In 2014, our school adopted a new identifying name, ‘PCW Melbourne’. Whilst the official name of the school remains ‘Presentation College Windsor’, for all communications and publicity, the school will be identified as ‘PCW Melbourne’. The name of the College has been an issue for some time and has been discussed in many forums including the Board. Up to five versions have been in use in the last ten years: Presentation College Windsor, Presentation College, PC Windsor (the worst—but this is how we were listed at the Swimming Sports in 2013!) and PCW. In an earlier life, the school name was Presentation Convent Windsor and some older Alumnae still use this title. The College’s marketing research informed us that the school and its name were not highly recognised and that this was an issue, especially for the International Student Program. If people in other parts of Melbourne did not know where Windsor was, they certainly were not going to know in Shanghai, Bangkok or Singapore!

The only constant name used over the years has been ‘PCW’. It appears on the original crest, which is retained, and on all the old banners. ‘Melbourne’ is an important and distinguishing identifier nationally and internationally, especially in education, and highlights our inner city location with all the benefits this brings to our school.

You will notice new signs and symbols around the school and in all our communications: website, email, letterhead, advertising etc. You will notice that the green, which had largely disappeared in the previous signage, has now been restored, and the wreath symbol from the crest has been used in the background. It is striking. To celebrate the launch of ‘PCW Melbourne’, all students have been presented with a new winter scarf which proudly announces the new name and colours. I hope you like them.

Leonie Keaney
Principal
Congratulations to Maryanne Diamond

Our PCW Melbourne community always takes great pleasure in the joys and successes of our family members. Maryanne Diamond (nee Laidlaw) was a graduating student in 1973.

In the Queen’s Birthday Honours List, Maryanne Diamond was made an Officer in the Order of Australia. Maryanne (as Maryanne Laidlaw) attended Presentation College Windsor in 1973. She went on to Monash University from 1974–1976 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Mathematical Statistics. She undertook a graduate diploma in data processing at Caulfield Institute of Technology in 1977 and worked as a systems analyst in various Commonwealth and State Departments over the next 20 years.

Maryanne made a career change to advocacy in the late 1990s and worked for Blind Citizens Australia, initially as an Advocacy Officer and eventually as their Executive Officer. She was the inaugural CEO of the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations before joining Vision Australia where she is now General Manager Advocacy and Engagement. From 2008–2012 Maryanne was the President of the World Blind Union, and is currently the Chair-Elect of the International Disability Alliance.

Neil Diamond

International Students

PCW Melbourne is renowned for its multi-cultural, ethnically and socially diverse community. In the globally connected world of our young people, interaction with students from other countries is an accurate and powerful reflection of the century into which they have been born and that they will dominate as a generation. There is an inherent educative dimension in broadening our enrolment to include International students.

The International Student Program at PCW Melbourne began in 2010. This program augments our existing diverse community and makes a significant cultural contribution to the life of our school. In developing the program, we have formed a partnership with Australian International Education Consortium (AIEC), Brisbane. Along with CBC St Kilda, we are their first partner schools in Melbourne.

Currently enrolled at PCW Melbourne, we have 19 students from five countries—Brazil, China, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

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Interview:
Adrienne Tsai
International Student

蔡俞柔 (Name): Yu-Jou Tsai (Adrienne)
十八 (Age): 18
台商 (Nationality): Taiwanese

Q. Why did you choose to be an International Student at PCW Melbourne?
A. I wanted to study in Australia. My agency in Taiwan helped find me a good school. They told my parents that this would be a good opportunity to improve my English. My sister was also studying in New Zealand at the time, and then
she came here to further her studies. PCW Melbourne seemed the best place for me.

Q. What is one difficulty that you have had?
A. Probably the only real difficulty was at the beginning. Friendship groups at school had already been established, so it was a little hard. But I have lots of friends now, both here at school and outside in the community as well. My older sister is here and we live together, so I am not lonely. We communicate with our family (mum, dad and younger brother in Year 8) a few times week and go back to Taiwan once a year.

Q. What has been the best experience so far?
A. Definitely attending activities like Music Festival, Swimming Carnival and Presentation day. These events are lots of fun and I have never experienced things like this in Taiwan.

Q. How is the education different in Australia from Taiwan?
A. The education system is very different. Here at PCW Melbourne students are encouraged to explore their own ability and to develop their potential, while students in Asia are taught to do things. There is no real subject selection; students must choose a strand eg Science or Humanities, and then only study those related subjects. Here, you can do both!

Class sizes are also much bigger in Asia, around 40 students.

Schooling begins with Kindergarten. Students are five years old when they start, and this continues for three years. Then there is primary school for six years until you are about 13. Secondary school is divided into Junior High, Grade 1–3 and Senior High, Grade 1–3. Then, just like here, students continue their education at university.

Q. What is the most typical food in Taiwan?
A. Taiwan is very famous for its street food—things like fried rice, small chunks of fried chicken, “stinky tofu” (has a smell that some people don’t like, but it tastes nice). Hotpots are also very typical, though not street food.

Q. What is a traditional Taiwanese celebration?
A. That would be the Lunar New Year! It begins in January and goes for two weeks, although you feel the atmosphere for a month! It is a real family time—dinners, gathering and celebrations. There are also fireworks and street parades where people dress in red. The dragon and lion are also very symbolic.

Q. What would you like to do once you have completed your education here at PCW?
A. I hope to attend university and further extend my abilities. I think I would like to go to Monash, because it seems to offer the best course in what I want to do, which is International Trading—business basically.

Q. What has it been like being elected International Student Leader?
A. It is an honour to be elected by my peers. As International Student Leader, I am basically a liaison for my fellow Internationals, particularly if they have problems—which they don’t, so my job is pretty easy.

When I am not studying or carrying out my duties, I enjoy watching The Voice, seeing friends and reading. Although reading books in Chinese is obviously easier, I like to read in English.

We are very proud to launch the PCW Melbourne new-look Website, Facebook and Twitter pages. You can now keep updated with College information live, accessible 24/7.

Our live status is designed to keep our community connected in real time with news about PCW Melbourne—educational and curriculum information, upcoming events and more.

‘Like’ our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/pcwmelbourne and ‘Follow’ our Twitter page https://twitter.com/PCWMelbourne to see daily updates and photos of our students and the College at work.

We hope that you will enjoy and take advantage of the new technology.

Caitlin Terris
PA Deputy Principal, Students Registrar

Class of 2013
VCE Results and Pathways

PCW Melbourne is strongly committed to ensuring that every student reaches her potential and that every student is provided the opportunity to experience success. Students are offered a wide range of studies, and are strongly encouraged to complete six full years of secondary schooling.

The results of the Class of 2013 reflect this commitment, as well as the efforts of students and their dedicated teachers. The results continue a clear pattern formed over the last decade:

• Almost 90% of the cohort received an ATAR score in the top half of the state
• 64% of students scored in the top third of the state
• Almost 33% scored in the top quarter of the state.
Experience Success

Tertiary Destinations

Good VCE results take students confidently into the next phase of their lives. Course selection is a crucial part of this process. The effectiveness of the Subject Selection and Careers Program at PCW Melbourne is reflected by the range of courses adopted and by the number of students who are offered their first preference—almost 50% of students applying for a tertiary course received their first preference. Almost 80% received an offer from their first three preferences.

The course selections from the Class of 2013 will produce:
- 1 Archaeologist
- 8 Business/Finance Specialists
- 2 Chiropractors
- 8 Designers
- 5 Engineers
- 4 Lawyers
- 8 Health Professionals
- 12 Marketing and Comms Experts
- 7 Nurses
- 3 Performers
- 10 Scientists
- 8 Teachers

Kelly McGurn
Deputy Principal, Staff

Congratulations to Perrin

Perrin Boseley is one of our high-achieving 2013 graduates. Perrin distinguished herself as a student, as a leader, a writer and performer in her six years at PCW Melbourne. Her Year 12 studies included Mathematics, Chemistry, Literature, Japanese and Studio Art, reflecting her diverse interests and talents.

Perrin has commenced studying Engineering at Swinburne University of Technology. On May 26 I was very pleased to attend the University’s Scholarship Ceremony where she was awarded the Dean’s scholarship for Engineering. Her achievements are a fine example of where PCW Melbourne’s rich and broad learning opportunities may lead. Perrin was always willing to try something new, to have a go and to work hard at whatever task she undertook. Her school is rightly very proud of her. Congratulations, Perrin!

Leonie Keaney
Principal

A message of faith, hope and love

As a Catholic community in the Presentation tradition, 2014 has offered us much as we follow in the steps of Nano Nagle to celebrate the love of God present amongst us. During Nano’s life, she celebrated the immense gift of human love as presented by the radical and new devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We too, 230 years after the death of Nano, celebrate that same love of our God and our neighbour.

In February we concluded our celebrations of 140 years of Presentation Education here at Windsor. We shared a wonderful Eucharistic celebration at St Ignatius Church in Richmond, with Bishop Vincent Long; Fr Moran, our chaplain; our many loved Presentation Sisters; representatives from the Catholic Education Office; politicians; students—both past and present; our staff and families.

We have participated in a research project with the Catholic University of Leuven in Belgium in trying to define our Catholic identity. This project will give us a snapshot of where we are currently and offer us exciting opportunities to consider for future planning.

As staff, we have explored the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis with his exciting work “The Joy of Gospel”. This tremendously important work re-focuses our attention on the core message of the gospel, which has been so simply demonstrated and lived by Pope Francis himself in so many life-giving ways.

Having concluded the Eastertide with that great feast of Pentecost on Sunday 8 June, may we continue to be people of faith, hope and love, just as Nano’s life has shown us.

Shane Taylor
Head of Faith and Mission

Earth Summit
Melbourne High School Friday 23rd May 2014

It was pleasure to attend the annual Earth Summit at Melbourne High School with 8 Year 9 girls and Mr Fitz. The day is always well attended.
and included 10 schools from the surrounding area, as well as other schools that have a particular focus on environmental sciences.

The day was packed with guest speakers including: Ellen Sandell—from the Australian Youth Climate Coalition and candidate for the seat of Melbourne in the forthcoming state election; Dr Tom Beer—a senior scientist with CSIRO Marine and Atmospheric Research and an expert in environmental risk; and Professor David Karoly—an Australian atmospheric scientist and expert in climate change, stratospheric ozone depletion, and climate variations due to the El Niño-Southern Oscillation. Both of these men are world-renowned climate scientists from Melbourne University. All of the speakers agreed on one point: human influences have increased the temperature on the planet. As a result, there have been major changes in extreme weather conditions around the world. Australia has just experienced its hottest summer ever in 2014 and Melbourne has set a new record for May with 10 consecutive days over 20 degrees.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the day. It was extremely informative and the student-led conference is a must for all our students who will have to deal with the global issue of a planet that is heating up and the impact this has on our environment.

Sally Borrman
Humanities Teacher

Social Justice

Luke 10:27 reminds us that we are to love God and love our neighbour. Social justice has always been a very important part of Presentation life, especially here at Windsor.

This year, led with so much energy, Fiona Hall and the social justice girls have generously supported the works of Caritas during Lent, raised money for the Sisters Family Centre in Balnarring, and walked from Highett to school to raise funds for the Presentation community in Colachel, India—one of the destinations of the immersion excursion which will take place again at the end of this year. This was an initiative of Siobhan Howarth, Year 10 student and member of the Social Justice committee.

Shane Taylor
Head of Faith and Mission

Walk for India raised $600!

Thanks to Siobhan Howarth for coming up with this idea, and to Olivia Fox, D’Arcy Rouillard, Hannah Richards, Emma Thomas, Siena Brennan-Smith, Arli Giles-Watson and Mary-Agnes O’Loughlin for being part of the walking crew.

Fiona Hall
Social Justice Coordinator

World Teaching and Learning

This year, PCW Melbourne will launch a new initiative, the MEL-SING Flyer Project. We seek to deepen the experience and knowledge of Asian history, culture and language. We want to embed Asia’s place in 21st century social, economic and geopolitical development.

The program will be grounded in a strong, enduring educational vision, which sees learning in an Asian setting for an extended period of time. This may be either prior to, or as part of, VCE, and will contribute to deep learning across the curriculum, both in relation to Asia literacy and to robust Australian citizenship in the 21st century.

The 2014 program will involve PCW Melbourne partnering with three Singapore Schools including NUS High School, Republic Polytechnic and Singapore Sports School. Students will participate in a Youth Sustainability Convention before undertaking a Problem Based Learning Project in the areas of Science and Sport. We are looking forward to our first group of students participating in this program in late August.

Kelly McGurn
Deputy Principal, Staff

Library News

With great anticipation, our relocated Aquinas Library is taking shape and we
are getting more excited as the new space evolves. Our new home is in the beautiful Kavanagh building, a more central and communal gathering place for students and staff to pursue reading, learning and the exchange of ideas. The design is reflected in this, with lots of flexible spaces that can meet many of the demands that a Library should offer. One of these spaces is the “writers’ centre”, a place where the Writers’ Collective can meet, work and display their literary endeavours. The great discovery in this area was an original fireplace that had been hidden for many years which has now shaped the “writers centre”, creating a cosy nook for writing and reading.

New furniture has been carefully selected to create the ambience for both intimate and group learning. For example, some round tables have a whiteboard finish so users can co-operatively plan and record brainstorming. An amphitheatre style seating area at one end of the Library provides a versatile space for reading, classes, debating, public speaking etc. This special space is filled with natural light, perfect in creating an inviting space to sit, relax and enjoy everything the Library has to offer. We can’t wait for the new adventure to begin!

Cathy Bennett
Head of Library

Year 7 Welcome

Our new Year 7 sisters and their families are always welcomed with great joy to PCW Melbourne.

Their year begins with an array of exciting activities—the Welcome First Assembly, the Welcome Family BBQ, Year 7 Camp, and of course, taking possession of their new iPads.

Year 7 Transition continues to unfold, with the on-going dedication and care of the PCW Melbourne staff and Year 10 Peer Support Program.

We hope the second semester continues to be a happy and fulfilling time for our Year 7 students and their families.

Marie Rimpas

Year 7 Reflection

As I walked hesitantly through the intimidating gates, I felt surprisingly welcomed. I had finally managed to accept that I was a “big school girl” now and all of my worrying about homework and making friends was unwarranted. The biggest surprise was how cosy the school felt compared to how complicated and daunting it seemed on Orientation Day.

Despite this, I felt quite out of place and a little confused. I fumbled with the combination on my new locker, and somehow, I couldn’t manage to move around the school without walking into things. But then, I helped a girl on my table put her blazer on the back of her chair and all at once, we both felt at home!

Rose Mavric

Some Year 7s reflect on their experience

The whole year level walk to Smiths Beach was a highlight and so beautiful, even in the cold.

Belinda Trainor

I didn’t go to the top of the Giant Swing, but I don’t regret it because I am glad I gave it a go. It was so much fun and a great experience!

Jasmine Stiles

We all worked together as a team to complete the initiative course. Some of us found the individual things easy and some found it difficult, but we all encouraged each other and worked as a team or a group or maybe a family.

Kyrie Murray-Walton

During the day we had tons of fun and that continued all throughout the night. Activities were endless.

Julianne Labarca

The trivia challenge was a night to remember.

Rebeca Silveira

Camp

The Year 7 camp is held at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort. It is held early in Term 2 so the girls have already had a chance to get to know other students in the year level, particularly from their Homeroom. The camp forms the foundation for developing new relationships and strengthening existing ones with both peers and teachers.

Teresa Ciociari
Year 7 Coordinator
Camp was a great experience. It gave us time to make new friends and have fun at the same time. The way we connected with girls we don’t know probably astounded the teachers.

**Natasha Waine**

**Art News**

As always the Art Faculty at PCW Melbourne is in full swing with engaging learning opportunities for students across all 4 subject areas.

Year 10–12 Art and Studio Arts students have already been on excursions to the NGV to view the amazing Melbourne Now exhibition and also the Top Arts show, whilst Visual Communication & Design students from 10–12 have been to the Top Designs exhibition at the Museum.

**Joy Mackey**

**Head of Art**

**Italy Trip**

In November 2013, eleven Italian and Art students had the opportunity to experience the language, art and culture of Italy, in our biennial study tour with CBC. We arrived in Rome and were immediately struck by the history and beauty of the city, spending several days exploring sites such as the Colosseum, the Pantheon and the Vatican.

Our farmstay in the hills of Orvieto was a beautiful contrast to the busy city of Rome. We saw a working olive press and then tasted the olive oil at dinner—definitely better than anything you buy at the supermarket! Our cooking lesson at the farm with a local nonna was a real highlight. All staff and students donned aprons and rolled up their sleeves to learn the finer points of pasta making. The lesson was a great success, as shown by the second helpings we all had at dinner that night—delizioso!

In Florence the students enjoyed four days of Italian language or art lessons with local teachers. The language students found this an incredible opportunity to be immersed in the language and challenge themselves to communicate more effectively. A trip to the market also allowed the students the chance to interact with locals as they asked about regional recipes.

Students and teachers alike marvelled at the artworks we came across daily: magnificent frescoes in churches, art galleries full of Renaissance masterpieces, modern wonders at the Guggenheim in Venice and stunning architecture ... we were surrounded by it!

Reflecting on our trip this year, it is clear that this was an experience the girls will always remember, and one that has inspired their ongoing love of art and languages.

**Sally Robertson**

**Italian Teacher**

**Year 11 French**

If you want to improve your learning of a second language, then speaking French with native speakers is definitely the solution! The Year 11 students experienced a delicious lunch at the famous French restaurant ‘Chez Olivier’, in Prahran on 15th May. They ordered in French from the menu and talked to Juliette, one of the restaurant managers. She told them about the cultural differences between French and Australian people.

Finally, the girls also had an interesting exchange with Chef Damien who...
shared his discovery of Australia and its landscapes. The students discovered _le sel de Guérande_, a typical salt from the French region of Brittany, and heard about ‘steak tartare’, a raw meat preparation with Tabasco and Worcestershire sauce.

Annie Haddad
French Teacher

**Alumnae Office Report: June 2014**

I would like to thank the many Alumnae who have supported the work of PCW Melbourne by donating funds for scholarships. Donations continue to be accepted towards scholarships and this allows us to support students who might not otherwise be able to come to PCW.

PCW Melbourne has a lot of Memorabilia available for purchase, with the PCW 140th Anniversary Photo Archive Book being extremely popular. This is a lovely coffee-table book packed with many photo memories. Also available are PCW Greeting cards, Alumnae Commemorative Brooch and the ‘Alpha & Omega’ DVD, which details the story of the Presentation Sisters at Windsor.

The Alumnae office has been busy with reunions this year. The Class of 2004 had their 10 Year Reunion and the Class of 1984 had a 30 Year Reunion. In June there was a 40 Year and 50 Year Reunion. All reunions have been well attended with many people catching up for the first time since leaving school.

The Alumnae Annual Reunion and Mass will be held on Sunday 23rd November commencing with Mass at 2.00 pm followed by Afternoon Tea in the Lunchroom. All welcome

Any enquiries please contact Trish Chester on 8517 2704 or alumnae@pcw.vic.edu.au

**Suggestions for Name Change**

Valued Alumnae and Friends of PCW Melbourne!

We would like your input for a proposed name-change to our newsletter which will take effect in the Summer edition.

To date, the contenders are:

- Aluminati—a quirky little pun on ‘Alumnae’, the knowledge of the ‘literati’ and the illumination in our lives shone by Nano’s lantern
- The Pastoral—conveying an idyllic impression of the nurture and care we provide to our students
- The Buzz—the idea of a vibrant school community abuzz with activity and news

Which do you prefer?

Or do you have a suggestion of your own, in keeping with the message of Nano Nagle?

Please email your vote/suggestion to: mrmpas@pcw.vic.edu.au

Our guest speaker, Sister Margaret Bellisini gave us insight into her volunteer work within the prison system—a challenging and often daunting task offering hope and friendship to many offenders.

We will have reached another milestone (special birthday!) by May 2015, so keep well and most of all, keep coming to our luncheons. Congratulations girls!

Marg Martin

**Parent Association: Trivia Variety Night ‘Boost to Budding Biochemists Program’**

The Parent Association held their annual Trivia Variety Night on 16 May. The night was a great success, raising a whopping $5,200 which will provide equipment for the ‘Budding Biochemists’ Program, a new program to inspire our girls in Science.

Our congratulations to the PA Committee who worked tirelessly to make the evening the success it was. A huge thank you also goes to the many families and companies who donated to the evening.

Trish Chester
On behalf of the PA Committee