



St Agnes Catholic High School

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Diary Dates

18 February

Ash Wednesday

24 February

School Photos

27 February

Swimming Carnival

9-13 March

Catholic Schools Week

9 March

Year 7/2016 Information Night

1 April

Stations of the Cross

2 April

Term 1 Concludes

3 April

Good Friday

20 April

Term 2 Commences



TERM DATES

Term 1

27 January - 2 April

Term 2

20 April - 26 June

Term 3

13 July - 18 September

Term 4

6 October - 18 December

6 February 2015

Dear Parents

It is our sincerest hope that all students, as they gather to commence the new school year, will regard their opportunity for education as a privilege rather than an obligation and so embrace this new school year with enthusiasm, determination and a positive mindset. The great St Thomas Aquinas made the comment that, "Whatever is received is received according to the mode of its receiver". Again, we hope that all students return in goodwill and with an attitude to do the best they can for themselves and for their fellow students.

In a sense, our school has a double staff; the staff that performs within the school and that very important "staff" that performs within the home. Your child's education can be greatly enhanced by your involvement at home, in particular, but also through involvement in school activities. It is parents' enthusiasm, support and involvement that will inspire children to do their best. Children frequently adopt attitudes and opinions held by the adults they look up to; and enthusiasm for learning is no exception. If children sense that parents consider their education to be a high priority, they are likely to view it in a more positive manner themselves. Positive reinforcement will help children to adopt a more enthusiastic attitude towards their learning processes.

When the Gospels described Jesus' Baptism, they told how the heavens opened and God's voice was heard to say, "This is the blessed one in whom I take delight". It seems that for the rest of His life, Jesus was always in some way conscious of His Father's words. His actions were always positive and supportive of others and His words were always gentle, encouraging and forgiving. As we all teach in Jesus' name, we all have Him as a wonderful example from whom to draw inspiration and confidence as we, the staff at school and the "staff" at home, work together to create the best possible learning environment for all the students in our school.

Once again, "Welcome everyone, to the new school year!"
Peace and Best Wishes.

Peter Brogan
Principal



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91 North Parade
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From the Assistant Principal , Mr Peter Regan

Welcome to the 2015 school year at St Agnes Catholic High School. In particular, we extend a very warm welcome to our Year 7 families and our new families to the St Agnes community.

The purpose of this article is to provide our families with a variety of information regarding the expectations of our students. At the front of the student diary these expectations are explained. As partners in the education of your sons/daughters we rely on your support and assistance to ensure these expectations are achieved. In the diary there are two specific areas that need to be read and signed by your child and yourself as part of this agreement. They are located on pages viii and xii.

Safety:

The safety and well being of your child is our highest priority. Parents are reminded that there is NO SUPERVISION for students prior to 7.40am. Similarly, there is no supervision of students after 3:00pm. We encourage parents to use the drop-off and pick up areas outside the school and not to stop for extended periods of time. We recommend that if you pick up your child on Evans Road you instruct your child to cross at the designated crossing point. Please be aware of our neighbours and do not park across their driveways.

Attendance:

Students must attend school and arrive at lessons on time. Students are to be at school by 8:10am ready to commence Homeroom at 8:15am. Parents are asked to ensure that students have travel arrangements in place, which allow them to be at school by 8:10am. If they arrive after 8.15am they are required to bring a late note with them explaining the reason for the lateness.

Leave from School:

Any parent wishing to take their child out of school for an extended time, for reasons other than illness, are required to seek approval from the Principal by completing an exemption form (available from the school office or from our [website](#).)

Parents wanting to pick up their son/daughter early from school are required

to provide a note documenting this request. Students must present it to their relevant Stage Coordinator well in advance of the time of pick up.

Uniform Policy:

As you would be aware when you enrolled your child at St Agnes we actively promotes high standards of uniform and presentation from our students. Uniform requirements are clearly listed in the school diary and are regularly communicated to students at school assemblies, stage meetings and parents in the newsletter and information evenings.

Mobile Phones:

The use of a mobile phone by students during school time is NOT permitted. The Student Management Guidelines, outlined in the school diary, state that a mobile phone will be confiscated if used within the school grounds. Parents will be contacted to collect the phone in person. Any student that needs to make a call must do so through the student office.

Similarly, parents who need to contact students, for any reason, should do so through the school office on 8882 0744.

Points of contact:

During the year there may be times when you would like to contact a member of staff but are not sure as to whom to contact. Please find enclosed a list of appropriate people to see about particular issues. I am always available to contact on 88820701 or pregan@parra.catholic.edu.au if you are still not sure.

School Photos

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 18th February and are expected to arrive by the end of the Term 1.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival will be held at Mt Druitt Swimming Centre, Mount St, Mt Druitt on 27th February 2015.

We pray for God's blessing for everyone and for all of our community for the year ahead.

*Peter Regan
Assistant Principal*

From the Religious Education Coordinator, Mrs Julie Atkins

I welcome you back to another exciting year that is sure to have many wonderful highlights. The Religious Dimension of a Catholic school is multi-faceted. This year will see events and opportunities for you and your family to join with us in marking the rich catholic identity that makes St Agnes the dynamic school it is.

The first celebration is our Opening School Mass and Induction of our School Leaders at Our Lady of Victories Church, Horsley Park on Friday 6th February at 11am. It will be at this important event in the life of the school, that we will also mark the school theme for 2015, "Sharing The Light Of Jesus!"

In 2015, we will embrace the Touchstone of Justice and Solidarity as a means to "Sharing the Light of Christ." We are committed to justice and peace for all, grounded in a spirituality of action and reflection that calls us to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalised and the Earth itself. May each of us embrace the opportunity to make a difference in everything we do.

For those who are new to St Agnes this year, may you enjoy the spirit of welcome and support as you adapt to your new surroundings.

Let us Pray...

Lord, Our God,

*You are our protector and guide.
Be with us all as we begin this new school year.*

*Watch over us and guide us,
So that what we learn and do
May enable us to bring your goodness
To all with whom we share our lives.
Help us to embrace our touchstone of
Justice and Solidarity,
To enable each of the opportunity to
make a difference*

*As we put our faith into action.
We ask this though Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

St Agnes: Pray for Us

St Francis: Pray for Us

I look forward to meeting you over the year at one of the many events in the school.

Julie Atkins

Religious Education Coordinator

Communication Channels at St Agnes



Newsletter

www.stagnesrootyhill.catholic.edu.au/newsletters

Hard copies available from the school office



www.stagnesrootyhill.catholic.edu.au



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Smartphone school to parent communication

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.skoolbag.stagnes>



From the Teaching & Learning Co-ordinator, Mr Laurence De Martin

Students have received their individual timetable and are to be commended on the positive start they have made to the 2015 academic year. Copies of these timetables, as well as equipment lists for 2015, are available on the school Moodle. (bit.ly/stagnes)

Years 7-10 Assessment Handbooks, which outline the school policy in regards to the completion and submission of assessment tasks, as well as the assessment schedules for each subject, will soon be available on the Moodle. It is a good idea to go through the Assessment Handbook with your child and ensure that they are aware of assessment expectations and submission dates for tasks.

This year sees the continuation of the new National Curriculum into Years 8 & 10, with students in these year groups undertaking new courses in English, Mathematics, Science and Australian History. All students in Years 7-10 are now studying from the new curriculum.

Students in Years 9 & 10 will have the opportunity, during Week 3, to see me regarding possibly changing their elective subjects for this year. A reminder, there is no guarantee students will be able to make any changes. Changes can only occur if there is a vacancy in the elective class they wish to join.

All students should be setting realistic learning goals that they plan to achieve this academic year. This practice is best done on a semester basis and involves students identifying subject areas they have experienced past

difficulties in and examining ways which they can improve and achieve their personal best. If students do not have good study habits, it will be hard for them to achieve. Trying to implement the 10 study habits below could see students learning capacity grow.

1. Keep your study desk and materials organised and tidy.
2. Schedule your study time and *stick to it!*
3. Set short-term goals for each study session and reward yourself when you meet those goals.
4. Read the chapter on information that will be covered the following day. Write down any questions you have that pertain to the subject.
5. Make it a point to try and use new terms and concepts in order for them to really sink in.
6. Do not study for hours on end. Study for 45 minutes and then take 15 minutes off.
7. Try and correspond your class notes and textbook/online information.
8. Make sure to cut out all distractions when studying: phones, TV, iPods, surfing the net, loud areas, etc.
9. Go to bed after you study. Your brain will mull over what you just learned while you sleep. There will be a good chance you will remember it pretty well when you wake up.
10. Keep a positive attitude about your studies. If you find yourself dreading your studies, change your attitude and think how exciting it is to learn something new!

I hope that all students enjoy, participate and succeed in their studies this year.

Laurence De Martin

Teaching & Learning Coordinator

From the Counsellor Mr Paul Smith

Starting secondary school is a time of change and uncertainty, which places new demands on young people. Being the youngest in the school, when they used to be the eldest, getting used to new subjects and teachers, as well as forming new friendships are just some of the challenges our new Year 7's face while settling into our St Agnes community.

Whilst most Year 7's will take these new experiences in their stride it is natural to experience some difficulty, particularly as it's accompanied by the potentially unsettling transition from child-hood to adolescence.

It helps to remember the **3 P's** to assist your child to settle in:

1. Patience - Be patient and understanding in the early weeks. Brush up on your listening skills as you help your child to adjust. Talk to your child about change and reassure them that it is normal to feel nervous in new circumstances. Let them know that many of the difficulties they face will be temporary.

2. Positive Attitude - Confidence is catching so make sure you see this transition time as an exciting challenge that you and your child can handle rather than an event to be feared. Ask them about their new subjects or interesting activities they are doing and try to shift their focus to the positive aspects of school. Encourage them to discuss any problems with the Learning Advisor, Assistant Stage Coordinator or Stage Co-ordinator. These people have great strategies to help your child settle into school and are more than happy to help.

3. Process their day - Some young people may come with fairly exaggerated accounts of secondary school that may not always paint a fair picture. They can be sensitive to many things, which they would have shrugged off in primary school. It helps if you can listen without judgment and show a real interest in their new school.

Although secondary school may seem a little foreign to those used to the relative intimacy of primary school, one aspect is the same - **outcomes for students are maximised when schools and parents work together in the best interest of the student.**

Most importantly, talk your child's new school up, rather than talking it down as kids of all ages take their cues from the most significant adults in their lives - their parents and carers!

Finally, please don't hesitate to contact me if I can assist your child in any way.

Paul Smith
School Counsellor
paul.smith@parra.catholic.edu.au
88820710

From the Uniform Shop

Opening Hours -Tuesdays between 10.00am and 12:00 noon, during school terms only. The uniform shop is closed during school holidays. Students can attend the Uniform Shop at recess on Tuesdays.

Cash, Eftpos, Cheque, Visa and Mastercard is accepted. We do not accept American Express.

PLEASE NOTE: There are NO layby facilities available at the Uniform Shop.

Phone - The direct line to the Uniform Shop is 8882 0708. This phone is answered on Tuesdays between 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Outside these hours enquiries can be made through the school office on 8882 0700. Orders can be left at the School Office which will be filled on the following Tuesday, through the following methods.

- Credit card payments can be made over the phone on 8882 0700.
- Cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS payments can be made in person at the Reception Office.
- Send cash, cheque or your credit card details in an envelope with a note detailing what you wish to purchase with your child on Tuesday.

Sports caps, ties, calculators & safety glasses are available for students to purchase from the school canteen at recess and lunchtime on any school day.

A uniform price list is available on our [website](#).

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

27th February 2015

Mt Druitt Swimming Centre, Mount St, Mt Druitt

Students are to make their own way to the pool in readiness for roll call at 8.15am

NEPEAN COMMUNITY & NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES



Parenting Groups and
Workshops Term 1, 2015

- Triple P parent group
- (Positive Parenting Program)
- Circle of Security
- Cool Little Kids
- ADHD Parent Support Group
- Resilience Doughnut
- Special Playtime
- Connecting with Kids

More info contact:
Narelle Smith Family Worker
Mobile Phone: 0409 986121
Centre Phone: 4721 8520
Email:

Narelle@nepeancommunity.org.au

Brochure:

<http://bit.ly/parentgroups>



2015 School Leaders

Congratulations to our School Leaders who were formally inducted into their roles at our Opening School Mass today.

School Captains: Gabbie Oca Natalie Mansour Ricky Gagliardi Jose Huelgas
Catholic Identity: Rendelle Alpas Tricia Garcia Michael Fernandez Jeremiah Asiata
Social Justice: Melissa Toohill Vanessa Policarpio Bailey Raymond
Pastoral Care: May Sharma Kaitlin Cruz Madlyn Meilak Chrisandrew Callanta
Peer Support: Jordan Laing Kaitlyn Conna Raymond Taulia
Events: Ebonie Galea Angelina Palaki Danica Dominguez Eder Mansour
Environment: Maybelle Aducayen Thi Do Aimee Milan Chris Youssif
Digital Media: Jenny Phan Erika Leonardo Ryan Woodley Ravinesh Maharaj
Sport: Helen Sikuea Ben Allatt
House Captains: Chisholm: Alyssa Carroll Chris Allatt
Francis: Samantha Elliott Martin Galang
Mackillop: Nia Pohahau Jack Maddeford
Xavier: Winyinnar Williams Ralph Wingco



PAVER FUNDRAISER

As a fundraising initiative, we invite you to purchase an individual clay paver and have your family name inscribed on it and placed, together with our 50th Anniversary pavers, around our new Alter in the making (right).
Individual Paver \$35 (max. 34 characters)



Order forms and payments
can be made at the
Reception Office.

For further information
phone 8882 0700.



Staff Contact Information for 2015

THE SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

PRINCIPAL	Mr Peter Brogan	8882 0703
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL	Mr Peter Regan	8882 0701
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR	Ms Julie Atkins	8882 0711
TEACHING AND LEARNING COORDINATOR	Mr Laurence De Martin	8882 0713
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR	Mr Usman Khan	8882 0712
COUNSELLOR	Mr Paul Smith	8882 0710

TEACHING & LEARNING COORDINATORS

Religious Education	Ms Julie Atkins	English	Mr Brian Doran
Mathematics	Mr Laurence De Martin	Mr Gavin Hilder	Science Mrs Pam Kehal
HSIE & Connected Learning	Ms Bonita Carlin	CAPA/LOTE	Mrs Anneke Reemst
Emerging Technologies	Mr Damien McGuire	PDHPE	Mr Greg Devine
Learning Support	Ms Joanne Petersons	TAS	Ms Sue Roberts
Connected Learning	Ms Bonita Carlin		

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Stage Coordinator	Elizabeth Gale	Elizabeth Gale	John Cruickshank	John Cruickshank
Assistant Stage Coordinator	Patrick Madigan	Gavin Hilder	Adele Sukkarieh	Chris Chavez

LEARNING ADVISORS

1.	Linda Hicks	Jeunelle Juarez	Bonita Carlin	Claire Moxham
2.	Justine Zarebski	Barbara Kelly	Richard Szczygiel	Jubilee Bedi
3.	Robert Weaver	Denise Davidson	Shanti Chand	Pam Kehal
4.	Alicia Doueihy/Connie Rana	Nikki Valleri	Vijay Krishna	Chelsea Brogan
5.	Sarah Beckett	Harry Sadsad	Suzan Habib	Guy Tyler
6.	Brian Doran	Kelly Padayachee	Mary Ibrahim	Rajend Singh
7.	Aroona Naidoo	Melissa Devine	Sarah Bickford	Anneke Reemst
8.	Christopher Azzopardi	Jo-Anne Penna	Shobna Shyam	Tahlia Gannan
9.				Damien McGuire
10.				Josiah Raad

Additional Teaching Staff : Joan D' Souza, Nicole Hicks, Raj Kumar, Jane Rutkin

SUPPORT STAFF

Business Manager	8882 0702	Mrs Lorraine Bailey
School Fee Secretary	8882 0706	To be appointed
Principal Secretary	8882 0703	Mrs Bernadette Shalala
Reception	8882 0700	Mrs Donna Missio, Mrs Therese Carroll, Mrs Susan Hagarty
Student Office (Absences)	8882 0707	Ms Natalie De Luca, Mrs Annette O'Keefe
Uniform Shop	8882 0708	Ms Cherie Borthistle
Canteen Manager	8882 0709	Mrs Diane Clifton
Teachers Aides		Mrs Maree Copping, Ms Janet Green, Mrs Sandra Shaw, Mrs Maria Vella
Library Assistants		Mrs Sharon Berman
Food Technology Assistant		Mrs Nola Balzan
Science Assistant		Ms Cherie Borthistle
Maintenance Staff		Mr John Frederic & Ray Donnelly (Volunteer)
IT Assistants		Mr Anthony Davey & Mr Rizek Alquare (Trainee)

Who do I contact for.....

The list below should assist you in knowing who to contact with questions about the school or your child's education.

Short absences	<p>Telephone the school in the morning by 9.00 am on 8882 0744.</p> <p>Advise the Homeroom Teacher, by letter, within three days of the beginning of the absence.</p> <p><i>A medical certificate is required for absences of more than 3 days.</i></p>
Absences longer than 1 week	<p>Illness - telephone the school and send a letter to the Stage Coordinator.</p> <p>Extended /planned absence - a letter and Application for Exemption from Attendance (AEO) to the Principal, giving at least 2 weeks notice. AEO available from the office and from our website.</p>
Academic Progress	<p>Subject Teacher</p> <p>Teaching & Learning Coordinator</p> <p>Learning Support Teacher</p> <p>Assistant Principal</p>
Assessment Tasks & Examinations	<p>Teaching & Learning Coordinator</p>
Bullying	<p>Depending on the nature and severity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeroom Teacher/Subject Teacher/Assistant Stage Coordinator • Stage Coordinator • Counsellor • Assistant Principal • Principal
Complaints	<p>Depending on the nature and seriousness of the complaint</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage/Assistant Stage Coordinator (pastoral / general issues) • Teaching & Learning Coordinator (curriculum issues) • Assistant Principal • Principal
Personal, Family and Pastoral Care Matters	<p>Homeroom Teacher</p> <p>Stage Coordinator</p> <p>Counsellor</p> <p>Assistant Principal</p> <p>Principal</p>
Discipline Matters	<p>Teaching & Learning Coordinator (subject matters)</p> <p>Stage Coordinator (general matters)</p> <p>Assistant Principal</p> <p>Principal</p>
Lost Property	<p>Student Administration Office</p>
Finance (Fees)	<p>Business Manager or School Fees Secretary</p>
Uniforms	<p>Stage Coordinator (management)</p> <p>Uniform Shop Manager (purchasing)</p>

2015 School Fees

The table below shows the breakdown of School Fees at St Agnes Catholic High School. Fees are divided into three equal amounts, invoiced in Terms 1, 2 & 3. Payment is due 28 days from the Statement Date unless an arrangement is made with the Finance Department

(Overdue fees may be referred to a Collection Agency as instructed by the Catholic Education Office)

PER YEAR	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Diocesan Fees (A)**				
Diocesan School Fee	\$1875	\$1875	\$2079	\$2079
Diocesan Building Levy	\$702	\$702	\$702	\$702
School Fees				
Resource Fee (B)	\$555	\$555	\$555	\$555
Sport Fee	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Excursion Fee	\$54	\$75	\$165	\$90
Camp Fee	\$300	Nil	Nil	Nil
School Bag	\$60	Nil	Nil	Nil
PASS <i>Elective</i> Fee (C)	Nil	Nil	\$96	\$96
TOTAL (2015)	\$3606	\$3267	\$3657*	\$3582*

**Students in years 9 and 10 will be charged separately for excursions that relate to their elected subjects.*

***Additional charges apply for families who are not Australian Residents - further information available from the school office.*

A. Diocesan Fees

These fees are set by, and collected on behalf of the Diocese of Parramatta and are passed onto the Catholic Education Office. They are directed towards supplementing Commonwealth and State Grants (which cover about 80% of the running costs of the schools) for the payment of teacher's salaries, general running costs associated with the school and the administration of the Catholic Education Office Parramatta.

Sibling reductions for Diocesan School Fees only apply to those children attending Systemic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta and St Dominic's College at Kingswood or systemic schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney and Dioceses of Wollongong and Broken Bay.

PER YEAR	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1st child	\$1875	\$1875	\$2079	\$2079
2nd child	\$1407	\$1407	\$1560	\$1560
3rd child	\$939	\$939	\$1041	\$1041
4th child	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Fees Payment Dates

Fee billing dates for 2015 are as follows

Term	Statement Date	Final Date for Payment
1	9 February 2015	06 March 2015
2	27 April 2015	25 May 2015
3	20 July 2015	17 August 2015

Flexible payment plan option forms are due by 27th February 2015

Accounts for fees are issued in Terms 1,2 and 3. It is anticipated that no other fees will be payable for 2015 (with the exception of elective subject excursions).

Uniform Expectations

A student's sense of belonging and identity is aided by wearing a school uniform. Pride in the school is often demonstrated by the manner in which a student wears his/her school uniform.

All St Agnes uniform items other than shoes and tights must be purchased at the school uniform shop.

Girls Uniform	Boys Uniform
School skirt (below the knee length)	School grey trousers
St Agnes school blouse	Short sleeved, school shirt, tucked in (long sleeves optional in Terms 2 & 3)
Opaque black tights (turn over socks are optional in Terms 1 & 4)	Standard dark socks
Standard polished lace up school shoes such as 'Neo' (no elevated heels)	Standard polished lace up school shoes such as Roc 'Maggie' or Lynx Utility
School cap	School cap
School jumper (optional)	School jumper (optional)
School Blazer (Terms 2 & 3 and formal occasions)	School Blazer (Terms 2 & 3 and formal occasions)
Plain black scarf (optional in Terms 2 & 3 only)	Plain black scarf (optional in Terms 2 & 3 only)
Plain black gloves (optional in Terms 2 & 3 only)	Plain black gloves (optional in Terms 2 & 3 only)
	School Tie
	Black Belt

SKIRT REQUIREMENTS

Girls are to ensure:

- their skirt button is worn on the left hand side of their waist and the label is at the back of the garment.
- the temporary stitching at the hem is removed to release the pleats.
- the length of the girls skirt is NOT shortened as it is intended that it be worn below the knee.
- skirts are NOT rolled over at the waist as this affects the hang of the skirt.

A few helpful hints to ensure the good presentation of the skirt:

- Skirts need to be dry cleaned, hand washed, or washed on a **wool cycle** only.
- The shape of the skirt holds best if it is hung on a hanger to dry.
- To ensure the pleats fall correctly it is best to press down both the hem and pleats. This works best using a damp cloth when ironing.

SCHOOL BAG

The St Agnes school bag is a compulsory part of the school uniform

WEARING OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Correct school uniform is to be worn travelling to and from the school while at school and at any formal occasion designated by the Principal. The school uniform should be clean and neat at all times.

SPORTS UNIFORM

- School cap or hat
- School tracksuit
- School sport shirt with crest
- School shorts
- White ankle length School socks
- Clean lace up joggers

GROOMING

Students are expected to keep their hair clean, neat and tidy at all times. Students are to keep their hair off the face and out of their eyes. Long hair below the shoulders should be tied back. All hair accessories are to be black. There are to be no extremes of fashion in hairstyle, cut, colour or accessories. The Assistant Principal will make the final decision on what is extreme.

- No makeup or nail polish is to be worn.
- Boys must be clean-shaven.

JEWELLERY

In the interest of safety and security, no inappropriate jewellery should be worn. Body studs, chains or bracelets are not permitted. Inappropriate jewellery will be confiscated, secured in the School Office and returned to parents or at the end of the term. Only the following may be worn.

- A simple wrist watch
- A plain gold or silver ring (with no elevations, stones or sharp points)
- A plain gold or silver chain with a Christian cross or Christian medal (to be worn underneath the shirt)
- One pair of plain gold or silver sleepers or small studs without stones, one in the lobe of each ear. (Boys are permitted an appropriate earring in one earlobe only.)

OTHER

Students may wear their sports uniform including tracksuit to and from school on their designated Sports and Double PDHPE days.

In Terms 1 and 4 the tracksuit is optional.

All items of uniform must be clearly marked with student's name.

Parents may be contacted to bring in the correct uniform if students are inappropriately dressed.



The St Agnes MOODLE Community

Our **M**odern **O**nline **D**igital **L**earning **E**nvironment (Moodle) Community allows our students to continue their learning journey outside of normal class time.

Throughout the year students and parents will be able to view our newsletters, information notes, subject assessment tasks and resources via our Moodle Community website.

Below is a series of steps that students and parents can follow to access our Moodle Community.

Step 1: Our Moodle Community website address is <http://bit.ly/stagnes>

Once you type the above address into your web browser the following page will be loaded.

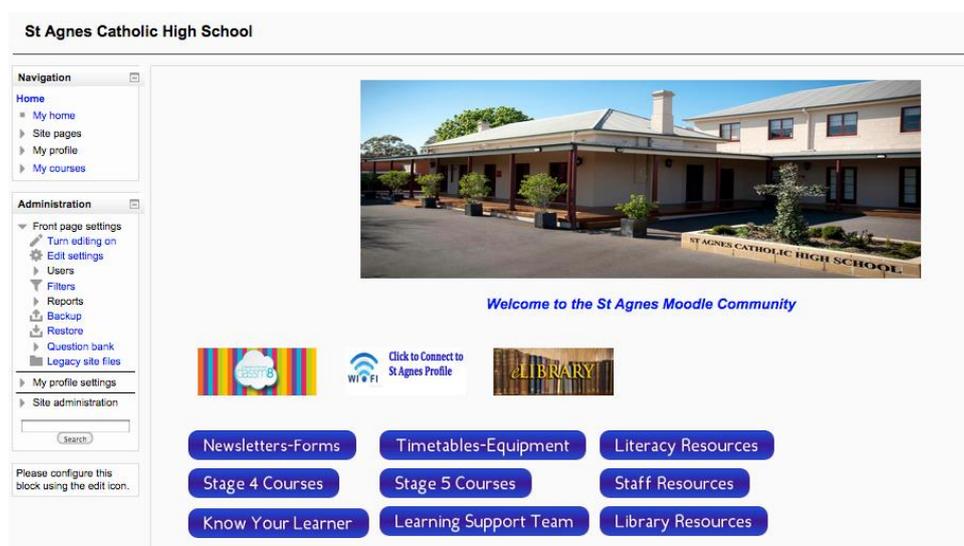


Step 2:

Every student at St Agnes has been issued with a unique username and password. You can use your child's username and password to login to our Moodle Community.

Step 3:

Once you have logged on correctly our Moodle Community homepage will be displayed. Listed on this page are the courses available to any member of the St Agnes community.



Stage 4 contains Year 7 and Year 8 courses. Stage 5 contains Year 9 and Year 10 courses. When you click on a course for the first time you will be able to self enroll into that course. Located within each course are the specific activities, resources and assessment tasks.

Damien McGuire

Emerging Technologies Coordinator

Our Have a go, Share and eValuate iPad Program

In 2012, St Agnes launched it's, "Have a go, Share and eValuate" (HSV) iPad program. The purpose of the HSV iPad program is to prepare, educate and guide staff and students to confidently use the iPad as an educational tool. At the core of the HSV program is a parent funded 1:1 iPad program.

iPads have already proven themselves as a robust, practical and functional mobile device in the entertainment and business arenas. The HSV program will identify and implement the educational features of the iPad across all subject areas. At St Agnes we believe in a 21st Century education that is connected with, and influenced by, the wider St Agnes and educational communities. By using the iPad in mainstream classes our students and teachers will be able to connect and interact with these communications more efficiently.

Our recommended model

Our minimal recommended iPad models and cases are:

16GB iPad 4 with Wi-Fi placed in a full coverage case*

OR

16GB iPad Air (also known as an iPad 5) with Wi-Fi placed in a full coverage case*

An iPad Mini is not recommended as this model has a reduced display and typing surface, which is not suitable for use at St Agnes Catholic High School.

*A 'full coverage case' is a case that covers the front and back of the device and includes an inbuilt stand.

Suggested full coverage cases:

"Otterbox" or "Toughest Cases" (click on the link for extra information)

We also recommend that any purchased iPad that is used at the school is registered with an AppleCare Protection Plan. This will extend your one-year warranty and 90 days technical support. You can access these at any time. Visit [AppleCare Protection Plans](#) for more information.

iTunes

To use an iPad effectively and install Apps onto it you need an iTunes account. Students are expected to have access to an iTunes account.

Setting up an account is easy and can be done without an iTunes card or using a credit card. The parent can set up the account for the student or by the student themselves. You must be over the age of 13 to hold an iTunes account.

Year 8 2015 App List

Paid Apps		Paper by FiftyThree (56.6MB)	ALL
Name and Size	Subject Area	Better Health (13.2MB)	PDHPE/TAS
Explain Everything (71.4MB)	ALL	School A to Z (41.4MB)	ALL
MoodleEz (15.2MB)	Using your iPad to access St Agnes' Moodle website.	Google Drive (56.9MB)	ALL
Book Creator for iPad (26.3MB)	ALL	Pages (266MB)	ALL
Your unique App purchase codes for the Paid Apps are included with this letter.		iMovie (635MB)	ALL
		Keynote (459MB)	ALL
Free Apps		MindShift (124MB)	Know Your Learner
Name and Size	Subject Area	Tick Tock Trainer (10.7MB)	Music
Dictionary.com Dictionary and Thesaurus (55.1MB)	ALL	Popplet Lite (10MB)	ALL
iBooks (31MB)	ALL	GarageBand (610MB)	ALL
Nova Elements (121MB)	Science	The following Apps should now be downloaded:	
Total Space Required: 2.54GB		-MindShift	- MoodleEZ
		-Pages	- Book Creator for iPad
		-Popplet	- Google Drive
		-iMovie	- GarageBand
		-Explain Everything	

Selecting our Educational Apps

As you are aware at the centre of our 1:1 iPad program is our commitment to integrate the iPad into a mobile educational device that will assist the teaching and learning of our students.

Part of this process involved selecting, investigating and evaluating what educational Apps we utilise within our teaching programs and assessment tasks.

Above is an App list Year 8 students are required to have download in 2015. Every App listed has been evaluated by our Emerging Technologies Coordinator, the appropriate subject Teaching and Learning Coordinator and the students in our Technology Group. Each App was judged against a criterion to ascertain its educational benefit to our students. Only those Apps that scored highly on this criterion are included on our Year 8 App List.

Casper

St Agnes uses a Mobile Device Management tool called Casper to help manage iPads used within the school.

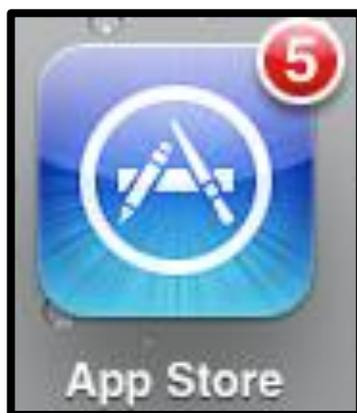
For this management to occur students must first enrol their iPad in Casper.

Students can enrol iPads into Casper at any time (such as if they wipe their iPads and need to re-enrol it in Casper) by following the instructions located on our Moodle homepage.

Casper helps St Agnes to manage what online content our students can access via our wireless network and if needed we can locate misplaced devices.

Downloading/Redeeming your gifted paid Apps

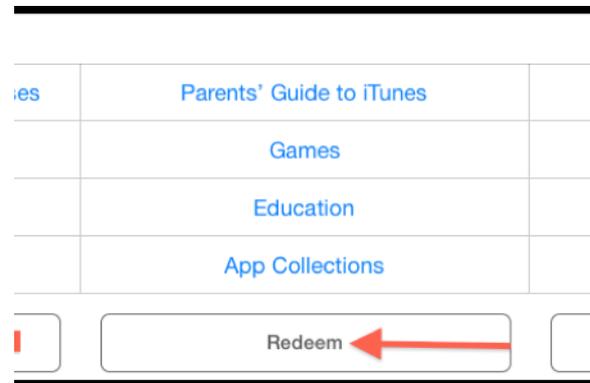
1. Select the **App Store** application from your home screen.



2. When the **App Store** launches, select the **Featured** tab located at the bottom of the screen.

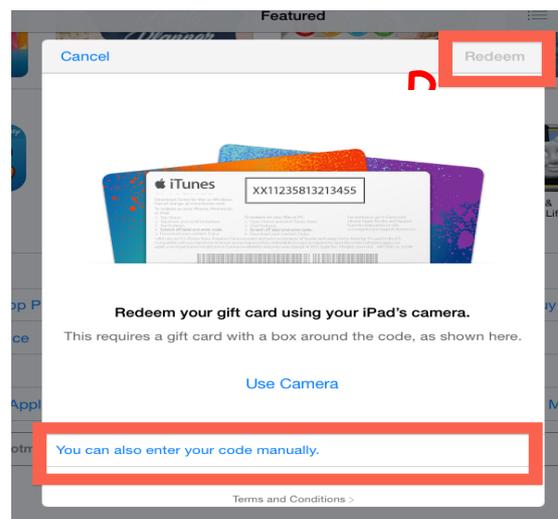


3. **Scroll** to the bottom of the Featured Page, and **Select Redeem**.



4. A **prompt** will appear asking you to **enter your personal Redemption Code**.

- A. Enter your 12 character **Redemption Code** (page 1)
- B. **Select Redeem**.



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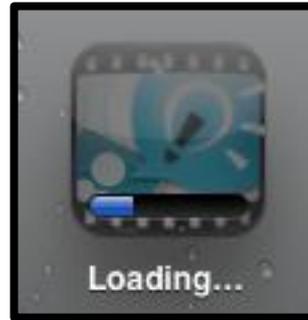
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5. Your download will now begin.



Responsible Use Policy

Our Information and Communication Technology - Responsible Use Policy is located on page viii of the student diary. At the start of the year, every student in our community is required to read and sign this policy. This policy guides our students to determine what is acceptable conduct when using our Information and Communication Technology resources.

In particular, this policy highlights that Jailbroken devices are NOT permitted at St Agnes. When a device is Jailbroken the user will be able to download paid apps for free and customise their device in breach of Apple's User Agreement. Having devices that are Jailbroken on our network is illegal and could place our security at risk.

At St Agnes Catholic High School we will always strive to create a safe and inclusive learning environment that is guided by appropriate Digital Citizenship Guidelines that are influenced by the wider digital world. For example, as a community we need to recognise the importance of App Age Restrictions. Apple's App store places age restrictions on their Apps to ensure the purchaser is aware of the App's adult content and unsafe communication methods.

The popular messaging App 'Kik Messenger' is one such App that has a 17+ App Age Restriction. At the start of the year we identified the potential dangers of this insecure App and ask our students to remove this App from their iPads.

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From the Catholic Education Office

Ash Wednesday Mass times and Reconciliation

A list of Ash Wednesday Mass times and Reconciliation during Lent across the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta is available at: www.parra.catholic.org.au

Positions Vacant: Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is seeking applications for Executive Assistant to the Archbishop of Sydney and Archbishop's Diary Secretary. These positions are based in the Polding Centre in Sydney. Applications close 10th February 2015. For a confidential discussion and a copy of the Information Pack please contact Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources on 0402 210 055 or anthony@reachhr.com.au

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Our diocesan magazine Catholic Outlook is now on Facebook. Catch up with all your diocesan news and tell us what you think about the publication in the readership survey: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicoutlook>

Liturgical Ministry Formation Course enrolments close 8 February

The Institute for Mission is taking enrolments for its Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses from February to May for those who are interested in being Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, taking Communion to the Sick and Dying, Senior Servers and Acolytes. There is no cost for these courses, which will begin mid-February and will be offered at two locations.

Institute for Mission: 1-5 Marion St, Blacktown, Mondays from 7-9pm, Introduction Sessions on 23rd February & 2nd March are compulsory.

Corpus Christi Parish: 86-92 Andromeda Dve, Cranebrook, Wednesdays from 7-9pm, Introduction Sessions on 25th February & 4th March compulsory.

Enrolments close on Sunday 8th February. To download an enrolment form go to: www.instituteformission.com.au

PENRITH RSL JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB REGISTRATION - 2015

REGISTRATION COSTS

MINI - U6 TO U9 INCLUDES: SHORTS, SOCKS, JERSEY & POLO SHIRT	\$49*	APPAREL PARTNER
JUNIORS - U10 - U15 INCLUDES: SHORTS, SOCKS, JERSEY, POLO SHIRT & GEAR BAG ALL APPAREL IS YOURS TO KEEP AT SEASON END	\$99*	THIS YEAR WE WELCOME THE CANTERBURY CLOTHING COMPANY ON BOARD AS OUR APPAREL PARTNER. THEY ARE A GLOBAL BRAND WITH A STRONG CONNECTION TO RUGBY UNION, FROM GRASSROOTS RIGHT THROUGH TO THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA. AS WE ENTER INTO OUR FIRST SEASON OF 15 A-SIDE RUGBY, IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ALIGN WITH CCC, KIT SUPPLIERS OF THE CURRENT SUPER RUGBY CHAMPIONS NSW WARRIORS.

*PRICE IS FOR NEW AND RETURNING RSL RUGBY PLAYERS TRANSFERS FROM OTHER CLUBS MAY INCUR A FEE

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Seeking mentors

Do you want to give something back to your community?

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is seeking volunteer mentors who would like to give something back to their community and host secondary students in the workplace. The mentor hosts the student in the workplace one day per week for two school terms (May to September, excluding school holidays).

All mentors are offered free TAFE mentor training and receive a TAFE Certificate of Attainment, 'Mentoring in the Community'. Mentors can be from any industry, an individual in any trade area: clerical and administration, hairdressing and beauty or a large company. Please consider this call for assistance so that the program can continue to supply a valuable service to students in our Catholic communities.

Contact: Leoni Jeavons-Fellows - Coordinator Post School Options 0424 750 583.

