

Newsletter



Term 2 | Week 6, Friday 30th May 2025

Annunciation Catholic Primary School promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all students.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the past two weekends, many of our students joyfully received the Sacrament of First Eucharist for the very first time. This special celebration marks an important step in their faith journey, as they are welcomed to fully participate in the Mass and receive Jesus in the Eucharist. It was wonderful to see the children's excitement and reverence during the ceremonies, supported lovingly by their families, teachers, and parish community. We congratulate all our First Eucharist recipients and thank everyone involved in helping them prepare so prayerfully for this significant moment.

At the same time, some of our Year 6 students have been dedicating themselves to thoughtful preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be celebrated this Sunday, 1st June. Confirmation is a powerful sacrament where the Holy Spirit strengthens and empowers them to live their faith boldly in their daily lives. We ask that our whole school community keep these students in prayer as they complete this important chapter in their spiritual journey. May all our students continue to grow in faith, hope, and love, supported by the prayers and encouragement of their families, teachers, and friends.

Let us pray:

Lord God,
Bless our students as they receive Your sacraments.
Fill them with Your Holy Spirit and guide them always in Your love.
Help them to grow in faith, courage, and kindness,
and to shine Your light in the world.
Amen.

Take care,

Anna



DATES TO NOTE...

Day/Date/Month	Event
Sunday 1st June:	2:00pm – Sacrament of Confirmation at St Augustine's, Yarraville
Monday 2nd June:	Teeth on Wheels onsite
Thursday 5th June:	9.30–10.30am: 2026 Foundation Open Day
Friday 6th June:	3:00pm – Assembly
Monday 9th June:	King's Birthday Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 11th June:	Maths Competitions (selected students only)
Thursday 12th June:	Sovereign Hill Excursion (Whole School)
Friday 13th June:	3:00pm – Assembly Newsletter Published

PRINCIPAL'S REFLECTION

As our students recently celebrated their own special moments receiving the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation, it's inspiring to reflect on the rich history of baptism and faith in the early Church. One powerful story that connects us to those beginnings is that of Lydia, whose Baptistery I had the privilege of visiting during my recent Principal Pilgrimage.

On the Sabbath day, Paul and his companions went outside the city gate by the river—where they knew people gathered to pray—and there they met a group of women. Among them was Lydia, a worshiper of God from the city of Thyatira, who sold purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to Paul's message. After she and her household were baptised, Lydia warmly invited Paul and his friends to stay at her home, saying, "If you consider me faithful to the Lord, please come and stay with us." (Acts 16:13-15)

I recently visited the town of Krynides in the Kavala region, near the ancient city of Philippi, where Lydia's Baptistery is located. It was here that Paul first came to Philippi during his first journey to Greece around 49-50 AD. Since Philippi had no synagogue, Paul and Silas went down to the river outside the city gate, where they found a place of prayer along the banks of the Zigaktis River. It was in this peaceful spot that Paul's message was first heard by a group of women—including Lydia, who dealt in precious purple dye, a valuable commodity of the time.

What really stands out in Lydia's story is her incredible hospitality. Not only did she respond to Paul's message by being baptised along with her household—making her the first Greek and first European woman baptised by Paul—but she also immediately offered her home as a place of welcome and support. In a time when women often had limited social power, Lydia's decision to open her home was a powerful act of faith and service, showing the vital role women played in the early Church. Her story reminds us that the Gospel is for everyone, regardless of gender, status, or background.

From the outside, the Baptistery might look like a typical religious building, but once inside, its true beauty and meaning come alive. The floor features a stunning mosaic showing many of the places Paul visited on his journeys. At the centre stands a marble font used for infant baptism, while on either side, rooms were designed to prepare adults for baptism, which traditionally takes place in the river nearby.

The Baptistery is also adorned with beautiful art—icons, stained glass, and intricate mosaics that bring to life the story of Paul's time in Philippi. Scenes from the life of St Paul decorate the walls and arches, creating a space filled with history, faith, and inspiration.

On the riverbank, where tradition holds that Lydia was baptised, there is an open-air baptistery shaped like a cross, reminiscent of early Christian basilicas in Philippi. Every year on May 20, the feast day of Saint Lydia, baptisms are performed here to honour her memory and the new life in Christ she embraced.

Our group was led in the most beautiful prayer by our Faith Leader, where we renewed our Baptismal promises and were signed with the cross by our colleagues – a symbol of our Baptism.



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SCHOOL UNIFORM

As a friendly reminder, please ensure that your child comes to school each day wearing the correct school uniform. A consistent dress code helps promote a sense of belonging and pride within our school community, and we appreciate your continued support in upholding these standards.

With the weather turning colder and wetter, we also ask that all students come to school prepared for the season. Please make sure your child has a warm jacket and brings a raincoat when needed. Outdoor time remains an important part of our day, and we want every student to stay comfortable and healthy while enjoying recess and outdoor activities.

COLDS/FLU SEASON

As we move through the school year, we want to take a moment to remind everyone of the importance of keeping children home if they are showing signs of illness—especially cold or flu-like symptoms.

We understand that balancing work, school, and family responsibilities can be challenging, and missing a day of school is never ideal. However, when a child comes to school sick, it increases the risk of spreading illness to classmates, teachers, and staff. This not only affects the health of our entire school community but can also lead to more widespread absences and disruptions to learning.

If your child is experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, fatigue, or body aches, please keep them home and monitor their condition. Children should only return to school once they are symptom-free and feeling well enough to participate in class activities.

Please also remember to call or email the school office, or use the Audiri app, to report your child's absence. This helps us keep accurate attendance records and ensures that we're aware of any potential health concerns affecting our students: office@asbrooklyn.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to keep our school a safe and healthy environment for all.

TEETH ON WHEELS

We're excited to announce that Teeth On Wheels will be visiting our School on June 2nd 2025!

Teeth On Wheels is all about making dental care fun and stress-free while teaching children the importance of oral health. They specialise in working with children, offering services such as check-ups, cleans, and more—right here at the School! The team is specially trained to provide compassionate and tailored care for neurodiverse patients, ensuring a respectful and supportive experience for everyone.

If eligible under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS), your child may even receive FREE dental care.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Congratulations to all of these students pictured below.

They each received a student of the week award in Week 5 of Term 2.

These students have been recognised by their classroom teachers for having a positive mindset, being kind, working hard in class and a variety of other great reasons.



GARDENING CLUB

Students had fun creating Autumn leaf art using leaves and paint pens. You can check out their creations in the outdoor display cabinet at the entrance to to school.



The veggie garden was also weeded and watered. Lettuce, spinach and herbs were harvested and Leo our scarecrow got some new stuffing and was placed back into the garden.

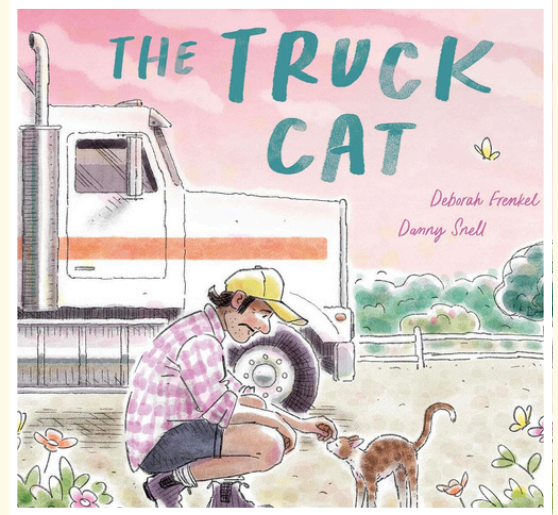
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NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

On Wednesday 21st May, Annunciation students participated in National Simultaneous Storytime. (NSS). NSS is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. It is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy.



This year, the chosen book for NSS was *The Truck Cat* by Deborah Frankel and Danny Snell. *The Truck Cat* is a story about cats and humans, immigration and identity, and homes lost and found. The event was streamed live from Springvale Library, where the book was read by its author, Deborah Frankel, followed by a drawing lesson from its illustrator, Danny Snell. The students loved the story of Yacoub, Mari and Tinka the cat, and continued their enjoyment of the book in class afterwards with some arts and crafts activities.

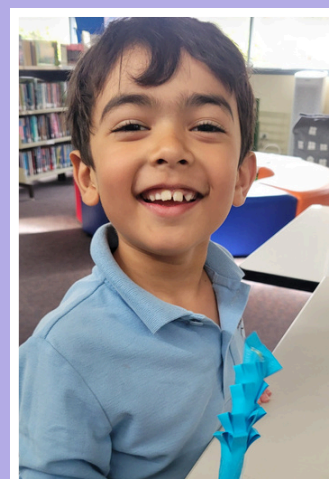
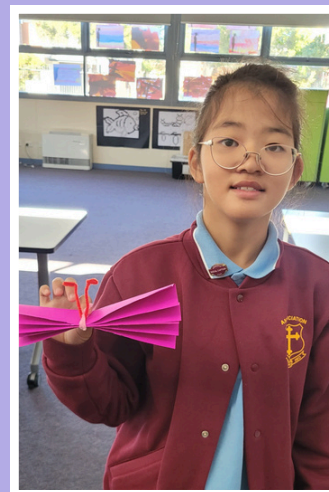
This year, 2,204,658 participants took part in National Simultaneous Storytime, and the Annunciation students were delighted to once again be part of such a fun and communal national event.



CRAFT CLUB

Craft Club has continued to be a popular and enriching time of the week for Annunciation students. This term, the participants have spent time making poppies, creating butterflies, and crafting beautiful paper bouquets.

Well done to Alice, Jacky and Lily for creating the club, and continuing to lead the students in a variety of creative and artistic activities.



CRAFT CLUB

In craft club you can create fun and amazing stuff

Who: Alice, Jacky, Lily

Where: In the Open Space

When: Every Tuesday - 1st half of lunch

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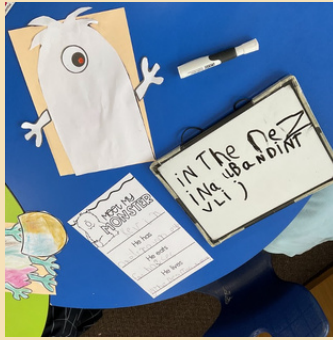


What's Been Happening in F/1

What an amazing term we've had in F/1!

In Writing, students have been learning how to use Colourful Semantics to write interesting sentences. This week, we explored how adjectives can add detail and bring our writing to life. To dive into describing nouns, we created Pop Art inspired monsters in Art and then wrote about them.

Take a look at some of our amazing work below!



TONY'S PIES

Our next school fundraiser is here, and it's one the whole family will enjoy – Tony's Pies! Orders are now open, so it's the perfect time to stock up your freezer with some delicious, ready-to-go meals. Not only will you be treating yourself to some tasty comfort food, but you'll also be helping to raise valuable funds for our school. Every order supports programs and initiatives that benefit our students, so we encourage all families to get involved and spread the word. Thank you for your continued support! Orders close on Sunday, June 22. Delivery will be on Wednesday 25th June.



Annunciation Primary School

We have organised with **Tony's Pies of Essendon** to conduct a fundraising pie drive. Tony's Pie's will supply us with a range of their freshly baked pies, pasties, quiches and sausage rolls on **Wednesday, June 25, 2025**.

Last day to order is midnight, Sunday, June 22, 2025.

All the products will be freshly baked and will be suitable to go straight into the freezer if you wish.

So order up BIG. Remember, the more you order the more we make.

We **need** the support of **everyone** to make this fundraising a success.

Product Per 1/2 Dozen	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You	Family	Our Instore Retail Price	Special Pie Drive Price To You
Steak Pies	\$45	\$39	Steak Pie	\$20	\$18
Steak & Mushroom	\$45	\$39	Steak & Mushroom	\$20	\$18
Steak & Cheese	\$45	\$39	Steak & Cheese	\$20	\$18
Chicken & Vegetable	\$45	\$39	Chicken & Vegetable	\$20	\$18
Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$45	\$39	Bacon, Tomato & Cheese Quiche	\$16	\$14
Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$45	\$39	Spinach, Onion & Cheese Quiche	\$16	\$14
Pasties	\$45	\$39	Pasties	\$20	\$18
Sausage Rolls	\$27	\$24	Apple Pie	\$15	\$13
Party Pies	\$15	\$12	Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$15	\$13
Spinach & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Mac & Cheese Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Lasagna Rolls	\$29.40	\$26			
Apple Pies	\$45	\$39			
Apple/Blueberry Pies	\$45	\$39			

To start ordering open your smartphone camera and hold it over the QR code till the link pops up.



Or copy and paste the link below into your browser to start ordering on your PC.

<https://tonyspiedrives.com.au/fundraiser/annunciation-primary-school-2>

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CLASSROOM CUISINE

Classroom Cuisine has updated their menu for Term 2. They have added quite a few new items to their main course menu and subsequent other courses as well. See Below



Healthy, Interesting and Affordable Lunch Packs, Delivered to School
ANNUNCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL - Term 2 - Wednesday!
 Order until 8:30am on the day!
2 Course Lunch Pack from \$6.45

Choose a Main Course item, then select 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack

Main Course Menu	2 Course Lunch	3 Course Lunch	Snack/Drink Menu
BAKERY All items freshly baked this morning!			FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (M)	\$6.45	\$8.95	Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar +\$1.00
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95	Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces +\$1.00
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (M)	\$6.45	\$8.95	Fresh Fruit Combo +\$1.00
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95	Freshly Chopped Orange Segments Included
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85	Freshly Chopped Strawberries with Grapes Included
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces Included
PIZZA, SAUSAGE ROLLS, GOZ & PASTIZZI SERVED AT ROOM TEMPI!			Whole Fruit - Apple Included Whole Fruit - Banana Included Whole Fruit - Mandarin Included Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum Included Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas Included Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers Included Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli Included Edamame (Lightly Salted) Included Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes +\$1.00
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (M)	\$7.45	\$9.95	BAKERY - SWEET
Margherita Pita Pizza (M)	\$8.95	\$11.45	Choc Chip Cookie Included
Sausage Roll with Sauce	\$8.95	\$11.45	Finger Bun with Sprinkles Included
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65	Lamington Included
BBQ Chicken Pizza (M)	\$10.95	\$13.65	'Not Cross' Bun Included
Vegetarian Pizza (M)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Cinnamon Doughnut Included
Lamb and Beef Gozleme (M)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Cornflake Cookie Included
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (M)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Choc Cup Cake (GF, DF) +\$1.00
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (M)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Blueberry Muffin +\$1.00
SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) Soy Sauce (GF) Provided			Jam Drop Biscuit (GF) +\$1.00 Banana Slice (GF) +\$1.00
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (M)	\$11.50	\$13.75	SUSHI
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (M)	\$11.50	\$13.75	1pc Tuna Sushi (GF) +\$1.00
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75	POPCORN
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted Included
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Lightly Salted Included
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas Included
RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) (Wed, Thu, Fri)			Roasted Chickpeas Included Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans Included Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas +\$1.00
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45	DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45	Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00
SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS / SOFT SHELL TACOS			Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00 Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00 Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes +\$1.00 Corn Chips with Salsa (GF) +\$1.00
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (M)	\$7.45	\$9.95	YOGHURTS / BOWLS
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.45	Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) +\$1.00
Soft Shell Chicken Taco w Salsa, Cheese & Salad (2)	\$9.95	\$12.85	Classic Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers) +\$1.00
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (M)	\$9.95	\$12.85	Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries +\$1.00
Cheese and Salad Roll (M)	\$10.95	\$13.65	Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard +\$1.00
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	DRINKS
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll (M)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Apple Juice (Nippy's) Included
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75	Orange Juice (Nippy's) Included
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75	Chocolate Milk (Nippy's) Included
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75	Strawberry Milk (Nippy's) Included
Wrap w/Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato Cucumber (M)	\$12.75	\$14.95	Full Cream Milk Included
SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / FRUIT & VEG			
Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75	ORDER NOW
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, W)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75	
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF, W)	\$12.75	\$14.95	
Tortellini Pasta Salad (M)	\$12.75	\$14.95	
GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS			
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	
GF Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65	
GF Wrap - Ham and Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95	

GF = Gluten Free, DF = Dairy Free, H = Halo!, V = Vegetarian, Vg = Vegan

We are a NUT FREE kitchen. Descriptions, dietary and allergen information available on our website

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Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



Annunciation OSHC - Brooklyn

Term 2

A message from the team

Welcome to our OSHC newsletter! As part of our ongoing commitment to safety, we successfully conducted an evacuation drill on Wednesday, May 21st, to ensure our children are prepared in case of an emergency.

- Balloon twisting and face painting are always a hit with the kids! These fun activities bring smiles and excitement to our service!
- Karaoke fun at OSHC – Grab the mic and belt your favorite tunes – everyone can be a star!
- Dance, dance! Show off your best moves and be prepared to duck when the beat drops!
- Draw what I say! Communication challenge: can the speaker and listener match the picture?

Vincent & Anna
Before & After School Care Coordinators

Check out the fun!



Make a booking!

Experience the fun of MACSEYE's OSHC program at Annunciation OSHC - Brooklyn today!

Call our friendly team: 0490 222 097 or 1300 501 029

Visit us: OSHC Brooklyn Before School Care 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM, After School Care 3:25 – 6:00 PM

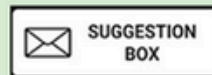
Email: enrolments@macseye.vic.edu.au | Website: www.macseye.vic.edu.au

Important dates

June 12, 2025

All students at Annunciation will be attending an excursion to Sovereign Hill. After School Care Program is still available on this day as per normal.

Next Evacuation Drill will be on the 19th of August 2025



Your feedback matters!
We've set up a suggestions box near the sign-in/out iPad station. Grab a form and share your thoughts with us and let us know how we can improve our service.

Term Dates

Monday 24 April –
Friday 4 July 2025



VU school holiday sport program

7-11 & 14-18 July 2025

Ages 5-12

Multi-sport

Netball

Soccer

Basketball

Play, swim & craft

AFL

Scan for more info



**Early bird prices
end June 9!**



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7-11 & 14-18 July 2025

Week 1

7/7 - multi-sport

8/7 - soccer

9/7 - multi-sport

10/7 - multi-sport

11/7 - play, swim & craft

Week 2

14/7 - netball & basketball*

15/7 - play, swim & craft

16/7 - AFL

17/7 - play, swim & craft

18/7 - multi-sport

Early bird prices end June 9!



book online
today!



*separate programs



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Parent Information Night

Caroline Chisholm Catholic College invites you to join our upcoming Parent Information Night. This evening is designed for families interested in joining our school community and wanting to learn more about us.

Hear from our Principal, Dr Napoleon Rodezno, as he unpacks who we are, what we offer and what our plans for the future are. Information about enrolments for Year 7, 2027 will also be available.

Monday, 23rd June 2025 | 6.30pm – 7.30pm
(gates open at 6.15pm)

St Madeleine Centre
65 Churchill Avenue, Braybrook
(Christ the King Girls' Campus)

Please RSVP by Wednesday, 18th June 2025

Visit cccc.vic.edu.au or scan the QR code to let us know you can join.



For any questions regarding the event, please contact registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au or call us on **9296 5311**. We look forward to seeing you on the night!



Book a Tour

We encourage families to join us at one of our regular school tours to get a feel for what our College can offer your child. Booking a tour during the day will give you a first-hand experience on seeing what a student's daily life at our College will involve.

Tours, along with joining our information sessions, will give you a holistic overview of the college and if we might be the right fit for your child. Book into one of our upcoming college tours, today –

<https://www.cccc.vic.edu.au/enrolments/book-a-tour-2>



Book a tour by scanning the QR code or visiting the link above

For any questions, please contact registrar@cccc.vic.edu.au or call (03) 9296 5311 today.



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