



17 October 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Our Year 12 students complete their formal Secondary education next Wednesday 23 October. The day begins with the much-loved Year 12 Parade in the Fitness Centre. I look forward to seeing the students dress up in their costumes which our Junior Primary students in particular really enjoy. The parade is one of the highlights each year on our College Calendar and a wonderful way for our Prep to Year 12 students to have fun together.

Later that day, our departing Year 12 students and their parents gather at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Mill Park for their Graduation Liturgy which is followed by the Valedictory Dinner at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre. I trust the students and their parents enjoy the celebrations and we wish our departing Year 12s every blessing.

Changing of the Guard

Our 2020 Year 12 Student Leadership Teams were introduced at our Years 6-12 Student Assembly this afternoon. I congratulate the students listed below on being appointed to a leadership position at the College in 2020:

Student Representative Council Executive

College Captains – Ann Anil and Dimitris Bachos

Faith and Mission Captains

Rachel Alex and Jacob Leddin

Academic and Sporting Captains

Sports Captains – Indiana Bodley and Jack Bowlen

LOTE Captain – Nicholas Vermeulen

Performing Arts Captain – Daniel Sabatino

Music Captain – Cassandra Panozzo

House Captains

Chanel – Natalie De Bono and Daniel Foschi

Chisholm – Lauren Chan and Deakin Constable

Marcellin – Alexandra Metz and Joshua Assaad

McAuley – Teneeka Williams and Daniel Tsafkas

McCormack – Anugi Perera and Nicholas Karabetsos

Romero – Bianca Verdi and Stephanie Ceola

Years 4-12 Sports Awards Presentation: 15 October

Last Tuesday evening our annual Sports Awards Presentation was held at the College. Thank you to the staff, students and parents who were in attendance. We have a number of very committed students to our sporting program and this event is a great way to acknowledge their efforts and achievements. A big thank you to our Sports Domain Leaders, Ann Marie O'Hare and Gerard Large for the passion they have in promoting Sport at our College. I am delighted that more and more of our students are becoming involved in sport.

2020 Re-Enrolment Forms

I ask that parents please return the 2020 Re-Enrolment Form via email as soon as possible. Parents who have made the decision for their child not to return to Marymede are asked to inform the College as soon as possible as we have families on the Waiting List at some of our year levels who are naturally keen to secure a place for next year.

I thank parents for your anticipated support of our re-enrolment process.

Term 4

This term promises to be an exciting and busy one at Marymede Catholic College. I encourage parents to regularly check the College Calendar to ensure that you do not miss any wonderful opportunities to share in your child's school experience.

The following nights promise to be a real celebration of excellence in all areas of school life. By attending, parents will

be expressing their support for all that is done on behalf of their children at Marymede:

Secondary Awards Evening (Years 7-11) – Tuesday 19 November

Years 5 and 6 Celebration of Learning – Tuesday 3 December

P-4 Celebration of Learning – Thursday 5 December

Staffing Update

We welcome the following staff to our College and wish them every success and happiness in their time with us:

Stephen Christofakakis is joining the Student Wellbeing Team in a Counselling position. Stephen's main role will be to provide support for our boys. Xavier Espinoza Araya is replacing Kylie Willis this term as she is on Long Service Leave. Jill Parker is replacing Serena Delphin in the Resource Centre for the next three weeks as she is also on Long Service Leave.

We also welcome back this term Rosemary Bennett from Long Service Leave.

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Year 12 Examinations and 'Swat Vac'

Year 12 students begin their final examinations in just under two weeks. Having completed trial examinations this week, parents of Year 12 students will shortly be able to access trial examination results on PAM. We will also be sending out a schedule of revision workshops that will be offered to students to assist their preparations after classes finish on October 22. We would encourage students to attend these workshops to complement their study at home. They should attend these workshops in school uniform as with any other time they are on campus up until the conclusion of their final examination.

Year 10 & 11 Examinations

Year 10 & 11 students will soon receive their Semester 2 examination schedule. Examinations take place from November 12-15. With the examination period less than 4 weeks away, students are encouraged to begin their study program and preparation in order to ensure they are well-prepared for these final assessments. A reminder that students continuing into VCE studies in 2020 need to aim to achieve a minimum of 60% in their examinations in order to confirm approval into related studies next year. This ensures students have a solid foundation of knowledge and skills on which to build in their subjects in 2020.

2018 Class Groups

Planning for 2020 Grade 1-9 class groups is already underway and there will be a great deal of time and care dedicated to constructing class groups that allow students the best opportunities to learn, the chance to form relationships with new teachers and peers, and the opportunity to feel safe and valued.

Constructing balanced, effective classes is a complex task and students are placed in a particular group for a myriad of reasons. As such, it is important to make sure families are aware that we cannot take requests for students to be placed with particular friends or receive requests to change class lists after they are finalized.

By this stage in the year, you can feel very confident that the teachers know your child well and will make informed and considered recommendations about where they should be placed. If there are particular concerns you think your child's teacher or coordinator may not be aware of, I would encourage parents to contact their child's teacher (in primary) or House Coordinator (in secondary) to ensure they have all the information they need prior to the groups being finalized.

For some students, the prospect of moving from their 2019 class group and teacher to a new situation in 2020 may be exciting, while for others they may feel apprehensive or anxious about the change. Even for adults, change can seem daunting at times. However, sadness, disappointment, apprehension and grief are all important experiences in children's development and learning that they can cope with adverse circumstances is an essential step for them to build resilience and confidence in their capacity to cope. As a parent, it can be painful to watch your child experience stress or unhappiness, and a common response is to try to change the circumstances that are causing them discomfort. Research shows that this is counter-productive; by removing the obstacle we risk robbing our children of essential learning opportunities to develop resilience and, worse still, we risk confirming their own self-doubts by showing that we don't have faith in their ability to cope.

Rather than trying to remove the challenge or obstacle that causes them distress, we often need to hold back, to listen to them, spend time as a sounding board to explore the strategies they can use to tackle the challenge, and to be the charismatic adult voice reassuring them that they have the capacity and strength to surmount the difficulty.

Ms. Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal – Learning & Teaching P-12

DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

Sunday Mass@Marymede – Term 4 Dates

Our Term 4 dates are:

20 October, 17 November and 15 December. Each Mass is at 10.30am.

Our pilgrims who are attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth in December will be commissioned at our 20 October edition.

Please bring along family and friends and a small plate to share for morning tea afterwards.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) – Perth – 7th to 12th December

Please keep the following students in your prayers as they prepare for the pilgrimage to ACYF Perth in December:

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| Marian | Fernando |
| Nuwin | Fernando |
| Jacob | Leddin |
| Mark | Mangoba |
| Joe | Muranda |
| Daniel | Prezioso |
| Sheryl | Varghese |
| Maria | Joseph |
| Grace | Wake |
| Dimitris | Bachos |

They will be accompanied by Ms. Wake, Mr. Cooper, Ms Mary Selar, Miss. Emily Selar and Marymede Alumni Nanette Mangoba. Archbishop Peter Comensoli has made arrangements with Catholic Education Melbourne to fund 50% of the cost for each student and staff member – for which we are very grateful as it makes this formation experience possible for our students.

Sacrament of Confirmation

'Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit'

Many of our Year 6's celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 15 September at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. Supported by the Primary Choir, Student Leaders, staff and in particular Year 6 teachers: Ms. Margie Hough, Mr. Robert Grande, Ms. Celine Tamburrini, Ms. Claudia Gacovski and Ms. Erin Murray, the Candidates and their families were well prepared. Very Reverend Bishop Terence Curtin and College Chaplain Fr Martin Ashe concelebrated the Sacramental Occasion and made it very special.

College Faith and Mission Captain, Sheryl Varghese welcomed the Marymede Community with wise words, here is an excerpt from her speech:

*Today, as you receive your sacrament, you are called to be involved in the **life and mission of the Catholic Church community**. Today is a **renewal of your baptismal promise**, that becomes a sign of **receiving the fullness of the precious gift of the Holy Spirit**.*

*Through each and every symbolic action that will be given to you all today - the laying on of hands, the anointing with the oil, we, as a Marymede community join with your families to pray for you, for the strengthening of the Holy Spirit in your path to follow the way of Jesus. When the bishop says, 'Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit,' it symbolises your place within the Church community, **a reminder of your participation in the ministry and mission of Jesus, and to follow Jesus more closely**, but most importantly, Year 6 Confirmation Candidates - remember that you are loved and chosen by our Lord and Saviour.*

Year 7 Reflection Day – Our Hands, Our Earth, Our Prayer

Our Year 7 Reflection Day last Wednesday had a focus on Care of Creation and Prayer. Fr John began the day with Mass, then students experienced 3 of 5 rotation activities before concluding the day with a Liturgy. All students created their own clay hand with their personal intention around care of the earth – these will be displayed in Wurun Common. Groups heard the Indigenous perspective from Wurundjeri Elder, Uncle Ian Hunter, the plea to our world leaders from Greta Thunberg and the influence of Catholic Social Teachings on stewardship and the common good. Many thanks to staff who presented and supported the program for the day. Here are some reflections from students in terms of what worked well:

- *Getting to meet An Aboriginal Man Uncle Ian when he taught us about what Wurundjeri Willun means and getting to watch him throw a Boomerang. Learning from Ms Wake that young children are speaking up for the more critical things in our world than Adults; Getting to help out in prayer by speaking at the lectern; Finding out how climate change affects the earth beneath our very own eyes, seeing how Marymede is trying to prevent that from happening (E.g. Using Solar panels in the school were they can/ this also reduces the bills for electricity as it runs on the sun) & Making clay hands writing what we want to change in the future and our House pledge/ promise for the rest of the term.*
- *The reflection day was a great experience. I got to learn lots of new things during the activities. I really enjoyed the Uncle Ian activity, because he taught my class and I new information and told us stories. The Uncle Ian activity was my best standout.*
- *Today was my very first reflection day. I really enjoyed the different range of activities all relating back to our R.E topic creation. The day was very organised, and not once did I not know where I was going!*
- *I very much loved when talking about the Aboriginal culture and the clay hands were very fun to be in.*



Remar Disco & Social Justice Movie Night

Last Friday saw the Fitness Centre heaving with dancing, followed by a loud and funny movie on the big screen. Funds raised are going towards the REMAR Solidarity experience in which our the Year 11 Group are working with vulnerable people in our community, and to the Philippines Community Marymede visits as part of the immersion experience.

Thank you to all the staff, parent and student support of this initiative – there were many happy faces!



Year 9 Reflection Day – Friday 25th October

Our final reflection day for this year is our Year 9 Day on Friday 25 October. This is a compulsory day for our Year 9's and will be facilitated by Melbourne's Youth Mission Team with a focus on Relationships and Social Justice, linking in with their Term 4 RE Curriculum.

Upcoming Faith & Mission Events

- Community Mass continues each Wednesday – 8.00am in the College Chapel of the Annunciation.
- Year 12 Graduation Liturgy for families – Wednesday 23 October, 5.15pm St Francis of Assisi Mill Park.
- Year 9 Reflection Day – Friday 25 October.
- REMAR Blue Solidarity Experience (City) – 2 to 6 December
- Australian Catholic Youth Festival (Perth) – 7 to 12 December

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Marymede Flames Bidy Ball

The Flames Basketball Club are running another season of Bidy Ball. If you are aged between 5-10 years and would like to be introduced to the game and learn some new skills in a fun environment, then this 3-week program could be for you. Please see attached flyer.

Football Star Academy

Football Star Academy are running a Skills Acquisition Program in Term 4 for students 5-7 years of age. If you are interested, please see contact details on the attached flyer.

Mr Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Student Absentee Housekeeping

When your child is going to be absent from school, is arriving late or leaving early, parents/guardians are reminded of the following process:

- Ring the absentee line on 9407 9090 and leave a clear voicemail with your child's full name, year level and House, together with the reason for the absence. Parents/guardians can also send an email to absentees@marymede.vic.edu.au with your child's name, date of absence and the reason for the absence.

- If your child is going to be late for school, please re-iterate to your child that they **must sign in** at Student Reception where Mrs. Jenny Priest and Mrs. Leanne Easdon are located.
- If your child is leaving school early, parents/guardians are to write a note and your child will be required to obtain an early leave pass from their Tutor Teacher or House Coordinator. Students **must sign out** when leaving early and present the early leave pass to Mrs. Priest or Mrs. Easdon for recording purposes.

Please note that communication of your child's absence/late arrival **must be received no later than 9.30am** on the day of the absence/late arrival. If you do not communicate your child's absence/late arrival by 9.30am and your child does not sign in upon his/her arrival you will receive an SMS message advising that your child is absent and requesting you to call the school to confirm the absence/late arrival.

Year 11 VCAL project term 4:

My name is Tayla Bagnato and I am a year 11 VCAL student. For my term four project, I have decided to collect sanitary and toiletry items for homeless women and girls. The items that are collected will be given to the College Blue Remar Group for their solidarity excursion in December. Next time you go shopping, please remember my cause and pick up an extra bottle of shampoo, some toothpaste or some sanitary items. I will leave a box at front reception for your donations until November 15th.

Ideas/ suggestions:

- Tooth paste
- Baby wipes
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Tampons / pads
- Deodorant
- Body wash
- Tooth brush
- Face wipes

Thank you so much.
Tayla Bagnato

Knit-A-Square

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, Mothers, Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers for all your knitting this year. You all have made this a great project to work on.

We have exceeded last year's amount with the last count at 700+ Knitted squares, 101 handwarmers, 97 beanies and 10 scarfs. We will be packing and shipping them to Kascare's branch in South Africa in late October if you have any Knitted items could you please have them at the college by Thursday 31 October.

Knit-A-Square will be back in Term 2, 2020 and I am looking forward to working with you all again.



Thank you again

Mrs Jenny Priest
Student Reception

Pat Cronin Foundation

The Pat Cronin Foundation was formed in 2016 following the senseless death of Pat Cronin (19 year old from Eltham) who was killed by a single Coward Punch.

The Pat Cronin Foundation honours Pat by providing an optimistic voice to Education, Awareness and Research about the Coward Punch. Helping people feel empowered to make change through wise decisions.

The 4th annual Pat Cronin Foundation Be Wise Walk to the Valley is being held on Sunday the 17th of November and registrations are now open. We are encouraging all schools to enter a team to help us to spread our Be Wise message to End the Coward Punch. When you register you can elect to join a team and your school may already be on the list. If your school is not on the list you can create a team for your school and your friends and family can also join the team.

As in previous years, the Walk will start at Warringal Park Heidelberg and follow the Yarra trail through the Banyule Flats before turning off to the Plenty River Trail up the hill and down the other side to finish at the Lower Plenty Football Ground where Pat loved playing football. Total distance is around 8km.

At Warringal Park, the Heidelberg Cricket Club will be selling Bacon and Egg rolls and drinks and we will have a coffee van to give everyone their Sunday morning fix of caffeine.

At the finish line at Lower Plenty Football Ground, we will have BBQs running as well as Slow Eddy's Texan BBQ to keep the hungry hordes fed and the bar will be open after 12pm. We will also have music / entertainers and a big jumping castle / slide for the kids at the ground to make it a real 'Day on the Green' feel. The Five C's car club will also have a huge display on the oval of classic cars.

Registration fee for Adults and children 12 and over is \$30 and for children under 12 is \$15. All participants will receive an event T Shirt.

To register for the walk please follow this link:

<https://www.mycause.com.au/events/walktothevalley2019>

Be Wise

Matt Cronin
Director

PATHWAYS

Careers

Information on the following:

- Key Dates
- Year 10 Mock Interviews
- Scholarship Information from Deakin
- Ignited Scholarship Program
- Tax File Numbers
- Low Income Healthcare Card for Australian Students
- Study Assist
- Useful Links to Victorian University Support Services
- School Leavers Employment Drive

Key Dates Year 12 VTAC

- VTAC ATARS released 13 December
- VTAC Close of Change of Preferences 4pm 14 December
- VTAC First Round Offers 18 December
- VTAC Close of Change of Preference 2nd round 4pm 20 December
- VTAC Close of Change of Preferences 10am-4pm 2 January 2020
- VTAC Second Round Offers 15 January
- VTAC February Round Offers 3 February onwards

Year 10 Mock Interviews

Mock Interviews will be conducted at **Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre on Tuesday 29 October, 2019** between 11:50am – 12:50am. All Year 10 students will be attending. Many thanks to the House Coordinators for preparing Year 10 students for the Mock Interviews. Melbourne Polytechnic will be conducting the interviews with our students and providing feedback. Students have prepared resumes and have written cover letters applying for jobs as part of the mock interview process.

- 11:50am – 12:10pm Chanel & Chisholm
- 12:10pm – 12:30pm Marcellin & McAuley
- 12:30pm – 12:50pm McCormack & Romero

Scholarship Information from Deakin

Deakin Academic Performance Scholarship

Valued at up to \$8,000, this scholarship is awarded based on exceptional academic achievements. Students who attain an ATAR of 98 or above, and have Deakin as one of their preferences when the ATAR is released, will be automatically considered for this scholarship. Students must have Deakin University listed as one of their VTAC course preferences by Friday 6 December 2019 to be eligible for consideration.

Visit Deakin Academic Performance Scholarship

IGNITED Scholarship

The IGNITED Scholarship has been created to ignite women's interest in industry areas traditionally dominated by men, including engineering, information technology and construction management.

This scholarship is open to female CSP students entering an approved undergraduate course offered by the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment. If successful, students will receive \$5,000 per year plus an academic mentor.

To find out more, and to apply, visit [IGNITED Scholarship](#)

Tax File Number

Year 12 students are reminded yet again that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) university course next year without a Tax File Number (TFN). Students who do not have one are reminded to apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit [TFN Application](#)

Low Income Healthcare Card for Australian Students

Once you have finished school you are no longer a student and you may be eligible for a **Low Income Health Care Card**.

This card gives access to a range of concessions, not only on some health care items and possible concession fares on Victorian public transport services, but also on a range of other goods and services if you are on a low income.

In particular, some TAFE and other short courses offer discounts for cardholders.

[You may also be eligible for public transport concessions \(note that if you are studying interstate you are not eligible for public transport concessions in Victoria\).](#)

Eligibility for a Low Income Health Care Card is based on YOUR income over the previous 8 weeks. As long as your income is less than \$4,488 over that period (or \$561 per week) you should qualify. You will maintain the Low Income Health Care Card as long as your income does not exceed \$5,610.00 (or \$701.25 per week) in any 8 week period.

It is highly recommended that all graduating Year 12 students consider applying for this card once the exams are over.

Visit [Low Income Healthcare Card](#) and find out more.

Study Assist

Students are encouraged to browse the following link as the website provides information to students about Australian Government assistance for financing of tertiary study. There is very useful information on study loans, how one pays back those loans, scholarship opportunities, etc. A useful PDF titled [Beyond School Study Guide](#) published in September last year can also be found at – [Study Assist](#)

Useful links to Victorian University Support Services

Australian Catholic University –

[ACU Student Support Services](#)

Deakin University -

[Deakin Student Support Services](#)

Federation University of Australia -

[Federation Student Support Services](#)

La Trobe University -

[La Trobe Student Support Services](#)

Monash University -

[Monash Student Support Services](#)

RMIT University -

[RMIT Student Support Services](#)

Swinburne University -

[Swinburne Student Support Services](#)

University of Melbourne -

[Melbourne Student Support Services](#)

Victoria University -

[Victoria Student Support Services](#)

School Leavers Employment Drive in the North

Appsmatter will be running a Northern School Employment Drive on Monday the 21 October, sessions at 4pm and 5pm at Apprenticeships Matter: Level 2, 16 to 20 Grimshaw Street Greensborough (refer to attached Flyer)

The plan is to connect your students to our jobs and invite parents along too so that they are part of the journey. Some key points about the event are below:

- The event will have four main elements:
 - presentation to parents and candidates on how the day will run, what an apprenticeship involves, workplace expectations etc.
 - group interview
 - registering applicants on our online Gateway jobs portal
 - individual interview with one of our Recruitment Solutions Specialists
- We will attempt to match candidates to our current vacancies and will also have a reverse marketing team working on getting as many candidates into work as possible
- This event is purely for exiting high school students and will not be relevant to those looking for SBAT's
- These are real interviews for real vacancies - we intended to place as many candidates as possible so

we request only candidates that are serious about taking up an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Ms. Stavroula Tsempas
Head of Careers

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

National Recycling Week, 11th - 15th November.

Over the past few years, the need for awareness of sustainable living practices has increased significantly around the world – and recycling has become more crucial than ever with our fast-growing population. In fact, a nationwide review revealed that waste has increased around 170% since 1996, which is why becoming more environmentally responsible has never been more urgent.

This term, we will be bringing recycling to the forefront in Outside School Hours Care by celebrating National Recycling Week from 11th to 15th November. It is going to be a fun-filled week as we teach children all about sustainability and how they can contribute to the world for future generations!

Our aim is to develop their knowledge and creativity on recycling through fun-learning activities. Some of these include using used bottles or cartons for planting, making newspaper hats, an exciting recycled fashion parade, and heaps more! Talk to the Educators at your service to find out what they have lined up for National Recycling Week.

Not yet Registered? Don't worry, it's never too late. Plus, it's FREE to register.

Before attending our care, you must register your child. Also remember, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy, visit the MyGov website to find out more.

<http://pp.campaaustralia.com.au/account/login>

<http://my.gov.au>

More Program Details

For more information about your program and fees, visit your service and have a chat with one of our qualified Educators. Alternatively, you may visit our website at the link below or contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 who are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except National Public Holidays.

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

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

Camp Australia

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