Dear Families, Staff and Friends of Cardijn

I am delighted to welcome all families and staff to our 2016 school year. This year we welcome 195 new students to our College community. It was a terrific beginning to the year on Monday, with 184 new Year 8 students and 11 new students in other year levels joining us at Cardijn College. There was a touch of nervousness amongst the students, the parents and definitely with yours truly. Each year brings new challenges and we are grateful for the wonderful start to the year.

Pope Francis has nominated 2016 as the Holy Year of Mercy. The Church is celebrating the Holy Year of Mercy as a time of grace, peace, conversion and joy. It is meant for everyone; people of every age, across the World. The Pope said: “There are no walls or distances which can prevent God’s Mercy from reaching and embracing us”. This celebration began on the December 8 2015 and finishes on November 20 2016. Mercy is a key word in the Gospel; we can say that it is the “face” of Jesus, the face which he revealed when he went out to meet the people, and especially when, nailed to the cross at Easter, Jesus showed forgiveness. Jesus calls us to be “channels” of this love, most especially towards the poorest in our world, who are the privileged ones in Jesus’s eyes. At Cardijn we are constantly challenged to make this world a better place.

We are delighted with the College finally entering a year without builders on site. Most building works were completed last week, just in time for the return of students. A flurry of cleaning occurred late on Friday followed by dedicated teachers coming in over the weekend to set up their classrooms. We are delighted to take occupancy of the new Mitchell House building with four large classrooms and a large break out area. A new classroom for Faulkner House, the new Music Centre is now in operation and a new student services area is located next to Mitchell House. This is the location where the Heads of School (Mr Damian Hill – Senior School and Mr Patrick Harmer – Middle School) and the Assistant to the Heads of School (Ms Michelle Gaffney) meet students and parents. A new carpark now provides enough onsite parking for all staff and Year 12 students. Much of the success and achievement of these huge projects are the responsibility of Mr Johnny Ioannou our Business Manager. His outstanding project management, eye for detail and quality, follow up with architects, builders and contractors was simply outstanding.

We owe a huge debt to Johnny; his commitment to get the very best for our College is immeasurable. I also extend a huge thank you to the Maintenance team headed by Jason Allan and supported by the very talented Ben Moran who undertook much of the redevelopment work, Brendan Russell who has got our gardens and ovals looking immaculate and Adam Maney who has supported the team with maintenance. My thanks extends to Mr Tony Sayce our Director of ICT Services who with his team has been focused on integrating technology over our two sites with Cardijn and Marcellin, preparing new laptops for students and staff, deploying other technology across our school and at Marcellin.

I am delighted to report on the outstanding results of the Class of 2015. 17% of our students achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 90 and above. Kaitlin Ganley is our Dux of the College for 2015 with an ATAR score of 98.7 and a Merit in the Research Project. Kaitlin received an A+ Merit in Research Project, A+ for Nutrition, A for Biology, A for English Communications, A for Religious Education and B+ for Chemistry. Congratulations to Kaitlin and 21 other students who scored an excellent ATAR of 90+. Congratulations to Scott Corbett 98.35 and Kaleb Hesse 98.15. Congratulations to 13 students who achieved a perfect score of A+ and resulting in 9 SACE merits in subjects including Research Project, Mathematical Applications, Material Products and English Communications. Equally impressive are our overall results with 99% of all grades at Stage 2 being a ‘C’ grade or better. 67% of all Stage 2 grades were ‘B’ grade or better. 21% of all Stage 2 grades at ‘A’ grade. 72% of the Year 12 cohort applied through SATAC for a University course and 81% received a first offer.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
ATTENDANCE MATTERS
If your child is going to be absent, late, leaving early for an appointment etc, please send either an SMS text message on 0428 937 348 or leave a message on the Absentee Line - 8392 9505.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Unfortunately TAFE offers and acceptances were not available to the College at the time of writing, which would indicate a much higher offer rate for post-secondary pathways.

Our students have continued to excel in their studies and we are equally proud of their teachers who have nurtured and supported our students brilliantly.

On Friday 12 February 2016, we will acknowledge all students who achieved outstanding results at the Dux of the School Assembly with our special guest Ms Katherine Reid (nee Scaffidi). Katherine was the College Captain in 2006 and was also our Dux that year. It is the 10th Anniversary for the class of 2006 and it is fitting for Katherine to be our guest.

STAFF MATTERS
We extend our congratulations to Cameron and Amy Willis on the birth of their first child, a beautiful daughter Maisie Rose, born on Monday 1 February.

We welcome the following new staff: Brenda Byrne, Lesia Cousins, Sophia Dimitropoulos, Jessica Hirschauzen, Damien Lambert, Eleanor Marin, Sarah Di Mauro, Du Nguyen, Nadia Porter, Daniel Rabbett, and Adam Maney. We welcome back Belinda Hurcombe and Kat Elliott.

I extend my best wishes to all families and look forward to meeting you at the information evenings in the next couple of weeks.

Paul Rijken | PRINCIPAL

OUR AGM will take place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9 March and you are warmly invited to attend. You are also encouraged to nominate for election as a Parent Representative on the School Board.

The Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month and, with delegated responsibility from the Archbishop for the overall wellbeing of the school, acts in a spirit of partnership to:

• develop policies that nurture the religious dimension and guide the direction of the school
• develop the relationship between the school and local churches
• promote educational excellence within the school
• support the administration of the school
• foster harmonious and positive collaboration within the school community
• protect children
• monitor buildings and grounds development and maintenance
• exercise financial stewardship of the school
• ensure compliance with legal obligations

Parent Representatives are elected for a two year term, during which they are accountable for reflecting the views and voices of parents across all of these areas. If you would like to nominate for a place on the Board, please CLICK HERE. Please note that nominations must be received by 5pm on Wednesday 17 February.

Helen Bates
Board Member
We extend a warm welcome back to the students in Year 10, 11 and 12 for the 2016 school year. We would like to especially welcome the 2015 Year 9 students and families joining the Senior School in Year 10.

Excitement and nervous anticipation filled the air on Monday and Tuesday of Week 1 as students reconnected with their friends and the school community. There were new classes and subjects, new buildings and classrooms (Mitchell House and Music Centre), a brand new carpark for the Year 12 students who drive to school and the challenge of a Senior School and SACE curriculum. Much reassurance was offered by teachers and fellow classmates, confirming again that Cardijn is a rich, supportive learning community.

The beginning of a school year is the perfect time to plan ahead and set goals. Short term goals can be a great way to ensure that students remain focussed on a day to day basis and that the expectations of individual subjects are met. Longer term goals are especially valuable for the senior students in Year 11 and 12 who are undertaking the SACE and looking to the future beyond school. The wonderful results achieved by the 2015 Year 12 cohort are a testament to the benefits of hard work and always aspiring to be and do the very best.

Michael Herbert and I, as the Senior School Team are looking forward to an equally rewarding and productive 2016, and we invite all Senior School families to come and meet us and other key staff at the Year 10, 11 and 12 Parent Information Night at 7.30pm on Monday 15 February.

Damian Hill | Head of Senior School

“Education is an act of hope” proclaimed Pope Francis (Educating For Choosing Life, 2014:9). This was one of the key messages delivered to educators in Argentina while he was Cardinal Archbishop of Buenos Aires. Although spoken in a certain time and place, with particular social, political, and economic problems in view, it nevertheless has universal appeal. The challenge to form the whole person, which involves more than providing a child with the ability to calculate, is relevant to teachers everywhere, regardless of their particular circumstances asserted the then Cardinal Bergoglio. If and when faced with obstacles to human development teachers should not be discouraged, they should instead look to Jesus, the incarnate Wisdom of God, and realize that difficulties become challenges, challenges appeal to hope and generate the happiness of recognizing them as architects of something new. ‘All of this undoubtedly drives us to continue giving the best of ourselves’.

So as we embark upon the 2016 school year, we look to the Spirit of God to guide us along our way, to drive our learning community to give the best of ourselves so that we may know and see ourselves inside of a much bigger picture and indeed be witnesses of God’s hope and love in the world.

While it only just feels like we have celebrated the Christmas season, the Lenten journey towards the Easter season will begin next week on Ash Wednesday (Feb 10). It is on this day that Christians are marked with ash on their foreheads, reminding them of the need for forgiveness, healing and renewal, so as to live in the dignity, freedom and holiness that God so desired for humanity.

The Church this year invites a particular focus on God’s compassionate Mercy. On December 8 2015 (the Feast Day of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) Pope Francis declared an Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy to be celebrated up and until November 20 (The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe). It is to be a time of grace, peace, conversion and joy. It is meant for everyone, and is to be a time to live in the light of the word of the Lord which proclaims “Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful” (cf. Lk 6:36).

Throughout the Lenten journey, Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion campaign we help direct our attention to some of the tangible works of mercy, including, providing food for the hungry, shelter and clothes for the homeless, education for the marginalised, and comfort for those in need. This year’s Project Compassion theme is, ‘Learning more, creating change.’ I’m certain that as in previous years, our community will be generous in their support to this campaign.

For further reading on the Jubilee Year of Mercy visit:
http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html
Project Compassion:
http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Joseph Catania | APRIM

Meet our Ministry Team - Fr Charles, Brenda, Joseph & Shanna

Damian Hill and Michael Herbert

Yr 12s can now park in the new car park adjacent the soccer pitch. Students must have parental permission to drive to school and display a permit. Permission forms are available from Student Reception.

Any passengers must also have parental permission. Students must enter and exit via the new, southern gate.
Welcome to the 2016 academic year and a very warm welcome to all our new students and families who have joined the Cardijn College Community.

Fresh faces, nervous smiles and a sense of excitement filled the Amphitheatre as we gathered on Monday morning to welcome our new Year 8 cohort to the Cardijn Community. It was a day full of promise and new opportunities as students embarked on their journey as Secondary School students.

We have been most impressed by the way our new students have transitioned into High School life. They have approached new challenges with a sense of fun and adventure; interpreting timetables, remembering locker combinations and navigating their way around a new and somewhat larger school environment with ease. Equally pleasing has been the kindness displayed by returning students as they welcome new members into our School Community.

Our Middle School Teachers are experienced in working with adolescent learners and are passionate about providing high quality learning experiences that inspire all students to achieve their best. They seek to develop independent thinkers and learners and are committed to uncovering our students’ many gifts and talents.

The key to a successful start in a new school environment is communication. I encourage parents to engage in ongoing dialogue with students and their teachers about learning and assessment tasks. One of the many challenges that adolescents face during transition is time management. The Middle School Diary provides a great platform to assist students in managing their workload and supports students in staying organised and implementing effective time management strategies. I ask that parents read and sign the diary weekly, using it as a conversation starter to support the development of good study routines.

As we begin the school year I would like to draw your attention to the following important dates:

- Laptop roll out for new students/Year 8 students - Weeks 1 and 2
- Year 8/9 Parent Information Evening - Week 2, Monday 8 February - 7.30pm
- Homework Club begins - Week 3 on Wednesday and Thursday nights.
- Year 8 Immunisations - Week 10, Thursday 7 April

In closing, I look forward to working in partnership with you, as we walk this journey together.

Patrick Harmer | Head of Middle School
THE NEW MUSIC BUILDING

After a monumental effort from music students, our new Music Captains Caleb and Shaun and the dedicated music staff we finally settled into our new building at the end of 2015 ready for the start of 2016. We couldn’t be prouder, happier or more excited. On Friday 29 January, the music staff were taken through some of the technology of the building, we barely scratched the surface of the myriad of possibilities that this building offers and we were all blissfully overwhelmed. This is a facility that will keep on giving well into the future and a great home for music technology and performance.

Music Ensemble students and parents are reminded that students wishing to enrol in Instrumental lessons need to return their form to Cassandra Douglas no later than Wednesday 10 February (Week 2). The same for students wanting to be involved in MUSIC WEEK - Week 3, numbers are filling fast. All Music forms can all be found at Student Reception.

R.E.A.L.M.S (Religious Education Alternative Liturgical Music Singers) are back for 2016. Students in Year 8 – 10 have an opportunity to lead the music for their House Masses and whole school Masses throughout the year. This is considered a leadership ensemble and students take time through the week to rehearse (during school hours on different days and times) the songs that will be used in liturgies throughout the year.

We all look forward to making wonderful music in our state of the art music facility.

David Gauci  Co-curricular Music Coordinator

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2016 PARENT HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

CLICK HERE

Ms Natalie Paelchen - Director of Teaching & Learning
Email: npealchen@cardijn.catholic.edu.au
or by phone: 8392 9500

Host families are provided with $80.00 to cover any expenses incurred in hosting a Japanese Exchange student.

Are you interested in hosting a Japanese student for 4 days?

Imagine living overseas for a week immersing yourself in another culture. Well that’s what 20 Year 9/10 Japanese male and female students and two teachers will be doing in March. They will be placed with a host family and attend Cardijn College for 2 days. They’ll live like a local and become immersed in the culture. They’ll learn more about the language and gain valuable international experience. Both the hosts and the students themselves will learn a lot about each other.

The Cardijn College community has a proud tradition of offering a welcoming hospitality to those who enter our community.

With the Japanese students arriving Thursday 17 March and departing Sunday 20 March 2016, we are looking for families to become hosts.

If you are interested in being a host family for one or possibly more of these students please contact:

Ms Natalie Paelchen - Director of Teaching & Learning
Email: npealchen@cardijn.catholic.edu.au
or by phone: 8392 9500

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION & ADVERTISEMENTS

uniForM ShoP
The secondhand uniform shop will be open every Friday morning from 9am-11am, during school terms.

LINKS ON THE COLLEGE WEBSITE

• CESA news: CLICK HERE
• Southern Cross Easter Edition
  http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au/#folio=1

UNIFORM SHOP
The secondhand uniform shop will be open every Friday morning from 9am-11am, during school terms.

Pink Panthers
Come & Try Session
South Adelaide Panthers Women’s Football Club (Soccer) is holding a Come and Try Session
For girls born in 2005 or after in preparation for the 2016 season.
Pink Panthers are looking for girls that want to play in an all-girls team. Pink Panthers are the only club in the Southern Suburbs that fields teams in all age groups - Junior Girls through to Senior Women.

Saturday 20th February from 9.00am
Our club is located on Galloway Road, O’Sullivan Beach. No previous experience necessary – beginners are more than welcome.

Cardijn College Online Canteen
Cardijn College canteen has teamed up with MunchMonitor to offer a convenient and easy to use online service.
• No more writing out canteen lunch orders or looking for lunch money in the morning
• Order up to 4 weeks in advance (edit or delete the order right up until 9am on the day)
• No more lost or forgotten lunch orders and money
• Top-up the account using VISA/MasterCard online or using cash at the canteen
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It only takes a few minutes to set up an account online and you are ready to go!
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3. Enter School ID: cardijn / Password: munch5168
4. Follow the simple steps to get started.

There’s an account keeping fee of $2.50 (that’s less than a cup of coffee!) per Parent Account per Term.
For more information send an email to help@munchmonitor.com or call 1300 796 190.