



## ST JOSEPH'S INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the sacred days of the Holy Triduum, I extend my warmest greetings and blessings to each of you. This time of year, invites us to reflect deeply on the profound mysteries of our faith, especially the theme of hope that resonates throughout the celebrations of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. Together, let us embark on this spiritual journey with open hearts.

### **Holy Thursday: The Hope of Service**

On Holy Thursday, we commemorate the Last Supper and Jesus' act of washing the disciples' feet. This day reminds us of the hope found in humble service and love for one another. Jesus' example teaches us that true greatness is in serving others selflessly. As we reflect on this, may we find hope in the small acts of kindness and generosity that we extend to those around us.

### **Good Friday: The Hope in Sacrifice**

Good Friday marks the solemn remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion. It is a day of grief, yet also a day filled with hope. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate testament to God's love for us. Even in suffering and loss, we find hope in the promise of redemption and salvation. Let us hold onto this hope, trusting that through our own trials and sacrifices, new life and transformation are possible.

### **Holy Saturday: The Hope in Waiting**

Holy Saturday is a day of silence and waiting. The world stands still as we anticipate the joy of the Resurrection. In this pause, we find hope in the waiting, trusting that God's plan unfolds even when we cannot see it. May this time of reflection encourage us to remain patient and hopeful in the face of uncertainty, knowing that new beginnings are on the horizon.

### **Easter Sunday: The Hope of Resurrection**

Finally, on Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, the pinnacle of our hope. Jesus' victory over death is a powerful reminder that hope conquers despair, and light overcomes darkness. As we rejoice in the Risen Christ, let us carry this message of hope into our daily lives, spreading joy and love to all we meet.

Finally, I encourage each of you to embrace this journey of hope with faith and devotion. May the celebrations of the Holy Triduum inspire you and your families with renewed hope and a deeper connection to our faith.

May God bless you abundantly.

With prayers and blessings,

**Fr. Zander Murillo Conson, RCJ**

Executive Director

## Welcome Message:

As we dive into this new term filled with new learning possibilities ahead of us, let us embrace our theme, "Transforming Lives: Journeying Together with Christ in Faith and Learning." This is another opportunity to continue to build individual growth through new experiences in learning, not just academically but also in our relationships with each other. Reflecting on Romans 15:5-6, we are reminded of the importance of unity and encouragement. Each one of us plays a vital role in uplifting those around us, creating a supportive community that thrives on collaboration and understanding.

In this Holy Week, let us remember the profound lessons of humility and sacrifice that guide our journey together. Every challenge this term presents an opportunity for us to deepen our connections and enhance our collective spirit, we all need, to help us work towards achieving the results we want. By shedding any uncooperative attitudes, we commit to fostering an environment of love and support, where every student and family feels valued to continue to thrive. Together, we can transform challenges into stepping stones, ensuring that our shared mission of faith and learning resonates in every interaction we will have this term. Hope you all have a restful break and ready for a fruitful and inspiring Term 2!

## Holy Week Information:

During Holy Week, we will have four days of school, from Monday to Thursday. On Thursday, April 17th, 2025, the school has organized reflections on the Stations of the Cross for our students. We kindly ask that all students are dropped off at school on time for this prayerful experience. The venue for the Stations of the Cross will be the College Peace Theatre, and parents are warmly invited to join us.

## Holy Thursday Program:

7:50 AM: Homeroom

8:00 AM: Students and teachers will move to the Peace Theatre.

8:15 AM: Prayer session reflections on each Station of the Cross will begin.

Normal classes will resume after the Stations of the Cross. Dismissal Time on Thursday 17th April 2025, is at 12:30pm. We expect all students to be picked up by 1:30pm to allow everyone to be at home to prepare for the afternoon celebrations in their own parishes.

Good Friday, April 18th, 2025: Public holiday. Everyone is encouraged to spend the day at home and prepare for celebrations in your respective parishes.

Easter Monday, April 21st, 2025: Public holiday

Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025: Classes will resume.

## Celebration of St. Joseph's Feast Day and Cultural Dance Presentations

As we prepare to celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day, college administration would like to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved in the preparations thus far. Your dedication and enthusiasm have been instrumental in bringing this event to life, and we appreciate your efforts and commitment so far.

All cultural group leaders, teacher supervisors, and trainers, are encouraged to take full advantage of the remaining practice days, which are as follows:

Week 1: Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Week 2: Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Week 3: Wednesday, April 30, 2025

This time is crucial for refining your group's dance performances and ensuring that each presentation is polished and impactful. We want to showcase the richness of our diverse cultures and the creativity of our talented performers.

Please note that there will be no additional practice days permitted beyond the established schedule. Let's make the most of our remaining time together and aim for a truly memorable celebration that honors St. Joseph and to showcase the beauty of our cultural heritage.

#### Nine Days Novena Prayers:

In preparation for St. Joseph's Feast Day on Friday, May 2, 2025, we will hold a Nine-Day Novena in honor of St. Joseph. The novena will begin on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at the Peace Theatre, starting at 7:40 AM.

#### St. Joseph's Feast Day:

Friday 2nd May 2025 is the St Joseph's Feast Day. We will celebrate this day here at the college with organized activities planned and prepared for the day. It is a normal school day and all students are expected to attend school to celebrate the day together:

#### Program of Activities:

7:50am	Homeroom for Roll Call
8:15am	Classes will start moving to the Church
8:30am	Eucharistic Celebration begins
9:30am	Recess / Break
10:00am	Cultural Show Dances begins
3:00pm	Home Time

#### Other Details:

The main celebrant for the Eucharistic Mass will be His Eminence Cardinal Sir John Ribat.

Please note that there will be no shared lunch on that day. Everyone is encouraged to bring their own lunch; the canteen will also be open.

For safety and security reasons, students are required to bring their school IDs. Tickets will be issued to parents, guardians, and trainers of each cultural dance group, which must be shown at the gates before entering the school grounds.

#### Holy Rosary Prayers:

During the month of May, each class and their homeroom teachers are scheduled to lead the Rosary. All teaching staff, support staff, and students are invited to gather at the Peace Theatre each morning to participate in the prayers before heading to their classes and workstations.

At the end of the month, Friday 31st of May, we have the crowning of Mama Mary at the Peace Theatre, to be led by Pre-Schools and floral offerings from Grade 12 to Prep to follow. Parents are welcome to join us in these morning prayers.

#### St. Joseph's Sports Competition:

Last term, we hosted the St. Joseph's Sports Competition here at school, with all houses participating in various organized sports. The Primary School competitions took place on Saturdays, while Secondary School events were held on Fridays. The competition was a success and we would like to extend our gratitude to all house captains, house matrons/patrons, teachers, and parents for their involvement. Our students had a fantastic time participating in the games. The winners of the competition will be announced during the celebration of St. Joseph's Feast Day.

## Interhouse Athletics Carnival:

We will host our Inter-House Athletics Carnival at the end of this term. Dates for the Inter-House Carnival are as follows:

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Thursday 19th June 2025: Primary School

Friday 20th June 2025: Secondary School

Preparations for the event will begin in week 4, of this term and details of the preparations will be communicated to everyone to seek your support to get involved to ensure the house Athletes are prepared well for the event.

## SECONDARY SCHOOL: ACCADEMIC

As we reflect on the teaching and learning experiences from Term 1, it is important to acknowledge the progress our students have made and also to address any challenges encountered for continuous improvement in our teaching and student learning.

### Term 1 secondary school reports

The distribution of the Term 1 Report, is scheduled for Week 2 on Friday 25th April 2025, at 2:30 PM. These reports will provide valuable insights into each student's academic performance and areas for growth and serve, not only as a reflection of the students' achievements but also as a tool for parents to engage with their child's learning journey. It is essential that both students and parents take the time to review these reports thoughtfully, as they will set the stage for future learning objectives and foster important conversations about academic goals for term 2.

### Secondary Parent-Teacher Interviews:

Following the report distribution, we are eager to invite parents to our Parent-Teacher Interviews in Week 3 and 4. This is an invaluable opportunity for parents to connect with teachers, discuss their child's progress, and develop collaborative strategies to support learning at home and school. It is our belief that a strong partnership between home and school significantly enhances student development, and these interviews play a crucial role in building that partnership.

As we move forward into Term 2, we remain committed to creating an environment that fosters academic growth, instills a love of learning, and encourages open communication between home and school to support our students / your children's learning.

### Grade 12 Educational Trip to Australia – 2025:

We are excited to announce that our annual overseas trip for Grade 12 students will take place during the Term 2 break this year, from 22nd to 30th June 2025. This enriching experience will take our students to the vibrant city of Sydney, providing them with an opportunity to explore the beauty and culture of Australia while also considering their future educational paths.

### Australia Trip Highlights

The adventure will be in Sydney, where students will have the opportunity to tour the iconic city. They will visit the stunning Sydney Opera House, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its unique architecture and cultural significance and other historical sites within the city limits. Students will also attend a show at the Opera House, making for an unforgettable evening immersed in the performing arts.

We wish all our Grade 12 Student Participants well in their preparation and their Educational Trip to Sydney, this year 2025.

Primary School Term 2 Activity Planner

Primary school parents will receive a Term 2 Activity Planner to help keep track of important dates and events throughout the term. This planner will be sent home with the eldest child in each family.

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