YEAR 9 PARENT NIGHT 2013
I'm special.
In all the world there's nobody like me.
Since the beginning of time, there has never been another person like me. Nobody has my smile. Nobody has my eyes, my nose, my hair, my voice. I'm special.

No one can be found who has my handwriting. Nobody anywhere has my tastes - for food or music or art. No one sees things just as I do. In all of time there's been no one who laughs like me, no one who cries like me. And what makes me laugh and cry will never provoke identical laughter and tears from anybody else, ever. No one reacts to any situation just as I would react. I'm special.
I am the only one in all of creation who has my set of abilities. Oh, there will always be somebody who is better at one of the things I am good at, but no one in the universe can reach the quality of my combination of talents, ideas, abilities, and feelings. Like a room full of musical instruments, some may excel alone, but none can match the symphony sound when all are played together. I am a symphony.

I am special, and I am beginning to realise it is no accident that I am special. I am beginning to see that God made me special. I am beginning to see that God made me special for a very special purpose. He must have a job for me that no one else can do as well as I. Out of all the billions of applicants, only one is qualified, only one has the right combination of what it takes.

The one is me, because...
I'm special.

- Anonymous

From A Canopy of Stars: Some Reflections for the Journey by Fr Christopher Gleeson SJ [David Lovell Publishing 2003]
Agenda

Rod Downie - Greeting and Reflection
Andrew Watson - John XXIII 2013
Paul Williams – WACE 2016
Lauren Truscott - iPads
Rod Downie – Homeroom teachers, Community Service, Cocurricula involvement, Simon and AOB
Reforms to WACE Achievement 2015-2016

• Demonstrate a minimum level of literacy and numeracy.
• Achieve an ATAR or complete a Certificate II or higher.
• Breadth and Depth.
• Achievement.
• ATAR Courses and General Courses.
Further Details and Information

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• E-Learning
• iPad
• Digital citizenship
Digital Natives
21 Century Learners
Australian National Curriculum

The ICT literacy includes six processes:

1. Accessing Information
2. Managing Information.
   • 3. Evaluating Information
   • 4. Developing New Understandings
   • 5. Communicating With Others
   • 6. Using ICT Appropriately
iPad’s In Education

- Instant access - saving time in class
- Students engaged and empowered
- Nothing will ever replace good teaching
- The iPad is a tool to assist learning not replace pens and paper.
Digital citizenship: responsible, safe and accepted social etiquette with regard to technology use.

Students may be technology savvy, but they need guidance to help them make the safe decisions online.
Digital Citizenship At Home

- Set boundaries and limits for technology use
- Role model
- Keep communication channels open
- Be “friends” with your child online (social media)
- Build a friends/parents support group
Where to find more info?

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Community Service

Focus for Year 9 is Stewardship

10 Hours service to be completed

Many activities advertised in daily bulletin

Will probably launch in Term 2
Cocurricula involvement

In an article written by Fr J. Casey S.J regarding Jesuit education he states:

“the development of the student’s intellectual capacity is the school’s most characteristic part in the complete education of the individual. However, this success will be defective, and even dangerous, unless it is strengthened and completed by the training of his will and the formation of his character.”

Sport, Chess, Media, Mock Trials, Astronomy, Young Vinnies, Caritas, Sound and Lighting, Performing Arts, Etc.

This year we will document the cocurricula activities of all students. This should give students the chance to build up a very impressive portfolio and earn points towards an overall House contribution award.
Remote Access – How do you get into Simon at home?
Questions and Introduction of Parent Association Liaison representatives

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Thank you and Good Night