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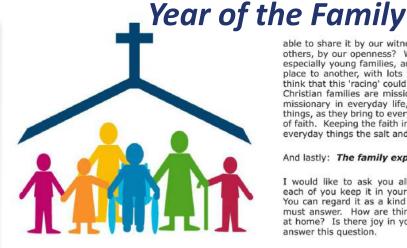
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"Never see a need without trying to do something about it" St. Mary MacKillop



n March 19, 2016, the Vatican published Pope Francis' eagerly-awaited Apostolic Exhortation on the family, drawing together almost three years of consultations with Catholics in countries around the world.

The lengthy document, entitled 'Amoris Laetitia', or The Joy of Love, affirms the Church's teaching that stable families are the building blocks of a healthy society and a place where children learn to love, respect and interact with others.

Pope Francis shares his views on the family.

First: The family prays.

I would like to ask you, dear families "Do you pray together from time to time as a family?" Some of you do, I know. But so many people say to me "But how can we?" But in the family how is this done? After all, prayer seems to be something personal, and besides there is never a good time, a moment of peace. Yes, all that is true enough, but it is also a matter of humility, of realising that we need God - all of us! We need His help, His strength, His blessing, His mercy, His forgiveness. And we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around a table, is not something extraordinary - it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! Praying for one another - the husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents. Praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong:

Next: The family keeps the faith.

Here too, we can ask "How do we keep our faith as a family?" Do we keep it for ourselves, in our families, as a personal treasure like a bank account, or are we

able to share it by our witness, by our acceptance of others, by our openness? We all know that families, especially young families, are often 'racing' from one place to another, with lots to do. But did you ever think that this 'racing' could also be the race of faith? Christian families are missionary families. They are missionary in everyday life, in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and leaven of faith. Keeping the faith in families, and bringing to everyday things the salt and leaven of faith.

And lastly: The family experiences joy.

I would like to ask you all a question today. But each of you keep it in your heart and take it home. You can regard it as a kind of 'homework'. Only you must answer. How are things when it comes to joy at home? Is there joy in your family? Only you can answer this question.

Inspired by the Apostolic exhortation given by Pope Francis about family, Bishop Eugene Hurley Pope Francis about family, Bishop Eugene Hurley launched the Year of the Family after the completion of the Extraordinary Year of Mercy. The Year of the Family began on November 20, 2016 and finishes on November 19, 2017. The aim of this observation of the Year of the Family is that everyone should realise that they belong to a family and it's a place where they experience the love of God in different ways. they experience the love of God in different ways. All through this Year of the Family the Diocese wishes to reach out to families to help them to make it a place of real happiness, peace and joy where everyone is recognised, cared for and loved.

Let us join our hands together to promote the Year of the Family to let everyone experience the beauty of the family and to make the dream of Pope Francis and Bishop Eugene be fulfilled.

> Fr. Tom Jose Pandiappallil CMI Acting Administrator St. Mary's Star of the Sea Cathedral, Darwin

The "home" represents the most precious human treasures, that of encounter, that of relations among people, different in age, culture and history, but who live together and together help one another to grow. For this reason, the "home" is a crucial place in life, where life grows and can be fulfilled, because it is a place in which every person learns to receive love and to give love.

Pope Francis

From Unity Magazine, Edition 30, March 2017

## From the Acting Assistant Principal - Curriculum



Rod Plummer Acting Assistant Principal - Curriculum

The curriculum team and staff are introducing a new Assessment Policy (please find attached to the newsletter) for the College. We are trying to streamline and clarify the process for teachers, students and parents. Please go through the flowchart with your child so all know the process. We would certainly hope that all students hand in their work on time, however, if they do not please expect the concerned teacher make contact with you within 2 days of the assessment being due to organise an appropriate time to re-sit the assessment. The flowchart and policy will make the rest of the process very clear, particularly, in the area of applying for an extension. The policy covers Years 7-12. If you have any questions about the policy please contact the College and speak with one of the team.

An Assessment Planner for all year levels can be found on the College website and each teacher will have given your son/daughters a subject outline that also includes due dates. Please ask to see these and check that your child has entered the information into their diaries.

As a part of our continual improvement process the Curriculum team will now turn its attention to the coversheets for Assessment Tasks, and in particular the information that is contained within. We really want to ensure the information is simple to follow and accessible for both students and parents.

#### **Thank Yous**

**ICT Information Sessions** – Thank you to Mrs Arakkal who gave 2 excellent and informative sessions to new parents about ICT at MacKillop. Please have your child regularly charge their laptop at home so it is ready to be used at school the next day. I have noticed there are a lot of students in class without a laptop. Can parents please ensure students are bringing their computer to school.

**Year 7 Welcome Dinner** – A massive congratulations to Ms Lorna Parker and the Year 7 team for putting on an amazing evening for the Year 7s and their parents. It was great to see so many parents come along and support both the evening and their children.

Rod Plummer
Acting Assistant Principal - Curriculum

## Ash Wednesday Liturgy













May your journey always be filled with blessings and may the life of Saint Mary MacKillop ignite in you the flames of faith and service

## From the Finance Department



Hussain Ratlamwala Business Manager

The first fees statement for 2017 was issued in Week 4. The statement will be sent via post this week; in case you have not received it please get in touch with the finance team to update your details.

As assistance to all families, we provide payment plans to ease the burden of making a one-time payment. If you would like to avail of a payment plan, please fill in the form attached at the end of this newsletter and send it via email to the finance team at the earliest. Please note that all fees are expected to be paid before the end of the school year.

In case you are facing any temporary financial difficulties, please get in touch with me for a confidential discussion and to see how we can be of any help.

All families who have more than one student in Catholic Education in NT are eligible for a sibling discount. To avail of this discount, a sibling discount form needs to be completed annually and sent to Finance. A copy is attached with this newsletter for your action.

Payments of school fees can be made via BPay, credit card or cash payment at our front office reception and direct bank transfer to the below College bank account;

National Australia Bank

BSB: 085933

Account: 396042505

These payment options are provided for on your statement. Please include your family reference when making payment so we can allocate monies to correct account.

The previous school account with the Commonwealth Bank is no longer in use. No payments should be made to this account.

For all queries pertaining to school fees, please call 89305716 or email finance.mackillop@nt.catholic.edu.au

## Hussain Ratlamwala, CPA Business Manager

### VET and Careers News



Rhonda Scullen

Congratulation to our Year 11 student, Tullalah Ormsby undertaking a Schoolbased Traineeship with Farrar Early Learning Centre and her studies with RTO, Transforming Training in CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care.

Photo: Assistant Director/Trainer & Assessor, Shanee Bakker, Tullalah Ormsby & Director Jodie Cunningham.









## Arts News



Matt Holt Instrumental Music Coordinator

#### **Music News**

It's been a fantastic start to the year for the MacKillop Catholic College Music department with lots of students signing up to our program. Can students please make sure they check the music notice board every week for lesson times and any information regarding upcoming performances or events. Remember that it is the student's responsibility to notify teachers of lesson times and to catch up any work/information missed in class.

If you are interested in learning a musical instrument or if you have played before and would like to resume, please come and see us in the music department to collect and information booklet and signup sheet.

Kind regards,

## Matt Holt

Instrumental Music Coordinator

Gisela Pineiro Visual Arts Coordinator

#### **Visual Arts News**

Year 9 and 10 students visited the Art Gallery to see some real life art. They saw 4 exhibitions, including the 2016 NT year 12 works in Exit Art.

All art students are making steady progress with their artworks, and having our largest year 10 group yet, looks like some amazing pieces will be displayed in our first art exhibition.

Kind regards,

## Gisela Pineiro. Visual Arts Coordinator









May your journey always be filled with blessings and may the life of Saint Mary MacKillop ignite in you the flames of faith and service

## Sports News



Nakita Dendle Sports Coordinator

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE - YEARS 7-8 BOYS ONLY**

Tuesday 28th March 2017 Warren Park, Marrara 8:30am –2.30pm Cost: \$15

#### **Competition Details:**

9 a side Safe Play Code

Signed Permission Forms Due: Monday 20th March 2017

For further information contact: Miss Dendle or Mr Duncanson

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE - YEARS 7-8 GIRLS ONLY**

Thursday 30th March 2017 Warren Park, Marrara 8:30am –2.30pm Cost: \$15

#### **Competition Details:**

9 a side Safe Play Code

Signed Permission Forms Due: Monday 20th March 2017

For further information contact: Miss Dendle or Mr Duncanson



Wednesday 19th April 2017 Palmerston Netball Courts 8:30am –2.30pm

#### **Competition Details:**

Middle and Senior School Students Signed Permission Forms Due: Monday 3rd April 2017 For further information contact: Miss Dendle or Miss McCosh

#### **CROSS COUNTRY – MIDDLE AND SENIOR YEARS**

5th, 12th and 19th of May 2017 Howard Springs Pine Forrest From 5pm

#### **Competition Details:**

After hours PARRS event, students are responsible for finding their way to and from the event. Signed Permission Forms Due: Monday 24th April 2017 For further information contact:

Miss Dendle

#### 2017 SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA PACIFIC SCHOOL GAMES SWIM SQUAD SELECTION

If you are interested in nominating for the SSA PSG swimming championships, you must do so by the 31st of May. To be eligible, nominee must have swum with accepted timing procedures and have swum in the last Regional Swimming Carnival. Forms are located in the front office.

Please note that all permission and nomination forms can be found in the student front office.

Regards,









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## Sports News - Continued

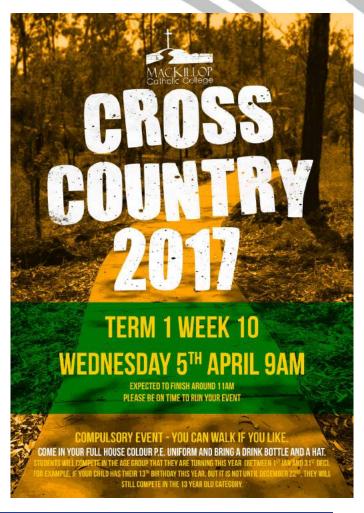
#### **REFEREE / UMPIRING NOMINATION FORMS:**

If any students are interested in nominating to referee / umpire the following sports, please go to the front office to collect a nomination form. The pathways and opportunities that this can lead to are countless. The sports which you can nominate for are Touch Football, Basketball, Cricket, Football, and Netball.

Regards,

### Nahita Dendle Sports Coordinator





### 1.T. News



Vanaja Arakkal
Director of IT
Teaching and Learning

#### **INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

Thankyou everyone who attended the IT info nights. One important thing to remember is that students who have BYO laptops must see IT staff in order to set their laptops up for school use. Also BYOL forms must be signed. These are available from the College website (www.mackillopnt. catholic.edu.au/teaching-learning/it) or from the IT staff.

Regards,

Vanaja Arakkal
Director of T - Teaching and Learning

## Rugby League News

#### PALMERSTON CUP COMING UP!

MacKillop will host the Senior games of the Palmerston Cup on Thursday 6th April. The under 15s (MacKillop vs Taminmin) will kick off at 3:30pm and the Seniors (MacKillop vs Palmerston Senior College) at 4:30pm on the MacKillop Rugby League field.

## DXF Association News

#### **PARENTING**

Below is an interesting article found in The Federation of Parents & Friends Associations of Catholic Schools in Queensland newsletter.

#### **Raising Kids Who Can Cope With Tough Times**

When you think of the word childhood, what comes to mind? Perhaps you think of carefree times, playing games and giggles, stomping in puddles, scribbling crayons, or running on a playground.

But things aren't always sunny and perfect in childhood. There are times when challenging events happen in a child's life. Sometimes these events are small, like a favourite toy breaking, or having an argument with a friend. But sometimes they can be much bigger events, like a loved one dying or parents getting divorced.

This is the link if you would like to find out more about raising kids who can cope with tough times: https://confidentparentsconfidentkids.org/2017/02/02/raising-kids-who-can-cope-with-tough-times

Happy reading!

Elizabeth Laughton MCC P&F Association President

## Upcoming Events

Thu 9/3/17 College Photo Catch Up Day

Mon 13/3/17 P & F Coffee Club 8 to 9am

P & F Annual General Meeting 7pm

Wed 15/3/17 Student Leaders Commissioning

Ceremony 12:13pm

**Social Justice in Action Afternoon** 

6.00pm-Board Welcome Dinner with

**Leadership Team** 

Fri 17/3/17 St Patrick's Day

**MacKillop Student Leadership** 

weekend

Friday & Saturday

Week 8 Year 10 Retreat

Tue 21/3/17 Immunisation Day

## MACKILLOP NEWS

## Chaplain's Chat



Kathryn Pettersen College Chaplain

Mack Night was a a great evening filled with lots of laughter. Everyone was challenged to create a paper plane... out of newspaper! Newspaper is very flimsy, so it made for some quirky designs.

The next MacK Night will be Friday, Week 9. Please put it in your calendars and more details will follow shortly.

Lent has begun, what have you given (or taken) up? If you haven't decided, perhaps you could choose one of the three below or make up your own.

- Not checking my phone during meal times
- Saying three nice things to someone each day
- Praying a morning and night prayer.

Thank you God for giving us this day. Guide us with your love and shower us in your blessings. Amen.

Many Blessings,

Kathryn Pettersen
College Chaplain





## Canteen Corner

#### **HELP WANTED**

If anyone in our MacKillop Community is interested in volunteering in our café, please contact our Café Manager, Leanne Pope: leanne.pope@nt.catholic. edu.au.

#### SENIOR STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Senior students are volunteering to assist in the prep and serving of food. This counts towards Volunteering hours for Dukes, and NTCET volunteering points.

#### **DINING SPACE EXPECTATIONS**

All students from the allocated a year group for the day are welcome to use the space. The same expectations of politeness and cleanliness are to be met.

## Community News

## SOME EXTRA INTERESTING EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

#### **GCoding**

http://www.codeclubau.org/ - if there is not one in your location, you can volunteer to begin one and all facilitating resources are supplied

#### Minecraft

http://thinkfizz.com.au/minecraft-3/minecraft-camp

## NTAEGT - Northern Territory Association for the Gifted and Talented

Follow on facebook for updates of events run by them or other community organisations Become a member (2015 - \$25)

#### **Autism NT**

http://autismnt.org.au/support/social-groups/

Run a range of social groups for students diagnosed or suspected of having ASD. Inquire about video conferencing options if you are in a remote area.

#### **CSIRO** do it yourself Science Activities

http://www.csiro.au/en/Education/DIY-science

#### **Double Helix**

Subscribe to magazine and/or Science and Maths by email providing interesting challenges and experiments

http://www.csiro.au/en/Education/Double-Helix

#### **TEDx Junior Palmerston**

If you are not able to access the event in person, look for online ways to participate - contact the organisers

https://tedxpalmerston.wordpress.com/

#### **Junior Inventors Club**

http://juniorinventors.com.au/for-parents/

#### Museum - visit or link to holiday programs

http://www.magnt.net.au/

#### **Darwin Libraries - check their activities**

One offs, book clubs, homework clubs, holiday events

http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/libraries

http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/libraries/programs-and-services/children/school-holiday-programs

#### **Palmerston Library**

Lego club, Kids Action Time (KAT), Frillies Reading Club, School Holidays Program, Summer Reading Club

http://www.palmerston.nt.gov.au/facilities-recreation/library

#### **Corrugated Iron**

Drama, Acrobatics, circus skills http://corrugatediron.org.au













## Community News

#### **VOICES OF PALMERSTON**

Good afternoon,

Do you live, work or play in Palmerston? We'd love you to participate in one of our FREE Voices of Palmerston workshops. An artist will help you create a wonderful piece of art and at the same time help you tell a story about a place, person or event in Palmerston. It's lots of fun and you will be able to share your creation via a Voices of Palmerston website that is currently under construction! To book your spot click on the flyer below or to find out more go to www.palmerston.nt.gov. au

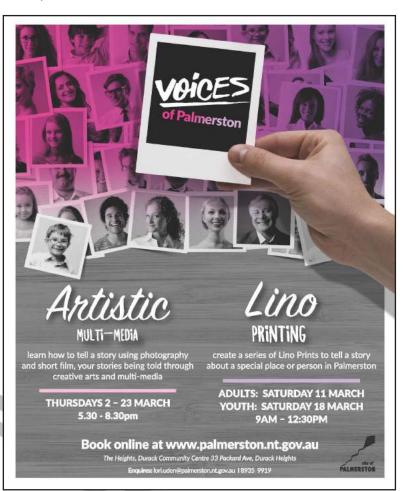
We're looking for creative souls (and those that believe they are not so creative!) to join us each Thursday evening whilst we work on our own art and craft projects, share a plate of food and chat about life! If this sounds wonderful to you, please come along to The Heights Durack Community Centre each Thursday night from 6-7:30am.

Please contact me for further information on any of the above projects!

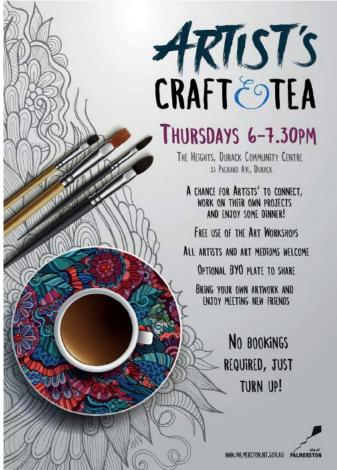
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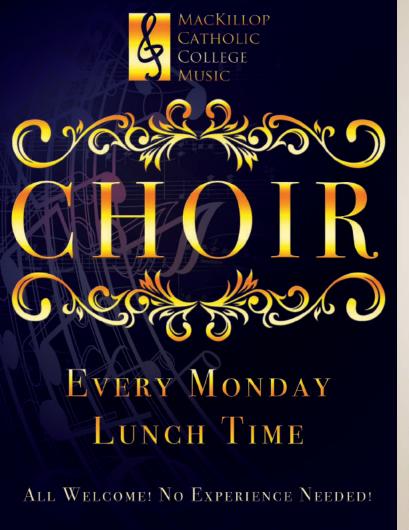
Lori Uden

Community Development Officer – Art and Culture City of Palmerston









MACKILLOP

SEE MRS EZZY FOR MORE DETAILS

morning tea for caritas

Help Year 9 Catering Feed the World!

at recess after the cross country

sweet and savoury food, including sluten free options

Prices ranging from \$2-3

see mrs morton for more info



JOIN US IN The Grove

FROM 8AM - 9AM

#### TERM 1 DATES:

MONDAY 13TH FEB MONDAY 13TH MAR MONDAY 3RD APR

(DAYS OF P&F ASSOC. MEETINGS)

Contact mk.parentsandfriends@nt.catholic.edu.au for more information

#### **EASTER SEASON MASS TIMES**

#### St. Francis of Assisi Church Humpty Doo:

Holy Thursday 6pm

**Good Friday** 3:30pm Passion of Our Lord

Holy Saturday 7pm 9:30pm **Easter Sunday** 

#### **Our Lady Help of Christians Church - Palmerston:**

Mass times to be announced.

Check Parish Bulletin.

### Interested in Studying Medicine?

On Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March there will be an after school presentation on the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT). The Flinders University NT Medical Program will also be presenting and will be happy to take questions afterwards. All year levels are welcome.

Where: Darwin High School Theatrette

#### Time: 5:30 to 6:30 pm

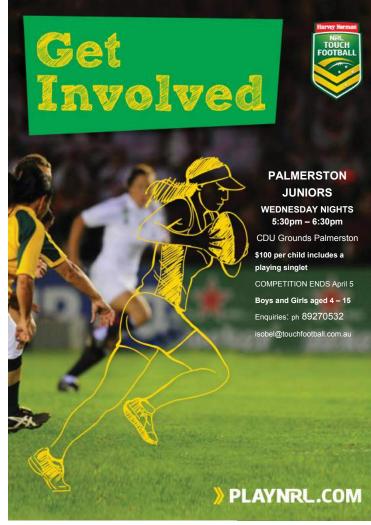
- UMAT
- UMAT revealed
- Format of test ACER Policy
  - Pros and cons of training with NIE, Medentry etc

  - Registering early
  - What to bring on test day
- Some handy resources

#### NT Medical Program

- Process during the application period
- Structure of the course Benefits for NT residents
  - Student experience (current student will be present for questions)





## MacKillop Japan Trip 19th Sep-4th Oct 2017

We'd like to hear your Expression of Interest.

Please contact Ms. Popp Or Ms. Saliba about this trip.

Cost: approx. \$3800-4000

(It may change due to flight fees.)
Cost includes your trip fees including meals, flight fees, and accommodation.

Not includes passport fees, visa, insurance, allowance.

Itinerary

Day 1 flight to Japan via Singapore

Day 2&3 Tokyo free day - Tokyo Disney Land, Harajuku

Day 4 Mt, Fuji-Shinkan sen (bullet train)

Day 5 Osaka

Day 6 Kyoto (UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

Day 7&8 Hiroshima & Miyajima (World Heritage Sites)

Day 9-14 Sister School Hakata visit & Home stay in Fukuoka prefecture.

Day 15&16 flight back to Australia via Singapore





NORTHERN TERRITORY CALISTHENICS

REPRESENTIVE TEAMS

OUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

7pm for 7.30pm start

CAZALYS CLUB PALMERSTON

\$10 A TICKET

**TABLES OF 10** 

GET YOUR TABLES ORGANISED EARLY SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT.

TICKETS CAN BE BOOKED THROUGH

Di Cook at: yergs12@hotmail.com







RAFFLES



#### Vinnies Volunteers Wanted!

JOIN US IN CHANGING LIVES. Vinnies Palmerston is looking for new volunteers! Would you like to join our team? If you LOVE meeting new people, have a POSITIVE attitude, ENJOY fashion, have time to CONTRIBUTE to your community, want to gain EXPEREINCE in retail & would like to VOLUNTEER for a leading NT charity

Become a Vinnies Volunteer Retail Assistant.

To find out more contact the Centre Manager 3 Roylat St, Palmerston or call 89488100

### Pacific Requiem

Pacific Requiem, a choral work composed by Australian Michael McNeill, blends the text and music of the Latin Mass with folk and children's music of peoples involved in the Pacific theatre of World War II. The work was written in 2014 and premiered in New Orleans, United States, in 2016.

Darwin Chorale presents the first Australian performance of this work, as part of "The Territory Remembers" commemorations of the 75th anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin on 19 February 1942.

Members of the Darwin Youth Choir, Music Director Nora Lewis, will also participate.

The work is one of reconciliation and closure for those involved in the Pacific theatre during World War II – Japanese, American and Australian service men and women, non-military personnel and civilian victims. In the composer's own words, "I created this work, not to remember what happened but to trigger that which binds us, our shared common humanitu."

Michael McNeill's father served as a US Marine at Guadalcanal and Iwo Jima. He made peace with his former foes, but suffered psychologically for many years afterwards. Michael states that "Pacific Requiem was written as a tool to heal the wounds of those who fought in the Pacific theatre of World War II".

Darwin Chorale is pleased to be able to present this work as a contribution to the dedication of the Memorial Reflection Pool in the Peace Garden at the concert venue—the Darwin Memorial Uniting Church. The venue is appropriate because it is the location of 77 bronze crosses forged from metal salvaged from World War II shipwrecks in Darwin Harbour. The salvager was Japanese expert Ryugo Fujita, a pacifist who adorned the pews and communion rail of the Uniting Church with the 77 crosses. The story of the salvage is an important part of Darwin's history, as well as contributing to postwar reconciliation and friendship.

Darwin Chorale Music Director: Michael Loughlin





**LFITNESS** 



### **ACCEPTED HERE**

Registered Activity Provider for the Sport Voucher Scheme

Hello!

Kicking off 2017, we would like to remind all parents, students, families and staff that we now accept school vouchers and would like to offer your community corporate rates!

iFitness247 encourages children between the ages of 14 - 18 to get active and stay that way. Participating in regular physical activity helps to gain confidence and become healthier, happier and more comfortable with exercising. For this reason, we have recently been approved to accept the \$100 Sports Vouchers. These vouchers can be redeemed on memberships or Personal Training sessions designed specifically for the students fitness and/or health development.

We currently have memberships that are discounted to just \$13.95/week or \$650 paid in advance for 12 months! To ensure on going affordability to your staff, students and families, we would like to offer your school community an ongoing corporate rate. Once our presale ends, corporate rates will be \$14.95/week or \$650 paid in advance for 12 months.

Our memberships include 24/7 access to all three state of the art iFitness clubs (located in Darwin City, Palmerston and Millner) live and virtual group fitness classes

Kind Regards, Cathryn McAdie iFitness Palmerston Club Manager



#### **SUPPORT THE JAPAN TRIP!**

Delicious Japanese food available Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the Café next week, to raise funds for this year's Japan exchange tour!





## <u>Lá Fhéile Pádraig</u> -<u>Aifreann i gaelach</u>

You are invited to celebrate

#### St Patrick's Day

with a Mass in Gaelic at St Paul's Catholic Church,
Cnr Francis St and Trower Rd, Nightcliff on
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> March (1 week early) at 7pm.

Mass will be celebrated by Fr Jimmy O'Gara (visiting from Nhulunbuy)



Light refreshments afterwards. Please bring a plate to share.





#### **2017 KIDS TRIATHLON AND NT JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Would you like to try a Tri? On Saturday 15 April 2017, Triathlon NT presents the annual Kids and Junior NT Championships at the picturesque Lake Alexander, East Point Reserve, Darwin. Races are open to all comers, and comprise a series of fun challenges in swimming, cycling and running across distances to suit all levels of ability for children aged 6-16. Non-members are welcome! We also offer pre-event participation opportunities, most of which are free, or offered for a nominal charge.





#### More information?

Contact Tim Ellison:

0437 002 340

### What do I need to participate? - Clothes you can swim, or

 Clothes you can swim, cycle and run in, goggles and a pair of running shoes, a cycling helmet and any type of bicycle.

#### How do I enter?

- Register online, at:

http://www.active.com/east-pointreserve-nt/triathlon/races/nt-kidstriathlon-2017.

#### What will I have to do?

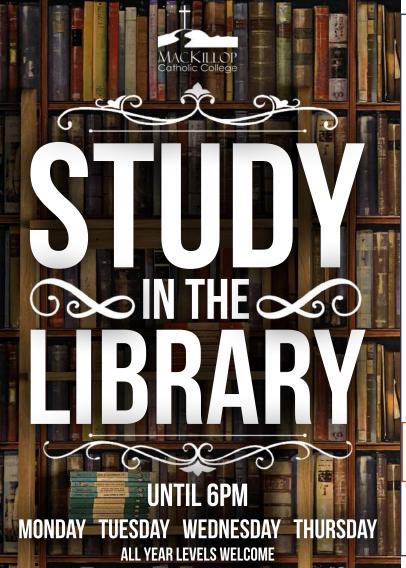
 The NT Kids Triathlon is an event designed to introduce children to the sport in a fun environment, and is suitable for both beginners and more experienced athletes. All swim legs are conducted in waist-deep water and all cycling is done on trafficcontrolled roads.



#### Find us online at

www.triathlon.org.au/State Associa ons/NT/Northern Territory Home.h m

n-Northern-Territory-







### Fight For Life Australia

Dates: 6th - 12th February 2017 Location:

See www.MasterPaul.com.au for your nearest local centre

www.fightforlifeaustralia.com.au Donate:

### What is Fight For Life?



Almost everyone on the planet has had someone they know or love affected by cancer.

Fight For Life was established so that Martial Arts practitioners can Kick Cancer Together. Now you can be a part of the largest cancer fundraiser run by one martial arts club.

All money raised will go direct to the Cancer Council to help find a cure or vaccine for

### www.fightforlifeaustralia.com.au

For one week your local United Taekwondo centres around Australia are running a Fight For Life event.

For every adult or child that tries out in a club, the club owner will donate \$10 towards Cancer Council.

To find out more about this fundraising event go to



### encerepilates

## **PILATES FOR**

- Fun, engaging environment in dedicated pilates studio Full supervision by professional instructors Eligible for sports vouchers and some private health rebates



15 February - 29 March, Weds 4pm - 4:45pm **Encore Pilates Studio** 47 Stuart Hwy, Stuart Park

Suitable for 12- 18 years. Cost \$140 (7-week term) Sports Voucher accepted, may be eligible for private health rebate

#### PALMERSTON BALLET SCHOOL Established 1984

- \*Classes in Classical Ballet
- \*Preparations for examinations Pre Primary to Advanced (Cecchetti)
- \*Performance and production opportunities
- \*Adults' stretch/tone and ballet barre starting soon ( on demand)
- \*Special "little 3's" class
- \*Jazz and tap offered
- \*Location: Dance studio MacKillop Catholic College, Farrar Blvd Johnston.
- \*Inquiries: Principal Jan Hedenig L.C.B.A. C.I.C.B. REGISTERED TEACHER

jan@palmerstonballet.com.au 08 89 312 508.

## **KEEP UP WITH MORE NEWS FROM MACKILLOP!**



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### Assessment Policy

#### INTRODUCTION OR PREAMBLE

MacKillop Catholic College recognises that teaching, learning and assessment of that learning are fundamentally interdependent. Learning outcomes, which include knowledge and understanding of a subject as well as cognitive, personal and academic skills, should be explicitly stated, and these should be the pivot around which the whole course is developed. Assessment tasks are set to assess and report on a student's demonstrated ability in a range of areas. Meeting deadlines for these tasks is an important part of this process.

#### **RATIONALE**

"Each individual human being, in his or her material and spiritual needs, is at the heart of Christ's teaching: this is why the promotion of the human person is the goal of the Catholic School."

(The Catholic School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium, n. 9)

Contemporary Catholic schools function within a changing and complex educational, ecclesial and social context. Such complexity requires schools to continuously recreate themselves from within-through changes that support continuous review and improvement of the education process at every level so that the provision of high quality inclusive Catholic schooling will be strengthened within their local community.

All students at MacKillop Catholic College are required to complete all aspects of the curriculum including assessment. Therefore, it is essential that all staff and students follow procedures to ensure the process is clear and unambiguous to staff, students and parents / carers.

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### Principles and Values that Underpin this Policy

#### **PRINCIPLES**

Students engage in quality teaching and learning enabling students to reach their full potential.

#### Assessment:

- is an integral part of teaching and learning;
- identifies where the student is at and where to next in their learning;
- is fair, equitable and designed to meet specific purposes;
- should be varied to meet the learning needs of students;
- leads to informative reporting; and,
- Informs school wide evaluation processes.

#### **VALUES**

When considering this policy MacKillop Catholic College highlights the following as valued:

Respect

**Inclusivity** 

Courage

**Integrity** 

**Compassion** 

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Through the enrolment process, all students at MacKillop Catholic College have agreed to complete all aspects of the curriculum, including assessment tasks, as prepared and delivered by teaching staff. All students are required to complete assessment tasks in each subject. They are required to meet the due date for each task.

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### Implementation Guidelines and Procedures

Staff and students are required to follow the procedures for completion and submission of assessment tasks as per the Assessment Policy flow chart.

If special provisions for any Stage 1 or 2 assessment task are required, students need to contact Senior School Curriculum Coordinator in accordance with the SACE policy https://www.sace.sa.edu.au. The Deputy Principal Academic Studies will oversee this process.

If modification of an assessment task is required in years 7 to 9, the Inclusion Support Coordinator will liaise with the Middle School Curriculum Coordinator and the classroom teacher. For year 10 non-SACE subjects the Inclusion Support Coordinator will liaise with the Senior School Curriculum Coordinator and the classroom teacher.

Clear due dates will be given at least 2 weeks prior to the due date. The term assessment calendar will be adhered to as closely as possible; this will be communicated via the curriculum page on the MacKillop Catholic College website:

#### www.mackillopnt.catholic.edu.au

Students' assessments will be closely monitored by teachers ensuring that suitable progress is being made and the work is the students' own.

Students submit draft directly to teacher by draft due date. Students requiring extra time to complete a draft of the assessment must do so via communication from parent / carer explaining their reason/s a minimum of 24 hours prior to the due date. The classroom teacher will communicate this request with their Head of Department. If a student fails to submit a task by the draft due date, the class teacher negotiates with the student a new draft due date. The teacher confirms this with the parent within two school days.

If a draft is not submitted by the draft due date, the student will complete the assessment under exam conditions with the classroom teacher within two sessions as negotiated with the parents. Parents / carers and Homeform teacher informed.

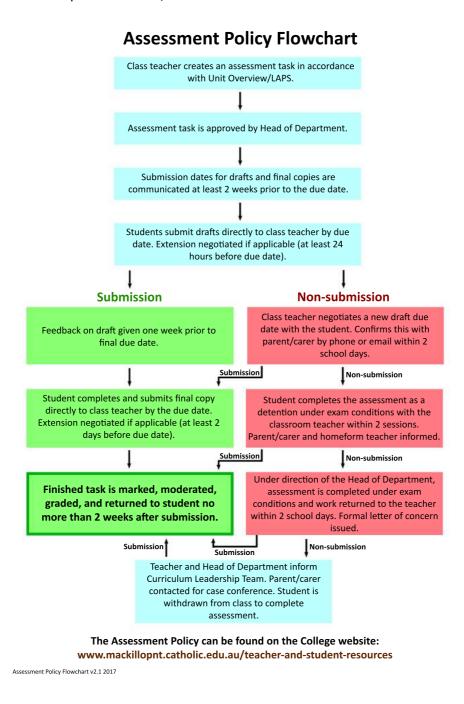
If the student does not complete the draft for the classroom teacher, then under the direction on the Head of Department, the assessment is completed under exam conditions and work returned to the teacher within two school days. A formal letter of concern is issued to parent / carer. Upon failure to submit assessment at this stage, the teacher and the Head of Department informs the Curriculum Leadership Team. Parents / carers contacted for case conference. Student completes assessment as an internal suspension.

Teachers will offer feedback on drafts submitted by the due date (or negotiated extension date) to provide the student with the opportunity to submit work of high quality. This will happen one week prior to the final due date. However, if the draft is submitted after the final due date then it will be treated as the final piece and graded accordingly.

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Students are required to complete / submit final copy directly to the teacher by the due date. The student may negotiate an extension if applicable at least 2 days prior to due date. The classroom teacher will communicate this request with their Head of Department. The finished task is marked by the classroom teacher, moderated, graded and returned to the students no more than 2 weeks after submission.

Where a student is absent for a test or assessment task, it is advisable for the parent / carer to contact the College on the same day to advise that the student will be absent. On return to school, the student must bring a note / medical certificate (this is mandatory for all stage 1 and 2 tests/tasks) to explain the absence, this must be provided to the classroom teacher. The student will complete the test / task at the discretion of the teacher.



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## Validation of Guidelines and Procedures

When will this take place – to ensure it is working?

The policy will be reviewed within a 3 year cycle. This review will call for feedback from all stakeholders including but not limited to staff, students, parents, Heads of Department, Curriculum Team, and Leadership.

#### **Resources and Professional Support**

- South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE): https://www.sace.sa.edu.au
- Australian Curriculum: www.australiancurriculum.edu.au
- Northern Territory Board of Studies (NTBOS): <a href="https://education.nt.gov.au/education/committees,-regulators-and-advisory-groups/northern-territory-board-of-studies/ntbos-policies-and-guidelines">https://education.nt.gov.au/education/committees,-regulators-and-advisory-groups/northern-territory-board-of-studies/ntbos-policies-and-guidelines</a>
- Northern Territory Department of Education and Training: <a href="https://education.nt.gov.au/education/support-for-teachers/curriculum-resources-learning-links">https://education.nt.gov.au/education/support-for-teachers/curriculum-resources-learning-links</a>
- Catholic Education Office (CEO): http://www.ceont.catholic.edu.au/

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### HARMONY DAY FAMILY FESTIVAL 2017

#### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR CULTURAL PERFORMERS

GRAY FOOTBALL STADIUM, PALMERSTON SATURDAY 1 APRIL 2017 3 - 9PM

### CONTACT DETAILS

Name of Performer/ Performan	ce Group:	
Contact Person:		
Email Address:		
Telephone:	Business:	Mobile:
Postal Address:		
Please provide a brief description	on of the performance you would	like to showcase:
$\square$ You / your group will be perf	orming at half / full time of socce	r matches
☐ You will be located on the gra	ass soccer field in front of the gra	ndstand
$\square$ Performance time is up to 7 $\square$	minutes	
☐ A PA System with microphon	e will be available with a ipod/ph	one connection
☐ Performance examples: sing	ing, dancing, martial arts, musical	instruments etc.
☐ A \$100 donation will be prov	rided for each Cultural Performan	ce.
Note: We have can only accept a by mail, fax, email or in person by	limited number of performers, so p Tuesday 14th March.	lease complete form and return

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO LORI UDEN - CITY OF PALMERSTON

🛉 By Hand: Level 1, Civic Plaza, 1 Chung Wah Terrace, Palmerston

☑ PO Box 1 Palmerston NT 0831

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### PERMISSION FOR STUDENT TO ATTEND CROSS COUNTRY

School Name: MacKillop Catholic College	Class/Year: Middle and Senior School
Times and Dates of activity: Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> May Howard Springs Pine Forrest, Corner of Howard Springs and Stow Road 5pm – 6:30pm	Student requirements: Appropriate footwear, full sport uniform, water bottle.
<u> </u>	As such it is the parent / caregivers responsibility to take reek event and is compulsory if students wish to be chosen for
Planned Transport:	
	ent Vehicle X Student's Own Vehicle Walking X Other
Costs associated with activity: PARRS levy \$10 Transport \$10 to be paid through SCHOOL FEES (please do not seem to be paid through SCHOOL FEES (please do not s	
Please complete all details below and return it to Miss Dewill result in your child being unable to participate in the ac	endle or the front office by Monday 24/04/2017, failure to do so
Makita Dendle Teacher Signature	Principal Signature
Student's Family Name: Stu	udent's Given Names:
Student's Date of Birth: Ge	ender: Male Female
-	rent/Caregiver Telephone Number: ork: Home: Mobile:
	nergency Contact Telephone Number: ork: Home: Mobile:
Student's medical details:  Date of last tetanus injection:  Known allergies (drug	reaction etc.): Dietary restrictions:
Is the student under medication? (If yes, name medication	and attach instructions)
Has your child any special medical condition, physical or p her/him whilst taking part in any activities? Please provide other information which you believe may help staff provide	esychological limitations or cultural restrictions which may affect full details (attach information if necessary). Please provide any the best possible care.

#### **Parental Consent**

Your attention is drawn to the following important points:

- Students are under the teacher's/supervisor's authority for the duration of the excursion. A student may be returned home at the expense of the parent/caregiver if the teacher/supervisor considers that circumstances warrant such action.
- The Department of Education has a duty of care for students engaged in school related activities, including excursions and sporting events under its direction or supervision. All reasonable steps will be taken to protect students against reasonably foreseeable risks of injury or harm.
- Financial responsibility for medical and other costs incurred in emergency situations or where a decision is taken to return a student home, rests with the parent/guardian of the student. Parents may wish to take out additional insurance to cover such costs.
- Liability for loss, theft or damage to student property is the responsibility of the parent/guardian of the student.
- Students are not permitted to transport other students in vehicles regardless of written permission being provided.

Permission is given to attend this excursi	ion.	☐ YES	☐ NO
Permission is given for school staff to ad	minister first aid if required	YES	☐ NO
Permission is given to secure medical at illness/accident whilst on this excursion a any costs involved including ambulance	and I accept responsibility for	☐ YES	□ NO
any costs involved including ambulance	iransport ir applicable.		
I agree to pay the excursion costs outline	ed above.	☐ YES	☐ NO
Where the excursion involves aquatic ac swimming with supervision.	☐ YES	☐ NO	
Swirining with supervision.			
Parent/Caregiver Name	Parent/Caregiver Signature	Date	



#### PERMISSION FOR STUDENT TO ATTEND NETBALL PARRS

School Name: MacKillop Catholic College		Class/Year Middle and	: I Senior School		
Times and Dates of activity:		Student red	quirements:		
Wednesday 19 April		Appropriat	te footwear, full	sport uniform	, hat, water bottle,
Competition runs from 9.30-2pm at Palmerston N Court, Palmerston	Netball	lunch, owr	n sunscreen if a	ny allergy to s <sub>i</sub>	pecific sunscreens.
Details of each activity (itemise each proposed activ	rity and if	necessary a	ttach a proposed	itinerary and s	upervisor list):
Students to meet at the breeze way at MacKillop		_			
Courts. Students will participate in a round robin via bus at 2pm to ensure early bus students are		-		n of the day. Ti	he will be returning
Planned Transport:					
☐ School Bus X☐ Hire Bus ☐ Town Bus ☐ S				<del></del>	alking
Costs associated with activity: Excursion costs \$10 <b>\$15 to be paid through SCHOOL FEES (please de</b>				osts \$10 =	
Please complete all details below <u>and return it to N</u> will result in your child being unable to participate in			ont office by Mo	nday 03/04/201	17, failure to do so
Nahita Dendle Teacher Signature		•			Principal Signature
Student's Family Name:	Stude	ent's Given N	ames:		
Student's Date of Birth:	Gend	er:	☐ Male	☐ Female	
Parent/Caregiver's Name:	Parer	nt/Caregiver	Telephone Numb	er:	
	Work		Home:	Mobi	le:
Emergency Contact Name (alternate contact):			ct Telephone Nu	mber:	
	Work	:	Home:	Mobi	le:
Student's medical details:  Date of last tetanus injection:  Known allergies	(drug rea	action etc.):	Dietary restriction	ons:	
Is the student under medication? (If yes, name medication?)	ication an	nd attach inst	ructions)		
Has your child any special medical condition, physic her/him whilst taking part in any activities? Please pother information which you believe may help staff p	rovide ful	I details (atta	ch information if		

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- Liability for loss, theft or damage to student property is the responsibility of the parent/guardian of the student.
- Students are not permitted to transport other students in vehicles regardless of written permission being provided.

Permission is given to attend this excurs	ion	☐ YES	□ №
Permission is given for school staff to ad		☐ YES	
Permission is given to secure medical at illness/accident whilst on this excursion a	tention in case of		
any costs involved including ambulance	transport if applicable.	☐ YES	□ NO
I agree to pay the excursion costs outline	ed above.	☐ YES	☐ NO
Where the excursion involves aquatic ac swimming with supervision.	☐ YES	□ NO	
Parent/Caregiver Name	Parent/Caregiver Signature	Date	



#### PERMISSION FOR STUDENT TO ATTEND YEAR 7/8 BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE

School Name:  MacKillop Catholic College			Class/Year <b>′ear 7/8 B</b>	: OYS ONLY		
Times and Dates of activity: Tuesday 28 March (Competition runs from 9.30-2pn Marrara)	n at Warren Park,	1	Appropriat unch, owr		sport uniform, hat, ny allergy to specif metal studs.	
Details of each activity (itemise each Students to meet at the breeze will participate in a boys only Ye via bus at 2pm to ensure early be	ay at MacKillop C ar 7 and 8 Rugby I	atholic C League c	college at a competition	8:30am to catch in for the duration	a bus to Warren Pa	ark. Students
Planned Transport:  ☐ School Bus X☐ Hire Bus ☐	] Town Bus □ Sta	aff/Parent	Vehicle [	_Student's Own	Vehicle   Walking	g 🗌 Other
Costs associated with activity: Ex \$15 to be paid through SCHOOL	FEES (please do r	not send	cash to s	chool)		
Please complete all details below a result in your child being unable to			e or the fro	ont office by Fri	<u>day 16 /03/2017</u> , fail	ure to do so will
Makita Dendle	Teacher Signat	-			Prin	cipal Signature
Student's Family Name:		Student	's Given N	ames:		
Student's Date of Birth:		Gender	:	☐ Male	☐ Female	
Parent/Caregiver's Name:		Parent/ Work:	Caregiver <sup>-</sup>	Telephone Numb Home:	oer: Mobile:	
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Has your child any special medical her/him whilst taking part in any ac other information which you believe	tivities? Please prov	vide full d	letails (atta	ch information if		·

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I agree to pay the excursion costs outline		☐ YES	
Where the excursion involves aquatic ac swimming with supervision.	☐ YES	☐ NO	
Parent/Caregiver Name	Parent/Caregiver Signature	Date	



### PERMISSION FOR STUDENT TO ATTEND YEAR 7/8 GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE

School Name:  MacKillop Catholic College		Class/Year 7/8	ar: GIRLS ONLY		
Times and Dates of activity: Tuesday 30 March (Competition runs from 9.30-2pm Marrara)	at Warren Park,	Appropri lunch, ov		sport uniform, hat, w ny allergy to specific metal studs.	
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Planned Transport:  ☐ School Bus X☐ Hire Bus ☐	Town Bus 🗌 Sta	aff/Parent Vehicle	☐Student's Own	Vehicle ☐ Walking	☐ Other
Costs associated with activity: Exc \$15 to be paid through SCHOOL	FEES (please do r	not send cash to	school)		
Please complete all details below <u>all</u> will result in your child being unable			ront office by Mo	nday 20/03/2017, failu	re to do so
Makita Dendle Te	acher Signature			Principal Sig	nature
Student's Family Name:		Student's Given	Names:		
Student's Date of Birth:		Gender:	☐ Male	☐ Female	
Parent/Caregiver's Name:		Parent/Caregive Work:	r Telephone Numb Home:	er: Mobile:	
Emergency Contact Name (alternat	e contact):	Emergency Con Work:	tact Telephone Nu Home:	mber: Mobile:	
Student's medical details: Date of last tetanus injection:	Known allergies (c	drug reaction etc.)	Dietary restricti	ons:	
Is the student under medication? (If	yes, name medica	ation and attach in	structions)		
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I agree to pay the excursion costs outline		☐ YES	
Where the excursion involves aquatic ac swimming with supervision.	☐ YES	☐ NO	
Parent/Caregiver Name	Parent/Caregiver Signature	Date	



### **PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

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Amount \$												
Signature				Pri	int Na	me _						
Date												



Dear Parents/ Guardians,

In order to update our data on families and correctly calculate discounts on school fees, could you please fill-in the following information and return to the front office.

Family Name	First Nam	e	Year Level	n:
Students (siblings)	in family attending ot	her Catholic Schoo	ls in Northern	Territory
Family Name	First Name			r level in:
Parents' family nan	ne if different from stu	dent's name	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
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Current mailing add	dress for fee billing 🔔			
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Annual fees will be	billed once a year. Sta	tements are posted	l out in Februa	ıry.
	•	•		·
Payment methods a				
o Cash	or Cheque			

Yours sincerely

Finance Department

EFTPOS- savings or credit cardDirect Debit- via your payroll

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EFT- from your bank to ours- details are shown on your statement

Centrepay - Direct from your Centrelink payments

# **UMAT 2017**

Common questions about UMAT answered by MedEntry, the leading and most trusted UMAT Preparation Institution



#### What is UMAT?

UMAT stands for Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test. UMAT is a three hour test consisting of multiple-choice questions of the following types: Logical Reasoning and Problem Solving, Understanding People and Non-Verbal Reasoning.

#### What courses require UMAT?

You will need to sit UMAT if you are interested in any of the following courses:

State	University	Course(s)
	-	• •
NSM	UNSW	Medicine
	Newcastle/UNE	Medicine
	WSU	Medicine
	CSU	Dental Science
Vic	Monash Uni	Medicine
	La Trobe Uni	Dentistry, Oral Health
QLD	UQ	Medicine (prov. entry),
		Dental Science
SA	Uni of Adelaide	Medicine, Dentistry
	Flinders Uni	Medicine
WA	UWA	Medicine and Dentistry
		(assured entry)
	Curtin Uni	Medicine
Tas	UTas	Medicine
NT	CDU	Clinical Sciences
NZ	Auckland	Medicine
	Otago	Medicine, Dentistry

#### What are the key dates for UMAT 2017?

UMAT registrations open	December 2016
UMAT registrations close	2 June 2017*
UMAT takes place	26 July 2017
UMAT results released	September 2017
Deadline to apply to	September 2017
admissions bodies	

<sup>\*</sup>Late registrations accepted until 16 June 2017

#### How can I register to sit UMAT?

You can register for UMAT by visiting umat.acer.edu.au. The fee fo sit UMAT is \$250. You can sit UMAT in your final year of high school and any year thereafter.

#### Do I need to prepare for UMAT?

Yes! Many practicing doctors agree that UMAT is the most difficult test they faced in their medical career. Even students who obtain an ATAR of 99.95 have missed out on a place in medicine due to a poor UMAT score. For some universities it is as important or more important than your ATAR. It is completely different to any other test you have sat at school. Quality preparation is therefore essential.

UMAT prep will also help with your school study as it enhances your thinking and test-taking skills.

#### **But ACER/unis discourage UMAT preparation**

There are many reasons for this. For example, the more you know about UMAT, the harder their job becomes. They also want a level playing field where all students have the same level of preparation for UMAT. Unfortunately, this does not exist. Informed and motivated students will prepare for UMAT, and MedEntry provides quality materials to help them do so.

## What UMAT score do I need to get into medicine?

The UMAT score that you need to get into medicine or other health science courses depends on the university to which you are applying. In general, a UMAT percentile of at least 85 will usually secure you a medical interview offer. This may not seem high, but remember you are competing against a much tougher cohort than at school/uni.

### Where can I get more information about UMAT?

Please visit www,MedEntry,edu.au for a free trial exam, information about the admissions process, blogs about UMAT and to enrol in one of our UMAT preparation packages. You can also call us on 1300 MEDENTRY, Follow MedEntry on social media for UMAT tips and updates!

#### Why MedEntry?

MedEntry is a government-accredited Registered Training Organisation run by doctors and academics with 20 years' experience in preparing students for UMAT. The quality and extent of our resources is unparalleled. We get more students into medicine than all other prep courses combined. For more information, please visit www.MedEntry.edu.au

