

# YEAR SEVEN



## COORDINATORS' LETTER

**T**HE YEAR commenced for Year 7 on 4 February with Orientation Day. We were very excited to meet and greet the Year 7 cohort and families in the Theatre. We had heard so much about this great group of students, with many students bringing leadership experience from their primary schools across the ACT. We looked out into the crowd of big school uniforms, large backpacks and anticipated that 2013 was going to be a special year for Year 7.

Year 7 students have been committed and enthusiastic participants in large numbers in all College events. They certainly have embraced the College motto, Faith and Courage, and involved themselves in every aspect of MacKillop life. They have actively participated in community days such as the swimming and athletics carnivals, Community Day, extra-curricular activities such as sport, debating, dance, musical, Variety Night and information evenings, just to name a few. Whole College events such as the Opening Mass and St Mary MacKillop Feast Day celebrations were highlights and Year 7 always rose to these occasions. The extent to which Year 7 have entered into the life of the College is evident by the achievement of more than 60 students who earned Bronze Status as well as several others who managed to achieve Silver Status.

Who can forget Year 7 Camp; what a rainy adventure it was. It was great to spend time jam-packed with adventure at The Collaroy Centre with such an energetic and cooperative group of students. For many students, this was the longest and largest camp they have ever attended. All students are to be congratulated on the way they conducted themselves and for facing a variety of challenges.

Our Pastoral Program and Pastoral Care time aimed to reflect and meet the needs of Year 7's through a Pastoral Program which included, settling into secondary school, making new friends, communication and social skills, how to deal with bullying, cyber safety and serving others.

A big thank you must go to the wonderful Pastoral Care teachers and the Year 7 Pastoral associate Miss Morgan who patiently nurtured and guided Year 7 students through their first year of High School. We would also like to congratulate and thank the four Year 7 SRC students Sophee, Anwar, Jamie and Amber for their fine representation and leadership.

Members of the Great Year 7 PC team were: Mr Schofield, Miss Gordon, Mrs McAllister, Mr Lehmensich, Mrs Gupta, Mr Leer, Mrs Cunneen, Mr Chandra, Miss Williams, Mr Birrell, Mr Scerri, Mrs Kataoka, Mrs Campbell, Mr Webster, Mr Chifley, and Mr Daly.

As Coordinators it has been our pleasure to work with such a vibrant, enthusiastic, lively and caring group of students. We have enjoyed watching them grow and start the process of maturing into young adults. We look forward to continuing the MacKillop journey with them next year into Year 8.

*Mr Phil Belcher & Mrs Kate Durham*



**Alex Stevens-Yager**

The teachers, because they encourage you a lot.



**Ryan Badowski**

The activities and being with everyone at Camp.



**Sarah Duck**

The experiences with friends and learning new things.



**Tom Opie**

The laptops, making new friends, and the great subjects.

## THE HIGHLIGHTS OF YEAR 7



**Ayden Senior**

PE and all the activities, and Laser Tag at the Year 7 Camp.



**Carmen Rush**

All the activities at Camp, especially the free fall which made us face our fears.



**Matthew Siu**

The activities, especially MacKillop Day and all the effort put into community days.



**Brodie Zidar**

Learning in a good environment.



Community Day

**O**N 9 APRIL, Year 7 participated in Community Day. It was a very special day for all of us; it was a time to show our leadership skills and meet new people. We all rocked up at school in our PE uniforms and then spent the day with our House groups. We went to the Theatre and watched a play about St Mary MacKillop that was very interesting. After that we were sent to our activities.

Being in Year 7 isn't about being in the "lowest grade" and we understood this after learning how we can nominate each other or ourselves for SRC. We learnt how everyone can be a leader whoever you are and where ever you come from.

*Sophie Nguyen and Charlotte McFadzean*



THE YEAR 7 CAMP

**O**UR EXPERIENCE at Year 7 Camp was one that we are not likely to forget. The days were filled with ten activities, of which each group got to do seven. The activities were archery, outdoor laser tag, abseiling, rock climbing, high ropes course, drop pole, flying fox, team challenges, a challenge course, and (our personal favourite) the vertical challenge. However, camp was not just about the activities. We also did a night walk and had five different meals, after all of which we had free time. The camp was also an experience to meet new people and make new friends, which everyone did over the three days of camp in either the activities, free time sessions or sleeping in different cabin groups.

We would like to thank the staff at MacKillop for giving up their time with their families to give us the opportunity to go on camp. Also, we would like to thank the people at The Collaroy Centre for helping us along the way and feeding us. Many of us faced our fears and overcame challenges that we were faced with. This is sure to be a great memory for the rest of our lives.

*Aiden Mavity and Jaimie Forster*



# YEAR EIGHT



## YEAR 8 HIGH LIGHTS

**THE CHALLENGES**  
"Year 8 challenged us academically and creatively, but teachers and students helped us when needed."

**GETTING INVOLVED**  
"Year 8 was amazing. I liked the carnivals and getting involved in the school - so excited for next year!"



## COORDINATORS' LETTER

"What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God."  
-Eleanor Powell

**J**UST AS A BUTTERFLY must journey through a series of stages in order to become something marvelous, so, too, must we as a year group take a yearlong journey to emerge, hopefully with greater wisdom, understanding and personal growth. Throughout this year we have had the opportunity to witness a wonderful sense of faith, spirit, community and pride from our Year 8 student body. 2013 has certainly been a journey for our Year 8 cohort; a journey from which they have attempted to emerge as strong, confident students.

**OPPORTUNITIES**  
"I enjoyed meeting new people, MacKillop Day, and the opportunities to grow and develop new skills."

The community within Year 8 at St Mary MacKillop College safely fosters and nurtures the growth of individual students. Our Pastoral Program was uniquely designed to support and address the many issues that are relevant to the stages of development of our cohort. The student body were engaged and focused and eagerly awaited each fortnightly installment. We would like to thank our Year 8 students for their readiness to be open to new ideas and therefore the challenges that they were presented with.

We have enjoyed the willing enthusiasm that this year group has brought to everything they attempted throughout the year. As a group they have enjoyed each other's company and have happily collaborated to ensure that all members of the year group feel included. Our Pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop House in Sydney was memorable and insightful. Our students were given the opportunity to gain an in-depth understanding of their patron saint and in light of Mary's conviction, ask questions about the direction of their own lives. The participation of the year group in the various sporting carnivals was spectacular as too was their eager involvement in the Coastlife activities.

2013 began with many goals in sight for the Year 8 student body. With the wonderful guidance of our Pastoral Care team, the students have, as a community, worked towards these goals with determination, compassion and dignity. We would like to express our sincere thanks for the dedication of our team: Ms Faye Harding (Pastoral Associate), Mr Sheik Akhtar, Ms Rhonda Apsey, Ms Julie Avis, Mr Dale Argall, Mr Alan Burt, Mrs Roberta Coulston, Mr Tony Crowe, Mr Justin Donnelly, Ms Teresa Donnelly, Mr Frank Doyle, Mr Trevor Fritzlaff, Mr Pierre Hennequin and Mr Justin Kain. Their commitment, enthusiasm and care for their Pastoral Class is greatly appreciated.

We have been honoured to be the Pastoral Care Coordinators for Year 8 2013. They have enriched our lives and filled our days with stories and many laughs.

"We do not remember days; we remember moments." Cesare Pavese  
Thank you Year 8 and God Bless.  
*Mrs Sharyn Quirk and Mr Gary Pickering*

# YEAR 8 PASTORAL EVENTS



## COASTLIFE

ON 26 AND 27 JUNE, all of Year 8 participated in an exciting event full of teamwork and strategies, hosted by the people of Coastlife. Each House group had a three-hour period to do five different team-building activities that tested our knowledge, problem solving abilities, and teamwork.

There were around 15 people in each team and the good thing was the majority of our team members hardly knew each other, let alone knew their strengths and weaknesses. This was quickly solved by one of the activities which was called 'Blind Shapes'. Everyone but three people were blindfolded and had to direct the rest of the team into creating a certain shape with the rope. We were judged on our accuracy of the shape and given an overall score at the end.

Our favourite activity was the 'Spider Ball', which involved intense teamwork and focus. The aim of the spider activity was to have six people on two teams, each holding two joined strings. Your team was timed on how long it took you to move a balancing tennis ball on and off three different-sized pipes, using only six strings and six team members. Then you had to cross over to another set of three pipes and repeat the same method.

We had a very good couple of days and we enjoyed our time with Coastlife. We learnt a lot about teamwork and the importance of working together, trust, and good communication. We would like to thank our PC Teachers and the Year 8 Coordinators for taking their time to assist us and supervise us in these activities.

*Lauren Frost and Kyle Howson*

## MARY MACKILLOP PLACE

ON 9 AND 10 APRIL, Year 8 went on a trip to Sydney to visit St Mary's Cathedral. At Mary MacKillop Place we stood in front of the first statue that recognised Mary as a Saint. We learnt a great deal of information about our Patron Saint. This trip was a great learning experience.

*Tealiah Haines*

# YEAR NINE



## COORDINATORS' LETTER

**O**UR MEMORIES, and most likely yours as well, recall that you entered high school as Year 7 students with some trepidation but certainly with great expectation. You have all grown in so many ways and we have welcomed a large number of new students into our year group. We believe these past three school years have seen you enjoy many new experiences. We are very proud of how you have grown over this time and have been outstanding role models to our other year groups. We look forward with great anticipation to following your journey into life on the senior campus. You have represented yourselves and your College splendidly and are collectively a group of fine young men and women ready to enter the next stage of their MacKillop experience.

As we have said at the end of each year, it is a testament to you as a year group that many of your Pastoral teachers have chosen to continue with you during your three years. I am sure you have appreciated their care and support over the years, as we certainly have. Many thanks to Ms Miller, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Galvin, Mrs Mansfield, Mrs Rebecca Hunter, Mrs McKenzie, Mrs Dojchinov, Mr Salhotra, Mr Cole, Mrs Bright, Ms Winslade, Mrs Lee, Mr Connor, Mrs Manning, Mrs Gabriela Hunter, Mr Margosis and Mr Goonan for travelling with us this year; a very significant year on our College journey.

As you look back on the year of 2013, we hope you will remember the friends and teachers who have cared for you and supported you over the last three years, both pastorally and in your classes.

*Mrs Kain and Mr Lowe*



## OUR THOUGHTS ON YEAR 9

### Ashleigh Arrow

"Year 9 at MacKillop has been a completely different experience from our other years - being our last year at the Junior Campus, as well as working towards our Year Ten Certificates. 2013 was by far the best year of high school yet, providing so many opportunities and challenges, and preparing us for our final three years of schooling. This year has been incredibly hard work, and has really forced all of us to push ourselves, try new things, and learn from our many new experiences. Since Year Seven, we have all grown and matured so much, and our achievements this year are a perfect reflection of the success of our complete year 7-9 MacKillop story. I'm looking forward to starting at the Senior Campus in 2014 to further my high school journey with the friends and teachers I've grown so close to over the past few years. I'm excited to build these relationships, as well as challenge myself academically and bring the best out of both myself and my peers in our few remaining years together. 2013 was definitely a year to remember."



## PASTORAL EVENTS

### Career Focus Sessions

On Thursday 27 June, all Year 9 students were spoken to in regards to career opportunities. The College Careers and Vocational Education Coordinator, Mrs Hundy, volunteered her time to explain the workforce environment. The aim of the day was to educate students about the importance of their future, and to help them to achieve their dreams in a simple yet effective way. Groups spent a couple of hours in the company of experienced and helpful mentors. Firstly, Mrs Hundy spoke, followed by a visitor from a local workplace. Senior MacKillop students and past students of the College also gave their time to speak with Year 9 before we looked at the writing and setting-up of a resume. The student body thought it was fantastic that ex-students who had previously graduated from Year 12, and also current students, spoke to us about their lives and the fact that all goals are achievable and relevant, contrary to what others might say. The biggest lesson that we learnt is to have a back-up plan, but also to stick to what you believe in and try your hardest to make it happen. If you set your mind on something, you can usually achieve it.

*Gemma Kirk*

### Rising Generations

Year 9 was given an entertaining and engaging experience at the Rising Generations presentation on Thursday 27 June. With activities on leadership and its influence, we were given key concepts to realise and to aim for in later life. We participated in many group activities to work on strengthening the relationships we have with our peers. Some of the key concepts addressed during the presentation were relationships, self-confidence, disregarding pre-emptive judgements, and vision. We were encouraged to participate in community activities, and to contribute to the world. With an open-minded perspective, and a driven motive, you can achieve anything.

*Natalie Blick*

### Year 9 Transition Day

At the end of June, Year 9 went to the Isabella Campus for the first of three Transition Days. This allowed for students to obtain the knowledge of what is at the other campus and to get a feel for what happens there. Year 9 first had to determine how to reach this campus via bus (or car if required) and this went well. Upon arrival, we heard from Campus Head, Mr O'Callaghan and divided into groups and went around the school visiting different elective classes to learn what each Year 10 elective offered. At each room, we received talks from the respective coordinator for that subject. With Recess and Lunch intertwined among these meetings, the day went fast before reaching the more reflective part of the day.

In the afternoon Year 9 went into their respective PC classes and wrote letters to themselves to be opened on the Year 11 Retreat. These letters were about what we wanted to achieve by the time we read the letters again. After this, students went to a liturgy in the gym. Here students placed their letters in specially-made time capsules that were decorated by various members of each house. A vast majority of Year 9 students found the day very helpful.

*Brock Ginman*



### Leanne Golding

"My goal from the beginning of the year was to be able to achieve my Gold Status. This year I have had so many new experiences because of this goal, making new friends in the process from different year levels. I have been involved with many charities and have involved myself in many community service opportunities. I have had great encouragement from the College community to be involved in so many different activities. I have gained so much experience being able to do things that I haven't had an opportunity to do before and you get a really good feeling when you have done something to help someone else with one little gift or gesture that can make an amazing difference that we might never have known about.

Others should definitely get involved in Community Service as the benefits are amazing. You can achieve recognition within our College community and know that what you are prepared to do is valued by our community and by those who benefit here and overseas. Our College has so many opportunities to be involved - you just have to reach out and become involved!"

## WANNIASSA/YEAR 9



## OUR THOUGHTS ON YEAR 9

### Alexa Malizon

"Year 9 was a blast! It was full of great challenges we had to face and the work did get harder to complete. This year, there were many more opportunities for us to take advantage of. We were introduced to even more elective options than the younger years at the College community.

As Year 9 students, we are the leaders and the oldest students of the Wanniasa Campus and we have enjoyed the responsibility of being role models to the Year 7 and 8 students. We have had to think about our actions as they look to us to know the right thing to do. We were treated with respect by our peers and our teachers were willing to help us whenever this was needed. This has been a great year and the future awaits when we transfer to the Isabella Campus."

### Jarod Fitzgerald

"The opportunities for Year 9 students at MacKillop were almost endless. There was assisting with the Information Evenings, where we had the opportunity to act as tour guides and show our potential Year 7s around their soon-to-be new school. The Chair and Sound Crew assisted with almost any and every performance, assembly, and guest speakers. The MacTechies visited classrooms and played a huge role in assisting Year 7s with their laptops. There have been so many opportunities offered to us as Year 9s."

### Claire Mackey

"It was so great and such a privilege to perform in this year's College Musical, 'Mulan'. I was so excited to play the role of the mean 'Matchmaker' in the musical, continuing the family tradition of playing evil roles. I made so many new friends due to this year's large cast and it is another great MacKillop musical I will never forget.

I also sang and played guitar with Jessica Norbury at Variety Night this year. It was a new experience for me because, even though I have sung in front of an audience before, this was the first time I had played guitar as well. It was such a successful night packed with many different talents.

I am so thankful for being elected as the Year 9 Student Representative for Earth house. It has boosted my confidence even further and I loved being able to represent and help out all the students in so many different ways. It has been such a privilege and I would gladly do it again."

# YEAR TEN



## COORDINATORS' LETTER

**2013** HAS NOT ONLY seen the official addition of the word 'Amazeballs' to the dictionary (something which is so amazing, you can't just say it's amazing so you say 'amazeballs') but also a remarkable cohort of young men and women transition from the Wanniasa Campus to Isabella. As this group of students set forth on their Year 10 journey, we quickly learnt about the abundance of intelligence, talent and charm that we had before us. Year 10 have excelled in so many areas, not least in developing the skills needed to foster strong working relationships with both staff and their peers.

Among the multiple highlights of 2013 have been various events, group and individual achievements, and exceptional fundraising, which has been so prevalent among the cohort. The St Vincent de Paul Winter Blanket Appeal and Caritas fundraising were well supported by the group and in particular by several students who demonstrated exceptional community leadership for their Pastoral Care Classes. MacKillop Day allowed Year 10 Pastoral Classes to raise money for the Tegan Blunt Memorial Gift. Elsewhere, a number of Year 10 students highlighted their leadership prowess, supporting community-based initiatives led by Mr Durham, including

the Gifted and Talented day for Year 5 students in September. We hope that many of our Year 10 students will consider leadership roles and continue to enjoy the community spirit of the College during the senior years.

At the end of Semester 1, students participated in Reflection Day with the theme being 'You'll Never Walk Alone'. Listening to the stories of several guest speakers, students were exposed to the complexities and joys of the lives of others and then reflected on their own stories. Students and parents attended careers events and information evenings, which have further informed this talented group about the endless possibilities that lie before them. The College carnivals have encouraged camaraderie among Year 10 with friendship and collegiality being so evident among the group. Success in sport, debating, writing, mathematics, martial arts, swimming, the sciences and many more demonstrated the talent of this group as the year progressed. On the whole, students attended classes and set learning routines to prepare themselves for the rigours of their Senior Years.

Spring Zing was a significant event on the Year 10 calendar as students took the opportunity to dress up to the theme 'Imagine'. Such a wide array of characters, costumes and

personalities made the night truly one to remember. We would like to thank the Spring Zing committee, whose student voice assisted us with preparation for the event, while additional thanks goes to the Year 10 team, Bella Hunter (Year 12) and Aidan Brunskill for their assistance with set up, photography and costumes.

We would like to sincerely thank Karen Hundy (Year 10 Pastoral Associate) and the Year 10 Pastoral Team for their dedication and support throughout this year. Student transition to Year 10 has been positive and overall a resounding success as a result of this valuable teamwork. While most of this cohort will remain at St Mary MacKillop College there are a number of students and staff who will be leaving to pursue new endeavours. We wish all of these wonderful people well and hope they achieve the success they deserve. So to all of you, thank you for a fantastic year and remember face the future with Faith and Courage: You Only Live Once (#YOLO).

An amazing journey. Amazing memories. Amazing Stories. Amazing achievements. An amazing group of young women and men. Year 10, you are Amazeballs.

*Anneliese Prestipino  
& Iain Robertson*



## THE SPRING ZING

**T**HIS YEAR'S SPRING ZING had three theme choices: Imagine, Disney or Masquerade Ball. The year group agreed on 'Imagine'. The event was held at Bicentennial Hall in Queanbeyan on Friday 20 September. Year 10s started arriving in their costumes at about 6.30pm and lots of people came to see us all arrive. The teachers dressed in a Harry Potter theme. Mr Robinson went as Voldemort and Mrs Prestipino went as Harry Potter.

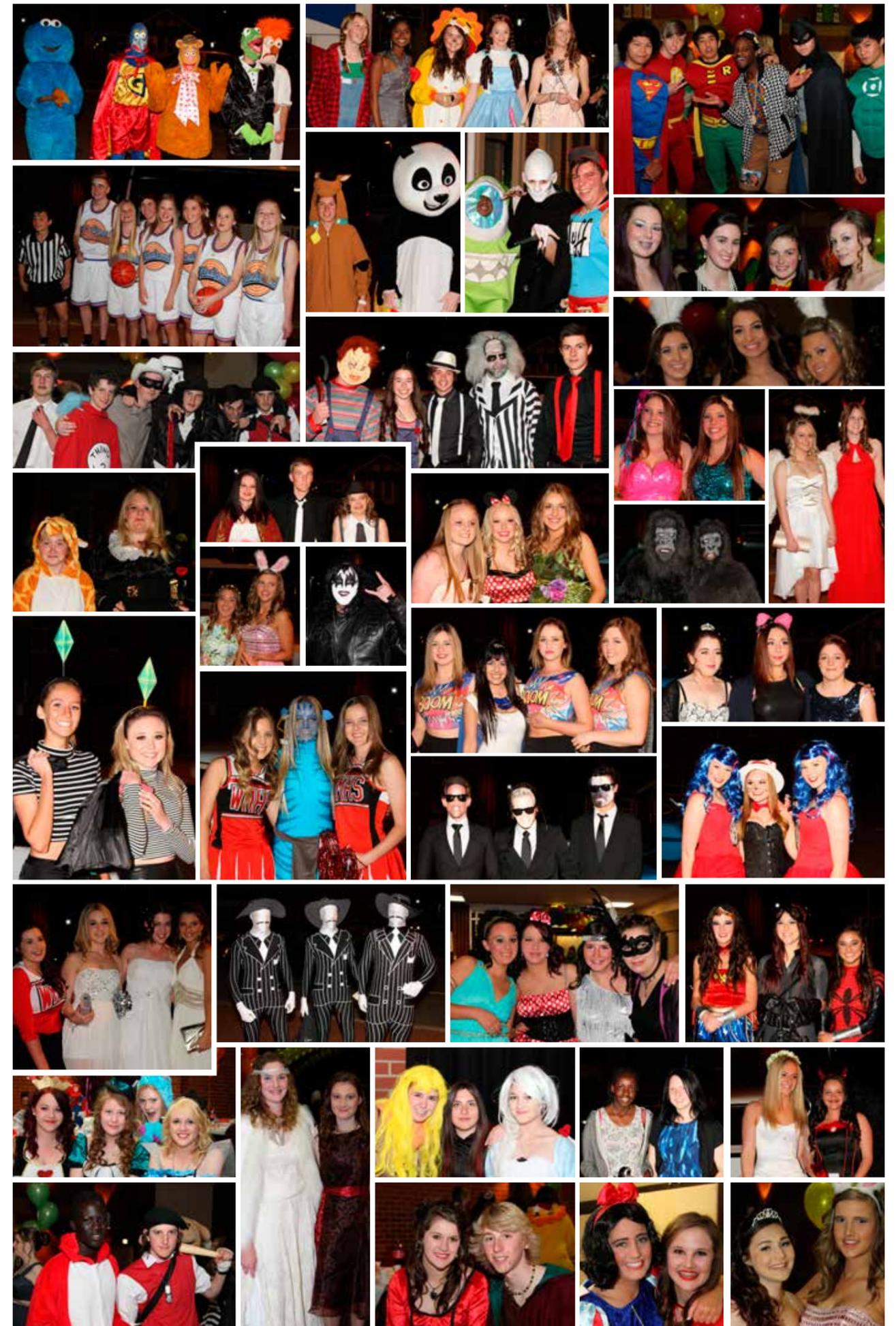
As everyone got inside, you were asked to find a table and sit while we were told of the proceedings. The school had hired a photographer who was set-up in the corner to take photos of groups or individuals throughout the night. The dinner for everyone was Turkish and it was great. Then came the awards:

- Best Group - The Tune Squad
- Best Couple - White Chicks
- Best Female - Avatar
- Best Male - Beetle Juice
- Best Staff Member - Sybill Trelawney

After the awards, we danced the night away with our friends. The whole night went smoothly and was a great time for everyone. Thanks to the teachers and everyone who made the night a success.

*Nathan Bull*





# YEAR ELEVEN



**SMMC:** Firstly, how does it feel to know your peers and teachers have faith in your abilities to lead the school in 2014?

R&C: We both felt very fortunate to receive such an honour and we're both proud to be elected College Captains for 2014. Every candidate had a very inspiring and powerful speech, and each one of them, we know, will lead the school in some way or another next year - they won't need a badge to do that. We are very moved and honoured that our year group and our teachers have put their faith and trust in us. We hope to provide guidance and assistance in our final year of school, and we aim to make it a most memorable one.

**SMMC:** Are there any previous leadership teams that will be a source of inspiration?

R&C: The 2011 College Captains Adam Refki and Seanne Inkpen were of particular inspiration to us both. As Campus Captain of that year, I (Claudia) had the privilege of working closely with them. They were inspiring captains in the way they conducted themselves, led by example, and were inclusive of everyone. Both of them were funny, kind, and intelligent. Last year's Captains Ashlee Evans and Tyler Friend were definitely a source of inspiration to us, and we would like to continue in their honour

## Q&A

The 2014  
College Captains  
Reece Inkpen &  
Claudia Holland

by making incredibly overdramatic and hilarious chess club videos - so gather your friends and bother them by coming up with some awful, ROOKie chess puns.

Of course, this year's College Captains Morgan Rosin and Nathan Backer were fantastic. Toward the end of the year, we were lucky enough to get to know them and listen with baited breath for their wisdom. They have made numerous contributions to the school, and as true leaders, they have done it behind the scenes making everyone feel like they have achieved everything on their own.

**SMMC:** What are your hopes for the Class of 2014's final year at MacKillop?

R&C: We have a never-ending list of hopes for the Class of



2014, but our main goal is to create one of the best and most memorable years anyone has ever had. Being able to reflect on it when we're 80 years old, we will think about our the relationships we cherished, the experiences we had and the great student involvement that both of us forcibly put onto you.

**SMMC:** Have you got any dreams or plans you'd like to try to implement next year?

R&C: The future is still kind of blurry for us in terms of the Class of 2014, but that doesn't mean we will wing all the ideas put forward. We do have a few goals, among which we would like to create a more student-focused campaign involvement within the college. We want to build upon the incredible foundations of our community, raise money for our selected chari-

ties and support others in the community as soon as we can. Along with this, we have another few subliminally evil, wickedly great plans that will take place throughout the year.

**SMMC:** What do you see as the key areas of focus for MacKillop for now and into the future?

R&C: Next year we would love to get everyone involved in creating a friendly and welcoming environment. We have made it our goal to make every single student feel involved in something next year; as the biggest school in Canberra we have the potential to be the most influential. We know we can achieve this by summoning the help of every student at MacKillop and doing our best to not only support our school community, but the community that exists outside of MacKillop.



## COORDINATORS' LETTER

**T**HE YEAR HAS DRAWN to a close and it was pleasing to see the Year 11 students develop as senior students. They began school enthusiastically and with an eagerness to see what the year had in store for them. The first term ended fairly quickly and some students wondered where the beginning of the year had gone.

The second term saw the Year 11 students attend a successful retreat where they forged stronger ties as a group and formed new relationships. The physical activities proved to be a little strenuous for some but all attempted and were happier for the experience. The unpleasant long queues for food were fortunately overshadowed by some of the interesting activities available, such as rock climbing, archery, bike riding and circus ticks to name a few. I would like to thank Mr Lee for delivering an excellent motivational presentation during the evening. Students commented on the quality of this presentation and that they had learned a lot about resilience and relationships. I would also like to thank Mrs White for her preparation of the Mass. This was an opportunity for all students to slow down and reflect on their spiritual lives. The pastoral leaders were instrumental in allowing this event to happen and I would like to thank them for their time and other contributions they made to ensure a successful experience for our students. Finally I would like to thank our students who willingly participated in all activities and exhibited a high standard of courteous behaviour towards the staff at the Jindabyne Sports and Recreation Centre.

The Pastoral Program this year focused on relationships, resilience and leadership in community service. Students participated in year group activities and Pastoral Class activities. The themes of the pastoral program were designed to develop students into strong, resilient people so that the challenges in their lives could be met with greater success. We had the Federal Police speak to students about cyber bullying and other social network pitfalls that they should be aware of and recognise that some actions on these social network sites could be deemed illegal if they are seen to harm or harass other people. The 'Menslink' representatives spoke with the boys to ensure that they were not alone in having to face some unpleasant issues; that it's OK for men to speak about some of the difficulties they may face from time to time. The girls had a similar presentation on the day that was orientated towards females.

Later in the year, the Year 11 students started to look towards Year 12 and the potential to be leaders in the school, and to apply for specific leadership roles as school captains and house leaders. The pastoral program focused on leadership and what this meant in a Catholic School. The interactive presentation on leadership for the whole group developed an awareness of the possible nature of leadership in a Christian school, one modelled on the teachings of Jesus and Gospel Values.

Overall a successful year for Year 11 students and I wish them well in 2014. Finally I would like to thank the pastoral team for looking after all students throughout this year and last, but by no means least, I would like to thank the parents of our students for their support and confidence in the school.

Joe Ciccarone



Staff and students, led by Pastoral Coordinator Mr. Joe Ciccarone, travelled to Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Camp in Term 2 for the annual Year 11 Retreat. This was a time for reflection and community building and provided an opportunity for students to participate in physical, spiritual and reflective activities.

Student comments:

- "I really appreciated the way the teachers treated us like mature people and allowed us to go fishing on Friday morning."
- "High ropes were challenging! I liked doing the high ropes because I went all the way up and I didn't have to do the walk of shame."
- "Team building was good."
- "I loved Mr. Lee's speech and the Reverend's Rap."
- "The staff were very encouraging, fun and enthusiastic."

*Lois White*

