



2 February 2017

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

It is wonderful to have started the 2017 school year 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 hopes have burst into life in all directions.

There is much to look forward to and a great deal of individual planning and goal setting required by students to ensure each takes on the responsibility to achieve his or her best in 2017.

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 Primary Year Level Coordinators or Secondary House Coordinators should be contacted about more serious issues, which sometimes may be confidential. There may be occasions when the issues warrant the involvement of Senior Members of the College.

Positions of Leadership

For your information, below is the list of staff who hold a Position of Leadership in 2017:

Senior Leadership Team

- Michael Kenny** – Principal
- Tracey Kift** – Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12
- Melinda Muir** – Director of Faith & Mission P-12
- Julia Wake** – Campus Coordinator P-12
- Nicole Pegler** – Director of Primary
- Anthony Montemurro** – Director of Student Wellbeing 7-12

Riccardo Iuele – Head of Religious Education
Paul Romanin – Business Manager

Secondary House Coordinators

- Liam McCormack** – Chanel
- Judita Turco** – Chisholm
- Richard Komiazyk** – McAuley
- Corinne Niall** – McCormack
- Vincent Doherty** – Marcellin
- Carla Esposito** – Romero

Secondary Heads of Domains

- Angie Bedford** – Head of Performing Arts
- Marisa Bortolotto** – Head of Science
- Kevin Carville** – Head of Music
- Rochelle Coyle** – Head of English
- Jane Darrou** – Head of Humanities
- David De Silva** – VCAL Coordinator
- Gary Hickey** – VET/SBAT Coordinator
- Andrea Zappulla** – Head of Health and Physical Education
- Jeremy Guzman** – Head of Visual Arts
- Ann-Marie Kane** – Head of Sport
- Allison Lemar** – Head of LOTE
- Vinodh Narasimhan** – Mathematics
- Robin Panousieris** – Head of Technology
- Vincenzo Rovetto** – VCE/VCAA/VASS Administrator/
Timetabler
- Robyn Thomson** – Learning Enhancement Coordinator P-12
- Stavroula Tsembas** – Director of ICT
- REMAR Red Helmsperon** – Kathy Difrancesco & Liam McCormack

Primary Leaders

- Nicole Pegler** – Director of Primary
- Melinda Muir** – Director of Faith & Mission P-12

Primary Year Level Coordinators

- Elizabeth Batten** – Prep
- Scott Byrne** – Year 1
- Georgia Valcanis** – Year 2
- Laetitia Malusu** – Year 3

Anna Damigella – Year 4

Beth Cilia – Year 5

Alison Lappin – Year 6

Primary Coordinators

Gerard Large – House and Sport Coordinator

Laura Gazeas – Learning Enhancement Coordinator

Primary Wellbeing Coordinator – Jacqueline Tjorpatzis

Narelle Collins – Numeracy Coordinator

Elizabeth Milani – Literacy Coordinator

The following staff have also been appointed to the positions of:

Director of Student Services P-12 (Counselling) – Sasha Preece

Head of the Calthorpe Resource Centre – Sue Patterson
Careers Coordinator – Carol Fisher

2016 Semester 2 Reports

A reminder that parents can access their child's 2016 Semester 2 Report via the College Website. All families were sent a pin number in Term 4 last year. Please contact the College if you are having difficulty in downloading your child's report.

2017 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to the following students:

Secondary

Angelique Milevski & Allen Puthenkavil Shaji – College Captains

Olivia Capodicasa – Faith & Mission Leader

Kaitlyn Van Amelsvoort & Milly Turner – Wellbeing Leaders

Cameron Hughes – Environment Leader

Paulene Roflo (Music), Michael Kyrifidis (Performing Arts) & Jordyn Cullen (Languages) – Cultural Leaders

Connor Fitzgerald & Jacinta Costanzo – Sports Leaders

Joel Motley & Madison Delios – Chanel House Captains

Hayden Cox & Nimrat Kullar – Chisholm House Captains

Steven Azzopardi & Maya Dove – Marcellin House Captains

Jack Petrucelle & Chanjutha Naganthakumaran – McAuley House Captains

Tyler Wittison-Southern & Patience Kihara – McCormack House Captains

Chelsea Ford & Sienna Cater – Romero House Captains

Primary

Sienna Van Krieken & Paul Roflo – Primary Leaders

Gemma Bzdel & Charlotte Anderson – Chanel House Leaders

Essa Al Noobi & Newman Rukweza – Chisholm House Leaders

Madison Scrimizzi & Harley Fraumano – Marcellin House Leaders

Ally Nyman & Daniel Philip – McAuley House Leaders

Tayla Grech & Jensen Miles – McCormack House Leaders

Brianna Parisi & Kavith De Silva – Romero House Leaders

Grooming and 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:

I remind both parents and students that the following items have been introduced to the summer uniforms:

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.

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

2017 Secondary Significant Dates

On Tuesday 31 January all Secondary parents were emailed correspondence listing the Secondary Significant dates and the College's expectation of student attendance. Please see the following dates again for your diaries:

- **Opening of the School Year Mass** - Friday 3 February
- **House Swimming Carnival** - Tuesday 14 February
- **Year 12 Retreat** - Monday 27 February – Wednesday 1 March
- **House Athletics Carnival** - Thursday 20 April
- **Year 9 Challenge Camp** - Wednesday 26 April – Friday 28 April
- **Year 10 Reflection Day** - Friday 19 May
- **Year 7 Camp** - Wednesday 31 May – Friday 2 June
- **Year 8 Reflection Day** - Friday 9 June
- **Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass** - Tuesday 27 June

- **Year 9 Reflection Day** - Thursday 27 July
- **Year 7 Reflection Day** - Thursday 3 August
- **Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat** - Thursday 10 August – Friday 11 August
- **Marymede Day** - Tuesday 15 August
- **Secondary Awards Evening** - Monday 27 November (7pm-9pm)

Opening of the 2017 School Year Mass – 3 February

I wanted to highlight in particular that on Thursday Friday 3 February, all of our Years 1-12 students and staff will be attending our Opening School Mass which will be celebrated in the Fitness Centre at 11.30am. Our Celebrant will be Rev. Martin Ashe and we are delighted that he will be our College Chaplain again in 2017.

Secondary House Swimming Carnival – 14 February

A sense of belonging and of being part of a House is encouraged among the students by each event such as the Secondary Inter-House Swimming Carnival. It will be held on Tuesday 14 February at the Northcote Aquatic and Recreation Centre at 9.00am. I ask for parental support to ensure that all students are at the Carnival. Parents are most welcome to join us and support your son or daughter's House.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

It was lovely to welcome staff and Year 1-12 students back to begin an exciting school year full of new learning programs and some exciting initiatives. And we look forward to having our new Prep students (the Class of 2029!) start with us next week.

New in 2017

This year we have a range of exciting learning and teaching initiatives being launched that will provide our students with some fantastic opportunities. I look forward to bringing you updates this semester on some of these initiatives including:

- Our new Grade 5 and 6 Rotations which will see students experience immersions in Science, Design Technology, the Arts, Digital Technology and Japanese led by our Secondary Specialists in specialised learning environments;
- Our Enhanced Learning Stream in Year 7 and new extension opportunities in Year 8;
- New programs in Science, Technology, Social & Emotional Learning in Grade 3 & 4;
- The introduction of the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) for Preps and Year Ones;

- The introduction of Information Literacy studies in Grade 3 & 4; and
- The expansion of our Careers program for Year 10

VCE results

We were delighted to see our 2016 graduating class achieve a median Study Score of 30. We were even more pleased when VTAC offers came out in January to have around 70% of our students offered a place in their 1st preference course and 88% receive their 1st or 2nd preference.

Achieving the results you need in VCE is a process that starts long before the VCAA examinations in October-November of Year 12. The self-discipline, motivation, study strategies, literacy and numeracy skills, time-management, stress-management and the communication skills are fostered throughout 13 years of education both inside the classroom and through independent study and work at home.

Students are strongly encouraged to set aside the recommended homework time (see right) and to use this time to complete set tasks or to spend time revising or working on practice tasks in order to continue to build the skills and preparation they need all the way through to Year 12.

For parents of students beginning their VCE studies or completing Year 12 this year, we encourage you to attend the following upcoming information evenings to assist you in navigating these senior years of study:

VCE/VCAL Information Evening – February 13 at 7pm (for parents of students commencing Year 11 or student in Year 10 completing accelerated VCE or VET studies).

Year 12 Information Evening – February 21 at 7pm (for parents of students commencing Year 12).

Homework Expectations by Year Levels

- P-6 - Daily Reading + additional homework tasks
- Year 7 - 30-45 minutes in Term 1&2; 1 hour in Term 3&4
- Year 8 - 1 hour in Term 1&2; 1-1 ½ hours in Term 3&4
- Year 9 - 1 ½ hours
- Year 10 - 2 hours
- Year 11 - 2 ½ hours
- Year 12 - 3 hours

Attendance

In looking at our Year 9 Semester 2 examination results, we noted with concern that a number of students had achieved low results in several of their examinations and had obviously struggled to achieve a satisfactory grasp of the content and skills in English, Maths, Science, and/or Humanities.

In further investigating these students, it became clear that many of these students' attendance at classes was around 70% with a small number of student's attendance as low as 50%.

Research has consistently demonstrated that average academic achievement declines with the rate of a student's absence from school. More concerning, it has been shown that the effects of absence accumulate with time. That is, low levels of attendance at Year 9 don't just affect the student in that year but is likely to affect their academic achievement in numeracy, reading and writing in their senior years of schooling. Similarly, low levels of attendance in the primary years are likely to have a cumulative effect on children in their secondary school years.

In VCE, meeting attendance requirements – attendance at 85% of classes - is a hurdle requirement for achieving satisfactory results. From Prep to Year 10, this level attendance is no less important. While all students experience illness from time to time and will need to be occasionally absent, we would encourage all families to minimise absence wherever possible in order to ensure that their children are not developing gaps in their knowledge and skills that will prove increasing difficult to fill.

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

DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION PREP – YEAR 12

The 2017 College theme is 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.' John 15:5.

The vine-and-branches concept makes an ideal metaphor, because it is filled with parallels to our relationship with Christ. A branch grows through its connection with the vine, and we grow because of our relationship with Christ. A branch is nothing apart from the vine, and we can do nothing apart from Him. A branch draws strength from the vine, and we become strong through Him.

The College theme was decided upon in consultation with the Student Representative Council. The students chose this scripture to form the 2017 theme as it allows opportunity for reflection on relationships. Those relationships we have with ourselves, our family, friends, community, the world and most importantly our God.

Congratulations to Rochelle Carli and Bridget Cassar-Tangas of Year 11 who worked during Term 4 of 2016 to design the banner for our 2017 theme. I am sure you will agree that they have done a great job in creating a visual representation of the scripture.



"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit"

John 15:5

Upcoming Faith and Mission Events:

- Opening of the 2016 School Year Mass: Friday February 3
 - **ROMERO Prep – Year 12 Feast Day Mass and Celebration: Friday February 17**
 - Year 12 Residential Retreat: Monday February 27 – Wednesday March 1
- Group 1:** Students in Chisholm, McAuley, McCormack
 CYC The Island
 41 – 53 Church Street, Cowes, Vic. 3922
- Group 2:** Students in Chanel, Romero, Marcellin
 The Island Accommodation
 10 – 12 Phillip Island Tourist Road, Newhaven, Phillip Island, Vic. 3922
- Ash Wednesday: Wednesday March 1

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 March 3 and concluding on Friday April 7) which are days of fasting and abstinence.

2017 Sacramental Dates:

- Confirmation: Sunday April 23, St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne

- First Reconciliation: Thursday June 8 and Wednesday June 14, Marymede Chapel of Annunciation
- First Eucharist: Sunday October 15, St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne

Further details regarding the individual sacraments will be sent out closer to the celebrations.

Mrs Melinda Muir

Director of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Performing Arts

Seussical Jr. 2017

In May 2017, Marymede Catholic College will proudly present our first ever Junior Production, *Seussical Jr.*



Based on the beloved books by Dr. Seuss, *Seussical Jr.* brings characters such as Horton the Elephant and The Cat in the Hat to life in this fantastical musical extravaganza.

Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat narrates the story of Horton the Elephant, who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos. Horton must protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, and he must also guard an abandoned egg that's been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

Auditions commence Friday February 17. Interested students should attend the *Seussical Jr.* Audition Information Session on Tuesday February 7 at 1.35pm in the Auditorium / Theatre.

Sessional Dance 2017 – Get involved!

We are thrilled to announce that we will continue to offer Sessional Dance classes to students in Year 7-12 this year. This runs in a similar way to instrumental music lessons whereby students are offered a professional dance class for one hour each week, for a small cost, culminating in performances at the Marymede Top Acts Performing Arts Concert in Term 2.

Students that are beginners, intermediate or advanced level are encouraged to get involved. Classes are designed to develop students/ dance technique across a variety of different style such as hip-hop, jazz, lyrical, contemporary etc. Students in sessional dance classes will be specifically taught technical skills in order to improve their dance ability to prepare them for the dance industry and assist them with electing to study VET Dance in VCE. Students enrolled in core Dance (all Year 8 students) and elective Dance (Year 9 and Year 11 – VET) are strongly encouraged to elect Sessional Dance to assist them with developing their movement repertoire; it is a different course to classroom Dance.

If you have any questions about Sessional Dance, please see Jai Cameron, Performing Arts Support, in PA06 or email jai.Cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au.

Dance Uniform 2017

Due to the practical nature of Dance, students are permitted to wear the full College P.E. uniform to/from schools on day where they have Dance timetabled. This includes classroom Dance at Years 8-11 and Sessional Dance.

Ms Angie Bedford and Ms Judita Turco
Performing Arts Team

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Primary Sport News

Primary Swimming Training

Swim training for those students who have made the 2017 swim squad will be as follows:

Thursday February 9
Tuesday February 14
Thursday February 16

Venue: Mill Park YMCA-Leisure Centre 7am -8pm.

A CareMonkey form has been issued to all members in the squad

Primary Sport Carnival Dates

Auskick

Prep to Year 2 Term 2

NetSet Go

Prep to Year 3 Term 4

Swimming

Bridge Inn February 20

Whittlesea/Woodlands March 6

Northern Metropolitan Region March 15

T-Ball

Bridge Inn March 29

Volleyball A

Bridge Inn April 28

Hot Shot Tennis

Bridge Inn April 28

Cross country

Bridge Inn May 16

Whittlesea/Woodlands May 31

Northern Metropolitan Region June 21

Basketball

Junior Hooptime July 28

Senior Basketball September 1

Athletics

Bridge Inn August 25

Whittlesea/Woodlands September 11

Northern Metropolitan Region October 18

If your child is selected for any of these teams you will be issued a CareMonkey form with all the details.

Mr Gerard Large

Sport and House Coordinator

REGISTRAR NEWS

New Students

2017 sees over 200 new students to the College. We would like to extend a warm Marymede welcome to the following students and their families:

Prep – Year 6

Eva Antoniou, Massimo Aparo, Natalia Archila, Aayaan Aswal, Eric Atanasovski, Rudra Bakshi, Benjamin Barrett, Archie Bax-Vitacca, Baani Bhullar, Emma Bibis, Jaxson Borg, Lucas Brigante, Lewis Cadoni, Owen Campbell, Mia Cangialosi, Harry Cardamone, Kevin Chagumaira, Zara Collins, Joseph Comeau, Lucy Connor, Kaiden Constable, Ava Costa, Mikayla Cross, Alyssa D'Este, Christian De Sensi, Ava De Sensi, Piper Dyson, Asher Fernando, Joel Fernando, Chanel Fiorenza, Sebastian Furfaro, Allegra Gatto, Brodie Gregory, Christian Grillo, Aris Halkidis, Romeo Hallowell, Mia Hatzigeorgiadis, Crystal Humphrey, Blake Ioannou, Naiara Iozzo, Jasmina Ivankovic, Catherine Jay, Alwyn Joseph, Alana Karmiste, Anahid Kavand, Ella Keith, Samara Khoury, Brooklyn King, Eva Kirkman, Sienna Kosaros, Jiyu Kuriakose, Zach Large, Sebastian Liwanag, Ella Macheda, Zane Madin, Tadana Makura, Chloe Maloney, Isaac Marton, Cianna Mathew, Sara Mazzanti, Mira Mazzanti, Joshua McCabe, Holly McEwan, Xavier McLagan, Richard Michail, Marcus Mignanelli, Annika Miguel, Sage Mueller, Ananya Nair, Jasper Noguera, Adar Nuriabi, Hope O'Loughlin, Alexander Panayiotou, Dion Papas, Sofia Pastrana Martinez, Sachi Peiris, Charissa Perera, Chloe Petrou, Alex Petrou, Alexander Pezzotto, Bella Porchia, Zoe Prewett, Jessie Qiang, Sienna Resta, Oliver Ripley, Alana Robertson, Emelia Roe, Daniela Roman, Charley Rukweza, Chelsea Rukweza, Evie Sabol, Sienna Sabri, Lucy Sacco, Abie Schembri, Amelia Scire, Sienna Sekrevski, Lily Shamon, Daniel Shanty, Saranya Sharma, Gabriella Shehata, Kayan Siganporia, Anoop Singh, Massimo Sinopoli, Danny Soeterboek, Yash Sreejith, Joshua Stanyer, Levi Stavrou, Adriana Stefanovski, Sienna Stivala, Ethan Talintyre, Harry Talintyre, Madeleine Tawadros, Isabella Tawil, Shaun Thomas, Charlotte Torcasio, Levi Townsend-Booth, Leo Tran, Finn Tran, Jordan Triantafillakos, Julian Triantafylidis, Olivia Trivett, Luis Vassallo, Jasmine Veljanovska, Andy Victor, Dharmini Viknesveran, Krystyna Vildovas, Isabella White, Anqi Zhou, Govind Ajith, Angela Ameen, Jennifer Renin, Alyssa Tauafao'Ale, Yuvraj Bhangu, Anshveer

Dhindsa, Hayley Gosstray, Mikayla Henry, Kirrit Mahal, Roark Navra, Anmol Purewal, Xavier Smyth, Yuvraj Mann, Shayne Manyere, Chloe Pinolo, Evan Sergakis, Harkirat Singh, Ethan Bedford, Madison Gosstray, Yadeesh Gunawardana, Yadeesha Gunawardana, Annie Henry, Isabella Marton, Ava Petrou, Kiran Purewal, Ryan Shorey, Ethan Tekin, Tyrone Uwandu, Callum Fitzpatrick, Chentale Matta, Tiahn Rain, Dean Sergakis, Samuel Clark, Thomas McHugh

Years 7 - 12

Steven Ameen, Josh Anil, Jackson Armstrong, Antonio Bentovski, Cheryl Boyd, Ethan Brennan, Stefan Buzevski, Regen Cairns, Philippa Carville, James Catalfamo, Isabella Chessler, Nyasha Chimusoro, Tehya Chithavong, Jayde Coates, Loretta Cvetkova, Jamelia Dean, Jackson Dwyer, Nicole Dziva, Chloe Emini, Odhran Fitzpatrick, Emma Ford, Bianca Fredericks, Laura Fusco, Alanah Fusco, Shania Gaunder, Brock Greaves, Olivia Grossi, Ryan Guest, Seth Jackson, Kyle Jury, Aishleen Kaur, Isabelle Kenna, Ali Khochaiche, Geordie Lagkadiotis, Chantelle Makura, Chloe Males, Mark-Jestner Mangoba, Adam Mathew, Massimo Montalto, David Naskovski, Tafadzwa Nhunhama, Ratidzo Nhunhama, Kudikwashe Nhunhama, Thimasha Peiris, Shante Pisani, Komal Purewal, Lachlan Rain, Ethan Roberts, Jonathan Sevas, Kavitha Shah, Savannah Shamon, Ethan Siljanoski, Lara Smyth, Mark Stublin, Corey Thompson, Wil Turner-Dickason, Zane Villella, Jocelyn Walsh, Inuka Bopage, Jacob Fitzgerald, Kieran McMahon, Liam Fahy, Brooke Hamilton, Vimbainashe Mubayiwa, Megan Powell, Ben Yossef, Christopher Chrisidis, Jacob Elissa, Ryan Ta

2018 Enrolments

Applications for Year 7 2018 are now open and will close on February 17, 2017.

Applications for Prep 2018 are now open and will close on May 1, 2017.

2019 Enrolments

Applications for Year 7 2019 are now open and will close on August 25, 2017.

Open Day 2017

I am excited to inform all families that our 2017 Open Day will take place earlier this year on Sunday March 26 between the hours of 11.00am – 2.00pm. Open Day continues to be a great Marymede Community annual event which offers plenty to both new and existing families. Further information regarding School tours and activities on offer on the day will be communicated to families in the coming weeks.

Family Contact Details

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.

Email Addresses

The College sends a large number of bulk emails to all families each week. Occasionally, we receive some bounce backs as a result of invalid or old email addresses, full inboxes and spam filters. Can I please encourage all families to submit a valid and updated email address to the College. If you have an old email address no longer in use please inform me that I can remove it from our database. If you change your email address in CareMonkey please also contact the College to inform them of this change directly.

Recently, the College has become aware of technical issues for families using an email address ending in @bigpond.com - these issues have not been caused by the College. As a result, some families may not have received recent correspondence sent out from the College. Within the past week, the College has sent emails to families in the Marymede Community regarding the following topics:

- School Chartered Bus Service and proposed new routes;
- 2017 Commencement notes including a list of FAQ's;
- Important updates regarding Booklists;
- A Principal's Newsletter;
- 2017 School Photos

If you are a current Marymede family and you have not received one or more of the emails listed above, information can also be located in our Parent Access Module via Correspondence > Whole School > General.

School Bus Service

The School Bus Service has changed. The College is now running 3 new routes which in most cases are significantly different from last year. Any family interested in using the College Bus service should visit the school website to gain information on the service, or alternatively contact the Main Office on 9407-9000.

<http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au>

Mr Matthew Luczek
Registrar

BUSINESS MANAGER

Carparking – Drop-off & Pickup Areas

We are very concerned at the increasingly dangerous driving practices around the School at drop off and pick up times.

We know the start and end of the school day can be hectic for parents and finding parking can be a challenge but it has become apparent that the community is no longer prepared to tolerate unsafe and illegal traffic behaviour. We have implemented various measures to try and reduce congestion in local streets and at the same time ensure the safety of our students. We are working with the Whittlesea City Council with regards to increase supervision in this area.

The College is constantly informed by Parents that Drivers are:

- Double Parking on Williamsons Road

- Blocking Pedestrian crossings
- Speeding in Drop off/Pickup zone
- Parking in the Drop off/Pickup zone
- Exiting from Exit Only gates
- Blocking Entry Gates

This was particularly dangerous for Cars trying to park at the College and pedestrians and students who were trying to cross the road to reach the School.

We share the concern of our community and urge you to consider your child's safety and the safety of others when you are dropping off and picking up from the school. Please also bear in mind that as a parent of Marymede Catholic College you represent the school; we do not want our good name tarnished by the thoughtlessness of some members of our community.

We thank you for your cooperation and support in this important matter.

Speed Limit on School grounds

For the Safety of all Students, staff and Visitors to our school, cars entering school grounds should always observe speeds signs and Travel only at 10km per hour.

Student Supervision Before and After School

The safety and wellbeing of our students at Marymede is very important to us. We are very fortunate at Marymede Catholic College to have an on-site provider of Before and After School Care provided by Camp Australia.

This service provided by and administered enables parents/guardians to access care for their primary school aged child/ren in the mornings and afternoons outside of the times that teachers are on supervision duty in the College grounds.

Before School Care provided by Camp Australia runs from 6:30am – 8:45am, Monday to Friday and After School Care runs from 3:15pm – 6:00pm, Monday to Friday. Before and after these times, there is no supervision provided by the College on the College grounds.

The teachers commence their yard duty supervision in the playground at 8:20am and it concludes at 3:40pm. Unless a student is attending Before School Care and/or After School Care, no students should be on the College campus before 8:20am or after 3:40pm.

Any primary student who is on the College campus before 8:20am will be taken to Before School care where they will be supervised until 8:45am. Camp Australia will charge parents for supervision of their child/ren.

The same applies to any students who are not collected from the College campus by 3:40pm. They will be taken to After School care, where they will be supervised until they are collected by a parent/guardian. Camp Australia will charge parents for supervision.

Primary students are unable to use the College Library as a before or after hours supervision area, unless they are supervised by a Parent or Guardian. Primary students with Secondary school siblings are unable to be supervised by their

Secondary school sibling in the library and would also need to abide by the above.

For further information about Camp Australia services please visit their website

<http://www.campaustralia.com.au>

Mr Paul Romanin
Business Manager