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TERM 1 - 2025



Principals Reflection

As Term One concludes, we take this opportunity to reflect on a vibrant and memorable start to the 2025 school year. The first weeks have been filled with learning, celebration, and community spirit, laying a strong foundation for the year ahead.

A special welcome goes to our Year 7 students, who have transitioned into secondary school life with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a growing sense of confidence. It has been wonderful to see them embrace new friendships and experiences, supported by dedicated staff and student leaders.

A key spiritual moment this term was our Opening College Mass, where we gathered as a whole school community to mark the beginning of our 60th anniversary year. This year's theme, Ecce Mater Tua – Behold Your Mother, reminds us of our Marian heritage and calls us to live with care, compassion, and service.

This term also saw us celebrate our Staff Service Awards, recognising the dedication and years of contribution from staff members who have helped shape the heart of our College. Their commitment continues to strengthen our culture of excellence and care.

Beyond the classroom, Term One offered a wide range of enriching experiences. Our Year 7 and Year 9 camps were a great success, allowing students to build resilience, develop teamwork, and form stronger connections with peers and teachers. These experiences continue to play an important role in the personal growth of our students.

Our Athletics Carnivals at Notre Dame and St Paul's showcased not only athletic talent but also strong House spirit, with students encouraging one another and participating with pride and enthusiasm.

A highlight for a group of students and staff was the trip to NASA, where they experienced a unique and inspiring STEM learning opportunity. This international program expanded their horizons and reminded us of all of the incredible opportunities education can provide.

Thank you to our staff, students, and families for your support and contribution to a successful start to the year. We look forward to the continued celebrations of our 60th year as a College, and the many opportunities Term Two will bring.

Chris O'Malley
Acting Principal

Staff Service Awards

Congratulations to the following staff members for their service to the College.

It is wonderful to acknowledge the outstanding work of staff who serve the young people of our College. Thank you for continuing to demonstrate your breadth of knowledge across a range of fields.



30 YEARS SERVICE

Nick Blassis



30 YEARS SERVICE

Letitia Wright



10 YEARS SERVICE

Michelle Stokie



10 YEARS SERVICE

Pat Isla



10 YEARS SERVICE

Julie Brazatis



10 YEARS SERVICE

Georgia Sarpi



10 YEARS SERVICE

Sarah Dowling



10 YEARS SERVICE

Sol Di Maggio

Opening College Mass

On Friday 7 February, we celebrated our Opening College Mass. This year the liturgy was conducted at our Notre Dame Campus. College Captains Jesse Longaretti-Schreppel, Karen Steptoe and Juliana Giango took their leadership pledge, promising to reflect the integral values that serve the foundation of our school.

Our theme for 2025 is "Ecce Mater Tua" - 'Behold Your Mother', which reflects the College's 60th Anniversary.

May the entire Emmanuel community integrate this theme into their daily regimens throughout 2025, and use it as a driving factor for a prosperous year ahead.



Year 7 Camp



In Weeks 3 and 6, Year 7 students attended their first College camp at Portsea & Mt Evelyn. The three-day experience provided a wonderful opportunity for students to meet those in their cohort, interact with staff and foster their sense of belonging to the Emmanuel community.

The camp was composed of team-focused activities, where students had to collaborate, solve problems and engage thoughtfully with one another. Some of the highlights included kayaking, high and low ropes, the giant swing, boogie boarding and bush cooking. It was excellent to see everyone fully immersed in each activity.

Portsea and Mt Evelyn Camp have become an integral part of the Year 7 experience at Emmanuel, proving an invaluable opportunity for students to make a seamless transition to secondary school.

Well done to all students who participated!



Social Justice Activities at Emmanuel

This term, the Emmanuel College community continued to make a meaningful impact through various social justice initiatives. With Blessed Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon as our inspiration, we recommenced the Mission Weekly Outreach program, with students and staff volunteering at West Welcome Wagon and Reaching Out in the Inner West to support marginalised groups. These organisations provide essential services to refugees, asylum seekers, and others in need, and our student and staff volunteers have made a real difference on the ground. Our VM students also volunteered their time making pancakes for the financially disadvantaged at St Mary's House of Welcome.



Additionally, the College raised over \$6,000 for Project Compassion through a range of activities, including the Athletics Day BBQ, Shrove Tuesday Pancakes, Casual Dress Day, homeroom donations, and the sale of icy poles. A highlight was the annual Camino for Caritas, where students walked from their campuses to Queen of Peace Church in solidarity with those who must walk long distances to access clean water. The walk helped raise awareness of the struggles many individuals face daily in search of this basic need.

These initiatives have brought the Emmanuel community together in support of global and local causes. We are proud of the collective efforts of our students and staff in raising awareness, as Blessed Adèle did the same. Bearing Pope Francis' passing in mind, let us continue his work of mission in our community and stand for society's marginalised.





House Sports Athletics Day

On Monday 19 February we held our annual Athletics Carnival at SPC, and on 20 February the Athletics carnival for NDC was held at Newport Athletics Track. It was excellent to see students participating in a variety of events. Congratulations to all involved for demonstrating excellent attitudes and achieving personal best.

SPC

First Place	Winters 1731.5 points
Second Place	Chaminade 1694.5 points
Third Place	Cassidy 1645.5 points
Fourth Place	McCoy 1511.5 points
Fifth Place	McCluskey 1423 points



NDC

First Place	McCluskey 2944 points
Second Place	Cassidy 2882 points
Third Place	McCoy 2526 points
Fourth Place	Chaminade 2484 points
Fifth Place	Winters 2370 points



SPORTS

Term 1 was a fantastic term for our Senior ACC sports teams, with two out of three taking home premierships. Congratulations to our Senior Tennis and Cricket players and coaches on claiming premierships in their division! Our senior Volleyball team also performed admirably, making it through to the semi-finals.

Term 1 was a very busy term with many major sporting events taking place, including our annual Athletics and Swimming Carnival, the ACC Athletics and Swimming Carnivals, and the Open ACC Lawn Bowls competition.

As we head into Term 2, we wish our ACC Soccer and AFL teams the very best!

Alumni Business Breakfast

On March 14, we hosted our annual Alumni Business Breakfast at St Paul's Campus. We were privileged to welcome guest speaker Jacqui Felgate, who shared insights from her remarkable career in Media and Journalism. Jacqui spoke candidly about the triumphs and challenges she has faced, highlighting her resilience, and how she persevered to succeed in this dynamic industry. Her keynote address captivated the audience as she reflected on her success in social media, outlined her next steps, and offered invaluable advice to students preparing to embark on diverse career paths. A highlight of the morning was seeing our College Captains engage in a thoughtful discussion with Jacqui, posing important questions on behalf of the student body and bringing back valuable perspectives to share with their peers.

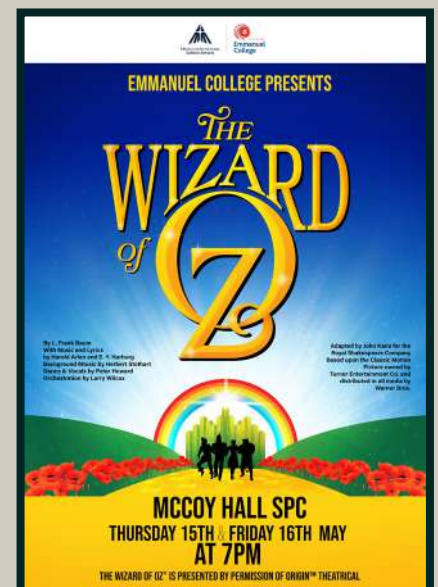


2025 College Musical 'The Wizard of Oz'

Emmanuel College is excited to announce the return of our School Musical. This year, the College is performing *Origins - 'The Wizard of Oz'*.

Students have been rehearsing since the beginning of term, under the guidance of Director, Ms Gianna Galea and her support staff. They continue to refine and perfect their acts, in preparation for a triumphant production.

The Musical will commence on May 15, with a matinee and evening performance to be held in the McCoy Hall, St Paul's Campus. We are looking forward to seeing our students' hard work come to fruition.



College Tours



Notre Dame Campus

9.15am - 10.30am

Tuesday 17 June

St Pauls Campus

9.15am - 10.30am

Monday 23 June

Emmanuel College will be holding its next College Tours on Tuesday 17 June and Monday 23 June respectively, from 9.15am to 10.30am. This provides a wonderful opportunity for prospective students and parents to see all that our school has to offer, enjoying a tour, speaking with students and staff and experiencing the subjects in action.

Enrolment Applications – Year 7, 2027 – Close 15 August 2025

To RSVP your attendance, please register at <https://www.ecmelb.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/tours> or scan the QR code to secure your spot.



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