



19 July 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back everyone. I hope the holidays were enjoyable, gave families an opportunity to spend more time together and invigorate their relationships. As we embark upon the all-important second half of the year, I trust that our students have returned to give their best efforts to their studies.

Years 11-12 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews – 23 July

A reminder to parents of the Years 11-12 P/T/S Interviews that have been scheduled for next Monday 23 July from 4.00pm to 7.00pm in the College Fitness Centre. Bookings can be made via the Parent Access Module (PAM). I strongly encourage parents to make a booking to meet with teachers.

Planning for 2019

We are starting to plan the 2019 school year and as part of this process, students from Years 8-11 will make important decisions in the coming weeks about the subjects they will study in 2019. I encourage parents to attend the upcoming Subject Information Evenings.

Staffing

We have had to restructure our Learning Enhancement Coordinator's positions for the semester. Mrs Sue Kift will oversee the P-4 students, Mrs Laura Gazeas will oversee the Years 5-8 students and Mrs Libby Audley will oversee the Years 9-12 students.

I am pleased to announce that Ms Nikole Cymbalak will be the Marcellin House Coordinator for the remainder of Semester 2.

Our Design and Technology (Wood) teacher, Ms Robin Panousieris, has accepted a position at another Secondary school over the holidays. I thank Robin for her contribution to

the Design & Technology Domain over the past two and a half years.

Year 7 2020 Parent Information Evening

I welcome parents of Year 5 students to our Year 7 2020 Information Evening which will be held in the Auditorium from 7.00pm on Thursday 26 July. If you have friends who have children in Year 5, please ask them to come along and find out what our College has to offer in the Secondary school. Senior staff will be in attendance to answer any questions you may have. The date for the return of enrolment applications is Friday 3 August.

ELC Enrolments

I have been delighted with the number of enrolments we have received for both three and four-year-old kindergarten for next year. Any family interested in enrolling their child into the Marymede Early Learning Centre is strongly encouraged to submit their application now to avoid the disappointment of being placed on the waiting list.

Federal Government Funding to Non-Government Schools

During the holidays a report was released by the National School Resourcing Board (NSRB) which was directed by the Federal Government to review the current Socio-Economic Status (SES) model used to determine funding to non-Government schools.

The final report revealed that the SES Score Methodology was flawed and overstated or understated the capacity to contribute for some schools.

The NSRB has recommended an alternative model where the parents' income level is used to determine the school's capacity to contribute.

The initial reaction from the Catholic sectors to the report has been positive in terms of the acknowledgement made that the current SES model is flawed. They have constantly asked the Government to create a fair and equitable model which does not disadvantage non-Government schools.

I will provide a further update on the funding review in the next Newsletter.

Year 11 Retreat: 2-3 August

Our Year 11 students will be participating in their two-day Christian Leadership Retreat on 2 and 3 August. I look forward to visiting the three retreat sites and spending time talking to the students about the qualities we are looking for in our young people who aspire to be leaders in our school community.

Australian Catholic Secondary Principal's Conference

I have just returned from the Australian Catholic Secondary Principal's Conference which was held in Cairns. The theme of the conference 'Leading in Diverse Times' was very relevant and thought-provoking. I also enjoyed the opportunity to network with fellow Principal colleagues.

Staff Professional Development Day

Advance notice that on Tuesday 31 July, there will be a school closure day to enable the Marymede staff to come together for our annual Spirituality Day. The presenter is the very well-known English Priest, Fr. Timothy Radcliffe. I am very much looking forward to his presentation and the group discussions which will follow.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Subject Selection

For students in Years 8-11, this term they will begin selecting subjects and, in some cases, pathways for 2019. Throughout the next few weeks, students will be provided with extensive resources over the coming weeks to assist them in making important decisions about the subjects they will study in 2019.

I recently attended the Australia Catholic Secondary Principal's Conference and had the opportunity to hear Nicholas Wyman, the CEO of the Institute for Workplace Skills and Innovation, speak about the current and future job market. Amongst his key advice to the gathering of school leaders was that students – and their parents – need to think broadly about future career directions and recognise the broad base of skills students now require to be prepared for the world of work.

He emphasised the need for students to cultivate a range of key characteristics: curiosity and critical thinking, positive attitude, adaptability and flexibility and resilience. He also indicated that students – and their parents – need to stop thinking about job titles and instead consider broad job categories. Students need to be mindful that many of the jobs titles they have in mind may become obsolete in the next decade through technological developments, while many new job titles will emerge that we have not yet even conceived of.

With this in mind, it is essential that students approach subject selection thinking broadly about how they can foster their adaptability, creativity, resilience, positivity and openness to ongoing learning and challenge.

To assist students and parents to begin to consider the available options, the Year 10 and Senior Certificates Subject Handbooks are currently available via SIMON and PAM, while the Year 9 Elective booklet will be available shortly. Students are encouraged to spend some time looking through the relevant booklet with their parents and discussing the subjects they are interested in choosing for 2019.

All students involved in subject selection will enter their subject preferences via the online subject selection portal and login details will be provided to students as their portal becomes available.

For each of the year levels involved in subject selection, there are a number of key dates of which students and parents need to be aware. Additional information about these key dates will be provided at the Information Evenings. We would strongly encourage all parents to attend the relevant Information Evening to ensure they are aware of all the options available to students at each of these year levels.

Current Year 11's

- July 23:** VCE Parent Teacher Student Interviews 4-7pm
- July 24 (Period 5):** Subject Selection Briefing
- July 31:** Online subject selection portal opens
- August 7:** Online subject selection portal closes
- August 8:** Deadline for signed subject selection receipt to be submitted

Current Year 10's

- July 30 (Period 5):** Senior Certificates Overview Assembly
- July 30 (7-8pm):** Senior Certificates (VCE/VET/VCAL) Information Evening
- July 31:** Online subject selection portal opens
- August 7:** Online subject selection portal closes
- August 8:** Deadline for signed subject selection receipt to be submitted

Current Year 9's

- July 23 (Period 5):** Year 10 Subject Selection Assembly
- July 23 (7-8pm):** Year 10 and VCE/VET Acceleration Information Evening
- July 31:** VCE and VET Acceleration Applications open and Online subject selection portal opens
- August 7:** VCE and VET Acceleration Applications close
- August 7:** Online subject selection portal closes
- August 8:** Deadline for signed subject selection receipt to be submitted

Current Year 8's

- August 20 (Period 1):** Year 9 Subject Selection Assembly
- August 20 (7-8pm):** Year 9 Information Evening
- August 21:** Online subject selection portal opens
- August 28:** Online subject selection portal closes

August 29: Deadline for signed subject selection receipt to be submitted

Current Year 7 students will have the opportunity to submit their preference regarding whether they study Italian or Japanese in 2019. The online portal to submit this selection will be open in early September; students will be given more information in the second half of the term.

VCAA VCE Examinations

VCAA's VCE Examinations commence on Wednesday October 31. All students who undertake a scored VCE or VCE VET Units 3/4 study will be completing examination(s) and will be issued a personalised copy of their examinations schedule as well as a copy of the VCE EXAMS NAVIGATOR 2018 – an official VCAA document. This latter document has been uploaded onto the College's website and can be accessed at the link below:

<http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/sites/default/files/sites/all/images/2018%20VCE%20Exams%20Navigator.pdf>

The VCE Exams Navigator 2018 is a very important document and students are advised to retain it until the end of the October/November examination period concludes. It contains the following information for students:

- General advice about VCE examinations.
- Approved materials and equipment for 2018 VCE written examinations.
- VCAA rules for the conduct of VCE external examinations.
- 2018 VCE examination timetable – pull-out poster.
- Advice for students presenting for performance and Languages oral examinations.
- Special Provision.
- 2018 VCE Results and ATAR Service.

Ms Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning And Teaching Prep – Year 12

HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION

Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat

Matthew 25:35-36, 40 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Today we live in a world where people are often distracted by their own needs and wants. The Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat is an opportunity for our students to reflect on how they can live their life in a way that is supportive, inclusive and respectful of all in our world as was explained in the above verse by Matthew. The experience will allow students to look at the model of Servant Leadership which Jesus modelled and encouraged us to follow. Reflection on personal goals and

discussions around opportunities for formal leadership roles within the College in 2017 will also take place.

The College is excited to be working with the students during this two day program.

Dates: Thursday August 2 – Friday August 3.

Venue: Students will attend one of three venues.

Finish time: To make the most of this two-day retreat students will be returning to the College at 5pm on Friday August 3. Mr Kenny met with students early last week to inform and prepare them to make arrangements for a late return to school.

Further details will be provided in your child's CareMonkey permission form.

Should you have any question regarding the retreat, please feel free to contact Mrs Melinda Muir at melinda.muir@marymede.vic.edu.au

New Archbishop of Melbourne

We wish to share with you the news that Archbishop Denis Hart is retiring after 17 years as Archbishop of Melbourne, and that His Holiness, Pope Francis, has appointed Bishop Peter Andrew Comensoli of the Diocese of Broken Bay as the next Archbishop of Melbourne.

Bishop Comensoli will become the ninth Archbishop of Melbourne.

Born in the Illawarra in 1964, Bishop Comensoli graduated from the University of Wollongong with a Bachelor of Commerce in economics, and worked in the banking sector before switching to theology. In 1986, he entered St Patrick's Seminary, Manly, and was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Wollongong in 1992. Bishop Comensoli served as Chancellor of the Diocese of Wollongong for six years.

Bishop Comensoli was appointed an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney in 2011, becoming Australia's youngest bishop.

While we will be very sad to farewell His Grace, Archbishop Hart, I know that all of us will warmly welcome Bishop Comensoli as he takes over as the leader of our Archdiocese. Bishop Comensoli will take up his position in August.

Meet the new Archbishop Peter Comensoli -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVWEoaSIZE>

Mass of Thanksgiving For Most Reverend Denis J Hart

In honour of Archbishop Denis Hart's service to the Archdiocese over 51 years and upon his retirement as Archbishop of Melbourne all are invited to join in a Mass of Thanksgiving.

Date: On Saturday 21 July 2018 at 11:00am

Location: St Patrick's Cathedral

1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne, Vic 3002

Mrs Melinda Muir

Director of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Considering Year 11 Legal Studies in 2019?

Legal Studies is a fantastic subject as we get to experience great excursions. The Year 11 Legal Studies class attended a Local Parliamentary Constitutional Convention on Friday 22 June.

Should we continue to celebrate nationhood in the 21st century and if so, how and on what date? This was the topic that we discussed at Lalor Secondary College. We had the opportunity to listen four guest speakers on the topic, the guest speakers were Hon. Andrew Giles MP (Member for Scullin), Ben Clarke (Community Action Organiser), Kevin Ind (representative of the RSL) and Tammy Wilson Acting Executive Director- Koorie Outcomes Division DET).

It was great to meet students from other schools and discuss their perspective on the matter of nationhood. It was an invaluable learning experience for all of those who were involved in the day.

The Year 11 Legal Studies class would like to thank Mr Kenny, Ms Esposito and Marymede Catholic College for the opportunity to take part in this day.

We would also like to thank Lalor Secondary College for hosting the Convention and inviting us.



**Miss Ashleigh Rogers and Mr Paul Nicolaidis
Year 11 Legal Studies Students**

Year 9 PBL Students 'Get Up, Stand Up' in Term 2

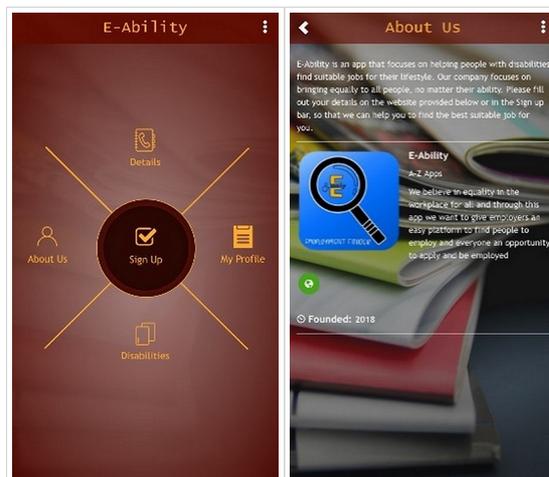
At the beginning of Term 2, for Project Based Learning (PBL) the Year 9 students were given the task of working on their choice of one of these 5 topics: Refugees and Equality, Homelessness, Youth Health, Sustainability and Digital Security. This project was known as 'Get Up, Stand Up' and its purpose was to urge students to create a difference.

Our group selected Equality. We decided to stray from the kind of equality that other people have already heard of (such as gender equality or marriage equality), leading us to pick Religious equality. After much brainstorming, our group decided to propose that students to be able to learn about religions other than Catholicism in the form of an elective subject. We were invited to present our proposal to the Heads of Domain

and the Deputy Principal, Ms Kift, and are looking forward to answering any questions they may have.

Mr Patrick Wiriyant, Mr Xander Barbosa, Mr John Roflo, Mr Samuel Vermeulen, Mr Nicholas Melchiorre, Mr Angelo Thomas & Mr Matthew Agosta. Year 9 PBL Students

For our Year 9 Project Based Learning (PBL) subject in Term 2, our group chose the topic 'Equality' and we based our idea on equality for people with disabilities. Our idea was to provide an electronic platform where people with disabilities can find jobs more efficiently, similar to the app 'Seek', but specifically catering to people with disabilities. The name of our app is E-Ability, where 'E' stands for employment. The aim of the app is for people with disabilities to advertise their capabilities through submitting their resumes. Then employers will be able to look at resumes to determine if the employee is suitable for a position at their workplace. We focused on catering for people with dyslexia, autism, hearing impairments, and colour blindness in our design. We managed to create a prototype of the app within 9 weeks, showcasing its some of its capabilities, but given more time we would have liked a working model to present.



**Miss Charlotte Nicolaou, Miss Annrose Gigimon, Miss Felicity Day, Miss Zara Milankov, Miss Tiwanthya Konara Mudiyansele, Miss Suproya Adhikari, Miss Zainab Masalawala & Miss Kristen Lando
Year 9 PBL Students**

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

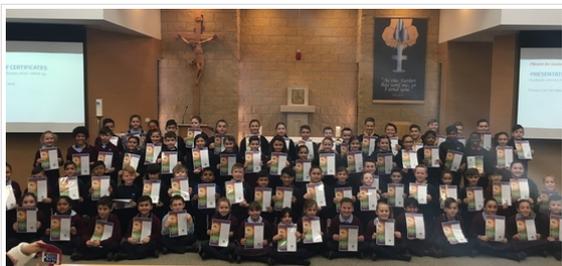
Sacrament of Reconciliation

On June 7 and June 13, students from Year 3 at Marymede Catholic College celebrated their First Reconciliation Sacrament at the Chapel of Annunciation. Through this important Sacrament, our students explored the wondrous mercy of God and how He is always ready to welcome us into His arms whenever we seek forgiveness.

Throughout Term 2, Laetitia Malusu and the Year 3 teachers: Callum Gestautas, Nicole Bassett, Joanne Cheer, Nidhi Hennequin and Caitlin Pryer, prepared the students to receive this Sacrament. Through the Reflection Day, students explored various biblical stories about God and forgiveness, as well as understanding what it means to miss the mark.

We thank Fr. Martin, Fr. John, Fr. Shymon and Fr. Anthony for their support in leading our students through the preparation and ultimately receiving the Sacrament. We also thank the parents for their dedication and support in ensuring the students were prepared and committed to the journey they undertook.

It is our hope that the students will treasure this Sacrament and that they will remember to be the visible signs of God's love and forgiveness, in their different relationships and how they treat one another.



This term, we look forward to preparing our students in Year 4 to receive their First Eucharist that will be celebrated on October 14, 2018.

Ms Laetitia Malusu
Religious Education Co-ordinator, Primary

BUSINESS MANAGER

New Child Care Package - Starting 2 July 2018

On **2 July 2018**, the Government's new Child Care Package was launched – replacing the previous Child Care Rebate (CCR) and Child Care Benefit (CCB) with a single **Child Care Subsidy (CCS)**.

This new subsidy is available to all families using Camp Australia services, and may affect the amount of fee assistance that each family will receive. **Three things will determine a family's level of Child Care Subsidy:**

- **Annual income** will determine the percentage of subsidy a family is eligible for,
- An **activity test** will determine how many hours of subsidised care families can access, and
- **The type** of child care service will determine the hourly rate cap (for OSHC this is \$10.29).

With the roll out of the new CCS, Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS) is replacing Special CCB.

What this means for parents and how you can help:

- Parents who are eligible to receive **Additional Child Care Subsidy (ACCS)** under the **Temporary Financial Hardship** category will need to submit a claim on the Centrelink website directly.
- If a child has been identified as being at risk of serious abuse or neglect, we can consider an **ACCS (Child Wellbeing)** claim for them. You will need to provide to your school's Key Account Manager a letter of support, which includes as much information regarding the child's circumstance, if known the details of the agency or referral body and inform the parent that we will contact them to follow up on their claim within the next week.

Should the new CCS create any hardship for parents, Camp Aust. we can organise a payment plan to help parents navigate through this challenging time, you will need to contact Camp Aust. Customer Care team to get this arranged.

Any parent enquiries regarding CCS should be directed to the attached brochure for more information, or to contact Centrelink directly. If you have any other concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Camp Aust. Customer Care team on 1300 105 343. The team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except National Public Holidays).

Mr Paul Romanin
Business Manager

WHOLE SCHOOL

Marymede's Got Talent

Marymede's Got Talent is a yearly showcase to show the amazing talents of our Year 5 to 12 students. There will be prizes to be won and it will definitely be a day to remember!

If you can sing like Beyoncé or Rap like Kendrick Lamar, give it a go. We have demonstrated how talented we are in sporting, music and performing arts events and this is another chance to show your skills.

Get started now and rehearse your talents. We want to see the best of Marymede's talent.

The auditions will be on Thursday the 19th of July for Dance, Tuesday the 24th of July for Music and Variety act auditions on Thursday the 26th of July.

If you are interested in auditioning for Marymede's Got Talent, we are taking sign-ups via TryBooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/WOSF>

Any further questions please email Mr. Jai Cameron at jai.cameron@marymede.vic.edu.au

Mr. Helsen Cross and Miss. Laura Daniele
Year 12 Cultural Captains

COMMUNITY MASS

