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## Principal's Newsletter – Friday January 23, 2015.

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends of Marymede Catholic College,

Welcome to the 2015 school year at Marymede Catholic College. I extend a warm welcome to all those students and families who are new this year and trust that this is the beginning of a happy association with Marymede.

As we commence this year, we ask God to bless us and our work. We recommit ourselves to our mission which is to make Jesus Christ known and loved within and beyond our community and to assist our young people to grow into the fullness of life. As always, we place our endeavours in the care of Mary, Our Good Mother.

### New Staff

In 2015, we welcome to the College the following new staff:

#### Primary:

Beth Cilia, Ainsley Dean, Liz Miles, Brendan O'Neill, Sandra Sartor and Therese Walsh.

#### Secondary:

Jeremy Baldwin, Tamara Barton, Kylie Buttigieg, Rochelle Coyle, Sava Djukic, Liam McCormack, Jane Morriss, Isaac Ndanema, Robyn Thomson and James Toohey.

I congratulate all of them on their appointment and look forward to their contribution throughout the year.

We also welcome back the following staff from leave:

#### Primary:

Rita Casonato, Nidhi Hennequin and Julie Iglesias.

#### Secondary:

Elizabeth Natoli and Ngaire Thomson.

### Academic Outcomes 2014

We were pleased that the median study score for our 2014 VCE students was 30, which is the state average study score. The percentage of students achieving a study score of 40 or more also increased from last year. Congratulations to the 2014 VCE students who achieved their personal goals. A more detailed report will be in the next newsletter.

### 2015 College Calendar

The 2015 College Calendar can be accessed via our College Website. Please note carefully important dates such as Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews, Information Evenings for parents, the College Awards Evenings and the term holidays. Students are expected to be present for all designated teaching days and I ask for parental support to ensure that a positive relationship is established between home and school.

The newsletter is our major means of communication with parents, so please ensure that you take time to read it. We will publish the newsletter every second Friday and it is also sent electronically. Parents are urged to ensure that we have your current email address to receive the newsletter.

### Grooming and 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 eye brow, 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.

#### 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.

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

## Condolences

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Humphreys family on the tragic passing of Mr. Martyn Humphreys, husband of Sonia and father of Jarryd (Yr. 11) and Jett. We ask that you keep the family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Eternal rest grant to him, Oh Lord and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

## New School Year

The Yrs. 7, 11 and 12 students return on Friday January 30. The starting dates for other year levels has been published on the College Website.

I am very much looking forward to leading the Marymede College Community. There is much to look forward to in 2015, the 10th year of the College.

Let us embrace the year with its challenges and opportunities and let us give thanks to God for God's many gifts.

Kind Regards,

**Mr. Michael Kenny**  
**Principal**