



Xavier Catholic College Newsletter

Strong in Faith • Strong in Culture • Strong in Learning

Xavier Catholic College is committed to the safety, wellbeing and empowerment of all children, young people and vulnerable adults. Drawing on Tiwi traditions and the teachings of Jesus Christ and Bishop Gsell, we recognise and uphold the sacredness of our young people and the need to protect all children from abuse and exploitation.



STAGE 1 HEALTH

Prayer

Dear Loving God,

We thank you for your never-ending love. At the start of the new school year, fill us with your love. Help us to find you in the simple blessings of every day - a beautiful sunrise, the sound of gentle rain, the smile of a friend. Give us the grace to be a reflection of your love to everyone we meet. Help us face challenges with strength and courage, trusting you are with us.

We ask this through Jesus' name, Amen.

Coming up...

Week 4:

Assembly (Tuesday)

Week 5:

Shrove Tuesday

Ash Wednesday Liturgy (12.00pm)

Week 6:

Assembly (Tuesday)

Weekly

Mondays:	Senior Study Club
Tuesdays:	Activities/Assembly
Wednesdays:	Pastoral Care
Thursdays:	Culture

Principal

Dear Families of Xavier Catholic College,

Welcome to a new school year!

Despite the Covid pandemic coming to the islands, we have had a very positive start to 2022 with good attendance from students and staff at Xavier.

I have been delighted with our junior and senior students following our school wide agreements of Staying Safe, Respecting Everyone, and Learning Every Day. It is clear to see that Xavier students value their education and feel that school is a safe and nurturing place to be.

It is with great excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as the newly appointed Principal of Xavier Catholic College. I am honoured to have the opportunity to lead a school with such a rich tradition of being Strong in Faith, Strong in Culture and Strong in Learning. I have been dedicated to the field of education for more than twenty years. I have worked with a variety of students' ranging in age from Kindergarten through to and including College. My most recent experience was in Canberra where I served as Principal of St Clare's College, a girls' secondary college from Years 7-12. I am excited and eager to bring my skills as an educational leader to Xavier Catholic College, Wurrumiyanga and work with you as a partner in education to ensure your child's attendance and growth as a young person.

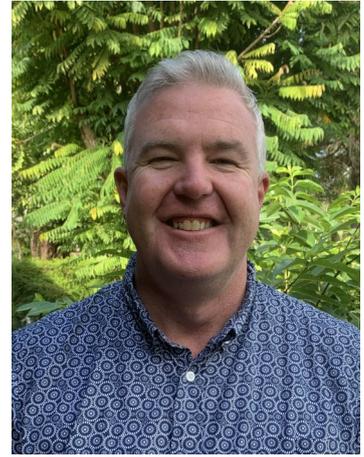
Alongside our Tiwi Teachers and Teaching staff, I will work hard to continue the legacy of success established by XCC by building strong relationships with parents, students, and the community. We will focus on character education initiatives, developing literacy and numeracy, the use of data to drive instruction, and to provide consistent implementation of the curriculum in a rigorous manner so that we can continue to increase all our students' achievement.

As your Principal, it is important to me that everyone who steps through our doors - teachers, students and parents - are excited to be here! This attitude will enable us to meet the challenges of academic excellence in a positive, fun, and nurturing environment. My door is always open and I welcome your input. Please feel free to call or email me to discuss any concerns you might have throughout the school year.

I look forward to working with you in true partnership to help each student at Xavier meet their learning goals and have a successful school year!

Best wishes and God bless,

Brad Cooney
Principal



Deputy Principal

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and friends of Xavier Catholic College,

Welcome to Term 1, 2022. I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday with family and friends. The students have returned to school excited and happy to be back and it was great to hear some of their holiday stories. Holidays are always a wonderful opportunity to connect with the people we love and recharge our energy for the following year.

Xavier student's attendance was very high on the first week back. Parents and caregivers please support our young people to come to school every day.

We welcome our new Principal, Brad Cooney, Curriculum Coordinator, Jodie Meares and two new teachers, Sam De Sousa and Keely Bent. If you see them around please introduce yourself.

Our new students from MCPS have settled well into Xavier Catholic College and it is lovely to see so many smiling faces every morning, keen to go into their classrooms for a day of learning.

This term we have a number of new activities for our students. Our Wellbeing Program will be focusing on the Cathy Freeman Foundation activities and on how different parts of our brain impact on our feelings. The Culture Program is being run by our wonderful Tiwi Teachers and Francis Xavier is returning as the Cultural Coordinator. On alternate weeks the Stage 1 & 2 and VET students will be involved in a financial literacy course with Catholic Care.

Already we have had a basketball playoff with all the house teams on Thursday afternoon. Students look wonderful in their house colours.

For the coming year Xavier students will be:

- **Strong in Faith**
- **Strong in Culture**
- **Strong in Learning**

If you have any concerns regarding your child please come to school as we are here to assist.

Keep Safe and God's blessings for the coming year,

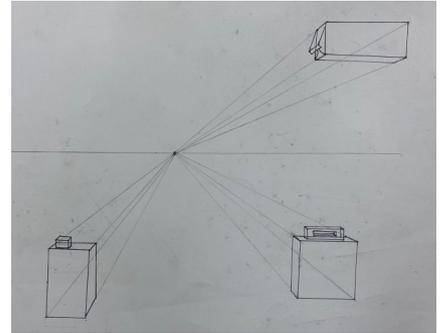
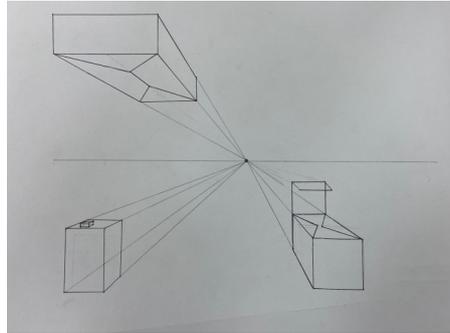
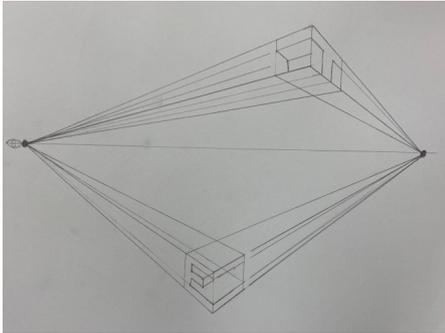
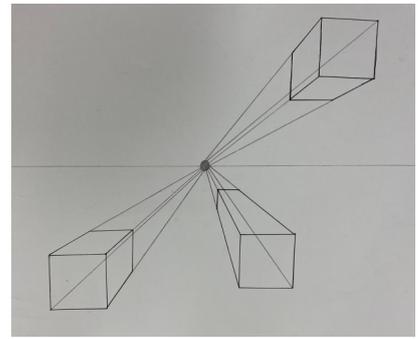
Anne-Maree Fewtrell
Deputy Principal



Art

Stage 2

In Stage 2 Art we have been learning to draw one and two-point perspective. We started by drawing cubes and then moved onto packaging and 3D letters.



Juniors

In Junior Art we have been learning about photography and we have been taking photos of Tiwi bird carvings.

Everyone is working hard, keep up the good work.

Georgia Irvine
Art Coordinator



Activities—Variety of Fun!

This week was the first week of whole school activities. Alternating between the school's assembly, students have the option to choose from 4 different activities to participate in during Lesson 5 on Tuesdays. This week's activities included icebreaker games with Josh, knitting with Cynthia, origami with Keely and skateboarding lessons with Sam and Darcy. Students had a terrific time in their chosen activity and hopefully soon their families will have paper animals to decorate their homes, knitted clothing for their siblings, and a new game to play after school.

Darcy Direen
Indigenous Workforce & Immersions Coordinator



Numeracy—Jarranga

It is a very exciting start to Term 1 in Jarranga. So far in Numeracy the students have been working and practising their 5-digit numbers and fractions. The students have all been very welcoming and excited to learn. Keep it up Jarranga!

Jack Hewson
Numeracy Teacher



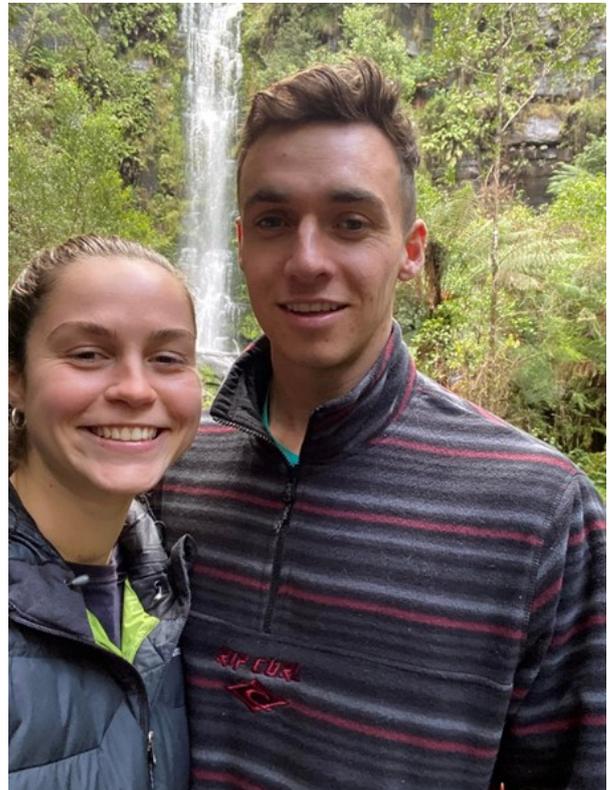
WELCOME

Keely Bent

Awana Xavier Catholic College! My name is Keely and I am incredibly excited to be here this year. I have moved from southern Victoria from a small coastal town called Anglesea (Wathaurong country), where it gets quite cold, to spend my second year of teaching at the College. My family still live in Victoria. In my family I have my mum, my dad, my older sister, an identical twin sister and my beloved dog Max who is a blue heeler. I enjoy walking Max, playing sport, and hanging out with my family, friends and my partner, Harley, who teaches at MCPS.

I am a trained health and PE teacher, but I also specialise in history. I am fascinated by and very eager to learn more about Indigenous cultural history while living in community. I look forward to learning the Tiwi language and getting involved in the Tiwi culture.

Keely Bent



Sam De Sousa



Hi all,

My name is Sam and I am originally from Canberra, upon moving here I have traded the surf/snowboard for a fishing rod. I play a wide range of sports ranging from golf to AFL. I am very excited to be here at Xavier Catholic College and in the Wurrumiyanga community, I have felt very welcomed from the interactions I have had with everyone. I am looking forward to building strong connections in my time here at Xavier Catholic College. Here is a photo of me and my parents.

Sam De Sousa

Jodie Meares

WELCOME

Hello everyone,

My name is Jodie. I come from St Clair, which is in Western Sydney. I have played a lot of netball and touch football, and watched my boys play a lot of rugby League, so I will have to learn the rules of AFL. I love being outside in the fresh air and I am really looking forward to seeing more of the Island. I love fishing, but I'm not very good at it. I have three sons, and three granddaughters.

I am really excited to be here at Xavier, and I am looking forward to making connections with the community during my time here.

Jodie Meares



Health & Physical Education

It has been wonderful to begin our HPE lessons for the term with the new Year 7s and the Year 8s and 9s at Xavier. The students began the term with some 'get to know me, get to know you' and team building activities which was a great way for the Year 7s to meet the rest of the junior levels.

We have now officially started our first unit for the term, Ultimate Frisbee, where the students have been introduced to the fundamentals of the sport and the basic techniques and skills involved. During Week 2 and 3 we have been able to have some fantastic game time in our PE lessons where a lot of the students have demonstrated very impressive frisbee skills.



Throughout the unit we will continue to look at the rules and skills involved in frisbee to improve the students game play even further and their understanding of the rules.

**Keely Bent
HPE Teacher**



COVID SAFE & STUDYING HARD!

