

Over the coming weeks, we also look forward to the family news of staff who have commenced Maternity Leave this year Ms Lilly Dusting and Ms Ingrid Hildebrand and congratulate Mrs Katrina Davey and her husband on the safe arrival of a baby girl last week. I also wish Mrs Sandra Allen the very best for her Long Service Leave in Semester One.

In 2018, we also welcome new Staff Members to our School.

- Mr Robert Marshall, Director of Teaching and Learning.  
Robert has most recently, been the Senior Project Director, School Improvement at the Australian Council for Education Research (ACER), a position he held for four years. Prior to this, he had an established career in teaching and leadership roles within independent schools. Robert has had great opportunities at ACER to work in schools and with leadership teams across Australia and internationally to focus on school improvements using the National School Improvement Tool as a framework.
- Ms Anna Curnow, Humanities Faculty (VCE Global Politics and History: Revolutions)  
As a former member of staff, Anna is returning to St Catherine's as VCE Global Politics and Senior History: Revolutions and Legal Studies teacher. She is an experienced assessor for VCAA – History Revolutions, Global Politics and Ancient History.
- Mr Stephen Brown, Science and Mathematics Faculty (VCE Physics)  
Stephen joins us having worked at Star of the Sea in Brighton. During this time, he wrote the Physics Specialist content for Year 12 Heinemann Text book and *Studyon* guide. Prior to this role, Stephen taught in Scotland.
- Mr Christopher Zuccala, Language Faculty (VCE French)  
Christopher joins us from Our Lady of Sion where he worked as a French teacher. He is a VCAA Assessor in French oral and written exams. As quite the linguist, Chris also speaks Italian, German and Greek. He also has a great interest in gifted and talented students and is a passionate chess player. I am confident the girls will be pleased to hear that he will be starting a Chess Club in the coming weeks.
- Ms Kate Fitzgerald, Humanities Faculty (VCE Accounting and Business Management)  
Kate has moved from Waverley College in Sydney. She is an experienced teacher of Accounting, Business Studies, Economics and prior to her teaching career, Kate worked as a Business Manager and Executive at Macquarie Bank.
- Mr Darren Plunkett, English Faculty (VCE English as an Additional Language)  
Darren has experience as an English, Specialist English and EAL Teacher. He joins us from a large inner suburban government school where he successfully gained outstanding VCE results. In 2001, Darren was a State Reviewer for VCAA for EAL and has been a VCAA Assessor for both English and EAL for ten years.
- Ms Olivia Cher, Deputy Head of Music  
Olivia is an experienced Music teacher of 14 years working mostly at Xavier College during this time. Olivia has a great interest in eLearning and the digital technologies and has also enjoyed a wonderful year in Tripoli, Libya teaching at an international school in 2006.

- Ms Louise Pearson, Mathematics Faculty  
An experienced Mathematics, Biology and Junior Science teacher. Louise is returning to St Catherine's this year following some shorter contracts at our School in 2017.
- Ms Katie Grieve, ELC Teacher  
An experienced ELC Teacher, Katie has a great interest and passion for the Reggio approach, and most recently worked at Geelong Grammar School.
- Miss Claire Martin, Humanities Faculty  
Claire was Head of Department at Bacchus Marsh Grammar School, a VCAA Assessor for Australian History, Written examination and VCAA Assessor for GAT writing tasks.
- Mr Justin Gale, Arts Faculty (VCE Visual Communication and Design)  
Justin has combined his career with a landscape architect career. He has an interest in implementing new technologies and professional development for staff.
- Ms Louise Adams - Humanities & English Faculties  
Louise has experience as a Head of Humanities and is an experienced VCE teacher: History Revolutions and Modern History.
- Ms Emma Harty - Junior School Classroom Teacher  
Emma is an experienced teacher having recently completed her Masters of Learning Interventions – specific learning difficulties. She most recently worked at Loreto in Toorak and also taught in preparatory schools in the UK.