



# acta ludi

current news & events from  
the college community

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## WHAT'S COMING UP DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### Monday 6 February 2012

- Years 4 to 7 House Swimming Carnival

### Wednesday 8 February 2012

- Prep 2012 Parent Information Evening

### Thursday 9 February 2012

- Year 7 Parents 'Meet & Greet' afternoon

### Friday 10 February 2012

- Year 12 Senior Investiture
- Year 11 Leadership afternoon
- Years 8 to 12 APS Swimming Time Trials

## DIRECT PHONE NOS.

Main Admin	5573 8600
Prep to Year 6 Admin	5573 8610
Years 7 to 12 Admin	5573 8633
Staff Administration	5573 8668
Absentee Line – P to 6	5573 8673
Absentee Line – 7 to 12	5573 8675
Performing Arts	5573 8672
Accounts	5573 8686
Health Centre	5573 8615
Sports Office	5573 8674
Uniform Shop	5573 8640
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Canteen	5573 8641

## FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends

### Welcome to the start of the 2012 academic year

Welcome to all the returning and new students who started the academic year last Monday. Welcome also to the following new staff members:

**Mrs Kathryn Dendy** – Dean of Students/Pastoral Care

**Mr Ryan Soars** – PE Teacher

**Mrs Libby Wood** – Head of HPE

**Mrs Debbie van de Meesberg** –Accounts

**Mr Colin McHugh** – Senior Teacher

**Mrs Kris Owen** – Library Technician

**Mrs Kylie Seib** – Library Technician

**Mr Dean Culell** – Senior Teacher

I hope all the new members of the SSC community have a long and enjoyable association with our wonderful school.

### Car park

I wish as I was writing this article I could look over a new, functional car park. Unfortunately, the car park developers hit a "soft-spot" some weeks ago and this, combined with the ongoing rain, has resulted in some unfortunate delays. I appreciate everyone's frustration, particularly as it has involved walking through the rain, but I am confident that within the next few weeks we will have a much more efficient traffic flow.

### Overseas trips

I am very grateful to the staff members and other chaperones who accompanied the students on three excursions to Spain, Vienna and Cambodia. I hope you will read reports on each of these trips as they are placed in Acta Ludi over the coming weeks.

### OP Results

I am very pleased with our great OP results from last year. An average of OP 10 is extremely good, especially given the fact that the vast majority of our Year 12 students went for an OP. It is also very satisfying to hear the majority of our 2011 Year 12 students obtained the university places they applied for.

Further information on the 2011 OP results can be found in Sherrie Cuthbert's 'Director of Studies' section of this newsletter.

Once again, I welcome you all back for what promises to be a very successful year.

Jamie Dorrington  
**Headmaster**



## FROM THE CHAPEL

The time after Christmas is often one for pondering.

The first European eyes ever to look upon the Grand Canyon were men who were with the Spanish Conquistador, Coronado. That was back in the 1540s.

Since that time, millions have gone to see that 450 kilometre long gorge. Every generation has been amazed at its fantastic shapes and multi-coloured peaks, canyons, ravines, and layers of rock. It has been described by many as the most awe inspiring of Earth's spectacles.

Not so long ago, a man stood with his young son at the edge of the Grand Canyon. Pondering the beauty which lay before them, the boy said to his father, "Dad, something must have happened here!"

With Christmas gone, we, like Mary, may find ourselves pondering the events of these last few weeks.

I am sure that if a stranger had seen our churches, our homes, our tables, our lights, our trees, and our presents, he might also be moved to say, "Something has happened here!" If he thought that, he would be right, wouldn't he?

Something has happened. Of course, that which happened will not be found in strings of lights, in the Muzak which was constantly blaring in our shopping centres, or in the wrapped presents. If a stranger wanted to understand what has happened, they would do well to go and talk with Mary.

After everything had happened, our Bible records that, "Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart." Mary pondered how something had happened in Rome and Bethlehem and Nazareth and Jerusalem and Egypt. She pondered something that she knew would change the world.

With Christmas over and decorations put away, it is time for us to join her in that pondering.

It is time for us to ponder a love so great that it can skip over oceans and span centuries.

It is time for us to ponder a light so bright that it still shines after all of the strings of Christmas tree lights have been unplugged and packed away.

It is time for us to ponder a gift so profoundly personal that it should never be set to the side or stuffed away for some other day.

I pray that 2012 is a wonderful year for you all, and that the love, joy, and peace that we knew at Christmas may fill our hearts for the entire year.

Every blessing

Father Andrew Kinmont  
**College Chaplain**

## FROM THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

There's a well-known story set in India about a water-bearer whose job it was to carry two large pots of water to his master's house every day; each pot hung on the end of a pole which balanced across his shoulders. One of the pots was cracked and arrived only half full each day; the other pot was perfect and proud of its accomplishments.

After nearly two years, the cracked pot, ashamed of its flaws, apologised to the water bearer. Feeling sorry for the cracked pot, the water bearer responded with compassion: "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."

Indeed as they went, the cracked pot took notice of the beautiful wild flowers dancing in the breeze down one side of the path, and he was cheered a little. The water bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

This story has always struck a chord with me, and particularly in my new role as Dean of Students/Pastoral Care. Like the cracked pot, we're all flawed, and often students are too good at finding their flaws, which can impact on their sense of wellbeing. Add to this the pressures of being a teenager in modern society including the changing nature of the family, peer pressure, the expectation to perform and achieve, and the effects of technology and social networking to name just a few.

It's no wonder students have trouble recognising at times the joy they bring to those around them just as the cracked pot quite obliviously brought joy to his master in the form of beautiful wild flowers.

It is a message that we as educators of young people, and no doubt yourselves as their parents, want to instil in our students; that and the fact that our flaws make us unique and uniqueness is something to be celebrated. Without the cracked pot being just the way it was, the master wouldn't have had the beauty of the flowers to grace his house; similarly by our students being true to themselves, we at Saint Stephen's College have much to gain. There is also the fact that what one person perceives as a flaw, the next

person very often perceives as a strength . . . so who are we not to be ourselves?

There is a lesson in this story for educators too. Just as the water bearer was compassionate, so too must we be. Just as the water bearer recognised the potential of the cracked pot and drew strength from it, so too is it our duty to

### SUNDAY CHAPEL SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Worship is at the 'family friendly' time of **9.00am** every Sunday in the College Chapel.

All welcome.

#### **Weddings, Baptisms, Illness or Bereavement**

The clergy are available not only for the times of celebration such as Weddings and Baptisms, but also in times of need.

Father Andrew Kinmont is available at all times on

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May God's Blessing and Peace be with you.

see the potential in our students and similarly plant the seeds to foster this potential. Also, just as the water bearer pointed out the beauty the cracked pot had created, so too must we acknowledge and celebrate all that our students accomplish.

I look forward to being a 'water bearer' this year...a person who works alongside the students, both celebrating them and learning from them, and assisting them when they can't see the beauty they bring to the lives of those around them.

Kathryn Dendy  
**Dean of Students/Pastoral Care**

## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDIES

We are delighted to have the students back at school after preparing for their return. We look forward to a fun and full school year of learning in 2012.

### 2011 OP Results

Congratulations to our 2011 Year 12 cohort on their pleasing results. 84% of students received an OP 1 to 15 and over half of students going for an OP (55% of students) received an OP 1 – 10. These results give these students great opportunities to study at a tertiary level. In fact first round offers provided by QTAC (Queensland Tertiary Application Centre) for 2011 Year 12 students at Saint Stephen's College are at 96%. The final should be even better. Of this 96%, 88% of students (so far) have received either their first or second preference. This is great news for our Year 12 students of 2011.



Congratulations also to **Ryan Huang, Vincent Chan** and **Daniel Owen** (above) who all received an OP 1.

**Jessica Jiang** (right) received an OP 2 but due to her study of a language other than English, she receives two bonus ranks which means for the purposes of entering university she receives an equivalent OP 1.



### QCS Program

Year 12 students have already intensified their Queensland Core Skills Test Preparation by attending a lecture where they received group feedback on the practice tests they completed last year. In the tutorial lesson they will work through the detailed feedback from their practice Writing Task paper and Short Response Item paper. Ask your son/daughter how they went and take a look at their feedback.

There will be a range of other aspects to the preparation for these very important tests. For example there will be a number of guest lectures on a range of topics; such as visual literacy. We will talk to the students about preparing their bodies for the tests with brain food and water; we will arrange for a guest speaker to run workshops in July; a breakfast will be supplied the first morning of the tests. These breakfasts will, of course, include all the brain foods.

Sherrie Cuthbert  
**Director of Studies**

## JUNIOR COLLEGE

The first day of the school year saw many happy smiling faces enter the College grounds as the new and returning students made their way to their classrooms.

It is terrific to see how quickly the students have settled into their classroom routines and are already very excited about completing classroom tasks. I would like to thank all of the teachers who have made every effort to care for and help the students settle into the new school year. Due to this support and encouragement, the students have already taken up many challenges in their classrooms. The students in the Consolidations Programme have already been involved in the sporting life and spirit of the College at the House Swimming Trials on Monday. This is in preparation for the upcoming Years 4 to 7 House Swimming Carnival on Monday 6 February, which I would encourage you all to come along to and join in the cheering!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back continuing families at the College. It is always great to catch up for a chat in the playground and hear about all of the happenings over the holiday period. A very warm welcome also to those of you who are new to the College this year. I do hope that your first week has been filled with many wonderful stories and little highlights from the daily activities your children have encountered.

### Junior College Staff Update . . .

I would like to welcome back Mrs Katrina Thomson, Mrs Shanine Collavino and Mrs Nikki Georgiadis, who were on maternity leave in 2011. We are very happy to have them back working with the students in the Junior College. I would also like to welcome back Mrs Jane Harris, who was on long service leave during Term Four of 2011. I am sure that Jane had a very restful time away and is looking forward to a busy year in Year 1.

New to our staff this year is Mr Ryan Soars working as a Physical Education teacher with students across Preparatory to Year 6; and Mrs Denise Morgan working as a teacher aide for the first five weeks of first term across Years 1 to 3. We are thrilled to have them join our team and are looking forward to working with them.

Finally, thank you for the support you have provided your children with in the first week of the school year. It has been a fantastic start to Term One 2012 and I am looking forward to another wonderful year at the College.

Brian Fischer  
**Dean of Junior College**



## STUDENT WELLBEING

### Welcome to 2012!

It was very heart-warming to visit classrooms and walk through the playgrounds to see the students back and enjoying one another's company and being part of the Saint Stephen's College community. The teachers have used the first week to lead the creation of positive and supportive classroom environments so that students will be able to feel a sense of belonging and respect no matter what their strengths or weaknesses might be.



2012 sees the continued use of 'C the 5' as our main focus for developing and strengthening a positive and supportive environment within Saint Stephen's College. With our mascot, Ceebee, and a focus on **CARE, CONSIDERATION, COMMUNICATION, COMMON SENSE** and **COMMITMENT**, I look forward to working with the students to reach our goals in this area.



Being the start of a new school year and things like the car park not quite going to plan, it has been great to see parents actively modelling 'C the 5' to their children. All 5 C's have been used by parents so the outcome is positive instead of reacting to the situation and potentially making things worse. Thanks so much for the way you have handled this hiccup to the start of our year. It will be a great springboard for discussion for when your child is faced with upset or disappointment and you are looking for ways to help them through it.

The wellbeing of your child is of utmost importance as it impacts so strongly upon their individual success. Please take the time to communicate with your child's teacher if you notice your child not settling or nervousness turning into worry. I would also recommend that you go onto Michael Grose's website [www.parentingideas.com.au](http://www.parentingideas.com.au) and access the numerous resources he has to help parents.



I have always said that parenting is a team sport so feel free to drop me an email at [cgray@ssc.qld.edu.au](mailto:cgray@ssc.qld.edu.au), a phone call on 5573 8610 or make a time to come and see me for a chat. Together we will work tirelessly for the benefit of your child's wellbeing.

All the best for 2012.

Chris Gray

Head of Pastoral Care, Prep to Year 6

### Year 7 Parents "Meet & Greet"

Parents and/or guardians are invited to afternoon tea at the College on Thursday 9 February as a welcome to the Connections Program and to meet your child's Tutor and Academic Teachers. It will also be a great opportunity to catch up with fellow parents!

**Where: Multi Purpose Hall (MPH) Foyer**

**Date: Thursday 9 February 2012**

**Time: 3.30pm – 4.30pm**

## SPORT

### Students Achievements

Table Tennis champion, **Jake Duffy** (Year 10) has continued his success over the holidays. Jake has been nominated to play Tier 1, U15s for the Australian National Squad and has also competed in Bali at the inaugural Indonesian International Table Tennis competition, where Australia achieved Gold in the cadets.

Triathlon siblings **Calvin** (Year 10) and **Sabrina Quirk** (Year 7) will both represent the South Coast Triathlon team at the Qld Schools Triathlon State Championships in Redcliffe 23 - 25 February.

After competing in Melbourne over the holiday period, **Jack Sherring** (Year 12) was named the Australian Youth Moth Sailing Champion. This comes a year after winning the World Title.

**Tom Siganto** (Year 10) and his partner in the 29er sailing class recently won the Australian Youth Championship at Manly.

**George Wall** (Year 12) played in the U16 Australian National Tennis Championships, placing third overall, which attained him a wild card into the qualifying for the Australian Open Junior Grand Slam. Unfortunately he lost this match, however, he now looks forward to his first Pro Tour Tournament in Toowoomba next month.

**Rachel Hussey** (Year 10) competed at the Gatorade Triathlon Series last weekend and has made the School South Coast Triathlon team. Rachel will now compete in the State Triathlon in February.

The following students have qualified for the **State Swimming Sprint Championships** to be held early February.

**Georgia Potter, Kendall Wall, Brielle Cooper, Steffanie Norbury, Katie Norbury, Ethan Claverie, Harry Fry, Dale Nicholls, George Wood, Rebecca King, Ryan King, Ewan McLeod, Reilley Batchelder, Bayley Perkins and Stella Cole.**

### After School Basketball – Years 4 to 7

The Aussie Hoops programme is back and will be commencing 20 February for 6 weeks. Aussie Hoops is about kids having fun while experiencing basketball skills. For more information, please visit the Sports office.

### Years 4 to 7 Inter-House Swimming Carnival

**Date:** Monday 6 February, 2012

**Time:** 9:00am – 3:00pm

**Venue:** Southport Olympic Pool

**Uniform:**

- House Sports Uniform
- Speedo style swimmers
- Swimming cap (House colour, available from the uniform shop)
- Goggles (optional)
- Towel
- Sports bag (plastic bag for wet clothes)
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen

I encourage parents and other family members to come along and support the students on the day. The Inter-House Swimming Carnivals are one of the highlights of the year.

To ensure all the students and staff are ready to depart on the buses on time, students in Years 4 to 7 are asked to be at their classroom by **8:30am**.

### District Trials

District trial dates for all South Coast School sport for the entire year are available for viewing on the Senior (QW block breezeway) and Junior (QE block) Sports notice boards. When information is received at school, it will be sent through to classroom teachers in Years 4 to 6 and placed in the student bulletin for students in Years 7 to 12.

Rod Seib  
**Director of Sport**

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Welcome back everyone – it is so refreshing to see our College grounds filled with happy faces. The school is a little quiet and lonely in the holidays without the chatter of the students.



I am so excited to be a part of the College in 2012 – it will be a great year!

Please email me any stories about your children so I can share them with our readers.

Paula Axford-Wood ([paxfordwood@ssc.qld.edu.au](mailto:paxfordwood@ssc.qld.edu.au))  
**Director of Community Relations**

## eLEARNING

### Online Learning expands in 2012

**Students will have access to more class material via the internet this year.** This includes handouts, presentations, tutorials, videos, podcasts, chat areas, forums and much more.

In 2011 Saint Stephen's College changed to a new *Learning Management System* to allow greater online educational opportunities for students. The system that is now in use is *Desire2Learn*. This is a world class system that is used by millions of students and a large range of schools and universities.

Our goal is to provide an online anywhere anytime learning environment that provides a virtual equivalent to our classroom curriculum. Staff have taken part in extensive

professional development in 2011 and this is continuing in 2012. Of course, creating this online environment requires significant effort and time; it cannot be done in a single year and there will be gaps in content initially. Staff are working on many courses across all year levels, but the major initial focus is on Years 11 and 12.

Parents may currently access the system by using their child's user name and password.

As time goes on and more course material is added to the system students will have even more flexibility and even greater opportunities to learn effectively.

Peter West  
**Director of eLearning**

## iCENTRE



Welcome back everyone, and an especially warm welcome to new students, staff, and parents!

The iCentre will be open from 8.00am until 5.00pm Monday to Thursday, and 8.00am until 3.30pm on Friday. Students from **Years 4 to 12** are welcome to join us after school to work quietly on their homework. The iCentre extension will remain available for students in Years 10 to 12 only. In the first and last week of **every term**, we close at 4.00pm Monday to Thursday, and 3.30pm on Friday.

We are very pleased to welcome three new members of staff to the iCentre; Mrs Kylie Seib, an experienced and enthusiastic Junior School Teacher; Miss Naomi Nabbs, who is stepping out of the classroom to play a key role in the integration of technology into the Curriculum; and Ms Kris Owen, who is joining us as an experienced Library Technician and will be working primarily in the iCentre extension.

In addition to our new staff we are also very excited about our new look iCentre website, accessible through the College portal. On the website you will find important information, a range of resources, links to external sites, and much more. Please have a look at your convenience, and let us know what you think!

A brief heads-up for Years 7 and 8 **Readers Cup** hopefuls – we will soon be calling for teams to enter this year's SSC Readers Cup competition. You will receive detailed information during your next iCentre English lesson.

Our shelves are bursting with exciting new fiction titles and we encourage parents to borrow for their own enjoyment – it's always important to model reading to our children!

Happy National Year of Reading.

From the  
**iCentre Team**



## ENROLMENT DEPARTMENT

### Welcome

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new students in 2012. At the time of writing we have 178 beautiful souls joining our College Community this year. It has been an absolute pleasure working through the enrolment process with each and every family.

### Farewell

I would also like to say 'farewell' to the students and parents who left our College at the end of 2011 – it is always sad to say our final farewells and I wish you well in 2012 and beyond!

### Withdrawing a Child

Please be aware that if you intend to withdraw your child from the College, you must provide a full term's notice and advise Jamie or me in writing. Failure to do so will incur penalty fees.

### Prep 2014 Offers

I will be offering positions for Prep 2014 in February. If you are unsure about whether or not you have registered a younger child, please call Sue or me (5573 8603) to clarify.

### Scholarship Dates

It is likely the date for Scholarship Exams will be the same as 2011, ie Saturday 31 March which is at end of Term 1.

### Enrolments for 2013

Enrolment interviews for children entering the College in 2013 will commence in February. All students (except for Prep) will be required to provide a portfolio of school reports, a reference from their current school and to undertake a Needs Analysis test. Please contact Sue or me for further information.

### Thank You

To Miss Jane (Coudrey) – you are wonderful and we appreciate all the work you do with regard to conducting the Needs Analyses tests.

Last but not least – I would like to say the biggest 'thank you' to Sue. She is a great Ambassador to our College - working tirelessly in the Enrolments Department to ensure all new students and their parents are provided with the best possible advice and assistance.

Enjoy 2012 – I know I will!

Mary Pearse

**Director of Enrolments**

## UNIFORM BOOKSHOP

### OPENING HOURS

**Monday – Thursday: 7.45am – 3.00pm**

**Friday Only: 7.45am – 9.00am**

If you are unable to come to the Uniform Shop and would like to order or apply credit to your child's account, please call us on 07 5573 8640 or email [wmaccollagh@ssc.qld.edu.au](mailto:wmaccollagh@ssc.qld.edu.au) or [otaylor@ssc.qld.edu.au](mailto:otaylor@ssc.qld.edu.au).

## FARA & SSC OLYMPICS



### The Countdown has begun!

The Saint Stephen's College FARA Olympics is just 4 months away, with the date now carved into our diaries – 20 May is the day.

Remember how much fun you had last year?

Want to do it all again?????????

You can!!!!

If you would like to be a **Team Captain**, **Sport Convener**, or **National Captain** at the 2012 Olympics, we invite you to visit our site at <http://www.saintstephenscollege.net.au/saint-stephen-s-college-olympics.html> and just click the link to register by letting us know which team you want to be in (e.g. Student Volleyball). It's best to let us know if you are an old scholar, staff member, etc, and what sport you wish to play – it makes our job putting it together a lot simpler than trying to work out what team you want to be in if you if you send us an email that just says "Hell Yeah!"

As before, we are after **players** (registration is still just \$30) and **sponsors**. This year we have the same Crown, Platinum, and Medal Sponsors starting at \$50, or you can sponsor a lesser amount as a Friend of FARA, and this can be done by clicking this link <http://ipledg.com/projects/fara-2012-olympics1/275> and pledging your support of any smaller amount.

Thanks in advance for your continued support and involvement.

Bryan Vadas

**Olympics Committee**

## P & F

Welcome to the new parents and welcome back to the "familiar faces". It is great to see all the children back with big smiles and shiny shoes.

### P&F Morning Tea – new date to be advised Term One

Due to the upheaval with the car park renovation, plus the torrential rain, our P&F Welcome morning tea was difficult to attend for most parents. We will hold another morning tea as soon as possible so we can chat to new and current parents and help bring our community closer together.

Ian Scott

**P&F President**

# PERFORMING ARTS

## Welcome to 2012

Our Musical year kicked off on 17 January with the band and cast from 'Footloose' beginning their rehearsals. Well done to all who came and put in so much effort.

## Instrumental Lessons

Access to the Performing Arts building may still be a little tricky, but most of our tutors and students are back on board! Welcome to all, old and new.

Students who would like to enrol in instrumental lessons, please pick up a blue enrolment form from Main Administration, Student Services or the Performing Arts office, read the information and return it, having filled in your preferences. All types of instrumental and vocal tuition are available at Saint Stephen's College.

## Year 3 Strings

The Year 3 Strings Programme will commence in Week 3 this year. Information will be going out to families before then.

## AUDITION - Opportunity for Singers

Saint Stephen's College has been invited to open the Qantas Golf Classic on Monday 27 February with the National Anthem.

The event will be held at Hope Island from 8:30am – 9:30am. We will meet at school and drive over together in a school vehicle.

I am looking for four singers (two boys and two girls) who would like to sing at this fundraising event for the Australian Olympic Team.

If you are interested, please leave your name at the Performing Arts office and you will be contacted for an audition.

The successful team of four should also be available to open the BLAZE GC game on Sunday 26 February.

**Rehearsals** are all underway and already sounding great. Please be on time and ready to go with your instrument and your pencil. Any music that you are required to rehearse can be photocopied from the music folders at any time, just see Mrs Vanessa Chapman in the Performing Arts office.

## Year 5 Band and Year 6 Band

Year 5 Band members should have all received their letters of offer by now and are looking good to commence rehearsals in Week 3. Year 6 Band will look to begin in Week 3 on Wednesday, Period 6.

## Music Folders and Music Diaries

A reminder that all students can purchase a music folder from the uniform bookshop, as well as a music diary.

**Musical Band** will rehearse on Tuesday afternoons as per the rehearsal schedule.

## Staff Under the Stars

We are looking forward to seeing the Staff Under the Stars, strutting their stuff in a few weeks' time.

## Year 4 Strings

Any students who wish to be involved in the Year 4 Strings are asked to please bring their form to the Performing Arts office as soon as possible.

Any new students who wish to be involved in any music ensemble, please come to the Performing Arts office for information about your audition.

Rehearsals began in Week 2. For timetabling information, please come to the Performing Arts office for further details.

## From the Performing Arts Department

## Andante Strings

To top off a fantastic year, Andante Strings (featuring vocals by **Keturah** and **Rhiannon Sutton-Yeomans**) performed at the Sanctuary Cove Community Christmas Carols on Sunday 4 December 2011.



The Saint Stephen's College Andante String Ensemble performed "We wish you a Merry Christmas" and then took part in the Finale, which they performed with Stan Walker, the Australian Girls Choir and various other acts.

The students thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to perform to such a large crowd and were very excited to get their picture taken with Stan Walker from Australian Idol.



Thank you to all the students and parents involved in this event it was a great success.

Caitlin Lacy  
**Junior Strings Tutor**

# CANTEEN

## New Card System is here!

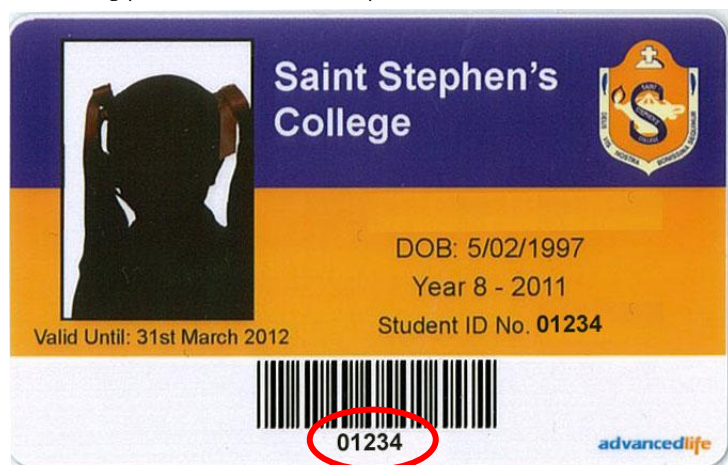
Our school has now introduced a great new system for removing cash from the school premises using your **existing student card** and **FlexiSchools** account. **Senior students** can now use their student card to purchase items at the canteen, and the payment is taken directly from your FlexiSchools account. The system is more secure and faster than cash, and allows students and parents to better budget their canteen spending.

## How does it work?

If you have not already done so, the parent sets up a FlexiSchools account online and pre-loads their account with funds. Students can make purchases at the tuckshop by swiping their card at the cash register. Parents can view their students' purchases online and can set a daily spending limit on the student's card.

## Setting up your account

Setting up an account for either Online Ordering or Card Payments is done online and only takes a minute. Simply go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and click "**Register Now**". You will be sent an email with further instructions on how to complete the registration. For Senior students you will be asked to enter in your card number, shown below. You can start using your card immediately.



The system operates via a pre-paid account, so you don't need to scrounge for coins in the morning and can easily budget for your spending throughout the term. There are a variety of payment options supported, including Visa, Mastercard (credit and debit), Bank Transfer and Payclick. Some top-up methods have fees or restrictions – please check online for details.

## What does it cost?

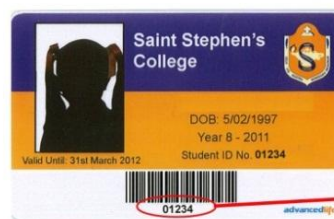
There is no cost for setting up your account and no monthly account fees. Online orders incur a 25c per order fee. There are no transaction fees for student card payments. If you have any questions, FlexiSchools provide a great help desk on 1300 361 769, or you can contact them via their website.

The system is now available, so we look forward to seeing your next order online!

If you have any questions, you can contact FlexiSchools at [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

Kelli Anderson  
**Canteen Manager**

## Pay for your lunch using your Student Card!



Note: Enter this Barcode Number from your card when registering on the website

- Never be short of cash
- Safer and more convenient
- Top-up in seconds over the internet
- Ensure cash is spent at school

A parent or guardian will need to register on the website in order to activate your student card. Instructions below ..

## Registration is easy and free!

Using any PC, go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

- 1) Click **Register Now!** and enter your email
- 2) You are emailed a link to the online form.  
Choose your own username and password and enter your contact details
- 4) For each child, click "Add a student" and enter the number on your Student Card

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