



# CARMEL NEWS



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings from a sun drenched Carmel.

As I was writing my latest blurb for the 2017 Encounter magazine this morning I was reminded of what it is about Carmel that we pride ourselves on.

It's not about teachers needing students nor indeed about students needing teachers. What it is in fact about is the school, the home and the student all connecting for the greater good of a collective community.

Sadly, from time to time we can 'drop the ball' on this and even fall a little short of the high mark we set ourselves. This can lead to frustration from all angles, and rightly so. So what do we do when this occurs and we develop a 'mission drift'? The short answer is, we turn it around and endeavour to get it right again.

As humans we are unfortunately prone to human error and no one is immune to this. Again, the resolve is not in beating ourselves up but listening, learning and and moving forward collectively.

Carmel Adventist College has stood and still stands to serve its community. It has stood here for generations and God willing for many more. But we can't do this alone. We need you and we hope and pray that there is a part where you too need us.

There are so many points to celebrate with our community and how we all stand to serve it in many differing capacities.

Please continue to pray for us as together parents, teachers, students and community, we strive to produce amazing students.

Thank you for your continued support.

Blessings,

**Mr Nicholas Thomson**  
**Principal**

## CALENDAR

**YEAR 9 STORMCO SERVICE TRIP**  
Fri-Fri 11th-18th November

**ORIENTATION DAY**  
Fri 11th November

**WACE CONCLUDES**  
Wed 23 November

**YEAR 10 & YEAR 11 EXAMS**  
Thurs-Thurs 17-25 November

**YEAR 9 STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**  
Thurs-Tues 24-29 November

**YEAR 12 SERVICE TRIP**  
Thurs 24 November

**DEREGISTRATION YEAR 10 & 11**  
Fri 25 November

**YEAR 9 CELEBRATION DINNER**  
Wed 30 November

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## Year 10 Cambodia Trip

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, 31 students, 4 staff and 6 adult helpers from Carmel Adventist College left Perth for their annual service trip to Cambodia.

The trip began with a visit to SHE rescue (a safe place where victims of sex trafficking are cared for until they are ready for reintegration back to their community). The students were then taken to the killing fields and S21 where they witnessed firsthand the aftermath of the Khmer Rouge and the destruction and poverty it left in its wake.

The students were given the opportunity to engage in a wide range of mission work while being immersed in the rich culture of Cambodia. The team worked by building a goat shed, played with children who have been orphaned and some rescued from the most horrific circumstances. They also helped by setting up veggie gardens for two poor families and learning to cook, eat and spending a night with a family in the local village.

Here are two reflections from two of the students who went on the trip:

The Year 10 Cambodia mission trip was not only a learning experience, but it changed my perspective of the world.

The people there did not have fancy houses with cars parked outside. Rather, they had small huts and lucky to have bicycles as cars. Their houses weren't big but their hearts were...I learnt that the small things in life, the ones we take for granted, are those that we are

supposed appreciate the most. Things we cannot buy, like kindness, gratefulness, joy and love. These were the things that the Khmer people in Cambodia had that many of us do not acknowledge.

The sleep out was definitely an eye opener, giving us a glimpse of the life of a Khmer person. Teaching us to appreciate what we have and showing us how lucky we are to be born and raised in a country like Australia. *(by Victoria Rosales)*

I got so much out of this amazing trip! When asked, most students say their highlight of the trip was the village sleep-out or seeing all the happy people. Although I enjoyed those experiences, my highlight of the trip would definitely have to be getting completely dirty, sweaty, sunburnt and just plain gross while working on the builds! I have never worked so hard or gotten so sweaty in my life! I am so satisfied that I was able to work to the best of my ability for those people. We as a group managed to achieve in 3 days what would have taken the family a few months to do. It was all-so worth it when we finished working and got to see the gratefulness of the families. It made me realise that, by bringing happiness to others, you are bringing true happiness to yourself and it is the best feeling in the world.....This trip has definitely inspired me to go out of my comfort zone to serve others and make this world a better place.

*(by Lauren Gissing & Victoria Rosales)*

**Mr Sepeti Fui**  
**Year 10 Coordinator**

## ANCHOR WEEK IS ON!

This week we are celebrating a variety of year level groups leading out in Chapel. Throughout the week we are also collecting non-perishable items for the **CAN-A-THON**, support Manna Ministries ([manna.org.au](http://manna.org.au)) in helping our local community.



This **Thursday** we will be celebrating diversity in having a **Cultural Dress Day**, students

are encouraged to donate a can and dress up in Cultural clothing.

Plus a delicious **Multi Cultural Vegetarian Lunch** (1.10-1.45pm), where we will be celebrating delicious dishes together. The lunch will cost \$2 a plate and proceeds go to the CAN-A-THON. If you would like to come, dress up or donate a dish please drop it off at reception before 12.50pm.

Thank you for all your support!

*Your Chaplain, Miranda.*

## PRAYER WARRIOR

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

- Year 12 Students as they take their ATAR exams

## Bencubbin Scholarship

The Bencubbin Seventh-day Adventist Church was officially closed in 2006. The remaining membership decided to establish a trust that would be used for the benefit of secondary students by assisting them in their ability to attend Carmel Adventist College. In this act, the memory of the Bencubbin Seventh-day Adventist Church, and its commitment to Adventist Christian Education would be preserved and applied in a practical and positive manner.

*If you would like to apply for this scholarship, please contact reception for more information.*

## School Fees

Fees for the year must to be paid in full by **28 November** unless a prior arrangement has been made. Please note that school reports will not be released if fees have not been finalised.

## Option B – Prompt Payment Discount

Option B payments are due by Friday, 21 October in order to be eligible for Prompt Payment discount. Please refer to your Fee Payment Option Sheet to ensure you are paying the correct amount.

## Boarding Away From Home Allowance

Are you in receipt of Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) from the Department of Human Services (Centrelink)? (You must supply proof with your application.) You may be eligible for up to \$2105 towards boarding expenses. For more information phone (08) 9264 4516 or email [student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:student.allowances@education.wa.edu.au).

**Applications close Friday, 25 November 2016.**

**Naomi Thomas**  
**Bursar**

