FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Hundreds of students have filled our classrooms, corridors and places of assembly, obviously pleased to see familiar faces and share stories of relaxing holiday times. They are ready to embrace new learning challenges and to respond to the invitation to act with generosity towards one another and to our community.

‘Sending the goodness out’ is a hallmark of GYC; it speaks of a genuine and uninhibited commitment to look out for others, students, staff and those in our broader community. In these early days, ‘the good and God within’ is already being shared, friendships are being formed and those new to Catholic Education are being welcomed.

We congratulate our students on their outstanding achievements in 2015, with more of our students pushing up into the highest range of achievement nationally and exceptional numbers achieving their TCE. We acknowledge too that some of our current Year 12 students missed an opportunity last year to perform to capacity. As 2016 begins, every support will be offered for them to ‘seize the day’ and make the most of their final year of schooling.

Our enrolment is close to a thousand strong, the largest it has been, reflecting the high regard in which the College is held. We look forward with great optimism to providing the highest quality teaching and care for each student.

While we are buoyed by the excitement of a new beginning, we remain deeply saddened by the loss of one of our 2015 graduates, Louise Hanlon, who tragically died in a car accident last December. We continue to hold her gently in our prayers and offer our love to her family, friends and teachers. The goodness Lou ‘sent out’ to all those who knew and treasured her is the blessing which will live with us always.

Mrs Bobby Court

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS

WELCOME

We extend a very warm Guilford Young College “Welcome” to the 2016 school year to both our new students and to our returning Year 12 students, and to their families. It has been wonderful to see that the students have begun the year wearing their College uniform with pride and that they have been keen to engage with their studies. We recognise the crucial partnership that exists between school and home in the lives of young adults so we thank you for your support in preparing your sons and daughters so well for the beginning of the school year.

If you have any concerns about your son or daughter settling into a new school environment or into his/her program of study, please feel welcome to call his/her Tutor. Tutors are often the best port of call for parents and they will involve other staff as necessary.

STUDY

Setting up a regular home study timetable is the most important activity for a student at this time of year. For each TASC 2 subject, students should be completing two hours per week homework. For TASC 3 subjects, it should be between four and five hours per week.

COMMUNITY

In addition to the academic life of our College, we also value the community aspect and work hard to provide a range of opportunities for student involvement. Community events on the College calendar include the Walk for Hope, Focus Days and the College Colours Day. All students are expected to be at these events as a way to promote a sense of their belonging to our community.

An invitation to participate in our Year 12 leavers’ activities including access to a Leavers Top, the Formal and Campus celebrations will only be made to students who demonstrate their participation in the College community through such events. We ask that you support the College in delivering this vital aspect of the Guilford Young College experience.

GREAT YEAR

We look forward to a great year and wish our students the best.

Mr Mathew Derrick, Glenorchy; Mrs Susan Bunkum, Hobart
FROM THE DIRECTORS OF MINISTRY

WELCOME
Warm hospitality and welcome of new staff and students are practical expressions of gospel values to which we aspire within our Catholic College. We hope that effort will be evidenced in positive experiences of returning to study for the 2016 academic year and in the seamless school transition of your sons and daughters this week. Please let us know early if you are concerned about how your child is settling in. We want to respond quickly and sensitively to the individual needs of each of our students.

STAFF MASS HIGHLIGHTS YEAR OF MERCY
Pope Francis has declared 2016 as a Jubilee Year of Mercy. At our staff commencement Mass, at St John’s Church, Glenorchy, last week, staff committed to model and encourage our students to be people who opened their hearts to mercy and forgiveness. “Forgiveness is not being a doormat but a door – a door to enter into another person’s pain ... Forgiveness is for getting – getting back what has been lost, getting rid of guilt, getting another chance, changing behaviour and conserving past gains.” Staff were commissioned for the 2016 academic year.

WALK FOR HOPE - a WHOLE COLLEGE EVENT -
10 FEBRUARY (ASH WEDNESDAY)
Next Wednesday - 10 February - the first whole College event for the year will be held. The 12th annual WALK FOR HOPE will be held on ASH WEDNESDAY. In the Catholic tradition, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the Christian journey over 40 days in preparation for the great feast of Easter. During this time, we are encouraged to focus attention on prayer, fasting and alms giving (charity). Walk for Hope emerged as a College fundraiser in solidarity with the poor and disadvantaged of the world in response to the 2004 Boxing Day Aceh tsunami disaster.

Next Wednesday, the College will gather in the Don Bosco Creative Arts Centre, on the Glenorchy Campus, for an Ash Wednesday prayer service. Then, in House and Tutor groups, College students and staff will walk from the Glenorchy Campus to the Tolosa Reserve, in an act of solidarity with so many who suffer daily as a result of natural disaster, war, acts of terror or poverty.

Money raised on the day and throughout Lent will benefit Caritas Australia, the international humanitarian and aid agency of the Catholic Church. The agency holds an annual national appeal during Lent. This year’s theme is on the place education plays in leading people out of poverty: “Learning more, creating change”. It calls us individually and as a GYC community to be aware of our global responsibilities to promote a sustainable lifestyle for all.

At Tolosa Reserve, an inter-House, team-based challenge focussed on water will be held, a Year 12 and College photo taken and a concert enjoyed. The day also offers the opportunity for students and staff to socialise across both campuses.

ATTENDANCE IS COMPULSORY and students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to start our College Project Compassion collection for 2016.

Further details are available on the GYC website: www.gyc.tas.edu.au  These photos are from last year’s event.

Ms Kylie Sullivan, Glenorchy; Mrs Simone McManus, Hobart
FROM THE DIRECTORS OF TEACHING AND LEARNING

WELCOME
We extend a warm welcome to all our new students for 2016 and welcome back our Year 12 students. We hope that they enjoy their learning and wish them all a happy and successful year!

COURSE CHANGES
Many students have already made changes to their course of study for 2016.

Changes have not been permitted during this first week as it is important that students do not rush into a change but rather allow themselves a few sessions to gain an accurate feel for the subject.

However, if students wish to make a change from next week they should see the DIRECTOR OF TEACHING AND LEARNING ON THEIR CAMPUS.

Changes will only be approved for valid educational and career reasons and cannot be made for reasons of personal preference or convenience.

It should be noted that a number of classes are already full.

Students must remain in their existing class until the process has been finalised and they have received their new timetable.

The deadline for course changes is FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY. After this date, changes will only be considered where there is a communication from a parent.

If you have any concerns or questions about your son’s or daughter’s course of study please contact us.

Mrs Sandra Guerzoni, Glenorchy
Mrs Heidi Senior, Hobart

FROM THE DIRECTORS OF SPORT

The sporting calendar for 2016 is about to begin at GYC, with some sports beginning next week. Students are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible

TERM 1 SPORTS INCLUDE:

BOYS’ 20/20 CRICKET
Starts week 3. The first rostered game will be held on Wednesday 17 February. Training/trials will be held Tuesday 9 February from 3:45pm at the TCA indoor nets.

GIRLS’ SOCCER
Starts week 3. The 1st and 2nd grade soccer competitions will begin on Wednesday 17 February. Trials will be held at the Hobart Campus on Wednesday 10 February at 3:45pm.

ROWING
NOW.
Students interested in rowing need to sign up as soon as possible or see Mr Wright.

SAILING
NOW.
Students interested in sailing also need to sign up as soon as possible or see Mr Wright.

SWIMMING
Starts week 3 (trials). GYC/SMC/MTC/SVC combined carnival: Tuesday 16 February, 7-9pm, Hobart Aquatic Centre (HAC)
SSATIS carnival: Thursday 3 March, HAC
SATIS carnival: Wednesday 16 March, HAC

TENNIS
Starts week 2. The boys’ roster will start on Tuesday 9 February and the girls’ on Thursday 11 February. GYC is likely to field a boys’ 1st and a boys’ 2nd team and a girls’ 2nd team.

Students are encouraged to check the sport notice boards on both Campuses, read the daily bulletin or check on the website for more details. If students have any questions, they should see Mr Wright

Mr Zain Wright

FROM THE CAREERS ADVISORS

MORRISBY CAREER TESTING

The Morrisby Career Analyst testing will be held on Tuesday 15 March. This is a Quality Assurance/Student Study Day meaning that regular classes will not be held. Students are required to arrive by 9am for a 9.30am start. Testing will be finished by no later than noon. Further details will be sent home to students who have indicated their interest and paid the fee.

Mr Richard Clark, Glenorchy
Mrs Jo Haneveer, Hobart
Metro will continue its promotional campaign in support of the new network through the back-to-school period to assist students in forming new travel patterns. This will include the presence of Metro staff in bus interchanges from February 3-5 2016.

**School service information is available on** [www.metrotas.com.au/schools](http://www.metrotas.com.au/schools)

**CURRENTLY SERVICED BY**

ROUTE 89, 94S, 100, 110, 236AM, 424AM, 425AM, 429PM, 495PM

**WHAT’S CHANGED**

**School bus routes have been reviewed and re-numbered.** All Metro school buses for northern, western and southern suburbs will now carry route numbers between 200 and 299. All school buses for the Eastern Shore will now carry route numbers between 300 and 399.

**General access route numbers have changed.** Services operating in southern suburbs are numbered in the 400 series, northern and western in the 500 series, and Eastern Shore in the 600 series. Express services will continue to carry the ‘X’ prefix.

**Channel routes are numbered between 411 and 418.** All Channel services will terminate in Macquarie St outside St David’s Cathedral. Students will need to either alight at a stop on Macquarie St to walk to school, or alternatively transfer to a school bus service at Kingston Central or in the City.

**A number of new ‘through’ routes will allow the general public including students to make cross-town trips without needing to change buses.** Route 500 will travel between Blackmans Bay and Glenorchy via Southern Outlet and the City; Route 501 will travel between University and Glenorchy via the City. The high-frequency Turn Up and Go service between Glenorchy and the City will continue to operate.

**NEW SCHOOL BUS ROUTES**

203AM: City to Ogilvie/New Town High via St Mary’s and West Hobart.

243AM: Blackmans Bay to Ogilvie/New Town High via Kingston Beach, Hobart College and St Mary’s.

245AM: Maranoa Heights to St Mary’s Harrington St via Hobart College.

254PM: Friends Elizabeth St to Maranoa Heights via St Mary’s and Taroona.

334PM: Mt Carmel to Acton Park via St Mary’s.

Students can catch the Route 254PM bus to TRANSFER at Treasury Square Stop Q to the following routes:

415: City to Woodbridge.

**ALTERNATIVE SERVICES**

Students should refer to their home suburb timetable for further service information. Please note that students may need to transfer between Metro services at an interchange point to complete their journey.

**NEAREST BUS STOP**

Lansdowne Cres / Hill St for West Hobart and Mt Stuart. Elizabeth St for Main Rd, Lenah Valley and Florence Heights.

**For further enquiries please contact Metro by phone 13 22 01.**

If any **YEAR 12 STUDENTS IN 2015** have not collected their REFERENCES or their YEAR BOOK, both are available from their former Campus office.

**REMINDER:** MSP Photography has requested all school photo orders/envelopes be returned to either campus office by **WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY** please. Any orders after that date will need to be taken directly to MSP Photography in North Hobart.