Dear Parents/Guardians,

The 2016 school year, our Year of Integrity, has drawn to a close. It was a significant milestone year for Emmaus College as we undertook a full School Review and commenced construction in August of our substantial new Learning Centre. The School Review noted the following:

- A faith-filled, welcoming school community, the strongest evidence of which are the excellent daily relationships between students, staff and students, staff and parents, and the school and the wider community.
- Excellent student attendance.
- Respectful classroom behaviours.
- Students appreciating the opportunities afforded them and the level of support they receive in wellbeing and the positive working relationships with their teachers and peers.
- A sound wellbeing program contributing to minimal bullying issues.
- Student leadership opportunities from a young age.

The College is running at virtually full capacity with enrolments of around 1,270 students likely for the commencement of the 2017 school year.

Throughout 2016, staff spent considerable time trialling our new Learning Management System, Portal and Intranet, in preparation for its full roll-out in 2017. Called Emmlink, after a student naming competition (congratulations to Maddison Cavallo who came up with the name and Louis Pockett for the logo design), it will replace Studywiz. Emmlink will provide students with a rich learning environment for developing higher order thinking skills and contemporary skills of communication, collaboration, and creativity. The functionality of the system also allows for better communication with parents and teachers. Homework, assessments, feedback and grades will be provided to students and parents in a timely manner.

2016 saw the fifth year of the Y9@E program at the Burwood Campus and it was again a great success. This year saw further refinement to City Explore, Mind and Body, Creating Solutions and the introduction of Certificate Days and Careers Workshops. Thank you to the Director of Y9@E, Mr Michael Lafferty, Y9@E leadership members Ms Claudia Stow (Students) and Ms Lauren teWierik (Program), and the Y9@E team for their sustained work to further develop the program during 2016.

This year saw the continuation of the Peak Skills Program for Year 11 students and their families. This optional evening program was very well attended. Some of the key goals of the program included improving reading, analysing information, basic and advanced note taking, memory skills, revision skills, time management, motivation and collaborative learning.

The continued utilization of Edrolo for many Unit 3/4 VCE subjects, with its comprehensive and up-to-date array of video lectures and detailed explanations of subject content and past exams again demonstrated the ever increasing changes taking place in education – at the time of writing it had been accessed over 113,000 times by our students. Where resources are available, Edrolo will also be available to Year 11 students in 2017.

2016 also saw all senior students really embrace the College’s Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD). There were very few issues, and this further entrenched the one-to-one ICT devices throughout the entire school (iPads remain the preferred school option at Year 7-9).

Emmaus was also a Catholic Education Melbourne Pilot School for the Religious Education Curriculum. This focused on Year 7 with an enquiry-based learning project.
**SISTER SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS**

Our Sister School partnerships continued to thrive, and further emphasised the global nature of the world in which we live. We had visits from Santo Yoseph, Jakarta in August, where we acknowledged our twenty year Sister School relationship. We also had our annual exchange with Pinerolo, Italy and, Gymnasium Johanneum, Germany in July. Thank you to the families that hosted these exchange students and Maria Sabo and our team of language teachers for their commitment to the program.

A number of our students were again privileged to have exchange experiences in 2016. These included the annual exchange to our German Sister Schools during the Christmas holidays, our bi-annual visit to Pinerolo, Italy in December (and associated Italian tour) and another bi-annual experience at Kennedy Catholic High School, Seattle, in September (and Hawaii on the return journey).

Emmaus continued its association, in the ANZAC Centenary School Link Program with a school (College Mermoz) on the former Western Front, France.

**STUDENT WELLBEING & LITURGY**

Dr Peter Price from the University of Divinity (YTU) ran three afternoon/evening Scripture sessions for members of the Emmaus Community during Term 1 on the theme of Church History.

Thanks to the commitment of Fr Julian Langridge, the school community continued to have the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist each Friday morning in the Chapel. Significant liturgies including the Year 7-12 Opening School Mass, Year 12 Graduation Mass and Final Year 7-8 School Mass were all held in the Tony Frizza Stadium. At all Masses, students were given the opportunity to reflect on their school year, and the theme for the 2016 school year ‘To Know Christ through Integrity’.

Thank you to Fr Julian Langridge and Fr Dishan Candappa and Fr Terry Bowman for their ongoing support of liturgy at the College.

Sr Roma Carroll, our Pastoral Associate, maintains a visible presence in College life. Behind the scenes, her important work greatly assists staff and students in numerous ways.

The very successful Year 8-10 Reflection Days were well received by students and staff. In 2016, the Year 10 Reflection Day took on a new format as a whole Year Level experience at the Burwood Campus.

Very positive feedback was received from the Year 12 Retreat, based on House Groups, which gave students an opportunity to reflect on their faith journey while in their final year of secondary education.

Staff and students were involved in a number of Social Justice initiatives, including assisting on a regular basis the Capuchin Order with their Open House Soup Kitchen at Sts. Peter and Paul’s South Melbourne.

The response of the Emmaus College community to those in need was once again very generous. Emmaus students and staff were involved in Student fundraising totalling $13,907. We donated to Children’s First Foundation, Caritas and Project Compassion, St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal, Youth Off The Streets and Maddie Riewoldt’s Vision.

At the Year 7-8 Mass students brought along gifts and toys for distribution by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. We thank families for these much needed donations.

The Building Bridges Interfaith Program at Year 10, where students met others of similar ages but different faith backgrounds were once again facilitated by Michael Gartland. It was a very rewarding experience for those involved. Emmaus was honoured to host the first of these sessions at Vermont South in early May with the founder of Building Bridges, Rev Dr Tim McCowan present.

After five years the College now has a firmly embedded Vertical Pastoral System. 2016 saw the further expansion of the House Shield to include a wider range of events and activities. The once a week Pastoral lesson continues to help meet the needs of students relevant to their age group. The announcement of the winner of the House Shield is now a much-anticipated event at the final General Assembly of the year. Congratulations to Chavoin for again being the Champion House in 2016.

The many popular annual camps took place, such as Year 7 Rawson, Year 8 City Experience and trip to Canberra, the Year 9@E Discovery (including the second World Challenge to Thailand), Year 10 Tasmania and 25 students to Europe in April. We also ran two Outdoor Education camps to the Cathedral Ranges and the Glenelg River region in each semester and an overnight Year 12 Geography fieldtrip to Phillip Island.
The ongoing tremendous work of our Student Leaders across all Year Levels and in varying capacities is much appreciated and certainly has added to the vibrancy of the school.

COLLEGE INFRASTRUCTURE

Despite some initial delays, construction commenced in early August on our new Learning Centre at Vermont South. The building will house Language classrooms, Careers, Education Support, VCAL and College Psychologists. There will also be a Lecture Theatre that will have seating for around 240. This facility will greatly enhance the educational provision at the College. It is hoped that the Learning Centre will be operational for Semester Two 2017.

Renovation of the Year 7/8 wing of the school has almost been completed. Classrooms have been systematically overhauled in recent years with the addition of glass walls to corridors, new carpet and furnishings and painting. Over the 2015/2016 summer holidays new operable walls, new ceiling tiles and projectors were installed in a number of rooms, while the chapel area was also further enhanced. A further two rooms were renovated in the September holidays.

The top oval renovation (drainage, irrigation, turf) was completed. 2016 saw the installation of safety netting and fencing around the perimeter of the ground.

Other ongoing improvements around both campuses in 2016 included new signage to our main entrance in Hawthorn Road and House Banner poles installed at Burwood.

PRODUCTION

Four scheduled performances of ‘Hairspray’ sold out two months prior, and an extra matinee also sold out, confirming Emmaus College’s excellent reputation in the area of performing arts. This was further enhanced by an amazing show, which was a great credit to the talented performers and dedicated staff who teach them.

‘Hairspray’ was nominated for a significant number of awards by the Music Theatre Guild of Victoria and the Lyrebird Awards. Particular mention to Ari Ploutos who was awarded the Best Supporting Actor in a Musical. We now look forward to the excitement of the 2017 College Production ‘The Little Mermaid’. 
MUSIC
The Emmaus Instrumental Music program now has over 125 students receiving private music tuition and a further 95 students participating in a variety of extra-curricular College ensembles. This year, Jennifer Marotta and Leonardo Pietralla completed Grade 2 and Grade 4 AMEB examinations respectively, and with many more students on track to complete exams in 2017, we wish them the best of luck.

Another successful Music Camp took place in March at Fern Gully Lodge, with students staging a concert back at Emmaus on the evening of their return to an almost full house.

Our vocal ensemble have greatly enhanced many school events, such as liturgies and assemblies.

Highlights of the year included the Soul Band performing for Catholic Education Week in the Treasury Gardens in front of an audience of over 2000, and the many band and ensemble performances at parish fetes.

With the Bill Holligan Performing Arts Centre such an excellent performance venue, there were many evening performances/soirées from our talented performing arts students. Please keep an eye on the school calendar for major performance dates in 2017. Next year will also see the introduction of Performance Evenings for our Year 7 and 8 music students.

Thank you to our Director of Music, Mr John Collins, and all music staff for their contribution in 2016.

EMMAUS DAY
Year 7-12 Emmaus Day 2016 was held on an above average winter’s day and was again a major highlight on the school calendar. Student Leaders played a significant role in planning for the day. The day commenced with the Emmaus Day Mass, with celebrant Fr Terry Bowman. ‘The Spin Out’ ride and Giant Slide were a great hit with the students as well as numerous other activities, including ‘E factor’ (replacement name for Emmaus Idol) in the afternoon won by Stanley Johan. The Battle of the Bands was won by Never End (Mairead Ellemor, Lucas Keurntjes, Justin Keurntjes, Mollie Congreve, Alex Teh).

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SPORT
The very successful and enjoyable House Swimming Carnival at Aqualink, Nunawading and Athletics Carnival at Knox were held earlier in the year. The Athletics Carnival was the only whole school sports event for the year, with excellent attendance and participation rates. Chavoin were the champion House.

This was our fifth year of Senior (Year 10, 11, 12) EISM sport. Our senior students won three premierships (Girls Basketball A & B, Boys AFL) and six teams were runners up (Boys Basketball A & B, Girls Tennis A & B, Boys Soccer, Girls Netball B). Emmaus College Year 7 and Year 8 EISM weekly sport teams won eight premierships and were runners-up in thirteen sports. Many good results were also obtained in EISM events, including 5-a-side soccer (1st), Cross Country (Eastern 4th), Athletics (Division 1 – 7th) Swimming (Division 1 – 9th), and at the Beach Carnival we had a number of top three places including many firsts. Training has been underway throughout Term 4 this year in preparation for Swimming and Athletics for 2017.

Thank you to Elia Carter and all staff involved in our Sports Program this year.
PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATING

2016 saw excellent participation and results in Debaters Association of Victoria (DAV) across the Year Levels. The excellence in Debating Award was presented at Presentation Evening to Charlotte Wessel and at the Valedictory Dinner to Lara Griffin. Thank you Kerryn Dodson and the many teachers who supported the teams throughout the year, including the regular Thursday evening debates.

Emmaus College also performed well in the National Finals of the Evatt Competition (a Model United Nations Security Council diplomacy competition for students in Years 9-12) with Conor Day and Charlotte Wessell representing the College with distinction.

VET & VCAL

Another very successful year was undertaken by our VCAL students in 2016. Students continued their community engagement with support for the homeless and marginalised members in our society with food preparation, socialising and meal service at St Mary’s House of Welcome and Ozanam House. Skills were also developed in the selection and preparation of meals for the Moving Out of Home study. VCAL students demonstrated their many combined talents with the construction of a large deck area adjacent to the staffroom.

An indicator of the success of the program is three students obtaining an apprenticeship, with a number of others entering further training in their chosen pathway. There are around 10 students enrolled for Intermediate VCAL 2017 and 3 for Senior VCAL.

VET continued to be well supported this year by students from Years 10-12 pursuing applied learning qualifications at the Certificate II and Certificate III level. Each Wednesday, students travelled to other host venues / TAFE colleges to complete Certificates in Electro Technology, Hair and Beauty, Plumbing, Community Services, Building and Construction, Hospitality, Equine, Aviation, Music Industry, Sport and Recreation, Live Production, Automotive, Creative Industries, and Horticulture. Emmaus College also continued to host students from other schools who participated in our delivery of the VET Applied Fashion Certificate II in our own textiles facility. Thank you to Ms Janina Saliba who departs Emmaus College after many years of co-ordinating our VET students.

PARENTS/COMMUNITY

The Emmaus Parents’ and Friends Association continued to be very active. The major events for the year were:

- P & F Year 7 Family Fun Day
- Year 7 Breakfasts
- Mingle with Mums
- Carpark Coffee when a number of camps returned
- Fathers’ Day Breakfast

Emmaus College expanded its social media profile in 2016 with a new Facebook page www.facebook.com/EmmausMelb and also Twitter twitter.com/EmmausMelb. The Emmaus Alumni Association also created a new Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/237540999918454/ which now has over 2,700 members. Thank you to Denise McCann for all her social media posts throughout the year.

There was one formal school reunion in 2016 – the Class of 1996. Thank you to our Emmaus Alumni Representatives, Barry Parnell and Denise McCann and Michael Jones (St Leo’s Rep on behalf of Emmaus College), for their active role with the Alumni in 2016.

Parent Forums again focused on keynote guest speakers. In Term 1 we welcomed Sally Gissing – Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation while in Term 2 William Keane kept parents up-to-date with information on our Visible Learning Program.

The Emmaus St Leo’s Old Collegians, which features many former students, play football in the Victorian Amateur Football Association, struggled a little after their promotion to Division 2, and will be back in Division 3 in 2017.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Craig Griffin, Year 11 2017, who has been invited to join the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program at Melbourne University for 2017-2018.

Congratulations to Joshua Sleeman with the announcement of the Monash Scholars for 2017.

Congratulations to the Emmaus Robotics students who recently competed in the VEX National’s Starstruck competition in Wangaratta. There were 26 teams competing from Melbourne, Wangaratta, Wodonga, Canberra and...
Goulburn. One of the Emmaus teams reached the final which is an outstanding effort.

Congratulations to Emerson Rodriguez (Year 9), who achieved his Black singlet in Muay Thai kickboxing on 4 December aged 14.

To our Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh team for being nominated for 2016 Excellence and Innovation Award.

Congratulations to Tess Flintoff (Year 8), who was recently selected for the Victorian Metro Under 15 Female Cricket team where she will be participating in the Under-15 National Championships in Canberra early next year.

PRESENTATION EVENING, YEARS 7-11

Another excellent Presentation Evening recognized the many achievements of our students. Our special guest for the evening was Alex Riewoldt, representing Maddie Riewoldt’s Vision, one of our charities for 2016.

This important evening on the school calendar held at the Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University, allowed the Emmaus community to acknowledge the achievements, efforts and talents of a large range of students in many areas of endeavour at the College.

The noteworthy Christian Witness Award acknowledges students that have contributed to the College and the community beyond the formal Religious Education classes. The Christian Witness Award recipients for Years 7-11 were:

- Year 7 – Sarah Edwards;
- Year 8 – Hannah White;
- Year 9 – Oscar Vaughan;
- Year 10 – Rachel Weeks;
- Year 11 – Aziz Kastoun.

The prestigious Father Arnold Award is presented to a Year 10 student at Presentation Evening each year who demonstrates the following characteristics that are indicative of the person the award is named after: conscientious, persistent, humble and living the Gospel message in the service of the College motto and yearly theme. The Father Arnold Award for 2016 was made to Anthony Vezzu.

2016 Sporting Excellence Award was presented to Godfrey Slattery (National Age Group Track Cycling Champion and a member of the Australian Under 19 Track Team that competed in the World Championships in Switzerland).

College Student Leaders for 2017 were also announced, and we congratulate the students listed on the following page.
FAREWELL

At the end of the year, we farewelled a number of staff, and thanked them for the valuable role they have played in the life of the College, especially Ms Janina Saliba, who after 10 years at Emmaus (many as VET Co-ordinator) has been appointed to a leadership role at St Bede’s College. We also congratulate and farewell Mr Ashleigh Hoogendoorn and Ms Freda Pahomis who have been appointed to leadership roles at De La Salle and Salesian College, while Ms Sylvia-Jade Tandberg will be working at another school in the eastern suburbs after a number of years in Educational Support and as a teacher. We also farewelled a number of staff who had replacement contract positions in 2016. We wish Kendall Otten and Janice Stiglich our best wishes as they go on maternity leave for the 2017 school year.

Farewell to students who are leaving the College. We wish you well in your future education or other activities. A special note to the parents of Year 12 students, and in particular to those families that may have had a long association with Emmaus College - we thank you for your contribution and support over the many years.

COLLEGE BOARD/SCHOOL FEES

In October, the College Board recommended to the Canonical Administrators, the adoption of the Budget for 2017.

Total College income is estimated to be $22,192 million. (Parents/other – 35.4%, State Government Grants – 11.3%; Commonwealth Government Grants – 46.2%; other income 6.6%). Our recurrent expenditure is estimated to be $19,91 million with a capital expenditure of $1,581 million the College will budget for a surplus of $700,643.

Annual Tuition fees for 2017 will be $5,590 per student—an increase of $270 on current fee levels. The discount structure of 20% for the second child, 30% for the third child and 100% for the fourth child will be continued.

A reminder that the College Fees Policy recommends that all families pay fees via direct debit, unless alternative arrangements are made with the College.

Thank you to our Canonical Administrators, led by Father Julian Langridge and to the members of the College Board, led by Mr Louis Souchon, and its sub-committees for their support of the College and the contribution they make to the education of our students.

ON TRACK SURVEY DATA

On Track Destinations of School Leavers provides a comprehensive analysis of the destinations of Victorian students shortly after they leave school from Years 10, 11 and 12. This data was only recently released (much later than in previous years) and is outlined below with a comparison with recent years. The figures are indicative only, as not all students respond to the survey and the data...
is for the Class of 2015. Nonetheless, they do demonstrate trends. Number of respondents 119 out of 189 (63%).

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*previous year’s figures have been rounded to nearest whole number.

With only 63% of 2015 Year 12 students completing the survey it is difficult to make a definitive analysis of the results. Generally, the post Year 12 destinations are similar to those of recent years. For the class of 2015 there was a continuing preference for university study (68.1%). TAFE/VET enrolments were slightly up (12 to 13.4%), while apprenticeships/traineeship also remained about the same 8% to 8.4%. The proportion of students employed dropped from 9% to 4.2%, while we had a higher number of students defer in comparison with recent years.

As reported in Newsletter No. 1, 2016, from the class of 2015, 95% of our students received a first-round tertiary offer (45% getting their first preference and a further 21% their second preference). The figure of 66% of students receiving either their first or second preference is pleasing.

## YEAR 12 STUDENTS 2016

Congratulations to the Class of 2016 for their finish to the year. The Graduation Mass and Final Day festivities were memorable milestone events that were shared with parents and family members. Thank you to our VCE teachers who so generously gave their time and assistance during preparations for the examination period.

The Valedictory Dinner was again held in the Medallion Club, Etihad Stadium, Docklands. Around 650 family members, students and staff enjoyed the evening. This formal event allowed us to say farewell to the “Class of 2016”. Michael Di Pasquale delivered the Valedictorian Speech, recalling his many memories of Emmaus and the significance of this moment in the Valedictorians’ lives.

During the course of the evening, the following presentations were made to students:

**2016 Academic Endeavour**: Alex Brennan, Noah Bennett, Emily Freeman, Jade Guarnera, Patrick Crummy, Ruth de La Peña.
VALEDICTORIAN AWARDS

Excellence in Debating Award
Lara Griffin

Father Dillion Sports Award
Edward Snibson

Performing Arts Award
Mairead Ellemor

Keith Henry Award
Emma Tibballs

Christian Witness Award
Alice Timms

Caltex All Rounder
Conor Day

ADF Long Tan Leadership Award
Beatriz Burayag

Principal’s Award
Elisha Torres

VCE RESULTS

We are again able to report on a satisfactory end to the year for our Year 12 class. 191 completed the full Year 12 and all students have gained the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). The Median Study Score was 31 and the percentage of Study Scores over 40 was 7.0%.

Across all assessments in all subjects, the distribution of student grades was:

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For example, an ATAR of 70.0 indicates a set of results better than 70% of all students in the age group Australia-wide. That is, the student ranks in the top 30% of all students in the age group across the nation. The ATAR is used as the primary determinant in allocating places at universities and many TAFE Colleges.

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Special mention to Eliza Whitford who received a Study Score of 50 and a Premiers Award and Noah Bennett (49 for English) and Thomas Bolger (49 Further Maths).

Congratulations to all our Year 12 students who have worked to the best of their ability to achieve good VCE results. Statistics never indicate the personal stories (and often struggles) that many students go through.
CLASS OF 2016 REUNION

Emmaus College extends to you an invitation to attend a Reunion of the 2016 Year 12s.

This will be an opportunity to catch up early in the new year and to collect your Annual.

Friday, 24 February 2017, 3.45pm
Senior Learning Centre

RSVP if you are unable to attend by calling 9845 3211 by 20 February 2017
IMPORTANT DATES 2017

As well as term breaks and public holidays, please note the following important dates for 2017.

Monday, 23 January
College Office opens (Vermont South only)

Wednesday 25 January
Y9@E Office (Burwood) opens

Thursday 26 January
College Office closed - Australia Day Public Holiday

Friday 27 January
College Office closed

Monday 30 January
Staff Conference Day. Office closed until 11.45am

Tuesday 31 January
Staff Conference Day

Wednesday 1 February 8.30am-12.30pm
Year 7s commence (Summer uniform)

Thursday 2 February
Full day program for Years 7-12 (Summer uniform)

Friday, 31 March
School Professional Learning Day – Student-Free Day

Monday, 19 June
Correction and Report Writing Day – Student Free Day

Tuesday 15 August
Staff Retreat Day – Student Free Day

Monday, 6 November
Student Free Day (Melbourne Cup weekend)

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2017

Term 1: 2 February – 30 March
Term 2: 18 April – 30 June
Term 3: 17 July – 22 September
Term 4: 10 October – 8 December
.finish varies depending on Year Level)

VCE 2018 ‘HEADSTART PROGRAM’
Year 12 and Year 11 2018 HeadStart Program runs from Wednesday, 22 November until Friday 1 December. This is compulsory for all Year 12 and Year 11 2018 students.

NEWSLETTER 2017

The Emmaus College Newsletter will again be produced every three weeks in 2017 and will be emailed. The newsletter is also available on the Emmaus College website.

COLLEGE THEME FOR 2017

To Know Christ through Harmony.

APPRECIATION

After reading through this Newsletter, and the School Review, it is evident that 2016 has been another successful year for Emmaus College. I would like to express my appreciation to all members of the Emmaus Community for their contribution to the College. The College Board and Board Sub-committees under the leadership of Father Julian Langridge, President of the Association of Canonical Administrators and Mr Louis Souchon Chair of the College Board. Mr Souchon has retired as Board Chair after many years in the role, and on behalf of the school community, we thank him for his commitment.

Acknowledgement of the College Leadership Team: Assistant Principals - Anne McLachlan, William Keane and David White and the Director of Education and Faith, Mr. Michael Gartland, Director of Year 9@E Michael Lafferty and Business Manager, Gary Casey for their leadership of students and staff throughout the school year. Thank you also to all other staff who have worked tirelessly this year in their many and varied roles for the benefit of the Emmaus College community.

2017 promises to be a memorable year with the roll out of EmmLink, Continuous Reporting at Year 11 and the completion of the new Learning Centre hopefully for Term 3.

Best wishes for a holy and safe Christmas and holiday period.