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## Principal's Newsletter – Friday September 25, 2015.

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

### Secondary Student Leaders 2016

Congratulations to Adrian Pieri and Betsey Rasia on being selected to be our College Captains in 2016. We plan to announce the remainder of the Secondary Student Leadership Team early next term.

### Year 7 2016 Parent Information Evening

An Information Evening for all of our 2016 Year 7 parents will be held upstairs in the VCE Building on Wednesday October 7 at 7.00pm. The night will provide parents with the opportunity to meet your child's House Coordinator and ask any questions you have about your child commencing secondary school next year. I look forward to chatting to parents on the night.

### Year 7 2016 Literacy and Numeracy Testing

On Wednesday September 14, our Year 6 students will sit Numeracy and Literacy tests. New students to the College will sit their tests on Saturday morning, September 17 at 9.00am. The results will help our teachers to cater for their learning needs next year.

### Awards Evenings

An early reminder about our Primary and Secondary Awards Evenings which will be held in the Fitness Centre, as follows:

- Secondary Students (Years 7-11): Thursday  
November 12 at 7.00pm.
- Primary Celebration of Learning (Prep – Year 2):  
Monday December 7 at 6.00pm
- Primary Celebration of Learning (Years 3 and 4):  
Monday December 7 at 7.30pm
- Year 6 Graduation Mass and Years 5 and 6 Awards:  
Wednesday December 9 at 7.00pm

These nights promise to be a real celebration of excellence in all areas of school life. As significant events in the College Calendar and as such, we expect all students from Years Prep-11 to attend. By attending, parents will be expressing their support for all that is done on behalf of their children at Marymede.

### Units 3 and 4 Practice Exams

Our Senior Students have been sitting their trial exams this week. The exams have been designed to focus students' minds on what is required to be successful in the final exams which begin in under five weeks. My thoughts and prayers are with our Year 12 students in their final weeks of schooling.

### Reconciliation Workshops

Thank you to Melinda and the Year 3 teachers for their work in preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation Liturgies with our Year 3 students and their parents last week. The feedback has been very positive and it was pleasing to see so many parents support the College by attending in large numbers.

### Year 12 Graduation – October 21

At 5.30pm on Wednesday October 21, the Year 12 Graduation Liturgy will take place at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Mill Park. We look forward to this spiritual celebration to mark the end of our Year 12s schooling at Marymede Catholic College and to the alcohol free Valedictory Dinner at the Plenty Ranges Art and Convention Centre.

### Staff News

Our Head of Learning and Teaching (7-12), Mrs Andrea Agnew and Daily Organiser/Timetabler, Ms Meg Seabridge concluded their employment at the College last Friday. We thank them for their commitment to our College and wish them every success going forward. We also wish Mrs Christie Ramaekers and Ms Tegan Hopkins a restful time in the lead-up, for each of them, to the birth of their first child.

I am delighted to announce that our new Deputy Principal Learning and Teaching P-12, Mrs Tracey Kift, will take up her new position on Monday November 9.

### 2016 School Fees

At the most recent College Board Meeting, the school fees were ratified for 2016. The College has been able to keep the fee increase below the Education Consumer Price Index for next year. Parents were emailed last week with a detailed letter outlining the 2016 school fees.

### Student Grooming

During the holidays, some students may experiment with hair colours and styles. I ask parents to please ensure that your children return next term with their hair neat and tidy and, if coloured, of one natural tone.

## Term 3 Holidays

I hope our Marymede families are enjoying the holiday break. Classes resume on Monday October 5 and students will be expected to wear their summer uniform. However, there will be a transition period where they will be permitted to wear their full winter uniform if the weather is cool. I ask our female students to please check the length of their dresses.

Kind Regards,

**Mr. Michael Kenny**  
**Principal**