The conference forms another aspect of our farewell to our Year 10 students, together with the conclusion of the Year 10 – My Future – Career and Transition Program that has been running throughout 2014. The My Future Program asked students to look ahead some years to the careers they wish to pursue, to look at the choices they may need to make to realise their career goals (courses, subjects, directions) and the steps they need to take to get there.

Year 10 students will be attending a variety of career-focused workshops on Friday, November 21.

Also on Friday, November 21, Mr Greg Irons will be the keynote speaker talking on the following theme: living, working and learning in the 21st century – careers I hadn’t thought of!

On Monday, November 24, for the events and adventure activities, students will have the opportunity to participate in an outreach adventure, art adventure, HPE adventure or a responsible service of alcohol course (RSA).

The full program for the 2014 Year 10 Moving Up Conference will shortly be available on our website in the upcoming events section: http://www.mackillop.tas.edu.au/news-events/

Mr Roger Toombs
Development Officer

Supervision at the College does not commence until 8.15 am. It is advisable that students are dropped at the College from 8.15 am onwards.

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP FOR 2015

I am pleased to announce that the following students have been elected by the community of Mackillop Catholic College to student leadership positions in 2015: Paul Arcena, Matthew Bomford, Claire Callan, Charlotte Curran, Olivia Drew, Zac Flanagan, Jake Percy, Sarah Robinson, Jacob Rugless and Brady Stacey.

At the conclusion of the Year 10 Ceremony on Tuesday, November 25, the 2014 team officially pass on their leadership portfolios to the 2015 Student Leaders, making a pledge to take on the responsibility to be College Leaders in 2015.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Next Tuesday is Remembrance Day. On this day in 1918 at 11.00am – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month – the First World War came to an end. Much of the war had been fought in the trenches of Belgium and France. It is thought that approximately 9 million soldiers were killed and 27 million wounded – many of them permanently disabled. Australia lost a whole generation of young men through this war. During the war soldiers in the trenches could see red poppies growing in the fields of Flanders – the name of the area that covers part of

Mackillop Catholic College

Sustainable Living Festival 2014
8 & 9 November, Princes Wharf 1
10am – 4pm
$5 entry
(includes free SLT membership)

Come and be inspired to GET CONNECTED

Now in its 16th year, the Sustainable Living Festival has long been the highlight of the Tasmanian event calendar. Each year the festival has the Hobart waterfront buzzing with over 12,000 people eager to connect with businesses and organisations who can help them make their dreams a reality. This year we are proud to present our Saturday Night Party (in cooperation with friends MONA and Cygnet Folk Festival).

At the festival we’ll have informative talks and hands-on workshops, cooking demonstrations, expert advice, live music, delicious food & drink stalls and art installations like our growing milk bottle wall and lego wind turbine. We also have a number of fun kids activities lined up for our youngest festival visitors. The aim of this event is to provide inspiration and practical solutions to living sustainably and help nurture connections between individuals, organisations, ideas and the ecosystems which allow us to flourish.

Tasmanians value our majestic wild spaces, connected communities and bountiful harvests. We also love to celebrate. At SLF 2014, we plan to combine these and invite Tasmanians to our inaugural event is not to be missed.

For more information check out www.slt.org.au/festival
For further information please contact: Michele Matthews, Marketing and Promotions
03 6234 5566 or email michele@slt.org.au

Sustainable Living
TASMANIA

While undertaking some reading recently I came upon a reflection about joyful living that I wanted to share with you. Please take some time to read and reflect upon these words.

"Of recent times, there has been much talk about our ageing population and the fact that we are living longer. Professor Robyn Richmond conducted a study of 190 centenarians, the oldest was 112, and from her interviews with them found that personality traits and attitudes had a greater influence than genetics. Low neuroticism – fear, worry, guilt – low anger and hostility, low impulsivity, low depression, high social connectedness, high openness, high conscientiousness: these seemed to be the key to a ripe old age. Levels of anxiety and depression amongst the group were well below average.

"Get on with it; you can’t dwell on disappointments.” “Wherever you are, I’m contented.” “Tell me I’m the oldest woman. How did I get here? Just quietly living one day at a time.” These were a sample of the comments from our most senior citizens and what wisdom they contain. Collectively, these centenarians seem to have discovered the secret of joyful living by being fully engaged with their lives and being fully alive in one present moment followed by the next.

Pema Chadron, a Tibetan spiritualist, observed that, “Authentic joy is not a state of feeling or being high. Rather it is a state of appreciation that allows us to participate fully in our own lives.” Denmark seems to be the best country at living joyfully and the main reason is that most people strive to do their very best in their day to day activities. They do their best because they care, they work hard because that fulfills them and they don’t worry too much about the “negatives”. “Worry is like sitting in a rocking chair; it will keep you busy but you won’t get anywhere.” Author unknown.

Unfortunately, some people worry over unfounded fears which really never happen. They wander through life without any meaningful and worthwhile purpose. They spend their life going in circles which, as they age, become decreasing circles: a tragic way to live.

Joyful living is the result of being totally accepting of our present moment. Whenever we project ourselves away from our present moment and seek happiness in another time or place, we leave joy behind. When all parts of our life fully embrace where we are right now, we can’t help but be joyful. Jesus spoke to his Apostles and said, “These things I have spoken to you that my joy may remain in you and that your joy may be full” John 14:11.

Again, when Jesus said, “Until now you have asked nothing in my name; ask and you will receive that your joy may be full” John 16:24 he is stating that he wants us to be full of joy. Jesus is inviting us to call on his name to draw on the resources of God for anything we need to help us to live joyfully. Living joyfully is a work in progress throughout our lives. So, “Get on with it; you can’t dwell on disappointments.”

“Lord, we pray for a personal encounter with your words, ‘Well done ... enter into the joy of your Lord’.” Matt. 25: 23.
Belgium, the Netherlands and France. Red poppies have been used as a symbol of remembrance ever since and are often worn on this evening.

The following dates are important to note as we approach a very special time of year:

- **November 14**
  Year 10 students need to take all possessions home from lockers
- **November 17 – 19**
  Year 10 Exams
- **November 20**
  All Schools Triathlon
- **November 22 & 24**
  Moving Up Student Conference
- **November 25**
  Thanksgiving Mass at Corpus Christi at 10:00am (Morning Tea at the Parish Centre)
  Leaving Exam: practice at UITS 12.00-2.30pm
  Leaving Ceremony: 7.00pm start (students there by 6.30pm)
- **November 26**
  Year 10 Final Assembly 8.45am – 10.45am

**YEAR 10 EXAMS**

On Monday, November 17, Year 10s commence their final exams. I strongly encourage parents not to make outside appointments for students during this time as they can be very disruptive, necessitating catch-up assessments which can be quite stressful for students. If you have any questions in the coming weeks, please contact the College’s Director of Learning and Teaching, Dr John Snell, either by phone or email (jsnell@mackillop.tas.edu.au).

**BOOK AND STATIONERY LISTS FOR 2015**

For 2015, Birchalls will be handling all of the Back-to-School requirements for student text books and stationary. Book and stationary lists will be sent out to all students in the next few weeks along with an information sheet including Birchalls’ opening days and times. Birchalls have a well-established Back-to-School operation at the Royal Hobart Showground where parents and students can select their text and stationary requirements.

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**STUDENT SAFETY CONCERNS**

Last week I had a call from a concerned driver who came very close to hitting one of our students with his car while driving through the Eastlands bus mall.

According to this driver, a number of our students were crossing the road to the island in the bus mall and, in doing so, stepping out in front of oncoming traffic. They should have been using the lights to alert drivers to their presence. This is a reminder that students need to take greater care around buses and cars, not cross between parked buses and ensure that they check carefully before stepping off the curb into oncoming traffic.

**MOBILE PHONES**

The College Policy on mobile phones is very clear; all phones should be away after the first bell and only out after the last bell of the day. For 2015, students will not be able to access their phones during any class, except to call home if there is a genuine reason, such as a family emergency. If you need to contact your son/daughter during the day please do so via the College Direct. Direct calls or messages must not be made to students.

**YEAR 10 FINAL WEEKS**

The following dates are important to note as we approach a very important time for our Year 10 students. I ask parents for support in ensuring their children are of excellence has been well established. The opening night of FUSION is next Wednesday, November 12 at the Long Gallery, Salamanca. The opening will be catered for by the College’s Year 10 Hospitality Class, led by Mr Ben Shaw. This will be followed by the Year 9 Drama performance “Looking for...” in the Peacock Theatre. The music concert will be held on the following evening, Thursday, November 13 at 7.30pm and will also be performed in the Peacock Theatre. Congratulations to our Performing and Visual Arts staff, Mr Steven Burdon, Miss Phillipa Coward, Mrs Linda Pollard, Ms Anne Lonergan and to our Head of Performing and Visual Arts, Mrs Toni Pritchard for the staging of FUSION 2014.

**2015 STUDENT LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS**

I would like to extend my congratulations to the newly elected 2015 Student Leadership Team that Dr Towns published in her column. I look forward to working with the team throughout next year and am sure they’ll be great ambassadors for our College and terrific representatives of our students’ ideas and opinions. Thank you to Mrs Pat Graham for sharing all the data from the elections so promptly and professionally.

At the conclusion of the Year 10 Leaving Ceremony, Tuesday, November 25, the 2014 team will officially pass on their leadership portfolios. The newly elected leadership team will make a pledge on this evening to take on the responsibility to be College Leaders in 2015.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the 26 candidates who had the courage to stand for election last Tuesday. Staff were very impressed by the calibre of candidates, the quality of the speeches and the genuine enthusiasm presented at the Election Assembly.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING RETREAT**

The successful 2015 Student Leadership Team will undergo training for the newly elected positions on Thursday, December 4 and Friday, December 5 at the student Leadership Retreat held at Dodges Ferry. The training aims to prepare our students for their responsibilities, by allowing them the opportunity to build positive group dynamics for the newly formed leadership team. There will be various workshops for students to participate in to assist them with the following: brainstorming, goal setting, organisation, running effective meetings, public speaking and planning and delivering special student led initiatives.

**2015 SCHOOL CAPTAINS**

An important part of the retreat will be the opportunity for students to consider and prepare testimonials for the selection of two College Captains and two Deputy Captains. Candidates will be interviewed on site by a panel consisting of Dr Towns, Mrs Howard and Mr Lahay College Captains and Deputies will be announced during the final weeks of school.

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This test is used to identify where there may be gaps in students’ overall skills and together with our NAPLAN results helps to inform our teachers of how best to provide for the needs of the students. The results also help to ensure our assessment tools are well aligned with required standards.

**TMS TESTING**

This year we have once again been selected to be part of the International Monitoring of Mathematics Study (TIMSS). 44 of our Year 8 students have been specifically selected by ACER (the research organisation that coordinates this test) to represent Mackillop College. The aim of this study is to determine how the achievement of Australian students in Maths and Science compares to that of the rest of the world.

The input of our selected Year 8 students is very important and we are extremely grateful for their contribution to this essential research study.

**TORC TESTING**

All Year 7 and 8 students will be tested for reading comprehension this Thursday. We use this test essentially to determine the current reading level of our students and the progress they have made in response to our Reading Enhancement Program.

**YEAR 10 EXAM BLOCK**

Year 10 exams are between November 17 and 19 with exams in English, Maths, Science, World Studies, Religious Education, HPE, and Art. Time is also allocated in this block for Year 10 Drama students to complete all outstanding work. See elsewhere in this newsletter for the detailed schedule.

**SEMESTER 2 REPORTING**

We will be issuing Semester 2 reports on December 15, which has changed from the publication date in the Terms 3 and 4 calendar. This report will provide ratings on each strand of each subject studied, a summative rating for the year (or semester as appropriate), and a commented Home Room report. Provision is also made for teachers who wish to include a comment on a subject report but, as it is not mandatory for teaching staff, this will vary from subject to subject.

Dr John Snell, DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING