

# College News

Friday 25 September 2009

*'Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.'*

**Psalm 127:1**

## Exciting Developments for Swan Christian College K-12

It is with pleasure that we are able to inform you of some exciting developments at Swan Christian College, K-12 Campus. Firstly, as communicated earlier in the year, the Australian Federal Government has made some money available for building projects and we have been able to secure additional funds to complete major works at the College.

We are very pleased to announce that we are about to embark on some capital works which will enhance the College and we look forward to its completion. As part of this process, we have contracted two architect firms to manage the projects. Machin Architecture and Interiors and Ian Anderson Architect Pty Ltd. Ian is working on the smaller of the projects while Machin Architecture and Interiors is completing the design on the Library/Arts Centre. The projects include:

### Enclosing the Years 1 and 2 and Years 3 and 4 Blocks

A builder, Bill Pitt & Co, has been appointed to begin work to enclose the roof over these two blocks in the Junior School. This will include a fully covered area, enclosed doors and

resurfacing of the floor with a rubberised surface being more amenable to student usage. It is anticipated that these areas will provide a more usable space by opening up the classroom area and extending the teaching space beyond the current classroom door. (A sketch outlining this will be uploaded to our website shortly).

### Disabled Drop off Zone

The roof area between the S Block and the D and T Block in the Senior School will be joined to allow parents to drop off children with physical disabilities without being subject to weather conditions. Primary and Secondary Parents can reverse into this area, unload wheelchairs and drive out, leaving students to move to class all the while remaining undercover.

### Library/Arts Centre

Machin Architecture and Interiors are continuing to work on finalising the design of the Library/Arts Centre; there are also a series of consultants engaged in this process. This building will include: two music rooms, a media, a dance and a drama room, a large library, tuition rooms, staff facilities and an auditorium for

performances capable of seating approximately 500 people.

We have received verbal confirmation from Swan City Council that this building has development approval and we anticipate the building project beginning early December 2009, with the tender process starting soon. Each of these projects will add to the exciting provision of the College and we look forward to its completion. We recognise that there will be some inconvenience with the building projects; however, we will keep you informed of developments as they arise. It is anticipated projects 1 and 2 will be completed by the end of 2009 and the Library/Arts Centre will be completed towards the end of 2010.

We look forward to the completion of these projects and what they will add to the College.

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As part of the Amalgamation, many parents have been asking questions about the proposed uniform changes. During the last two terms we have received feedback via the weblink and our consultation meetings. We have used this information to work on the future direction of uniform for the College. Some of the clear focal points that were highlighted were:

- K-12 consistency – working toward one uniform
- improving the style and design of some items
- ensuring an adequate transition to the new uniform.

There has been a Uniform Committee working with Midland Christian School and Swan Christian College Councils, the Uniform Shop and Manufacturers to ensure an excellent uniform for the K-12 campus.

We have asked the manufacturer to make one change – the girls' summer dress. As a result of insufficient supplies, the Councils and College have decided to bring forward the introduction of the new summer dress rather than re-order the older fabric and have parents purchase items which will be outdated. We are confident that there will be an enthusiasm for the new design and improved fabric; these dresses will be on display in both offices early next term. The current style of dresses will be able to be worn in line with the change over periods which will be advised early next term. More detail will follow in coming newsletters.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Lewis  
***Principal***

## From the Deputy Principal

### NAPLAN 2009 Results

I am delighted to inform you that our Year 9 students performed very well in the NAPLAN testing program held in May this year. Our College average scores were above Western Australian State Average and also above the All Australian Schools Average in all testing areas. This is an outstanding result, as West Australian students are at least 6 months younger than their Year 9 Eastern States counterparts and they have only had a little over a year of secondary schooling at the time they are tested, compared to the two years that students in most other parts of Australia have.

We will be posting home the Year 9 students individual NAPLAN report in the next few days. If you wish to discuss your child's literacy result please contact Mr Matthews (Head of English) or for their numeracy result please contact Mr Prestwidge (Head of Mathematics).

Mrs C Blake  
***Deputy Principal***

### Results obtained

Schools	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar Punctuation	Numeracy
SCC Mean	589	584	576	585	595
All WA Schools Mean	575	566	568	567	584
All Australian Schools Mean	579	571	574	572	588

# Valedictory Dinner

The 2009 Valedictory Dinner will be held at *The Swan Centre*, Swan Christian College on Friday 23 October 2009. The Valedictory Dinner is a time of celebration, fellowship and farewell for our graduating students. It is also an opportunity for the students to acknowledge the parents and staff of the College.

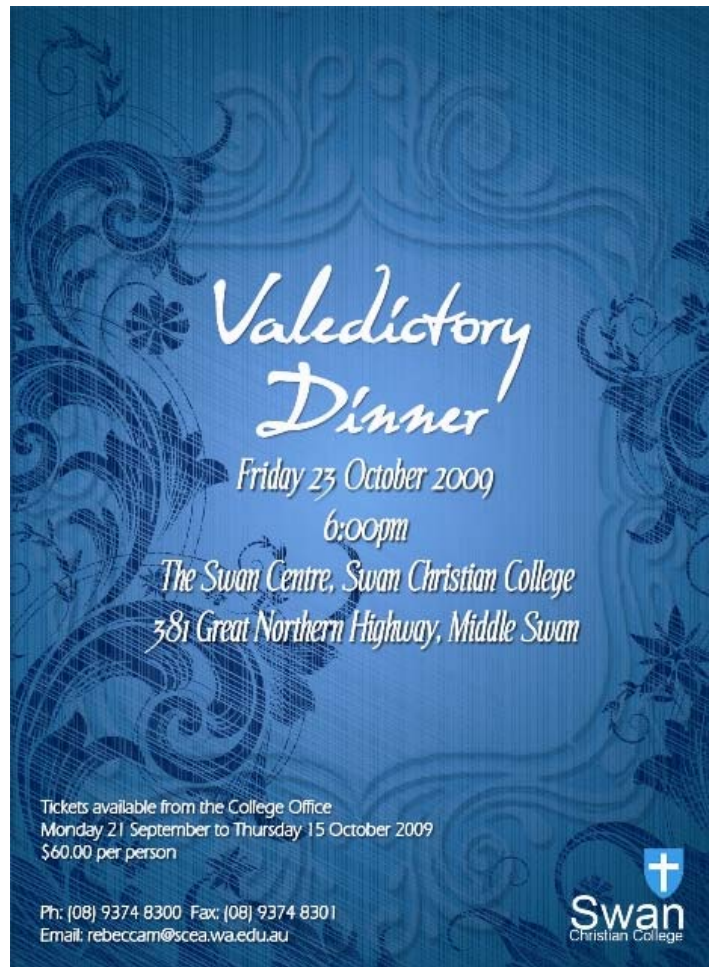
Pre-dinner drinks and entree will be served in the Amphitheatre from 6:00pm and formalities will begin at 6:30pm concluding at approximately 9:00pm. A quality three course meal, including beverages, will be served to all students and guests during the evening. A variety of entertainment has been arranged, with Valedictory speeches from Mr Lewis, selected Year 12 students and invited guests.

**Date:** Friday 23 October 2009  
**Cost:** \$60 per person

As this is a formal College occasion, girls must wear their full Winter Uniform with their tie and blazer and boys must wear their full Winter Uniform including tie and blazer. Blazers must reflect the new College logo. Guests are requested to wear semi-formal attire.

Please return the ticket request and correct payment to Mrs Murua in the College office by **Thursday 15 October 2009.**

Mrs M Macdonald  
**Events/Publications Manager**



# From the Drama Department

The 2010 production of *The Sound of Music* is well underway and the students are busy learning their songs and lines; however we are in need of some assistance from the College community. There are many costumes and props we require for the production, and as the play is set in 1939 some items are hard to come by.

We are in particular need of the following:

- ladies ball gowns
- men's suits
- long evening gloves
- hand door bell
- carpet bag
- two Bosun's whistles
- coffee table set, silver tray, cups and saucers, spoons, sugar bowl and sugar tongs, cream pitcher
- elegant hand mirror
- large old style leather suitcase
- seven rucksacks.

If you have these or any other items that you are willing to donate we would greatly appreciate them. If you are not sure whether the items will be suitable or you would prefer to loan items for *The Sound of Music* please contact the Director, Lisa Johnston at the College for more information. All donations can be given to either Mrs Johnston or Mrs Macdonald at the College office.

Thank you for your support!

Miss L Johnston  
**Whole School Production Director**

# From the Dance Department

Last Tuesday 8 September, the Year 9 and some Year 10 Dance students were lucky to participate in the *Youth on Health Festival* (YOH) heats at the Octagon Theatre.

The YOH Festival is Western Australia's biggest youth performing arts event, giving high school students throughout the State the opportunity to take part in an innovative and revolutionary approach to health education.

The dance category invites students to rock on to the stage with an eight minute dance routine based around the festivals health theme. This year's theme was 'Under Pressure.'

Entries aren't rewarded for spending a huge amount of money on sets, costume design and specialized training. Instead, they are rewarded for being creative and thinking outside the square to deliver the health message, making the festival an affordable option for all schools. Schools are encouraged to focus on getting the health message 'out there' as creatively as they can.

Year 9 student Brooke E, said, 'all the students really enjoyed themselves and were really happy with the end product. We encourage all students to get involved next year.'

The group have qualified for the grand final, which will be held on Friday 23 October 2009. Please feel free to come and watch the performance. More information will be published in the next newsletter.

Miss C Underhill  
**Dance Teacher**

## From the Music Department

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in music this term.

- Luke E for successfully passing his Grade 4 AMEB Piano exam.
- Amy B for being awarded a *Outstanding Certificate* for Piano Solo at the Helena College Music Festival.
- Teagan F (Jazz Band) received a *Citation for Musicianship* for her drumming at the recent WA Schools Jazz Festival.

We are very proud of our music students and encourage them with their future musical endeavours.

Well done!

Mrs T Borowitzka  
**Private Music Program Coordinator**



## College Reminders

### Change of Address and Updated Medical Information

Our records must be kept current in the event of emergencies, therefore, we request all parents advise the College of changes to address, home and work telephone numbers and student medical information etc.

### Student Appointments

Parents of students leaving for appointments during the day are required to sign them out in the *Daily Attendance Book* at Student Services. If parents are unable to come into Student Services, they need to write a note for the office staff to record the appointment. If the students do not have a note and the parents do not sign them out, they will NOT be allowed to leave the College grounds. When the students arrive back at the College they must come to Student Services to record their time of arrival.

# 10 Year Reunion - Class of 1999



Every year we host a ten year reunion for students and staff of Swan Christian College. This year's reunion will be held for the Class of 1999 at *The Swan Centre*, Swan Christian College on Saturday 14 November 2009.

The reunion will commence at 10:30am with coffee and light refreshments followed by a tour of the College and lunch at *Chapel Farm Restaurant*.

Please contact Mr Ewing on 9374 8336 or email [normane@scea.wa.edu.au](mailto:normane@scea.wa.edu.au) to register your interest in attending.

Mr N Ewing  
**Year 12 Coordinator**

## Vacancy - Chaplain



### Chaplain

Swan Christian College (est.1983), situated in the Swan Valley 20km east of Perth, is a non-denominational, coeducational Year 8-12 Christian College with approximately 930 students.

We are currently seeking to employ a person to fill a part-time position (up to 2 days) at the College in the following areas:

- Pastoral Care of Students
- Leadership Development
- Involvement in Camps and Orientation Programs

All applicants must have a *Working with Children* check, be regular attendees of a Christian church and be able to support the Christian ethos of the College.

For more information contact the Principal, c/- Mrs Annie Young via email: [swan@scea.wa.edu.au](mailto:swan@scea.wa.edu.au) or on Ph: 9374 8300 . An application package is available from [www.swan.wa.edu.au](http://www.swan.wa.edu.au).

Applications close: 2 October 2009

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## Dates for Your Diary

### Term 4

Date	Day	Week	Event
13 October	Tuesday	1	<b>Students Commence Term 4</b>
23 October	Friday	2	Last Day for Year 12 Students Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
26 October	Monday	3	Scholarship Exams
27 October	Tuesday	3	Year 7 2011 Enrolment Information Session
28 October	Wednesday	3	Year 7 2011 Enrolment Information Session Year 11 Drama Showcase

\* dates may be subject to change