

COLLEGE BULLETIN TERM 1 - 2015

A successful Term 1 of 2015 has now concluded. Below are some important updates

Communication

We wish to remind all families about the importance of The Parent Access Module (also known as PAM). PAM allows parents to access important information relating to each of their children's schooling at any time. By now each family should have logged into PAM and familiarised themselves with its layout and functionality. This module will continue to be an important communication portal between the College and its families throughout the year. Bookings for our upcoming Semester 1 Progress Interviews are to be made via PAM, and Semester 1 reports will be released online through the module later in Term 2. Timetables, upcoming events, daily messages, learning areas, and attendance data can also be accessed through the service. The Parent Access Module is currently best viewed on a laptop, PC, or tablet device and is not compatible with smart phones.

It is also important for all families to check their emails regularly to ensure that they do not miss out on valuable news and information sent out by the College.

Should you have a change in contact details such as home address, phone numbers or email address, please contact the Main Office on 9407-9000 to submit the new information, alternatively you may also wish to email the change to registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au. Additionally, any family who changes their email address via PAM will also need to contact the Registrar to submit the new address to the College. Maintaining current contact details is essential to ensure that communication to and from the College remains possible and efficient.

Facilities Update

There have been some exciting developments regarding facilities at Marymede Catholic College throughout Term 1. At the commencement of the Term our new Design & Technology Lab was completed and is now holding classes on a daily basis. This space has been well received by our student cohort.

Construction on the new Trade Skills Centre will commence in early June 2015, and architectural impressions of the new facility can be viewed at www.marymede.vic.edu.au/news/tradeskillscentredesign. We look forward to further developments and updates regarding the Trade Skills Centre in the coming months. Additionally, work continues on the new College Master Plan which is also expected to be completed in the coming months.

Progress Interviews

A reminder to all families that Semester 1 Progress Interviews will take place on Tuesday April 14 from 10.00am – 8.00pm. Progress Interviews are made via appointment, with all families able to book through our Parent Access Module. These interviews provide a great opportunity to speak with your child's teacher/s and discuss their progress so far in 2015. Interviews have increased from 5 to 10 minutes in Secondary classes, which has necessitated an additional P/T/S Interview session on Monday April 27 from 4.00pm – 7.00pm (Years 7-12 Only). Any family experiencing difficulty booking an interview should contact the College on Monday April 13 for assistance.



Catholic Identity:

Term 1 was an extremely exciting one for Marymede Catholic College in the area of spiritual life and Catholic Identity. In the Way of Mary, our senior and middle leadership embraced the servant leadership of Christ, as the model for leadership at all levels at our College. The Opening of the 2015 School Year Mass which included the commissioning of our new Principal Mr Michael Kenny was a highlight of this term. Busy weeks followed with the Ash Wednesday Liturgy and highly successful Year 12 Retreat. "From Crib to Cross" the Lent Liturgy preparing us for Holy Week and the Year 11 Justice Awareness Day has brought to an end, a robust term in which we have focused on what it means to be a Catholic school formed in the Way of Mary for discipleship of Christ.

Whilst Term 1 has also seen Primary classes unpacking the 2015 College Theme, "Let us love not only in word or speech but in truth and action." (1 John 3:18) and making connections to their lives, this journey will continue throughout the school year. The Lenten Season was started with Primary Classes participating in intimate Year Level liturgies in the Chapel of Annunciation to celebrate Ash Wednesday. Year 5 and 6 students and teachers were thrilled to be invited to the Lent Liturgy 'From Crib to Cross' with the Secondary Students. Primary classes are looking forward to many more linkage initiatives planned for the year. Fr. Martin Ashe, the Year 6 classroom teachers and the Primary Head of Faith and Mission welcomed families and Year 6 Confirmation Candidates to join in a workshop in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The night was a great success.

Morning Tea with the Principal

On Wednesday March 4 the College held a Morning Tea as an opportunity for all current parents to visit the College and meet our new Principal Mr. Kenny. This event was a huge success with many parents gathering together in the VCE Wing to chat with Mr. Kenny and each other. We believe it is important for our Marymede Community to gather together throughout the year and look forward to providing our parents with more opportunities to attend a Morning Tea with the Principal throughout Term 2 and beyond.

College Information Evenings

During Term 1 we held several information evenings across Primary and Secondary School year levels. It is pleasing to see such high levels of attendance by our parents at all information evenings as we continue to work together in partnership to support each student's academic journey. Events such as the Year 7 Guild Family Evening and the Primary School Information Evening gave our parents a wonderful opportunity to meet with Teachers, Heads of Guild and support staff and gain valuable information about their children's progress to date as well as being informed about upcoming projects that lie ahead.

We wish to remind our families that compulsory attendance is required at all information evenings.

Scholarships

Late in Term 1 the College released information regarding the 2016 Scholarship program. In 2016, Marymede Catholic College will offer the following Scholarships:

- **Academic Excellence Scholarship** - Available to students entering Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9.
- **General Excellence Scholarship** - Available to students entering Year 7.
- **Music Scholarship** - Available to students entering Year 7 and Year 9.

Please visit <http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/enrolment/scholarships> for more information.



Bell Times in 2015

During Term 1, the College made the decision to extend the Secondary School timetable by 7 minutes to ensure that we meet the minimum requirement of 300 minutes per day of face-to-face teaching time. This has now resulted in the Secondary students finishing each day at 3.10pm.

Enrolments

In Term 1 the College held its second round of Year 7 2016 enrolment interviews. Offers for places in Year 7 2016 will be mailed to families on Friday April 24. The demand for places at Marymede Catholic College is strong and continues to grow. Our College continues to be a leading provider of education in the Northern suburbs. Marymede adheres to enrolment policies set out by the Catholic Education Office Melbourne. Prep 2016 applications are also open and will close on May 15 2015.

School Bus

The College is again running 3 bus routes in 2015 which travels through the suburbs of South Morang, Mernda, Doreen, Whittlesea and Kinglake. This bus service continues to be popular among students and is an effective way of ensuring that our students arrive to school on time each morning and have a transport method available to them each afternoon should it be required.

In Term 2, the cost of a full Bus Pass (Term 2 ONLY) will be \$400 per child. The cost of a one way Bus Pass (Term 2 ONLY) will be \$235 per child. Casual passes will still be available subject to availability at a cost of \$4 each way. Any student without a valid paid in full bus pass (either full or casual) will not be permitted onto the bus under any circumstances. For further information regarding the School Bus service please contact the College on 9407-9000.

College Canteen

In 2015 the College Canteen is again offering lunch orders via the Flexischools online ordering portal to all students in Prep to Year 12. To view a current Canteen menu please visit: www.marymede.vic.edu.au/quick/canteen. Any new families to Marymede Catholic College in 2015 can register for the Canteen online ordering service by visiting www.flexischools.com.au. Any parents interested in volunteering at the Canteen in Term 2 please email canteen@marymede.vic.edu.au.

Facebook Page

The College Facebook page continues to be a strong source of communication to parents, students and the wider community regarding up-to-date news and events occurring on a daily basis at the College. During Term 1 the Facebook page was used to promote our student achievements and College events, whilst also keeping parents informed of camp updates and photos. Please note that a Facebook account is not required to view the page. We encourage all parents to visit and 'like' the Facebook page however the page is not to be used as an open forum on school related matters. Marymede reserves the right to remove any comments that are deemed to be inappropriate from the page.

College Open Day

In 2015, the College Open Day will take place on Sunday August 30, between 11.00am and 2.00pm. We look forward to opening our doors to the wider community and encourage all families to attend on the day.



Term 2, 2015 commences for all students on Wednesday April 15. (Students to wear full College **Winter** uniform from Monday April 20)

Term 2 Important Dates

(For more dates along with a full College Calendar please visit our website at www.marymede.vic.edu.au)

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| Tuesday April 14: | - P-12 Progress Interviews: 10.00am – 8.00pm |
| Wednesday April 15: | - P-12 Students Commence Term 2 |
| Thursday April 16: | - Prep 2016 Twilight Information Session: 5.30pm – 6.30pm |
| Friday April 17: | - Primary School Guild Walk to School Day |
| Monday April 20: | - Year 9 Challenge Camp (Group 1) |
| Wednesday April 22: | - School Tour/Open Morning: 9.30am – 10.30am |
| Thursday April 23: | - Primary School Guild Walkathon/Cross Country |
| Sunday April 26: | - Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation |
| Monday April 27: | - Year 9 Challenge Camp (Group 2) |
| | - Secondary School Progress Interviews (Part 2): 4.00pm – 7.00pm |
| Thursday May 7: | - School Tour/Open Morning: 9.30am – 10.30am |
| Friday May 8: | - Mother's Day Morning Tea, Assembly and Activities |
| Tuesday May 12: | - NAPLAN Commences |
| Friday May 15: | - Prep 2016 Applications Close |
| Monday May 18: | - P-12 School Photos |
| | - Instrumental Music Program Concert: 6.30pm – 8.00pm |
| Tuesday May 19: | - Year 3 Dinner and Activities Evening: 5.00pm – 7.30pm |
| Tuesday May 26: | - Sibling Photos Day |
| Wednesday June 3: | - Year 7 – 9 Vaccinations |
| | - Prep 2016 Application Interviews |
| Friday June 5: | - P-6 Student Free Day (Report Writing Day) |
| Monday June 8: | - P-12 Student Free Day (Queens Birthday Public Holiday) |
| Friday June 12: | - Morning Tea with the Principal |
| Monday June 15: | - Year 6 Camp - Canberra (Group 1) |
| Thursday June 18: | - School Tour/Open Morning: 9.30am – 10.30am |
| Friday June 19: | - 7-12 Student Free Day (Report Writing Day) |
| Monday June 22: | - Year 6 Camp – Canberra (Group 2) |
| Thursday June 25: | - P-12 Mass of the Sacred Heart |
| Friday June 26: | - Term 2 Concludes P-12 (Normal Finishing Time) |

