

# MESSAGE

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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Welcome to Term 3, 2019.

The start of the term already has been a busy one. The College celebrated Patron's Day and Secondary Semester 1 Awards Ceremony. Both these events were a great opportunity to commemorate our Patron, St Charbel with a whole school mass followed by activities and participation of both students and staff enjoying quality time together as we followed in the footsteps of St Charbel.

The objective of these events is to build in our students the spirit of belonging. To be proud of themselves and the community that they belong to. For this reason we insist on our parents to encourage their children to participate and collaborate with the school to reach the goal. We can notice an improvement and we see the excitement in our students and teachers as they look forward to these days.

A special thanks to all those who took on a specific tasks with passion and energy, and to all the staff and students for their contribution in helping make this day a great success.

In the upcoming weeks, our Year 12 students will sit their Trial HSC exams in preparation for their HSC exams in October. I ask that we, as a College and community, keep them all in our prayers to be guided by the Holy Spirit and remain calm during this stressful time and try their personal best.

During the month of August, the Catholic Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Not long ago, our College consecrated itself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We also, as Maronites, celebrate the great Feast of the Assumption on 15 August in which we prepare ourselves for this feast in fasting (which will start Thursday, 1 August). We ask for Mother Mary's intercession so that we may walk in faith, hope and demonstrate her maternal love for her son. May each and every one of us continue to be led and guided by our dear Mother.

Oh Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I give you my heart.  
I want to love you.  
I want to love Jesus,  
the Father,  
the Holy Spirit,  
and this world through your holy heart.  
Amen



# Patron's Day!

On the 26th of July 2019, Saint Charbel's College celebrated our third annual Patrons Day to commemorate the feast of Saint Charbel. Patrons Day is a day in which the whole school participates in a diverse assortment of activities, ranging from trivia to creating rosary-based arts and crafts.

We started the day off with an award ceremony in order to celebrate the hard work and commitment of our peers but before the award recipients were announced we presented an overview of Year 9's first semester for 2019. Although we were uneasy by the thought of having to share our memories with the rest of the school, we were very proud to represent our cohort and to inform the community on our progress in not only our faith but also as a family.

Afterwards, we enjoyed recess with our friends and were then promptly assembled in order to enter the hall for mass. The mass was beautiful as we learned something new, as we do every time we walk into mass, through our unique and fulfilling encounters with Jesus Christ. The serene hymns that were sung by the choir allowed us to peacefully meditate on the mass and to heighten our involvement through song.

Later, each grade was allocated to their appropriate areas around the school to partake in our activities before lunch. Year 9 was designated to the Mary Mackillop Centre where we partook in our activity: a competitive game of Trivia. Separated into our house colours, we were given a set of questions, competing against each other to gain the most points. After the first round of questions, Mr Shalala held a bonus challenge where by which two people from every house lined up and attempt to be the first to get biscuit into their mouth from their forehead. Elise gracefully won the challenge, earning a bonus point for the red team. It was very enjoyable having a joyous experience and some relaxing fun, but most importantly learning a little about our house colour saints, Saint Charbel, some miscellaneous facts, our school and this year's theme, humility in action.

After our activity, we swiftly moved off to the playground where there was fresh manoush and fruit waiting for us. Shortly after lunch finished, we proceeded to our homeroom so that we could get ready to watch the teachers dish it out in a friendly basketball tournament, representing their house colours. The game was entertaining, and as a result of Mrs. Assaf's perseverance, the red team ultimately prevailed, winning the tournament for the rest of their house.

Saint Charbel once said "Preserve the warmth of the family, because the warmth of the whole world cannot make up for it". Something that we strive for here at Saint Charbel's College is for our peers to walk in to the school gates feeling as though they have just entered their home, the dwelling of their family in God. With that said, we endeavour to create memories that resonate with this idea such as those experienced on Patrons Day.

By Salim Chidiac and Josie Jaa Jaa







# Secondary Student Life

Year 7 English participated in student-centred learning to teach their peers about myths from other cultures as part of our Term 3 unit, Other Cultures and Worlds.



# Subject Selection

## Evening

On Wednesday 31st July, students in year 8 and 10 and their parents attended the 2020 Subject Selection evening, where they received information about the range of possibilities open to students as they consider their future academic and vocational goals. Students visited the displays set up by each faculty and were able to ask questions about the nature and content of each course – and whether students had qualified to select them.

As we progress through the term, students will continue to engage with the subject selection process through their Pastoral Care lessons.

Year 8:

20th August – Heads of Faculty will explain each elective course during the pastoral care lesson.

- Students will receive a personal login to Web Choices – where they will be able to nominate their first two course preferences PLUs two reserve preferences.

27th August – Web choices will close – student choices will be provided to staff for checking

- Subject lines for 2020 will be produced
- Students will be notified of their 2020 electives early in term 4

Year 10:

13th August - Heads of Faculty will explain each elective course during the pastoral care lesson.

- Students will engage with the selection criteria and prerequisite table to set goals for improvement

- Students will receive a personal login to Web Choices – where they will be able to nominate their first six course preferences PLUs two reserve preferences, based upon advice from teachers.

20th August - Web choices will close – student choices will be provided to staff for checking

- Subject lines for 2020 will be produced
- Students will be notified of their 2020 electives early in term 4
- Students will have the opportunity to 'Taste Test' their courses in term 4 and make any changes

**Think about how the courses you  
choose in Year 11 will affect your  
options for Year 12**

# Director of Primary

The term began with Parent/Teacher interviews. Thank you to all the parents who made the time to meet with their children's teachers. We trust that you found the meetings informative regarding your children's progress this year.

The first week of term finished with the school celebrating Patron's Day. The students took part in many learning activities about St Charbel, deepening their knowledge of St Charbel and his life. The mood was very festive and everyone had a wonderful day!

A reminder that the teachers will be carrying out uniform inspections this term. The aim is to instil in the children pride in the wearing of their uniform. Please support the school by ensuring that the students are wearing the correct uniform each day. This includes boys having haircuts in line with the school's policy and girls wearing their hair tied back with the appropriate hair accessories.

Items of clothing are being left in the playground on a regular basis, i.e. children become hot at lunch and remove jackets, beanies etc. and then forget to collect them. Please ensure your child's name is on their clothing so staff can return lost items to them if this happens. Clothing without names, which is left in lost property for weeks without being collected, will be donated to the Second Hand clothing shop; otherwise the amount of unclaimed items becomes unmanageable.

Social media usage: a reminder that children under the age of 13 should not be using social media. It is frustrating for the school when arguments start at home on social media, then carry over into the playground and the school is left to deal with the fallout. This is particularly frustrating when the cause is students being on sites or playing games that they are not legally allowed to access. Please support the school by not allowing your children on social media! The hazards of using social media, especially for young children, are well documented.



# Primary Arabic

الفصل الدراسي الثالث مليء بالنشاطات والمواضيع المختلفة والمشوقة، وما يؤدي إلى نجاح أكبر في المعرفة والتقدّم في جميع مجالات اللغة العربية هو إغناء وفهم ومعرفة أوسع للمفردات التي يتمكن من خلالها الطلاب الفهم والتعبير الشفهي والكتابي. طبعاً، يمكن على الأهل مساعدة أولادهم على إغناء اللغة العربية من خلال القراءة لهم أو التحدث معهم باللغة العربية المواضيع التي يمكن أن يساعد الأهل بها في الشهور المقبلة هي

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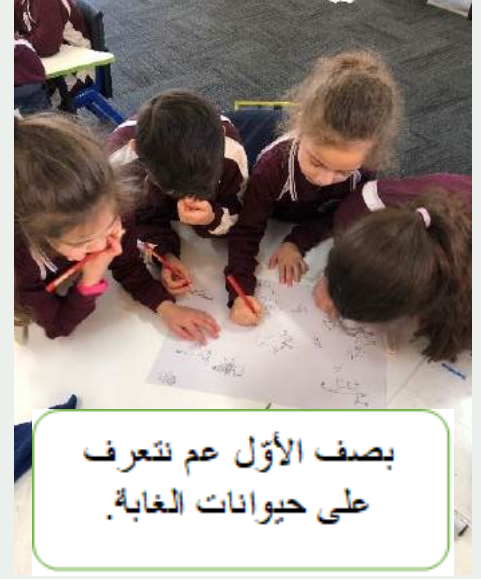
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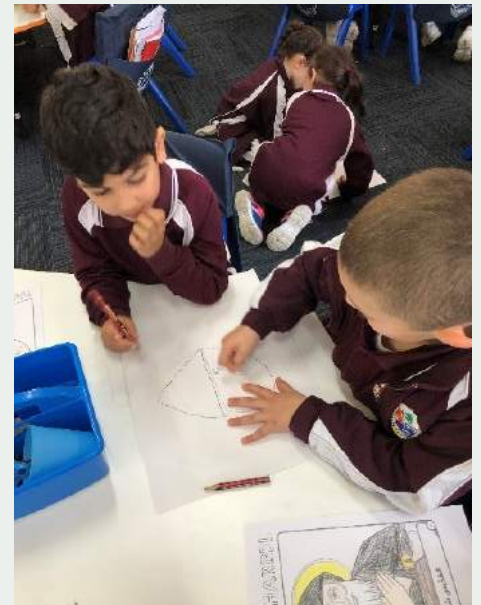
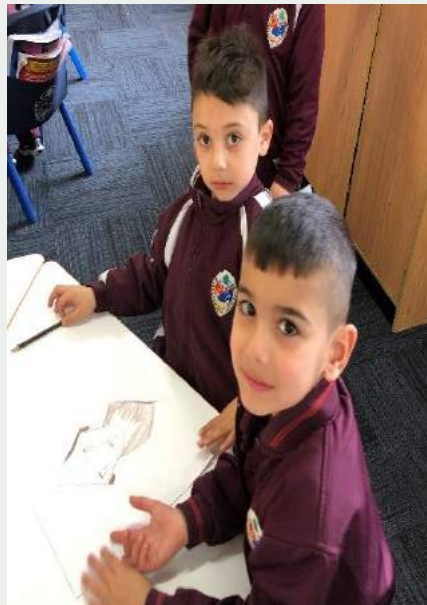
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على حيوانات الغابة.



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# Stage 2

## News

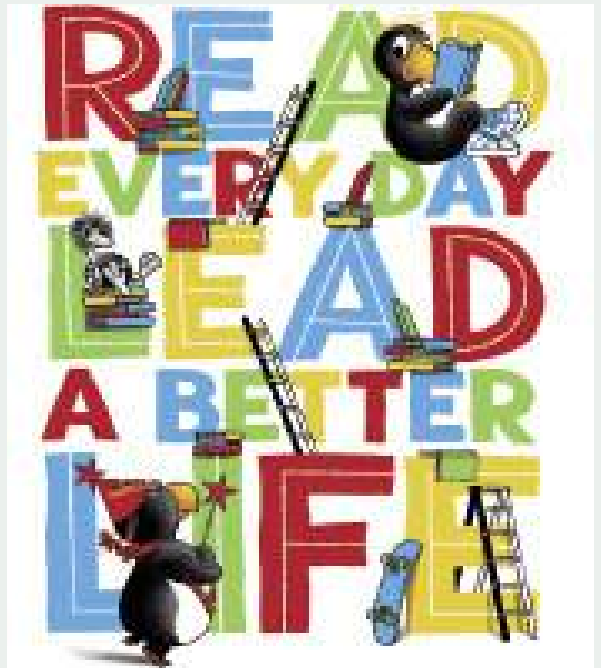
I hope you're well rested and ready for a productive term. Please ensure all your child's belonging are carefully labelled so they don't get lost. It is important that all students are wearing their hats during outdoor playtime.

Year 3 will be visiting Brasserie Bread on the 2nd of September, more information and a permission note will be available in the coming weeks. At Brasserie Bread students will learn about bread making technologies and they will have a go at making some yummy treats.

### Scholastic Book Club

All orders are to be completed online through the LOOP ordering system. Please see instructions below:

1. Head to [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the APP from google play or the APP store.
2. Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either SIGN-IN or REGISTER your account.
3. Add your child's first name and last initial; for example, Christopher T (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your SCHOOL and your CHILD'S CLASS. Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
4. Click on ORDER and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
5. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.



# Primary Netball Gala Day

Primary sport kick started the term off with the Netball Gala Day, which was held at Cintra Park in Concord.

We were blessed with beautiful weather and the day was one enjoyed by all. The students did a great job, although the day is non-competitive, the students showed great sportsmanship and participation. They are to be commended for their efforts! Thank you to Miss El-Kek, and Mrs Ghajar for their assistance on the day, it was greatly appreciated.

The next event coming up for the primary school is the Inner West Athletics Carnival, which will be next Tuesday the 6th of August. We wish all the students involved the very best and good luck!



# Learning Technologies at SCC

It is with a great deal of enthusiasm that I join the St Charbel's College Community in Term 3, as Head of Learning Technologies. My role at the college will focus on ensuring that we make the best use of information and communication technology (ICT), both in the classroom and with our administration systems.

Over one hundred years ago, a well-known educator by the name of John Dewey was famously quoted as saying:

“If we teach today's students as we taught yesterday's, we rob them of tomorrow.”

This statement is as relevant and true today, as it was over a century ago. Technology has always played an important part in education. From the humble chalkboard to the mass production of the pencil, from the overhead projector to YouTube, technology has been used as a powerful tool to engage students and spark their curiosity.

Why is using Technology in our classrooms so important?

Learning to communicate, collaborate and connect with others are essential skills for our students as they move into the world beyond school. ACARA, (The Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority), recognise this in their outline of seven general capabilities that form part of the foundation for the new Australian Curriculum.

These general capabilities include a range of skills that have particular application to the world of work and further education and training, such as planning and organising, the ability to think flexibly, to communicate well and to work in teams. The ICT general capability in the Australian Curriculum, maps out the skills students need to confidently and competently use technology to communicate, think creatively, innovate, solve problems and engage with new disciplines.

In recent research conducted by the Foundation for Young Australians, it was revealed that there has been a significant rise in employers seeking 'enterprise skills' in prospective employees joining the workforce. Of these skills, the demand for digital literacy skills has risen by over 200% in a few short years.

Information and communication technologies are fast, automated, interactive and rapidly changing. They support the communication and representation of knowledge to many audiences. They transform the ways that students think and learn and give them greater control over how, where and when they learn. Developing the digital literacy skills in our students here at St Charbel's, is not only important, but a vital part of ensuring our students success in life beyond school.

BYOD | Bring Your Own Device

I urge parents in Years 7 and 8 to support the College's BYOD initiative by ensuring students pack their laptops, (fully charged), into their school bag each and every day. The BYOD program at St Charbel's will be expanded in the near future, (both in the Primary and Secondary schools). While BYOD is optional for Years 9 -12, the use of student owned devices has proven to be incredibly beneficial to student learning.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding ICT at St Charbel's College: [vpapa@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au](mailto:vpapa@stcharbel.nsw.edu.au)

# Library News

A warm welcome back to Term Three from the Library Staff. We hope everyone had a lovely break and found plenty of time to relax and read.

We are always excited to get new books in the library but we were especially thrilled this week to receive a book written by one of our very own teachers here at St Charbel's College-Nice Girls Don't Play Footy by Mrs Kathy Dell'Orefice.

This book is published by Scholastic and tells the story of Devi and her love of football. But Devi has a very traditional family who won't approve of her passion for the game. In fact, her mother wants her to become a Bollywood star! Devi is torn between following her heart and pleasing her family. You can read more about this exciting new book here:

<http://readingtime.com.au/nice-girls-dont-play-footy/>

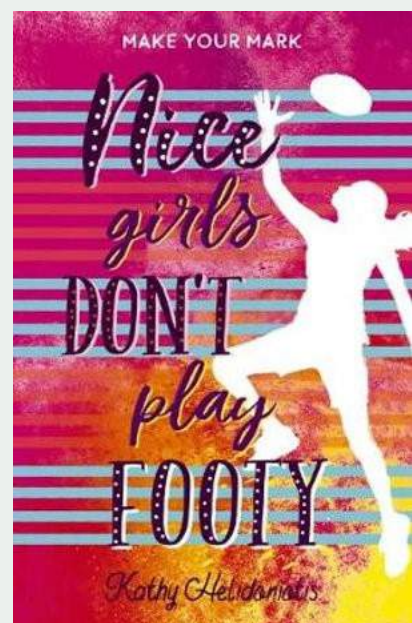
Congratulations Mrs Dell'Orefice, we look forward to reading more of your fabulous books in the future.

Please encourage your children to return the library books and continue to ensure your child brings their library card every day to school to enable them to borrow books from the library.

Shortly Year 12 textbook lists will be distributed to year 11 students.

On Tuesday 15th October 2019 Yorke Education books will be selling Year 12 textbooks from 9.00 am – until 11.30, to students in the Library. If you wish to purchase textbooks ensure you return the order form by Friday 20th of September 2019. Please do not enclose money with orders.

A reminder that our library is open  
From 8.00 until 4.30 o'clock every school day



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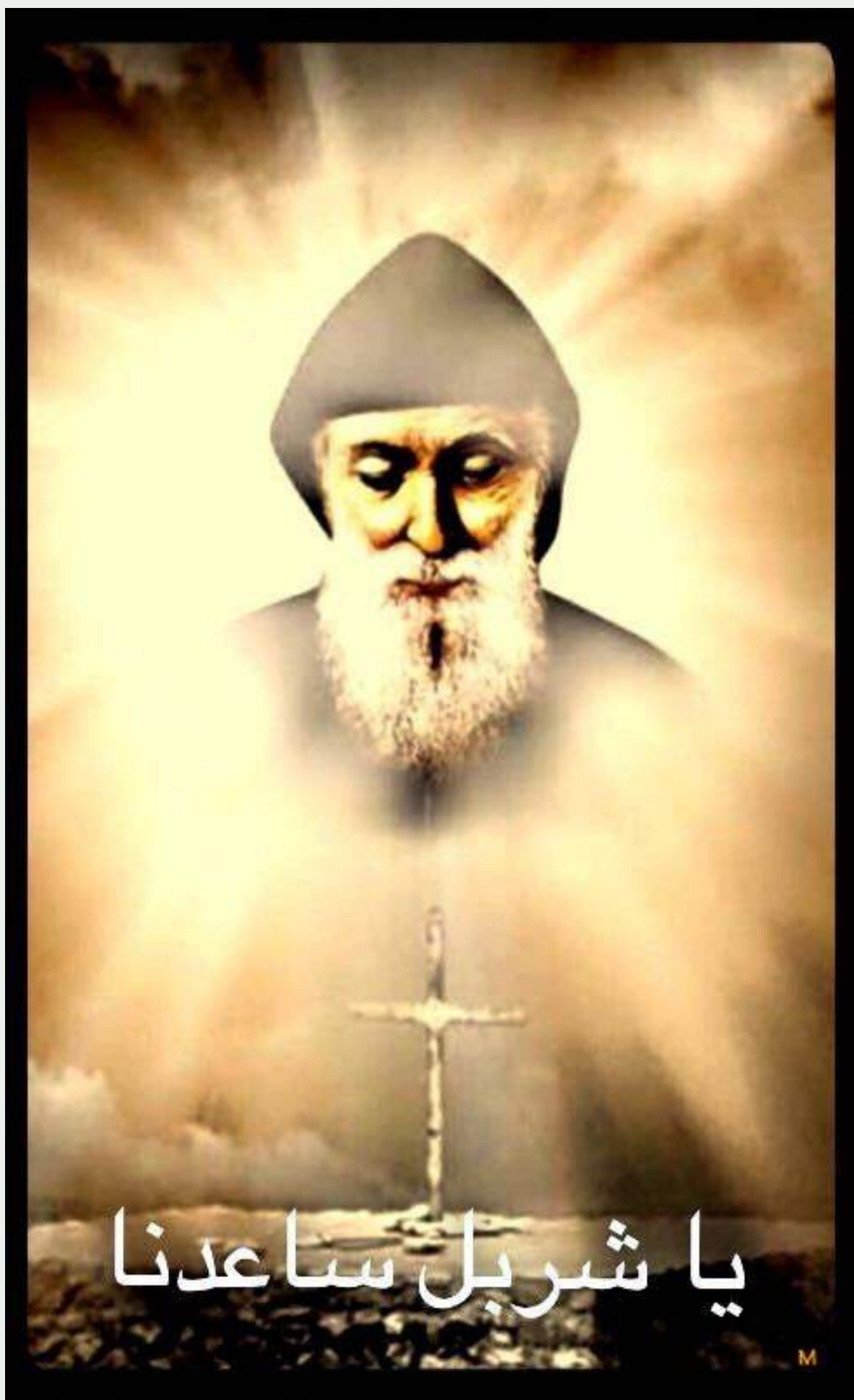
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# Important Announcements

## **REMINDERS**

- Students must arrive to school no later than 8:25am
- Students are not to leave school before 3:10pm and early leave must be with permission granted by Year or Stage Coordinators. Exceptional circumstances require a note from parents.
- Ensure correct uniforms are worn
- Boys to have regulation haircuts
- No coloured bands to be worn around necks or on wrists
- Years 3-12 students to have their diaries signed when required
- Parents to make appointments to speak to teachers.
- Playground supervision starts 8am and ends 3:30pm.

# Upcoming Events

**Tue 6 Aug** Feast of the Transfiguration  
Year 6 Allwell Absentees

**Thur 8 Aug** St Mary of the Cross Feast Day

**Thur 15** Feast of the Assumption

**Mon 19-Fri 23** Book Week

**Mon 19-Fri 30** HSC Trial Exams

**Tue 20** Year 8 Allwell Placement Test

**Mon 26** Year 2 Allwell Placement Test

**Tue 27** Year 8 Absentees Allwell  
Placement Test

**Fri 30** Blessed Estephan Nehme Feast  
Day  
Father's Day Mass and Stall



# Before and After School Care - Weldon



Weldon Children's Services is offering a before and after school care program at St Charbel's College which commenced. Weldon has been operating before and after school programs and vacation care programs for families for more than 30 years. The St Charbel's program is running on-site from the Multi-Purpose Hall.

Information about our onsite program can be provided by contacting the Weldon Head Office at:

Telephone: 8741-0500

Email: [kids@weldon.com.au](mailto:kids@weldon.com.au)

- The hours of operation will be as follows:
- Before School Care: 6:30am until 8:20am (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)
- After School Care: 3pm until 6:30pm
- Vacation Care: 7am until 6pm

Our programs offer a range of activities suitable for school aged children. We provide breakfast in the mornings and light nutritious snacks in the afternoons.

The school office have enrolment packages and information about our programs.

Kids @ Weldon:

Before & After School Care Contact Details:

Centre co-ordinator: Mary Azzi

Centre Number: 0418 735 976

Email: [stcmcs@weldon.com.au](mailto:stcmcs@weldon.com.au)