



31 January 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Friends of our Marymede Community,

It is wonderful to have started the 2019 school year today and I again welcome all into the Marymede Catholic College Community. The buildings have come alive once more and new growth, new energies and new hope have burst into life in all directions.

There is much to look forward to and a great deal of individual planning and goal setting by students to ensure each takes on the responsibility to achieve his or her best in 2019.

Staff have high expectations and we are looking for all students to set high standards and take advantage of the opportunities presented to them.

Contacting Us

If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact the College. If your child says he or she is having trouble in class, then please contact the class teacher. The Directors of Students and House Coordinators should be contacted about more serious issues which may be confidential. There may be occasions when the issues warrant the involvement of senior members of the College.

Positions of Leadership

Below is a list of staff who hold a position of Leadership in 2019:

Senior Leadership Team

- Michael Kenny** – Principal
- Tracey Kift** – Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12
- Julia Wake** – Direction of Faith & Mission P-12
- Laura Gazeas** - Director of Students (P-4)
- Melinda Muir** - Director of Students (5-8)
- David Brick** - Director of Students (9-12)
- Paul Romanin** – Business Manager

Secondary House Coordinators

- Amanda Da Riva** – Chanel
- Jack Mather** – Chisholm
- Tamara Barton** – Marcellin
- Elsie Macellari** – McAuley
- Corinne Niall** – McCormack
- Alexander Timms** – Romero

Primary Coordinators

- Debra Molloy** – Learning & Teaching
- Laetitia Malusu** – Religious Education
- Lisa Murray** – Learning Enhancement (P-4)
- Rosemary Bennett** – Learning Enhancement (5-8)
- Elizabeth Milani** – Literacy
- Narelle Collins** – Numeracy
- Christie Ramaekers** – Prep Transition
- Gerard Large** – House & Sports

Secondary Coordinators

- Nikole Cymbalak** – Learning & Teaching
- Rosemary Bennett** – Learning Enhancement (5-8)
- Libby Audley** – Learning Enhancement (9-12)
- David De Silva** – VCAL
- Gary Hickey** – VET/SBAT
- Vincenzo Rovetto** – VCE/VCAA/VASS
- Marie Bagh** – Remar
- Kristina Karaula** – Remar Red Helmsperson
- Alexander Timms** – Remar Blue Helmsperson
- Kathy Difrancesco** – Remar Gold Helmsperson

P-12

- Carla Esposito** – Staff and Student Coordinator
- Angie Bedford** – Cultural Coordinator
- Kylie Buttigieg** – E-Learning Coordinator
- Maurice Di Muzio** – Technology Domain Leader
- Jeremy Guzman** – Visual Arts Domain Leader
- Julie Plymin** – Science Domain Leader
- Anthony Montemurro** – LOTE Domain Leader
- Jeremy Ives** – Performing Arts Domain Leader
- Yanna Jephson** – Daily Organiser

Secondary Domain Leaders

Liam McCormack – Religious Education
Elly Lanza – English (5-12)
Annmarie O’Hare – Sport
Trent Brownjohn – HPE
Vinodh Narasimhan – Mathematics
Jane Darrou – Humanities

Early Learning Centre

Naomi Rigney – Director

College Chaplains

Rev. Martin Ashe
Fr. John Murphy

2018 Semester 2 Reports

A reminder that parents can access their child’s 2018 Semester 2 Report via our Parent Access Module (PAM). Please contact the College if you are having difficulty in downloading your child’s report

2019 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to the following students:

SECONDARY

Marian Fernando & Daniel Prezioso – College Captains
Sheryl Varghese – Faith & Mission Captain
Reuben Hayes & Brooke McCormack – Sports Captains

House Captains

Madeline Markovski & Julia Milevski – Chanel
Alannah Petrou & Fintan Sinclair – Chisholm
Shannel Kamusasa & Sophie Traynor – Marcellin
Jackson Mansell & Elise Rizzi – McAuley
Tharani Kumarasena & Liam Tyrrell – McCormack
Manova Regi & Tayla Ramsden – Romero

Cultural Captains

Adam Argyros – Music
Lara Minca – Performing Arts
Shakira Heerah – LOTE

PRIMARY

Angelina Khoury & William Van Krieken – Primary Captains

House Leaders

Mackenzie Newport & Jye D’Agostino – Chanel
Mikayla Bennett & Alana Stojanoski – Chisholm
Emma Fasciani & Aleksey Trivailo – Marcellin
Marama McGinty & Dion Roe – McAuley
Jacqueline Misquitta & Samuel Miles – McCormack
Tadiwanashe Mutusva & Oliver Large – Romero

Grooming & 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:

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.

I ask that parents and students please note that wearing of the blazer is optional in Term 1, however the jumper does not replace the blazer to and from school.

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

2019 Secondary Significant Dates

On Tuesday 29 January, all secondary parents were emailed correspondence stating the secondary significant dates and the College’s expectation of student attendance. Please note the following dates again for your diaries:

Opening of the School Year Mass	Tuesday 5 February
House Swimming Carnival	Tuesday 12 February
Year 10 Challenge Camp	Wednesday 13 February – Friday 15 February
Year 12 Retreat	Monday 25 February – Wednesday 27 February

Year 7 Camp	Wednesday 20 March – Friday 22 March
Year 8 Reflection Day	Tuesday 28 May
Year 10 Reflection Day	Wednesday 29 May
Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass	Thursday 27 June
Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat	Thursday 1 August – Friday 2 August
Marymede Day	Friday 16 August
Year 9 Reflection Day	Friday 25 October
Secondary Awards Evening	Tuesday 19 November (7pm-9pm)

I wish to highlight that students from Years 1-12 will be attending the Opening of the School Year Mass on Tuesday 5 February, which will be held in the Fitness Centre at 9.15am. Our celebrant will be Rev. Martin Ashe.

Secondary House Swimming Carnival

A sense of belonging and of being part of a House is encouraged among the students by the Secondary Inter-House Swimming Carnival, which will be held on Tuesday 12 February at the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre from 9.00am. I ask for parental support to ensure that all students are at the Carnival. Parents are welcome to join us and support your son's or daughter's House.

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

2019 Information Evenings

Throughout Term 1, we have a number of Information Evenings scheduled for families with students beginning key transition years in their schooling. The sessions will include advice and important information from key school personnel, and opportunities for families ask any questions they have.

11 February – VCE/VCAL 2019 Information Evening for Year 11 VCE students and Year 10 students accelerating in VCE studies.

18 February – Year 7 Camp & House Parent Evening

19 February – Year 12 2019 Information Evening

25 February – Prep 2019 Information Evening

Ms Tracey Kift
Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching Prep – Year 12

DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

2019 College Theme: “Here I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be with me according to your word.” (Lk 1:38)

Inspired by the use of this scripture for the theme of World Youth Day 2019, and its beautiful association with our College Motto ‘*In the way of Mary*’ we look to our College Community embedding Mary’s example of courage and faith in all we do.

Daniel Preziuso and Andy Luzi reflected upon our 2019 College theme and designed the banner which will be positioned within each newsletter. Daniel explained that he wanted the image of Mary to be accessible, to encourage others, no matter cultural or religious background to see themselves as being able to reach up, or out, to pray for and/or accept guidance.

World Youth Day 2019 has just concluded in Panama, which shared this theme, enabling an abundance of reflections and inspiration for how we explain ‘In the Way of Mary’ here at Marymede.

Pope Francis had these words to say to young people at the closing mass:

“In a special way throughout these days, Mary’s fiat has been whispering like a kind of music in the background. She not only believed in God and in his promises as something possible, she believed God himself and dared to say “yes” to taking part in this now of the Lord. She felt she had a mission; she fell in love and that decided everything....We are on a journey, keep walking, keep living the faith and sharing it. Do not forget that you are not the tomorrow, you are not the “meantime”; you are the now of God....With Mary, keep saying “yes” to the dream that God has sown in you.”

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-01/pope-francis-panama-wyd-2019-concluding-mass-homily.html>

So ‘Here we are’, may we be people of courage – strong of mind, gentle of heart, and certain that we are loved by God. May we be attentive to the work of the spirit as we serve each other and our Community, and put our trust, our faith in God, as Mary did.

Student Leader's Formation Day – Thursday 24 January

Most of our Year 12 Student Leaders gathered together to set their vision and mission for the 2019 school year. They created fire with Wurundjeri Elder, Uncle Ian Hunter, were attentive to the vision Mr Kenny had for them, worked through leadership characteristics of *Presence, Family Spirit, Love of Work, Simplicity and In the Way of Mary*, with Br Greg McDonald and Lachy from Marist Youth Ministry and developed a plan of action with Mr Brick (Director of Students 9 – 12). The day was concluded with Mass celebrated by Father John Murphy, then dinner out with Ms Wake, Mr Brick and Mr Kenny.



Upcoming Faith & Mission Events

- **College Opening of the School Year Mass:** Tuesday 5 February: 9.15am.
- **Weekly Community Mass:** Begins Wednesday 6 February: 8.00am - Chapel of the Annunciation.
- **Weekly Reconciliation with Fr John Murphy:** Begins Wednesday 6 February: 8.30am (following Mass) - Chapel of the Annunciation.
- **Year 12 Retreat:** Monday 25 – Wednesday 27 February.

Venues:	Group 1:	Students in Chanel & McCormack CYC The Island 41-53 Church Street, Cowes, Victoria
	Group 2:	Students in Chisholm & McAuley The Island Accommodation 10-12 Phillip Island Tourist Road, Newhaven, Phillip Island, Victoria
	Group 3:	Students in Marcellin & Romero Ramada Resort 2128 Phillip Island Road, Cowes Victoria

- **Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday 6 March

Please note that there will be no meat based items for sale in the school Canteen on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent (commencing from Friday 8 March and concluding on Friday 5 April), which are days of fasting and abstinence.

- **Lent Liturgies:** Thursday 4 April.

Philippines Immersion 2018

The Philippines immersion program that took place in December 2018, was an experience that is unbelievable and truly eye opening.

Through our experiences we got to immerse ourselves in Filipino culture, which in our eyes was the most beautiful thing. However amongst the goodness this trip gave us there was also the unfortunate tales of heart ache, corruption, loss and poverty. Throughout the trip it felt as though we became one with the Filipinos and an important word that always wondered our minds was presence, no matter how unfortunate the moment was, we would come together in solidarity and be there for one another. We made connections that will forever be lifelong.

Our time in metro Manila was insightful and many story shared broke our hearts and we all hope that there will be justice for all! Justice for the Rise up community that work so hard, Justice for the Lumad people and justice for all Filipino people, we hope for justice.

Also during our trip we were stunned of how you buy your basic ingredients at the local market, which was an eye opener for most of us especially the difference in currency. Our time during the historical tour allowed us to reflect and understand the background of the Philippines, all our hearts were touched when we got to participate in a feeding ministry where children could have a meal and drink in the spirit of joy.

Furthermore, this trip truly change us and allowed us to see the struggles that people face outside of our own country, with this experience it allowed us to grow and mature as a human being, we all grew as a group, grew as a team and become one and in solidarity and made lifelong friends.

Lastly a big thank you to the staff and teachers in the Philippines and in Australia that allowed this unforgettable trip to happen, thank you for giving us an experience that makes us dream, and makes us thrive to our fullest capacity, Thank you all.

Miss Tharani Kumarasena
Year 12 Student

Ms Julia Wake
Director of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Student Success in the Visual Arts

I am very pleased to announce that two Studio Arts/Media students who graduated last year will be representing Marymede in the 2019 CEM Visual Arts Exhibition – Andrew Fu and Leah Vasiliadis (2018 Calthorpe Award Recipient) have been successful in having their work selected for judging at the upcoming exhibition. Andrew's animated short film, 'The Creativity Cycle', and Leah's painting, 'The Spectrum of Social Media', will be on display at the Catholic Leadership Centre from March 12-17.

Congratulations to Andrew and Leah on this outstanding achievement.

The Visual Arts Domain also celebrates excellent results achieved by last year's VCE students. Three students across all subjects in the Domain – Media, Studio Arts, and Visual Communication Design (VCD) – attained a study score of 40 or above, which places them in the top 9% of students in that study.

Congratulations to Kani Ahuonbar, who achieved a perfect study score of 50 in VCD!

Thank you to all the Visual Arts students for the hard work and commitment they demonstrated throughout 2018; to the parents and guardians for their ongoing support; and to the teachers for their wisdom and inspiration.

I look forward to sharing more successes with you in 2019.

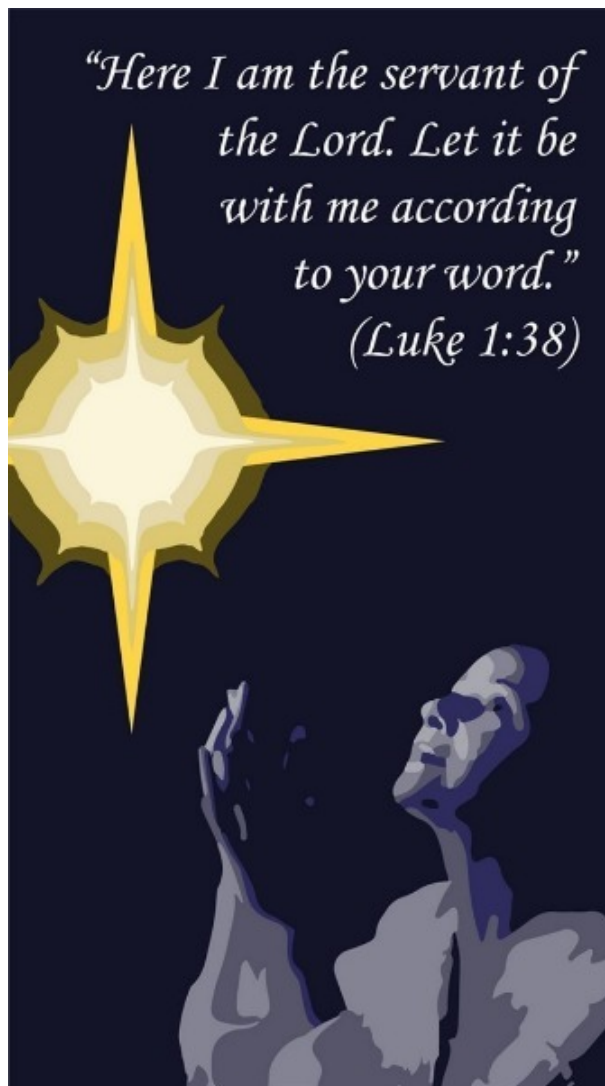


'The Creativity Cycle' by Andrew Fu



'The Spectrum of Social Media' by Leah Vasiliadis

Mr Jeremy Guzman
Head of Visual Arts Prep – Year 12



COMMUNITY MASS



Marymede Catholic College celebrates Community Mass each Wednesday morning commencing at 8:00am in our beautiful Chapel of the Annunciation. This is a wonderful opportunity for all members of the Marymede Community (students, staff, family and friends) to join together in praise, reflection and worship.