

## **Victoria: Holy Archdiocese's Aetolian College School 'OXI Day' Anniversary Event**



Commemoration of the anniversary of OXI Day of October 28 in the Archdiocesan District of Northcote have begun, with the celebrations of the Flag held in the Parish of the Transfiguration of the Saviour.

His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia was represented by His Grace Bishop Evmenios of Kerasounta. The event began with the conducting of the designated Doxology of the anniversary of October 28. In the Doxology, students of the Byzantine Music School sang under the guidance of the Director of Victoria, Mr. Stylianos Andrews.

The event was attended by students of Aetolian College of the Holy Archdiocese of Australia, and students of Saint John's College, Preston, students from the Greek Department of Lalor North Primary School, representatives and presidents of Greek Associations and Traditional Greek Dance Groups.

Natasha Spanish- Member of the Board Aetolian College

Francesca Sarigianoglou- Head of Senior School St John's College Preston

Elizabeth Bryan Principal and Connie Diakodimitriou Greek Teacher Lalor North

President and Members Whitlesea Senior Citizens Club.

Brown Halfpenny MP Thomastown

Aristotelis Panagagis President Hellenic Olympic Committee

John Christou President Greek Cypriots of Northern Suburbs of Melbourne

Steven Andrews Victorian Principal Byzantine Music School

Yiannis Pilalides Vice President Pontiaki Estia

In his brief greeting, His Grace Bishop Evmenios conveyed to everyone the paternal wishes of His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia and congratulated everyone who organised the event. Addressing everyone, but especially the students of the school, among others, he shared two thoughts with them:

1. The events of October 28 were the beginning of Greece's friendship with Australia, something very important for us because today, while our birthplace is the blessed Greece, our home is Australia. This friendship that was formed then gave the opportunity to our grandparents and our parents to come here as immigrants to the antipodes for a better life.

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2. Analysing to the students the events of October 28, His Grace advised them that sometimes we have to say "No" in our lives to our decisions. Sometimes with a rebounding "No", initially we seem to lose things, friends or privilege but a "No" can bring better situations which are more blessed and powerful.









































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