



14 November 2019

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

The VCE Units 3 & 4 Exams finish next Wednesday. I congratulate many of our students for the level of commitment they have shown to their studies over the last few trying weeks. A big thank you for our VCE Coordinator, Vincenzo Rovetto for his efforts in ensuring that the examinations have run so smoothly.

Year 9 Exams

The Year 9 Exams begin on Wednesday 4 December and I have said to our students on a number of occasions that those students who have made a strong commitment to their studies this semester can approach their exams with confidence.

Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5 students and a number of staff will be spending three days together at the Lady Northcote Recreation Camp starting Wednesday 27 November. The camp offers a number of challenging outdoor physical activities for our students. I wish all involved an enjoyable camp experience.

Cyber Safety

We have invited Susan McLean, who is a leading presenter on Cyber Safety, to the College to speak to our Years 4, 6 and 7 students on Wednesday 20 November. We have also booked Susan to speak to any interested parents that evening, commencing at 7.00pm. I strongly encourage parents to attend what promises to be a most informative presentation on the challenges the youth of today face in their use of Social Media.

Staffing

Our Secondary School enrolments will increase by over 100 next year and we forecast that in the next four years, there will be significant growth in our student numbers. In light of this increase in our student enrolments, I have appointed two new

Deputy Principals to start from the beginning of the 2020 school year.

David Broadbent will take up a new position as Deputy Principal Staff & Operations P-12. David is currently the Assistant Principal at Nazareth College. Jessica Hall will take over the Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12 position vacated by our current Deputy Principal, Tracey Kift. Jessica is currently the Director of Studies at Ave Maria College.

I am delighted that David and Jessica will be joining our Senior Leadership Team at Marymede next year.

Gerard Large is in the Acting Sports Domain Leader (7-12) role whilst Ann-Marie O'Hare is on Maternity Leave. We congratulate Gerard on this appointment.

Prep 2020 Orientation: 14/11

This afternoon our Prep teachers will be spending time with their 2020 students. Our Prep Transition Coordinator, Krystal Crichton, has been very happy with the way the students have taken to the Gearing Up for School sessions, held over the past three months.

We also look forward to meeting our incoming Prep parents in the Auditorium. This will give our staff the opportunity to help prepare parents for their child's introduction to Primary School next year.

2020 Years 11 & 12 Students

The Commencement Program for our 2020 Years 11 & 12 students starts next Monday 18 November. These classes are compulsory for our Senior students returning to the College next year.

Secondary Awards Evening: 19 November

We look forward to a large crowd in attendance at our Secondary Awards Evening which will be held in the Fitness Centre on Tuesday 19 November, commencing at 7.00pm. I recommend 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 achievements,

commitment to their students or through their contribution in any other way at Marymede.

All of our Years 7-11 students are expected to attend, dressed in their school uniform.

Visual Arts & Technology Exhibition

Last night, I attended the opening of the Visual Arts & Technology Exhibition. Congratulations to the students and their teachers on the quality of the work which was on display.

Before School Supervision

I have noticed in recent times that a growing number of students are arriving at school well before staff Yard Duty. I ask parents to please support us by not dropping your children at school before 8.20am as they are not being supervised and we want to prevent accidents happening.

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING NEWS PREP – YEAR 12

Commencement

Students enrolled in VCE in 2020 will begin their Commencement Program next week and complete a full cycle of classes in their new studies. In organising the program, Commencement lessons are taught by a suitably qualified teacher and prepared by the Domain team to ensure they are a meaningful and essential program for students. However, due to a range of factors, the teachers allocated to the class for Commencement are not an indication of the teacher who will be taking the class in 2020. Students will have their 2020 teachers confirmed when timetables are released on SIMON in late January 2020.

Students will be issued holiday homework to complete in their Commencement classes. This homework is an important part of their preparations for 2020 and all students must have the completed tasks ready to submit by their first classes next year. We recommend students review the homework carefully by December 16 to ensure they can email teachers to ask any clarifying questions prior to teachers commencing their holiday break; not understanding the task will not be accepted as an excuse for non-submission.

Year 7, 8 and 9 Enhanced Learning Program 2019

We were inundated by applications for our 8X and 9X classes for 2019 and have been very impressed by the calibre of the candidates – making final selection a very challenging task! We have also begun the process of selection for our Enhanced Learning Classes for Year 7 next year. We will be creating two year-long Enhanced groups in Year 7 2020, in order to give as many students as possible an experience of this type of learning before deciding in Term 3 2020 whether to apply for a permanent space in the X-classes for Year 8 and 9.

Given the number of outstanding applicants, the selection process will continue over the next few weeks and we

anticipate letters of offer will be sent out to students in final weeks of the term.

Ms. Tracey Kift
Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12

DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

Walk in Other's Shoes – Philippines Immersion 2020 – A Call for Participants.

At Monday's assembly, Director of **Catholic Mission**, Kevin Meese spoke of the amazing immersion experiences he has had with Marymede students over the past few years. We are planning our next immersion to Manila, Philippines from 30 November to 10 December 2020, with a minimum of 10 places available. The flyer attached has a proposed outline for the immersion, inclusive of the community Marymede has an established relationship with, and also the inclusion of a **Marist Solidarity** project. This experience could be considered as an alternative to 'schoolies' for 2020 Year 12 students.

We would anticipate that participants raise their own sponsorship for the immersion from family, friends and their local parish.

For interested students from current Years 9, 10 and 11, a lunch will be hosted on 20 November. Please rsvp Julia.wake@marymede.vic.edu.au by Monday 18 November.



Remembrance Day – Whittlesea

Remembrance Day was emphasised in our school community as a day to promote peace. Peace in local, national and global relationships. Those who have lost their lives in conflict circumstances were honoured. A group of students attended the Whittlesea Commemoration, and with a simple ceremony, appreciated the cost of war. Pictured with veteran Mr. Denys Potts, are student representatives Angelina Khoury, Marian Fernando, Joshua Guest, Monique Perry and Sienna Van Krieken. **Lest we forget.**



Sunday Mass@Marymede – Term 4 Dates

Our Term 4 dates are:

17 November and 15 December. Each mass is at 10.30am.

Our pilgrims who are attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Perth in December will be commissioned at our November Sunday Mass.

Please bring along family and friends and a small plate to share for morning tea afterwards.

Upcoming Faith & Mission Events

- Community Mass continues each Wednesday – 8.00am in the College Chapel of the Annunciation.
- Sunday Mass, 10.30am – 17 November – Commissioning of ACYF Pilgrims
- ACYF Melbourne Pilgrims Mass – St Patricks Cathedral – 24 November
- Marist Student Leaders Gathering – 24 – 26 November
- Advent Liturgy – Year 10 and 11 – 29 November, 11.30am.
- REMAR Blue Solidarity Experience (City) – 2 to 6 December
- Advent Liturgy – Year 7 to 9 – 6 December
- Australian Catholic Youth Festival (Perth) – 7 to 12 December
- Sunday Mass, 10.30am – 15 December
- Staff Mass – 17 December

Ms. Julia Wake
Director of Faith and Mission

DIRECTORS OF STUDENTS

Parent Cyber Safety Info Night

Marymede Catholic College takes the issue of cyber safety education very seriously and is taking a proactive approach by affording students and parents the opportunity to be informed about the serious nature of this issue. We have again enlisted Susan McLean, an international expert in this field, to facilitate an information session which is suitable for ALL parents, regardless of the age of your son or daughter. It is never too

early or late to be informed about this important topic and I stress to you the importance and the school's expectation that at least one parent will attend the workshop.

You are invited to a cyber safety presentation on

Date: Wednesday November 20, 2019
Time: 7pm – 8.30pm
Location: College Auditorium

In this digital age, the cyber safety of children is a growing concern for families and schools. Cyber safety is one of the most confronting issues for teachers, parents and of course students. At Marymede Catholic College we have a range of measures in place that aim to keep the students' safe while on campus. While most inappropriate behaviour occurs at home, schools are often placed in the position of addressing issues, when a student's online behaviour affects their relationships within the school community.

Susan McLean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and young people. She was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years. Widely known as the 'Cyber Cop' she was the first Victoria Police Officer appointed to a position involving cyber safety and young people. In 2003 she was the Victoria Police Region Four Youth Officer of the Year. Susan is now the director of Cyber Safety Solutions and her expertise is well known. She offers a level of expert advice and assistance not available anywhere else in Australia.

To read more please visit Cyber Safety Solutions at:

<http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/fact-sheets/>

I strongly encourage your attendance at this very important evening, particularly parents of students in Years 4, 6 and 7 who are participating in students' sessions throughout the day. As parents, you have a very important role to play in minimising cyber bullying and harassing behaviours online and this presentation will assist you to develop cyber safety measures for your own family to ensure that your children remain as safe as possible when using the fabulous technologies available to them.

Mrs. Melinda Muir
Director of Students Years 5 - 8

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

“LOTE (Japanese and Italian) Language and Culture Study Tours and Exchange Program 2020 Information Evening”

An invitation to parents of students studying **Japanese and Italian** from **Years 10-12 in 2020**, to attend an information evening on **Monday 25 November**, commencing at **7.00pm** in the **auditorium**.

The evening will outline the protocols and rationale for the program, with a proposed itinerary, departure and return dates and an estimate of costs.

The organising travel agents from **Passport Travel** will be there along with parents and students who have participated in the previous exchange program.

It is not a compulsory event but we would love to have as many parents along with students to come along and talk about the program and answer any queries or concerns that you might have.

Looking forward to seeing you in the night.

On behalf of the LOTE Team

Mr. Anthony Montemurro
LOTE Domain Leader
(Japanese and Italian)

Year 10 Mock Interviews

As part of the Year 10 Mentoring Program, students took part in a mock interview activity at the Plenty Ranges Convention Centre on Tuesday 29 October. This was a community venture organised by Hume Whittlesea LLEN. Each student had a 15-minute interview with a real HR professional, who had individually prepared the interview based on job adverts applied for by students as part of their Mentoring Program class. This was a valuable opportunity for students to experience an interview for a potential career job, or for places with higher education providers.

Chideraa Obani's Experience

Prior to the interview, I felt well prepared and ready for the questions, as we practiced the week before in class, however, it was quite intimidating at first walking into a room with 50 businesspeople sitting waiting to interview us. As the interview went along, it felt very natural and I could just go with the flow. I felt very confident with the job I "applied" for as I already am currently working at a store just like it.

The interviewer was quite surprised with my experience in an interview and was happy that I came across confident and experienced, which was great for the job they had been looking for. I learned that employers look for candidates that have great people skills and are capable of quick thinking and problem-solving.

In the future, I would like to give more depth to my answers and work on the ending of the interview, learning how to leave more politely or ask a question towards the end. I found this experience helpful as it gave me more knowledge of my strengths and what I can contribute to another person's business but also my weaknesses and what I should do to improve.



Miss Corinne Niall
McCormack House Co-ordinator

Whittlesea Show

At this year's Whittlesea Show Marymede students Taya Hepburn and Exavier Whitnall had their Year 9 Product Design pieces submitted in the *student (Wood) division*.

Taya was awarded 2nd prize in Secondary 'Woodwork' section of the Show.

Exavier not only won 1st Prize. He also won "Best Secondary Exhibit" and "Most Outstanding Exhibit". The Supervisor came over and spoke with Exavier's mum and commented that 'it's very rare that any piece wins all 3 awards'.



Congratulations to all staff members of the Technology Learning Area, we hope that this is the start of more recognition and achievements of excellence.

Mr. Maurice Di Muzio
Technology Domain Leader (P -12)

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Primary Sport

Rebel Sport

Here is just a sample of some of the equipment we have received from Rebel sport recently.

Did you know if you use your Season Pass every time you make a purchase at Rebel Sport, Marymede get a rebate which can be used for equipment at the school?

If you do not have a Season Pass you can sign up for free at your local Rebel Sport store and make sure you link Marymede to the card. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Regional Volleyball

The Primary Boys and Girls Volleyball teams represented the Whittlesea Division at the School Sports Victoria Regional Final. The boys went undefeated and now represent the Northern Region in the State Final on November 22. The girls marginally lost 1 game and finished runners up. It was a great result by all.



Regional Basketball

Congratulations to the Boys Basketball Team who have qualified to the State Basketball Final on November 18. The girls also competed in the Regional Grand Final though went down by 9 points.



Mr. Gerard Large
Head of Primary Sport

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Instrumental Music Semester 1 2020

Just a reminder that new enrolments for Instrumental Music Semester 1 2020 close on Friday 13 December. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument either privately or in a pair please contact Ellen Lane ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au by Friday 13 December for an information sheet and enrolment procedure. Please note there is currently a wait list for some instruments as teachers may be at capacity with numbers.

Sessional Dance Semester 1 2020

Just a reminder that new enrolments for Sessional Dance Semester 1 2020 close on Friday 13 December. If your child is interested in developing their dance talents please contact Ellen Lane ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au by 13 of December for an information sheet and enrolment procedure. Those students already enrolled in Sessional Dance 2019 who no longer wish to continue please submit this request in writing to Ellen Lane by no later than Friday 1 December otherwise the College assumes students will be participating under the same agreement for a full year and the next full semester fees will be payable. The information sheet outlining costs, terms and conditions can be accessed for those already enrolled via CAREMONKEY for reference.

A Celebration of Technology and the Visual Arts at Marymede

The 2019 Visual Arts and Design End-of-Year Exhibition will showcase the top VCE student work at Marymede as well as our winning entries from the Whittlesea Show. Also on display

will be a variety of artworks and products created by Prep-Year 10 students.



Iris: The 7th Annual Media Showcase

Coming soon to Marymede Catholic College.



The world premiere of films, documentaries, music videos, movie trailers, news stories, title sequences and podcasts produced by Year 6-11 Media and Film School students.

Mr. Jeremy Guzman
Head of Visual Arts (P-12)

PATHWAYS

Careers

Information on the following:

- Key Dates
- 2020 VCE Summer School Programs
- The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020

Key Dates Year 12 VTAC

VTAC ATARS released 13 December
 VTAC Close of Change of Preferences 4pm 14 December
 VTAC First Round Offers 18 December
 VTAC Close of Change of Preference 2nd round 4pm 20 December
 VTAC Close of Change of Preferences 10am-4pm 2 January 2020
 VTAC Second Round Offers 15 January
 VTAC February Round Offers 3 February onwards

2020 VCE Summer School Programs

Access Education Summer School

The **Access Education Summer School** program is a unique opportunity for students studying Units 3 & 4 to experience university life while preparing for the demands of the VCE year ahead. The format of the program is that extensive and detailed 3 ¼ hour VCE preparation lectures will be given, and subject specific study notes prepared by the lecturer will also be made available.

Dates: Tuesday 14 January to Friday 17 January 2020
Venue: Deakin University – Burwood Campus

Visit [Access Education Summer School](#) to find out more or to download a brochure for the 2020 program.

The School for Excellence Summer School

The School for Excellence (TSFX) Summer School offers a comprehensive summer school program preparation, each lecture will thoroughly address Unit 1 or 3 materials in advance of school, and expose students to critical analytical/problem solving strategies and skills so as to maximise Unit 1 or 3 scores.

Students attending the programs receive detailed notes, fully worked examples and exercises to complete at home. The lectures are prepared and delivered by qualified, currently practicing VCE teachers and markers from top ranking schools who possess the knowledge and experience to demonstrate the means by which students can achieve higher scores.

Dates: Tuesday 7 January to Friday 24 January 2020
Venue: The University of Melbourne

Visit [TSFX Summer School](#) to find out more about the 2020 program.

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020

The World University Rankings 2020 were recently released with the world's top ten universities being in the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The **Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2020** includes more than 1,400 universities across 92 countries, making it the biggest international league table to date. This table is also the only global university performance table to judge research-intensive universities across all of their core missions: teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook.

Noting that the rankings are based on **more than 1,250 research-intensive universities**, the Australian universities that rank in the top 500 on the world stage are:

32	University of Melbourne
50	Australian National University
60	University of Sydney
66	University of Queensland
71	University of New South Wales
75	Monash University
120	University of Adelaide
131	University of Western Australia
179	Queensland University of Technology
193	University of Canberra
194	University of Technology, Sydney
201 - 250	Griffiths University
	James Cook University
	Macquarie University
	University of Wollongong
251 - 300	Curtin University
	Flinders University
	La Trobe University
	University of South Australia
	Western Sydney University
301 - 350	Deakin University
	Newcastle University
	University of Tasmania
	Victoria University

351 – 400	Australian Catholic University
	RMIT University
	Swinburne University
401 – 500	Bond University
	Edith Cowen University
	Murdoch University

Ms. Stavroula Tsembras
Head of Careers

PARENT'S AND FRIENDS'

Labels

The Parents and Friends Committee have partnered up with two suppliers of labels for all your back to school needs.

Children sometimes leave their belongings behind. Label them with labels. Browse the customisable name labels which can be used on containers, drink bottles, books, and even school bags!

Label them with clothing labels to ensure teachers and children are able to identify which ones belong to them. Buy any of the amazing personalised products online at www.dinkleboo.com using our Unique Coupon Code AFRDB-ZRPI-6UYA0E.



Or log onto the below website and use our unique code: FRS1462

<http://www.ozlabels.com.au/>



Browse the sites to view the wide range of products.

Save the Date – Colour Run

The Marymede Colour Run will be on again next year in February.

Please see Flyer, further information will be given out in the near future.

If you have any further questions or queries please use the P&F email: paf@marymede.vic.edu.au

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

National Recycling Week is almost here!

National Recycling Week is happening next week at your Outside School Hours Care.

National Recycling Week is all about helping children connect with our wonderful world by teaching them how they can take care of the environment through recycling. We are excited to share with you what fun-learning activities we have planned.

Not yet registered? Don't worry, it's never too late. Plus, it's FREE to register.

Before attending our care, you must register your child below. Remember, you may be entitled to receive the Child Care Subsidy, visit the myGov website to find out more.

<https://pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login>

<https://my.gov.au/>

More Program Details

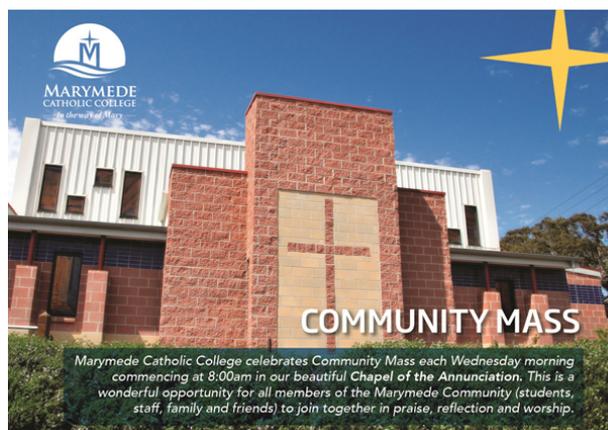
For more information about our [program and fees at your school](#), visit our [service and chat with our qualified Educators](#). Alternatively, you may visit our website at the below link or contact our friendly Customer Care Team on 1300 105 343 who are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except National Public Holidays.

<http://www.campaustralia.com.au/>

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

Camp Australia

COMMUNITY MASS



*“Here I am the servant of
the Lord. Let it be
with me according
to your word.”
(Luke 1:38)*

