



8 October 2020

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome back to Term 4. We look forward to our Prep-Year 2 students and our Years 7, 11 & 12 students (and Year 10 students undertaking VCE or VCAL studies) returning next Monday 12 October. Our Years 3-6 students will return next Tuesday 13 October and our Years 8-10 students will return on Monday 26 October.

We have introduced staggered arrival and departure times for our Primary students which have been communicated to parents earlier in the week. I ask for parental support by not entering the College grounds with your child or getting out of your car to collect your child. There will be a number of staff on Yard Duty both before and after school to assist with the dropping off and picking up of children.

It is my expectation that the arrangements in place before and after school will continue for the remainder of the 2020 school year.

Unit 3/4 Trial Exams

The Unit 3/4 Trial Exams will take place from next Monday 12 October. The final exams will take place in four weeks and I trust that our senior students' revision program and exam preparation is well underway. My thoughts and prayers are with them at this challenging time.

Changing of the Guard

In the next Newsletter I will announce the 2021 Year 12 Student Leadership Teams. I was delighted that so many of our current Year 11 students applied for a leadership position which made the selection process very difficult. In my experience, it is always a positive sign about the culture of the school when students are putting themselves forward as potential leaders.

Year 7 2022: 9 October

A final reminder to parents of children currently in Year 5 that the last day for the return of enrolment forms for Year 7 2022 is tomorrow, Friday 9 October.

I have been delighted with the number of external applications we have received thus far. It is an indication that the education we offer for all students at Marymede is highly sought after.

Marymede Uniform Shop

The Marymede Uniform Shop is moving off campus to Uni Hill from Monday 26 October. The new address is Shop 25/5 Janefield Drive, Bundoora. Trading hours will be Monday-Thursday 9.00am-5.00pm and Saturday from 9.30am-12.30pm. We hope that the increased hours of opening will make it easier for our parents to purchase the College uniform.

Staffing Update

Ms Stavroula Tsembas concluded her employment with the College at the end of the school holidays. We take this opportunity to thank Stavroula for her significant contribution to Marymede over the past ten years. We wish her every happiness and success going forward.

We wish Ms Jane Darrou an enjoyable Long Service Leave this term. Ms Kathryn Torcasio will be the Acting Humanities Domain Leader in Jane's absence.

We welcome Ms Katherine Czarnecki to the College this term. Katherine will be teaching predominately Humanities classes.

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STAFF AND OPERATIONS PREP – YEAR 12

Return to face-to-face learning FAQ

Since our last Term 3 newsletter we have had two pleasant surprises in the accelerated timelines for return of both our Year 3-6 and our Year 7 students (along with Year 11-12) for next week. For detailed responses to frequently asked questions about the timeline and conditions of student return to face-to-face learning, please refer to the 'Return for Term 4 FAQ', emailed directly to families.

Assisting your child in transitioning back to face-to-face learning

For the vast majority of students, it has been almost 4 months since they were last on-campus. In order to assist parents with managing your child(ren)'s transition back to face-to-face learning, Catholic Education Melbourne has provided the following resources, specific to Primary and Secondary students:

In addition, a specially commissioned video Special Report: Coronavirus - The Transition Back (video) by **Dr Michael Carr-Gregg** is available on SchoolTV.

Restricted Entry & Procedures for Students On-campus

While our students are soon to return and certain restrictions across the state are slowly easing, under the continuing advice of the Chief Health Officer, parents and community members are advised that entry and exit points to the campus continue to be limited as a further measure for protecting the health of our staff and students. This is likely to continue until at least the end of 2020.

All parent access to the campus remains restricted and all parent involvement with activities on-campus is cancelled for the foreseeable future. While the drop-off / pick-up zones will be open for limited times via Gates B, E & F, parents may not park on-campus nor exit their vehicle. We are grateful for the cooperation of parents and guardians in these procedures during Terms 2 & 3 and look forward to continuing to work together for the health and safety of all members of our community. We ask that parents quickly disperse after drop-off and pick-up times in order to minimise the risk of any potential spread of COVID-19.

Similarly, while parents may also walk their child(ren) to the student pedestrian access gates (as noted below) you must farewell your child outside the gate: only students may enter the property.

- pedestrian entry 1 (Gate B – Primary School)
- pedestrian entry 2 (near Gate C / Finance – Primary School)
- pedestrian entry 3 (south / left of Admin – Bus stop)
- pedestrian entry 5 (Gate D / chapel)
- pedestrian entry 6 (Gym / Gate E)
- pedestrian entry 7 (Gate G)

- pipe track gate (behind House 7)



Mr David Broadbent
Deputy Principal Staff & Operations P-12

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING PREP – YEAR 12

Welcoming back our students Prep – Year 7 and Year 11 & 12

We are all very excited to welcome so many of our students back on campus next week. Our teachers will be focusing on re-establishing school routines, peer connections and student engagement in their learning. Over the coming weeks we will engage in some testing to gather data to inform and target teaching, but our first priority is to get students settled again, to learn and collaborate with their peers and address student wellbeing. Students are always going to learn best when they feel safe, connected and engaged so re-establishing relationships and expectations will contribute to the re-establishment

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for your continued support of the College and your son or daughters' home learning in Term 3. I do not underestimate the toll that this time at home has taken on all members of our community and our students are to be congratulated for the learning success they have achieved whilst offsite. I hope they are excited to return on campus with their peers next week; I know that as parents you may be down to counting the hours until they are back. A reminder to please ensure that upon your child's return they bring all College issued devices back (iPads/Laptops) so they can be used in the classroom.

Home Learning Year 8 – Year 10

Home Learning will be continuing for these students for the next 2 weeks with their return on campus announced to be Monday 26 October. We will continue to work hard to maintain student engagement in the home learning environment for our students in Year 8 – 10. If you have any concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to contact their Tutor Teacher and they will follow up with the relevant people.

Careers Update

We congratulate Stavroula Tsembas on her new appointment at Parade College that commenced this term. Our new Careers Co-ordinator will join the College in Term 1, 2021. Students in Year 10-12 have undertaken careers conversations throughout the year and we believe we are currently well placed to support students for the remainder of the year. Should you or your

child have any questions regarding careers or subject changes please contact myself or Nikole Cymbalak, Year 7-12 Learning and Teaching Co-ordinator or make a booking via our Careers website

End of Year Examinations

Completing end of year examinations provide students the opportunity to organise, synthesise, apply and consolidate their learning in the context of an examination similar to those undertaken at the VCE Units 3 & 4 level. This year, as a result of home learning, we have made some alterations to our examination schedule.

Year 9: No end of year examinations

Year 10: English, Mathematics, Religious Education and Science for VCE (Wednesday 18 – Thursday 19 November)

Unit 1 and 2: All subjects (Monday 16 – Thursday 19 November)

Revision guides will be distributed to students and parents next week to assist with examination preparation

Mrs Jessica Hall

Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12

DIRECTOR OF FAITH AND MISSION

FRG Ministry Mass – Sunday 11 October, 10.00am

We are so excited to have some of our wonderful musicians and vocalists prepare the music for Fr Rob Galea's Sunday Mass for this Sunday. Our Youth Minister, Sheryl Varghese, submitted an application with a video from Year 11 Retreat back in August which was accepted. Thousands of worshippers watch this mass every week from Australia and around the world. Please join in on Sunday and witness Sheryl, Rachel Alex (2020 Faith & Mission Captain), Annrose Gigimon (2021 Faith & Mission Captain), Nuwin Fernando (2021 College Captain) and Sam Vermeulen (2021 Cultural Captain – Music) sing parts of the mass. You can access the mass via the link below **at 10.00am on Sunday.**

<https://www.frgministry.com/mass>



Sacrament Update

As we navigate safely and carefully our community health landscape, we acknowledge the importance of our

Sacramental Landscape. Here at Marymede, we are fortunate that our family spirit and faith can extend from Baptism to essentially young adulthood. Given the restrictions on numbers for outdoor events until late November, we will develop a Sacrament plan for 2021 and 2022 which will include First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation postponed from this year. In liaising with our College Chaplains and the office of the Archbishop, it is assumed that these Sacraments will be administered locally and in accordance with any relevant COVID indoor gathering limits.

Reflection Day update

Ordinarily we have a Reflection day each year at Years 3, 4, 6 and 7 to 10. This enables a day, connected with Sacrament or Curriculum theme, for students to explore more deeply meaning and relationships in the world around them. In Term 4 we will endeavour to undertake a Year 3, Year 7 and Year 9 reflection day, pending the limitations we may be under.

Upcoming Faith & Mission Events

Community Mass every Wednesday during term, 8.00am via Marymede Facebook.

World Teachers Day – International: Monday 5 October

FRG Ministry Mass on YouTube with Marymede Musicians: **Sunday 11 October, 10.00am.**

<https://www.frgministry.com/mass>

Year 10 Gamechangers Leadership Experience on-line: **Friday 16 – Saturday 17 October**

Student Leaders Gathering on-line: **Monday 23 – Tuesday 24 November**

House Charity Christmas Appeal – Term 4

Ms Julia Wake

Director of Faith & Mission P-12

STUDENT WELLBEING

Top Tips for Wellbeing for Returning to school.

Professor Helen Cahill Director of the Youth Research Centre, Graduate School of Education, the University of Melbourne and her Team have just compiled a significant review of how to support student wellbeing after a crisis. Some key messages are listed below:

Schools:

- play a crucial role in supporting young people and their communities post emergency as they can provide a place for connection, routine and care.
- based social and emotional learning programs develop student resilience and school connectedness and contribute to longer-term recovery.
- help to reduce the prevalence of PTSD, depression and anxiety post emergency.

Many of the wellbeing practices routinely provided by schools continue to be important post emergency

- including use of trauma-informed approaches,
- positive approaches to behaviour management
- opportunities to connect and contribute.

Here at Marymede we have planned to incorporate many of the recommended strategies such as:

- Make time for collaborative fun and play
- Provide opportunities for expression through the arts
- Provide social and emotional learning to aid long-term recovery
- Re-establish routines and a focus on learning
- Establish realistic expectations
- Promote connectedness to school for students and families
- Teach skills for self-care
- Notice, support and refer those with higher needs

START UP week in the Primary school and the Respectful Relationships curriculum P-12 will be utilised to provide fun and collaborative activities to support wellbeing. Further information on these initiatives will be provided throughout the Term.

Please contact your students CORE or Tutor teacher if you have any concerns or the relevant Director of Students. The Student Services Team is always there for support and advice.

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THE WELLBEING TEAM PRESENTS

Getting ready to come back to school

ONE SMALL STEP EACH DAY

GET YOUR UNIFORM READY

Make sure it is clean, ironed and hung on a hanger ready to go!

MAKE A 3-STEP CHECKLIST TO KICKSTART YOUR MORNING ROUTINE

What steps will you complete each morning to get ready for school? List the steps specifically!
Is it setting an alarm? Shower? Breakfast?
What can we prepare the day before?

CHAT TO A FRIEND AND SHARE WHAT YOU ARE MOST EXCITED ABOUT IN COMING BACK TO SCHOOL

Reach out and specifically discuss what you are looking forward to when we are back at school.

SET A GOAL(SOCIAL/ACADEMIC AND/OR HEALTH) & THE STEPS TO ACHIEVE IT!

Is it to submit every assignment on time?
Get some exercise for 20 minutes each day?
How can we finish the year off well?

PRACTICE RUN: PUT ALL OF YOUR STEPS IN PLACE FOR A SCHOOL DAY BEFORE WE RETURN

Set an alarm
Put on a uniform
Have breakfast
Prepare like it is a normal school day!

Lisa Murray
Student Wellbeing P-6

CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

With the return to remote learning for all students across P-12 last term, it has been a delight to see some many students participating in fun, optional activities at home.



We recently saw the introduction of “Singing @ Home” a special program made especially for Prep-6 students and the return of Primary SRC & Tournament of Minds online. Thank you to the Science Team for all the wonderful activities during Science Week, and to the many students who showed us how they celebrated their fathers and father figures. With the staggered return to school over the next few weeks, there are still activities for engagement at home, as well as plans for a special presentation of “High School Musical”.

<http://marymede.vic.edu.au/node/874>



Ms Angie Bedford
Cultural Co-Curricular Coordinator P-12

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Welcome to Term 4! The Resource Centre staff are looking forward to once again having our wonderful Library spaces occupied by enthusiastic students who have been looking forward to visiting us in person again.

Once your children return to school, the books they borrowed prior to lockdown will become due. There will be a grace period while everybody readjusts to a more normal life, and to fit with the staggered return to school, but we'd love our books to come back so that your children can borrow some fresh ones to read.

It is anticipated that Primary classes will resume their regular visits to the Resource Centre when students return. Likewise, Years 7-10 will also resume their regular wide reading sessions as early as possible. Please encourage your child to have their items ready for return at those times. Books can also be returned through the return chute at other times.

Our library circulation system sends messages when items are overdue, so if you receive one of these, please remember to ask your child to return items at the earliest possible time so that you don't get bombarded with these messages. However, also please ignore them until such time as your child returns to school. There is no need to email or call the library as we understand that there may be some delays in returning borrowed items.

Many Happy Returns to our vibrant and welcoming Resource Centre.

Marie O'Brien
Head of Resource Centre

BOOK WEEK @ MARYMEDE 2020

Book Week @ Marymede P - 6 will be celebrated during the week beginning Monday 19 to Thursday 22 October. Book Week is the longest running children's festival throughout Australia.

The theme this year is "Curious Creatures Wild Minds". The theme invites us to consider the curious creatures that appear in the stories we read. Book Week is about encouraging students to read; to learn about new books and to share favourite books.

Our Book Week celebration will also include dress up day with COVID-safe classroom celebrations. This will take place on Thursday 22 October. Children are encouraged to dress up as a book character of their choice on this day.

I look forward to celebrating Book Week with you all.

Elizabeth Milani
Literacy Co-ordinator P-4

STUDENT ABSENCE

When your child is going to be absent from school, is arriving late or leaving early, parents/guardians are reminded of the following process:

- Ring the absentee line on 9407 9090 and leave a clear voicemail with your child's full name, year level and House, together with the reason for the absence. Parents/guardians can also send an email to absentees@marymede.vic.edu.au with your child's name, date of absence and the reason for the absence. If you are having difficulties leaving a message on the absentee line and can't email, please contact Main Reception on 9407 9000.
- If your child is going to be late for school, please re-iterate to your child that they **must sign in**. Secondary Students can sign in at Founders Building Reception and Primary Students at the Finance Office.
- If your child is leaving school early, parents/guardians are to write a note and your child will be required to obtain an early leave pass from their Tutor Teacher or House Coordinator. Students **must sign out** when leaving early and present the early leave pass to Mrs Priest or Mrs Easdon for recording purposes.

Please note that communication of your child's absence/late arrival **must be received no later than 9.30am** on the day of the absence/late arrival. **If you do not communicate your child's absence/late arrival by 9.30am and your child does not sign in upon late arrival you will receive an SMS message advising that your child is absent and requesting you to call the school to confirm the absence/late arrival**

FINANCE OFFICE

Camps, Sports and Excursion Funding by Victorian State Government

The Department of Education has made changes to the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) to provide more support for families in need.

These changes include the extension of the deadline for CSEF applications to eligible students until Monday 5 October 2020. This will mean that families with **new** valid concession cards or temporary foster parents can apply for the CSEF. Payments to eligible students will be made at 50 percent of the annual student rate.

Therefore, if you have a valid concession cards or temporary foster parents and have not previously submitted this to the College earlier in 2020, please complete the attached form.

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform orders are to be placed online and the "click and collect" option selected at check out.

Families will be advised when the order is available to collect.

The store is open this week to collect "click and collect" orders only at the following times:

- Monday - Thursday 12.30pm - 4.30pm
- Saturday - 9.30am - 12.30pm

<http://www.bobstewart.com.au/products/marymede-catholic-college>

service, their billing and a gallery of what is happening in the program for their children.

The removal of FBO is important for a successful Parent Portal design to give families what they want. FBO was designed to give parents more options and to make life easier; it didn't achieve this end.

As part of our strategy to be customer-led, we are removing FBO and returning to a simple, single 'Recurring booking' option at Marymede Catholic College OSHC from Monday October 12, 2020.

The price does not change for approximately 60% of families as the recurring option will remain at the existing price that applies for current Silver account holders under FBO. For Gold account holders (35% of our families), the price will decrease.

For Blue account holders (approximately 5% of our customers) where price changes up, we will grandfather the current fee arrangements to the end of Term 4, 2020 for any existing bookings and new bookings made before Monday October 12, 2020.

MARYMEDE UNIFORM SHOP IS MOVING!



BOB STEWART IS OPENING IN UNI HILL!

Address: Shop 25 / 5 Janefield Drive, Bundoora

KEY DATES

WED 24TH SEPT - Web Orders available for postage
MON 19TH OCT - Web Orders available for Click n Collect
MON 26th OCT - Uni Hill New Store Opens!

STORE TRADING HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9 - 5
SATURDAY 9.30 - 12.30
Email: unihill@bobstewart.com.au
PH: 03 9036 7385

NOTE: All nominated dates are subject to government directives & restrictions

CAMP AUSTRALIA

Earlier this year, we undertook research to hear directly from parents regarding Camp Australia's booking options. In these sessions, we heard overwhelming feedback that our current "Flexible Booking Options" (Gold, Silver and Blue account structure) ("FBO") were confusing and too complex and if we returned to our previous simplified booking options, it would create a more parent-friendly booking experience.

This research is informing the design of our new Parent Portal set to launch in December for all families. This new Parent Portal will significantly improve the way parents can make and manage their bookings with Camp Australia through an industry-leading app for their phone! Not only that, but the app will become the way they can look at who is working in the