

From the Office of the Principal

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

23 JANUARY 2017

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of Marymede Catholic College,

Welcome to the 2017 school year at Marymede Catholic College. I extend a warm welcome to all those students and families who are new this year and trust that this is the beginning of a happy association with Marymede.

As we commence this year, we ask God to bless us and our work. We recommit ourselves to our mission which is to make Jesus Christ known and loved within and beyond our community and to assist our young people to grow into the fullness of life.

New Staff

In 2017, we welcome to the college the following new staff:

Primary

Elizabeth Batten (Prep Year Level Coordinator)
Krystal Crichton (Prep)
Anita Evans (Year 3)
Filomena Mariani (LOTE)
Debra Molloy (Year 6)
Rebecca Murphy –(LOTE)

Secondary

Marie Bagh (Religious Education/English)
Trent Brownjohn (Physical Education/Mathematics)
Amanda Da Riva (Religious Education/Humanities)
Elly Lanza (English)
Anna Liggieri (Religious Education/Italian)
Carol Fisher (Careers)
John Milides (Mathematics)
Adam Thompson (Mathematics/Psychics)
Leon Travers (Religious Education/Humanities)
Tony Van Beek (Science)
Nicholas van Wyngaarden (Science)

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Primary/Secondary

Sue Patterson (Resource Centre)

Non-Teaching Staff

Jai Cameron (Education Support - Music & Performing Arts)
Michelle Jones (Compliance Officer)
Lauren Pilakis (Nurse)
Clark Sloan – AFL Trainee
Aaron Syrjanen (Education Support - Music & Performing Arts)
Daniela Tosevska (Laboratory Technician)

We also welcome back from leave Laura Wilcox, Ainsley Dean, Luke Robinson, Katie Lexa, Christie Ramaekers and Carolyn Drake.

The following is a list of staff who will be on Maternity Leave in 2017:

Marina Vanis, Lizzy Natoli, Libby Audley, Michelle Richardson and Natalie Savage.

We wish them a restful time as they prepare for the birth of their babies.

Academic Outcomes 2016

We were pleased that the Median Study Score for the 2016 VCE students was 30 which is an increase of one from the previous years' Median Score.

Congratulations to our Dux Emma Wardell, who achieved an ATAR of 93.60.

I also congratulate the 2016 VCE students who achieved their personal goals and wish them every happiness and success going forward.

The VTAC offers to our Year 12 2016 students were recently sent out. I am delighted to report that 94.2% of our students received an offer. 69% of our students who received an offer received their first preference. 87% of our students who received an offer received either their first or second preference.

A more detailed report will be in the next Newsletter.

2017 College Calendar

The 2017 College Calendar can be accessed via our College Website. Please note carefully important dates such as Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews, Parent Information Evenings, House BBQ nights, the College Award Evenings and term holidays.

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Students are expected to be present for all designated teaching days and I ask for parental support to ensure that a positive relationship is established between home and school.

The Newsletter is our major means of communication with parents, so please ensure you take time to read it. We will email the Newsletter every second Thursday so parents are asked to ensure that we have your current email address to receive the Newsletter.

Grooming and Personal Presentation

It is my expectation that our students will present themselves well at all times and wear the College uniform with pride and in an acceptable manner. I ask for parental support to ensure that the high grooming standard of our College is maintained.

I would like to mention specifically:

Jewellery:

Apart from watches and a chain with a small crucifix, no other jewellery is to be worn at school. This includes bracelets, rings etc.

Body Piercings:

Students may wear one plain earring per ear in the ear lobe (no spacers or dermals). No other objects are permitted in the eye brow, nose, lip etc.

Hair:

Extreme hair styles are not permitted. These include dreadlocks, Mohican style cuts, extreme long or short styles (Level 3 is the minimum hair length). Hair is to be of one natural colouring.

Facial Hair:

Boys are expected to be clean shaven at all times.

Summer Uniforms Only:

I remind both parents and students that the following items have been introduced to the summer uniforms:

Socks:

Boys – Short, blue with stripes

Girls – Short blue, plain

Girls Dresses:

Some of our female students may have grown over the holidays. I ask that you check the length of your dress before returning to school to ensure that it touches the knee.

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Once again, I ask for parental assistance in these matters. I thank you for supporting us in meeting our grooming expectations.

New School Year

All Secondary students begin on Wednesday 1 February. Years 1-6 students begin on Friday 3 February. Preps attend half days on Monday 6 February, Tuesday 7 February, Thursday 9 February and Friday 10 February. Preps then attend full days from Monday 13 February with the exception of Wednesdays. Preps will attend full days every day from 27 February.

Our teaching staff return on Monday 30 January to take part in Professional Development Programs to prepare for the academic year. Term end ends on Friday 31 March.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal