



## Catholic Regional College Sydenham

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Dear families,

Last Wednesday I wrote to you with the sad news of the passing of one of our students Christian Veneziano. Christian's funeral will be held on Thursday 14 February at St Christopher's Parish, 34 Roberts Rd, Airport West VIC 3042. Rosary will be held at 11.30am followed by Mass at 12 noon with the burial at Keilor Cemetery from 2.00pm.

Christian was a very popular young man and his death has had a profound impact on so many students and staff at Catholic Regional College Sydenham. We know that a great number of them will want to pay their respects to Christian, support Olivia who is also a Year 12 student at the College and to offer their condolences to the Veneziano family on Thursday.

For many of our students, this may be the first time that they will have had to deal with death and for some it will be their first funeral. We would encourage parents to take students in the first instance. Thursday is a scheduled school day so at the present time we are planning for there to be normal classes running. The College can provide transport for students who are unable to get to the Church. In order to do this we will need to book buses. The bus would depart the College at 10.30am to take students to the church and then back to the College after the church service. Regardless of transport arrangements, so that we may plan for the day at the College, I ask all families to complete the reply slip attached and return to the front office by Wednesday (tomorrow) morning between 10.00am and 10.15am (before period 1) so that we know who will be at the College and more importantly who will not be in attendance, who may require transport and how many students may be in class at the College during the day. We wish to be able to support all families wishes for the day with the logistics having to be managed in a short period of time. Your assistance in informing us as to what your son / daughter is intending to do after having spoken as a family will be crucial to the College being able to provide the support both at the College and where needed for students who are attending Christian's funeral.

Where families nominate that a student will be attending Christian's funeral, the College will automatically mark this as an approved absence. We will use the reply slip below to enter the approved absences for students.

All students attending the funeral are requested to wear full College uniform including blazer. Students in uniform and staff from CRC Sydenham and North Keilor will be invited to form a silent guard of honour at the end of the service as Christian's casket leaves the Church and departs in the hearse. Sue Edwards and the VCAL/MacKillop Cluster Student Leaders will coordinate this with those from our community in attendance.

Please note that it is not intended that the bus will travel to the cemetery.

Once reply slips have been collated at the College tomorrow I will provide further advice to families about the provision of classes and scale of operation for the College on Thursday.

I take this opportunity to remind families that the College has two full time psychologist on staff. Counseling services are available to individuals, groups of students and families. Please be mindful of this over the next few weeks and do not hesitate to access support from the College or a referral from our Psychologist for external support.

I ask you to join me in continuing to remember Christian and his family in your thoughts and prayers, especially this week. May the Lord continue to walk with all of us and be a constant support.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan J Watson OAM  
Principal

**REPLY SLIP** Please return to the Front Office by Wednesday 13 February 10.00am or  
Email: [info@crtsydenham.net](mailto:info@crtsydenham.net)

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tutor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Will be attending the funeral.**

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**Will require bus transport to the Church and return to the College.**

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**Parent**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_