



30 January 2020

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

It is wonderful to have started the 2020 school year and I again welcome all into the Marymede Catholic College Community. The buildings are starting to come alive once more and new growth, new energies and new hope have started to emerge.

There is much to look forward to and a great deal of individual planning and goal setting by students to ensure each take on the responsibility to achieve his or her best in 2020.

Staff have high expectations and we are looking for all students to set high standards and take advantage of the opportunities presented to them.

### Contacting Us

If you have any concerns about your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact the College. If your child says he or she is having trouble in class, then please contact the class teacher. The Primary Year Level Coordinators or Secondary House Coordinators should be contacted about more serious issues, which sometimes may be confidential. There may be occasions when the issues warrant the involvement of Senior Members of the College.

### 2020 Positions of Leadership

For your information, below is the list of staff who hold a Position of Leadership in 2020:

#### Senior Leadership Team

**Michael Kenny:** Principal

**David Broadbent:** Deputy Principal Staff & Operations P-12

**Jessica Hall:** Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12

**Julia Wake:** Director of Faith & Mission P-12

**Narelle Collins:** Director of Students (P-4)

**Melinda Muir:** Director of Students (5-8)

**David Brick:** Director of Students (9-12)

**Paul Romanin:** Business Manager

#### Secondary House Leaders

**Amanda Da Riva:** Chanel

**Jack Mather:** Chisholm

**Carmel Delzoppo:** Marcellin

**Jeremy Baldwin:** McAuley

**Corinne Niall:** McCormack

**Alexander Timms:** Romero

#### Primary Coordinators

**Debra Molloy:** Learning & Teaching

**Laetitia Malusu:** Religious Education

**Elly Lanza:** English (5-12)

**Krystal Crichton:** Prep Transition

**Elizabeth Milani:** Literacy

**Linda Minahan:** Numeracy

**Lisa Murray:** Student Wellbeing

**Rosemary Bennett:** Learning Enhancement (P-4)

**Laura Gazeas:** Learning Enhancement (5-8)

**Anna Williams:** House Sports

#### Secondary Domain Leaders

**Nikole Cymbalak:** Teaching & Learning

**Trent Brownjohn:** Health & Physical Education

**Liam McCormack:** Religious Education

**Vinodh Narasimhan:** Mathematics

**Jane Darrou:** Humanities

**Elly Lanza:** English (5-12)

**David De Silva:** VCAL

**Gary Hickey:** VET/SBAT

**Laura Gazeas:** Learning Enhancement (5-8)

**Sharon Bluett:** Learning Enhancement (9-12)

**Stavroula Tsembas:** Careers

**Vincenzo Rovetto:** VCE / VCAA / Vass Administrator /  
Timetabler

**Gerard Large:** Sport

## P-12 Coordinators

**Carla Esposito:** Staff & Student Transition

**Angie Bedford:** Cultural Co-curricular

**Dinesha Pillay:** Technology

**Jeremy Guzman:** Visual Arts

**Julie Plymin:** Science

**Anthony Montemurro:** LOTE

**Jeremy Ives:** Performing Arts

**Kylie Buttigieg & Liam McCormack:** eLearning

## Early Learning Centre

**Naomi Rigney:** Director

## College Chaplains

**Rev. Martin Ashe**

**Fr. John Murphy**

## Staffing Update

We welcome to the College the following newly appointed staff members:

Paul Bilston (Design Technology – Wood)

Melvyn Hall (Physics / Maths)

Melanie Montemurro (Textiles)

Jay Russell (Physical Education / Maths)

We welcome back the following staff members from Maternity Leave:

Rita Casonato, Kathy Difrancesco, Georgina Savaglia, Meaghan Voumard and Jenny Watson

## 2020 Semester 2 Reports

A reminder that parents can access their child's Semester 2 Report via PAM at the link below. All families were sent a pin number in Term 4 last year. If you are having difficulty in accessing your child's report please either click on the 'Forgot password?' link or Please contact the College for assistance.

<https://pam.marymede.vic.edu.au/Login/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f>

## 2020 Student Leadership Team

Congratulations to the following students:

### Secondary

**Ann Anil & Dimitris Bachos** – College Captains

**Rachel Alex & Jacob Leddin** – Faith & Mission Captains

**Indiana Bodley & Jack Bowlen** – Sports Captains

**Nicholas Vermeulen** – LOTE Captain

**Daniel Sabatino** – Performing Arts Captain

**Cassandra Panozzo** – Music Captain

**Natalie De Bono & Daniel Foschi** – Chanel House Leaders

**Lauren Chan & Deakin Constable** – Chisholm House

Leaders

**Alexandra Metz & Joshua Assaad** – Marcellin House

Leaders

**Teneeka Williams & Daniel Tsafkas** – McAuley House

Leaders

**Anugi Perera & Nicholas Karabetos** – McCormack House

Leaders

**Bianca Verdi & Stephanie Ceola** – Romero House Leaders

## Primary

**Rebecca Kouts & Sahib Khangura** – Primary Captains

**Shayla Campbell & Diya Das** – Chanel House Leaders

**Abby Mueller & James Pampanella** – Chisholm House

Leaders

**Shreeya Sreejith & Arshjot Shergill** – Marcellin House

Leaders

**Bianca Cramond & Chanula Mudiyansele** – McAuley House

Leaders

**Grace Tran & Shewon Perera** – McCormack House Leaders

**Alyssa Fasciani & Michael Sabatino** – Romero House

Leaders

## Grooming & Personal Presentation

It is my expectation that our students will present themselves well at all times and wear the College uniform with pride and in an acceptable manner. I ask for parental support to ensure that the high grooming standard of our College is maintained.

I would like to mention specifically:

### Jewellery:

Apart from watches and a chain with a small crucifix, no other jewellery is to be worn at school. This includes bracelets, rings etc.

### Body Piercings:

Students may wear one plain earring per ear in the ear lobe (no spacers or dermals). No other objects are permitted in the eyebrow, nose, lip etc.

### Hair:

Extreme hair styles are not permitted. These include dreadlocks, Mohican-style cuts, extreme long or short styles (Level 3 is the minimum hair length). Hair is to be of one natural colouring.

### Facial Hair:

Boys are expected to be clean shaven at all times.

### Summer Uniforms Only:

#### Socks:

**Boys** – Short, blue with stripes

**Girls** – Short blue, plain

### Girls Dresses:

Some of our female students may have grown over the holidays. I ask that you check the length of your dress before returning to school to ensure that it touches the knee.

I ask that parents and students please note that wearing of the blazer is optional in Term 1; however, the jumper does not replace the blazer to and from school.

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

## 2020 Secondary Significant Dates

On Wednesday 29 January, all Secondary parents were emailed correspondence stating the secondary significant

dates and the College's expectation of student attendance. Please note the following dates again for your diaries:

- **Opening of the School Year Mass** Thursday 6 February
- **Year 10 Challenge Camp** Wednesday 12 February – Friday 14 February
- **Year 12 Retreat** Monday 24 February – Wednesday 26 February
- **House Swimming Carnival** Monday 2 March
- **Year 7 Camp** Wednesday 18 March – Friday 20 March
- **Marymede Day** Friday 1 May
- **Year 10 Reflection Day** Tuesday 2 June
- **Year 8 Reflection Day** Wednesday 3 June
- **Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass** Thursday 25 June
- **Year 11 Christian Leadership Retreat** Thursday 30 July – Friday 31 July
- **Year 7 Reflection Day** Wednesday 7 October
- **Year 9 Reflection Day** Friday 23 October
- **Secondary Awards Evening** Tuesday 17 November (7pm-9pm)

I wish to highlight that students from Years 1-12 will be attending the Opening of the School Year Mass on Thursday 6 February, which will be held in the Fitness Centre at 9.15am. Our celebrants will be Rev. Martin Ashe and Fr. John Murphy.

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

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STAFF AND OPERATIONS PREP – YEAR 12

### Welcome and Introduction

Just as I have received a wonderfully warm Marymede welcome upon joining the Marymede community this year, I, too, extend a very warm welcome and blessings for 2020 to all new and continuing to all members of our Marymede community. I am excited to continue my journey in Catholic education, having served four previous Catholic Secondary Colleges, most recently as Assistant Principal Learning at Nazareth College, Noble Park North. At Marymede, I will be working to support staff and student wellbeing and to ensure the smooth running of our College, including liaising with our Parents and Friends Committee.

I look forward to meeting and conversing with many parents and other members of our community at the upcoming College

events, information evenings and House Barbecues, as noted in the College Calendar on our website at the link below.

<http://www.marymede.vic.edu.au/news/schoolcalendar>



**Mr David Broadbent**  
**Deputy Principal Staff & Operations P-12**

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING PREP – YEAR 12

### A New Year and New Beginnings

I feel incredibly blessed to have the opportunity to serve the Marymede community in my new role. Even in my brief time here I already have a sense of how strong the community spirit is, and I feel very grateful for my very warm welcome. I am coming to Marymede from Ave Maria College, Aberfeldie and am committed to the continued growth in learning and teaching here at our College. I am excited to be working with students, teachers and parents to strengthen the learning partnership as we strive to provide “A Complete Education”, stretching students to achieve their very best both inside and outside of the classroom. There is always much excitement in a school as a new year is upon us and as classes commence, I wish all students the very best in transitioning into their new classes.

### Class of 2019 – Results and Pathways

As a College we are very proud of the results of the class of 2019. Our strong VCE results of a study score median of 30 reflect the hard work and dedication of our students in collaboration with their teachers and with the support from their families. Following on from these results tertiary offers were made in December and January; 75% of the students that applied for a university place received their 1st or 2nd preference with a variety of institutions and courses selected. In addition to this we have a number of students who have sought a vocational pathway and have been offered further study opportunities at TAFE.

### Save the Date - 2020 VCE Information Evening

An information evening for parents of students completing a VCE Unit 1/2 or Unit 3/4 study will be held on **Tuesday 18 February at 7.00pm**. Further details will be distributed but please mark this date in your calendar to ensure you are available to attend.

### Scholarship Testing

Students commencing year 7 in 2021 are welcome to apply for an academic or general excellence scholarship. Scholarship testing will occur on Saturday, 8 February. Applications close on Monday, 3 February and are to be submitted via the link below.



**Ms Jessica Hall**  
**Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12**

## DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

### 2020 College Theme

*"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." Jn 13:34*

Student Leaders from 2019 and 2020 engaged in workshops to discern the 2020 Theme late last year. Students chose this scripture passage as it can be easily translated to all members of the community, from the very little to adolescents to adults. The big challenge in this quote is 'Just as I have loved you': how did Jesus love? He loved his family, he loved his disciples, he loved children, women and men alike, and most significantly he loved the 'unloved' in the community. His example of inclusion, enabling outcasts to re-join the community is an ongoing challenge for all of us today. As we journey throughout this year we will be checking in on 'the how we love others' regularly with students and staff.

### Australian Catholic Youth Festival – *Listen to what the spirit is saying*

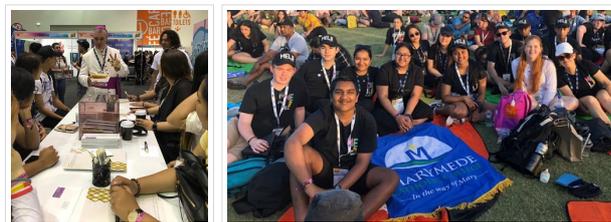
The group who attended Perth in December were treated to an amazing array of musicians, speakers, clergy and workshops focused on the Catholic Youth of today.

Key features of the Festival included:

- The Encounter Expo, with more than 80 stalls featuring Catholic agencies, organizations, religious orders, ecclesial movements and all types of Catholic groups from across Australia that offer a range of interactive and experiential activities to explore the breadth and depth of the Church's mission in Australia;
- Musical performances from local and international artists, including Australian singer-songwriters Fr Rob Galea, Gen Bryant and Josh Angrisano and US singer Joe Melendrez;
- Presentations from local and international speakers, including Katie Prejean McGrady and Grace Forrest;
- The Justice Activity Centre, a place of education, empowerment, mission, and service, with a range of interactive experiences and activities facilitated by various organizations and groups that encourage young people to engage with justice issues and people affected by injustice;

- The Experiential Prayer Room and Worship Centre, showcasing different styles of prayer, including Taize, Eucharistic Adoration, praying with icons and instructional sessions on the celebration of the mass.

Most importantly, there were thousands of young people gathered together with joy, enthusiasm, love and peace! Many thanks to the students who attended, you were exceptional, and the staff who supported – Mary and Emily Selar.



### Australian Bushfires

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those impacted by the bushfires over the holiday period. For our community these may have brought back memories of the experience of Black Saturday – please talk with your child's teachers if you have any concerns with how your child might be processing the events. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference released a statement in early January and committed last weekend's Parish Collections to supporting the crisis. Donations can be made via the link below.

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub>

### Sunday Mass@Marymede

We welcome all community members and friends to Sunday Mass at Marymede in our beautiful Chapel of The Annunciation on the following dates for Term 1:

**Sunday 16 February 10.30am.**

**Sunday 15 March 10.30am, followed by our College Open Day**

Supported by our priests from our Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Fr Anthony Girolami or Fr Anthony Cruz will celebrate mass at these times.

We will have tea and coffee available and if all who attend bring a plate to share (biscuits / slice) we can chat together for a short time after mass for those who are able.

### Upcoming Faith & Mission Events

- **Weekly Wednesday Community Mass begins:** Wednesday 5 February, 8.00am, Chapel of The Annunciation.
- **College Opening of the school year Mass:** Thursday 6 February, 9.15am.
- **REMAR Gold Embarkation Camp:** Friday 14 Feb to Sunday 16 Feb.
- **Sunday Community Mass:** 16 February, 10.30am.
- **Year 12 Retreat:** Monday 24 to Wednesday 26 February.
- **Ash Wednesday:** Wednesday 26 February – Season of Lent begins.

Please note that there will be no meat-based items for sale in the college canteen on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays during Lent (commencing from Friday 28 February and concluding end of Term 1), which are days of fasting and abstinence. Students will have the option of receiving Ashes or a Blessing at the Liturgies on this day.

- **Gamechangers Formation Camp:** Friday 28 February to Sunday 1 March
- **Catholic Education Week:** 15 – 22 March
- **Sunday Community Mass:** 15 March, 10.30am.
- **Romero House Mass & Feast Day:** Monday 16 March
- **St Patrick's Day Mass (selected students):** Tuesday 17 March, St Patrick's Cathedral.
- **Lent Liturgies:** Thursday 26 March.

**Ms Julia Wake**

**Director of Faith and Mission P-12**

## STUDENT WELLBEING

**START UP** week is a new wellbeing initiative at Marymede in 2020. This will take place during the first week of each term. The objective of the week is:



To assist with transition into new levels/grades.

- To promote a sense of community and welcoming.
- To promote positive thinking and a growth mindset as learners.

This will be achieved through explicit teaching, modelling, practising and reinforcement of positive skills and behaviours.

Each day the Primary School will focus on a theme that will be explored in their classrooms – as explained below.

Students and teachers will refer to the START up theme throughout the term to promote a positive and passionate learning environment for all at Marymede in 2020.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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<b>Set yourself up</b> What do we need to do to be great learners?	<b>Teamwork</b> Together we achieve more	<b>Achieve</b> Mistakes are part of learning- Growth mindset	<b>Respect</b> For each other and ourselves	<b>Together</b> In the way of Mary

**Ms Lisa Murray**

**Student Wellbeing P-6**

## PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE

Welcome to all students and families to what promises to be a big year on the Marymede P&F Committee calendar in 2020. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all those students and families who are new to Marymede this year and hope that you join us in achieving our goal of developing a strong sense of community through participation and enjoyment of our events.

Our first major event, the **Marymede Colour Run** will be held on **Friday 28 February**.

Come along and walk, run, skip or dance through our course and go head to head with our colour zones and be blitzed by colour.

Fundraising information will be given to all students in the first week back at school. We encourage all students to participate and have fun.

If you have any further questions or would like to volunteer for the colour event please use the P&F email: [paf@marymede.vic.edu.au](mailto:paf@marymede.vic.edu.au) and send through your full name, phone number, email address and WWC number and we will be in contact with you.

**SAVE THE DATE - It's back, bigger and better! The Marymede Fete – 28 November 2020.**

**Details to come in due course- you won't want to miss out!**

**The P&F Committee**

## COMMUNITY MASS

