

Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, also referred to as 'Confession', is the Sacrament of healing and is the second Sacrament for those baptised within the Catholic Church. The Year 3 teachers will be commencing the Reconciliation religious education program in Term 3. This program will include the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Dates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacramental Liturgies for Reconciliation will be held at the College Chapel of Annunciation on:

Wednesday September 16 at 5pm

Wednesday September 16 at 7pm

Thursday September 17 at 5pm

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There are 25 places available for each of the four Sacramental Liturgies. The number of students at each liturgy cannot be increased.

This year, we are making the Parent Teacher Online (PTO) system available for all parents to accept or decline the invitation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parents are then able to choose their preferred day and time to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please find details of your family's PTO login and password below. Bookings will be open on **Monday July 20** and close on **Monday July 27**

Family Reconciliation Workshop

The Family Reconciliation Workshops will take place on **Tuesday August 11 at 5pm and 7pm**. Fr. Martin Ashe, supported by the staff of the College, will facilitate the Family Reconciliation Workshops to be held in the College Chapel of the Annunciation. The Workshops will run for one hour and involve you and your child talking and working together to learn more about the Sacrament of Reconciliation in your family, in Scripture and in the Church. Students preparing for the Sacrament, along with at least one of their parents, need to attend one of the workshops.

Please return the attached form outlining which workshop you would like to attend by Monday July 27.

Pre Reconciliation Reflection Workshop:

The Year 3 students will also be participating in a Reconciliation Reflective Workshop at Marymede Catholic College on **Tuesday August 18, from 9.00am to 3.00pm**. It will be held in the College Chapel of the Annunciation during school time. The session will be facilitated by Melinda Muir and the Year 3 teachers. This Workshop is an opportunity for your child to develop an understanding of the Sacrament they are preparing to receive. All Year 3 students will participate in the day.

Post Reconciliation Reflection Workshop:

The Year 3 students will also be participating in a Post Reconciliation Reflection Workshop at Marymede Catholic College on **Friday September 18, from 9.00am to 11.00am**. It will be held in the College Chapel. The session will be facilitated by Melinda Muir and the Year 3 teachers. It is an opportunity for your child to reflect on the Sacrament they have just received and how they can continue to be an active member of the Catholic Community. All Year 3 students will participate in the day.

Parent Teacher Online (PTO) Information Booking On-Line:

You can access the booking system in the following way:

1. Go to the College's website: www.marymede.vic.edu.au
2. Click on the PTO icon



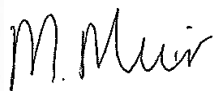
3. Enter your Login and Password.

Note the following points:

- When you log on, the system displays the name/s of your child/children. Please make sure you complete all steps in the booking process.
- When you have made your booking, you can print a summary of your booking.
- Other parents may be making bookings at the same time that you are using the system. It is possible, though unlikely, that a timeslot will be displayed to you are available but it is then booked out by another parent shortly afterwards. If you attempt to book this timeslot it will not be available and a message will be displayed to indicate that it is unavailable.
- If you do not have internet access please notify the College's Main Reception on 9407-9000.
- If you encounter any problem with login or using the system, please contact the IT Helpdesk at helpdesk@marymede.vic.edu.au

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact Melinda Muir, Head of Primary Faith and Mission, at the College on 9407-9000 or via email at melinda.muir@marymede.vic.edu.au

Yours sincerely,



Melinda Muir
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