Galen Catholic College would like to congratulate all Year 12 students across the 2014 VCE and VCAL on their results. We are very pleased with our outstanding success rate at VCE and that a further 20 Galen students have achieved their Senior VCAL.

We are very pleased to announce that the Dux for 2014 is Demi Shale with an ATAR of 98.25. We are equally pleased to report that so many students have achieved to the best of their ability and have given themselves the best possible opportunity to move onto their preferred next steps whether that be employment, further study or a Gap year.

Galen Principal, Bernard Neal, said that the staff and community should be proud of the efforts of the 2014 cohort. “This was our largest Year 12 cohort in the past six years and the breadth of opportunities available to our students through VCE, VCAL and VET has ensured that the senior students at Galen have been able to tailor courses to suit their particular needs and interests.

Today’s results will enable them now to capitalize on having accessed that range of opportunities. We wish all the students well on the next stage of their journey – Galen will always be here to help and advise them as needed, and to celebrate their future successes with them. We hope that they will continue to be as proud of their Galen heritage as we are of them.”

Mr Neal also said, “It is really important to note that we are equally proud of all students who put in their best effort regardless of their subject scores and ATARs and regardless of whether they completed their VCE or VCAL.”
**From the Principal**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Merry Christmas**

This is our final edition of ‘Reflections’ for 2014. Merry Christmas to all in the Galen Catholic College family! May the peace and blessings of Christmas be with you all.

**VCE & VCAL results**

The VCE and VCAL results for 2014 were released on Monday. We are very proud of the great results achieved across the board, especially those gained by students in both certificates who put in their best possible effort, regardless of individual scores.

I am very happy to announce that the Dux for Galen Catholic College for 2014 is Demi Shale who achieved an ATAR of 98.25, placing Demi in the top 2% of all students across the state of Victoria – an outstanding result! Demi will be taking a Gap year in Canada in 2015 then hopes to enter University of Melbourne with a focus on Maths and Physics.

Other relevant information I can share with you is:

- Galen had 9 students achieve an ATAR of 90 or above, 23 with 80 or above and 50 students with 70 or above;
- In individual subjects, 35 Galen students achieved study scores of 40 or above (out of a possible 50 in each subject) which places those students in the top 8% across the state in those subjects;
- 20 VCAL students have completed their Senior Certificate.

**Principal’s return to work**

I would like to thank Mr Gerard Sullivan for his work as Acting Principal during my long service leave for the first 8 weeks of 4th term. The bulk of my leave was spent walking the Camino Trail, an ancient 800 kilometre Christian pilgrim trail that dates back to medieval times – a physically challenging but immensely rewarding spiritual experience.

**Farewell**

The following staff members will be leaving Galen at the end of this year. We thank them for their contribution to Galen and wish them well in their next ventures:

- Ms Lauren Wilson who is returning to Melbourne to take up a position at Sydenham Catholic College;
- Ms Carly Bilke who will be assuming the role of Head of Senior School at Kamilda College in Darwin;
- Ms Marlene Kittel who will be relocating to Robe in South Australia to take up a new commercial venture;
- Ms Rebecca Hernandez who will be relocating to a school in Katherine in the Northern Territory for 2015;
- Ms Margaret Cunningham who will be taking long service leave for the first semester;
- Ms Michela Screpante, who will be returning to Italy after a year at Galen as Language Assistant;
- Our four Junior School Officers: Tess Rowland, Isaac Smith, Jonathon Panozzo and Cody Schutt who have completed their Gap year at Galen;
- Mr Sean O’Neill who will be attending university next year after four years as an IT technician at Galen;
- Ms Chiara Benedetti who will also be heading off to further study after serving as receptionist for the past 8 months;
- Mr Matt Henderson whose contract with Galen expired at the end of this year.

Best wishes,

Bernard Neal

Principal
Proud to be Galen

The Principal and Staff of Galen Catholic College wish to congratulate their students on their outstanding achievements in 2014

- 100% successfully completing VCE (Year 12)
- 20 students successfully completing Senior VCAL (Year 12)
- Official Opening of Hospitality Centre and Engineering Workshop Trade Training Facilities
- Teacher Wendy Chuck recognised with 2014 Diocesan Educarè Award for excellent teaching practice
- Senior students’ mission experience community work in indigenous school at Santa Teresa (Northern Territory)
- Mission experience trip and significant fundraising for village school in Abafala (East Timor)
- Extensive social justice fundraising for Caritas (over $9000 for overseas relief aid), Soup Van (Melbourne homeless), St Vincent de Paul Winter Sleepout (local and regional homeless), regular community service at Illoura Aged Care
- 2 High Distinctions and 4 Distinctions in the Australian Mathematics Competition
- Hosting extensive European and Asian exchange student program
- 5 Galen students receiving scholarships to Italy in the Italian Exchange Program
- Indonesian and Italian cultural immersion days
- VCE Visual Communication Design student shortlisted for Top Designs 2015
- VCE Product Design and Technology student shortlisted for Top Designs 2015
- 2 students nominated for VCE Top Acts performances in Melbourne
- Record number of students involved in musical production “Hairspray” (over 160 students)

- Musical junior production of “Nemo’s Adventure” (over 130 students)
- Outstanding display of high quality student talent in the “Anything Goes” Talent quest
- Arts & Technology Exhibition showcasing creative talent from Years 7 to 12
- Extensive curricular and co-curricular programs at all year levels
- State level sporting achievements in swimming, cricket, athletics, cross-country, tennis, basketball, netball, volleyball and table tennis
- Senior Concert Band, Junior Bands and Production Bands outstanding performances locally and interstate (Tasmania, Bendigo, and Whitfield)
- Continuing expansion of VCAL and on-site VET programs
- Over 50 overnight experiences on educational camps, excursions and retreats
- Two 1st place prizes for Junior groups participation in “Cows Create Careers” Science competition
- Year 9 Discovery: “Night of the Notables” presentations
- Year 12 student Monique Semmens great oration at the RSL Wangaratta ANZAC Day ceremony
- Year 9 student Maddison Talarico selected as one of 60 Victorian school students to be part of the official Australian ANZAC Day Centenary commemoration in Gallipoli in April 2015.
- Creating a Learning and Information Resource Hub for the beginning of 2015

Congratulations to Old Collegian Daniel Andrews on recently being elected as Premier of Victoria.
Leadership Team
- Bernard Neal: Principal
- Jim Samon: Acting Deputy Principal – Catholic Identity
- Gerard Sullivan: Deputy Principal – Catholic Identity
- Patrick Arcuri: Deputy Principal—Staff & Students
- Shaun Mason: Deputy Principal – Teaching & Learning
- Dom Giannone: Business Manager
- Bern Albertson: Professional Development Co-ordinator
- Anthony Batters: Daily Organiser
- Mick Grogan: Senior School Director
- Lauren Lee: Junior School Director

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School Board
- Father Mike Pullar: Parish Priest
- Mark Williams: Board Chair
- Bernard Neal: Principal
- Phil Bretherton: CEO Representative
- Patrick Arcuri: DP - Staff Representative
- Anthony Batters: Staff Representative
- Suellen Loki: Parent
- Liz Nelson: Parent

Parents Association Executive
- President: Elizabeth Jolly
- Vice President: Julie James
- Karyn Howard: Secretary
- Karen Archer: Treasurer

Who’s Who at Galen

May the Lord bless you at Christmas and throughout the New Year

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Snapshots of 2014

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