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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last Principal's report in this the final newsletter for the 2021 School year.

As a College Community, we have experienced another challenging year as the Delta strain of the COVID virus forced everyone to juggle working from home and supporting our children in home schooling. I believe as a College we deserve to feel proud of how everyone in our community again adapted to the extraordinary circumstances we found ourselves in during the pandemic.

It is my hope and prayer that we never return to an extended lockdown again. The new kind of normal going forward will allow us to be able to connect with our loved ones and friends. I also encourage everyone to embrace all the opportunities which come your way into the future.

Term 4

The College has held a number of important school events in recent weeks which include Confirmation for our Year 6 students; Year 4 students' excursion to Latitude; Year 5 Camp at Lady Northcote Recreation Camp; Year 6 Camp at Phillip Island; Book Week Parade for all the Primary classes; Year 10 City Experience and our Secondary Awards presentations. In our final week of school, we have the First Eucharist for our Year 4 students, Prep and Year 7 2022 Transition and the Primary Celebrations of Learning, which will be live-streamed to our families.

We are all looking forward to seeing our Years 5-9 Performing Arts students showcase their talents in Moana Jr. on Thursday 9 December. I am pleased that some of our Primary classes will be in the audience to watch the show. A video recording will be made available for our Marymede families.

Key dates for the End of 2021 and start of 2022

2021

Friday 3 December:	Final day for Years 7-10.
Friday 10 December:	Final day for Prep-Year 6 students.
Thursday 16 December	Release of Year 12 2021 final results and ATAR.
Friday 17 December	College Office closes.

2022

Monday 17 January:	College Office reopens.	
Friday 28 January:	Teaching Staff return.	
Monday 31 January:	Staff Professional Learning Day (student free).	
Monday 31 January - Tuesday 1 February:	Primary Meet the Teacher (Prep) & Primary Testing (Years 1-6).	
Tuesday 1 February:	Years 7 & 12 commence (including Year 11 undertaking Unit 3&4 studies).	
Wednesday 2 February:	Preps attend (half day); Years 1-6 students commence; Years 8-11 students commence.	

Farewell to Staff

The sad part of the year's end is the inevitable farewell to those staff who are moving on from the College for a variety of reasons. I wish to acknowledge longstanding staff members Rosemary Bennett, Gerard Large and Jeremy Guzman for their commitment to our College over a number of years. They will all be dearly missed at our College but fortunately not to Catholic Education as they move to other Catholic schools in the northern corridor.

I also thank other departing staff members for their time at our College and wish them every happiness and success going forward.

Farewell

My seven years as Principal of Marymede Catholic College is quickly coming to an end and I thank everyone for the support you have given me over the journey. You have made our College the special place that it is and one that is highly regarded in the wider community. Our Prep enrolments are at capacity for next year and we have a record number of Year 7 enrolments (in excess of 250). We expect student enrolments to be in excess of 2060 which is an increase of 80.

I believe the College is well placed to meet the changes taking place in education today and I look forward to hearing about its future successes from afar.

I take this final opportunity to thank our Senior Leadership Team, teachers and classroom assistants for their support of all our students this year. I wish all of our staff and families a well-earned break and a happy, holy and safe Christmas.

Mr. Michael Kenny Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STAFF AND OPERATIONS PREP – YEAR 12

Celebrating the end of 2021 as cohorts

By the time you are reading this article, half of our Awards Assemblies and Celebrations of Learning will have been held. At Marymede, we treasure the sense of community that we have had limited chances to foster in-person for most of the past two years, so it was wonderful to at least be able to acknowledge our high achievers across all areas of college life in front of their peers and be able to stream the assemblies to families at home.

Families of students in **Year 5 and Year 6** will be able to join video stream of their Celebrations of Learning from 11.30am – 1.30pm on **Monday 6 December**. The link to this event will be emailed to Year 5-6 families on the morning of Monday 6 December.

Families of students in **Prep – Year 4** will be looking forward to the video stream of their Celebrations of Learning to be released to homes on the evening of **Thursday 9 December**, to enable families to watch the celebrations together with their children at their leisure over the weekend. The link to this event will be emailed to P-4 families on Thursday 9 December.

We express our deep thanks to the many staff and students who put in extra work for these COVID-safe assemblies, including some special lives performances for the first time since early 2020. I look forward to a 2022 that enables greater parental involvement on-campus and the opportunity to meet more families in-person.

COVIDsafe measures & thanks

After an optimistic start to 2021, the back half of this year has seen many challenges. Despite the wonderful response of Victorians to the vaccination rollout and the end of lockdowns, students, staff and parents have continued to face together outbreaks that have forced community members into COVID testing queues and (thankfully shortening) quarantine. The myriad changes to face mask, social distancing, testing and quarantine restrictions have been difficult to navigate, but made all the more easy thanks to the widespread cooperation of families and staff, particularly those who have expressed their understanding that the school has faced the same frustrations as parents (indeed, many staff facing the same experiences as parents as well). On behalf of the staff, I thank all parents and carers and students for your patience and understanding in this COVID landscape and join you in prayer for a more stable 2022.

In this coming final week for primary students, parents can continue to support the health of our community through supporting the COVIDsafe measures the school has in place, and by ensuring that if your child has any of the symptoms below, that they stay home and receive a COVID test:

- loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose

The results of the COVID test should be sent to nurse@marymede.vic.edu.au prior to your child returning to school. Parents / carers of any students isolating as a household Primary Close Contact should also email your child's Day 13 negative PCR COVID test result (or Day 6, if fully vaccinated) prior to your child returning to school.

Parents are also reminded that if entering a school building, all parents and visitors are required to use the QR code and to show their vaccination status to the relevant staff (only vaccinated adults are permitted to enter school buildings).



Office & finance closure from 12.30pm on 14 December

Tuesday 14 December marks the final day for teaching staff for 2021. Due to the whole-staff end-of-year celebrations on this day, most staff will be unavailable and the entire College – including the Main Reception and finance offices – will be closed from 12.30pm onwards. Main Reception and the Finance office will re-open from 8am on Wednesday 15 December and then close for 2021 on Friday 17 December.



A Safe, Happy & Holy Christmas wish

On behalf of all leaders and staff involved in wellbeing and organisation in our College, I wish each member of our community a happy & holy Christmas. As Christians, this a time of unfettered joy at the birth of Our Lord and the gathering of families and parishes to celebrate together. In all your spiritual and familial celebrations, may you be safe and may you know the presence of God both within and watching over you, just as the angels and God watched over the Holy Family in the restricted circumstances of Jesus' birth in the stable.

Mr David Broadbent Deputy Principal Staff & Operations P-12

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING PREP - YEAR 12

Academic Awards

As the end of the year nears, we have had the opportunity to acknowledge student excellence in their learning at a range of awards assemblies held this week and early next week. The awards distributed are as follows:

Year 5-6

- Academic Excellence Demonstrated an excellent work ethic and have excelled in class by achieving a high academic standard.
- Academic Endeavour Demonstrated excellent work habits and contributed positively to the learning environment but working to the best of their ability.

Year 7-11

- Academic Excellence One student per class. Awarded to the student who has achieved the highest average in their assessment this semester in their class.
- Academic Endeavour One student per class. Awarded to the student who has showed learning growth and positive dispositions throughout this semester.
- Subject Dux One student per subject. Awarded to the student who has the highest average in their assessments over the year e.g., Year 7 English Subject Dux is the student ranked first in the cohort

based on their assessment tasks. Where results are tied the teachers will consider formative assessment and learning dispositions.

I would like to congratulate all our award recipients on their outstanding achievement.

Reports

The Semester 2 reports will outline student progress over the last two terms and be reflective of both remote and on-campus learning. Reporting advice from Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) reflects the changing nature of education this year and therefore schools are only required to identify progression on the 5-point scale for the Victorian Curriculum Strands of English, Mathematics and Religious Education. Teachers will make their best judgement around student progression based on the data and evidence we have been able to collect this semester. Should you have any questions about your child's report upon its receipt please don't hesitate to contact the relevant teacher. Reports will be available via the Parent Access Module (PAM) on Friday 10 December from 12.00pm.

Holiday Homework

It is an expectation that all students completing VCE in 2022 complete holiday homework. Completion of this work is critical to setting students up for success and allows them to begin to familiar themselves with both the content and skills required to be demonstrated in the first outcome of the unit. During Commencement classes over the past fortnight, teachers have outlined to students what they are required to complete and the deadline for this work. Students that do not submit their holiday homework by the due date will be issued with a detention.

Whilst holiday homework is not compulsory for students in Years 7-10 next year, we ask that you encourage your son or daughter to read their English texts and maintain some wider reading of their choice.

2022 Testing Days

There are two testing days at the commencement of the 2021 school year (Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February) for all students in Grade 1 – Grade 6. Given the reduced on-campus time for students this year we have not been in the position to complete all of our usual testing and data gathering. In order to ensure we can target our teaching and learning programs to each student's individual needs, additional testing will be conducted, and data analysed early in the 2021 school year. The process for booking a testing spot will be communicated in the week beginning 17 January 2022.

Subject Changes

Students in Years 8-12 for 2022 have received their subject confirmation for 2022. If students wish to request a change any of their subjects, they must download and print the "Application to change subject form" from SIMON Knowledge Bank > Subject Selection. This form must be signed by a parent and additional signatories as outlined on the form. Subject change requests must be submitted and finalised prior to the conclusion of Term 1, Week 2.

Christmas Blessings

Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in the programs and platforms developed during remote learning and in our approach upon student's return to classes on-campus this year. The strength of the Marymede community has again been insurmountable this year and I extend my appreciation to parents for engaging in partnership with teachers to provide our students with the best learning opportunities.

Wishing you a safe and sacred Christmas season and I'm looking forward to what I hope is a settled 2022.

Jessica Hall Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12

CAREERS

ATAR Results

Important dates

ATARs released	Thursday 16 December 2021 (7am)
Change of Preferences (COP) closes	Monday 20 December 2021 (4pm)
January Round Domestic Offers	Friday 14 January 2022
February Round Offers	Tuesday 1 February 2022 onwards

Accessing Results

Year 12 and Year 11 students who have accelerated, who wish to receive their results online will need to register at VCE Results. Registrations for this service have already opened and all students are encouraged to register. Students will require their VCAA student number for registration.

Results can also be accessed under the Results and Offers tile in your VTAC account.

- VTAC App: Please ensure that you have the latest version of the app, which adds a "Login to your VTAC account" option on the main menu. Once you have logged in to your VTAC account from the app, you can use the "My ATAR" menu option to view your ATAR and contributing scaled study scores.
- Mail: VCE and VCAL results and ATAR statements will arrive in the mail from Friday 17 December.
 Printed ATAR statements are only mailed to VTAC applicants who have submitted and paid for a course application. Students who have not applied for courses can request an ATAR statement from the VTAC website. Administrative fees apply.

Careers Counselling

For students who need to consult about results, order of preferences or university offers the following times will be available:

• Thursday 16th December – 8.30am - 4.30pm onsite or via zoom

Students may book Careers meetings by logging into the Marymede careers website and selecting either Mrs Esnouf or Mrs Hall for their appointment on this day.

Please note: the school is legally bound by strict confidentiality guidelines therefore we are only permitted to discuss specific information regarding results and offer information with students.

January Offer Round

Careers counselling will be available to students following Round 1 offer release on Friday 14th January 2022. Please email Mrs Esnouf at maria.esnouf@marymede.vic.edu.au or Mrs Hall at jessica.hall@marymede.vic.edu.au to book an appointment.

Useful information including key dates is available via the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au

When deciding what to do with regard to your offer, please keep in mind the following points. Please read through these carefully:

- We advise ALL students to ACCEPT the first offer made in the January round as there is no guarantee that any further offers will be made to you in subsequent rounds. The first offer you receive in the January round is the highest offer that has been made to you based on your preference list lodged with VTAC.
- Accepting an offer in the January round WILL NOT prevent you from being considered for offers in subsequent rounds; however, you will only receive an offer in the remaining rounds if a place becomes available to you for a course that is listed higher on your preference list than the course you were initially made an offer for.
- If you have changed your mind and would like to be eligible for an offer for a different course or a course that is lower on your preference list, we suggest you CHANGE YOUR PREFERENCES in your VTAC Account to move the course you would like to be considered for in future offer rounds to the top of your preference list. Make contact with the institution to discuss the possibility of places being offered in later rounds. Also, be sure to still accept your first offer just in case another offer does not eventuate.
- If you have received an Aspire Offer from La Trobe University and would like to be considered for this course, you must list the Aspire course as your highest eligible preference. It does not have to be at number 1 on your preference list; however, if it is not at number 1 and you receive an offer for a course that is of a higher preference than your Aspire course, you will lose the Aspire offer.
- You should receive an email from the University / TAFE / institution detailing how to accept your first offer and, in many cases, will also receive information in the mail from the institution with key details. Please

read this information carefully and follow the instructions that are provided.

Students have been emailed short videos to help guide them through the process of ranking preferences properly, changing preferences and accepting offers.

Apprenticeship and Traineeships vacancies:

For students seeking apprenticeships or traineeships, the following websites advertise vacancies.

https://www.megt.com.au/job-board

https://mas.jobreadygateway.com.au/vacancies?utf8=%E2%9 C%93&search_term=&category_id=®ion_names_in%5B%5 D=VIC+-+Melbourne&state_name=Victoria&subscribe=

https://aga.workforceone.com.au/job-board/

https://sras.jobreadygateway.com.au/vacancies?utf8=%E2%9 C%93&search_term=&category_id=®ion_names_in%5B%5 D=Melbourne+North+Eastern+suburbs+%3A+VIC&state_nam e=Victoria&subscribe=

Should you or your child have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Maria Esnouf Careers Coordinator

ENGINEERING

Spaghetti Water Tower Design Challenge - Year 9 Engineering Studies

This semester Year 9 engineering students new design challenge was to construct a water tower out of long thin spaghetti noodles. The designs constraints stipulated that the tower was to have base of 250mm squared and an overall height of 450-500mm. Congratulations to Christian Galea for winning the \$30 gift card. Christian's bridge weighed 230 grams and held a total weight of 39 kg.



Spring Steel Bench Seats - Year 9 Vista program

This term in the Year 9 Vista Program the students designed and made outdoor setting chairs made from reclaimed spring steel leaf springs that were donated by Browns Springworks in Thomastown. The students fabricated the seat frames out of this material and welded everything into place. This included the use of gussets and bracing rods. The seats were finished with timber slats with assistance from our technician Mr. Andrew Bannister.



Mr. Aaron Powter Engineering Teacher Trade Skills Centre

VISUAL ARTS SUCCESS

MACS Creative Arts Exhibition 2022

We are excited to announce that four Marymede Year 12 students have had their work selected for the prestigious MACS Creative Arts Exhibition in 2022!

Congratulations and well done to the following students:

Artist	Subject	Title of Work
Jarryd Cairns	Media	Apathy & Time
Kaiya Camilleri	Studio Arts	Perception of Beauty
Elise Guzzardi	Studio Arts	Body Image
Francesco Zaccari	Visual Communication Design	GAMBIT

Congratulations also to the artists' teachers, Mr Jeremy Guzman (Media), Mr Liam McCormack (Studio Arts), and Ms Renae Mackay (Visual Communication Design).

The students' work – below is a sneak preview – will be exhibited at the Catholic Leadership Centre during the following dates next year:

March 15-18, 9am-4pm March 17-18, 9am-7pm March 19, 11am-4pm



Shared Stories Anthology

A big congratulations to the writers and artists listed below, who have had their work published in the 2021 edition of Shared Stories, which is an annual collection of creative works by primary and secondary students from Catholic schools across Victoria.

Alessia Kyrifidis Analise Freeman Chanula Konara Mudiyansele Diya Das Elise Guzzardi Ella Tjoeka Jarryd Cairns Jayden Demanuele Kaiya Camilleri Kyle Murandu Marco Serratore Mia Daniele Michael Molinaro Natasha Thilakasiri Olivia Sheens Paul Wiriyanont Ryan James Siena Ristevska Sienna Emsovski Sofia Overmars Stephanie Kittikhoun Thisura Sooriyaaratchi Yadeesh Gunawardana

Thank you to Ms Elly Lanza, Mr Paul Grech, and Mr Liam McCormack for supporting Shared Stories this year and inspiring the students to be a part of the publication.



'Seeing' by Siena Ristevska (Year 9 Media)

Mr Jeremy Guzman Visual Arts Domain Leader P-12

PERFORMING ARTS

Instrumental Music Semester 1 2022

New enrolments for *Instrumental Music Semester 1 2022* are now open and will close on Wednesday 8th December. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument either privately or in a shared lesson, please contact Performing Arts Assistant Ellen Lane at ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au for more information and enrolment procedures. Please note there is currently a wait list for some instruments as teachers may be at full capacity with numbers.

Current students enrolled in Instrumental Music this year who no longer wish to continue please submit this request in writing to ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au or simply click *decline* on the Operoo online enrolment form. The deadline was **5 November** so if you wish to withdraw, please do so ASAP. Current students not confirmed will unfortunately forfeit their place in the program so please *accept* the Operoo enrolment from as soon as possible.

Sessional Dance Semester 1 2022

New enrolments for **Sessional Dance Semester 1 2022** are now open and will close on **Wednesday 8 December**. If your child is in Years 5-12 and is interested in developing their dance talents, please contact Performing Arts Assistant Ellen Lane via ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au for more information and enrolment procedure.

Those students already enrolled in Sessional Dance who no longer wish to continue please submit this request in writing to ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au or simply click *decline* on the Operoo online enrolment form by no later than **Wednesday 8 December** otherwise the College assumes students will be participating under the same agreement for a full year and Semester 1 fees will be payable. The information sheet outlining costs, terms and conditions can be accessed for those already enrolled via Operoo for reference.

Ellen Lane Performing Arts Assistant

CITY OF WHITTLESEA

Seeking new School Crossing Supervisors in the Epping & Lalor areas

The City of Whittlesea currently have School Crossing Supervisor positions available in the Epping and Lalor areas.

To be considered for this important job you need to:

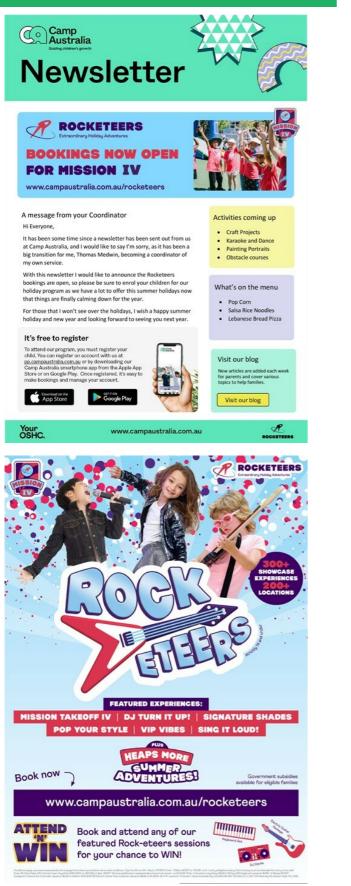
- be medically fit
- have your own transport
- be of good character and relate well to children
- be able to talk to children's parents and teachers
- be available to work for 1.5 hours per day, generally between 8-9am and 3-4pm on weekdays during school terms
- have or be able to obtain and retain a Working with Children Check
- be fully vaccinated against COVID-19

We encourage anyone interested and eligible to submit an application via Council's website:

https://www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/parking-roads-footpaths/roa d-safety/childrens-school-crossings/

Please select the link called 'Apply to become a school crossing supervisor', fill out the form, then select 'Submit'.

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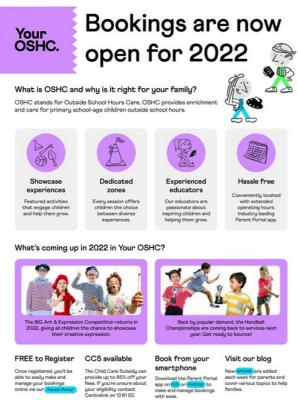
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