



5 February 2019

Dear Parents and Friends of Drummond

Welcome back.

### Summer

January featured a Drummond team of seven Melbournians in Vanuatu beavering away at the renovation of school buildings in a remote town (see photos [here](#), and a recent article [here](#)). We also held our annual summer camp at a new venue (photos [here](#)), and there were fitting farewells to Xavier Symons who, with his doctorate all but done, has returned to Sydney. Thank you Xav for five years of really dedicated work here in Drummond.

A warm welcome to Louis Supan, a young lawyer, picking up from Xav. Louis has been running high school and university activities in the far west of Sydney and will be a great help here.

### Term I Years 7-9

Both our high school groups meet each Saturday during term. The first gatherings last weekend were spectacularly successful. James Carroll coordinates the Years 7-9 group. Last weekend they honed their film making and editing skills under Tim Winkels, with some Catholic formation also as part of the afternoon. This weekend features a Treasure Hunt in Carlton Gardens. Please contact James on 0487 200 604 or [zinzo0khaz@gmail.com](mailto:zinzo0khaz@gmail.com) if you would like your son to be involved.

### Years 10-12.

Danny Macgill and Andy Tudehope have taken on the organisation of these senior high school activities. The Saturday program starts with morning study from 10am and includes a meditation from Fr Tom. Last weekend they hit the rock climbing wall and this coming weekend there will be a not-to-be-missed study skills session run by Rob Todesco. Contact Andy on 0406 104 135 or [andrew.tudehope@gmail.com](mailto:andrew.tudehope@gmail.com) if you would like your son to be involved.

### University

Friday night is university night. Fr Tom leads a meditation at 6pm followed by Benediction, Dinner (\$10) and a calendar of activities after dinner. Last Friday the 20 or so of us were treated to a fascinating presentation about Ethiopia from Ted Gebruwubet and his father who had arrived back from Ethiopia that very morning. This coming Friday Sean Mascarenhas shows us slides from his recent South American adventure. Soon too there will be an insider's view of WYD in Panama. Other evenings we will take pizzas to the homeless, or view a cinema classic. During the week there are a range of other events including a Monday night futsal team. Each month on the first Saturday there is a morning of recollection.

### Retreats

All our retreats are held at Castlemaine. Please email me with bookings or enquiries ([apjm.vic@gmail.com](mailto:apjm.vic@gmail.com)). Dates of men's retreats for the year:

**15-17 February**  
**22-24 March**  
**23-26 May** (Thursday-Sunday)  
**22-25 August** (Thursday-Sunday)  
**17-20 October**

For University/senior high retreats contact Louie Supan ([supanlouie@gmail.com](mailto:supanlouie@gmail.com))

**22-24 February**  
**29-31 March**  
**21-23 June**  
**26-28 July**

### Evenings of Recollection

Our men's Evenings of Recollection are held at St Mary's on the second Tuesday evening of the month, commencing at 6.30pm preached by Fr Jerry Gehringer, and at St Gerard's Dandenong, on the Thursday of the same week starting 7.30pm with Fr Tom. All welcome.

### Harkaway Hills and Family Enrichment Australia

Although they are not Drummond initiatives we recommend to you Harkaway Hills College in Narre Warren North, and the courses of Family Enrichment Australia. Term I Open Days at Harkaway Hills will be held on Thursday 21 February, Thursday 7 March, and Thursday 28 March. The Ideals in Teaching evenings at the school are also proving very popular with teachers and you may wish to pass around the attached flyer. And there will be two Family Enrichment programs in 2019. *First Steps* commences in early March – a remarkably effective skill building program for parents of infants. And the popular two day *Marriage Enrichment Course* will run again in June. Flyer for the First Steps is attached.

### The new Drummond

Discussions are being held with Melbourne Council, and soon our plans to redevelop the site where we are, with basement and three storeys above ground across the whole block, will be submitted and public. This is a big project and we will be grateful for all the support we can harness. Please consider a regular donation to our tax deductible fund at:

Drummond Centre Building Fund  
BSB 082 345  
A/C 52 703 2682

Above all, please keep the boys and young men attending Drummond in your prayers, that they benefit in their faith and character from programs here. We need to give them our best support. It's not getting any easier to be a young person in Victoria, but grace can more than compensate for what is lacking in culture, peer group and school, and also in our own shortcomings in example.

Best wishes

Dr Andy Mullins  
*Director*