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## From the Head of Secondary

Dear Parents, Staff and Students

2009 has started well. Our students were at school a day before any other school opened and by the end of Friday, had timetables, books, attended a first assembly and seen their six subject teachers. Starting the year in the right frame of mind is the first step to success. Our Year 11 and 12 students are expected to make very specific commitments as upper school students. In secondary school, we see Year 11 and 12 as the culmination of a school career and we make every effort to ensure that each student leaves St Stephen's having created opportunities and gateways for themselves.

The Senior students commit themselves to the following:

1. Upholding the high academic, personal and social expectations of St Stephen's School at all times and supporting all School rules and policies.
2. Having in their trust the reputation of the School, both when at School and outside the School.
3. Being students on whom other students can openly model themselves and setting high standards of academic achievement, behaviour, uniform wear and grooming.
4. Supporting the School's Christian ethos.
5. Encouraging and promoting an atmosphere that is conducive to learning.
6. Attending school regularly and punctually, including School events such as the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, River Cruise, School Ball, Retreats, etc

I know that these are the expectations of parents with whom I speak. I know that all staff members know that a culture of learning and a culture of high achievement doesn't just happen. We have to articulate those expectations, we have to work at maintaining those standards, we need the support of every parent – and most importantly, we have to ensure that the young people in our care have the chance of internalising a set of values which are not necessarily the norm beyond the boundaries of the school.

The Year 7 students have settled in well and are enthusiastic, happy and relishing their place in secondary school. For years primary teachers have said to us, "These students have outgrown primary school!" Those teachers were certainly right. As the Year 7s (who are on average 6 months older than previous Year 7 cohorts) move through secondary school, much of what we do will have to be modified to suit the increased age of these students and those who will follow them. The standards and expectations we set now will create a platform on which their success will be built. School culture is tricky and intangible, but our expectations as teachers and as parents make St Stephen's a place where hard work, personal effort, respect and care are part of our everyday lives.

*Mr Bruce Titlestad, Head of Secondary School*

## Design and Technology

Solid hardwood preferably Jarrah needed for Design & Technology. If you can help please contact Dave Marriot in Design and Technology on 9243 2145.

## Meningococcal B Vaccination Study

The Vaccine Trials Group at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research are inviting healthy 11-18 year olds to participate in a Meningococcal B vaccine study .

Meningococcal disease is a severe and rapid-onset infection which can result in death within hours, due to septicemia (blood poisoning) or meningitis. It is caused by Meningococcal bacteria found commonly in the nose and throat of humans.

The Meningococcal B strain is the most common cause of Meningococcal disease in Western Australia, accounting for more than 90% of cases. Currently, vaccines against Meningococcal disease only offer protection against the strains of disease less common in this State ie Meningococcal C.

The study will look at how safe and effective a new vaccine will protect against Meningococcal B disease. The vaccine has already been used in clinical trials in young adults and teenagers with promising results.

The Vaccine Trial Group are interested in hearing from the parents of healthy children aged between 11-18yrs For further information, please contact: Vaccine Trials Group on 9340 8542 or email vtg@ichr.uwa.edu.au

## Carana Fundraiser Quiz Night

**When:** Friday 27 March 2009 at 7:00pm

**Where:** Cousins Hall DunCraig Campus

**In Aid Of:** A Uniting Care initiative supporting AIDS orphans in Mwandia, Africa

**Table Size:** 8 persons

**Cost:** Adults \$10:00 Students \$8:00

**Bookings:** Through the Collinson Library

**Lots of Fun, Laughter and Prizes**

## Important Traffic Information

The City of Joondalup Road Safety section has informed the School that they will be moving the bollards that are situated on the verge off Doveridge Drive adjacent the Year 12 carpark. The movement of the bollards (ie bollards will be moved forward to prevent cars parking on the verge) will ensure a clearer and safer pathway for pedestrians using the sidewalk. The safety of pedestrians using the sidewalk is a priority, as with your safety and care.

Parents please note that when the bollards are moved forward on Doveridge Drive: (a) no parking and/or pick will be allowed on the verge, starting west of the main school entrance; (b) perpendicular parking on the verge on the east side of the main school entrance (adjacent to the Primary School) may continue as no sidewalk is in this particular area; and (c) no parking and/or pick up will be allowed on the verge areas on the south side of Doveridge Drive.

Please note that this change is in place to make the present traffic situation safer, especially for the pedestrians. For those who presently park on the verge area just outside the Year 12 car park, you will need to park in the Year 12 car park area or use the turning circle located up the main entrance driveway. Please note the left turn only ruling onto Doveridge Drive when exiting the Year 12 car park, main entrance and Primary Driveway.

Your patience, understanding and support will be much appreciated when the bollards are moved forward.

## A Huge Thank You

To the members of the St Stephen's School community who volunteered to be interviewed by my Year 12 History students. Unfortunately one person was not contacted because the entire message and phone number was not recorded on my voice mail. With appreciation.

*Ms Lhota*

## Year 7 Parents/Caregivers

Due to further building developments in the Year 7 Transition area, the phone lines have not been fully established. Therefore, please communicate with your child's teacher via the Work Record. If you need to see a teacher, **then all appointments must be made through Secondary Administration by contacting: 9243 2109.** We ask you to follow this procedure, as many of the teachers are involved in planning and attending scheduled meetings, especially during the morning and afterschool. Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

## Traffic Information

### P & L Drivers:

For Students: Due to safety reasons, please note that L plates are not allowed to enter the school grounds, including senior students with P plates; (ie up the main drive way to the Administration Building and carpark off Hepburn Avenue).

### Pick Up Problems

Waiting in traffic everyday when picking up your child after school can be frustrating. The following suggestions may help.

- Arrive at 3:40pm. You will be surprised how empty the pickup areas will be;
- Arrange to pickup your child at a venue not far away from the school. For example, a nearby park or a quiet street not far away from the school.
- Encourage your child to cycle (note safety rules) if your child is responsible and old enough.
- Try walking your child to school if you live nearby.

*Dr Glenn Chinen, Deputy Head of Secondary for Care*

Key Dates	
Wednesday 4 March	Year 7 Camp
Thursday 5 March	Year 7 Camp, Year 12 Biology Camp
Friday 6 March	Primary Wet Carnival, Year 12 Biology Camp, Year 7 Camp
Monday 9 March	Primary Interviews, Captains Leadership Training
Tuesday 10 March	Primary Interviews
Wednesday 11 march	Primary Interviews
Thursday 12 March	Primary Interviews, IPSHA Swimming , French Film Festival (Secondary)
Friday 13 March	Primary Interviews

### All Parents

Every family will be receiving a free Integard CD from NetAlert. The internet is a great learning tool. However, with the ICT explosion, your child needs protection from the dangers present on the internet. Integard provides all the features you need to protect your child. Integard will protect your child from inappropriate internet content, letting your child use the internet safely and with confidence. If you have any problems/questions when you receive your free CD, please contact the Integard helpline on 1300 763 478.

## Primary

### Primary Parent Library

The Primary School has a collection of books for loan to parents. Books may be borrowed from the Primary Foyer on an honour system, recording items in the book provided. These books cover a range of topics including parenting, childhood diet, dealing with bullying and discipline. Please feel free to make use of these resources. A new addition to the library is *Everyday Allergies* by Duncraig parent Tara Humphries.

*Sue Stopher, Primary Library*

### Primary Parent Committee Members Wanted

If you are interested in being part of the Building Resilience Committee or Uniform Review Committee: we meet once a term on a Tuesday morning, commencing at 7:30am and finishing at 8:30am. Breakfast is supplied and your time counts as Parent Commitment hours. Primary and secondary students, primary and secondary teachers, and secondary parents are already on these committees. For the Building Resilience Committee, we look at ways in making our School a safer place for your child. For the Uniform Review Committee, we review the uniform standards and investigate ways to make further improvements. Please contact Dr Glenn Chinen, Deputy Head of Secondary for Care on 9243 2135 if you require more details or wish to be a member. Your presence and input will be valued.

### Primary Sport

IPSHA Swim Carnival Years 3-7 will be held at Wesley College on Thursday 12 March 9:30-12:30pm.

## Congratulations

Aidan Chipps, Year 9, qualified for Age Nationals in Diving and is also going with his team to represent Western Australia in his Age division which will be held in Melbourne during the April Holidays. Aiden also performed well in the Pacific School Games at the end of last year.

## Year 12 Students

Last month you received a form requesting you tick the students Proficiency in Spoken English and whether you consent to award information and exam results being released for publication. It was asked that these be returned to the office by 27 February. To date we have only had half of the forms returned. Could you please ensure that these forms are returned so that information can be forwarded to the Curriculum Council.

## Special Examination Arrangements - Years 11 and 12

St Stephen's School wants each student to perform in their examinations to the best of their ability.

Students who have a medical and/or physical disability, illness and/or specific learning disability that could disadvantage them in demonstrating their knowledge, skills and understanding in timed assessments may apply for Special Examination Arrangements (this may include extra time, resting time, use of laptop, scribe).

These applications must be made in accordance with Curriculum Council Policy, circular code 99/2/22 "Special Examination Arrangements – TEE". A copy of this document is available from Ms Davies in INSPIRE as is the application form.

For all internal examinations (ie St Stephen's end of semester examinations) applications on the aforementioned application form must be forwarded along with the appropriate support documentation (medical and/or psychological reports) to Ms Davies by the end of term 1 each year so that it can be considered for approval so that proper supervision arrangements can be made if approval is granted.

Please note that for the actual Tertiary Entrance Examinations the Curriculum Council decides who is eligible for Special Arrangements on an individual basis. Applications close this year at the end of May.

All students who are granted Special Examination Arrangements for these external examinations sit their examinations at a venue other than St Stephen's eg Tuart College.

If you have any questions or require clarification please contact Ms Davies in INSPIRE on 9243 2401 or email

[daviesd@ststephens.wa.edu.au](mailto:daviesd@ststephens.wa.edu.au)

## Parent Help Needed

We need several parents to help with creating audio versions of some of our print novels. If you can help please contact Ms Debbie Davies on 9243 2401.

## Year 12 Students and Parents

An important meeting is scheduled in the Theatre on Tuesday 24 March at 7:00pm regarding selection procedures for tertiary study including University and TAFE for Year 12 students and Parents. A letter has been sent home with each Year 12. Please return the tear off slip to indicate attendance.

## Study Skills

On the school intranet, students and parents can view techniques and tools to assist them in productive study.

Do you ever find yourself procrastinating? You mean to start work on an assignment, but you just keep putting it off until it ends up being a mad rush the night before. The Overcoming Procrastination Unit looks at the reasons why students procrastinate and what techniques they can try to overcome this common problem. Setting work targets with rewards at the end of each completed step is a well-known strategy, but an example of a less commonly known technique is the 'two-fer' concept. For this technique you have two tasks, one you don't mind doing and one you have been procrastinating about.

Decide on a set period of time that you will work for. During this time, if you have any trouble working on one task or reach a point where you have a bit of a mental blank, you should then switch to the other task for a bit and alternate between them. Of course it is better to focus solely on one task, but if this isn't working by alternating between two tasks at least you are being productive for the whole period of time and forcing yourself to do some work on the less favoured task.

Also check out the new content added to the site this month:

1. New game in the Developing Motivation unit.
2. Powerpoint from this month's competition winner. A fabulous presentation by Jocelyn in Year 10 all about why you should study, how you should study and what works for her.

3. More photos sent in about 'what your pets do when you are at school'.

4. New videos in:

- Distractions - Technology
- Lifestyle and Balance - Balance
- Groupwork Skills - Challenges
- Language Skills
- Language Skills - Speaking Skills
- Summarising - Improving notes
- Test-Taking Techniques - Night before
- Bloopers and Random Videos

## Year 12 Students

TEE consultants offer intensive weeks of study for TEE subjects at UWA in the 1st week of the July school holidays. The courses are for 2 hours per day for the week totaling 10 hours. Information about the courses is available from the front office. St Stephen's does not necessarily endorse these courses but provides this information as a service to families.

## Online Databases

St Stephen's School has subscriptions to a number of online databases including Encyclopedia Britannica, Worldbook, Macquarie Encyclopedia, The West Australian, a magazine database and Weblinks, a carefully selected list of websites. It also has Atomic Learning, an extensive list of mini lessons for learning about a range of software applications like Excel. Our students use these through the school intranet when searching for appropriate information.

Students can also access these from home to assist with schoolwork carried out at home. Please visit:

[www.ststephens.wa.edu.au/onlinedbs](http://www.ststephens.wa.edu.au/onlinedbs)

User name: sss

Password: library

Using these as sources of information can often be more productive than searching the Internet through a search engine.

*Lise Legg, Head of Secondary Library*

## CAS Sport Results

<b>JUNIOR CAS TEAMS</b>	<b>Round 1 vs IMCC</b>	<b>Round 2 vs PMACS</b>	<b>Round 3 vs St Marks 3 &amp; 4 March 2009</b>
Basketball byyr8	Def 23-24	Def 19-12	Away
Basketball byyr9	Won 62-25	Won 62-4	Away
Basketball grlyr8	Won 48 – 4	Won 50-4	Home
Basketball grlyr9	Won 35-12	Forfeit	Home
Cricket byyr8-9	Def 252-282	Won 696-90	Away
Softball grlyr8-9	Won 12-3	Won 12-3	Home
Tennis byyr8-9	Won 3-2	Won 4-0	Away
Tennis grlyr8-9	Won 4-0	Won 3-1	Home
<b>Senior CAS teams</b>	<b>Round 1 vs sss Carramar</b>	<b>Round 2 vs ljbc</b>	<b>Round 3 vs imcc</b>
Basketball snr boys	Won 42-26	Won 38-26	Home
Basketball snr girls	Won 29-22	Def 25-26	Home
Softball snr girls	Won 11-6	Won 11-1	Home
Indoor beach volleyball girls	Ljbc def 2-0 Imcc def 2-0	Sssc def 1-2 Imcc won 2-1	Joondalup ibv
Indoor beach volleyball boys	Ljbc def 2-0 Imcc won 2-1	Sssc draw 1-1 1mcc def 0-2	Joondalup ibv

## Careers Information

Year 11 and 12 students who need help with career and further education decision making can access a computer program called Career Builder. This involves making an appointment with Mrs Darby to complete a computer program that asks the student to enter some information about themselves, their interests and likes and dislikes. It is then very important that the student book a follow up appointment to go through the eleven page report generated by the program. Students who want to know more about career choices available are advised to make an appointment early in the year to avoid peak periods later in the year.

## Careers Education and Employment Expo

15-17 May 2009  
Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre  
10:00am to 4:00pm

This is one of the largest careers and education event to be held in Perth providing the opportunity to see all four TAFE colleges and all five Universities. Year 10 students will have the opportunity to attend during school time on Friday 15 May in period 5 and 6. Information will be sent home regarding this excursion through careers classes. Year 11 and 12 students are encouraged to attend with their parents on the Saturday and Sunday.

## Medicine or Dentistry

Students who wish to consider studying in these fields need to be aware of the process for sitting the UMAT test. The test date is Wednesday 29 July 2009 and applications open in April 2009. More information can be found at [www.acer.edu.au/umat](http://www.acer.edu.au/umat)

## University Open Days

These important days should be set aside for Year 12 students and parents. It is vital that you have done some exploration before you go so that you know which areas you would like to look at before you get there.

Year 11 students are actively encouraged to attend to begin the process of exploring all their options.

ECU Joondalup	Sunday 19 July	10:00am-3:00pm
ECU Mt Lawley	Sunday 2 August	10:00am-3:00pm
UWA	Sunday 9 August	9:00am-4:00pm
Curtin	Sunday 16 August	10:00am-4:00pm
Notre Dame	Sunday 16 August	10:00am- 4:00pm
Murdoch	Sunday 30 August	10:00am-4:00pm

## Gap Year opportunities

There are many information evenings coming up for Gap Year opportunities for Year 12 students.

EF High School Year Overseas. More information available at <http://www.efeducation.com.au/master/hsy/>

Information evenings to be held at EF language School 365 Beaufort St Highgate Tuesday 17 March and Tuesday April 28 7:30pm to 9:00pm are offering gap tutor placements in UK schools to Australian applicants. More information is available at [www.tutorsworldwide.org](http://www.tutorsworldwide.org). Applications close on April 17

Volunteer work for Gap Year. Information is available at [www.latitude.org.au](http://www.latitude.org.au) and early bird applications close on April 20. Final applications close on May 20. An information evening will be held on Tuesday 31 March 7:00-8:30pm at Presbyterian Ladies College.

Tutors Worldwide

## Canteen News

Thank you to all our volunteers who have been making wonderful healthy lunches for our students. Do not forget that all volunteers must wear closed in shoes as a health and safety priority.

Our volunteer of the month is Rosie Van Rooyen. Please come to the canteen to receive your gift.

Date	8:30 – 11:30	11:00 – 2:00
Monday 9 March	M Mosenthal A Varsani	A Neal <b>Help Needed</b>
Tuesday 10 March	J Power	B Blyth L Dalton
Wednesday 11 March	F Kellie	L Cross
Thursday 12 March	L Beament T Vlahos L Bissel	S Anderson <b>Help Needed</b>
Friday 13 March	J Fraser C Couche	K Bush <b>Help Needed</b>
Monday 16 March	L Kerspian	M Adair
Tuesday 17 March	S Delamotte M Bodenstaff	D Moore <b>Help Needed</b>
Wednesday 18 March	G Brune P Glavinas	J Stewart R Poultney
Thursday 19 March	A Littler T Bowie	<b>Help Needed</b>
Friday 20 March	L Luck N Naglan	<b>Help Needed</b>

## Community News

**Karate** - Karate is a great way to boost confidence, get fit and have fun. Kids, teens and adults can all benefit from learning authentic Karate in our fun and supportive atmosphere. Let me help your child reach their potential - or you, reach yours! Phone Ben on 9243 3554 for more information.

**Scripture Union Autumn Camps** - Scripture Union (SU) is a Christian organisation that runs children's camps every holidays. Brochures for the autumn camps are available from Reception in Primary and Secondary or [www.suwa.org.au/pricamping](http://www.suwa.org.au/pricamping)

**Fun4Kids** - Fun4Kids program is recommencing at the Christian City Church 31 Chadlington Drive Padbury. Every Tuesday after school from 3:30pm-5:00pm, Ages 5-12, Activities: games, music, stories, craft and more. Two days during the school holidays from 8:00am-4:00pm on Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 April, Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 July and Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 September, Ages 5-12. Activities: Games, music, stories, craft and more. For more information please phone Nicole on 9307 5000 or [nicolem@c3hh.com.au](mailto:nicolem@c3hh.com.au)

**The Hepburn Heights School of Performing Arts** The Hepburn Heights School of Performing Arts is a community initiative of Christian City Church Hepburn Heights. We teach a large variety of dance styles including classical ballet, Jazz, Tap, Acrobatics and Hiphop. Drama, Musical Theatre and Singing Ensemble classes are also included as well as private singing lessons on request. Specialising in classes for babies and toddlers we endeavour to provide a service that will assist everyone in our local community. This year we have been working in conjunction with Therapy Focus in providing classes for families who have children with disabilities. For more information Lisa Gale, 0412 260 828 or go to the church website [www.c3hh.com.au](http://www.c3hh.com.au) and click on Community services and follow links.

**Toyota Paralympic Talent Search Program** - The first Talent Search for 2009 will be held Saturday 4 April 2009. From 10:00am until 4:00pm at the Herb Graham Recreation Centre, 27 Chesterfield Road Mirrabooka.

For further information contact Matt Roper, Western Australia Development Officer Australian Paralympic Committee on 0418 443 481 [matthew.ropер@paralympic.org.au](mailto:matthew.ropер@paralympic.org.au) [www.paralympic.org.au](http://www.paralympic.org.au)