

COLLEGE BULLETIN TERM 2 - 2015

A successful Term 2 of 2015 has now concluded. Below are some important updates

Facilities Update

Facility development at the College continued in a number of areas throughout Term 2.

Construction on the new Marymede Trade Skills Centre commenced on June 1 and works will continue across Terms 3 and 4 with an estimated completion date at the end of Term 4, 2015. Information regarding the courses on offer via the Trade Skills Centre in 2016 were made available to families at the recent Years 10 and 11 VET Information Evening in late Term 2.

Meanwhile, the College also commenced work on our second Food Technology kitchen, which is to be located in Room SC05. We anticipate the kitchen to be available for class use at the beginning of Term 3.

Development of the new Master Plan is expected to be complete at the conclusion of Term 3, whilst consultation with College stakeholders and the wider community is expected to occur in the coming months.

Communication

It is important that families continue to familiarise themselves with our Parent Access Module and the content that is made available via this portal. PAM is now one of the College's main forms of communication to the parent community. In addition to 'Daily Messages' families can access important letters and notes regarding their child's education via the 'Correspondence' tab which is used by the College to upload files such as excursion letters, or invitations to information evenings.

We also remind 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.

Academic Reports

Semester 2 Academic reports were released for all students on the final day on Friday June 26 via our Parent Access Module. Any family who is unable to access PAM is asked to please contact the College.



Catholic Identity:

Term 2 at Marymede Catholic College saw the unfolding of many Christian leadership programs to be launched in 2016. World Youth Day 2016 to be held in Krakow, Poland was advertised to all Year 10 students and two successful students were selected from a host of high-quality applications to attend the event. Our Immersion Program to the Philippines in 2016 was launched at a Year 10 Assembly towards the end of term. Catholic Mission will be partnering Marymede Catholic College in this initiative aimed at developing students with an awareness of their place in a global world, committed to justice and peace as citizens of the 21st Century. Additionally, there were Reflection Days for students in Years 9 and 10 along with three Guild Feast Day Masses which provided the opportunity for students and staff to refocus their awareness of the qualities of their Guild Patron and how they attempt to live out these qualities and inspiration every day. These invaluable ideas provide the opportunity to pause and reflect on issues specific to each Year Level that concern their holistic development in a Catholic School.

Meanwhile, students in the Primary School successfully collected donations of \$918.85 in Term 1's for Project Compassion. These funds will support Caritas Australia in empowering the world's poorest people to establish sustainable food sources for life. On Sunday April 26, our Year 6 students celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Patrick's Cathedral. It was an amazing sight to see the Cathedral which holds 3000 nearing its capacity. Many members of the Marymede Community watched on as our students renewed their baptismal promise and were confirmed receiving the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The term ended on its traditional high note through a celebration of the Mass of the Sacred Heart. A huge collection of food and toilet requisites was presented to the representatives of St Vincent De Paul, the annual recipients of the collection.

Community Mass

The first of our College Community Masses took place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday June 12. Our beautiful Chapel was near capacity and it was a great joy to see so many students and families alongside staff. Community Mass will take place on a fortnightly basis with all members of the College Community welcome to attend. For a list of dates please visit: <http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/news/fortnightlymass2015>

Morning Tea with the Principal

On Friday June 12 the College held our Term 2 Morning Tea as an opportunity for all current parents to visit the College and catch up with our Principal, Mr. Kenny. These events continue to be a huge success with parents and provide an ongoing opportunity to maintain an open dialogue between the College and our Parent Community. In Term 3 we will hold an Afternoon Tea with the Principal on Wednesday August 19 commencing at 2.10pm.

Scholarships

During the final weeks of Term 2 the College interviewed shortlisted candidates for our 2016 Academic Scholarship Program. Interviews for our General Excellence Scholarship program, and auditions for our Music Excellence Scholarship program will take place during Term 3.



Enrolments

During Term 2 the College sent out letters of offer for enrolment in both Prep and Year 7, 2016. Due to an increasing demand for places at the College, both of the 2016 intakes are now at full capacity, with a waiting list for each year level.

Applications for Year 7, 2017 are now open and will close on February 26, 2016. Applications for Prep 2017 are also open and will close on May 2, 2016.

Meet the Teacher – College Website Feature

In the final weeks of Term 2, we commenced a new feature on our website titled 'Meet the Teacher'. This feature piece introduces a different member of College Staff to the wider community on a regular basis. We strongly encourage all families to visit www.marymede.vic.edu.au and view the 'Meet the Teacher' articles as they provide a great opportunity to learn more about Staff here at Marymede Catholic College.

School Bus

The School Bus Service will continue unchanged in Semester 2. All families using this service are required to renew their Bus Pass in full by no later than Friday July 31 with initial deposits due by Friday July 3. The ticketing options for Semester 2 will not change, with the cost of a FULL pass being \$600, whilst a ONE-WAY pass will be available at a cost of \$350. Students will still be allowed to purchase casual tickets at a cost of \$4 each way (subject to availability).

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 Semester 2 can register for the Canteen online ordering service by visiting www.flexischools.com.au. The College is regularly seeking volunteers to assist in the Canteen on a daily basis. As an incentive, our volunteers' children enjoy a complimentary lunch order the day they are rostered on. Any parents interested in volunteering at the Canteen in Term 3 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 2 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. For more information regarding this event please visit www.marymede.vic.edu.au/openday2015.



Term 3, 2015 commences for all students on Tuesday July 14. Students to wear full College **Winter** uniform.

Term 3 Important Dates

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

Tuesday July 14:	- P-12 Students Commence Term 3
Friday July 17 :	- Primary School Guild Walk to School Day
Monday July 20:	- Marymede Catholic College Walkathon
Tuesday July 21:	- Primary School Family Maths Night 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Monday July 27:	- Years 10 – 12 Progress Interviews
Wednesday July 29:	- Year 5 Secondary School Experience
	- Year 7, 2017 Parent Information Evening
Monday August 3 - 7:	- Writer's Festival
Tuesday August 11:	- Reconciliation Family Workshops – 5.00pm & 7.00pm
Wednesday August 12:	- Years 5-10 Parent Seminar: 'The Challenge of Parenthood Today'
Friday August 14:	- Marymede Day
Monday August 17 – 21:	- National Science Week
Wednesday August 19:	- Afternoon Tea with the Principal – 2.10pm – 3.10pm
Monday August 24 - 28:	- Book Week
	- Literacy & Numeracy Week
Sunday August 30:	- Open Day – 11.00am – 2.00pm
Monday August 31:	- Instrumental Music Program Concert – 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Wednesday September 2:	- Parents' & Friends Committee Father's Day Stall
Thursday September 3:	- Prep – Year 10 Progress Interviews (P-12 STUDENT FREE DAY)
Friday September 4:	- Prep Father's Day Assembly
Friday September 11:	- Year 11 Formal
Saturday September 12:	- Italian/Art International Cultural Study Tour Commences
Monday September 14 - 18:	- Performing Arts Week
Wednesday September 16:	- Sacrament of Reconciliation – 5.00pm & 7.00pm
Thursday September 17:	- Sacrament of Reconciliation – 5.00pm & 7.00pm
Friday September 18:	- Term 3 Concludes P-12 – (Normal Finishing Time)

