



31 October 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Our Year 12 students completed their formal Secondary education on Wednesday 24 October with their Graduation Liturgy at St. Francis of Assisi in Mill Park which was followed by the Valedictory Dinner at the Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre. I trust the students and their parents enjoyed the celebrations.

The VCE Units 3 & 4 exams began yesterday for our Senior students. This can be a difficult time for students and families, and I encourage parents to spoil their son/daughter with a favourable meal or simply let them know how proud you are of them.

Years 10 & 11 Exams

The Years 10 & 11 students will begin their examination period on Tuesday 12 November. I urge our students to spend the lead-up time thoroughly revising, whether by going over notes, doing additional reading or attempting questions from past exam papers.

Setting Goals

With Year 12 classes over, some of our younger students are often tempted to think that the end is in sight and lose focus. Indeed, the opposite is the case and I encourage them to set some significant goals for the remainder of the term. These may include increased involvement in class discussions, completing unfinished work, a higher test result or a better assignment. Now is the time to act.

Students Not Returning to Marymede in 2020

I ask parents to please let the College know as soon as possible if your son or daughter is not returning to Marymede next year. This information will help us in planning staffing for 2020.

Year 7 2020

We have in excess of 100 Year 7 students coming to Marymede from other Primary schools next year. We were delighted to meet the students and their parents at our PAT Testing last Saturday. The test results will help us in the planning for our Year 7 students when they commence Secondary school with us next year.

Last night we held our Year 7 2020 Transition Evening for our parents. Thank you to the many parents who attended. I hope we were able to address any of the concerns you may have with your son or daughter transitioning to our Secondary school next year. A big thank you to Mrs Carla Piccolo and the staff who were in attendance.

Secondary Awards Evening: 19 November

The Secondary Awards Evening will be held in the College Fitness Centre on Tuesday 19 November, commencing at 7.00pm. The Awards Evening acknowledges students in Years 7-11 who have excelled through their academic achievement, commitment to their studies or through their contribution in any other way at Marymede.

All of our Years 7-11 students are expected to attend in school uniform.

Student Grooming

Over the past five years, we have had a strong focus on students wearing the Marymede uniform with pride and meeting the College's grooming expectations.

I regularly receive emails from adults in the community congratulating our students on how smart they look in their school uniform. I take this opportunity to thank once again the vast majority of our parents for your support of the College's Grooming Policy.

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Year 9-12 2019 Subject Confirmation

Students in Years 9-12 in 2019 received confirmation of their proposed subjects last week. Students are allocated to subjects based on the preferences they submitted via the online portal in Term 3. However, if any students would like to apply to make changes to their subjects, Change of Subject Application forms can be collected from the Founders Office.

Several current Year 10 & 11 were conditionally enrolled into subjects for next year. As quickly as possible after Semester 2 examination results are available, we will communicate as quickly as possible with families to either confirm student enrolment in these studies or to discuss alternative subjects or pathways.

Year 9-11 Examinations and Commencement

Students in Years 10 & 11 will shortly receive their examination schedule in preparation for the Semester examinations from November 12-15, while Year 9 students will complete their examinations from December 3-5. Students should already be studying for examinations and starting to think about how they can ensure they maximise their results. To help, the following tips are indispensable:

1. Go where the marks are

Often students open an examination paper and answer the questions in order from first to last. However, in most cases, the highest scoring questions are located toward the end of the exam. That means, if a student runs out of time, they miss out on answering the questions worth the most marks! And the impact on their overall score on the paper can be significant. Instead, students need to use their reading time to work out which questions are worth the most marks. When writing time starts, rather than start at the front, students should begin by completing the questions worth the greatest marks and work backwards (by marks) from there. That way, if a student runs out of time, the questions they miss are those worth the least number of marks.

2. Read carefully – including the secret clues!

Often students lose marks on exams because they don't answer the question that is being asked. Sometimes they:

- Read key words and assume (sometimes incorrectly) what they're being asked
- Read the first part of the question – in a multi-part question - and ignore the rest
- Don't pay attention to the command word - eg. Describe, Compare, Explain etc – and think about what it is asking them to do.
- Including too little information or detail in a question worth several marks

To ensure you have understood the question, students need to use reading time to read every question twice

and use strategies to focus on what it is asking; for example:

- Highlighting the command word – eg. Identify, Analyse, Justify
- Mentally rewording the question in their own words (eg. thinking about how they would explain to a young sibling what the question means)
- Highlighting the different parts of the question
- Checking the number of marks allocated to a question – as a general rule, one mark is given for each specific point made in answer to the question (eg. if a question is worth 4 marks, students can assume the teacher is wanting them to include at least 4 ideas, processes or pieces of information in their answer – the more marks, the more complex or detailed an answer should be)

Once you have written an answer, reread the question along with your answer to check that your response matches the question.

3. Leave nothing blank

This is the simplest rule of all – always answer everything. Despite all of students' worst fears, teachers want to give students marks in examinations wherever they can. Even in a wrong answer, a teacher may be able to find some marks where a student has shown some of the required knowledge. But when a student leaves a question blank, they are guaranteeing they will get zero marks for that question. When you are unsure of an answer, offer any potentially relevant ideas, information or strategies you can think of, and give yourself the possibility of at least gaining some marks – sometimes, these marks will be the difference between passing and failing (and being asked to resit if you're in Year 10 or 11). Often, in attempting to brainstorm an answer to a question they are not confident about, students may find themselves recalling knowledge they didn't realise they had stored away!

Following the examinations, students enrolled in VCE in 2020 will undertake the Year 11 and 12 Commencement Program from Monday 18 November to Friday 29 November. The Commencement Program will include one full two-week cycle of classes in which teachers will begin introducing the first units of work; it is essential that all students attend the full program. Students enrolled in Year 11 or Year 12 VCAL will receive information from the VCAL Coordinator about their Commencement Program.

Ms. Tracey Kift

Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12

DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

November the Month of Remembering

We begin the month of November with the Solemnity of ALL SAINTS Day on 1 November and ALL SOULS Day on 2 November. All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. All Souls' Day is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven. We will have a 'book of remembering' in place in the Chapel for Community members to record loved ones who have died throughout the year and will offer prayers at Community Masses for those saints and souls.

Catholic Mission Mass – St Patrick's Cathedral

In this extraordinary month of mission, as decreed by Pope Francis, a special mass was celebrated by Bishop Mark Edwards at St Patrick's Cathedral last week, for all Catholic Schools.

Our 2020 Faith and Mission Captains – Jacob Leddin and Rachel Alex, 2020 College Captain – Dimitrios Bachos and Year 6 Captain - Angelina Khoury, 2020 Cultural Captain – Daniel Sabatino, and Social Justice Captain - Nuwin Fernando, represented Marymede with pride.

The message from Bishop Edwards was to 'encounter others' and identify the mission we have in our own communities, no matter what age we are, to do the work of Jesus with compassion and mercy, love and joy.



Year 9 Reflection Day – Friday 25 October – Youth Mission Team Australia

Our Year 9's wholeheartedly embraced their reflection day last week, with a focus on right relationships with others and how this translates to action for justice in our world. Youth Mission Team guided our 149 Year 9's in activities and conversation, dramas and prayer. In the words of one Year 9 student, "It was actually good!" high praise from a 15 year old!

Thank you to the staff who supported the day, YMT for their meaningful facilitation and the students for their openness to participate.



Waiting Time - Advent

As we head into the Liturgical Season of Advent, a time of waiting and anticipation for the birth of Jesus, if you have the opportunity to drop in any goods for the Catholic Mission Christmas Appeal, or for the REMAR Solidarity Experience, please do so. It is a time of year to focus on 'the other', those who are struggling in our community. There will be advent liturgies for various year levels across the College as the year comes to a close, parents are welcome to attend these.

Sunday Mass@Marymede – Term 4 Dates

Our Term 4 dates are:

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 November Sunday Mass.

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

Upcoming Faith & Mission Events

- Community Mass continues each Wednesday – 8.00am in the College Chapel of the Annunciation.
- Sunday Mass, 10.30am – 17 November – Commissioning of ACYF Pilgrims
- ACYF Melbourne Pilgrims Mass – St Patricks Cathedral – 24 November
- REMAR Blue Solidarity Experience (City) – 2 to 6 December
- Advent Liturgy – Year 7 to 9 – 6 December
- Australian Catholic Youth Festival (Perth) – 7 to 12 December
- Sunday Mass, 10.30am – 15 December
- Staff Mass – 17 December

Ms. Julia Wake

Director of faith and Mission

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Exhibition Launch featuring Marymede Artists

A number of Year 8 Visual Arts students are exhibiting their skateboard designs at the City of Whittlesea's Baseline at Westfield Plenty Valley, along with artworks by other local young artists. The exhibition, titled '(NOT) For the Light Hearted' will be launched on November 14. Event details are in the flyer below:

BASELINE PRESENTS
(NOT) For the Light Hearted

End of year Art Exhibition showcasing local young artists including:
Pencil Case Art Collective, Marymede Catholic College & Street
Art Paste Ups



Artwork *Tennin* by Laura

Join us to celebrate artwork by local young artists being exhibited in our iconic youth art spaces: Lightbox Gallery, School Wall and Paste Up Foyer

Date: Thursday 14 November 2019

Time: 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Where: Edge Services for Young People
Shop MM1, Westfield Plenty Valley
415 McDonalds Road, Mill Park

Cost: Free

Light refreshments provided, please RSVP for catering purposes.
Phone 9404 8800 or email baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

All activities are supervised by Council's Youth Services staff.



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Year 1 Soccer Clinic

Thank you to Gabor and the coaches at Football Star Academy who provided soccer clinics for our Year 1 students during their House Sport. Football Star Academy run a Skills Acquisition Program at Marymede on Thursday afternoons. For further information please email vic34.football@sportstaracademy.com



Mr. Jeremy Guzman
Head of Visual Arts (P-12)

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Primary Sport

Prep to Year 2 House Athletics

Congratulations to Romero who were winners in the Prep to Year 2 House Athletics Carnival. The students had a great time and thank you to all the families that came to support their children.



Tennis Clinic

The Prep students participated in a tennis clinic run by Vassallo Tennis. These sessions are a great introduction to the sport. If your child is interested in tennis lessons run at Marymede please contact Paul Vassallo

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

State Athletics

Congratulations to Olivia Seneca who qualified for the State Athletics Carnival in the 9/10 Years 200m. Olivia qualified in the top 8 fastest times in the heat and finished 7th in the final.

We also had students participate in the 4 x 100m relay teams. The teams represented Marymede well though did not qualify for the final.



Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

A Celebration of Technology and the Visual Arts at Marymede

The 2019 Visual Arts and Design End-of-Year Exhibition will showcase the top VCE student work at Marymede as well as our winning entries from the Whittlesea Show. Also on display will be a variety of artworks and products created by Prep-Year 10 students.

The opening night will be held on Wednesday November 13 from 6.30pm in the SC Building, so save the date and mark it in your calendars because it is going to be spectacular!



Mr. Jeremy Guzman
Head of Visual Arts (P-12)

Mr. Maurice Di Muzio
Head of Technology (P-12)

Co-Curricular and Sport Photos Wednesday 6th November

On Wednesday 6 November, student participants in the following P-12 Co-Curricular activities and 7-12 Sport teams will have a photo taken for the College Yearbook.

- Rostrum & DAV
- RPF, RPF Jr, RPF Intermediate
- Drumline
- Picnic at Hanging Rock
- Cosplay
- Concert Band
- Sewing Club
- Robotics Club
- Heritage Lakes
- DJ Collective
- Film School
- Knit-a-Square
- Primary Choir
- The Lion King Jr.
- SRC
- Tournament of Minds
- Creative Writing
- Remar

- SACCSS Swimming
- SACCSS Cross Country
- SACCSS Athletics
- 10 Premier League Soccer Boys
- 10 Premier League Volleyball Girls
- 9 Premier League Volleyball Girls
- 7 Premier League Volleyball Boys
- Boys Melbourne Championships Futsal
- SACCSS Intermediate Boys Futsal team
- Tennis SACCSS Girls Singles Champions
- SACCSS Swimming Champion Group
- SACCSS Cross Country & Athletics Champions

Students in these activities should ensure they are wearing the full summer uniform with jumper (Primary) or blazer (Secondary). This schedule below outlines the photo time, students should arrive five minutes prior.

Please contact Ellen.Lane@marymede.vic.edu.au or your Co-Curricular club leader if you have any questions.

Ms Angie Bedford
Cultural Co-Curricular Coordinator P-12

Year 11 VCAL Project:

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:

- Toothpaste
- Baby wipes
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Tampons / pads
- Deodorant
- Bodywash
- Toothbrush
- Face wipes

Thank you so much.

Tayla Bagnato

Careers

Information on the following:

- Key Dates
- Accessing VCE Results
- 2019 Australian Jobs
- Swinburne Information Evenings

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

Accessing VCE Results

VCE study scores, ATAR and VTAC Scaled Study Scores will be available to students via the Results and ATAR website and the Results and ATAR app in December. Students will receive a statement of VCE study scores from the VCAA, and those who applied for courses through VTAC this year and have paid their VTAC processing fees will be sent an ATAR statement in the mail.

Students who wish to receive their results online, will need to register at the below website before results are released.

<https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/results/applicants.htm>

Registrations are already open, and students are encouraged to register soon.

To register, students need their VCAA student number and will be requested to choose a secure password on registering.

2019 Australian Jobs

In 2019, the Australian labour market is markedly different from that experienced by workers in past decades.

The **Australian Jobs** publication presents an overview of the current labour market and highlights the major changes which have occurred, including for industries and occupations. The report is based largely on Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) figures but also uses data from other Government and related agencies. More detailed information is available and Australian Jobs includes links to help you explore the labour market further.

Browse [Australian Jobs](#) to find out more.

Information Evenings

Thinking study? Think Swinburne Info Evenings.

Wantirna Information Evening – on early education, trades and Diploma of Nursing

Tuesday 26 November, from 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Hawthorn Information Evening – course advice for every level of study

Wednesday 27 November, from 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Register for either event at [Swinburne Information Evenings](#)

Change of Preference 2019

Please refer to attached document regarding all dates and contacts for Change of Preferences

Ms. Stavroula Tsempas
Head of Careers

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Staying Sun Smart at Outside School Hours Care

At Outside School Hours Care, the children always enjoy playing outdoors – whether it be group sport activities, playing on the playground or even doing homework with some fresh air. Whatever the activity is, we put utmost importance on the health and safety of the children, so remaining sun smart is always a priority.

Our sun smart policy complies with the SunSmart Guidelines to ensure all children, educators and visitors are protected from over-exposure to UV radiation while maintaining adequate vitamin D levels. Sensible sun protection does not put people at risk of vitamin D deficiency.

UV radiation causes harmful effects on health, though we can't see or feel it. Prolonged exposure under the sun's UV can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage, and skin cancer. Protecting your skin from UV exposure is important at any age, but it is particularly important during childhood and adolescence as their skin is vulnerable to damaging sun rays.

To stay sun smart this summer, children are required to wear their hats during outdoor activities for adequate sun protection. We suggest wide-brimmed hats as these cover the neck, ears and shoulders – these areas are prone to sunburn. Apart from hats, children are also advised to wear sunscreen which we provide at our services.

To find out more about the Camp Australia OSHC program, please visit our website below or call our friendly Customer Care on 1300 105 343. The team are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except National Public Holidays).

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

Have a wonderful day and don't forget to stay Sun Smart!

COMMUNITY MASS

