calculation of the Commonwealth's needs-based funding arrangements for non-government schools. This follows a review of the existing socio-economic status (SES) score methodology by the National School Resourcing Board. Further information about the review and the Government's response can be found here: <https://www.education.gov.au/review-socio-economic-status-ses-score-methodology>.

The information collected in the *statement of addresses* will be used to refine the new capacity to contribute methodology and may also be used in school funding calculations from 2020.

### Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). Any use and disclosure of your personal information relating to the *statement of addresses* will occur in accordance with the Regulation.

Your personal information may be used by the department, or disclosed to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), for the purposes of SES score policy development, reviewing SES score methodology, calculating SES scores, Commonwealth school education policy development (including school funding), or where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

For example, your personal information may be provided to the ABS for statistical and research purposes, which includes data integration projects such as the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Further information on the MADIP can be found here:

[http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/4a256353001af3ed4b2562bb00121564/9099c77cb979d558ca258198001b27a0/\\$FILE/MADIP%20iPIA\\_2018.pdf](http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/4a256353001af3ed4b2562bb00121564/9099c77cb979d558ca258198001b27a0/$FILE/MADIP%20iPIA_2018.pdf).

The department may, from time to time, carry out audits of school submissions. In the event of an audit, contracted auditors may seek to compare a school's *statement of addresses* with student enrolment information held by the school. These contractors will not use the information for any other purpose.

The department may also be required to disclose your personal information to its service providers, including the Australian Government Department of Jobs and Small Business, for the purposes of the provision of information and communications technology (ICT) support services to the department.

### What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the requested details to the department, however, you may wish to ensure that your school has the most up-to-date and correct details for your family.

### Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the process of the address collection.

If you have any further questions regarding the collection, you can contact the department by:

- Email: [seshelpdesk@education.gov.au](mailto:seshelpdesk@education.gov.au)
- Phone (free call): SES helpdesk on 1800 677 027 (Option 4)

The department's privacy policy is available on the department's website at [www.education.gov.au](http://www.education.gov.au). The privacy policy contains information about:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of the personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about breaches of the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) can be made; and
- how the department will deal with these complaints.