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CATHOLIC COLLEGE

A COMPLETE EDUCATION  
A PREP TO YEAR 12 CATHOLIC CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The VCE Unit 3 & 4 Exams have ended and I congratulate many of our students for the hard work and level of commitment they have shown over the last few trying weeks.

They now anxiously await their results which will be released in mid-December. Thank you to our VCE Coordinator Mr. Vincenzo Rovetto for coordinating this examination period.

### Marymede 10th Anniversary Celebrations - 6/11

On Sunday 6/11 we invited back to the college former staff members as part of our 10th Anniversary celebrations. A number of staff commented to me on the beautiful grounds and the outstanding facilities now on offer to our students. The college has certainly come a long way in a relatively short period of time and I thank everyone connected to our college for their support over the past 11 years.

### Year 9 Exams

The Year 9 Exams begin on Monday 28/11 and as I have said on a number of occasions at our College Assemblies, those students who have made a commitment to their studies throughout the year can approach their exams with confidence.

### 2017 Year 11 & 12 Students

Next week our Year 11 & 12 2017 students will begin their orientation days. These classes are compulsory for our senior students returning to Marymede next year.

### 2017 Prep Orientation Sessions

This term we have had two orientation sessions for our 2017 Prep students. After school today we are meeting with our Prep parents to help them prepare for their son/daughter's entry into primary school next year.

A big thank you to the Prep Year Level Coordinator, Mrs Rita Casonato and her staff for their support in this transition program.

### Year 7 2017 Transition Parent Information Evening

A reminder to our Year 7 2017 parents that we will be holding a Transition Evening next Thursday 24/11 at 7.00pm in the Upstairs VCE building.

Senior staff members will be in attendance and the House Coordinators will be meeting with the parents whose son/daughter will be in their House to answer any questions about the transition into secondary school.

### National Futsal Championship

Last weekend our Year 10 boys Futsal team competed in the National Championships in Brisbane. The team reached the semi-final and were defeated by the eventual winning team from Mansfield College, 2-0.

Congratulations to the boys and their coach Mr. Derek McConn on both their performance and the way they represented Marymede Catholic College over the weekend.

### Secondary Awards Evening – 22/11

We look forward to filling the Fitness Centre next Tuesday at 7.00pm for one of the most important evenings on our College Calendar. I recommend that parents arrive 15 minutes early to allow time to park and walk to the centre.

The Awards Evening acknowledges students in Years 7-11 who have excelled through their academic achievement, commitment to their studies or through their contribution in another way at Marymede. We will also enjoy performances by our talented choir and musicians.

All Years 7-11 students are expected to attend in school uniform.

### Student Behaviour in the Wider Community

I have received an email from a concerned resident regarding students damaging properties in the vicinity of the college.

The resident informed the college that students have been witnessed damaging properties and gardens of some homes surrounding the college. I ask all students to please be respectful of our neighbours as we belong not only to the Marymede Community but also to the wider community of South Morang.

Kind Regards,

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

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

### Examinations and Commencement

This week Year 10 & 11 students have been completing their semester examinations and the Year 9s will undertake *their* semester examinations from Monday 28 November until Thursday 1 December.

Currently, for students in VCE, the final examinations held in Oct-November count for over 50% of their overall result for the year in their studies – one result, in one exam on one day has a huge influence over a year's work. And while exams are not the be-all-and-end-all of life and certainly are not the best way of judging a students' abilities, currently they are the simplest and most direct way for students to access a place at university.

In our recent Year 12 examinations, many of our students entered the examinations prepared, practised and ready to perform at their best. However, there was a small minority of students who found themselves, in Year 12, taking their examinations seriously for the first time and many of these students discovered they were at a significant disadvantage as a result. The reality is, we all get better with practice – better at studying, better at interpreting exam questions, better at managing anxiety, better at working to time limits, better at taking exams in general. And having the opportunity to practise – and to take practice seriously – means you have the opportunity to make mistakes when it doesn't matter so that you don't make mistakes when it does matter. The Year 9-11 examinations afford students that opportunity to practise and hone their skills to ensure when they step onto the 'big stage' of VCE they have effective skills to draw upon.

To this end, it is essential that the Year 9-11 examinations are a learning experience for students and there is an opportunity for students who experience difficulties with their examinations to have the opportunity to reflect on and, in Year 10 & 11, improve upon their performance. Following the examination, we will be following up with students who struggled significantly in their examinations to give them the opportunity to reflect on the obstacles they experienced and set targets for the future. Year 10 & 11 students who achieve below 50% on their examinations will be asked to resit these examinations where teachers believe the result is not a true reflection of their ability in the subject. These resits will take place on Thursday 1 December and students will be notified by the end of the previous week if they are required to complete a resit.

From Monday 21 to Wednesday 30, Year 10 & 11 students will commence their 2017 VCE Commencement Classes in order to begin preparatory work for their Unit 1-4 studies. This transition classes are extremely important to their preparation and all students are expected to attend the 8 days of classes. Students in the Commencement Program will receive holiday homework that must be completed over the break and submitted at their first class in 2017.

### Year 7 Enhanced Learning Program 2017

Letters of offer will be sent off to around 25 students enrolled in Year 7 in 2017 early next week inviting them to participate in our inaugural enhanced learning program group. This program will seek to extend and accelerate students' learning in their core areas of study, including English and Mathematics. Around two-thirds of the students invited into the program in 2017 are currently enrolled in Year 6 at Marymede, while the remainder are new enrolments in the College.

The selection of these students has been based on literacy and numeracy testing results along with teacher feedback. We are excited to be getting final preparations for this new program underway and believe that it will be a welcome addition to the range of programs that address students' individual learning needs at Marymede.

### P-9 Class groups

As mentioned in a recent newsletter, significant work is underway in constructing class groups for 2017 for years Prep to 9. The year level teams in primary have created proposed groupings and will seek extensive feedback on these from their primary colleagues and, in most cases, trial a range of groupings before determining the final class combinations for 2017. Given this extensive deliberation, when class groups are released later this year, we ask for your support of the decisions made about class groups and your understanding that requests for changes will not be possible.

Teachers seek to balance a huge range of factors in constructing effective, productive and balanced class groups. While students are understandably eager to be with their friends in their classes and some may be nervous or anxious about being separated, it is also essential that students develop the resilience to work with different people and to feel confident in their ability to establish new relationships. In several cases, we have found students have struggled in Year 7, when placed in House groups, or in the later years of secondary school when their subject choices dictate their class groups, when they have consistently been with the same friends throughout primary school and are separated for the first time after many years. As such, we would seek your support in speaking to your sons and/or daughters positively about changes of class groups and to reinforce that you are confident in their ability to manage change and form relationships in their new classes, while maintaining their friendships with existing friends on the yard and outside the classroom.

### P-4 Celebrations of Learning

This year's Prep to Year 4 Celebration of Learning on December 5 will adopt a new format this year, with a focus on celebrating the achievements of all students in their early years of Primary

School. Rather than presenting individual awards for a small number of students, each of the Year Levels will have the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the year and to put on a short performance – either live or, in some cases, in a film production on the big screen – to showcase their talents on the evening.

With students in these junior years still developing their skills as learners, this inclusive and collaborative format will allow all children the opportunity to play a key role in the evening and give all families the opportunity to celebrate in the achievements of a fantastic year. As a result of the change of format, the P-4 Celebrations of Learning will be combined in one event running from 6.30-8pm.

**Ms Tracey Kift**

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

## ACTING HEAD OF FAITH AND MISSION

### A True Act of Service

Here is a true example of being in the way of Mary and of service to others.

Emilia Liwanag from 4.2 has made a decision to help others. On Thursday October 28, Emilia made a decision to cut her hair and donate her long hair which she has been growing for a few years to the Variety Children's Charity- Princess Charlotte Alopecia Program. The foundation uses the donated hair to make wigs for children with Alopecia. This was such a beautiful and thoughtful decision that Emilia has made by helping other children to put a smile back on their face.

Well done Emilia for being of service to others.

### Term 4 Upcoming Faith and Mission Events:

- **Weekly Community Mass** – Wednesday 8am in the Chapel of Annunciation
- **First Sunday in Advent** – Sunday November 27

**Mrs Melinda Muir**

**Acting Head of Faith and Mission Prep – Year 12**

### Syrian Refugee Appeal

CatholicCare is a non-profit organisation who is devoted to helping those people who are marginalised in society as a consequence of poverty or other disadvantage. One of their local projects is to support, house and educate approximately 100 Syrian refugees in the nearby community of Eltham. The Year 2 level has pledged to support this Syrian refugee community in their greatest time of need.

We ask that you please consider supporting the work of CatholicCare by donating much needed everyday items; all of which will go directly to these families. In particular, we ask you to please donate the following:

- Toiletries and hygiene products for both women and men (for example, soaps, tissues, body lotions, lip balms, hair brushes, shaving cream, perfumes, aftershave, razors)

- Small toys for boys and girls (can be new or used – if used, we please request that the toys be in very good condition)
- Non-perishable food items which can be used to make a complete meal (such as canned soups and vegetables, pasta, sauces)

Please send your donations with your child to school and leave them in the Primary Office or Founders Office or in the designated tubs in the House 2 Open Learning Area.

We feel that this very important project is a timely reminder of the importance of giving as we mark the beginning of Advent; a time in which we celebrate life and hope for the future given to us by Christ.

We thank you in anticipation of your support.

**Ms Georgia Valcanas**

**Year2 Level Coordinator**

## DIRECTOR OF PRIMARY

### Celebrations of Learning

After reflection of previous years, the most enjoyable part of the ceremony has been the performances by your children. As a result this year's Celebration of Learning will have far greater focus on Celebrating the learning and achievements of all our students.

The Prep-Year 4 Celebration of Learning will be held in the Fitness Centre on Monday December 5 from 6.30pm-8.00pm.

In Prep – Year 4, we will no longer be presenting awards at the Celebration of Learning. Whilst we want to acknowledge student achievement and effort, we realise that younger children are still developing their dispositions toward learning and how to make choices which increase academic success. Teachers have seen the benefit and more significance in awarding student achievement and effort within Year Level assemblies, where greater relevance can be made for the student. It also allows for greater number of awards to be given across the year, to a wider variety of students.

The Year 5 & 6 Celebration of Learning will be held in the Fitness Centre on Wednesday December 7 from 7.00pm - 8.30pm.

In Year 5 & 6, the Celebration of Learning will follow a Liturgy. A presentation will be made to acknowledge the completion of Primary schooling for our Year 6 students prior to a shortened Award Ceremony.

In addition to the Leadership and SRC awards, teachers will award 3 students per class either, The Academic Excellence Award for outstanding achievement and excellence, and/or The Endeavour Award for demonstrating excellent work habits and consistent effort. In addition to this, one student in Year 6 will be selected to receive the 'Marion Award' for 'exemplary modelling of Christian Service In the way of Mary'.

We anticipate this years' Celebration of Learning to be a true Celebration showcasing all the wonderful experiences, learning, events and achievements of each year level. The performance and presentations will really show the talents and development of the students throughout the year.



## CAMPUS CO-ORDINATOR PREP – YEAR 12

### Remembrance Day

Our 2017 College Captains Angelique Milevski, Allen Shaji and Primary Captains Ethan Jessel and Chloe Gravina, represented Marymede Catholic College at the Whittlesea RSL Remembrance Day service on Friday November 11. Each spoke of the way they were moved by the significance of remembering those who have died.



### Transition 2017 – Prep and Year 7

**Prep Twilight Orientation Session:** Thursday 17 November, 4.00pm (Prep House)

**Prep Parent Information Session:** Thursday 17 November, 4.00pm (Auditorium)

**Year 7 2017 Parent Information Evening:** Thursday 24 November, 7.00pm (Auditorium)

For the Year 7 2017 Parent Information Evening, there is no requirement for students to attend this event. Part of the evening for Year 7 Parents will be meeting your child's House Co-ordinator and Student Leaders.

**Ms Julia Wake**

**Campus Co-ordinator Prep - Year 12**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

### Year 8 Science Expo – Living Systems Unit

The unit on Living Systems saw the Year 8 Science teachers take on the role of facilitator, encouraging students to become the leaders in their own learning. As a group, students investigated one human body system displaying information relating to the organs, their structure, role within the system and role of the system in sustaining human life.

In addition to content, this learning process encouraged students to work collaboratively, provided opportunities for developing negotiation skills, required students to problem solve, however allowed for creativity in the design, presentation and transfer of knowledge. Students presented their end product in an Expo-style presentation. Thank you to Mr Ferguson, Ms Lappin and Ms Savaglia's Year 5 and 7 classes who visited the Year 8.6 Science class Expo, where they were able to learn through interactive activities available at each station.



### Year 8 Science Excursion – Werribee Open Range Zoo

As part of the Science program at Year 8 students have been studying Living Systems. On Friday, November 4 the Year 8 students visited the Werribee Open Range Zoo to partake in the Eat or be Eaten education session. Students explored the adaptations that animals have to obtain digest food and avoid being eaten themselves. They also classified animals based on their diet and dentition, and looked at the interactions between species to create food webs.

As part of this visit, students experienced a Zoo Bus Tour, where they observed animals in their environments. During the tour, the driver provided commentary on the adaptations the animal have for survival in this environment, linking perfectly with the morning education sessions.



**Ms Nikole Cymbalak**  
**Secondary Teacher**

### Unit 2 Psychology – Melbourne Museum and City Excursion: Learning beyond the classroom

On October 25, the Unit 2 Psychology class visited the Melbourne Museum and city area as part of their Area of Study – Perception.

Starting at the museum, we tested the theory of the wondrous Ames Room. Physically experiencing the sloping floor and asymmetrical layout provided us with a much better understanding the visual perception principles associated with

this room. We also had the opportunity to interact further with visual perception principles such as Gestalt's principles, Muller-Lyer illusion and colour blind tests.

We were lucky enough to be invited into a new exhibition which had just opened a week earlier. We spent some time in the Biomedical Breakthroughs area where we had great fun with the fantastic Accuvein, which we used to test who had the best and most veins.

In the afternoon we completed our own Melbourne City Vision & Taste Perception Tour. In preparation for our upcoming SAC, we walked through Melbourne City, taking photos of visual perception principles. During our lunch break we undertook a taste perception session where we discussed the impact of food and environment related to the taste perception principles we have been studying.



**Ms Nikole Cymbalak**  
**Secondary Teacher**  
**And**  
**Mr Ebadat Dhillon**  
**Year 10 Student**

## 2016 AV Schools Championships

On November 5, Reuben Hayes represented Marymede at the Athletics Victoria Schools Championships in the Under 16 Boys 200m. Reuben who won the overall individual champion at the recent SACCSS Athletics meet had been training hard with his Coach and on the night ran a personal best of 23.5 seconds. It was fantastic to see Reuben's hard work pay off with a PB and we wish Reuben all the best with his training to qualify for next year's Nationals in April.

## Year 8 SACCSS Premiere League Grand Finals

### Volleyball:

The Year 8 Girls Volleyball Team had a very successful Premier League season. They played 5 games during the season against Kolbe, Salesian, Penola, St Monica's and CRC North Keilor. Marymede managed to win 4 out of the 5 games which got them into the semi-finals. They versed Mackillop who were undefeated in their pool. It was a tough game as there were only

2 to 3 points difference to finish each set. Though Marymede didn't let their nerves get the better of them and won 3 sets to 0, securing a spot into the grand final against Emmanuel.

The key for the final for Marymede was to win the first set to get a lead and Marymede did just that winning 25-19. This gave the team a confidence boost going into the rest of the game. In the second set, players rotated and they won 25-14. In the third set everyone had a go on the court and they all stepped up with a 25-17 win, securing 3 sets to 0.

It was great to see everyone having fun, gelling as a team and improving their skills throughout the season. Special mentions to Hannah Healy, Rachel Alex and Pedia Sibanda on consist serving throughout the season, Hayley Smyth, Alida Hemmatjoo, and Natalia Divitcos for working hard to improve their serving and volleyball skills and Jasmine Micevski, Ann Anil and Teneeka Williams on doing a fantastic job in the front line. Also thank you to Claudia Forte and Paris Schmiedel for helping the team and to Phebe James Paul for scoring. Well done on your first premiership in SACCSS Volleyball girls.



**Miss Vanessa Clifford**  
**AFL Trainee**

### Soccer Coach:

Our Year 8 Boys Soccer Team managed to go one further this year and make the grand final. The boys were up against a tough side in Emmanuel who were the team that defeated them last year in the Year 7 semi-final. They knew they had a tough task ahead for this match and had much of the ball early on in the game. After a long, hard and physical match the boys were beaten 6-2 against a well deserving side in Emmanuel.

Well done on the boys for hosting their first grand final at Marymede, and I'm sure there will be many more meetings against the 2016 winners in years to come. Special mention to the boys for their committed efforts at training this year, their coach Mr Derek McConn on his 3rd grand final for 2016 and thank you to all the parents who came and supported the boys throughout the season.





**Ms Natalie Savage**  
**Head of Sport**

## Australasian Futsal Championships

Last week Marymede sent 11 students to Brisbane to complete in the Australasian Futsal Championships in the colleges first interstate sporting competition.

James Tsafkas, captain of the team, has included this reflection of their experience.

We gathered at Melbourne airport at 6.00am where we were ready for an exciting take off to the Australasian Futsal Championships. When we landed in Brisbane, we were quick to notice the heat. After this we travelled in our mini bus to the apartments where we left our bags and relaxed. We then went to the shops to top up food for the next few days we were up in Brisbane. Later that night we all got together and enjoyed a nice BBQ where all boys contributed to cooking the food and share in a team discussion to plan our attack for the tournament.

Friday was the first day of the tournament. We got up nice and early for breakfast and then left for our game which was at 9.40 am. Our first game was a tough one where we won 4-3 against fellow Melburnians Sirius. After this game we recovered at the futsal centre awaiting our second game against Southern Cross. We were very unfortunate with this game suffering a 4-3 loss. We played our last game for the day and won 8-5. This put us in a good spot to make the finals.

Our second day of play kicked off with a game against Marumba where we lost in a very close match 4-3. Game two of day two saw us come up against Marsden. We won this game 6-2 and represented our best performance of the tournament. Our last match of day two was a difficult test in a very heated game. The game did not end well leaving us in a must win position in the next to make finals.

We reached the final day of play, and with a great game and result going our way we achieved our goal of making finals. Our semi final was against a team we lost during the rounds which meant we had our work cut out for us. The game ended 2-0 to Mansfield which saw us out of the competition.

At completion of the Tournament we were able to share in a team dinner in Brisbane and rest up and reflect for an exciting opportunity on Monday which was attending the Queensland Academy of Sport where we toured and experienced a little bit of an elite athletes everyday life where we met past and present Olympians.

As a team, we would like to say thank you to Mr McConn, Mr Doherty and Ms Kane who supported us throughout the trip. It

was a wonderful trip and is one we would love to do again in the future and perhaps go one better.



**Mr James Tsafkas**  
**Year 10 student**

## REMAR PROGRAM

Remar is Youth Ministry Program that has been introduced to Marymede Catholic College this year.

On November 2, the Year 9 cohort took part in a Remar Recruitment Day where they were introduced to the program. Then, from November 2 – 4, those who were interested joined their new Helm, Kathy Di Francesco, along with Liam McCormack and five of this year's Year 10 Red Rowers on a three day camp experience. On arrival, they were welcomed by Damo and Emily, two of Remar's Youth Ministers who would lead them through the beginning of their journey. Throughout the duration of the camp, the Year 9s participated in sessions where they explored different forms of prayer and Remar's four spokes: Community, Leadership; Skills and Knowledge, Faith Development, and Ministry and Service.

There was a clear separation between groups at the beginning of the camp, but as they experienced more as one community, they opened up to each other and by the time the camp to an end, they had all become close friends.

As they begin their Remar journey alongside Mrs Di Francesco, we, the Red Rowers, wish them all the best and hope they share the same positive experiences as us.

**Mrs Kathy Di Francesco**  
**Secondary classroom Teacher**

## STEM at Marymede

This semester, the Year 9 Media students completed a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) project as part of their assessment for the unit on 'Advertising'. In small teams, they were required to develop and produce a press kit that promoted flu vaccinations in Australia in the form of a television commercial and a print advertisement.

This STEM project was developed in collaboration with Seqirus Australia (one of the world's largest influenza vaccine manufacturing companies), the Australian Industry Group (Ai Group), and Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM). It was piloted at Marymede Catholic College and the project was quite unique in that it explored Science in the field of Media and Communications. Further to this, the students' work was being

created for a real audience and a real client, and it addressed a real issue in our society.



*Year 9 Media students during production.*

The final phase required students to present and pitch the work they created to the client. Representatives from Seqirus and the Ai Group visited Marymede on Friday October 28 to speak with the Year 9s, watch their presentations, and give them feedback.



*Students with Chris Larkins (Vice President Operations), Narelle Urli (Senior Director Manufacturing), Christina Hickie (Senior Manager Communications) and Maggie Farrell (Manager STEM Skills Project).*

Special thanks to Ms Marisa Bortolotto for initiating the project; Ms Kylie Buttigieg for working with the Media students and inspiring them; and Ms Julia Wake for her ongoing support.

### **Iris: The 4th Annual Media Showcase**

You are cordially invited to attend a one-night only screening of student films and animations. Iris will showcase outstanding media products created by the highest-achieving Year 9-12 Media and VET Media students, and members of the Marymede Film School. The program includes short films, music videos, documentaries, news stories, movie trailers, 2D animations and exemplary work produced by VCE Media graduates.

Please join us on Monday November 21 in the College Auditorium and help us celebrate the creative accomplishments of the Media students at Marymede Catholic College.

Walk the red carpet from 6.30pm and enjoy some free popcorn and fairy floss as you talk to the filmmakers before the world premiere at 7.00pm in the Theatre.

The dress code for Iris is black and white, semi-formal.

We look forward to seeing you there.

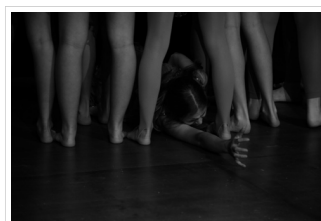


**Mr Jeremy Guzman**  
**Head of Visual Arts**

### **Top Acts Performing Arts Concert**

The 2nd Annual Top Acts Performing Arts Concert was presented to a full house on Thursday 2nd November. Congratulations to the following participants:

Alexandra Taylor, Alicia Bokhaazi, Anugi Perera, Ashling West, Candace Roach, Charlotte Nicolaou, Chelsea Garraway, Deanna Fragale, Eve Hatzis, Felicity Day, Fern Hughes, Grace Demarte, Grace Wake, Helsen Cross, Jayle Cavus, Jennifer Russos, Kaiya Camilleri, Kundai Katsidzira, Larissa Skenderis, Makayla Simpson, Melissa Nicolo, Michael Kyrididis, Morgan Brand, Nanette Mangoba, Natalia Divitocos, Natalia Panetta, Olivia Roberts, Paulene Roflo, Salma Othman, Sharlah McBain, Stephanie Camacho, Stephanie Sallas, Talia Cincotta, Tayla Porchia, Tori Evans, Verity Colosimo



**Ms Angie Bedford**  
**Head of Performing Arts**



## REGISTRAR NEWS

### Expression of Interview – Chartered Bus Service 2017

Any family interested in using our 2017 Bus service is asked to please submit their details via:

<http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/news/school-bus-2017-registrar>

### Exit Forms

Any family not returning to the College in 2016 is required to complete an Exit Form and return back to the Main Office as soon as possible. To collect an Exit Form please visit the Main Office.

### Email Addresses

Please be reminded that if you change your personal contact details via CareMonkey you are also required to list these changes with the College. To submit an email address or check your existing email address, please contact the College or email [registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au).

### 2018 Enrolments

Applications for Year 7 and Prep in 2018 are now open and will close in February and May respectively. Additionally, applications for Year 7 2019 are open now and will close in August 2017. This is a significant change to previous enrolment processes and will affect students who currently attend an external Primary School and are a sibling of a current Secondary student at the College.

**Mr Matthew Luczek**  
**Registrar**

## BUSINESS OFFICE

### Student Supervision Before and After School

The safety and wellbeing of our students at Marymede is very important to us. We are very fortunate at Marymede Catholic College to have an on-site provider of Before and After School Care provided by Camp Australia.

This service provided by and administered enables parents/guardians to access care for their primary school aged child/ren in the mornings and afternoons outside of the times that teachers are on supervision duty in the College grounds.

Before School Care provided by Camp Australia runs from 6:30am – 8:45am, Monday to Friday and After School Care runs from 3:15pm – 6:00pm, Monday to Friday. Before and after these times, there is no supervision provided by the College on the College grounds.

**The teachers commence their yard duty supervision in the playground at 8:20am and it concludes at 3:40pm. Unless a student is attending Before School Care and/or After School Care, no students should be on the College campus before 8:20am or after 3:40pm.**

### New Booklist Supplier – OfficeMax

During 2016 the college investigated various options for the supply Booklist items to Parents in 2017. Therefore the college has decided to use OfficeMax online from next year, we are positive this change will help parents make more informed selections and financially beneficial.

### About Our New Supplier

OfficeMax Australia are proud to partner with Marymede Catholic College to provide all of your child's high school requirements for 2017.

OfficeMax has a strong heritage in the education market; our links to Australian schools date back over 100 years. Our team has significant experience in the provision of curriculum resources to Australian schools. We have over 50 dedicated School Client Executives who provide personalised support to our schools. Marymede Catholic College's representative has been working with Marymede Catholic College for several years and will be supported by our expert schools team which includes Education, Textbook and Technology Specialists with decades of experience in this industry. Free home delivery is offer for all families who place their orders prior to 10.00pm December 4, 2016.

### Delivery

OfficeMax will deliver all orders direct to parents. All orders can be tracked online through the Australia Post e-parcel network.

### Delivery Timing

OfficeMax is committed to working with Marymede Catholic College to ensure that all students and teachers are prepared with all they need to start the new school year. Orders are posted direct to parents as soon as orders are completed.

### Back Orders – Covered!

In the unlikely event that a product is put on backorder parents are immediately notified. Once the product is back in stock it is posted directly to parents; there is no delivery cost for backorders.

### Carparking – Drop-off & Pickup Areas

We are very concerned at the increasingly dangerous driving practices around the School at drop off and pick up times.

We know the start and end of the school day can be hectic for parents and finding parking can be a challenge but it has become clear that the community is no longer prepared to tolerate unsafe and illegal traffic behaviour.

We have implemented various measures to try and reduce congestion in local streets and at the same time ensure the safety of our students. We are working with the Whittlesea City Council with regards to increase supervision in this area.

The College is constantly informed by Parents that Drivers are:

- Double Parking on Williamsons Road
- Blocking Pedestrian crossings
- Speeding in Drop off/Pickup zone
- Parking in the Drop off/Pickup zone



- Exiting from Exit Only gates
- Blocking Entry Gates

This was particularly dangerous for cars trying to park at the College and pedestrians and students who were trying to cross the road to reach the School.

We share the concern of our community and urge you to consider your child's safety and the safety of others when you are dropping off and picking up from the school. Please also bear in mind that as a parent of Marymede Catholic College you represent the school; we do not want our good name in the wider community to be tainted by the thoughtlessness of some members of our community.

We thank you for your cooperation and support in this important matter.

**Mr Paul Romanin**  
**Business Manager**

## NURSES

### Hayfever

Hay fever is the common name for a condition called allergic rhinitis, which means an allergy that affects the nose and eyes. During spring and summer when airborne pollens from grasses are at their peak, we see an increased number of students with hay fever symptoms in the sick bay. This is disruptive to both students and staff with a high number of students coming to the sick bay during class time. A reminder to all parents to please give your child their antihistamine medication before they come to school.

The nurses have a small supply of medication which is to be used in the case of an emergency. Students who suffer from hay fever need to bring in their own supply of medication to be kept in the sick bay. Under no circumstances are students to carry their own medication on them at school.

Last week we saw on average 100 students per day in the sick bay. One day in particular we saw 170 students. The majority of these students were suffering from hay fever. We are asking for your support to please give or remind your child to take their antihistamine medication before coming to school.

The College nurses appreciate your assistance and understanding.

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS

### UPCOMING EVENTS – Family Movie Night 19 November

Make it a family evening on Saturday Night at Marymede, watching 'Zootopia' on the College Oval with BBQ, Rocky Road and the drawing of the Major Raffle. Details are on the flyer attached. Gates open for 6.30pm, movie begins 8.00pm.

Fundraising for education resources for the Philippines Immersion in December and for Parent's and Friends Committee.