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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Yesterday, we marked the start of the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday Liturgies for all our students. Let us use the 40 days of Lent to take the opportunity to find a small space of silence each day to reflect and respond to the life of Jesus. As a school, we will also begin our focus on Project Compassion which is aimed at supporting those who are suffering in the society we live in today.

Year 12 Retreat

I attended the Year 12 Retreat in Phillip Island last Tuesday and was impressed with the way our students embraced this time away together. The opportunity to escape the rush and urgency of everyday experience does not come often enough, yet the need to give time to our inner selves and nurture our spiritual dimension is very important.

I hope the memories of these days will prove valuable to our Year 12s as they face the challenges of their final year of schooling.

House Welcome BBQ's – 4 and 10 March

A reminder that our House Welcome BBQ's are coming up in the next fortnight. Families of Chanel, Chisholm and Marcellin are invited to join us on Wednesday 4 March, and families of McAuley, McCormack and Romero are invited to join us on Tuesday 10 March. It is a great opportunity for our Marymede families and staff to come together as a school community. I look forward to meeting our new families and chatting with our existing ones.

Prep Parent Sundowner and Information Night – 24 February

Last Monday evening we met socially with a large number of our Prep parents to welcome them to our college and receive

feedback on how their child has coped with the challenges of starting school.

This was followed by an information session in the Auditorium which was led by our Director of Students P-4, Mrs Narelle Collins. Thank you to everyone who attended, and I hope you found the night worthwhile. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet many of our new parents to Marymede.

SAC Season

Our senior students who are undertaking their VCE studies have recently commenced their school assessed coursework (SAC), which in Units 3 and 4, form part of their final study score. I encourage parents to talk with their sons and daughters about how they are managing their first SAC's rather than leaving them to cope on their own. Encourage and support them; the Year 12 journey should be travelled together for the whole year rather than the last few weeks.

Family Holidays

I fully support the importance that families place on taking time to go away on holidays. In the hustle and bustle of our everyday commitments, having the chance to spend time together can often bring the family unit closer. I also understand it is not always possible to take leave from work in the school holidays.

I do feel it is important for me to say that from my experience, the best learning for your children takes place in the classroom with their teachers. In many cases, children have been disadvantaged particularly in the senior years, by being absent from class whilst away on a family holiday in term time.

Open Day – 15 March

Our Open Day will be held on Sunday 15 March from 11:30am to 2:30pm. It is always a fantastic day as students and staff showcase the magnificent facilities we have at Marymede Catholic College to prospective families. We anticipate a very strong demand for places at both Prep and Year 7. Whilst a number of our primary year levels are at maximum capacity, we do have a few vacancies at Years 2 and 5 next year. If you know of friends or family who are considering Marymede for their children, please encourage them to come along.

Secondary Swimming Carnival – 2 March

A reminder that our Secondary Swimming Carnival will take place at the Oak Park Aquatic Centre for students in Years 7 to 12 on Monday 2 March. We look forward to all our secondary students participating and enjoying the opportunity to continue fostering and building House spirit.

Mr Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STAFF AND OPERATIONS PREP – YEAR 12

Mobile Phone Policy

Most members of the Marymede Catholic College community will be aware that all schools run by the Victorian, NSW and Western Australian Education departments have instituted state-wide policies on Mobile Phones that ban their use in schools. These state governments made this considered decision in order to both improve student engagement and as part of their Childsafe commitments to help reduce cyber-bullying and image-abuse.

At Marymede we have always discouraged the use of mobile phones as our students have ready access to the vast majority of the technology benefits through personal laptop devices and access to College banks of laptops. The College Board has recently formalised these arrangements in the 'Mobile Phone Policy', which can be read in full via this link:

In short, mobile phones are to remain in student lockers from the first to the last bell each day. The only exceptions will be where a teacher has sought permission from leadership for a specific educational use. Any parents with an urgent need to contact their child during the learning day should do so via the college email or phone so that messages can then be passed on by College staff.

Students in possession of or using their mobile phone or other smart device (such as a smart watch, fit-bit, etc) will have the device confiscated and placed in secure storage at Student Reception and may be collected after the last bell for the day. Should a student have their device confiscated a third time (or more) then the device must be collected by a parent / guardian during office hours (Mon-Thurs 8.00am - 5.00pm; Fri 8.00am - 4.30pm).

We thank-you for your continuing support of College policies and practices to support your child's learning.

Photo Day - Tuesday 3 March

A reminder to current Marymede families that School photos are scheduled to take place during the school day on Tuesday 3 March 2020 with sibling photos taking place from 3.30 – 5.00pm. In 2020, the College will use the services of National Photography who offer value packages and simplified ordering processes for our families. Students should already have brought home their personalised order forms including ordering and package details earlier this week. Should your child have misplaced their form, students may pick up a blank envelope from Student Reception.

To order sibling photos you will need to book your sibling photo session by [CLICKING HERE](#) please note that Sibling Photo bookings will close on Friday 28 February at 1.00pm. Ordering instructions for sibling photos will be provided at the photo session.

Uniform expectations for all students are per the grooming standards in our Student Planner, with all students expected to wear their full Summer Uniform (no P.E uniform allowed). Students in Years 7-12 will be required to wear their College blazer. Any student who is determined by College staff to not meet the uniform and grooming requirements will not have their photo taken on 3 March and not be included in class / year level photographs. A 'catch-up' day on Monday 23 March will provide the opportunity for individual photos for students who are either absent or fail to meet the uniform and grooming requirements on 3 March.

Photos taken on the day will be used by the College for Student ID Cards and the College Yearbook, along

with special Year level related folios such as our Year 12 Graduation Folio.



Open Day- 15 March

Marymede's Open Day will be occurring from 11.30am (directly after the Community Mass in the Chapel of The Annunciation) until 2.30pm. While most current parents are likely to have been on a College tour prior to enrolling your child(ren), we encourage you to visit the College on Open Day to see what has changed since then and to explore the opportunities your child may not yet have taken advantage of.



Mr David Broadbent
Deputy Principal Staff & Operations P-12

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING PREP – YEAR 12

VCE Parent Information Evening

Thank you to the parents that were in attendance last week for our information session. This evening gave us the opportunity to share information regarding the rules around the VCE, important upcoming dates and careers information, as well as advice and tips on how to succeed in the VCE presented by staff. If you were unable to attend, I would ask that you please familiarise yourself with the procedures outlined in our VCE Handbook and support the College in the implementation of these processes should the need arise. This handbook has been emailed to parents and can also be found on the Parent Access Module under Knowledge Banks.

Extended Leave

We know that students learn best when they attend classes with minimal disruption. Within the course of the academic year, it is important that your child attends all their classes to ensure the successful development of concepts, knowledge and skills. We are also aware that at various times throughout the year, some families may plan holidays or extended trips.

Families are discouraged from taking extended leave during the school term as doing so disrupts the learning process and creates gaps in essential knowledge and skills. Families of students studying VCE subjects are especially discouraged from such leave, as extended absences can result in these students being at risk of not meeting outcomes, achieving an N for a unit or multiple units, and potentially not being awarded their VCE.

Mrs Jessica Hall

Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12

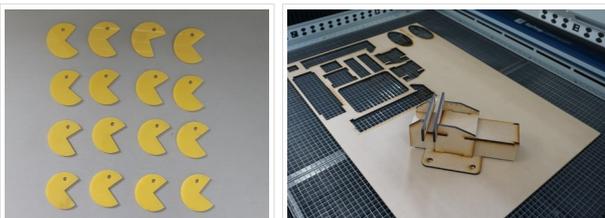
STUDENT LIFE

Marymede Has A LASER

The Design and Technology Department at Marymede Catholic College has gone “High Tech”. We are proud to announce the delivery of our brand-new Laser located in the Trade Skills Centre. The laser is an EpiLog Fusion Pro and it has 100 watts of co2 power. The laser is capable of cutting and engraving on both synthetic and organic materials. It can even engrave on glass and anodised aluminium.



Engineering students at Marymede have already started using this advanced manufacturing technology and have cut out their vice (proof of concept) and Year 9 students have cut out their Pac-Man acrylic figures.



So how does it work? Students use Fusion360 CAD software to design their models or individual parts. A DXF file is produced from their model and transferred across to the EpiLog laser software. The laser uses this vector file to cut out the shape via the use of cartesian coordinates in the X & Y plane. Thanks to the wonders of Physics and Mathematics a product is produced.

Please come down to the Trade Skills Centre on our college open day Sunday 15 March - 11.30am to 2.30pm to watch our new laser in operation for yourself.



Mr Aaron Powter
Engineering Teacher

PARENTS' AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE

Dear Parents / Guardians,

The Marymede Colour Run is this week!

The event will kick off **4:00pm on the oval**. We look forward to seeing many students get involved.

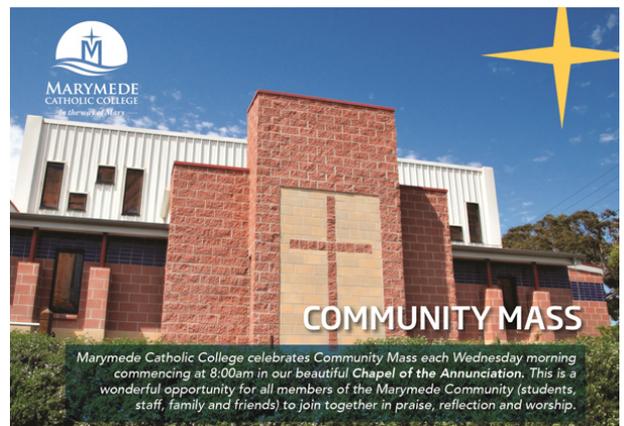
If any parents would like to get involved and volunteer please contact the P&F on paf@marymede.vic.edu.au, but even if you can't help, we'd love to see you down there on the day cheering the kids on... Everyone's invited!

Please see the attached guide for further details and information and if you are unsure about something or have questions please forward them to paf@marymede.vic.edu.au.

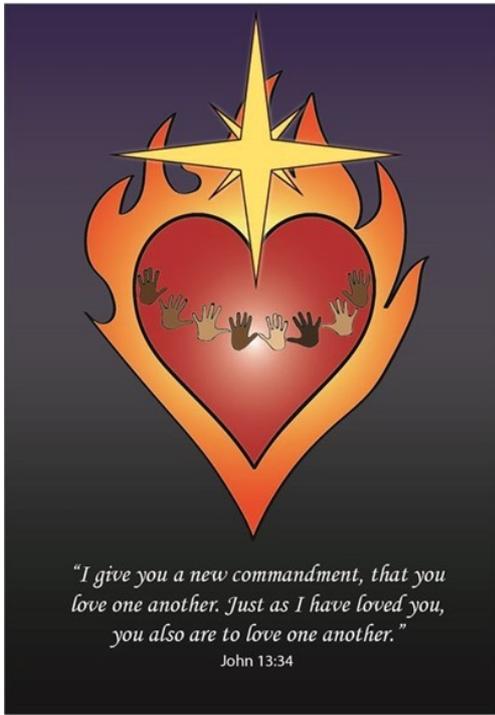
Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

P&F Committee

COMMUNITY MASS



Marymede Catholic College celebrates Community Mass each Wednesday morning commencing at 8:00am in our beautiful Chapel of the Annunciation. This is a wonderful opportunity for all members of the Marymede Community (students, staff, family and friends) to join together in praise, reflection and worship.



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

John 13:34