



ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE GEELONG

# PARENT PARTICIPATION

There are many ways parents, family members and carers can become involved at St Joseph's College, from our wonderful Canteen Volunteers who help with serving and preparing lunches, to our parents who lend us a hand at College events, perhaps cook a spare meal for our Care Group, help out at our working bees or inspire future generations by helping our Careers Centre. Volunteering is a great way to make connections with fellow parents and have some fun! If you think you could share some of your time or experience with us - we would love to hear from you.

## **PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

Contact: Natasha Solczaniuk 5226 8122 [natasha.solczaniuk@sjc.vic.edu.au](mailto:natasha.solczaniuk@sjc.vic.edu.au)

The Parents and Friends is a group of parents providing social activities for the boys as well as being a huge support for major fundraising events and College functions. As parents, you may wish to either join the association and be a member of the committee (who meet one evening a month) or just lend a hand by volunteering to help out at some events - any help is appreciated.

## **CARE GROUP**

Contact: Adele Wilson 5226 8119 [adele.wilson@sjc.vic.edu.au](mailto:adele.wilson@sjc.vic.edu.au)

Our Care Group provides meals for our families who are experiencing difficulty either through illness, bereavement or other circumstances. Care group members on occasion provide a meal which will then later be delivered to needy families. We ask all the College community to feel welcome to contact us should you be experiencing ill health or any difficulty.

## **MENS ASSOCIATION**

Contact: Pierre Belluzzo 5226 8128 [pierre.belluzzo@sjc.vic.edu.au](mailto:pierre.belluzzo@sjc.vic.edu.au)

The Mens Association working bees are a great opportunity for fathers to become involved in College life. The group contributes to the maintenance and beautification of College grounds and buildings along with other hands on roles at the College. A team of volunteers work on a roster one Sunday per month from 9:00am - 11:00am, followed by a BBQ and refreshments. This group develops friendships between fathers, in some cases grandfathers of students, as well as past students of the College. A great opportunity to meet some of the men of SJC, lend a hand and become involved.

## **HERITAGE CENTRE**

Contact: Susan Belluzzo 5226 8272 [susan.belluzzo@sjc.vic.edu.au](mailto:susan.belluzzo@sjc.vic.edu.au)

The College Heritage Centre has volunteers to sort, file, label and display items relating to the history of the College. It is a fascinating area of the College filled with stories!

## **CANTEEN**

Contact: Danni Thompson 5226 8138 [danielle.thompson@sjc.vic.edu.au](mailto:danielle.thompson@sjc.vic.edu.au)

Our canteen relies on our volunteers to help serve over 1000 hungry boys! Helpers are placed on a roster and come along about once per month from 10:30am - 1:45pm to help with preparation and serving of student lunches. This volunteer support is greatly appreciated and it ensures that our canteen continues to run independently. The helpers, have the opportunity to get to know one another and have fun, with many catch ups between recess and lunch. Alternatively, any time you are able to give would be appreciated.

## **FIRST AID / IMMUNISATION SUPPORT**

Contact: Bernie Carthew 5226 8113 [bernerdenec@sjc.vic.edu.au](mailto:bernerdenec@sjc.vic.edu.au)

Parents first aid / medical experience can volunteer to help supervise students on Immunisation days or to provide first aid support.

## **BAND**

Contact: Lynne Mullins 5226 8156 [lynne.mullins@sjc.vic.edu.au](mailto:lynne.mullins@sjc.vic.edu.au)

Each year the College Bands perform at a variety of events, parents can lend some general support by helping out at performances or with fund raising. As you can imagine, transporting band members and instruments is quite the mission - join the band volunteers to help out with musical events at SJC!

## **VISITING OVERSEAS STUDENT HOMESTAY**

Contact: Adele Wilson 5226 8119 [adele.wilson@sjc.vic.edu.au](mailto:adele.wilson@sjc.vic.edu.au)

During the year there may be the opportunity to host a student for 3-5 days approximately. A great cultural experience!

## **LIBRARY HELPERS**

Contact: Joy Whiteside 5226 8129 [joy.whiteside@sjc.vic.edu.au](mailto:joy.whiteside@sjc.vic.edu.au)

Help out in the library and assist with: Shelf-checking, shelving, planning and participating in Lunchtime Super Readers Clubs - (making posters, encouraging students to share their reading), organizing book week activities, laminating and processing new books - stamping and covering, scanning books for stocktaking .... we are happy to provide training, good company and a cuppa!

## **CAREERS CENTRE ASSISTANCE**

Contact: Karen Shum 5226 8143 [karen.shum@sjc.vic.edu.au](mailto:karen.shum@sjc.vic.edu.au)

You can help out by providing a work experience opportunity for senior students who are keen to spend a week in different workplaces or you may wish to talk to the students during careers week about your own career journey and share your own working experiences.

Contacts for each area are listed if you would like to know a little more about how you can help, please don't hesitate to contact any of the staff listed. By expressing an interest to Volunteer you will be placed on the appropriate notification list so as we can keep in contact with you about your areas of interest, we understand everyone has various commitments that change throughout the year - if you change your mind or cannot make it to an event, that's fine - just let us know.

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