From the Rector

A very warm welcome to all in the school community as we commence the 2017 school year. We welcome especially our new students and their families to Xavier. We also welcome our new members of staff.

As we commence our school year, it is worth reflecting on who we are as a school. Few schools, in my experience, evoke as much loyalty and passion as Xavier does, from both its students and old boys. And few schools attract as much media scrutiny as Xavier, some of which is deserved at times and much of which relates more to agendas about private schools, class and/or religion. What then makes a good school?

To my mind a good school can be measured by three indicators: the extent to which the talents and potential of its students are nurtured and developed, the happiness of its students, and the character of its graduates, along with their ability to make their way in the world. For a religious and a Jesuit school I would add two other indicators: the extent to which the spiritual lives of the students are nurtured, and the degree to which its student have a conscience and a generosity of heart in their approach to life.

The nature of the school community in which such a formation takes place becomes critical to its success. An understanding of a school as a place of connectedness is used by educationalists to describe an effective school environment in which the aims of school can take place. One such author, Robert Blum, confirms the findings of most educational research, stating that “students are more likely to succeed when they feel connected to school”. Authors over recent years have increasingly highlighted concepts such as school culture or climate, teacher-student relationships, student engagement and school spirit or bonding, to describe that sense of belonging that can influence student learning. Research generally does support Blum’s conclusion that connectedness plays a more significant role in measuring student happiness and achievement than a school’s physical facilities or resources.

The factors that influence the creation of this school connectedness are fairly clear. Students need to feel that they belong to a community. They need to believe that their teachers care about them and their learning. They need to believe that education itself matters and that it is good to strive to do one’s best in class. They need to have friends at school. They need to believe that discipline is fair and they need to have opportunities to participate in co-curricular activities. At Xavier, we do endeavour to build such a connectedness at school.

That sense of connectedness underpins also a commitment to student wellbeing and safety. The College theme this year, ‘cura personalis’ – accompanying others to be their true selves’ highlights care of the individual and pastoral care within the school. Over the last few years our student leaders have given priority to raising awareness of mental health issues among students – a Prefect for Student Wellbeing gives expression to that commitment. We need to maintain vigilance in addressing bullying and sustain a culture that is inclusive and compassionate towards all. The commitment of resources to the House system on the Senior campus is another expression of the priority given to pastoral care, especially important given the size of Xavier. At another level, last year’s erection of plaques in the chapel and grounds recognizing past abuse at Xavier and our ongoing commitment to creating a safe and nurturing environment, has been re-enforced by the College signing up with the independent Australian Childhood Foundation to ensure that our policies, procedures and practices meet the highest standards.

A strong academic culture is fundamental to a school’s ability to maximizing our students’ experience of learning. At our first Assembly this week on the Senior campus the individual academic excellence in the VCE by members of the Class of 2016 was recognized. About fifty members of the Class, along with family members, were invited back to have their achievements recognized and honoured in front of Years 9 to 12 and the staff. Hamish Adams, Patrick Groenewegen and Colin Hwang received an ATAR of 99.95, placing them in the top thirty four students in Victoria. They were awarded The Thomas Molomby Prize as the Duces of Xavier College, with Harry Vanderkley receiving the Ob Insigne Meritum Award for the next highest ranking. In addition to the various VCE subject prize-winners, this year we introduced Dalton Awards for all students who achieved an ATAR over 95. The Awards are named after Father Joseph Dalton SJ, the Jesuit responsible for shaping the commitment of the Jesuits to education in Australia, through the founding in successive years of Xavier, St Aloysius and Riverview.

We celebrate the gifts of these young men, just as we celebrate on many occasions the gifts of our sportsmen, musicians, actors and the like. And just as those performing at high standards in sport or on stage are able to make best use of their gifts through training or rehearsing, so too these young men have worked hard over a number of years to achieve such fine results. We hope, too, that their effort and achievement will serve to encourage any inspire those who follow in their footsteps. We know also, that there are challenges we face and further work to do so as to ensure that there is a culture of high expectations, a strong commitment and respect for learning, and a genuine and collaborative work ethic in class and in study. These need to be nurtured and maintained, not simply in Year 12 but in all Year levels, in ways appropriate to that particular stage in development.
Valuing academic excellence and encouraging our students to give their best to their studies are also aspects of the environment we seek to build in the College. The best academic measure of a school is its ability to assist every student to reach their potential in their studies. The dedication and commitment of our staff, their professionalism and talents, are the central resource of the college. It was noticeable to observe the support teachers gave to so many of our VCE students outside of the classroom and their formal teaching commitments. The culture of a school that allows for the achievement of academic excellence and for its celebration, is the result of the efforts of all and the pride we take in individual achievement is a pride we take in the efforts of all our students. At Xavier, we should be conscious also that we share a proud intellectual tradition – scholars, writers, teachers, researchers and scientists who have developed their talents here and have used them for the common good.

The increasing focus on service and justice education reminds us that our Christian faith is one that seeks to do justice. Faith and church membership, is not simply a private matter, but one with a communal and social dimension. So for example, numbers of students and staff assisted in running the Sony camp, a residential respite program for children with disabilities, hosted this year by Scotch College. The formation of “men and women for others” is very much part of our spirituality.

Furthermore, we seek constantly to draw links between religious faith and art, music, science, history and almost every aspect of human activity. Jesuit educational philosophy, based on Ignatian spirituality, is essentially world-affirming, through the belief that God can be found in all things and all people.

Four of our incoming Seniors, Callum Blackburn, Callum Kelly, Billy Morton and Sam Stevenson, accompanied by Mrs Therese Lunghusen and Mr Grant Buckler, spent three weeks in India on an immersion which included time in Hazaribag, the region where many Australian Jesuits have served since the 1950s (support for their work was the origin of the Maytime Fair here at Xavier). In a new immersion experience, another eight of our incoming Seniors Harrison Berogna, Anthony Comand, Kosta Douvos, Patrick Hession, Petros Ketsakidis, Jack Lowe, Liam Pavlovski and Jack Langford - accompanied by Ms Christine Fonseca and Mr Kieran Grafen, and old Aloysian, Tim Boyd, spent time in a Catholic orphanage in Vietnam and at Mae Pon in northern Thailand.
Jack Sestan and Jules Barker at Mae Pon in 2016

At Mae Pon, the boys were able to see where two of our 2015 graduates, Jules Barker and Jack Sestan, have just completed a service year with the Karen people. Three graduates of our Class of 2016, Tom McMahon and Patrick Costello, (and Anton D'Amico later this month) are in Thailand for a service year building on the work of Jules and Jack. They join other young graduates from St Aloysius and Riverview who are undertaking a service year in Thailand, working with the Karen and other tribal kids, as well as others in Cambodia, where a new Jesuit school has started and in Micronesia. This relatively new initiative is supported by the Cardoner Project, a program of the Province aimed at engaging with young graduates from our Jesuit schools. Their service is but one indicator of the quality of our graduates in having a conscience and a generosity of heart in their approach to life.

– here in Melbourne many continue their involvements in Friday Night School or in other avenues of service, or with YEP, or involvements in University, as well as ongoing support here at school.

Fr Chris Middleton SJ
Rector

From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians

A very warm welcome back to all our returning families and a particular special welcome to all our new families to the 139th year of Jesuit education at Xavier College. It has been very pleasing to see how smoothly the year has begun across our three campuses. We have certainly been blessed with some mild weather that helps concentration and stress levels.

Late last year we saw the departure of two significant members of staff: Ms Caroline Sheehan, who for the past five years was on the College Executive, has accepted a position in Catholic Education Melbourne as Education Officer for Leadership and School Development. In addition, Mr Tony Corr who was Dean of Operations on the Senior Campus, accepted the position of Director of Staff Development at Melbourne Grammar School.

We also farewell Tony Marinelli, Suzie Endrey, Anne Turpin, Angela Hey, Ramsay Nuthall, Katrina Downey, Richard Coker, Angela Stanley, Matt Cooper, Rowan Litchfield, Warren Bardsley, Vin Hedger, Pat Leane, Helen Reynolds, Brett Torstonson, Tim Topham, Jane Kennedy, Jess Matthews, Angela Bovalino, June Breheny, Rita Beltrame, Catherine Davies, Josette Tyler, Emily Marinelli, Hilary Morris, Lucy Cumming, Jono Bence, Zara Hill, and Blake Mios.

We thank all these members of staff for their contribution to the Xavier College community.

In 2017, we welcome the following staff.

At Burke Hall - Keith Newman, Lauren Borschmann, Louise Lowinger, Frances Dunphy.

At Kostka Hall - Catherine Barker, Samantha Carey, Libbie Luscombe, Jeremy Otto and Jennifer Cargill.

At Senior Campus - Shyamala Kumaresan, Dina Poutakidis, Glen McGinley, Renato Malisani, Edison Shamoail, Christine Gilmour, Derek McConn, Ben Banks-Smith, John Young, Adrian Montana, George Boubouras, James Carroll, Georgina Thompson, Georgina Shaw, Susie Roberts, Rasika Kathriachchi, Tony Bretherton and Kirsty Gater.

My Departure from Xavier

As many of you by now are aware, I will leave Xavier later in the year. I mentioned to all the staff on the first day of first term that I believe that the change will be good for Xavier as well as for myself. I am very fortunate to have been entrusted with the responsibility to lead Xavier over the past nine years. I have gained so much from the friendships, goodwill, generosity and wisdom of the wonderful Xavier family. I am now very fortunate to have the opportunity to lead another great Catholic school in St Joseph’s College Hunters Hill in Sydney. I did, however indicate to the staff that until my final day at Xavier, it is business as usual and they need to keep focus on our core business, teaching and learning.

Xavier Celebrates International Women’s Day on Wednesday 8 March

Please find below the link to your invitation to our second International Women’s Day Breakfast with special guest Patricia Faulkner AO. I particularly encourage fathers to be present with their sons for this event as there are some very important messages that will flow from the presentation and question session.

For more information about the event please click here.

Child Protection Program

This week the Royal Commission will focus on the Catholic Church’s response to child abuse. Please find attached a copy of a letter circulated to all the Australian Jesuit works concerning Case Study 50. To ensure you are aware of our policies I wish to outline some of our initiatives.

Xavier College’s fundamental responsibility is the care, safety and well-being of all students whilst in our care. We are committed to the protection of all our students from all forms of abuse.

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In keeping with the Victorian Government’s Child Safety Standards relating to the Ministerial Order 870 Standards that came into effect on 1 August 2016, I would like to draw your attention to Xavier College’s Child Protection and Safety Program and Policies that are available:


Last year we commenced development of our Child Safety Program. We also engaged the Australian Childhood Foundation to work with us to implement best practice in child safety and protection and this year we commence the process of gaining accreditation in their Safeguarding Children Program.

Creating and maintaining a child-safe school environment involves active participation and responsibility by schools, families and their communities. It requires us all to be collaborative, vigilant and proactive in establishing work systems, practices, policies and procedures to embed an organisational culture of child safety within the College community. We look forward to your support through this important process.

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**Direct Contact Volunteers**

Direct Contact Volunteers are those volunteers who are involved in providing support, guidance and supervision directly to students and could potentially have direct unsupervised contact with students during the normal course of providing the volunteer service.

Examples of Direct Contact Volunteer activities may include volunteers involved in College camps or excursions, coaching sporting teams or assisting in learning activities.

All Direct Contact Volunteers are required to:

- have a Working with Children Check (WWCC)
- be familiar with the content of our Child Protection and Safety Policy, Child Safety Code of Conduct and each individual’s legal obligations with respect to the reporting of child abuse.

It is each individual’s responsibility to be aware of key risk indicators of child abuse, to be observant and to raise any concerns they may have relating to child abuse with one of the College’s Child Protection Officers.

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**Working with Children Checks**

The Working with Children Act 2005 (Victoria) (the Act) aims to protect children from harm by ensuring that people who work with, or care for, them have their suitability to do so checked by a government body. The Act aims to prevent those who pose a risk to children from working or volunteering with them.

Subject to the exemptions referred to in the WWC Check document, any worker who engages in child-related work that involves direct contact (being physical, face-to-face or physically being within eyeshot) with a child (being a person under 18 years of age) needs a Working with Children Check (WWCC).

A WWCC Check will apply to any person who is engaged by Xavier College in the following capacities:

- as an employee; a College Council member; a self-employed person; an independent contractor; a volunteer; a supervisor of child employees; part of practical training through an educational or vocational course; unpaid community work under a court order; a minister of religion or performing duties of a religious vocation; an officer of a body corporate; a member of a committee of management of an unincorporated body, or a member of a partnership.

Please note: The Working with Children Check (WWC) and a Police Check are different checks. Under the Working with Children Act 2005 (‘the Act’) if you are doing child-related work and are not exempt, you must have a Check even if you already have a Police Check.

Blessings and peace for the coming week.

Dr Chris Hayes
Principal

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**Director of Costka Hall**

Dear Parents and Guardians

I wish you a very warm welcome to the Kostka Hall 2017 academic year and our 80 th year of Jesuit Education Bayside.

I have been back on campus for a while and I have been caught up in the preparation and excitement of preparing for the arrival of your children.

On Tuesday night, I welcomed all our families from 3 Year Old Kindergarten up to Year 8 at our Information Night. I particularly welcomed our new families who join us in what I hope is a lifelong connection to Xavier.

The following projects were completed across the break to ensure our educational facilities are of a high standard:

- Final renovation of all Middle Years classrooms
- New carpet in the Loyola building
- New furniture in the Open Learning areas
- Rendering inside and outside of the memorial chapel – with the generous assistance of the Brian Condon Estate
- Work on our New Street fences and gates has finally been approved by Council and these will commence on 1 March

I am most grateful to Mr Gerry Sullivan, our Kostka Hall Site Manager, and Mr Richard Wood, the 3 Campus Property Manager, for overseeing so many of the works across the break.

On Friday 27 January at our 3 Campus Day we focussed on our College Theme “Cura Personalis” – Care and attention of the individual – accompanying others to be their true selves. What springs to mind immediately are our student wellbeing and pastoral care programs and approaches, but a ‘Cura Personalis’ of depth goes beyond this. As educators, we seek to understand the context of our students and families in order that we can accompany them on their journey of spiritual, emotional, social, physical and intellectual growth. It is about the care and attention we put into our academic and co-curricular programs. It is about relevant timely and effective feedback to students and families about academic studies. It is about having the challenging and difficult conversations with individuals sometimes, in order that they may grow. We are all individuals in our community with our own stories and physical, social, spiritual, emotional and intellectual needs. At the same time we exist within our community – that of our families, our school, our neighbourhood and as a world citizen. Accompanying others to be their true selves is also about being aware of the communities to whom we belong and make a contribution.

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In the last week and a half, students and teachers have been exploring this theme and how we “live it out” and make it practical and real in our community.

Congratulations to Mr Kevin Bailey AM (father of Mark who has commenced in Year 5 this year). Mr Bailey received an Order of Australia for Services to Timor-Leste relations, philanthropic organisations, financial planning and the community.

This Sunday I am very much looking forward to celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Memorial Kostka Hall Chapel and 80 years of Jesuit Education in Bayside. After this, we also have our official Kostka Hall Welcome Event which is our annual picnic – jazz on the Lawn at 3:00pm. I do hope that you and your families will be able to attend this relaxed event. I know that many of our students are looking forward to the giant slip ‘n’ slide! I wish you and your families all the very best for 2017 as we commence what will be a happy and engaging academic year.

Kathleen Upfold
Director of Kostka Hall

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Dean of Operations and Middle Years

Welcome to the 2017 school year. In particular, I offer a very warm welcome to new students, staff and families.

Starting a new school is a time for making new friends, learning new skills, beginning new subjects and trying different activities and sports. However, it is also a time for settling into new routines and procedures, finding your way around and coping with larger groups of students in a different environment. It is important to stress at the commencement of each year that the successful education of a young person is built upon a partnership between the student, parents and the school.

Published in the students’ diaries are a number of policies in relation to the school’s expectations of its students. All parents and students are requested to familiarise themselves with these policies to avoid any inconsistency in expectations. Some reminders to start the year smoothly are as follows:

Community Portal Access
Our Yearly Calendar is again published on our Community Portal, a fluid document that allows us frequently to update information. A reminder to please contact our ICT staff at Xavier Senior Campus on 9854 5411 should you be still experiencing difficulties viewing the portal.

Pick-Up/Drop-Off Arrangements

1. Early Arrivals
A reminder that teacher supervision of the school grounds commences at 8:00am each morning. Students should avoid arriving at school before this time unless required for rehearsals etc.

2. Public Transport/School Bus/Crossings/Drop-Offs
With safety in mind, I encourage both students and parents to focus on the need for continued care when you are travelling to and from school. In particular, I remind students of the need to enter and depart the school grounds using our pedestrian access, not vehicle driveways and our car park entrance. This cannot be stressed too much.

3. Student Pick-Up After School
Please remember that after 3:40 pm, students in Years 5 to 8 must be picked up from the car park at the front of Maritima not at the New Street gate.

New Street Gate
A reminder that the New Street gates should not be accessed between 9.15am and 2.45pm each day. Therefore, if parents need to access the school, please use the Hartley Street entrance, signing in via Reception before you enter any of the school buildings.

Home Learning
As an aid to transition, the Years 5 and 7 students will have a reduced amount of home learning, for the first 2 weeks of Term One as outlined in the College Diary (p47). Students of these years are expected to complete any Language study, instrumental practice and prescribed reading during this period. This is to ensure that the focus is organisation. Students are encouraged to establish a routine and to familiarise themselves with their diaries and timetables.

Please Note: Home Learning Club for 2017 will commence on Wednesday 22 February. Further details regarding the Home Learning Club will be distributed electronically to all Middle Years families.

Tuckshop
In 2017, we welcome Fun Fresh Foods to the Kostka Hall campus. Please find links to their details below for your reference:
- Fun Fresh Foods Welcome Letter
- Kostka Hall Menu

Important Upcoming Events - Middle Years
For your convenience, please note the following upcoming Middle Years Events during February listed on the College Calendar:

- **14 February**: New Middle Years Families Parent/Teacher Exchange
- **15 February**: Middle Years House Swimming Carnival
- **16-17 February**: Year 8 Student Leaders Retreat
- **20-24 February**: Years 5 and 6 Swimming Program

Parent/Teacher Exchange - New Middle Years Families
All families of Year 5 students and new families in Years 6 to 8 have recently received invitations to attend the Parent/Teacher Exchange calendared for Tuesday 14 February. Existing families who would also like to take this opportunity to pass on information to your son’s Homeroom Teacher are asked to contact Ms Sharon McCormack on 9519 0621 by Wednesday 10 February to arrange an appointment time.
Acting Dean of Early Years

A very warm welcome to each and every person connected with the Xavier College, Early Years at Kostka Hall. 2017 will be our 12th year of operation and our 6th ‘Authorised’ offering of the International Baccalaureate’s Primary Years Programme. In our setting, this initiative begins in Kindergarten and concludes at Year 4. At whatever year level your child is, we are really excited about what the academic year ahead holds for them as learners and for us as a school and as a community.

Education is fluid and is defined by growth and readiness. It may sometimes go unnoticed – but every year, each section of the College changes quite significantly. At the forefront of this in our case, are those who begin Kindergarten or Foundation in order to experience a shift in their mode of learning. At the other end, are our departing Year 4 students who move into the next phase of their educational journey – the Middle Years. We wish them well as they transition and ‘step up’.

Right now, I think I can relate to these groups in particular, as I’m new as well. I am always excited, enthusiastic and filled with anticipation when faced with new situations, but to be honest, I feel the ‘butterflies’ too! Nevertheless, I am really looking forward to getting to know you all and working closely with you during the first term of the academic year. I suppose I can at least draw on my twelve years at Burke Hall Early Years, where my role has allowed me to work quite closely with many of the Kostka Hall staff and this provides me with some comfort and familiarity.

So, to all of our students and their families, I convey my hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer with family and friends. Whether you travelled near or far, outdoors or indoors – simply enjoying this year’s well-deserved ‘staycation’; hit the beach or the bush or got involved in your favourite pastimes, I hope it was just what you needed. That time of the year cannot be underestimated. On reflection, I often think of those childhood days as the ‘glory days’. The happy memories that float back when I ponder those endless summers of my formative years – family, friends, favourite holiday spots and the festivities of Christmas and New Year are the things that stay with me. Some of the experiences your children have just had will serve to form many of their interests and perhaps some lifelong relationships. Holidays are the times when we can put things off – or pack more in. Whatever your choice, they allow us to unwind. In holiday breaks, things can wait until tomorrow. Whatever you did, I hope it served its purpose and slowly released you from the ‘end of year’ hype that engulfs us as we conclude each busy year. I trust you’re all suitably recharged and ready to roll into 2017.

Reacquaint yourselves with friends, develop new friendships and continue to throw yourself into your learning journey.

For those who are new to the Xavier community – a special welcome to you all. I trust that this time will be an exciting, fulfilling, and rewarding experience for you and your family. In 2017 in the Early Years, we begin the year with an enrolment of 100 students, 22 girls and 78 boys – and we’re growing.

Xavier College is very much a big family and a supportive community. There will be a great opportunity for you to witness this at Sunday’s ‘Jazz on the Lawn’ – a welcoming event for all families. I’m looking forward to seeing you all there. Our College theme for 2017 – ‘Cura Personalis’ underlines the importance of attending to, or caring for the individual and accompanying them to be their true selves. We pride ourselves in acknowledging the uniqueness of every child that we educate. My door is always open for students and parents, and I welcome your feedback and input as their learning unfolds.

We aim to ignite the inner curiosity of our students and develop supportive relationships between parents and staff to encourage our young learners to explore the world and all that it has to offer. I believe that Kostka Hall Early Years are well equipped to be responsive to the individual needs of each student, while offering a rigorous academic program. There is a wide developmental range in the Early and Primary years and we aim to develop the potential of each student through engaging them in inquiry based investigations into a variety of phenomena.

Beginning anything can be challenging. In the next few weeks take things slowly and carefully as adjustments are made. Give your child the time to adjust, consider the weather if temperatures are extreme and always apply the ‘common sense’ rule to any challenges or false starts. Good communication and persistence will give way to more comfortable and established routines as we progress through the term. During this time, and throughout the year, we will continue to maintain our strong focus on excellence across all areas of the curriculum and pastoral care. This is our core purpose and it is reflected through the unwavering efforts of the committed staff who work with students and families on a daily basis.

We welcome the following staff new in their roles to the Early Years in 2017. We trust that their time working with students, parents and staff at Xavier College will be and both professionally and personally rewarding. Returning staff have already embraced them into their team and assisted in many practical ways with their induction into the College.

Ms Jennifer Cargill, Year 3 Home Room Teacher
Ms Libbie Luscombe, Year 1 Learning Support Assistant

Last week we welcomed our Kindergarten students for their first small group sessions and I look forward to catching up with them all as their times are extended during Weeks 2 and 3. Foundation to Year 4 classes have all made a very calm and settled start to the school year, attending the ‘Opening Mass’ where they witnessed the investiture of our Middle Years leaders as well as an Early Years Level Assembly. To support the development of their self-management and social skills, they are beginning to establish ‘Essential Classroom Agreements’ with their homeroom teachers and we will discuss the ‘Essential Agreement for the Playground’ over the coming fortnight. I encourage families to revisit these statements that can be found in your child’s diary on page 36. Classroom agreements will be added once established.

May I wish everyone a successful and rewarding year ahead.

Greg Gaudie
Dean of Operations and Middle Years
A transition session in the Kindergarten.

Activities in the Year 2 classroom on day one.

Last week’s Award winners – EY Assembly.

Morning Tea for our new & returning families.

Establishing and Maintaining Home and School Links

In the Early Years, children are recognised as capable learners who bring with them a vast array of learning experiences and expectations. We welcome the chance to work with you on this important task. We encourage all parents to become active in assisting the school in your child’s education wherever possible, and to be confident that the staff responsible for your child’s development will provide a learning environment that fosters and supports him or her.

You will always be welcome to contact us to discuss any facet of your child’s education. However, keep in mind – first thing in the morning, teachers will be talking, organising and working with the children. General settling of the students will be the major concern. Short informal talks are fine when dropping off or collecting your child. If it is a matter that will take more than a couple of minutes, please arrange the nearest mutually suitable time to meet.

If you have any concerns or matters to discuss relating to your child’s education and wellbeing, we encourage you to come and see us at any time. Requests for appointments can be made via the Early Years’ Reception or via email.

Important Dates for Your Diary

All school dates are posted on to the school portal regularly in order to ensure that the entire school community is kept up to date of times and venues throughout the school year. I would encourage all parents to access the College Portal and download the My Xavier App, then visit the Calendar area as often as possible. Electronic permission slips are sent for class related initiatives such as excursions or events that require travel. Physical notes will be kept to a minimum. Diary notes may be inserted in sticker format into your child’s diary when general reminders are required. Please sign your child’s diary daily. Homeroom teachers will check this for any day-to-day correspondence between home and school.

Tim Bergin
Acting Dean of Early Years
Faith and Service News

Opening School Mass and Investiture of the Kostka Hall Captains
On Wednesday 1 February, the whole school community gathered in the Kostka Hall Memorial Chapel for the Opening of the School Year Mass and Investiture Ceremony of the Campus Captains. Father Chris Middleton SJ, the Rector of Xavier College, presided over the Mass and it was wonderful to see so many parents, family and friends of Kostka Hall in attendance. During the Mass, the thirteen Captains of Kostka Hall were invested into their portfolios and received a blessing from Father Middleton and the congregation. There was a wonderful sense of community as the congregation gathered to celebrate the Eucharist together and acknowledge the commencement of the 2017 school year.

Upcoming Liturgical Celebrations
A reminder that Voluntary Class Masses will commence at 8:10am in the Kostka Hall Memorial Chapel on Tuesday mornings. Each class will be involved in two Masses over the course of the Year. All members of our community and visitors are very welcome to attend and celebrate Mass together.

7 February  Kostka Hall Staff
14 February  Year 8 Arrupe
21 February  Year 8 Canisius
28 February  Year 8 MacKillop
7 March  Year 6 Arrupe
14 March  Year 6 Canisius
21 March  Year 5 Arrupe

Please note:
Ash Wednesday will be celebrated on Wednesday 1 March.
Holy Week celebration will be held on Thursday 30 March.
All very welcome.

2017 College Theme
The 2017 College theme is, Cura Personalis – accompanying others to be their true selves.
All the students will be investigating and discussing the theme within their classes.

Sacramental Programs – St Joseph’s Malvern
The Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion will be celebrated at the St Joseph’s Church Malvern in 2017.
Enrolments for all Sacraments are now open and you can registrater via the Parish website at www.stjosephsmalvern.org.au.

Confirmation  24 May
Reconciliation  13 June
First Communion  20 & 27 August
3, 10 & 17 September

Please note, there are limited places available for all Sacraments.

Wishing you all the very best for 2017.

Michael Jones
Head of Faith and Service
Head of Teaching and Learning

Being fully prepared and organised as well as being well-informed, can help to minimise the worrying and apprehensive emotions that compound the stress.

Here are my lucky thirteen suggestions which may assist in calming any potential butterflies when starting school.

**Being well-informed:**
- Attend the information night
- Read the newsletters each fortnight
- Note the event dates in your calendar
- Check your emails daily as notes are sent out this way
- Check SEQTA Learn (Students) or SEQTA Engage (Parents)
- Ask questions to find out what you don’t know

**Being fully prepared:**
- Ensure that you have obtained all booklist items
- Ensure that you have all uniform requirements
- Pack for school the night before, checking your diary (regardless)

**Being organised:**
- Label all your belongings with your name
- Ask questions to confirm what you know
- Know your timetable
- Work out a Home Learning timetable for after school

I hope these few tips can assist in alleviating feelings of worry or concern. Please contact me if you have any queries, comments or concerns about the teaching and learning of your son and the beginning of his school year.

Therese Lunghusen  
Head of Teaching and Learning

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**Music News**

**Welcome to Music at Kostka Hall in 2017**

Kostka Hall has a rich history of music and with the many talented musicians at Kostka Hall in 2017, it looks set to be another exciting year. Nearly half of all students in the Middle Years have individual music tuition and soon all Year 5 students will be learning an instrument in the Music Program. In Semester One ensembles from all three campuses will come together for various combined concerts at Senior Campus and in Semester Two we will hold our premier music event, Kostka Hall in Concert. We look forward to an enjoyable year of music making.

**Information**

Up to date information on everything music at Kostka Hall can be found on the Music Noticeboard located in the Loyola Quad and on the Music Page on the Xavier Parent Portal accessible via the ‘Co-curricular’ tab. If you have any queries, you can contact Kirsten Petersen in the Music Office via email KostkaHallMusic@xavier.vic.edu.au, phone 9519 0614 or in person at the Music Office in Gelineau House.

**Ensembles in 2017**

Music ensemble rehearsals, including Concert Band, Stage Band, Choir, Symphonic Band and String Orchestra, commence next week. The list of students in each ensemble and the schedule of ensemble rehearsals for the term are now on the Music Noticeboard. You can also find the ensemble rehearsals on the Music Page on the portal and on the College calendar.

We encourage all students in Middle Years who are learning a band or string instrument to join an ensemble. If you would like to know more about the ensembles, please contact the Music Office.

**Music Tuition Enrolments for 2017**

Places are still available for individual tuition for some instruments. Enrolments can be completed online via the Xavier Community Portal or by contacting the Music Office. Instruments offered for study at Xavier College Kostka Hall are:

**Middle Years 5 to 8**

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**Early Years Foundation to Year 4**

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Year 5 Music Program
On Friday, the Year 5 students were given a lively demonstration and trial on each of the ten instruments which are offered in the Music Program. They were then asked to select their four preferred instruments. The next session for the Music Program, being on Friday 17 February, will be an exciting one as the students will be given their allocated instrument and will commence lessons. In Term 2, they will have both group lessons and will learn in an ensemble context. They will perform at an End of Semester Concert for family and friends.

Solo Soiree - Wednesday 22 March in the Kostka Hall Chapel at 5:00pm
The Solo Soiree gives instrumental students the chance to perform for family and friends in a relaxed atmosphere. We invite all students who learn an instrument privately or here at Kostka Hall to take this performance opportunity. For more information, please see Kirsten Petersen in the Music Office or your music teacher.

Upcoming Music Events for your Diary

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Kieran Casey
Head of Music – Kostka Hall
Middle Years Sport News

Welcome to 2017 Kostka Hall Sport

2017 is the eightieth year in which Jesuit education has flourished in the Bayside region. The Kostka Hall sporting program has been a feature of the College’s operation since the very beginning in 1937. With such a storied history and tradition complementing all that we do, may I extend a warm welcome to all members of the College community for what promises to be another exciting chapter of Middle Years sport.

The Kostka Hall sporting program promotes a strong culture built on respect for oneself and others, grit and self-discipline in the presence of adversity and loyalty manifested in a team-first approach.

APS competition commences on the following dates:

**Years 5 and 6**
Students will have had their first training session on Monday 6 February with Round 1 of APS action played on Wednesday 8 February (Please note that Year 5 cricket and tennis students will have participated in a training session on Wednesday 8 February for assessment purposes).

**Years 7 and 8**
Students will have had their first training session on Thursday 2 February with Round 1 of APS action on Saturday 11 February. The other Saturday APS competition dates are:

February: 18, 25
March: 4, 18, 25

Please ensure that your son has the correct sporting uniform for Round 1 of APS competition.

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Year 8 student Max with textbook on-side play.

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2016 Kostka Hall Dux, Darcy, running in the APS Cross Country Final.

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House Sport Coordinator – Mr David Armstrong

May I congratulate Mr David Armstrong as he commences his tenure as the Kostka Hall House Sport Coordinator. Thank you to Mr Greg Gaudie who previously performed this role with his tireless efforts across a number of years.

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House Sport - Swimming Championship

The annual House Swimming Championship will be conducted on Wednesday 15 February at the Xavier Sports Centre (135 Barkers Rd, Kew). Competition is scheduled to begin around 9:45am with the presentation ceremony to conclude at approximately 2:45pm.

This event is conducted early in Term 1 to bring the Middle Years students together across their four year levels, to celebrate the beginning of a new school year and to promote College and House spirit. They will also serve as the selection trials for the Years 5/6 team to compete at the APS Primary Division Swim Finals and for the Xavier College Head of Aquatics to identify talent in the preparation for the APS Finals at the conclusion of Term 1.

Parents are warmly invited to attend.
House Sport - Cross Country Championship
An early reminder that the House Cross Country Championship will be conducted on Wednesday 29 March at the Xavier College Senior Campus. With all Years 9 to 12 students off-site during this final week of Term 1, Kostka Hall competitors have the opportunity to experience the beautifully prepared sporting fields in Kew.

Cameron Childs
Head of Middle Years Sport
Middle Years News

A very warm welcome back to the 2017 academic year. I hope that all families had a safe and enjoyable break over Christmas and that all students are looking forward to returning to school after the summer holiday.

This year we celebrate the 80th year of Jesuit education in Brighton at Kostka Hall, predominantly in the Middle Years of schooling. This is a great achievement and one which we will use to benefit us in 2017. Throughout the past 79 years there is much to be proud of at Kostka Hall and it will be one of the important messages I will be stressing to all of our students, that they are the present guardians of this proud history and that it will be the responsibility of each and every student to do his utmost to add to this long story and to uphold the proud achievements of the past by being the best possible student in all aspects of his education that he can be in 2017.

I am looking forward to another exciting and challenging year at Kostka Hall. In my role I will be working very closely with all Middle Years teachers and with the Homeroom teachers in particular. I am very much looking forward to this. Experience tells me that we will have some highlights, there will be instances when hard and perhaps unpleasant and unpopular decisions will need to be made. This is part and parcel of life in any school. At Kostka Hall this year our College theme is “Cura Personalis – Accompany others to be their true selves”, and whether we have highs or lows, as no doubt we will, we will always look to keep “Cura Personalis” – care of the individual, at the forefront of our thinking.

As ever, I cannot over emphasise the importance of commencing the school year in an organised manner. This will allow any student to concentrate or the immediate tasks at hand and to avoid the possibility of falling behind early in the year and then having to devote a great deal of time and effort in order to make up this lost ground. I advise parents to assist with these organisational skills if necessary, but to have a clear understanding that this assistance is temporary and that the ultimate aim is for your son(s) to develop their own independence and sense of responsibility.

At our first Middle Years Assembly I mentioned to the students that striving for excellence is very much an expectation at Kostka Hall, that simply having a ‘near enough is good enough’ approach does not fit in with our approach. I urged all boys to do their best to make a meaningful contribution to the school in our 80th year and to set personal goals to aim for. As an example of this striving, I mentioned that last year three students in Year 12 achieved perfect ATAR scores of 99.95 and were named as Duces of the College, Colin Hwang, Hamish Adams and Patrick Groenewegen. I pointed out that Colin and Hamish are ex-Kostka boys and they these are two great examples of boys striving for the best and achieving wonderful results.

Congratulations to all three, Colin, Hamish and Patrick. At our assembly I also stressed the importance of participating fully in all that is on offer at Kostka Hall. I hope that all boys heeded that message and that they will embrace the many opportunities open to them throughout the year.

Once again, a warm welcome back to the 2017 academic year, I wish all students every success in their endeavours and I look forward to another vibrant year at Kostka Hall.

Jerry Mulcahy
Head of Middle Years Students

Psych Bites

Welcome to a new school year. The opportunity to set helpful routines is upon us, so why not seize the chance? Routines are simply collections of behaviours that we perform. Be our morning routine of getting ready for work/school, or the night time routine associated with dinner. The important part is to realise that the new school year is a golden opportunity to set routines that are going to be helpful for you and the family. The biggest challenge you face in setting a new routine is the presence of your current patterns. That is why it is so easy to set a routine when you go away on holiday, you’re working with a fresh slate. So, establishing new routines in your home can be a battle – it’s a good idea to lay out some reasons to the family why this is happening. With younger children, you can be more directive and with teens it is important to involve them by way of helping look at their timetable and afternoon activities to work out how it can fit together. Don’t pass up the chance to look at your routines, as these patterns become our habits and in time our habits become part of who we are.

For families with new IT devices in the home – set the routine now of how and where the device is used. For ideas and suggestions check out iParent. For parents of teens, it is also a good time to talk about online behaviours – as this will be discussed in classes in Week 2 for Year 7 and Year 8 students. This article is a good lead-in for you to read and offers some conversation starters.

Keys to establishing a new routine:

- Be conscious about what you are doing – think before you act, it can help saying it to yourself or write it down. Remember you are going up against old patterns of behaviour.
- Practise, practise, practise – routines are sequences of behaviour, so practise the full sequence from beginning to end. You are trying to set down a new path and it takes time.
- If you’re finding it hard to commence a new routine, try thinking about how you’ll feel after you’ve done it, instead of focusing on commencing (useful for exercise or home learning). Or think about what else you’ll be able to do once it is done (helpful for chores, waking up earlier). Family life can be more peaceful and harmonious with helpful routines. As our children grow, it is important to review our routines in the home, especially sleep, meal times, screen time, household chores and home learning. Now is a prime opportunity to be mindful of what routines you already have and to consider setting up new ones to reduce stress in the home. That way everyone one benefits.

One last thing, an article printed in the Age, offering one parent’s reflection and hope on their child’s school journey.

Share your ideas with me and email me at stephen.findley@xavier.vic.edu.au.

Be kind to yourself and generous to others.

Regards,

Stephen Findley
Kostka Hall School Counsellor

From the Health Centre

Many students at Kostka Hall have food allergies. The most severe form of allergic reaction is anaphylaxis, which is potentially life threatening. Treatment for anaphylaxis includes administration of injectable adrenaline. At Xavier College, we have strict policies in place about the management/action plans for individual students and the correct storage and administration of life saving medications.
The foods that are of greatest concern for these students are **dairy, sesame, egg, peanuts and any tree nuts**.

There is no cure for food allergy; avoidance is the only way to prevent a reaction.

With these facts in mind, could you please consider minimising these high-risk foods in your child's lunch, and avoid sending any nuts or nut products to school, **in particular peanut butter and Nutella and nut products**.

Whilst banning these products is not recommended by authorities, including the Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy and the Victorian Department of Education, we would greatly appreciate your child knowing the dangers associated with these foods and the effects they may have on others.

We ask that you discuss with your child the importance of NOT sharing or trading food.

*For more information, please go to [www.allergyfacts.org.au](http://www.allergyfacts.org.au) or contact me in the Health Centre on 9519 0615.*

*Catherine Nash  
Kostka Hall Health Centre Nurse*
'Copacabana' The Musical

“The exciting dance spectacular, Barry Manilow’s Copacabana is coming very soon.” Tickets on sale 13 February.
Date: 1-4 March at 7:30pm in the Eldon Hogan Performing Arts Centre at Senior Campus.
Please click here to make bookings after 13 February.
Peter Robert
Head of Learning Area - Arts

Kostka Hall - 50th Anniversary

Kostka Hall will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Memorial Chapel and 80 Years of Jesuit Education on Sunday 12 February commencing at 2.00pm followed by Jazz on the Lawn. Click here to see the full details.

International Women's Day

The International Women’s Day breakfast celebration will be held at Xavier College on 8 March 2017. Click here to see the flyer.

Jesuit Social Services Annual Dinner

Jesuit Social Services are holding their Annual Dinner on Saturday 25 March 2017. Click here to see the flyer.

Publications News

Welcome back to the 2017 school year. My name is Oli Scalzo and I am your Publications Captain for 2017. I hope all families had a fantastic Christmas and a happy and safe New Year as well as a relaxing holiday. I extend a particularly warm welcome to all new students and families entering the Middle Years for 2017.

My role as Publications Captain is to report on events from a student perspective. In 2017 I am looking forward to interacting with different year levels as well as the various events that Xavier offers. If any students or parents wish to have anything in the newsletter, please feel free to approach me with suggestions as I am happy to do my best to include matters that students and parents feel are noteworthy.

I wish all of my fellow Student Leaders every success in their roles as we do our best to represent our school in so many aspects of school life.

Once again, welcome back to school and I am looking forward to another great year in the Middle Years at Kostka Hall.

Oli Scalzo
Publications Captain

XavShop

Looking for that special gift? XavShop has the following available:

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All goods are available at XavShop on the website or can be also purchased at the Community Relations Office in the EHPAC Building.
For more information please contact Helen Barry 9854 5465.

Senior Campus Second Hand Uniform Shop

My apologies for the change of open date but this was unavoidable.

Effective 1 August 2016 commission payments will be paid on Blazers, Jumpers and Spray Jackets only.

There is a new price list on the portal which reflects we have lowered most prices on all clothing that isn't being paid commission.

If you are donating clothing – thank you. If you are selling clothing – please make sure your seller’s documents are completed and each item is labelled (without using staples). We are running very short on bigger size Blazers so if you have any in the wardrobe please consider selling or donating them. All clothing must be in good saleable condition and blazers must be dry-cleaned. As always, if you are unable to make it to an open day please contact Bronwyn 0421 390 038 to arrange to meet outside of these times.
Jazz on the Lawn – Sunday 12 February
On behalf of the KHMA I extend a very warm welcome to all to the 2017 school year. It was lovely to meet new parents at the welcome morning tea on the first day of term. I look forward to us all meeting again at Jazz on the Lawn on Sunday 12 February. If you haven’t already done so, I encourage you to register your attendance here. Jazz on the Lawn is a fantastic event held in conjunction with the KHFA and the Director of Kostka Hall Campus, Kathleen Upfold. It is the only day when our whole Kostka Hall community comes together at our beautiful campus by the sea, to meet new friends and catch up on summer news. Listen to jazz in the background while the children enjoy rides and slides, cricket games and mini golf. This year we have the Pizza Wagon onsite offering woodfired pizzas, as well as ice cream and cold drinks by Mobile Icecreams. Parents are also welcome to bring along a picnic. Please remember to wear your name badges to make it easier for new parents to put a name to a face.

Maytime Fair – Sunday 6 May
For nearly forty years the KHMA has been selling jams and preserves at the Maytime Fair in support of the Jesuit Mission. We are now right in the middle of berry and stone fruit season so it is the perfect time to don an apron and cook up a storm. Your class reps will be in contact with you soon to encourage you to get involved. This is a fun way to learn jam and chutney making; there are lots of willing teachers and a variety of jobs that need to be done. It is a great opportunity to meet new parents at a class ‘cook-off’. If you are unable to attend one, then perhaps you could cook at home or donate some produce.

For more information on how you can help please contact Kate Doquil at mattandkatedoquile@optusnet.com.au or Anna Wright-Smith at anna@wright-smith.com.au.

KHMA Diary Dates
KHMA Meeting  Monday 13 February
Year 7 Parents Welcome Drinks  Saturday 4 March
Year 5 Parents Welcome Drinks  Friday 17 March
ELC and EYC Parents Welcome Function  Friday 24 March

Join the KHMA
If you would like to be more involved in the school, the KHMA is a great way to do so. If you have any questions or would like to know more then please contact your class rep’s, myself or another member of the KHMA. All contact details can be found on the KHMA page on the portal.

I hope you have a wonderful year.

Tina Scalzo
President, Kostka Hall Mothers’ Association

Kostka Hall Fathers’ Association

Kostka Hall Fathers’ Association – First Meeting for 2017 - Tuesday 21 February
Tuesday 21 February
7:30 pm to 8:30pm
Brighton Campus - Companions Room
Enter via main entrance off Hartley Street
All Welcome
Followed by drinks at the Half Moon Hotel
120 Church Street Brighton

Kostka Hall Fathers’ Association – Welcome Drinks - Friday 3 March
The Kostka Hall Fathers’ Association (KHFA) welcomes all families to the new school year. We extend a special welcome to new families and encourage you to get involved and come along to events organised by the KHFA and to get involved in organising them if you have the time this year.

Our first event for the year is the:
Welcome Drinks
7:00 pm
Friday 3 March
The Railway Hotel, Windsor
Cost is $35 – includes food and drinks until approx. 10:00pm
Please click here to book
This is an important event for all fathers, both existing and new. It is an opportunity to get to know some of the dads you will meet during the year at Saturday morning sports and other school events and to meet the dads of your sons’ and daughters’ friends.

Please encourage your kids to encourage their dads to attend also.
Last year this event was the highlight of the KHFA social calendar
If you attend just one event this year, make it this one.

Contact Details
Gerard Phillips  M: 0400 301 190
E: Gerard@wealthsmath.com.au
Kostka Hall Fathers’ Association - Father / Son / Daughter Camp - 24 to 26 March
This year we are delighted to extend a warm welcome to all families from Year 2 through to Year 8.

Friday 24 to Sunday 26 March 2017
Nagambie Lakes Leisure Park
http://www.nagambielakespark.com.au

This is a great event for some father-son/father-daughter bonding, to get to know other Kostka families and a great introduction to the Xavier Community.

A fantastic venue right on the lake including:
- Dinner at the local pub (Friday night)
- Toasted marsh-mellows around the camp fire
- Canoe hire
- Tinnie hire
- Fishing
- Jumping pillow
- Swings and slides
- Tennis
- Footy kick to kick
- Pinball
- Swimming pool
- Big breakfast at the café by the water
- Chocolate factory
- Winery tour
- Lakeside walk

Accommodation will be in tents.

Father/Child 2 Nights - $299.00 per father and one child
Tent accommodation for a father and one child for two nights with meals included (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday, Breakfast on Sunday).

Extra Child 2 Nights - $160.00 per child
Tent accommodation for two nights with meals included (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday, Breakfast on Sunday).

Father/Child 1 Night - $199.00 per father and one child
Tent accommodation for a father and one child for one night with meals included (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday, Breakfast on Sunday).

Extra Child 1 Night - $100.00 per child
Tent accommodation for one night with meals included (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner on Saturday, Breakfast on Sunday).

Breakfast is a fixed price a la carte hot or continental breakfast.

Places are limited so book early. Book early to get the best available tent.

Please click here for bookings.

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David Kelly
Secretary, Kostka Hall Fathers’ Association

From the Archives
Welcome back to the Xavier Archives and the (mostly) unintentional adventures of the assistant archivists, Iggy and his little sister Frances. They have had a busy start to year, with several boxes of donated items arriving. Iggy and Frances have started to assess the contents and have discovered a collection of student exercise books, dating to around 1914-18. Here they are having a closer look at the lovely handwriting.
Unfortunately, a more detailed assessment of the contents will have to wait a week, as Iggy and Frances are preparing a small display for the celebrations to be held at Kostka Hall this coming Sunday. They are preparing some vestments and items of uniform for display. It seems Frances has managed to get herself tangled in the altar boy’s lace surplice.

Iggy has also been working on digitising photos from Matron Agnes McLean’s album (1937-41), so they can be included in a presentation on the day. Here he is selecting some of the early pictures of Maritima from 1937, when the Jesuits purchased the property.

Kostka Hall will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Kostka Memorial Chapel and 80 years of Jesuit education at Brighton at 2:00pm on Sunday 12 February and we are all invited. Iggy and Frances proudly show off their invitation and hope to see you there.

The College Archives are located in the refurbished cellars at the east end of the South Wing. Open M-F 8:00am to 4:00pm.
Cabrini - Discount for Xavier Students

Due to the enthusiastic uptake of the 50% offer to students by schools and the wonderful response from families, Cabrini Emergency Department (ED) is extending the 50% discount offer to our school for another 12 months.

Over 350 students from participating schools attended the ED in the past 10 months, saving each family over $200+ in fees per visit.

Families attending the ED simply mention our school on arrival. The staff at the reception will have our school on a list of all participating schools. This offer is open to students from our school 24 hours a day 7 days a week, not just during school hours.

This is a saving of $205 (8 am to 8 pm) and $240 (8 pm to 8 am weekdays and on weekends)

- The discount of 50% applies to the attendance fee only and would not include any further out of pocket expenses such as X-rays and blood tests
- Cabrini is a private, Catholic, not-for-profit healthcare service that does not rely on funding from government or the Catholic Church. Therefore, they must charge fees for emergency medical care. Unfortunately health insurers do not cover emergency attendances, so they rely on these fees to cover our costs

Some reasons why you choose Cabrini Emergency

- Be seen faster by senior doctors and emergency staff
- All our doctors are Emergency specialists
- Cabrini has all specialists on call
- Cabrini has a new large specialist Paediatric ward
- Cabrini has 24 hour operating theatres should they be required
- Malvern patients can be transferred to Brighton should it be more convenient for further treatment
- Cabrini Emergency has the only call back service where each patient attending will be called back within 24 hours from discharge to check their understanding of instructions and wellbeing.