



Education

OLMC Ailsa Mackinnon Community Centre opened

NEW Ailsa Mackinnon Community Centre at Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta was officially opened by Dr Anne Bunde – Birouste and blessed by the Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFMConv DD, Bishop of Parramatta.

The special afternoon event was attended by Sister Ailsa Mackinnon, the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta, members of the College Board, and Alumnae, College staff, students and parents, as well as a host of special guests including Dr Geoff Lee MP.

Named after Sister Ailsa Mackinnon, who was Principal of the College from 1990 to 2004, the new community centre is located at the corner of O'Connell Street and Victoria Road; it fea-

tures an indoor multi-purpose sports and gathering place (seating approximately 1200 people) as well as four teaching and learning spaces, a roof top outdoor sport area and a gymnasium.

Sister Mackinnon says she is honoured to have a building named after her and is so pleased that it is a community centre dedicated to physical education; "To call it a community centre speaks volumes about the importance of com-

munity to OLMC. It's also a beautifully constructed building that is light and airy with plenty of space for physical activities. Students are encouraged to reach their potential at OLMC and it is important to have facilities such as this building to help enable this. I feel that naming buildings after Sisters of Mercy helps to keep the history of the College alive and reminds the community of the importance of living the Mercy Values."

Internationally respected for her expertise in social change, Dr Anne Bunde-Birouste is the driving force behind

Football United – a program that uses the magic of the 'World Game', together with other strategies, to inspire young people, to foster their educational engagement and to promote social justice and cross-cultural harmony.

Principal Stephen Walsh said the community was very excited about the opportunities the brand new community centre will bring; "The magnificent new sports facilities and contemporary learn-

ing spaces will perfectly complement the mix of learning areas already in use at the College. It will be especially wonderful to have a space large enough

to fit the whole school and guests; it will further enhance our very strong sense of community."

Established in 1889 by the Sisters of Mercy, OLMC Par-

ramatta is a leading independent Catholic girls' school that provides contemporary learning and academic excellence in the rich Mercy tradition.

Hunters Hill High navigates Gifted and Talented Program

HUNTERS Hill High School offers a Gifted and Talented class for Years 7 and 8 to foster a range of enriching learning experiences.

The Gifted and Talented program is known as NAVIGATE, short for 'Need And Validity In Gifted And Talented Education'.

Promoting deep learning is at the core of the Navigate program. Whilst the Gifted and Talented classes cover the same curriculum as the Year 7 and Year 8 cohorts, they complete the core content more quickly to enable students and their teachers to explore a range of extension activities that promote deeper learn-

ing. Students in the Navigate class experience cross-curriculum units including STEM activities, increased choice in learning, alternative assessment tasks and differentiated curricula to facilitate imagination, abstraction, creative and critical thinking.

The expert teachers assigned to the Navigate stream have undertaken extensive professional learning to ensure that the needs of gifted and talented learners are

met across all faculties.

Entrance into the Hunters Hill High School's selective classes is offered to students who sit for a Higher Ability Selection Test.

This year, the examination will be held on Saturday March 11 for entrance into Year 7 or Year 8 Navigate class in 2018.

Huon Kirkman, a student currently in Year 11, stated that he found the Navigate program worked well to 'place like-minded

students together', creating groupings who were keen to learn and keen to extend themselves in each subject.

He also noted that 'there was friendly competition, but also support for peers towards a joint goal of success.'

To find out more about the Navigate program and other opportunities at Hunters Hill High School, visit the school's website www.huntershd-h.schools.nsw.edu.au or phone 9817 4565.



Hunters Hill High School

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Wednesday	17th May	3.30pm - 5.00pm	Wednesday	20th September	3.30pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday	21st June	9.30am - 11.00am	Wednesday	18th October	9.30am - 11.00am
Wednesday	19th July	3.30pm - 5.00pm	Wednesday	15th November	3.30pm - 5.00pm

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