



8 September 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Best wishes to Year 6 students who this weekend will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation across Saturday and Sunday.

Let us pray for those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.....

Loving God,

We pray for student preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

May our students as full members of the Church continue to know Christ's love more deeply.

We pray that those Confirmed this weekend remain open to revealing the fruits of the Holy Spirit to others.

*We make this prayer in Your name.
Amen*

Year 12 students

Best wishes to our Year 12 students as they approach the final stages of their studies. Please know that teachers are working very hard to support students and College leaders are implementing a range of strategies to support Year 12 students as they complete their studies.

Secondary Awards Evening

As a College we understand that affirmation of student achievement has a positive impact on students in many ways including motivation and wellbeing.

The College affirms students in a range of ways. One of the ways in which we affirm secondary students is through the Secondary Awards Evening. Please know that on Wednesday 30 November beginning at 7.00pm, a number of students will be recognised for their learning, growth, achievement and service across a range of areas. Parents of students recognised on the night will also be invited to attend. More details about this evening will be communicated in early Term 4.

College Directions Forums

A link to a survey regarding the College Directions project has been sent to parents via email. If you could please share your thoughts via this survey by the end of next Monday it would be much appreciated.

School Effectiveness Survey

As part of the MACS process for supporting school effectiveness a survey is completed each year by staff, students and a sample of parents. I encourage those parents who have been invited (via email) to complete the survey to please do so by Friday 16 September.

School Fees 2023

As outlined in the last newsletter, the College has been planning the 2023 College budget and as part of that the School Fees for 2023. I will be sharing with parents an email with details about the 2023 School Fees by early next week.

Year 7 2024 Enrolments

The College has very healthy enrolments for Year 7 2024; however, we still have some places available for the South Morang and Doreen Campuses for Year 7 2024 and so we are still accepting applications. The link to the online application form for students new to the College is available via the College website.

Best wishes to all students for their learning across the next fortnight

Timothy Newcomb
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL WELLBEING AND OPERATIONS PREP – YEAR 12

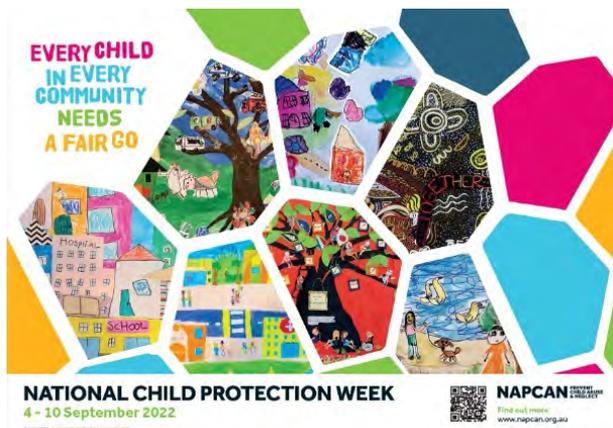
Term 3 final student day: 1.00pm, Thursday 15 September

Families are reminded that the final student day for Term 3 will be Thursday 15 September, concluding at 1.00pm. Staff will

be engaged in professional learning on Friday 16 September, which will therefore be a pupil-free day. Families requiring care for any students on Thursday afternoon or on Friday should directly contact Camp Australia.

Child Protection Week: September 4 - 10

This year's National Child Protection Week will take place from Sunday 4 September to Saturday 10 September 2022. National Child Protection Week raises awareness about the community's collective responsibility for the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people. This year, the focus is *'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go'*.



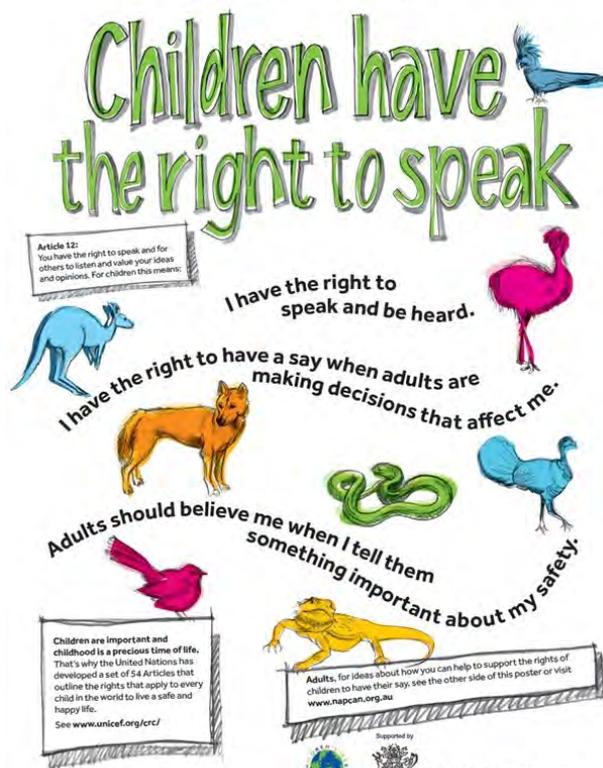
At Marymede, we are strongly committed to the safety and wellbeing of the young people in our care, and value the important role we play in creating safe and nurturing environments at school, online, at home, and in the community. Some of the resources to aid conversations with your family regarding safety and child protection include:

Recognising the increasing complexity of online safety, the eSafety Commissioner has also developed a series of activities for people of all ages, including:

- advice about common online concerns and problems young people face
- online safety resources and training for schools and communities
- advice for parents and carers to help children have safe experiences online.

The Catholic Church in Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday (formerly known as Child Protection Sunday) on **Sunday 11 September 2022** at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child



PB4L skill for Weeks 9 & 10: Respect

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning rollout continues, with students and staff explicitly learning and practising specific positive behaviour skills within the expectation RESPECT across Term 3.

The specific behaviour skill taught this week and the focus of daily interactions for weeks 9 & 10 of Term 3 is:

- Secondary: RESPECT – Use good manners
- Primary: RESPECT – I use polite and appropriate language

Respect	Responsibility
Resilience	Safety

Based on recent student and staff consultation about their thoughts on which behaviour skills should be taught in Term 4, Secondary students will be focused on skills within REPOSIBILITY in Term 4, while Primary skills will be taught across each of four positive behaviour expectations – Respect, Responsibility, Resilience and Safety.

COVID vaccination clinics

COVID vaccines continue to provide the best protection from severe COVID symptoms. The City of Whittlesea offers walk-in vaccinations (no appointment required) at the following venues & times:

- **Whittlesea Community Connections - Community Room**
Every Thursday 4.00pm – 8.00pm
Shop 112B, Pacific Epping Shopping Centre, 583 High St Epping

- **Mill Park Library**
Every Tuesday, 11.30am-4.30pm
394 Plenty Rd Mill Park

Doses available are:

- Pfizer for Children aged 5-11
- Pfizer and Novavax for Children 12+ and Adults: 1st, 2nd and 3rd dose
- Pfizer and Novavax for Adults over 30: 4th dose

COVIDsafe settings for Term 3: 5-day isolation period

The recent National Cabinet meeting announced that for COVID cases detected after 9 September, the isolation period will be reduced to 5 days. The proviso is that the affected person is symptom-free on the 5th day. If not, the 7-day isolation remains. For those who have mild cases, this is welcome news to enable them to safely re-join their learning.

The following measures are in place for Term 3 to ensure our College remains a safe environment for our students and staff:

- **Face Masks & Physical distancing:** Face masks are strongly recommended whenever indoors and whenever physical distancing is not possible. Face masks provide excellent protection from both the spread of COVID-19, along with influenzas (the flu) and other winter viruses, helping protect you and those around you. Face masks stop droplets spreading when you talk, cough, sneeze and laugh, which lowers your chance of spreading or catching the virus.
 - All students and staff are strongly recommended to wear a face mask when indoors.
 - **Face masks must be worn by individuals over the age of 8 when on public transport and school buses** – unless you have a lawful exemption.
 - Parents and carers conducting drop-off and pick-up who are unable to maintain social distance are strongly recommended to wear a face covering
 - Individuals over the age of 8 must carry a face mask at all times.
- **Students identified as household contacts:** Students who are identified as Household contacts may continue to attend school under the following conditions:
 - A parent or guardian must register the student as a Household contact via the Marymede COVID Household Contacts notification form ; and
 - Year 3 – 12 students must wear a mask indoors at all times (also strongly advised for P-2); and
 - the student must undertake negative rapid tests each school day over the seven days (from first exposure to the positive case); and
 - they must remain asymptomatic.

N.B. Students who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 will not be classified as a Household contact for 28 days after the end of their isolation period.

- **Reporting positive COVID results:** Should any student receive a positive RAT or PCR result; a

parent or guardian must report this result to the college via the Marymede COVID Notification Form . Students must remain at home for the 5-day isolation period as determined by DHS and may only return when asymptomatic after the 5 days.

The College will notify relevant families through a daily email when a student or staff member has returned a positive COVID-19 result and had attended the college. This email will identify any classes affected and advise students to undertake a RAT and only return to school if they receive a negative result and are asymptomatic.

- **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) – and other winter ailments – is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms (and even with a negative RAT or PCR result). Any child who displays symptoms at school will be sent to First Aid to be assessed. The First Aid team will contact parents to take home any symptomatic students. While awaiting pick-up, for the safety of staff and other students, any student with COVID-like symptoms will be isolated in the new weather-proof outdoor isolation zone, supervised by First Aid staff.
- **Availability of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for household contact and/or symptomatic testing:** Families may collect a 5-pack of RAT home-tests (one pack per child) from Main Reception as needed. Secondary students may also collect a RAT kit from Main Reception after 3.15pm.

These RAT kits should be used when:

- **Your child is identified as a household contact:** administer a RAT before each school day during the household contact period; or
- **Your child is symptomatic:** a child who is symptomatic should have a RAT each day and may not attend school (even if the RAT is clear).

If your child receives a positive RAT test result at any time, a parent or guardian must register this result through the Department of Health system via COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form or 1800 675 398 (please also see the previous point for informing the college).

There is no requirement to report a negative result.

N.B. Students who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 do not need to undertake RAT testing as a Household contact for 28 days after the end of their isolation period.

- **Parents / carers with COVID may transport students to/from school:** As part of the changes this term, parents and carers who have COVID-19 may transport their non-COVID-19 children via private vehicle to school when an alternative person is not available to assist. This means that parents and carers will be able to leave COVID self-isolation to take their non-COVID-19 child to school via a private

vehicle. The parent or carer must travel directly to and from the school only. They must remain in the vehicle at all times, unless it is reasonably necessary to leave the vehicle to walk the child to and from the entrance of the school safely. They must wear a face mask at all times.

- **Parents & carers welcome on-campus for pick-up:** parents & carers are welcome to enter the campus to meet your child for pickup. Whenever socially distancing is not possible, we strongly recommend that parents and carers wear a face mask. While parents / carers are also welcome to walk their child onto campus for morning drop-off, we ask that you please exit the campus once your child has deposited their bag at their safety line / locker. Please do not enter any buildings during either of these times.
- **No food-sharing:** No food-sharing is permitted. This extends to a ban on home-made birthday treats: while we appreciate the need to mark milestones (particularly in the Primary years), this may only be done using pre-packaged foods.

We thank all parents and carers and students for your continuing patience, understanding and cooperation in assisting to keep our community safe.

School Crossing Supervisor positions

The City of Whittlesea continues to struggle to find school crossing supervisors, an essential role for keeping our students safe around the busy roads at the start and end of each school day. Please consider the following application of pass on to family members or friends who may be interested and available.

David Broadbent
Deputy Principal Wellbeing & Operations P-12

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING PREP – YEAR 12

Mid-Semester Report P-11

This report provides feedback on your child's learning dispositions and work habits demonstrated throughout Term 3. They are accessible via PAM by clicking on your child and then Assessment Reports. I encourage parents of students in Year 7-10 to please access these reports in preparation for the upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews.

Parent Teacher Interviews Year 7-10

Bookings are now open via PAM for the parent teacher interviews occurring next Tuesday 13 September 4pm – 7pm and Thursday 15 September 2pm – 8pm. These will be occurring via Microsoft Teams. Please access the teacher's virtual room via PAM at your booked appointment time.

NAPLAN results

Congratulations to our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students on their strong NAPLAN results. The individual student reports have been posted home and should be received early next week. If

you have any questions regarding your child's results, please make contact with the relevant teacher. We are committed to continual improvement and will be further analysing both the individual and cohort data to further inform our teaching and learning program and target individual student needs.

2023 Class Construction

Forward planning for next year is well underway and we are currently considering student class allocation for 2023. When constructing classes there are number of factors considered including social and emotional requirements, standardised testing data and behavioural support. Our intention is always to create well balanced, positive learning environments for all students. Should you need to make the College aware of any additional information that could assist us in our class construction please contact the relevant Director of Students by Friday 7 October.

Jessica Hall
Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Respectful Relationships Info Night – Wellbeing Expo

For families in the Primary school, don't forget we have our Wellbeing Expo here in the Primary School on Tuesday 13 September after school from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. Feel free to drop into the Expo at any time during this window.

The event will be held in House 1 with members of the Student Wellbeing team and the Counselling team available to answer questions.

At the Expo, parents will be able to view student work in the Respectful Relationships curriculum together with some of the outcomes of the work we have been doing with Positive Behaviour for Learning.

Parents will also be able to learn about the Wellbeing Supports that we are able to offer students when they need something a little extra.

All of this is embedded in the Pastoral Care approach that we undertake and offer to our students as a Catholic School.

Uniform Reminders

As the holidays approach and parents are planning to have their child's hair trimmed and tidied up during the break, we would like to remind all parents to please consider the College's presentation expectations when visiting the hairdresser or barber. Expectations around hairstyles can be reviewed in the Student Planner.

A reminder also that undergarments should not be visible under the Primary polo shirt. Long sleeve T-shirts worn under polo shirts are not part of our published uniform expectations. Instead, students can wear their jumpers over their short sleeve polos if they are cold. You may also consider investing in some long sleeve uniform polo shirts for children to wear when the weather is cooler or changeable.

National eSmart Week



This week is National eSmart Week and the theme is **'Be proud to be me, digitally'**.

We acknowledge that our students live and play in a digital world from a very young age. There are many benefits to these experiences, but we are also very aware of the risks for our students if they are not cybersafe in their interactions. Just like in the real world our students are going to make mistakes while interacting in the digital world and we as a community need to be informed and active to support positive and respectful engagement in both contexts.

There are five key tips that the eSmart team would like to share with our P-12 community in 2022.

1. Do you respect others and only post what you would say to their face?
2. Is your time between screens and other activities well balanced?
3. Do you have strong privacy settings and passwords, and update these regularly?
4. Do you get consent before sharing an image or video of another person?
5. Have you secured your digital lifestyle with the right software and settings?

This week is a great time to discuss these five points with your family over dinner or on the drive to weekend sport. To assist you with these conversations the eSafety Commissioner creates resources for parents that provide advice about a wide variety of online issues through fact sheets and short videos such as the eSafety Guides to:

- Parental Controls: children aged 4 to 13
- Digital technologies and mental health: children aged 10–18
- Cyber bullying and online drama: children aged 11–18
- Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse

These resources can be easily accessed via this link:

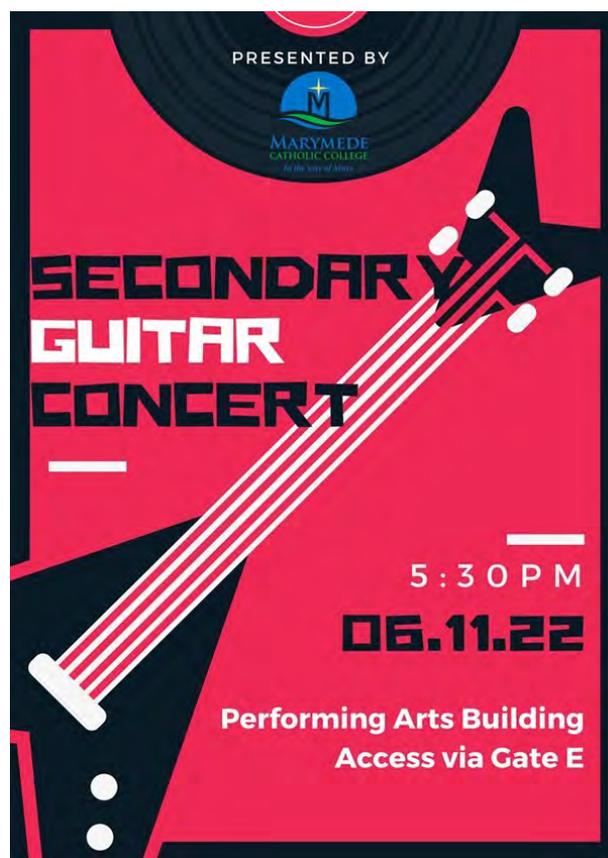
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources>

As we approach the school holidays this is a time to relax and unwind, it can also be a time where students of all ages need to have their online activities and communication monitored to ensure they are positive, respectful, and most importantly safe.

Directors of Students:
Years P-3, Narelle Collins
Years 4-6, Lisa Murray
Years 7-9, Jack Mather
Years 10-12, David Brick

CO-CURRICULUM

For any concert enquires please contact Performing Arts Assistant Ellen Lane – ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au





MS. WASON & MS. MANGOBA PRESENT

VOCAL CONCERT

5:30PM | OCTOBER 12TH
PERFORMING ARTS BUILDING
ACCESS VIA GATE E



Ellen Lane
Performing Arts Assistant

PRIMARY SPORT

State Runners-up AFL Girls

Congratulations to the Primary Girls AFL team who were runners-up in the School Sport Victoria State final. Considering only five of the 23 girls in the team play AFL outside of school the students did extremely well! They worked well as a team and their fitness levels and tackling abilities is what got them so far.

Congratulations to all players and coaches involved.



Bridge Inn Athletics

A team of 50 students from Years 4-6 competed at the district athletics competition at Meadowglen Athletics Stadium. Marymede were the overall winners progressing through to the next round in all 6 relays, multiple sprint events, 1500 and 800m and high jump, long jump and throws. Thank you to all the students who have given up their lunch times to train for this event.



State Finalists Tee Ball

Marymede are frequent attendees at the SSV State Tee-ball Competition and the 2022 boys team did not disappoint. They won all 5 games convincingly at the Regional Tournament to qualify to the State Final on 7 September. The girls team won 4 out of their 5 games at the regional competition and finished runners-up.



Football Star Academy Free Trial

Please see the attached flyer if your child would like to participate in a free soccer session held at Marymede after school on Wednesdays.

Liz Miles
Primary Sports Assistant

SECONDARY SPORT

SACCSS Athletics

On Tuesday 30 August, we saw the return of the SACCSS Athletics carnival. Despite the weather conditions, Marymede performed very well, and each student achieved their best results possible. The Year 7s had their first time competing and did an amazing job getting out of their comfort zone and to run, throw, or jump in their very first high school athletics carnival against other competitive schools. I hope they come to realise that although the weather on the day was not what we hoped for, the outcomes as a team effort were significantly high. Thanks to everyone who competed.

Well done to the Year 7s and everyone who competed for the very first time. Another special thank you to the Year 12s, for taking a day out of their busy weeks leading up to the end of their schooling to represent Marymede in Athletics. Unfortunately, this was their last SACCSS Athletics, so

hopefully they enjoyed the day and had lots of fun. Overall, every student who represented Marymede did amazing and I hope more students will be inspired to compete in the future. Well done to everyone.



Olivia Sheens
Year 10

FREE KINDER AT MARYMEDE ELC IN 2023

Enrolments Now Open

Applications for 3YO and 4YO places at Marymede ELC for both our South Morang and Doreen campuses are now open. Application forms can be found at our website melc.vic.edu.au and can be submitted by emailing them through to kindergarten@marymede.vic.edu.au

Please contact us if you have any questions on 03 9407 9050

Free Kinder at Marymede ELC in 2023

Marymede ELC will offer Free Kinder to all 3YO and 4YO applicants in line with the State Government's 'Best Start, Best Life' funded kindergarten program initiative. Please contact us for more details.

Naomi Rigney
Early Learning Centre Director

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC) / CAMP AUSTRALIA

COMMUNITY NOTICES