From the President:

The Easter season is passing quickly, and so is this part of the semester since our break for Holy Week and Easter Week. After this week, there will be a lecture-free week, designated as a study week. The non-lecturing study week was introduced several years ago when the structure and length of semesters was reviewed. It was recognised that because there were so few exams, having a study week (commonly known as stu-vac) at the end of the semester wasn’t as helpful as it could be. By that time most people had completed all their assessment tasks. The Academic Board thus decided to move the study week to a week in the second half of the semester. It would give people an opportunity to work in a sustained way on their assessment tasks and to read more deeply and widely for the course units of that semester. Apart from there being no lectures, life goes on as normal at CIS during that week. So, for example, lecturers will be available for consultation and the Veech Library will operate its normal semester hours.

It is probably good to plan how you will use this study week. Of course, that also depends on your study habits. The nature of the work we do is that it involves a lot of reading and writing. A challenge we face today is that there is so much that we could read about any topic that we can feel we are never ready to write. There are some simple steps we can take to gain maximum benefit from our study time. It will be important to make a judicious selection of relevant books and articles to read. Time spent well in the library will help you begin to achieve this. Some titles will be obviously and directly on the topic you are working on. Start with these. Some authors will be known to have written on the topic, so seek out their work. A search on the library catalogue and databases will give a long list of potentially relevant articles. We can make judgements about these by quickly looking through an article or book chapter to gauge its relevance to the topic. This saves a lot of time reading things that do not help with the task. The important thing about reading is its quality rather than quantity. Our aim is to understand the topic. You can ask yourself some questions. What did I learn from this reading? How does it address the topic of the essay? How has it shaped my approach to the topic? What questions does it raise for me? How does it help me develop my existing knowledge of this topic? Good reading early on will help you plan and write your essay.

I hope you have a productive study week.

Fr Gerard Kelly

SECURITY

All of us have a responsibility for the security of the campus. This means being alert to what is happening around us, and particularly to the safety of the people in our vicinity. There are a few simple measures we can take to maintain the security of the campus, particularly out of office hours.

- The front door into the teaching block should be locked each evening once everyone has arrived for class. It is always easy to exit once the door has been locked: simply push the red button on the left hand side wall and then pull the door.
- If you see anyone wandering around who looks to be a stranger or looks lost, politely ask them who they are looking for. If they should not be on the campus, advise them to leave quickly.
- If you have concerns about any suspicious behaviour notify a member of staff.

Mass is celebrated in the chapel during teaching weeks

Monday–Thursday at 12:40pm

(Please note: there will be no mass on Monday 2nd May, 2016)
From the Registrar:

It’s hard to believe that we are already up to week 8 in the semester and you are two-thirds of the way through your Semester 1 studies. In the next few editions of TIN I’ll be letting you know of some important upcoming events such as the 2016 SCD Graduation and the procedures to register for studying with us during Semester 2, 2016.

In the meantime, it’s timely for me to remind students that Semester 1 fees should be paid or close to being finalised. For some students these fees will be both tuition and CISSA fees, while for those students availing of the FEE-Help scheme, it will be CISSA fees only. In either case, we would appreciate it if Semester 1 fees are paid by Friday 29 April. Payment can be made by: the CIS website using BPoint; sending to the Registry a cheque made out to Catholic Institute of Sydney; ringing Mary Cassar on 9752-9501 to pay via credit card; or attending the Registry to pay in person.

If there are circumstances that are causing you difficulties with paying your fees, please contact me directly on 9752 9503 or jcraig@cis.catholic.edu.au

Best regards,

Janelle Craig

SCD ANNUAL LECTURE

WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY, 2016
7:30PM - 9:00PM
6b/5 Talavera Rd, Macquarie Park NSW 2113

DR ALAN CADWALLADER

*Cerberus bites back: A tale with three heads - the Syrophoenician woman, and her imitators

SUPPER WILL BE SERVED GRATIS

RSVP
MONDAY 2 MAY to Prof. Jim Harrison
jimh@scd.edu.au

NO PARKING

Everyone is again reminded not to park at the front of the CIS building.

Do not park on the grass.

Parking is available in the allotted spaces under the Veech Library and in spaces at the back of the Institute building. If no parking is available please find appropriate parking on the street. Thank you.