Year 8
Highlights, 2012
The Students share their favourite experiences of the Saint Patrick’s community...
Highlights

- The Swimming Carnival was fun because it was the first school event that I attended that had been at night.
- Valentine’s Day was a fun day for everyone, with all of the sing-o-grams going on at lunch time.
- The floods were cool because people had to stay at home while others chilled out at school and made chocolate slice in the Home Ec room.
- Electives are a fun way to get away from the serious subjects. Wednesday B is a fun day because it is all electives.
- Year 8 Camp was a way for us to make friends with people that we did not know.
- The school musical was a way for people to let out their talents and everyone had lots of laughs whether I was in rehearsals or on stage.
- The Heinz Bash was also really fun.
- Watching movies in class are a great way to relax and let your mind wander, even if you know that you have to do some sort of task afterwards.
- The fact that the Tuckshop is open every day comes as a shock to those of us from St Patrick’s Primary, as it was only open 3 days a week.
- The space around the school is comfortable and you have places to explore during the lunch breaks.
- The lunch breaks are fun because they are so long. You have time to do everything in one lunch break.
- The Library is a great place to hang out if you need peace, or is a great place to do school work.

The challenges – work, rules, behaviour

- Work- The challenges of work are that of getting homework and assignments done on time. You can always use the Library to finish them on time.
- Rules – The challenges of rules are that there aren’t many. If you follow the rules, then you can’t get into trouble.
- Behaviour – In terms of behaviour, the challenges are being disrespectful to your teachers, not talking back.

Dealing with the challenges

- If you want to do well, you need to face your fears, you need to get out and do things right. You need to follow the rules and the dress code.

What to improve on and achieve in Semester 2

- I need to improve on the length of my study and revision time. It will help me with my grades and improve my skills.
Student B- Highlights Report

This year has been a magnificent year so far, it has come with many memories which I'll treasure forever. To start off with, the Swimming Carnival was a memorable event because it was so much fun especially joining in with the dressing up all the way to the actual swimming. It is also pretty cool to get the chance to swim at night since all my other swimming carnivals at Primary were during the day.

Another highlight was St Pat’s Day. This day was enjoyable because we got to watch amazing performances and play the most funnest, crazy and don’t forget creative games. My favourite was probably the one where we got to dive in a mud pit. It was so much fun although I got extremely muddy. But from all these fun times, school has also come with many challenges. A shock from primary to high school would definitely have to be the exams and assignments. Keeping on track with them all was a pretty great challenge because they all seemed to come at the same time. Another shock for me........well maybe mostly for others is the behaviour and different rules. In high school we’re expected to behave our very best and try 100%. I’ve overcome these challenges by doing many things that keep me on track. These things include: keeping on track and going ahead on things, studying and not getting distracted. Well I could say most of the time I don’t get distracted. And also trying and acting my absolute best in my work all the way to play. It’s also helped me to stay positive and in control.

Since Semester 2 is coming up, I would like to achieve and do better in things. From my own point of view, I would like to not get distracted so easy when at home and to try harder so I can get the very best results I possibly can. I would also like to get involved and participate in more school activities and to get more organised. In Semester 2, there’s a lot of things I want to change and improve on, although there’s a lot of things I want to keep the same. In Class I'm pretty happy with my marks so far and I’m happy with my friends and school. I also enjoy all my teachers and classmates. So give it up for Semester 1 and here I come Semester 2.
Student C - Highlights Report

In the past six months at St Pat's, the biggest highlight for me is by having the opportunity to try a variety of different subjects I wouldn’t have tried before. Another highlight would have to be Valentine’s Day. I really enjoyed the sin-a-grams that went on a lunch times. The electives are one of the biggest highlights because they allow you to get away from the more serious compulsory subjects.

The biggest highlight by far, would have to be the Year 8 Camp. It was a way to make friends and have a fun time. Watching movies in class in great, because it allows you to relax and enjoy yourself, even if you have to write an essay about it afterwards.

But in between the highlights there are the challenges. One of my challenges is to stay organised at all times, especially with my books because I struggle with my locker. I struggle studying most of the time because personally I think I understand stuff more when an actual person says it to me, rather than reading a text book. Another challenge would be keeping on time, work wise.

I've dealt with these challenges by double-checking, triple-checking even, to make sure I have all the correct equipment with me in and out of school. For studying, I get someone to quiz me or something similar to make sure I have studied enough. To keep on time, work wise, I try to do as much as I can and if I cannot finish a task, I complete it at home.

Since Semester 2 is coming up, I’d like to try and improve in various things. I'd like to make sure that I don’t waste any time because I've learnt that the time you get for assignments, exams or tests are better if you use all the time provided. I would like to achieve higher grades as well. I need to improve in my study time. The longer I study the more it will sink in and more of a chance I will get better grades and improve my skills.