



6 December 2018

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

As the year draws to a close, I have been reflecting on what has occurred in the last 12 months. I believe 2018 has been another positive year for the College.

The highlights include the Primary Sacramental program and Secondary Senior Retreats, the Musical Production 'Xanadu', the regular attendance of staff, students and parents at our weekly Community Mass, the Albert Einstein look-alike world record, our very successful school community Fete organised by the Parents' & Friends Committee, the number of parents who attended our House Family BBQs, the success of our sporting teams in both the Primary and Secondary schools, the showcasing of our Performing Arts students at the recent Top Acts concert, the success of our LOTE Overseas Exchange programs for both our Japanese and Italian students, the successful establishment of the Marymede Early Learning Centre and the steady improvement in the way many of our students are wearing the College uniform.

### Italian LOTE Exchange

The coordinator of the Italian LOTE Exchange, Mr. Anthony Montemurro, has been in contact over the past 12 days keeping me updated with the various activities our students have been involved in both at the school and with their host families in Putignano. I am delighted to report that our students are embracing their Italian experience.

### Marymede Secondary Awards & Primary Celebration of Learning (P-4)

Thank you to our families for their support of the Secondary Awards evening on 19 November and the P-4 Celebration of Learning last Monday. I was delighted with the attendance on both nights as we came together as a school community to

celebrate the talents and achievements of our students and of the College as a whole in the past year.

### Year 5 Camp

We were fortunate to have had mild weather for our Year 5 Camp which was held last week at Lady Northcote Recreation Camp in Glenmore. The feedback from both staff and students has been very positive. A big thank you to the staff who attended for their efforts in supporting our students over the three days.

### Farewell to Staff

The sad part of the years' end is the inevitable farewell to those staff who are moving on from the College for a variety of reasons. I want to acknowledge long-standing staff members Mrs Nicole Pegler, Mr. Kevin Carville and Ms Alana Smith for their contribution to our College over a number of years. I also thank other departing members for their commitment to our College and wish them every happiness and success going forward.

I particularly want to acknowledge our Director of Primary, Mrs Rosemary Bennett, who has done an outstanding job in this role over the past two years. Rosemary will be the Learning Enhancement Coordinator (5-8) from the start of the 2019 school year.

### RIP

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers, Ms Anna Liggieri on the recent loss of her Mum.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O'Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace Amen.**

### 2019 School Year and Key Dates

Key dates for the commencement of 2019 are as follows:

#### Years 3-12

Students commence on Thursday 31 January

## Years P-2

Prep meet the teacher by appointment and Years 1 & 2 testing by appointment: Thursday 31 January and Friday 1 February  
Students commence on Monday 4 February  
Preps attend half days on 4, 5, 7 and 8 February  
(8.45am-1.00pm)

Preps attend full days from 11 February with the exception of 6, 13, 20, 27 February and 6 March  
(unless via appointment for testing)

Preps attend full time (5 days/week) from Tuesday 12 March

## Christmas Greetings

In the final Newsletter for the year, I thank all staff, students, parents and community members for their support throughout 2018. I wish every family a happy and safe Christmas and may our God continue to bless us all.

Kind Regards,

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

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING & TEACHING P-12

### 2019 Classes

On December 11, our Prep to Year 5 students will participate in a transition day where they will get to meet the students in their classes for next year, spend most of the day in their 2019 classrooms and be introduced to the routines of their new year level. At 2.45pm, students will return to their 2018 classrooms to debrief with their current classroom teacher about their new classes and new year level.

Students in Year 7 in 2019 will spend time on December 11 in House-based groups, familiarising themselves with some of the teachers, classrooms and classmates they will have next year. We look forward to seeing our own Grade 6 students make welcome the many students coming new to the College. Students selected for the Enhanced Learning Program in Semester 1 or Semester 2 next year have recently received letters of offer; thank you to the many families who have replied to accept their places in this program.

Year 8 & 9 class groups for 2019 will be finalised over the coming weeks and lists will be final in late January. Students will find out their new classes at the commencement of Term 1 next year. For Year 10-12 students, students' selections determine the composition of classes in each of their subjects. Significant work will be done on the timetable and class allocations over the Christmas break in an effort to ensure the best possible balance in class sizes in subjects with multiple classes. Students should check their timetable on SIMON in the week beginning January 28 to confirm their final timetable and class allocations.

Considerable work has been undertaken in constructing the class groups for 2019 and a diverse range of factors are considered in constructing class groups. While changing to a new class will be challenging for some students, we would encourage families to support their children with positive

messages about making new connections and to express confidence in their ability to make this adjustment. Given the complexities of constructing class groups that balance the diverse needs of students, we are not able to make changes to class groups based on preferences to be placed with friends or to make changes based on preferred teachers.

At the end of a busy and very positive 2018, I would take this opportunity to thank our teachers, classroom assistants, leaders and support staff for their support of all of our students this year. Wishing all of our students, families and staff a well-earned break and a happy, holy and safe Christmas.

**Ms Tracey Kift**

**Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching Prep – Year 12**

## HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION

### Advent Is Here

The Church's liturgical year begins with Advent and leads up to Christmas. This year Advent began on Sunday December 2.

Advent is the season of new beginnings, a season of longing and light.

It is marked by a spirit of expectation, anticipation and preparation for the coming of Christ: past, present and future. As we wait for and prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas, we hope and give thanks for Christ's presence within us, in the world and in the sacraments, and we look to the future, waiting for Christ to come again. Our preparations, therefore should have all three comings in mind.

As we journey through Advent we take time to pause and reflect on our lives, and spiritually wait in the 'darkness' for the light to shine. We wait in hopeful expectation just as the whole world did before Christ's birth and the world does now as we await his promised return.

Wishing every family a wonderful and safe Christmas filled with hope, joy and love.

### Philippines Immersion

Saturday December 1 saw 6 senior students, Daniel Preziuso, Jack Dove, Jacob Fitzgerald, Layla Judkins, Shrey Zabde, Tharani Kumarasena and 2 staff Mr Jeremy Guzman and Ms Deb Molloy depart for a 10 day immersion to the Philippines.

We wish the staff and students well as they join in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Philippines.

Throughout the year these students have been working tirelessly on fundraising initiatives. All money raised will be handed out to those who need it most, decided by the students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Marymede community for their support in all the fundraising efforts.

We are pleased to announce that **\$6811.00** in total was raised. Thank you all once more.



**Mrs Rosemary Bennett**  
*Director of Primary*

**Mr David DeSilva**  
*Director of Secondary*

## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Year 9 PBL students 'Push IT' in Semester 2

This semester, Year 9 students worked towards solving a real-world client's problem. Students needed to create a potential solution for a problem identified by a person in their community. This task provided students with opportunities to further develop their communication, problem solving and critical thinking skills; all highly sought after 21st century skills. While some students worked with College staff to create resources for events such as Humanities Week 2019 or the Chess team, others fashioned shopping bags or designed materials for local sporting teams.

Annrose Gigimon and Felicity Day write: "For our PBL project, we contacted a company called HelloFresh and worked with them to create a meal kit for teenagers who are on a budget and are confused about a healthy diet, but still want to lead a healthy lifestyle. We discussed partnership options with them and our communication with the company was over email. We created an app called HelloFresh Teen that provided information on our plans and a basic idea of what HelloFresh teen would look like. We would like to meet with HelloFresh and present our app and discuss future partnership deals."

Jarrod Cairns writes: "This year in PBL, Laurence Portella and I designed a Chrome extension. The Chrome extension stops users from entering certain phrases into web pages, like personal information. Later in the year we teamed up with Bjorn Reta and created a proposal for a badge system on SIMON. At school we think it would be good for each student to have a badge allocated for contributions to their school life. Sample badges have been created for College Production, as well as teams such as debating and sports, however the possibilities are as broad as the College's academic and co-curricular programs. We would like to present our idea to the people who own SIMON soon."



**Ms Nikole Cymbalak**  
*PBL Teacher*

### Performing Arts

#### Creative Convergence Workshop with the University of Melbourne

On Tuesday November 27, the 2019 Year 11 Drama Class participated in a workshop with academic staff from the University of Melbourne, as part of the Creative Convergence study. It was wonderful to see the students engaging with

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Toy Appeal

As we enter the season of Advent we invite all families to join together and support our St Vincent de Paul Christmas toy appeal.

All families are invited to donate a present which St Vincent de Paul will pass on to families in need.

Drop off point is in the Chapel of Annunciation, under the Christmas tree.

New gifts can be donated for a child, mum or dad.

Thanking you all in advance for your support.

**Mrs Melinda Muir**  
*Director of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12*

## DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY/SECONDARY

2018 has been an exceptional year in the life of Marymede Catholic College. Not only did we witness a moment in history with the opening of the Middle Gorge Station across the road, but we were all privileged to be a part of an exciting new chapter in the development of Marymede Catholic College with the opening of Marymede Early Learning Centre. Both of these additions to our community have been long awaited events in the story of our wonderful College.

We would like to express our congratulations to all students from Prep -Year 12 as they embraced this year of learning with an open heart and mind, lovingly supported by their parents and families. We would also like to acknowledge the teachers who have again taken up the challenge of 21st century learning and teaching, in an exciting and passionate way that saw students engaging in rich, diverse and thought-provoking tasks that extended, enriched and enhanced their learning in many areas of the curriculum. Many thanks too, to our support staff who are always working behind the scenes to support the work of the College.

It has been a great privilege to serve and to lead our community this year, in particular the 1,851 students we have mentored, nurtured, worked with and for whom we hold great admiration and respect.

We take the opportunity in this final newsletter to express our very best wishes to all our students, families and staff for the Christmas season. Our sincere hope is that all families enjoy the precious time they have over the holidays to rest, reenergise and relax with family and friends.

Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, using a Marymede Catholic College context.

## Sessional Dance – Years 5-12

Sessional Dance 2019 has officially launched, and is open to all 2019 Years 5-12 students. Students will be taught by professional dancers as well as dedicated and experienced teachers. Marymede is well equipped to provide every student with outstanding opportunities to develop their dance talents. The Sessional Dance program looks at a range of styles including: Hip-Hop, Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Contemporary and Lyrical Dance. Please see the attached flyer to get an understanding of program, and express your interest.

## 9 Drama Excursion to *Astroman*

On November 21, the Year 9 Drama students attended a performance of *Astroman* at the Arts Centre. The performance was fun, engaging, comedic and entertaining, with the performers playing their characters extremely well. We enjoyed the way that *Astroman* used lighting on certain areas of the stage so that there was a clear focus on the scene. Each of the characters were very distinct and different and performed to a high standard of professionalism. We would highly recommend going to see this performance.



**Ms. Angie Bedford**  
**Head of Performing Arts P-12**  
**Teacher of Drama, Dance and Performing Arts**

## YEAR 9 TEXTILES

This semester, Our Year 9 Textiles class have been designing and producing a Onsie. They have learnt about safety in the Textiles Room and the different pieces of equipment they use when sewing a garment. The students researched some ideas for their design and then selected their material to make their garment. For many it was their first time sewing so it was a steep learning curve. They learnt how to thread and use the sewing machine, sew with the overlocker, sew straight seams and curves, fit elastic cuffs as well as sewing buttonholes and buttons onto their garment. The students thoroughly enjoyed the semester and produced a final product they were very happy with and are looking forward to wearing when at home.



**Ms Alana Smith**  
**Textiles Teacher**

## Iris: The 6th Annual Media Showcase

Iris: The 6th Annual Media Showcase took place on November 26 and celebrated the work of the highest-achieving Year 6-12 Media students. 61 students had their work selected for the showcase and 33 pieces featured in the program. Congratulations to all involved!



### YEAR 6

Caitlyn Venhardt  
 Daniel Savino  
 Joshua Pampanella  
 Marc Pandolfo

### YEAR 8

Alicia Bokhaazi  
 Angelina Pavlovski  
 Cecilia Bingham  
 Francine Lingling  
 Hannah Cavallaro  
 Jocelyn Walsh  
 Maya Serratore  
 Millie Pizzato  
 Naomi Ordano  
 Nicole Dziva  
 Radhvi Gor  
 Ryan Guest

### YEAR 9

Angelique Perera  
 Anthony Pandolfo  
 Benjamin Bonello  
 Charlotte Large  
 Charlotte Nicolaou  
 Elise Guzzardi  
 Ella Rudge  
 Emily Beckett  
 Fern Hughes  
 Flynn Chapman  
 Jaidyn Ragona  
 John Rofe  
 Joshua Johnson  
 Max Zaharopoulos  
 Micaela Bianco  
 Michael Bains  
 Patrick Wriyanont  
 Samuel Vermeulen  
 Tyrell Mdehwa

### YEAR 10

Aditya Sharma  
 Alexander Schmidt  
 Claudia Forte  
 Daniel Sabatino  
 Fadziso Mutusva  
 Jack Bowlen  
 Jack Dove  
 Jack Picciani  
 Jake Fasciani  
 Jehaan Nigam  
 Jessica Passas  
 Lachlan Potter  
 Mason Smith  
 Panashe Mukuruva  
 Raphaeli Livanag  
 Shrey Zabde  
 Stephanie Ceola  
 Stephanie Sallas

### YEAR 11

Andrew Skenderis  
 Lucas Gatto

### YEAR 12

Andrew Fu  
 Damon Rudge  
 Lukas Opasnov

### MARYMEDE FILM SCHOOL

Angelo Thomas  
 Jarryd Cairns  
 Regan Cairns  
 Samuel Vermeulen  
 Tyrell Mdehwa



**Mr Jeremy Guzman**  
**Head of Visual Arts**

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Religious Education News

We have had a busy year so far and we thank all who have been involved in our faith journey, especially Fr. Martin Ashe and Fr. John Murphy. As always, our teachers also continuously foster this growth of faith in our students through the teaching

of Religious Education and by supporting the well-being of our students.

We have also had many opportunities to gather in faith and develop our growth in social justice issues. We look forward to many more opportunities next year and welcome our families to continue celebrating these important moments with us.

In relation to our Sacramental Program, there have been a few changes due to new mandate from the Cathedral. Unfortunately, as a result we cannot confirm any dates at this time. We will be sending out all information to parents regarding the dates and venues for the various Sacraments via email, before the end of Term 4.

A big 'Thank you' to everyone for their support and looking forward to next year.

**Ms Laetitia Malusu**  
**Religious Education Co-ordinator**

### International Bookmark Exchange Project

This term the Year 2 students have participated in an International Bookmark Exchange Project as part of International School Library Month. Each student created a bookmark during their library lesson which they exchanged with students in Slovenia. The students drew inspiration from the Indigenous Artwork in the story "The Eagle Inside" by Jack Manning Bancroft and Bronwyn Bancroft.

In exchange, the Year 2 students received bookmarks from Janka Glazerja Ruse Primary School, in Slovenia.



The students in Year 2 compared their own schooling experience with that of the exchange students. They learnt that in Slovenia students attend Primary school from 6 – 14 years of age. Our exchange school has 460 pupils, it is four storeys high with a small playground, soccer oval and basketball court. Students do not wear a uniform.

**Ms Susan Bannister**  
**Primary Teacher Librarian**

## PATHWAYS

### The University of Melbourne Programming Challenge

Congratulations to three Year 9 students who represented Marymede Catholic College at The University of Melbourne Programming Challenge for Girls on Tuesday November 27. It was a pleasure to accompany the girls to the finals. See attached picture of Carly Pizzato and Kristen Lando at this event.



### Items in this in the Career News include:

- Dates to Diarise in Term 4
- Reminder: VTAC 2019 Key Dates
- Offer Rounds in all States
- Entry to Medicine from 2020
- News from Monash University
- What happens if something occurs after the VTAC SEAS deadline?
- Important Information for VCE International Students
- Careers that began in Science
- 2019 VCE Summer School Programs
- Useful Tips for Successful Interviews

**Ms Carol Fisher**  
**Careers Coordinator**

## BUSINESS MANAGER

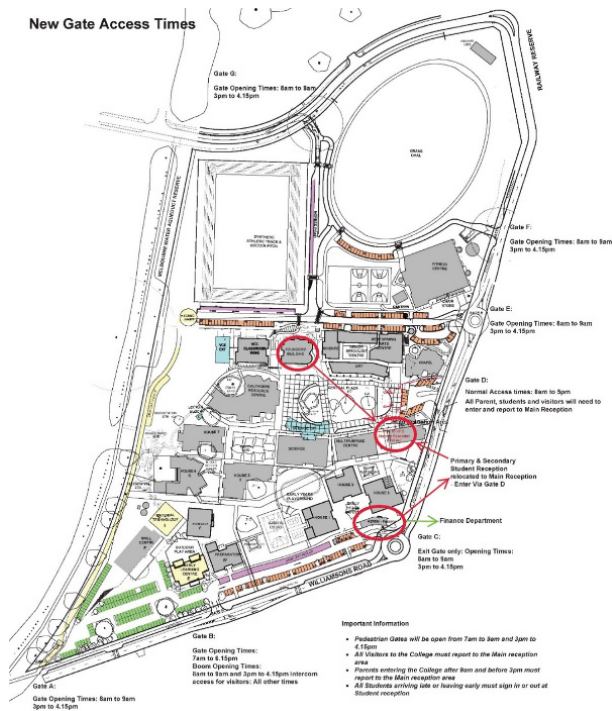
Changes in Gates Opening/Closing Times and Gate E Reception from Term 1, 2019

As a College, we are continually striving to achieve the highest standards of Child Safety and Occupational Health and Safety at all times. In line with these endeavours, we are upgrading the system of gates around the campus at entry and exits points.

We have now completed installation of automated car access gates. From 2019, the College will be accessible to parents and students from 8.00am via pedestrian and carpark gates, with active supervision of students from 8.20am. From 9.00am to 3.00pm Students, Parents and visitors will have restricted access (Please see map below).

**Our Primary and Secondary Offices** have relocated to the Main Reception area. All Parent enquiries will be dealt with at the Main Reception area. Student information, school pass recording (including late arrival and leave passes) will be handled by Student Reception which is located opposite the First Aid area in the Main Reception area. Entry to the Main Reception area can be accessed via Gate E.

**The Finance Office** has relocated to the old Primary Office building, entry will be via Gate B or the pedestrian gate on Williamsons Road.



## CANTEEN

The College wishes to advise parents of changes to the canteen arrangements for Prep–Year 6 across the week commencing December 10 through to December 14.

Please refer to information below in relation to these changes.

DAY/DATE	
Monday 10/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited counter service at lunchtime only for students in Year 4-6</li> <li>No 'over the counter' meals; snack food only</li> <li>Lunch orders through Flexi-schools only (may be limited availability of menu items)</li> </ul>
Tuesday 11/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NO</b> counter service</li> <li>Lunch orders through Flexi-schools only (may be limited availability of menu items)</li> <li>Lunch orders to be collected by students from South Admin. <b>for today only</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday 12/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counter service at lunchtime only for students in Year 4-6</li> <li>No 'over the counter' hot meals; snack food only</li> <li>Lunch orders through Flexi-schools only (may be limited availability of menu items)</li> </ul>
Thursday 13/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Counter service at lunchtime only for students in Year 4 and 5</li> <li>No 'over the counter' meals; snack food only</li> </ul>

DAY/DATE	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch orders through Flexi-schools only (may be limited availability of menu items)</li> </ul>
Friday 14/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>NO</b> counter service</li> <li>Lunch orders through Flexi-schools only (may be limited availability of menu items)</li> <li>All lunch orders to be delivered by maintenance staff to Primary houses at 12.15 for early lunch at 12.30 <b>for today only.</b></li> </ul>

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### Resource Centre News



As the holidays are approaching now is the time to return items on loan and for returning students in Years 5-11 in 2018, the opportunity to borrow some of our wonderful books for holiday reading. Books currently on loan should be returned by the following dates:

#### Early Learning -Year 6 Monday, December 10

Once students have returned all their items, they may borrow for the holidays during their last week of school. Books borrowed for the holidays must be returned promptly at the start of Term 1 2019. Students in Years 5 – 9 can borrow up to four items and students in Years 10 – 12 can borrow up to six items each.

For those students in P-4, there is still plenty of time to come into the Resource Centre to read, join our end of term activities and admire the Christmas tree beautifully decorated by Deanna, Chelsea, Charley and Tafadzwa.

Last week we farewelled Jai Compton who has been working one day a week in the Resource Centre as a School Based Apprentice Trainee in Library and Information Services. Jai's contribution widely appreciated by staff and students.

Finally, a big Thank You to acknowledge our regular Library Monitors Deanna Marychurch, Isabella Marton, Tahlia Trenevaska, Marnie Carton-Rigney, Luciana Pastrana Martinez, Divinia Kihara and Shayne Tinashe Manyere who have consistently assisted with shelving and loans desk duties in 2018.

**Ms Sue Patterson**  
**Head of Resource Centre**

## COMMUNITY MASS

