"THE STUDENT VOICE"

The Mentoring Program continues to be as popular as ever. Our junior peers are always excited to see us every Friday at lunchtime at the Senior Campus and Monday morning at the Junior Campus. We, as their mentors, find the mentoring experience very rewarding and also look forward to seeing their smiling faces every week. In this issue of our newsletter, we will share the feedback from some of the students involved in this program.

"Mentoring is a really great experience as we get to help the enthusiastic junior students with topics that we too once struggled with. Making it fun with games is our favourite way to practice what they learn in class." Kate Soukoullis – Year 12 SRC and Mentor

"I like that even though you may be the mentor your child still surprises you and teaches you things." Athanasia Angelo – Year 10 Mentor

"I always look forward to helping the younger students learn, interacting with them and having fun with them while they're learning." Kosta Bakopanos – Year 11 Mentor

"Mentoring is a great opportunity to communicate with younger students and be able to create friendships with them. They bring a smile to my face when they learn from me. I also like to learn more about them, which gives us a better bond." Gina Hanna – Year 11 Mentor

"Mentoring has been a great opportunity to put names to the faces I see around the school yard. It's great to help the boys and just talk to them about their interests." Ruby Leventeris – Year 10 Mentor
MENTORING PROGRAM PHOTO GALLERY 2014
OUR MENTORING PROGRAM AT THE JUNIOR CAMPUS

"I could be having a terrible day, however when I walk down to the Junior Campus I’m excited to see my ‘kids’. When I arrive to Mrs. Newstead’s class in lesson two on Monday mornings I help her students with their language skills/phonics and writing sentences, on occasion I hear a number of students read to me and I play educational games with them. The students are always so excited to include me in their show and tell time, however I have a class at that time and I’m unable to enjoy that with them. They sometimes show me before I leave so that I don’t miss out.”

Stasha Andrews, College Prefect

“Being involved in the mentoring program this year has been a great experience for me. I feel very privileged to be able to mentor the Year 2 class and see the vast improvement in the young students’ confidence and academic ability from sharing my knowledge and skills with them. The bond I have developed with them means so much to them and also to myself as their mentor as I get great satisfaction by seeing their achievements and how happy they seem once they have learnt something new from our time together. I will definitely miss their friendly faces but the memories will always remain.” Constance Bourus, Year 12 Student

“When I go down to the junior campus on Monday mornings I really enjoy helping the younger students with their tasks because I remember how happy I was to have a buddy at their age to help me. I work with Mrs Shaw’s Year 1 class and we play educational games and I assist them with activities such as creating a booklet about different insects. I feel that this is a good experience for me in my last year of senior school and it feels good to give something back to the community that I have been a part of for 13 years.”

Gregory Voukelatos, Year 12 Student

“This year I have had the opportunity to mentor at the Junior Campus. It has been an experience to remember for my whole life. Working with Miss Toumbas’ Year 1’s this year helped me appreciate the hard work and commitment the teachers put into teaching the young ones.” Yanni Tyrikos-Frazis College Prefect

“Earlier this year I was asked if I would like to mentor a class of students at the junior campus. Naturally I accepted to do this during one of my flexible learning times, better than spending that time doing nothing or playing games. Mentoring the juniors has been an interesting experience as I was able to appreciate just how hard the teachers work and what they have to deal with, as well as talking with the students about work and soccer (unfortunately, the whole class were Arsenal supporters) I will always remember this experience in my life.”

Antoni Stamoulis, Year 12 Student

“Mentoring with Mrs. Pappageorgiou’s Reception class this year has been a great experience and a way to reflect on how far I’ve come since reception. Helping the eager to learn students with their story writing has been lots of fun!” Kate Soukoulis, Year 12 SRC

“Mentoring isn’t just about being there and giving answers to questions. It’s so much more. Being a role model and a friend and most of all, being someone who’s going to be remembered for their efforts for years to come are all some of the biggest examples of my mentoring experience and the more I understand these, the more enjoyable this becomes. It’s truly an unforgettable experience.” Benjamin Mirzaei, Year 12 SRC
COORDINATORS REPORT

‘Leadership must be focused on meeting the needs of others’

We have had a very busy start to the school year trying to do just that, meet the needs of our students. The team has worked on ideas to assist in making school life as easy as possible for every student at St George College. This issue of our newsletter is dedicated to the Mentoring Program which began in 2013.

The Mentoring Programs at both campuses are giving students the opportunity to bond, learn from each other and learn skills such as punctuality, commitment and responsibility. Each student involved in the program knows that they need to be on time and committed to their decision to participate in the program whether they are the mentor or mentee. I commend all students for their hard work and for being excellent role models.

Angela Drakopoulos
STUDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR