

Farewell the Class of 2010

In December, we farewelled our Year 12 students. Regular readers will know that some of our Year 12 students are members of a Satellite Class located at John Therry Catholic High School Rosemeadow for 3 days a week. They spend the other 2 days with those Year 12 students who are at Mater Dei full time. We asked their Pastoral Teachers to fill us in with what they have been up to this year.



11/12G MATER DEI CLASS MEMBERS

11/12P SATELLITE CLASS MEMBERS

How time flies when you are learning and having fun! This year has passed so quickly - probably because it has been so jammed packed for 11/12G!

The year started with me as their new Pastoral (and Mater Dei) Teacher and I received a fantastic welcome from them! For a short time 11/12G were the teachers and I was the student as they dutifully informed (and corrected!) me about school rules, staff and students! They have applied this eagerness to their learning as well this year and are to be commended for their application in lessons.

Sport was a definite favourite amongst 11/12G this year, in particular dancing and gymnastics! Our visits into the community and participation in the Structured Work Placement Program were also extremely well received. Year 12 students had the opportunity to attend AFFORD at Ingleburn during 2010 and Year 11 students also participated with them in the Meals on Wheels Program. Both opportunities gave students the opportunity to practise their communication skills with others while making a valuable contribution to the community.

There were many significant events, learning opportunities and experiences that I am sure will be fondly remembered – including the “G” Day/Walkathon; our school Swimming Carnival; our school Athletics Carnival held at Magdalene Catholic High School, our Year 11/12 three day Retreat at the beautiful Kiah Ridge Christian Conference Centre and of course, our inaugural St Benedict’s Day celebrations where 11/12G loved interacting with other invited students from our local Catholic High Schools!

Another significant aspect to our busy year was our preparations for our End of Year celebrations – like the Graduation Assembly and Formal. Our whole class also participated in transition visits to our Year 12 classmates’ Post School Program Service Providers where we met up with old friends from Mater Dei and made new ones!

We congratulate Angela Saba who received the prestigious Mater Dei Peace Prize Award, Adrian Dellarmi who received the Good Samaritan Award and Christopher Sciberras who received the Year 12 Student Commitment Award at our recent Graduation Assembly.

Above all, students in 11/12G have made an impressive effort this year to living up to being the senior students at Mater Dei. At all times they tried their best to be role models for the younger students in areas of learning, peace, hospitality and stewardship. **Sam Giles**

The continued belief in the abilities of our students has once again been the foundation on which so much success has been achieved during 2010.

The students have enjoyed a wide range of subject choices including Catholic Studies, English, Mathematics, PDHPE, Technology and Applied Studies, Citizenship and Society, Creative Arts and Work and Community. Highlights of this year have included; participating in the First Aid Certificate, attending the Mount Annan Gym for weekly workouts, digital photography lessons, U-Turn the Wheel and the John Therry Year 12 Retreat. We also enjoyed many wonderful activities with Mrs Fleming in Drama and Dance, producing the play “Brushed Off”, and focussing on Movement and Dance in preparation for this year’s Formal.

We congratulate Stephanie Sciuto for receiving the Mary MacKillop Award at the John Therry Year 12 Presentation Assembly and The Best All Rounder Award at the Mater Dei End of Year Assembly, Elizabeth Cross who debuted in John Therry’s production of GODSPELL - the Musical and received enthusiastic reviews and Kate Feeney who received Mater Dei’s inaugural St Benedict’s Award for Hospitality and the Citizenship Award and Camden Council’s 2010 Mayoral Citizenship Award at the Mater Dei End of Year Assembly. Finally, as we farewell the Satellite Class of 2010, we congratulate them on their outstanding achievements and we wish them every success for the future.

The Mater Dei experience has also been wonderful with highlights including the Year 11/12 Retreat and the opportunity to take part in all the significant celebrations and events at Mater Dei and beyond.

Congratulations to the following students who participated in courses at Campbelltown TAFE this year: Ryan Stibbard who studied Primary Industries/Horticulture, Kate Feeney and Skye Bradbury who studied Retail, Stephanie Sciuto who studied Hospitality/Food & Beverage, Lauren Barrow who attended Hospitality/Accommodation at Kingswood TAFE and Rebecca Rodrigues who attended Beauty Therapy at Liverpool TAFE.

The Structured Work Placement Program was another huge success in 2010 with students all experiencing success in their jobs. Highlights this year include Ryan Stibbard’s appointment to a traineeship at Camden Golf Club and his success in attaining a driver’s licence. **Glynis Patrick**