

College Bulletin: Term 2 - 2014

With Term 2 drawing to an end, Semester 1, 2014 has now concluded. Below are some important updates regarding matters at Marymede Catholic College.

Communication

Marymede continually works to improve and ensure the efficiency of all forms of communication between the College and its families. In Term 2 we launched our eNewsletter, a new, easy to read and navigate version of the College newsletter which is emailed to parents fortnightly and can also be accessed through our website.

Throughout Term 2 we continued to use email as a predominate method of communication with members of the Marymede Community. We advise families to check their emails on a regular basis to keep up to date with correspondence from the College. Those without a valid email address submitted will risk missing out on valuable news and information. Other methods of receiving information include visiting the College website, Facebook page or reading the Newsletter.

Should you have a change in contact details such as home address, phone numbers or email address, please contact the Main Office on 9407-9000 to submit the new information, alternatively you may also wish to email the change to registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au. This is imperative in ensuring that communication to and from the College remains efficient and consistent.

Facilities Update

At the commencement of Term 2, the new permanent Year 6 classroom blocks were opened and are now being used by our Year 6 students.

Construction of the new roadway and car park at the northern side of the campus is now complete and it is expected that all remaining areas will be open by the commencement of Term 3. This will see additional car spaces and drop-off/pick-up areas made available to families. An updated map and layout of this space can be found by visiting www.marymede.vic.edu.au/news/newroadwaylayout. The parking area at gate D is not a drop-off/pick-up zone and will soon be fitted with automatic gates to ensure that the space is available to visitors only. Parents are continually reminded that the College car park and drop-off/pick-up areas are required to remain a safe environment for all students therefore parents should continue to act in a responsible and respectful manner in these areas at all times.

During the Term 2 holidays, House 2 and 3 in the Primary School will be fitted out with new carpet with the remaining Primary houses to receive new carpet later in the year.

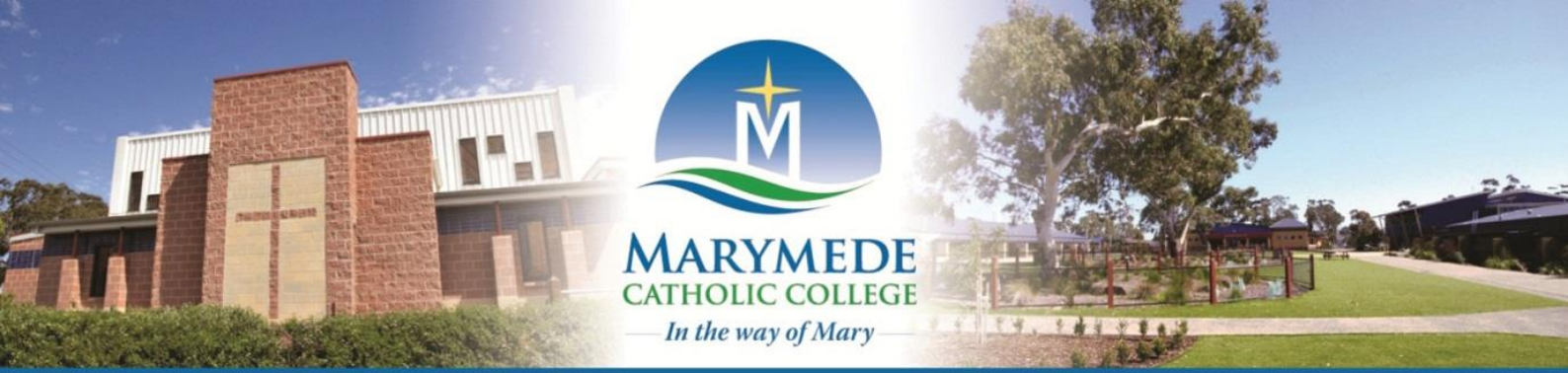
Families can be proud of the excellent facilities available to them at Marymede and can be assured that the College Master Plan is continually updated to ensure all students, staff and parents are provided with a complete education in the best educational environment possible.

Appointment of New Principal

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Michael Kenny as the new Marymede Catholic College Principal to commence January 2015. Michael is currently Principal of Assumption College Kilmore where he has been leading that community for the past nine years. He is a highly regarded educator and brings to his leadership of our College his many experiences which will well serve our College community. Prior to his appointment at Assumption College Michael has served as a successful Principal and educator in other Catholic Colleges in Australia.

We congratulate and welcome Michael and assure him of our support in the coming decade.





Catholic Identity

Throughout Term 2 the College celebrated Chanel, McCormack and Marcellin Guild Masses, all of which were immensely successful celebrations that included the participation of many students and their respective Heads of Guild. Each Mass was a perfect example of the outstanding Guild spirit that can be found at Marymede.

The Year 11 Reflection Day was aimed at giving students a taste of what 'disadvantage' and 'marginalisation' mean, through face-to-face engagement with people in these situations. They visited 7 Outreach places in the city of Melbourne and 1 in West Heidelberg and conversed with the residents as well as the volunteers. The Year 12 Retreat at Rutherford Park Country Retreat in Blampied near Daylesford, was also an outstanding success evidenced by positive feedback from our students, staff and parents. Students spent this 3-day retreat engaged in a number of varying activities which enabled them to be reflective and creative about their spirituality and relationships.

Finally, our Primary and Secondary Masses of the Sacred Heart brought the busiest Term of the School year to a grand finale. We thank our Chaplain Fr Cooney for celebrating each Mass where representatives of St Vincent de Paul, the charity which receives our donations of food and hygiene requisites presented a Certificate of Appreciation to our student leaders in Primary and Secondary School.

We look forward to Term 3 with great enthusiasm with both the Year 3 Reconciliation, and Year 4 First Eucharist taking place in the coming months.

Scholarships

Scholarship testing took place at Marymede Catholic College in Term 2 with students entering into Year 5, 7 & 9 in 2015 having an opportunity to apply for Academic, General Excellence and Music Scholarships. Shortlisting has since concluded and Scholarship interviews will take place early in Term 3.

Progress Interviews

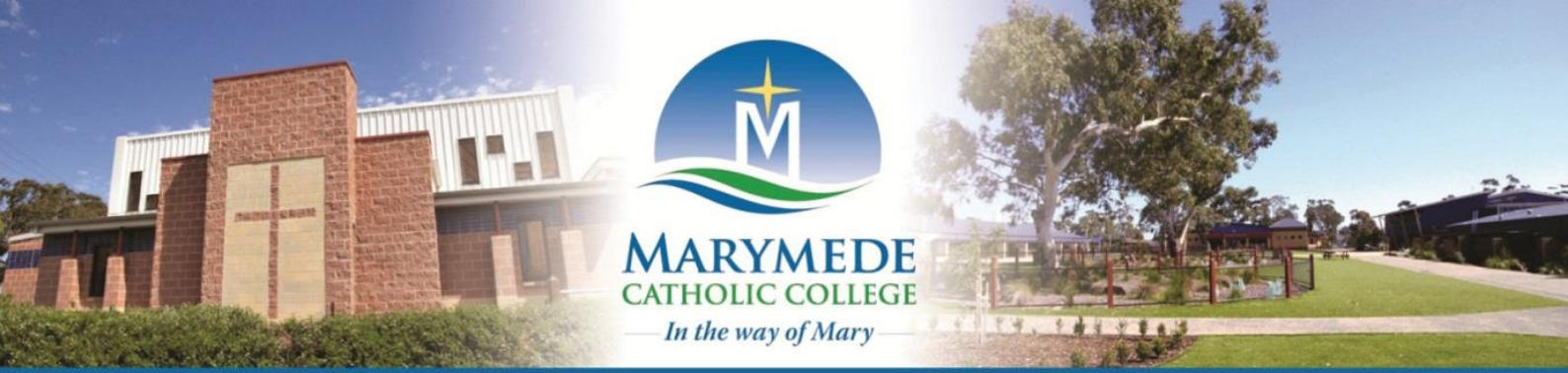
Parent, Teacher and Student progress interviews will be conducted on Wednesday August 6 for Secondary School students ONLY between 10:00am–8:00pm. Information regarding PTO login details and instructions on how to book an interview will be sent to families in the coming weeks. Secondary School students will NOT be required to attend classes on this day however, School will take place as normal for Primary School students (P-6).

Parent, Teacher and Student progress interviews will be conducted on Thursday September 11 for Primary School students between 10:00am–8:00pm. Information regarding PTO login details and instructions on how to book an interview will be sent to families in the coming weeks. Primary School students will NOT be required to attend classes on this day however Secondary School students will be required to attend School as normal on this day.

New College Website

During Term 2 our new College website went live. The new website can be accessed via www.marymede.vic.edu.au. The increased functionality on the new website enhances the experience of users and will allow us to upload regular news, photos and events with ease, along with a full College Calendar which will be of large benefit to our families. We encourage all members of the Marymede Community to visit the new website, which will currently be best viewed on a laptop or desktop device; however we anticipate a mobile device version of the website to be up and running in the coming months.





Annie

The 2014 College Production of 'Annie' hit the stage at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre during Term 2 with opening night taking place on Thursday May 15. Further shows were held on Friday May 16 and Saturday May 17. Marymede students from Years 5-12 put on yet another outstanding and talented performance. Congratulations to all who took part in the show, the hard work and determination shown through planning, rehearsals and commitment to the College Production over the past 6 months was the central factor of the show's success.

Enrolments

During Term 2 the College concluded the application processes for both Year 7 and Prep in 2015. Letters of offer were posted out to families of both intakes. The demand for places at Marymede is both strong and growing with a significant increase in applications from 2013. Marymede continues to be a leading provider of education in the Northern suburbs. Our College adheres to enrolment policies set out by the Catholic Education Office Melbourne. Year 7 2016 applications are now open and will close on February 27, 2015. The College will hold a Year 7 2016 Information Evening on Wednesday July 23 from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

School Bus

Marymede Catholic College is now taking bookings for our chartered Bus service in Semester 2. In Term 2 we ran three chartered buses to and from the College each day. It is anticipated that this will continue in Term 3 and 4 (subject to numbers). Bus passes are available at a cost of \$575 (Semester 2 daily AM and PM run), or \$330 (Semester 2 daily AM **OR** PM run). These will be allocated to students on a first come, first serve basis. Additionally casual passes will be available subject to availability at \$4 each way. Bus timetables and routes along with our School Bus Service Agreement can be found on our College Website. For further information regarding the School Bus service please contact the College on 9407-9000.

College Canteen

The College Canteen Menu will change in Term 3. The updated menu can be found at www.marymede.vic.edu.au/quick/canteen. To register for the Canteen online ordering service, please visit www.flexischools.com.au. We remind families the College Canteen is now open on Saturdays from 8.00am - 3.00pm to cater for those families attending Saturday sport. We are currently seeking volunteers to assist each day in the Canteen throughout 2014; any parents interested can email canteen@marymede.vic.edu.au.

Facebook Page

The College Facebook page continues to be a strong source of communication to parents, students and the wider community regarding up-to-date news and events occurring on a daily basis here at our College. It is great to see so many members of our College Community actively engage with the page. Please note that a Facebook account is NOT required to view the page. We encourage all parents to visit and 'like' the Facebook page however the page is not to be used as an open forum on school related matters. Marymede reserves the right to remove any comments that are deemed to be inappropriate from the page.

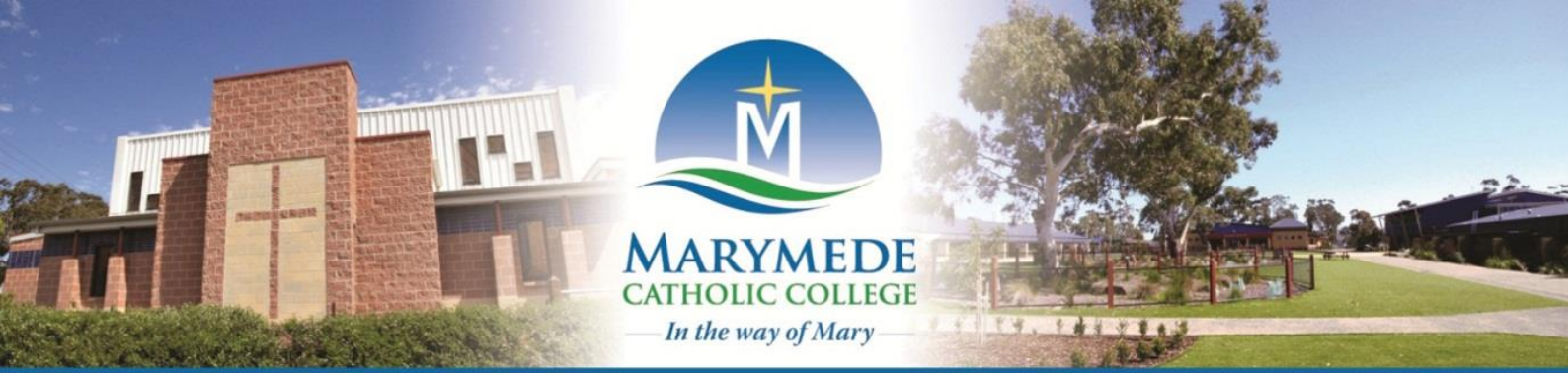
College Open Day

The 2014 Open Day will take place on Sunday August 31, between 11.00am - 3.00pm. We anticipate this year's event to be even bigger and better than 2013. We strongly encourage all members of both the Marymede and wider local Community to visit us on this day. Further information regarding Open Day will be communicated to families in the coming weeks.

College Fete

The 2013 Marymede Fete was a huge success and the College looks forward to the 2014 Fete with great enthusiasm. The 2014 Marymede Fete will take place on Saturday November 22. The Parents & Friends Committee is currently seeking donations, sponsors and volunteers for the 2014 event. Any families wishing to contribute can contact paf@marymede.vic.edu.au





Term 3, 2014 will commence on Monday July 14 (students to wear full College **Winter** uniform)

Term 3 Important Dates

- Friday July 18 – Year 8 Reflection Day
- Sunday July 20 – First Eucharist (St. Patrick's Cathedral)
- Wednesday July 23 – Year 5 Secondary School Experience
- Wednesday July 23 – Year 7 2016 Information Evening (7.00pm – 8.00pm)
- Monday July 28 - Co-Curricular School Photos
- Wednesday July 30 – Year 7 Reflection Day
- Friday August 1 – Primary School Guild Walk to School Day
- Wednesday August 6 – Secondary School Progress Interviews (No Classes for Students in Years 7-12)
- Wednesday August 13 – Marymede Day
- Tuesday August 26 – McAuley Feast Day
- Friday August 29 – All Students P-12 Conclude at 1.25pm
- Sunday August 31 – Open Day & Creativity Festival (11.00am – 3.00pm)
- Wednesday September 3 – Reconciliation (Chapel)
- Thursday September 4 – Reconciliation (Chapel)
- Friday September 5 – Prep Father's Day Assembly
- Thursday September 11 - Primary School Progress Interviews (No Classes for Students in Years P-6)
- Friday September 12 – Year 11 Formal
- Saturday September 13 – Sunday September 14 – Growing Good Men Weekend
- Thursday September 18 – Footy Day (Prep – Year 12)
- Friday September 19 – Term 3 Concludes (Prep – Year 12)

(For more dates along with a full College Calendar please visit our website at www.marymede.vic.edu.au)

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