



**Thomas Carr College**

Incorporating an appreciation of the spirit into the intellectual and physical aspects of learning, Thomas Carr College educates students with an international focus and Catholic dimension.

The College has just celebrated the one-year anniversary of its \$3 million state-of-the-art trade training centre.

The centre incorporates a large workshop area for carpentry, furniture making and bricklaying courses, as well as a learning lab.

Principal Dr Andrew Watson is proud of the centre which offers Certificate I and II in building and construction and pre-apprentice courses.

"Many visitors to the college have commented that it is one of the most impressive trade training centres for building and construction they have seen," he says.

Trade training centre manager Peter McCarthy says it's the centre's combination of

design, openness and student contribution that makes it a great accomplishment.

"Second year students completed the construction of work benches that will be used for years to come," he says.

Mr McCarthy says it was rewarding to see students continue to grow and build upon pre-existing skills.

"All students are supported by dedicated teaching staff and surrounded by the community spirit and we have the tools to help equip students for life after school."

And there's still plenty to come, with a \$22 million capital development on the cards incorporating a performing arts centre, gym extension and administration refurbishment.

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**Truganina College**

Very few prep students in Victoria get to carry out experiments in a science lab every week, but Truganina College is different.

For starters, the school, which opened just 15 months ago, has Jenny Crowle as principal. She has a focus on a student-centred approach based on the idea of 'learning to learn', so after being inspired by molecular biologist Suzanne Corey at a speaking event, it wasn't long before the littlest students were in the school's lab.

"I hope," Ms Crowle says, "the school's focus on science reverses the trend of students abandoning science in their final years of high school and inspires the next generation of biologists, physicists and biochemists. It's exciting."

Another important string is being added to the school's already long bow. Senior school assistant principal Steven Trotter is overseeing the introduction of scholarships for years 7 and 8 students next year.

"The students have the chance to sit the Higher Abilities Selection Test at the college on Friday, May 20," Mr Trotter explains.

"Data from the testing will then be used to determine the top-performing students and scholarships will be offered accordingly."

The scholarships support the school's aim of providing a culture of high expectations and focuses on strong learning growth for every student.

"The learning environment allows students to make decisions about their learning," Mr Trotter says.

"Great learning environments create these opportunities by making learners responsible for their choices and empowering them with the spaces and options that can make those choices work. Student input into decision-making continues to occur."

Effective 21st century-style approaches are used across all curriculum areas, with a specific focus on literacy and numeracy.

High-quality programs ensure breadth



Conzedine Oliva-Papalii gets his leadership badge from Steven Trotter. (Supplied)

and depth in all curriculum areas, with staff focusing on students' individual needs.

"Positive relationships, security, a sense of belonging and a culture of respect and pride undergird everything our school does," Ms Crowle declares with conviction.

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**Truganina College is excited to announce scholarship opportunities for students in Year 7 and 8 in 2017.**



**Testing for scholarship offers will be held at Truganina College on Friday May 20th.**



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