



3 November 2022

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Yesterday the Catholic Church recognised *The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*. This day is often referred to as *All Souls' Day*. On this day we pray and remember family and friends who have died.

I invite our community to keep in our prayers Jacob (Year 3), Isaac (Year 6) and Sebastian (Year 8) Sapazovski whose father Rob recently passed.

Loving God,

We pray for those who have passed before us.

We give thanks for the love shared with us by family and friends who are no longer with us.

May loved ones who have died experience the joys of eternal happiness.

We make this prayer in Your name.

Amen

Year 12 students

Year 12 Exams have been running for over a week now. I wish Year 12 students who are currently completing their exams all the best as they do their utmost in their final assessments. Thank you to teachers who continue to support students as they revise the knowledge and skills required for the exams.

Secondary Awards

The Secondary Awards Evening is being held on Wednesday 30 November at 7.00pm in the Fitness Centre. At this event we will be acknowledging Year 7 to Year 11 students with awards relating to the following areas of student achievement:

- Academic endeavour
- Academic growth
- Academic achievement
- Year level dux
- Sport

- Wellbeing
- House spirit
- College spirit
- Leadership
- Catholic identity and service
- Co-curricular contribution
- Marymede Student of the Year (Year 7 – 11)

Students who are receiving awards will be invited to attend the Awards Evening. Their parents will receive an email on 14 November inviting them to attend the Awards Evening.

Year 6 Graduation

We look forward to the Year 6 Graduation Eucharist and Graduation Ceremony being held at the College in the evening of Tuesday 6 December. Lisa Murray, Director of Students Years 4 to 6 is leading this event. This special occasion will mark the competition of primary education for Year 6 students and promises to be a most positive moment for students, parents and staff.

Staff Excellence Awards

The College Leadership Team is this year introducing two awards to recognise the effort of staff in supporting student growth.

The two awards are:

1. Marymede Catholic College Teacher Excellence Award
2. Marymede Catholic College Education Support Professional Excellence Award

The details of the awards are outlined below. Students, parents and staff are invited to nominate a staff member for the awards via the link below by 14 November.

Marymede Catholic College Teacher Excellence Award

The Marymede Catholic College Teacher Excellence Award is an award presented annually to a teacher whose effort positions students well to achieve.

One teacher from each Campus of the College will be recognised with this Award each year.

In 2022 one primary and one secondary teacher will be recognised with the Award.

The primary teacher will be presented with the Award at the Primary End of Year Assembly.

The secondary teacher will be presented with the Award at the Secondary Awards Evening.

The recipient of the Marymede Catholic College Teacher Excellence Award will have exhibited to an excellent standard the following behaviours during the year in which they are recognised.

- Actively supporting the College's Catholic identity and mission
- Fostering the learning and growth of the whole person through the provision of a hope-filled student-centred learning environment
- Deliberately and purposefully differentiating the learning program to facilitate growth for all
- Supporting student wellbeing to best position students for learning
- Working in a collaborative manner with colleagues
- Approaching teaching with a sense of curiosity towards the impact of their practice on student achievement
- Setting high standards for and of students, staff and all community members
- Conducting themselves in a manner which is consistent with the College's Catholic identity: humbly, kindly, ethically, inclusively and inspired by Christ's teaching
- Commitment to fostering a culture of Child Safety

All staff, students and parents are invited to nominate a teacher for the Award by completing the online form (link below) inviting them to outline in no more than 250 words why they are nominating the teacher for the Award.

NOMINATION FORM - Marymede Catholic College Teacher Excellence Award

The Principal will call for nominations (3 November and due on 14 November) and discuss applications with the College Leadership Team before making a decision on the annual Award recipients.

Marymede Catholic College Education Support Professional Excellence Award

The Marymede Catholic College Education Support Professional Excellence Award is an award presented annually

to an education support professional whose effort positions students well to achieve.

One education support professional from the College will be recognised with this Award each year.

They will be recognised at both the Primary End of Year Assembly and Secondary Awards Evening.

The recipient of the Marymede Catholic College Education Support Professional Excellence Award will have exhibited to an excellent level the following behaviours during the year in which they are recognised.

- Actively supporting the College's Catholic identity and mission
- Performing their role in a student-centred manner to an excellent standard in order to create conditions for the College to nurture and nourish student growth
- Working in a collaborative manner with colleagues
- Approaching their role with a sense of curiosity towards the impact of their practice on the College community
- Setting high standards for and of students, staff and all community members
- Conducting themselves in a manner which is consistent with the College's Catholic identity: humbly, kindly, ethically, inclusively and inspired by Christ's teaching
- Commitment to fostering a culture of Child Safety

All staff, students and parents are invited to nominate an education support professional for the Award by completing the online form (link below) inviting them to outline in no more than 250 words why they are nominating the education support professional for the Award.

NOMINATION FORM - Marymede Catholic College Education Support Professional Excellence Award

The Principal will call for nominations (3 November and due on 14 November) and discuss applications with the College Leadership Team before making a decision on the annual Award recipients.

Doreen Campus

Momentum is growing as we plan for offering high quality Catholic Education at our new Doreen Campus!

We will be opening for Year 7 in 2024 and enrolments are growing!

Builders will be on-site shortly we look forward to communicating an update with details about this in the coming days.

For any families interested in discovering more about our new Doreen Campus, you are warmly invited to attend an Information Evening on Tuesday 8 November at 7.00pm to be held at our South Morang Campus.

This will be an opportunity for families to hear an update from our Principal, Timothy Newcomb, about the building project and our planning for Year 7 2024.

Click here to Register your attendance:

BOOK NOW - Doreen Campus Information Evening

Best wishes to all students for their learning across the next fortnight.

Timothy Newcomb
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL WELLBEING AND OPERATIONS PREP – YEAR 12

Continuing dangerous driving at Gate A

Despite reminders in last term's newsletter and a direct email to all Primary families this term, we continue to have some parents dangerously exiting from the entry-only Gate A entrance. In the past fortnight, multiple near-miss collisions with both vehicles and students have occurred, verified by College CCTV cameras that cover the gate.

Families are reminded that Gate A is an entry-only vehicle gate (the same as Gate B). Families who need to exit the Primary-side / ELC carpark must travel east towards the Primary school and exit via Gate C. The College has already moved some existing signage to a more prominent position, ordered additional signage for the area and is able to staff the exit on a periodic basis, but the single most effective measure is drivers simply obeying the NO EXIT signage, in the name of safety for our students. We would not like to have to resort to closing this entrance due to a small number of inconsiderate drivers.



PB4L skills for Weeks 5 & 6: Responsibility & Respect

Marymede Catholic College were recently asked to present our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) journey to a MACS audience and next Monday will be hosting a group from Catholic Education Ballarat. It is great to see the esteem in which our College's journey in PB4L is held, knowing there is still much to implement. Last week, a student competition to design PB4L 'mascots' closed, and we are excited to soon unveil the successful design to embed even greater student voice into PB4L at Marymede.

The specific behaviour skills being taught this week and the focus of daily interactions for weeks 5 & 6 of Term 4 are:

- Secondary – RESPONSIBILITY: **Support the right of others to learn**
- Primary – RESPECT: **I allow people to speak and learn without interruptions**

Secondary School Positive Behaviour Expectations

	Resilience <i>Being resilient means I will...</i>	Respect <i>Being respectful means I will...</i>	Responsibility <i>Being responsible means I will...</i>	Safety <i>Being safe means I will...</i>
At all times in all Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be kind to myself • Strive to complete all tasks • Develop a growth mindset • Be proactive in communication • Practice forgiveness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively listen and respond with kind words and empathy • Use good manners • Follow staff instructions • Take personal care of property • Actively enable everyone's right to learn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak clearly and kindly • Be punctual • Take ownership of my learning • Wear my school uniform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move in an appropriate way • Be an upstander • Operate equipment according to guidelines • Stay within designated areas • Be mindful of people around me • Be SunSmart
When I am online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate politely and considerately • Practice forgiveness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate politely and considerately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and protect the reputation of the College • Actively contribute to online learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use personal information responsibly
In public spaces		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be considerate of the public, all members of the school community, and visitors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represent the College with pride • Prioritise the welfare of self and others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use public & school transport with care

Primary School Positive Behaviour Expectations

	Resilience	Respect	Responsibility	Safety
At All Times in all Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I give everything a go and I make an effort • I use a variety of strategies to calmly solve problems • I can ask for help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I listen and follow teacher instructions the first time • I use polite and appropriate language • I am kind to myself and others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I take ownership of my actions and words • I make positive choices • I take care of my possessions • I wear my uniform appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I keep my hands, feet and objects to myself • I am in the right place at the right time • I move in a safe and appropriate way • I am an upstander
Inside spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have a growth mindset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am kind to myself and others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am proud and take ownership of my own learning • I learn cooperatively with others as part of a team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I use classroom resources appropriately
Outside spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am a good sport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am kind to myself and others • I treat others how I like to be treated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I use the toilets appropriately • I am on time for class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am SunSmart • I am careful when moving through carparks and near roads
When I am online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can cope if technology is unavailable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I only post appropriate images and comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I only use school approved sites and apps when learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I report things that make me uncomfortable • I keep passwords private

Year 7 and Year 10 Vaccination Reminder

The City of Whittlesea have completed their visit to our school to vaccinate our Year 7 and Year 10 students for 2022, however some students did not return a consent card and therefore missed out on these important vaccinations.

Year 7's were due for HPV and Boostrix vaccines and our Year 10's were due for Meningococcal ACWY vaccine as per the National Immunisation Schedule.

Further information on these vaccines can be found at School-based vaccination - Whittlesea Council

In order for your child to catch-up, please attend your local GP or book into a Council public session at City of Whittlesea | TryBooking

If you require further information please call the Immunisation Team at Council on 9217 2170 or email teamfamilyimmunisation@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

COVIDsafe settings for Term 4: continue to report and isolate

While mandatory isolation rules have ceased, Chief Medical Officer Paul Kelly reminds us this "does not in any way suggest that the pandemic is finished" – as evidenced by the 25% increase in cases across Victoria last week – hence the need to maintain certain safety measures. Most particularly, symptomatic students and staff should continue to isolate at home until they are symptom-free.

In accordance with the latest CECV School Operations Guide (17 October), the following measures remain in place for Term 4 to ensure our College remains a safe environment for our students and staff:

- **Reporting positive COVID results:** When a student receives a positive RAT or PCR result, a parent or guardian should report this result to the college via

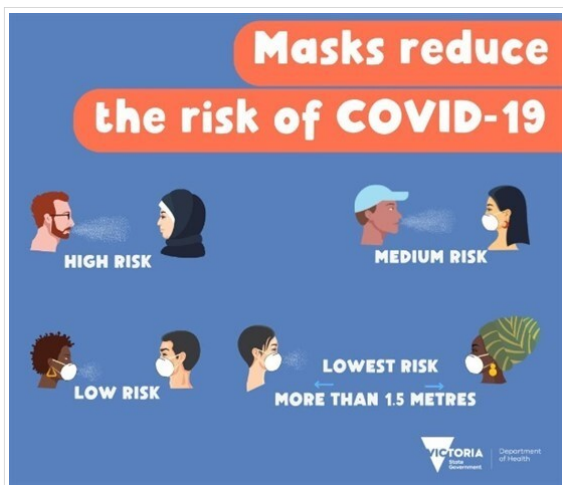
the Marymede COVID Notification Form . **Students should remain at home for a minimum of 5-days** from testing positive and should only return when their symptoms have cleared.

- As an additional risk mitigation, it is strongly recommended by the Department of Health that anyone leaving isolation on day 6 or 7 takes a RAT and wears a face mask indoors away from home, and outdoors where they cannot physically distance.
- For those leaving isolation on day 6, take a RAT and wear a mask for five days, but particularly the first two days.
- For those leaving isolation on day 7, take a RAT and wear a mask for four days, but particularly the first two days.

The requirement for the College to notify the school community of positive cases has now been removed.

- **Face Masks & Physical distancing:** Face masks are highly recommended whenever indoors and whenever physical distancing is not possible.

- All students and staff are recommended to wear a face mask when indoors.
- Parents and carers conducting drop-off and pick-up who are unable to maintain social distance are recommended to wear a face covering



- **Students identified as household contacts:** Students who are identified as Household contacts may continue to attend school under the following conditions:

- A parent or guardian should register the student as a Household contact via the Marymede COVID Household Contacts notification form; and
- Year 3 – 12 students who are household contacts should wear a mask indoors at all times (also strongly advised for P-2); and
- the student should undertake negative rapid tests (RATs) each school day over the seven days (from first exposure to the positive case); and
- they must remain asymptomatic.

N.B. Students who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 will not be considered as a Household contact for 28 days after the end of their isolation period.

- **Students who are unwell should stay home:** The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms (and even with a negative RAT or PCR result).

Any child who displays symptoms at school will be sent to First Aid to be assessed. The First Aid team will contact parents to take home any symptomatic students. While awaiting pick-up, for the safety of staff and other students, any student with COVID-like symptoms will be isolated in the new weather-proof outdoor isolation zone, supervised by First Aid staff.

- **Availability of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for household contact and/or symptomatic testing:** Families may collect a 5-pack of RAT home-tests (one pack per child) from Main Reception as needed. Secondary students may also collect a RAT kit from Main Reception after 3.15pm.

If your child receives a positive RAT test result at any time, a parent or guardian should register this result through the Department of Health system via COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form or 1800 675 398 (please also see the point above for informing the college via the Marymede COVID Notification Form).

We thank all parents and carers and students for your continuing patience, understanding and cooperation in assisting to keep our community safe.

David Broadbent
Deputy Principal Wellbeing & Operations P-12

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL LEARNING AND TEACHING PREP – YEAR 12

Booklists

We are currently finalising our resource lists with Champion Education and there will be both a home delivery and in-store collection option from their store in Thomastown. As always, digital resource packages and fees must be purchased and paid for via the Champion website. Booklists for 2023 will be published via PAM and further information sent home about the ordering process next week.

2023 Commencement Classes – Current Year 10 and 11

The 2023 curriculum begins for all VET/VCE/VCE Vocational Major classes this year during the Commencement period, a compulsory requirement for all current Year 10 and 11

students. Students in Year 7-9 will remain in their current classes and following their usual timetable. Commencement classes run from Monday 21 November to Friday 2 December with the program designed to provide students an introduction into course requirements as well as engage in a range of personal development sessions to help set them up for success with the demands of study in the senior school. During this time students will begin learning new content and skills and discuss the expectations for the completion of holiday homework.

Jessica Hall

Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

Year 12 Graduation Celebrations 2022

As our Year 12 students are now well into exams, or work or whatever the next step in life is for them, it was fortunate that we were able to witness the Year 12s coming together as a cohort for their final Graduation Mass & Ceremony and shared this experience in front of family and friends for the first time in three years. Spectacularly dressed, students arrived early for photos before processing down the Fitness Centre in House groups lead by the Student Leaders for one final time.

Students, staff and families engaged in a Mass lead by Father Hien Vu and organised by Ms Selar and Year 12 students followed by the Presentation of Graduation Certificates and the announcement of Australian Defence Force Awards and Marymede Special Awards. Each year the ADF recognises two Year 12 students who have demonstrated a set of selection criteria above that of their peers.

This year we congratulate **Steven Ameen** who received the Year 12 Future Innovators Award and **Savannah Shamon** as recipient of the Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award.

We also celebrated the achievement of **Sarah Jin**, a student of St Mary's College for the Deaf and a member of the Marymede community, who received both the ADF Year 12 Future Innovators Award and the Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award.

The 2022 Marian Award for a student's outstanding contribution to the life and mission of the College was **Jed Tyrell** whose leadership and contribution to college life at Marymede has consistently embraced our College motto 'In the Way of Mary'.

The Marymede Medal is an Honour Board award and is presented to a student who is an exceptional model of service and Christian leadership. The 2022 recipient of this award was Savannah Shamon who has been a leader of student voice in her time at Marymede, demonstrating significant loyalty and pride in being a Marymede student.

The 2022 Graduation Ceremony was concluded by the College Captains of 2022, Imola Tavella and Declan Nhemachena with some inspirational words.

Following the graduation events, students, parents, and Staff continued the celebration over dinner at Plenty Ranges Arts &

Convention Centre, South Morang where stories were shared of their child's school journey.

We know we've provided a platform during their journey at Marymede to launch them into great things outside these school gates. God bless and good luck to the Class of 2022!



David Brick

Directors of Students – Years 10-12

New Senior Primary Playground

We are very excited to share that we are ready to open our new Senior Primary Playground.

This week, students have been introduced to this playground in their class groups. Each class has experienced a safe use induction and behavioural expectations have been explained.

We are hopeful that students will play safely, respectfully, and imaginatively on this new playground.

Year 5s and 6s will each have access to the new playground two days per week. Year 4s will have access one day per week as they also have access to the playground in South Admin once a week.

We would like to thank our PB4L Implementation team for their efforts in initiating this project that will provide something new and exciting for our year 4s, 5s and 6s.



Directors of Students:

- **Years P-3, Narelle Collins**
- **Years 4-6, Lisa Murray**
- **Years 7-9, Jack Mather**
- **Years 10-12, David Brick**

ARTICLE: PERFORMING ARTS

Primary Choir

The Primary Choir invite their family, friends and teachers along for a night of music and fun on **Thursday 10 November** as they present a selection of songs they have been working hard on all year.

We ask that students arrive at **5:30pm** with the performance to start at **6:00pm in the College Auditorium**. The best and

most direct access to the Auditorium will be via Gate E. Once you've parked your car, you will walk up the corridor between the Performing Arts building on your right and the Chapel on your left (the Chapel is directly opposite the Fitness Centre). The door to the foyer will be the first door on your right. If for any reason Gate E is not open for vehicles, the pedestrian gate to the right of Gate E will be open, so please park in the station carpark and walk down to the pedestrian gate next to Gate E.

At the conclusion of the performance, we invite the Primary Choir and their guests to enjoy some light refreshments in the new performing arts room opposite the Auditorium.

Bookings to reserve free tickets and for catering purposes have closed. If you are planning on attending and haven't booked, please email the Performing Arts Assistant as a matter of urgency – ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au.



Instrumental Music Semester 1 2023

New enrolments for **Instrumental Music Semester 1 2023** are now open and will close on **Friday 9 December 2022**. If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument either privately or in a shared lesson, please contact Performing Arts Assistant – Ellen Lane (ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au) for more information and enrolment procedure. Please note there is currently a wait list for some instruments as teachers may be at full capacity with numbers.

In the next couple of weeks students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to try out some of the instruments we have on offer as part of this program. Any students who show an interest in an instrument will be given an information sheet to take home. Parents of these students will also be emailed an information sheet on the program outlining all details plus terms, conditions and cost.

Current students enrolled in Instrumental Music this year who no longer wish to continue please submit this request in writing to Ellen Lane (ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au) or simply click **decline** on the PAM online enrolment form (this form will be sent out to current students soon). Current students who do not confirm will unfortunately forfeit their place in the program, so please accept via the PAM enrolment form as soon as it is made available if you wish to continue in your music studies.

Sessional Dance Semester 1 2023

New enrolments for **Sessional Dance Semester 1 2023** are now open and will close on **Friday 9 December 2022**. If your child is in Years 5-10 and is interested in developing their dance talents, please contact Performing Arts Assistant - Ellen Lane (ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au) for more information and enrolment procedure.

Those students **currently** enrolled in Sessional Dance who no longer wish to continue please submit this request in writing to Ellen Lane (ellen.lane@marymede.vic.edu.au) or simply click **decline** on the PAM online enrolment form (this form will be sent out to current students soon) by no later than **Friday 9 December** otherwise the College assumes students will be participating under the same agreement for a full year and Semester 1 2023 fees will be payable. The information sheet outlining costs (this will increase slightly next year) terms and conditions can be accessed for those already enrolled via Operoo for reference.

Ellen Lane
Performing Arts and Co-Curricular Assistant

SECONDARY SPORT

Term 4 Secondary Sports update

For the final term of 2022, the Year 8 students have had the opportunity to participate in Premier League Sport. While the weather has impacted outdoor sports, especially cricket (as the boys have only managed to play two games, securing one win and one loss), the boys' and girls' soccer have managed to play most of their games and both teams are hoping to secure a place in finals next week with the boys sitting in first place on the ladder and the girls currently in 4th. Other sports going well include the girls' volleyball, where the girls have trained hard all term and are currently 5th on the ladder. Both Basketball teams have been working hard but will narrowly miss out on a place in next week's finals. The Girls netball team have won every game so far. We have played a total of 4 games over the past term and have enjoyed participating in each game and training session. We won our first game 38-15, and our most recent game 25-10. During the term, our netball team has learnt many strategies and new ways to work together to become a stronger team. Not only did the team work super hard, but our coach and assistant coach have encouraged us to always play our best and are constantly teaching us new things to help us with our game.

Our favourite part of this experience would be bonding with our teammates and learning new skills, and we are looking forward to playing in the upcoming finals.

Charlotte Hunter
Year 8

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Vision Portrait 2022 Family Photo Fundraising - Sunday 6 November

Last chance to secure your spot for this fantastic offer. \$30 per family booking will include a free digital image and 100% of the booking fee will be put back into our school. You can also purchase other photos on the day.

<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/marymede-college-sunday-6th-of-november-tickets-403844528857>

For those who have already booked, please note these photos will be done in the Performing Arts Centre, and you will need to enter the College from Gate E (Fitness Centre)

Parent's and Friend's Association