



28 January 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

We look forward to our students returning from tomorrow with the Years 7 and 12 students (including Year 11 students undertaking Unit 3 & 4 subjects) on campus. The Years 8-11 students return on Monday 1 February and all Primary year levels commence classes next Tuesday 2 February. The buildings will become alive once more and new growth, new energies and new hope will emerge.

There is much to look forward to and a great deal of individual planning and goal setting by students to ensure each take on the responsibility to achieve his or her best in 2021.

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 Leaders 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 after the previous steps have been taken.

2021 Positions of Leadership

For your information, below is the list of staff who hold a Position of Leadership in 2021:

Senior Leadership Team

- Michael Kenny:** Principal
David Broadbent: Deputy Principal Staff & Operations P-12
Jessica Hall: Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12
Narelle Collins: Director of Students (P-4)
Laura Gazeas: Director of Students (5-8)
David Brick: Director of Students (9-12)
Paul Romanin: Business Manager

Secondary House Leaders

- Amanda Da Riva:** Chanel
Jack Mather: Chisholm
Carmel Delzoppo: Marcellin
Jeremy Baldwin: McAuley
Melissa Gaff: McCormack
Alexander Timms: Romero

Primary Coordinators

- Debra Molloy:** Learning & Teaching
Laetitia Malusu: Religious Education
Elly Lanza: English (5-12)
Rita Casonato: Prep Transition
Elizabeth Milani: Literacy
Linda Minahan: Numeracy
Lisa Murray: Student Wellbeing
Rosemary Bennett: Learning Enhancement (P-4)
Annie Torres: Learning Enhancement (5-8)
Anna Williams: House Sports

Secondary Domain Leaders

- Nikole Cymbalak:** Teaching & Learning
Trent Brownjohn: Health & Physical Education
Liam McCormack: Religious Education
Thomas Broadbent: Mathematics
Jane Darrou: Humanities
Elly Lanza: English (5-12)
David De Silva: VCAL
Gary Hickey: VET/SBAT
Annie Torres: Learning Enhancement (5-8)
Sharon Bluett: Learning Enhancement (9-12)

Patricia Weinberg: Careers
Vincenzo Rovetto: VCE/VCAA/Vass Administrator /
Timetabler
Gerard Large: Sport

P-12

Corinne Niall: Staff & Student Transition
Dinesha Pillay: Technology
Jeremy Guzman: Visual Arts
Julie Plymin: Science
Anthony Montemurro: LOTE
Jeremy Ives: Performing Arts
Kylie Buttigieg & Liam McCormack: E-Learning

Early Learning Centre

Naomi Rigney: Director

College Chaplains

Rev. Martin Ashe
Fr. John Murphy

Staffing Update

We welcome back the following staff members from Maternity Leave: Tamara Barton, Katie Lexa, Jessica Murphy, Ann Marie O'Hare and Tanja Russo.

2020 Semester 2 Reports

A reminder that parents can access their child's Semester 2 Report via PAM. All families were sent a PIN number in Term 4 last year. If you are having difficulty in accessing your child's report, please contact the College's IT Department for assistance.

2021 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to the following students:

Secondary

Jarnai Brancaleone & Nuwin Fernando – College Captains
Annrose Gigimon & Cassandra Rukweza – Faith & Mission
Captains
Grace Wake & Jake Mitkovski – Sports Captains
Claudia Pironi – LOTE Captain
Bridget Camacho – Performing Arts Captain
Samuel Vermeulen – Music Captain
Christy Dimovski & Megha Das – Chanel House Leaders
Jessica Corevski & Corey Thompson – Chisholm House
Leaders
Jayle Cavus & Deon Roumeliotis – Marcellin House Leaders
Britney Zahra & Sahib Singh – McAuley House Leaders
Kristen Lando & Chideraa Obani – McCormack House Leaders
Ivana Ilic & Hardial Singh – Romero House Leaders

Primary

Ana Mathew & Karthik Arumugam – Primary Captains
Renae Martin & Samuel Ristevski – Chanel House Leaders
Rehmat Hundal & Seth Popovski – Chisholm House Leaders
Yulia Trivailo & Jackson Caddy – Marcellin House Leaders
Olivia Seneca & Max Luong – McAuley House Leaders
Tia Tsandefskis & Jake Bocevski – McCormack House
Leaders
Ava La Rosa & Matteo Madafferi – Romero House Leaders

Grooming & 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 eyebrow, 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:

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.

I ask that parents and students please note that wearing of the blazer is optional in Term 1, however the jumper does not replace the blazer to and from school.

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

2021 Secondary Significant Dates

On Wednesday 27 January, all Secondary parents were emailed correspondence stating the secondary significant dates and the College's expectation of student attendance. Please note the following dates again for your diaries:

- Opening of the School Year Mass Thursday 4 February
- House Swimming Carnival Monday 15 February
- Year 12 Retreat Wednesday 3 March – Friday 5 March
- Year 7 Camp Wednesday 24 March – Friday 26 March
- Year 8 Camp Monday 3 May – Wednesday 5 May
- Year 10 Camp Wednesday 5 May – Friday 7 May
- Year 10 Reflection Day Tuesday 1 June
- Year 8 Reflection Day Wednesday 2 June
- Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass Tuesday 22 June
- Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat Thursday 29 July – Friday 30 July
- Marymede Day Friday 13 August
- Year 7 Reflection Day Wednesday 6 October
- Year 9 Reflection Day Friday 22 October
- Secondary Awards Evening Wednesday 17 November (7pm-9pm)

I wish to highlight that students from Years 1-12 will be attending the Opening of the School Year Mass on Thursday 4 February, which will be held in the Fitness Centre at 9.15am. Our celebrants will be Rev. Martin Ashe and Fr. John Murphy.

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STAFF AND OPERATIONS PREP – YEAR 12

Welcome to 2021: both familiar and different

I extend a warm welcome to all families new to our Marymede community and a grateful 'Welcome back' to all returning families. Most of us were glad to see the back of 2020 and its 'unprecedented' nature and as a College we are pleased to be starting 2021 with a calendar that includes many of our regular College events (and some 'catch-up' events postponed from 2020) including those involving our families. While these events have similar nature and names to those in the past, most will be subject to COVID-Safe requirements set by the Victorian Government and the CECV School Operations Guide. Details of some of the continuing restrictions are outlined below.

Parents can access the calendar of College events either via our website at the link below or via PAM

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

COVID-Safe for 2021

As families would be aware from the continuing COVID clusters over the summer break, we continue to live with COVID-19 and are required to ensure our College remains a safe place for our students and staff. Some of the requirements to start 2021 are:

- **Students who are unwell must stay home:** The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms. Parents/carers should also consider getting a medical certificate from the child's treating GP to confirm that it is safe for them to attend school with persistent symptoms that may overlap with some of the symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose (e.g. for students who suffer from hay fever).
- **Face Masks & Physical distancing:** As per the directions of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the following actions are mandatory:
 - Physical distancing should be exercised by parents and school staff at all exit/entry points, bus stops, interchanges and school bus loading areas.
 - Face masks to be worn by individuals over the age of 12 when on public transport and school buses – unless you have a lawful exemption.
 - Individuals over the age of 12 must carry a face mask at all times.
 - Face masks are recommended for use by staff, students and parents when physical distancing of 1.5m cannot be maintained.
- **Limited Parent entry to campus:** Due to the requirements of contact tracing and to reduce the congregation of adults on school grounds, parents of Year 1 – 12 students are not permitted on-campus for school drop-off or pickup. It is therefore very important for parents to clearly communicate with your child exactly where they should meet you for either vehicle or pedestrian pick-up. Pedestrian Gate 3 (near the bus stop) provides the clearest line of sight for primary students needing to locate a parent for pedestrian pick-up.

Parents of Prep students will be directly emailed the instructions for the 'soft start' pick-up and drop-off procedures by Friday 29 January.

- **Registration for on-campus events:** For College events involving parent attendance onsite – including the upcoming Meet the Teacher and Primary Testing appointments – parents will be required to electronically register for the event and physically sign in upon arrival. Details of the registration will be communicated by each event organiser. All events

are also limited by social distancing capacity of 1 person per 2m².

- **Limited car-parking on-campus:** The Gate A car park will be open to enable Prep parents (only) to park for Prep drop-off and pick-up. All other parents will need to park off-site.

Parent Enquiries to Main reception & lateness sign-in at Founders' Building

During most of 2020 the Finance Office also doubled as the Primary Student reception office. For 2021, Student reception for Primary students will re-join Secondary student reception and be located in the Founders' Building. Parents should only enter the Finance Office for finance matters (fee payments, etc). For all other enquiries, parents should seek assistance only at Main Reception (Reception Administration).



Both primary and secondary students who arrive late to school must enter the College via Main reception (Pedestrian Gate 4) and sign in at the Founders' Building. Parents of younger primary students may be permitted to walk their child to the Founders' Building but must first register at Main Reception.

Student entry

Parents and students are reminded that secondary students should not be on the campus prior to 8.00am and primary students should not be on-campus prior to 8.20am.

Senior students who attend the Trade Centre for VET courses should go directly to the Trade Centre from the Williamson's Rd entrance via Pedestrian Gate 1 or 2: students should not enter via the Main reception gate, which is not to be used as a student entrance.



Roadworks on Vincent Drive

The roadworks on Vincent Drive that began prior to Christmas have not yet finished. A section of the road near the secondary vehicle exit gate remains a one-direction single lane, controlled by traffic lights. This does cause delays, so parents are advised to allow extra time in travelling to the College via Vincent Drive until the roadworks are completed.

Carpark etiquette

As we begin a new year and many return to dropping off and picking up students via the College car parks it is worth revisiting some reminders to ensure the safest use of the College car parks and drop-off zones. We appreciate the frustration of slow-moving traffic and ask parents to focus on the safety of our students, some of whom are too young to have fully developed road sense. For the safety of our staff and students, parents are reminded to please be conscious of the following whenever driving through the College for morning drop-off or afternoon pickup (particularly in the Secondary carpark):

- Respect directions of staff on duty
- Obey 10km/h limits
- Drive only in directions indicated on road and respect indicators of single lane traffic areas



- Only allow your child(ren) to exit or enter the car at marked drop-off bays or while in a marked parking bay
- Do not stop on pedestrian crossings



- Park only in marked bays and do not exit your vehicle
- Do not use areas marked for Staff parking: while they may appear vacant, staff do return from meetings and off-campus professional learning and there are part-time staff who arrive at various times during the day



Photo Day: Monday 22 February

A reminder to current Marymede families that School photos are scheduled to take place during the school day on Monday 22 February 2021 with sibling photos taking place from 3.30 – 7.00pm. The College will use the services of National Photography who offer value packages and simplified ordering processes for our families. Students will be provided with personalised order forms including ordering and package details in the coming weeks.

Families wishing to arrange sibling photos will need to book your sibling photo session via instructions that will be emailed to families shortly. Please note that Sibling Photo bookings will close by Friday 19 February. Ordering instructions for sibling photos will be provided at the photo session.

Uniform expectations for all students are per the grooming standards in our Student Planner and as provided in the Principal's article above, with all students expected to wear their full Summer Uniform (no P.E uniform allowed). Students in Years 7-12 will be required to wear their College Blazer. Any student who is determined by College staff to not meet the uniform and grooming requirements will not have their photo taken on 22 February and not be included in class / year level photographs. A 'catch-up' day on Monday 22 March will provide the opportunity for individual photos for students who are either absent or fail to meet the uniform and grooming requirements on 22 February.

Photos taken on the day will be used by the College for Student ID Cards and the College Yearbook, along with special Year level related folios such as our Year 12 Graduation Folio.



Mr David Broadbent
Deputy Principal Staff & Operations P-12

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING PREP – YEAR 12

Welcome back

The start of the school year is upon again after what always feels like a very fast summer break. I hope all members of our community were able to enjoy some quality time together and there is an excitement in your household for school to begin again. After a very different 2020 I'm sure I'm not alone in hoping that 2021 is far more predictable in nature and we are

able to find more opportunities to gather together and celebrate the innovative learning occurring daily across Prep – Year 12.

Testing Days (Year 1 – 6)

A reminder that the term will commence with two assessment days to allow us to gather current data on your child's progress and identify how best we can cater to their learning needs. Thank you to those who have already secured appointment times via PAM. If you cannot find a suitable time for your child's testing, we will conduct their assessment during class. Our Year 1 assessment will occur for 60 minutes, whilst Years 2 – 6 will be for 30 minutes. Students are required to be in full uniform and should enter the College via Main Reception. Please allow adequate time to park and sign in before escorting your child to their assessment.

2020 VCE Results and Student Pathways

In the Principal's newsletter distributed last week Mr Kenny reported the outstanding results achieved by the Class of 2020. I, too, would like to acknowledge the fine efforts of our young men and women in the most challenging of years and extend my sincere thanks to the wonderful teaching and non-teaching staff that supported the cohort over their many years of education at the college. We will have the opportunity to formally acknowledge our VCE and VCAL high achievers at an assembly on Monday 8 February and the students will hear from our College Dux, Chloe Falzon.

2021 VCE Parent information evening – Save the Date

An information evening for parents of students completing a Unit 1/2 or Unit 3/4 study will be held on Tuesday, 16 February at 7.00pm. Further details will be distributed but please mark this date in your calendar to ensure you are available to attend.

Scholarship Testing

Students commencing Year 7 in 2022 are welcome to apply for an academic or general excellence scholarship. Scholarship testing will occur on Saturday, 6 February. Applications close on Monday 1 February and are to be submitted via the link below:

<https://aus.edutest.com.au/Parent/Landing?s=MRNihHeN2Kq nZgVWG5ADdw%3d%3d>

Mrs Jessica Hall
Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12

DIRECTOR OF FAITH & MISSION

2021 College Themes:

In exciting times as Marymede prepares to re-join the network of Marist Schools Australia we have two themes for 2021.

The overall Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat Theme is: **Breathe: the Spirit of Life** so apt after the challenges of 2020. Attached is a letter from Anthony Clarke sharing his reflection on this theme.

Late last year student leaders formed small groups and reflected on a number of scripture references which had links to

breath, life and the holy spirit and came up with a short-list of passages that they believed students, staff and families could relate to. The final scripture that was chosen comes from the first chapter of the Gospel of John – which reflects God’s hand in the creation of life and in the creation of Jesus, *the light of all people*:

**“What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.”
(John 1: 3b-4)**

The emphasis with these themes for 2021 will be on *Breathe, Spirit, Life and Light* – how our community can reflect contemplation, the joy of life and create space for the Spirit to shine in our young people.



Faith and Mission Ministry Team 2021

Introducing our Faith and Mission Captains, Ann-Rose Gigimon and Cassandra Rukweza, who will be ably supported by Youth Minister, Sheryl Varghese and College Chaplain, Fr John Murphy.

This team will strengthen Music Ministry with the support of alumni Vocal & Piano teacher, Nanette Mangoba and have a focus on continuing to implement the Community Service program **#MarymedeServes**.



Game Changers 2021 (Marist Leadership Formation & Ministry)

It is with great excitement that we expand our co-curricular Game Changers Program in 2021 to encompass Years 7, 10, 11 and 12. Your child either is either currently committed to Game Changers or has expressed interest. To begin and/or renew the journey in 2021, all participants in Year 10 to 12 will be engaged in a Formation Camp at Holy Cross Retreat Centre in February. This program has the full support of our College Principal, Mr Kenny, who sincerely believes it shapes future leaders with a heart for service, strong organisational & communication skills and the capacity to lead *In the way of Mary*.

Our Mentors for each group in 2021:

- Year 7 – Le Rosey Track: Miss Melissa Balassone & Mrs Mary Selar
- Year 10 – LaValla Track: Mrs Jessica Hall (Deputy Principal) & Mr Xavier Espinoza Araya
- Year 11 – Hermitage Track: Mr Ferdinand Correya
- Year 12 – Hermitage Track: Mrs Kristina O’Connor & Mr Scott Byrne
- Game Changers Co-ordinator: Mrs Kristina O-Connor

Formation Camp – Year 10-12: 4.00pm Thursday 11 Feb – 1.00pm Saturday 13 Feb

The upcoming Formation Camp is an opportunity for your child to connect with their team and mentors. During the camp they will also participate in various Game Changer activities focusing on faith development, leadership, community, ministry and service guided by the charism of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. The camp will be led by the Game Changers Mentors and Youth Ministers. If your child would like to express interest in this program at any of these Year Levels, please email Kristina.oconnor@marymede.vic.edu.au. Further information can be sourced here:

<https://maristyouthministry.com/game-changers>

Sacraments 2021

Our Sacramental program this year has much of our College involved, making up for what was postponed last year:

- Year 7 Confirmation: Liturgies across 20 and 21 February at Marymede’s Chapel of the Annunciation.
- Year 5 First Eucharist: Masses across 20 and 21 March at Marymede’s Chapel of the Annunciation. (Class reconciliation across Wednesday 3 & 10 March)
- Year 4 First Eucharist: Masses across 29 and 30 May at St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park. (Class reconciliation across Wednesday 12 and 19 May)
- Year 6 Confirmation: Sunday 12 September at St Patrick’s Cathedral, East Melbourne. (Class reconciliation across Wednesday 25 Aug and 1 Sept)
- Year 3 First Reconciliation: Liturgies across Wednesday 10 and 17 November.

Upcoming Faith & Mission Events

- **Weekly Wednesday Community Mass begins:** 8.00am Wednesday 3 February, Chapel of the Annunciation.
- **GameChangers Parent information Evening:** 6.30pm Wednesday 3 February (via Zoom)
- **College Opening of the school year Mass:** 9.15am Thursday 4 February.
- **Gamechangers Formation Camp:** Thursday 11 February – Saturday 13 February
- **Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday 17 February – Season of Lent begins. Students will have the option of

receiving Ashes or a Blessing at the Liturgies on this day.

- **Year 12 Retreat:** Wednesday 3 March – Friday 5 March
- **Catholic Education Week:** 14 – 21 March
- **Sunday Community Mass:** 10.30am, 15 March.
- **Romero House Mass & Feast Day:** Tuesday 16 March
- **St Patrick's Day Mass (selected students):** Wednesday 17 March, St Patrick's Cathedral.
- **Holy Thursday Liturgies:** Thursday 1 April.

God Bless you all.

Ms Julia Wake
Director of Faith & Mission

SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS

This year we are all excited to get back into school sport. Our Senior SACCS teams are playing Netball and Cricket along with Year 10 Premier League in term 1.

Both our Sport Captains Jake Mitkovski and Grace Wake have represented our school with distinction since Grade 4 in a number of sports. If others can follow their example, then it will be a successful year.



House Swimming Sport

Sign-ups for the House Swimming Carnival will take place in the first week of school. It is a compulsory event for Year 7. Year 8-12 participation to be invitational for those students who will swim on the day (no 'spectator only' students). Can Chisholm go back to back or will another House take home the Cup? Make sure all interested swimmers sign up during Tutor time in your Homeroom.



Marymede High Performance Academy

The High Performance Academy provides an opportunity for Marymede's elite sporting athletes to take their sporting performance to the next level through participation in an intensive conditioning program running across the year.

The main focus of the 'Marymede High Performance Academy' is the development of functional strength specific to the given sport of each participant. Athletes will also benefit from a reduction in the likelihood of injury, increased self-confidence and improved performance in their given sport.



The High Performance Academy will start on Wednesday 24 February. Term 1 is open to all interested students as a trial period. These sessions run from 7.30am-8.20am.

Mr Gerard Large
Head of Secondary Sport