



12 August 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

I have said many times over the past 18 months that we are living in uncertain times., with yesterday's lockdown extension an unfortunate reminder. I am starting to take more notice again of the daily COVID-19 count hoping that the numbers start to come down so that we can return to something that resembles more closely what we have known before. We must wait, but not without hope or faith.

I again assure parents that our staff are fully committed to delivering an engaging online learning program for their students and are happy to respond (during business hours) to emails from both students and parents who have concerns. We hope that the Government will declare that it is safe for our students to return to school next Friday 20 August, or sooner if cases numbers permit.

Marymede Day: postponed

We had planned to celebrate Marymede Day as a school community tomorrow (Friday 13 August). We made the decision to reschedule this most important school community event to hopefully later in the term once social restrictions have been eased, but know this may well be pushed back to Term 4. We are determined to celebrate as a community before our Year 12 leaders head into their SWOT-VAC and exams period.

Staff News

We welcome Bianca Garzia who joined our staff last Monday 9/8. Bianca will be the new P-6 Literacy Advisor.

We farewell Kathryn Dunstan who is taking Maternity Leave as she prepares for the birth of her third child.

Planning for 2022

Planning is underway for next year. I draw this to your attention as you might not be aware that planning for the new school year

is done months ahead. I am currently meeting with staff about their plans for next year and by the end of the term I hope to have a clearer picture of staff availability.

We do use this time to project our budget for the following year, which is critical to the organisation of the College. To this end, I ask parents to please promptly return to the College the 2022 Re-Enrolment Form which will be available online in the next fortnight.

Year 7 2023

Enrolment applications for Year 7 2023 close on Friday 20 August at 4.00pm. We anticipate that there will be strong demand for places judging by the number of families who attended Open Day and morning tours during the year. If parents know of friends who are considering Marymede for their child's secondary education in 2023, please let them know of our closing date for applications.

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STAFF AND OPERATIONS PREP – YEAR 12

Mental Health resources

We are all very much conscious of the compounding effect of lockdowns and isolation on the mental health of our young people, families, business owners, staff and all in our community, particularly in the wake of this latest lockdown extension. The Victorian government provides a range of mental health resources targeted to our current COVID-affected lives, providing both advice and contact numbers for all sectors of society.

The specific sites for young people and families can be accessed here:

Mental health resources for children and young people
Mental health resources for parents and families



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSndsHZB134>

COVIDsafe measures during lockdown

While the current lockdown continues, we hope to welcome back all our students and staff as soon as the government's health orders allow (currently Friday 20 August).

In accordance with the latest School Operations Guide (released 10 August), the following measures are in place to protect our College and Community:

- No visitors are permitted to access the property (this includes parents and carers).
- The vast majority of students will conduct their learning from home. Only those students who have no adult supervision at home or who have a diagnosed disability may apply for on-campus supervision of their remote learning. These students must be registered online via the link emailed by College Principal Mr Kenny.
 - Year 4 – 12 students who may need to access their locker or classroom for learning materials must go to Main Reception. Parents may not enter the property to collect materials
- All staff and secondary school students permitted for on-campus remote learning must wear a face mask at all times (unless they have a lawful exemption). Masks may only be removed to eat or drink.
- Any permitted visitors who enter a building must register at Main Reception or Finance using the QR code. A COVID-Check-in Marshall is required to verify the completion of the QR-code check-in.
- All visitors (including parents) who are permitted onsite must wear a face mask at all times (unless they have a lawful exemption)

- All students using public transport are required to check-in using the QR code; all Secondary school students are also required to wear a face mask when using any school bus or public transport
- A density limit of 1 person per 4m² will be observed in all areas accessed by permitted visitors.
- Parents and carers are reminded to maintain 1.5m social distancing at all times.

Once we return and are permitted to hold excursions, all permission forms are now required to provide an individual phone for each student as excursion venues are required to collect contact details and are responsible for managing record keeping for contact-tracing in line with current public health directives. A school phone number alone is not considered sufficient for this purpose. Providing contact details for individual students will expedite contact tracing so that individuals can be contacted by the Department of Health if required. Parents and carers are advised that, when required, the school will be providing excursion venues with contact details for students. If a number is not provided on the Operoo form, the primary contact phone number on school file for the student will be provided as the nominated contact number. Venues will be collecting student names and contact phone numbers for a legitimate purpose and are subject to Victorian privacy laws so will handle the information securely and only retain it for the required 28-day period.

Safety requirements are now in place



STAY SAFE
STAY OPEN

Authorised by the Victorian Government, Melbourne



To keep up to date with the changing COVID situation and latest government regulations, please visit:

<http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites>

<http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/face-masks>

We thank parents and carers for your continuing support and understanding of the measures taken to protect all community members.

Trouble receiving Marymede emails?

We have received a number of calls from families saying they have not received email communication. Upon investigation from our ICT Helpdesk, we can see that each email was sent to the preferred email address for each of the families in question

but has not arrived in their email inboxes. The majority of these email addresses have been Gmail and Hotmail.

Marymede is unable to fix this issue from our end, as this is a known spam / junk filtering issue for Gmail and Hotmail that is sending Marymede communication to your Junk or Spam folder. The only solution available requires action from parents to “whitelist” the following Marymede email addresses:

- registrar@marymede.vic.edu.au
- principal@marymede.vic.edu.au
- news@marymede.vic.edu.au
- helpdesk@marymede.vic.edu.au
- transition@marymede.vic.edu.au
- nicole.lawrenson@marymede.vic.edu.au
- carolyn.key@marymede.vic.edu.au

In order to assist families with a Gmail or Hotmail address, we ask you to please “Whitelist” the Marymede email addresses listed above by following the instructions below for your Hotmail or Gmail account:

David Broadbent
Deputy Principal Staff & Operations P-12

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING PREP – YEAR 12

Let's Get Reading

With increased screen time necessitated due to remote learning it is so important that students find the opportunity to unplug and get reading. All students should be reading each day and having the opportunity to read aloud really assists our primary students to build their fluency – that is, their speed, accuracy and expression. In order to understand what they read, children must be able to read fluently whether they are reading aloud or silently. With our upcoming Book Week (23 – 27 August) it's a great opportunity to dust off some old favourite books and share these with your child. Possum Magic and Who Sank The Boat were often on high rotation when I was a child. I'm looking forward to engaging in the many activities on offer during book week and supporting our P-6 students as they strut their stuff in the Book Week Costume Parade.

Semester Awards

Last week, students who received an Academic Excellence or Endeavour award were acknowledged by their class teacher and peers. The Excellence award was given to the student with the highest overall assessment results in their class, whilst the Endeavour award was awarded to the student who has shown strong learning dispositions and a commitment to their own growth. I extend my congratulations to all our award recipients and encourage all students to work consistently and strive for their very best for the remainder of this year.

Subject Selection

This week subject selection commenced for students that are currently in Year 8. Students have received their online portal login details and must select carefully because only one entry

into web preferences is permitted. The portal will close on Tuesday 17 August at 9.00pm, with late submissions potentially limiting student options. If you or your child have any questions, please contact myself or Mr Rovetto.

Premier Awards

Congratulations to Kaiya Camilleri who has been recognised with a Premier's VCE Award for her outstanding academic results in 2020. Kaiya received a Study Award for excellence in VET Dance. The annual Premier's VCE Awards recognise the top-performing students in the state. This year, 297 students were recognised with awards for their outstanding results. The entire Marymede community is proud of Kaiya and would like to congratulate her on being the recipient of such a prestigious award.

I extend my thanks and appreciation to Emma Kiely – Kaiya's teacher – for her dedication and support of Kaiya last year. Not only did Kaiya recently receive the Premier's Award but she has also been selected for a prestigious two-year professional dance scholarship at Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance to commence next year. What an amazing opportunity!

Jessica Hall
Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12

CO-CURRICULUM

Co-Curricular Overview

We are so proud to offer such a wide range of co-curricular activities here at Marymede. It allows students many opportunities to engage with activities that interest them, develop new skills and connect with likeminded peers and teachers. One of the most popular activities this year has been the Climate Action Group led by Ms Milner which has had outstanding attendance throughout the year. During Term 2, to celebrate World Environment Day the students created this wonderful roving display highlighting our impact on the environment and ideas of small changes we can implement as individuals to reduce that impact.



It was so lovely to see Primary Choir and Moana Jr rehearsals able to return briefly after the holidays. The students involved have been working hard on their performances in their own time and their dedication is shining through.

Ms Al Noobi's Walking Club also had a great deal of interest from the primary students. It is a great way for the Preps and Year 1 and 2 students to familiarise themselves with our beautiful campus as a group. In Term 3 we have Gym Club (Thursday lunchtimes) and Art Club (Monday lunchtimes) commencing. These have been wonderful additions to our school's culture over the years, so we are very excited for the sessions to begin when face to face learning returns.

As challenging as it is to return to home learning, we are so happy to continue to provide a version of our co-curricular program to students while they are off campus. Co-curricular@Home has been a very successful addition over the past 18 months, providing ideas, activities and challenges for students to participate in while learning from home. There are many opportunities for students to earn house points, get creative, and get outdoors so we encourage all parents to support your children in participating.

Co-Curricular House Shield Leader Board

As well as the benefits for individuals, our co-curricular program also allows students to display house spirit and contribute points towards the House Shield competition. Most lunchtime activities can earn up to 10 points per student per term (with regular attendance) and most after school activities can earn even more! There are so many reasons to get involved!

Primary		Secondary	
1st	ROMERO	1st	MCAULEY
2nd	CHISHOLM	2nd	MARCELLIN
3rd	MCAULEY	3rd	CHANEL
4th	CHANEL	4th	CHISHOLM
5th	MCCORMACK	5th	ROMERO
6th	MARCELLIN	6th	MCCORMACK

Well done to Romero (Primary) and McAuley (Secondary) who are leading the Co-Curricular House Shield Competition. There is still plenty of time left to build up your house points: I encourage all students to have a look at our co-curricular handbook, or the posters in their classroom and find an activity to get involved in. Most co-curricular leaders are happy for new students to come along and get a feel for the sessions, without any obligation to 'sign up' or commit.

If you would like more information on any of our co-curricular activities, please contact
Melanie.Wason@marymede.vic.edu.au

Ms Melanie Wason
Co-Curricular Assistant

CALTHORPE RESOURCE CENTRE

Book Week 2021

The Book Week theme for 2021 is "Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds".



We will celebrate with a range of activities for students between 23 - 27 August. The costume parade is scheduled to take place on Friday August 27 and we plan to livestream the event due to restrictions preventing parent attendance. Visiting authors

include Susannah MacFarlane who will visit the Year 3 and 4 students on Wednesday 24 August. For the first time we welcome the secondary students to the celebrations. Martin Chatterton will conduct a workshop for interested students on Friday 27 August. Children's author, Jane Godwin will visit the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students on 31 August. We hope that all Marymede students will enjoy Book Week 2021.

Marie O'Brien
Head of the Calthorpe Resource Centre

NORTHERN STARS LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

2021/2022 Season

Are you the next budding Athlete that will represent Australia at the Brisbane Olympics in 2032?

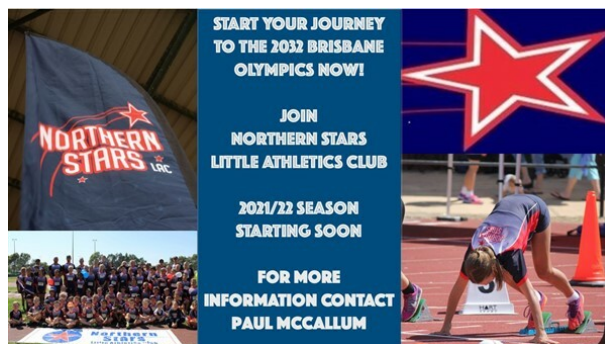
Start your journey now by joining the Northern Stars Little Athletics Club.

Competing on Saturday mornings and some Friday evenings as part of the Whittlesea City Little Athletics Centre (McDonalds Rd, Epping) the 2021/22 season kicks off in September 2021.

A family friendly environment catering for both girls and boys of all abilities in age groups for Under 6's to Under 16's!

Great way to keep fit and have fun over summer and ready to hit those winter sports ready to go next year.

For further information or to register your interest contact Paul on 0422 581 108.



Screenwave International Film Festival (SWIFF)

SWIFF's Nextwave Youth Short Film Competition,

SWIFF's Nextwave Youth Short Film Competition is open for entries!

The Coffs Coast's Screenwave International Film Festival is looking for the next wave of young filmmakers!

Enter a short film into the Nextwave Youth Film Competition for your chance to win awesome awards and prizes, including Best School, and have your film premiere at SWIFF 2022 on the Coffs Coast!

If you like being creative, and want to have a go at filmmaking, SWIFF wants to see what you can do!

The rules are simple:

- Make a film under five minutes
- Include a pineapple
- Enter before October 12th to win!

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