



Maronite College of the Holy Family NEWSLETTER

23-25 Alice Street, Harris Park, 2150
Tel: 9633 6600 Email: Admin@mchf.nsw.edu.au

Term 4 - Week 7: Friday, 19th November 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PRAY FOR LEBANON

Today, the students from years 1, 2 and 7 attended Mass to celebrate Lebanon Independence Day. We pray for Lebanon as the crisis continues to grow. We pray for all who are living in poverty, that they will be able to obtain shelter, bringing warmth and safety against the nearing winter elements. We pray for God to pour out His mercy on the people of this country and to bless Lebanon with the resources they need to help the country recover.



Please continue to keep Year 12 in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to sit for their HSC Exams.



Parents are reminded of the following:

- Drop your children off at the front gates
- Do not enter the school grounds
- If you must enter, QR Code, wear a face mask and go directly to the Admin Office
- If your children have any flu like symptoms, please keep them at home

Each month we will reflect on the many virtues of St Joseph.

November – Patron of Dying and Solace of the Afflicted

What a blessed death to see God before you die and for God Himself to tell you to go. This was Joseph's gift from his Son, who would hand his father over to His Father. Thus, has Christ entrusted Joseph to have intercessory power for all those on the moment of death.

Sr Irene Boughosn
PRINCIPAL

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Close Contacts and Isolating

Over the past week or so, we have been advised that some members of our College community have been identified as close contacts and are required to self-isolate. Below is some information regarding close contacts that has been taken from NSW Health's website:

Close contacts

Self-isolation and testing requirements for close contacts are different based on vaccination status.

FULLY VACCINATED CLOSE CONTACT

2 doses completed at least 14 days before you last had contact with a COVID-19 case.

1. **Self-isolate for 7 days**
7 full 24-hour periods from the date you last had contact with the COVID-19 positive person.
For example, if you last had contact with the positive person at 10am Tuesday, you must self-isolate until 10am the following Tuesday.
2. **Get tested – immediately, and again on day 6**
3. **Leave self-isolation after 7 days**
You can leave self-isolation after 7 days if your test on day 6 is negative, you feel well and you have had no further contact with a COVID-19 positive person.
4. **Limit activity for another week**
For the next 7 days, you must work from home where possible and not go to high risk settings (health care, aged care, disability care, early childhood centres, primary school and correctional facilities).
5. **Get tested again on day 12.**

If you live with a COVID-19 positive person and have not been isolating from them, you should only leave self-isolation after 14 days have passed from when the person received their positive result. To end isolation, you need to have a negative day 12 test, feel well, and have had no further contact with a COVID-19 positive person.

NOT FULLY VACCINATED CLOSE CONTACT

0 or 1 dose or 2 doses completed less than 14 days since you last had contact with a COVID-19 case.

1. **Self-isolate for 14 days**
14 full 24-hour periods from the date you last had contact with the COVID-19 positive person
2. **Get tested – immediately, on day 6 and again on day 12**
3. **Leave self-isolation**
You can leave self-isolation after 14 days if your test on day 12 is negative, you feel well and you have had no further contact with a COVID-19 positive person.

Level 3 Guidelines and Restrictions

The College is now operating under Level 3 guidelines and restrictions. A summary of these guidelines has been published for our community on our College website and SkoolBag App. Parents/Guardians are strongly encouraged to take some time to read this document so that you are aware of the current guidelines and restrictions. We request for your cooperation and support with these guidelines and restrictions.

MCHF Christmas Appeal for Lebanon and Lebanon Independence Day

On Friday 19th November, we celebrated Lebanon Independence Day, where staff and students were invited to dress in Lebanon colours (green, red, white) through a gold coin donation and we also sold ice blocks at break times. The funds raised on this day contributed towards our Christmas Appeal for Lebanon. We have raised so far over \$6000 towards this appeal; the final amount will be announced once all funds raised have been collated. We thank all our staff, students and parents/guardians for your generosity and support towards the

appeal, which will definitely help students and families, in Lebanon, who are struggling during these difficult times.



Vinnies Christmas Appeal

As we conclude our Christmas Appeal for Lebanon, we turn our attention and focus to our annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal. Each class and homeroom will be given a list of items for students to contribute towards the hampers. We invite our students and College community to support our final appeal so that we can make a difference to struggling families this Christmas.

Changes to Canteen Operations

Following a review to our guidelines and restrictions, the College canteen will be open for over the counter service for **secondary students only**. Students are required to adhere to the following:

- Students must line up in the year lines as advised by the Canteen Staff and as identified above the serving area.
- Students are not to hang around the area and as soon as the purchase is made then they are to move directly back to their area.
- Online ordering is still the most preferred method of purchasing lunch or snacks, therefore, students should use this option.

Mr E. Asmar
Assistant Principal



SECONDARY NEWS

Year 8 Technology

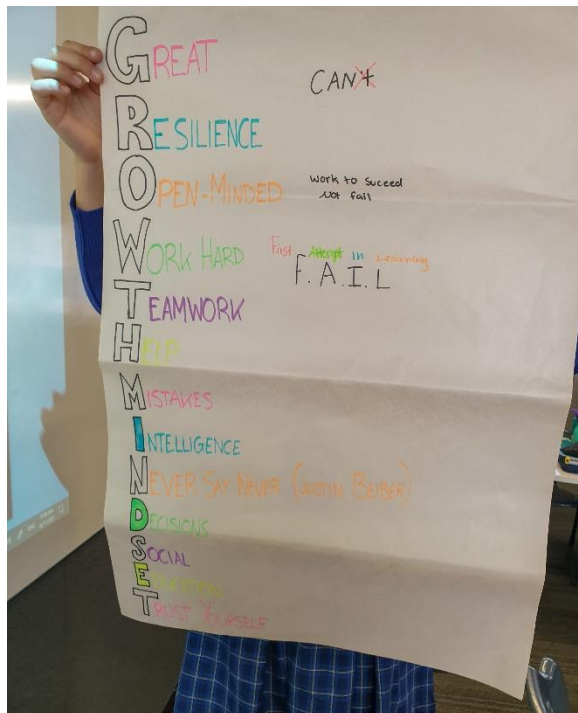
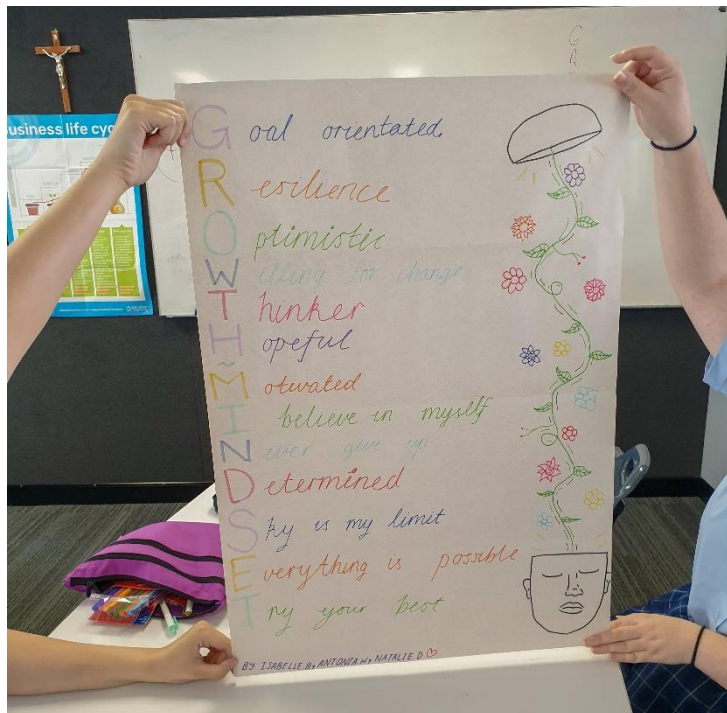
This week, Mrs Botros' Year 8 Technology class is making up for lost time in the timber room piecing together a timber table topper which represents a modernised Christmas tree. They will later emblaze Christmas symbols on one of the panels.



Year 10 Senior Taster Lessons

Our two weeks of Year 10 Senior Taster Lessons finished up yesterday. I would like to thank all the staff involved for the work they put into preparing the lessons and the staff who covered lessons in their absence. I would like to especially acknowledge the work of Ms Dalla, Mrs Abdul Ahad, Mrs Roach and Mrs Lahoud in preparing the structure, timetable and rooming of these lessons.

I am sure Year 10 enjoyed their first taste of what Senior School will look like! Some Year 10 students participated in a session on fixed vs growth mindset during their taster lesson fortnight. They were shocked that the word FAIL is actually an acronym that stands for 'first attempt in learning'. Using what was learnt, students devised an acrostic poem.



Textiles

There were a lot of fun things happening with our Textiles classes this week with students doing lots of practical work learning how to dye and screen print on fabrics.

Year 9 Textiles (Photo below-left)

Year 9 Textiles Technology have been learning about fabric dyeing.

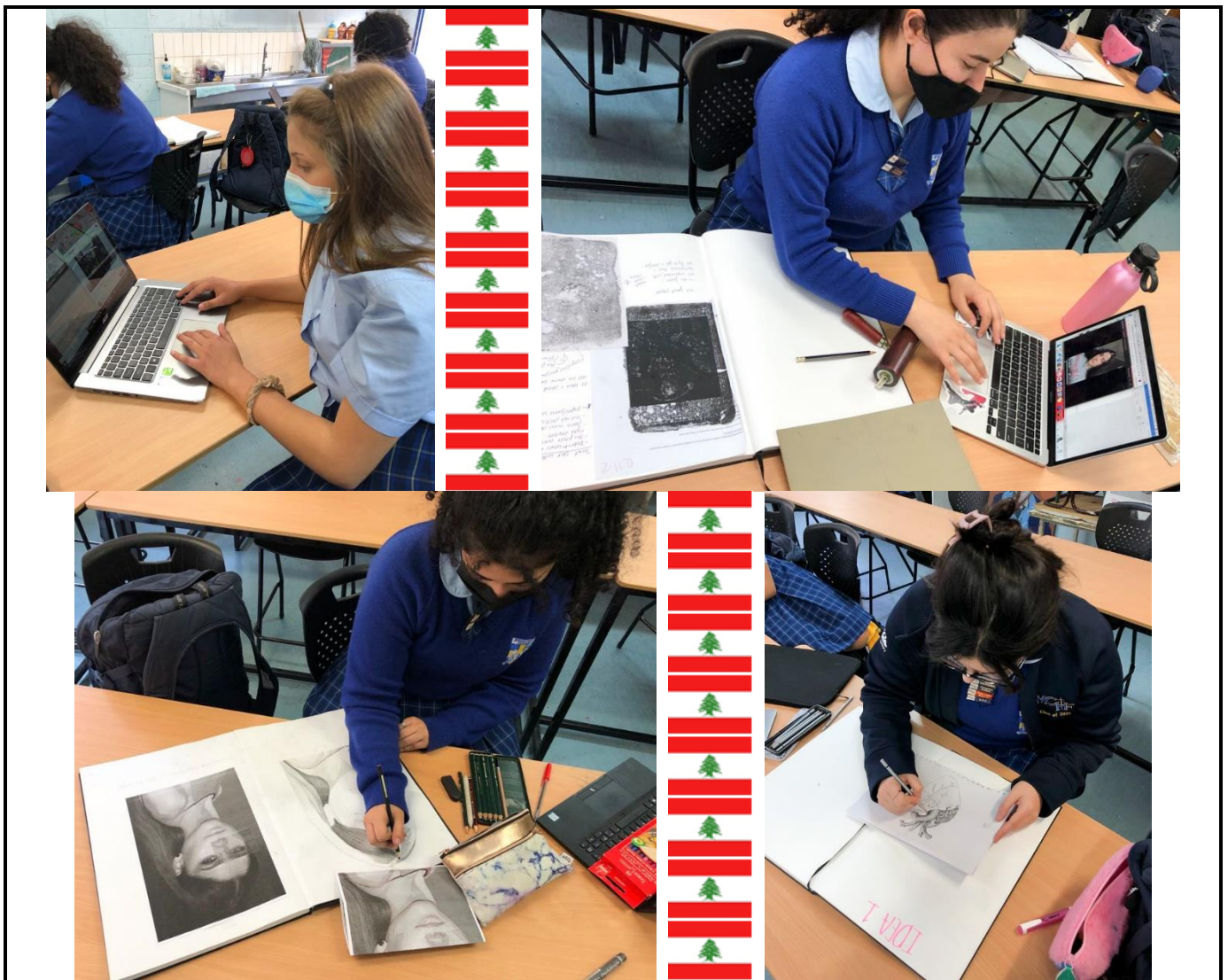


Year 11 Textile and Design (Photo above-right)

Year 11 Textile and Design students have been learning about screen printing on fabrics.

Year 12 2022 Visual Arts

Our Year 12 2022 Visual Arts Students have been busy this week working on their preliminary sketches for their Bodies of Work.



HSC Exams

Our HSC Exams hit the half-way mark this week with Maths, PDHPE, Society and Culture, Legal Studies, Community and Family Studies, French Continuers and Mathematics Extension 1. We continue to pray for our Year 12 students as they complete their exams, you are always in our thoughts.

Illness/Misadventure Forms

Message from the Director of Curriculum:

When filling out an illness misadventure form for a missed assessment task for your child, please ensure that **all** sections are filled in correctly. Failure to fill in the application form correctly and provide the required evidence (e.g., medical certificate) will impact on the processing of the application. In addition, the application for illness misadventure must be made within the timeframe indicated in the form. Delayed receipt of applications may not be considered. If you are unsure of how to fill it in, please contact the relevant KLA Coordinator or the Director of Curriculum, Ms Dalla.

Uniform and Grooming

Just a reminder to all students that our College uniform and grooming policies remain in place for the entire term. Boys need to be cleanly shaven and have a blended haircut. Girls need to ensure hair is tied back and the only jewellery that can be worn is one set of earrings in the lower ear and a religious necklace or bracelet – no rings are to be worn. Fake nails and nail polish are also not allowed.

Students can only wear their sports uniform on days that they have practical Health lessons, and on Thursdays, students must wear their coloured house polo.

As the term draws to a close, I ask all students to continue to adhere to these rules.

Overdue Library Books

We have a large number of students who still have overdue library books. We ask that any student who has not

returned a book to the library please does so as soon as possible. If the book has been lost, students will need to pay for a replacement.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

From Monday the 22nd November, Secondary students will be allocated an item to bring in for our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers to help those who are less fortunate. All items will need to be brought in before 3rd December so that we can package up the Hampers and get them out to families in time for Christmas.

Lebanon Independence Day and Lebanon Christmas Appeal

Today we celebrated Lebanon Independence Day, the day consisted of mass where we prayed for all those in Lebanon and students wore mufti representing the colours of the Lebanon flag. Our College House Leaders ran sporting activities for each grade at lunchtime and our College Leaders sold ice blocks with all funds raised going to the Lebanon Christmas Appeal.

I would like to acknowledge, in particular, one of our Year 10 students, who wishes to remain anonymous, for donating hundreds of dollars of their own money towards the appeal. Your generosity, kindness, and willingness to help all those in need is amazing.

We would like to thank all families who have donated to our Lebanon Christmas Appeal and to those who will donate for our St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal as we continue to help those in need.





Ms E. McCluskey
Head of Secondary

PRIMARY NEWS

Lebanon Independence Day

Today MCHF celebrated Lebanon Independence Day. The day began with a beautiful mass, which was attended by our Year One and Two students and teachers. To highlight the importance of the day, all students were able to dress in the colours of Lebanon which transformed our playground into a sea of colour.





Math-Active!

Kindergarten Rose have been using a hands-on approach to enhance their mathematical skills. Using concrete materials is a fun way to engage the students so that they can deepen their understanding of the concept being taught.



Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 students will graduate next Friday 26th November. As previously informed, parents will not be able to attend this event due to the current NSW Government restrictions. The College has organised for both the Mass and Graduation Ceremony to be livestreamed. Further details will be sent to parents and guardians next week.

Kindergarten Orientation

A reminder that our Kindergarten Orientation has been scheduled to occur in Week 9 this term. Details of the Orientation Day have been sent to parents/guardians of our 2022 students.

Visiting Student Teachers

Last week, MCHF welcomed student teachers from Macquarie University into our school. Whilst here, they will

be guided by their supervising teacher who will assist them as they develop their teaching skills in a classroom setting.



ICAS Exams – No nervous kids here 😊

Communication with Teachers

All communication with Primary staff is to be conducted via phone or email to the Primary Office. Alternatively, you can write a brief note for your child to pass on to their teacher. This will ensure that any queries or concerns can be addressed promptly. In line with new health and safety procedures, we also remind you not to communicate with teachers or other staff members at the end of the day as students are dismissed.

Library Borrowing

A reminder that students are to return any College library books they may have at home so that the end-of-year procedures in the Learning Centre can be finalised. This will ensure that all the books are back on the shelves and ready for borrowing at the start of the 2022 school year.

Uniform

As we approach the end of the year, it is important that students continue to comply with uniform expectations. This also includes having appropriate haircuts and wearing suitable accessories. Girls must have their hair tied up if it is longer than shoulder length. They are to use hair ties and headbands that are either navy blue or yellow. No student is permitted to colour their hair. We would appreciate parent assistance in ensuring that the College Policy is always adhered to by your child. If you have good reason why your child is not in correct uniform, we kindly ask that a note be written and sent to the class teacher.

School Bus

In recent weeks, there have been increasing reports of poor behaviour on the buses travelling to and from school each day. Please remind your child that correct behaviour is always expected, especially when wearing the College uniform. All students must continue to abide by College rules and expectations until they arrive home. Disrespectful and inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated, and consequences will be given to students if necessary.



Mr D. Day
Head of Primary

★★★ CONGRATULATIONS ★★★

All-Rounder Awards

- ★ Savannah Bazouni, John Elias (Year 1)
- ★ Matthew Sassine (Year 2)
- ★ Georgina Kanaan, Jonathan Ishac (Year 4)
- ★ Margarita Boufarraa, May Nakhoul, Charbel Tannous, Tiana Makary (Year 5)
- ★ Jonah Daher, Georgia Matta, Tiana Maalouf (Year 10)

Bronze Awards

- ★ Maria Deeb, Jasmine Kalache, John Paul Bou Melhem, Justin Chiha, Joseph Dababneh, Mabelle Khoury, Mariah Elia, Elissa Harb, Anthony Naim (Year 2)

- ★ Jenny Makary, Charbel Namnoum (Year 3)
- ★ Ella-Maria Bassil (Year 10)

Silver Awards

- ★ Izabela Abdou, Zayn Akkaoui, Mia Barbar, Anastasia Ishak, Ave Melhem, Mary Merheb, Elias Nachar, Taleen Jehdian, Antonio Dib, Brendan Bazouni (Year 2)
- ★ Lina Alameddine (Year 4)
- ★ Natalia Maroun, Theresa Semaan (Year 8)

Principal's Awards

- ★ Antonia Wakim (Year 3)
- ★ John-Pierre Maroun (Year 4)

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 23rd November - Year 6 Rewards Day
 Friday 26th November - Year 6 Graduate from Primary
 Monday 29th November - Year 9 Science Incursion
 Tuesday 7th December – School Concludes for Students



2022 Dates to Remember

Year 7 start school – Monday 31st January
 Everyone else except Kindy commence school – Tuesday 1st February
 Kindy start school – Wednesday 2nd February (*half days until Friday 4th February*)

REMINDERS AND NEWS FROM FEES AND ENROLMENT

All excursions/events have been cancelled for this year and credits will be applied off school fees, except for...

- Year 9 Forensic Science Incursion
- Year 12 Graduation and Formal
- Rewards Days

ALSO THIS WEEK

Kindy White learning about halves and quarters.





Mr Botros' Year 10 Food Technology class have been looking closely at Food Trends. This time, delving into the use of this popular ingredient "chia seeds", which was tied into the latest dessert trend of "dairy-free" / "vegan" style eating. The practical experience was welcomed with open arms, as most students tried chia seeds for the first time and realised they could easily swap "knefeh" for this delicious pudding every now and again!



Mango Chia Pudding Recipe

Preparation time: 5 minutes **Serves:** 2
Cooking time: 30 minutes or overnight

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup chia seeds
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup coconut milk
- ½ cup mango (fresh if in season or frozen)
- 1 tablespoon passionfruit (fresh or tinned)
- 1 tablespoon coconut flakes
- Mint leaves (optional)

Method:

1. Add the chia seeds, maple syrup, vanilla extract and coconut milk to a mixing bowl. Stir together.
2. Place in the fridge to set. It is ready in about 30 minutes, when a gel is formed and the mixture is thicker. Otherwise, refrigerate (covered) overnight.
3. Dice the mango and mash with a fork, or puree in a blender.
4. In a serving glass, layer the mango and chia pudding. Decorate with passionfruit and some toasted coconut flakes and/or a mint leaf.

PARENT CORNER

School Readiness Test 2021

In preparation for transition to NAPLAN Online in 2022, selected groups of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be participating in the School Readiness Test (SRT) between 22nd -26th November 2021.

SRT is an opportunity for schools to set up and run simulated tests to become familiar with the online assessment platform and reflect on areas that may need to be addressed ahead of moving online. SRT is not an assessment of student ability. Student test attempts will not be marked, nor will results be available.

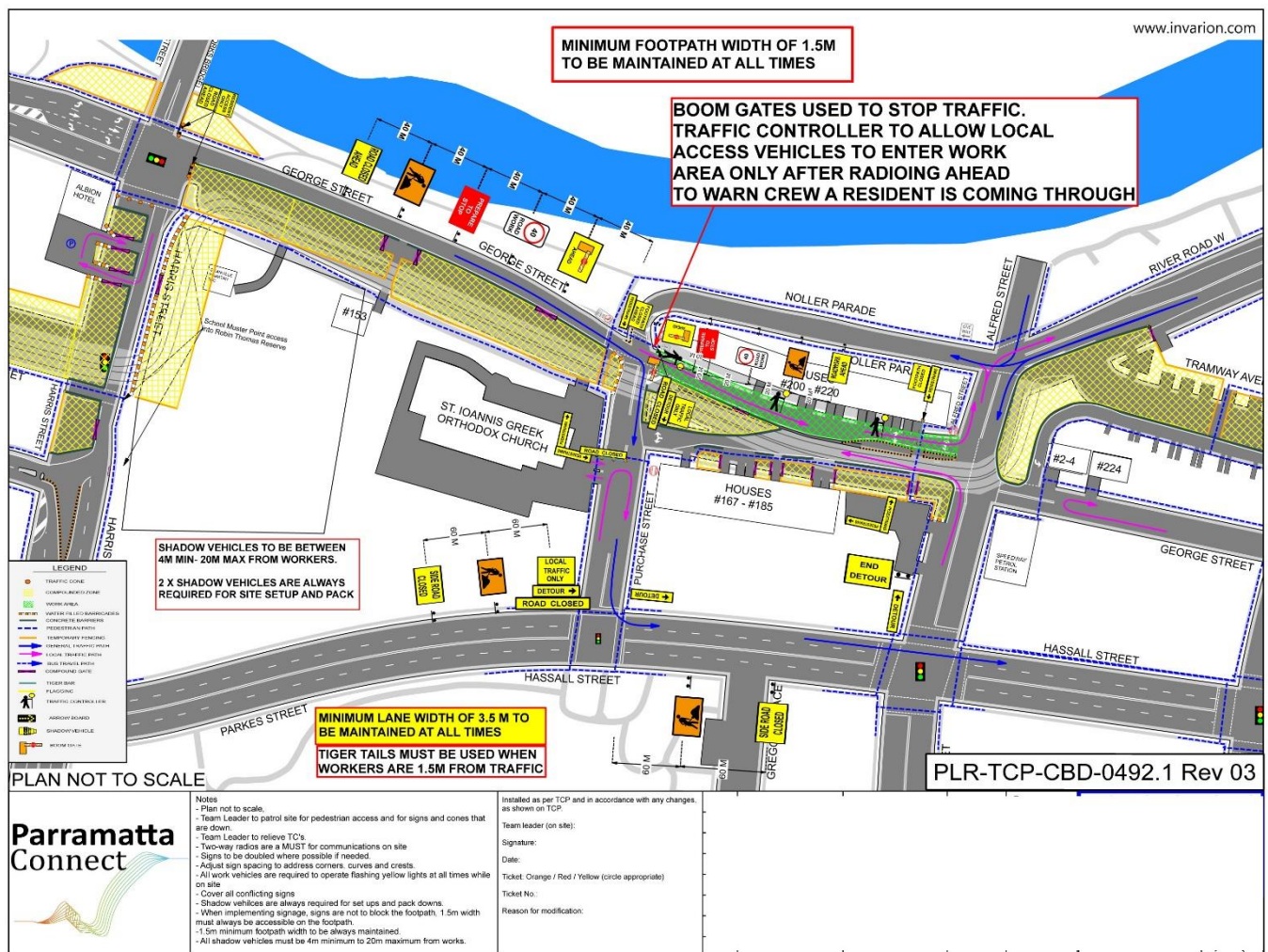
Parents/guardians of students who have been selected to participate in the SRT will be provided with further details next week.

Parramatta Light Rail would like to advise that there will be some traffic changes that will commence on George Street, Parramatta between Purchase and Alfred Streets. We understand that students come along this location to access the Maronite College of the Holy Family in Alice Street, Parramatta.

Road closures and traffic control will be in place from 22 November. There may be some temporary road closures, traffic diversions, traffic-controlled boom gates and you may experience some minor delays with access in this location.

We have provided a detailed traffic control plan map attached showing the traffic changes planned for the area. For more information, visit [Weekly works schedule](#) for upcoming work locations or [Changed traffic conditions](#) to see traffic changes in this area.

If you have any questions, please phone the 24-hour community information line on 1800 139 389 or email ParramattaLightRail@pcplr.com.au



2021 BYOD Portal

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

School Code: MCHFBYOD

Website: <http://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mchfparramatta/>

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/mchf2325/>

LinkedIn: <https://au.linkedin.com/company/maronite-college-of-the-holy-family>