



ST JOSEPH'S  
COLLEGE MILDURA

*From the desk of the Principal*

20 September 2018

Dear Families

I am pleased to provide you with more information about our restructure and refresh of the Year 11 and 12 student experience at St Joseph's College.

The changes are being strengthened and informed by the work we have done alongside our Year 10 cohort, in an effort to understand what needs to happen at Year 11 to maximise student outcomes. Our focus is always to strive for continual improvement in all aspects of our educational programs, with the primary objective of improving student outcomes and wellbeing.

I am excited to announce that some of the most important changes will begin even before the 2019 school year, with a new initiative for Year 10 students who are continuing their education at St Joseph's College. The 2019 Year 11 program will now commence with an immersive "urban experience" program we are calling Novus (Latin for new), based at the University of Melbourne from December 3 to December 7, 2018.

Students will be transported to Melbourne and stay for four nights at St Mary's, a residential college located on the grounds of the University of Melbourne <https://www.stmarys.unimelb.edu.au/>.

The program will include presentations at various vocational educational venues and will be broadened to expose students to the excitement, challenges and opportunities of living away from home for vocational or academic pursuits. Students will also enjoy the sights and sounds of Melbourne with planned recreational activities. **The global fees will cover the cost of this valuable experience.**

In facilitating this valuable new experience for our senior students, we have considered the College Tour, Camps and Retreat Program. As a result, the Snow Camp will move from Year 10 into Year 11. In every other way, the Snow Camp will stay the same with regard to location, accommodation and activities. The snow camp is one of our most positive bonding and personal growth activities for students and we believe the benefits will be most felt by students as they step up to the challenges as senior students.

The Snow Camp will build on the Year 11 Seminar Day program in February; a successful 'beginning of the year' group experience with Chris Doyle from Karis Ministries. Similarly, the highly-respected Year 12 Retreat in Anglesea will continue for students in their final year of study at St Joseph's College.

There will be the continuation of our rich Seminar, Retreat and Outdoor programs in Years 7 to 9 to complement these initiatives so that students have opportunities for personal growth alongside educational challenges.

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**A broader life skills program**

The reinvigoration of our College program reflects our commitment to improving preparation of students for vocational and academic studies in Years 11 and 12 and beyond. It will assist students in establishing and maintaining study goals and enhancing their sense of purpose and career focus.

We look forward to maintaining our culture of continuous improvement in all aspects of education of students at St Joseph's College. We thank you for your continued support of your child as they move into the senior years of their secondary education. We invite you to continue working closely with us to ensure that these years are a time of genuine community and relationship between family, student and school.

Sincerely

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**Mrs Marg Blythman**  
Principal

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**Mr Greg Kluske**  
Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching

