



9 February 2023

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The 2023 school year has begun very well at the College!

We have welcomed many new students to the College as well as a number of new staff.

I thank in advance all parents, guardians and carers for your support this year as we work in partnership to support your child's education.

The start of a new school year provides excitement, energy and optimism towards the opportunities that lie ahead. For some students the start of the school year can also create some anxiety as they adjust to change. Please know that we are here to support all students and help them as they establish new relationships and routines for the school year.

In my letter to parents last week outlining a number of details about the new school year, I offered a summary of the College leadership structure for this year. I hope that this new structure will advance the College in terms of realising its strategic intent, as well as enhancing our operations and providing speedy and helpful support for students, parents and staff.

On Tuesday we celebrated our Opening Year Eucharist. As part of our celebration, we considered our school theme for 2023 which is 'Created and Called'. Throughout the course of this year, we will use our theme as a way to explore our Catholic identity. 'Created and Called' invites us to think about how it is that we are called to live fully in a way which is reflective of Christ's vision for us.

The learning program is well underway for the year with many wonderful learning opportunities, ahead for all our students. Over the coming weeks Year Six students will attend camp and Year 12 students will attend their retreat.

As you are aware the College has updated its Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Values and established four areas of focus for the years ahead. The areas of focus are:

1. Encountering Christ

2. Empowering students to flourish
3. Aspirations for all
4. Fostering a safe and positive environment

I look forward to sharing with you examples of how the College is realising these directions throughout the course of 2023.

Please note that the student free day previously scheduled for Tuesday 28 March has been required to change to Thursday 30 March. We have also moved parent teacher interview for Year 7 – 12 from Monday 27 March to Wednesday 29 March.

The College Advisory Council meets 6.00pm-8.00pm evenings for the year to offer advice to the Principal on matter relating to the College. One position on the Council is vacant for 2023. Interested parents are invited to email me to express their interest and seek further information. If you are interested in this, please email Principal@marymede.vic.edu.au

Finally, I encourage all parents to engage in with our intranet PAM. If you are looking for support with resetting your password or accessing PAM, please email PAM@marymede.vic.edu.au.

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

Timothy Newcomb
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PROFESSIONAL CULTURE PREP – YEAR 12

Welcome to 2023

I extend a warm welcome to all families new to our Marymede community and a grateful 'Welcome back' to all returning families. We hope that families had a relaxing and enjoyable break together.

Student absences

Parents / guardians who need to inform the College of the absence of their child may do so either via PAM or by calling / emailing the following numbers:

Primary student absences

- **Telephone:** 03 8407 8900
- **Email:** primaryattendance@marymede.vic.edu.au

Secondary student absences

- **Telephone:** 03 9407 9090
- **Email:** absentees@marymede.vic.edu.au

Student entry and late arrival / early departure

Parents and students are reminded that secondary students should not be on the campus prior to 8.00am and primary students should not be on-campus prior to 8.20am. Please contact Camp Australia should you child require care before 8.20am (or after 3.35pm).

Students who arrive after 8.45am are required to go to either Primary Administration Office (next to carpark Gate B) or Secondary Administration Office (Founders' Building) to sign in. Younger Primary students will be escorted by a staff member to their classroom.

Senior students who attend the Trade Centre for VET courses should go directly to the Trade Centre from the Williamson's Rd entrance via Pedestrian Gate 1 or 2

Students who have a parental / guardian note explaining a valid reason for early departure must present this note to their Primary core teacher or Secondary Pastoral teacher. When departing, the student will need to report to Primary Administration Office or the Secondary Administration Office to sign-out.

Road safety and Carpark etiquette

As we begin a new year it is worth revisiting some reminders to ensure the safest use of the College carparks and drop-off zones. We appreciate the frustration of slow-moving traffic and ask parents to focus on the safety of our students, some of whom are too young to have fully developed road sense. Parents / Carers are reminded to please be conscious of the following whenever driving through the College for morning drop-off or afternoon pickup (particularly in the Secondary carpark):

- Respect directions from staff on duty
- Obey 10km/h limits
- Drive only in directions indicated on road and gates, and respect indicators of single lane traffic areas



- Only allow your child(ren) to exit or enter the car at marked drop-off bays or while in a marked parking bay
- Do not stop across or block pedestrian crossings



- Do not use areas marked for Staff parking or visitors: while they may appear vacant, staff do return from meetings and off-campus professional learning and there are part-time staff and visitors who arrive at various times during the day



- Only park in a marked disability parking spot if you have a clearly displayed Accessibility Parking Permit. Parents with prams are not permitted to use the disability parking bays, which are required for parents, carers and students with disabilities and who have the legal right to use those marked bays

Please also read the following brochure on parking and safety around schools from Whittlesea Council:

COVIDsafe for 2023

It is pleasing to now be at the tail-end of the recent COVID wave that peaked prior to Christmas 2022. With over 3,000 cases reported in Victoria the pandemic is still with us, so certain measures remain 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 (and preferably with a clear RAT test).
- **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.
- **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
O. the student must remain asymptomatic.

- **Availability of Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) for household contact and/or symptomatic testing:**
RAT tests are no longer distributed via schools.
Please visit your local public library to collect two packs of 5 RAT tests.

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 Professional Culture

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL DIFFERENTIATED EDUCATIONAL PRACTICE PREP – YEAR 12

DIFFERENTIATED EDUCATION PRACTICE

A new year of learning at Marymede!

Welcome to the start of the academic school year for 2023! My name is Michelle Robertson and I am delighted be joining the Marymede Catholic College community as Deputy Principal – Differentiated Educational Practice P-12. My role is to develop and lead the College's Differentiated Educational Practice Strategy P-12. This involves developing evidence-based educational practices to ensure we are fostering the growth of every student in our care.

Working alongside the Directors of Differentiated Educational Practice at the Primary and Secondary campuses, all leaders of learning and teachers at the College, our aim is to foster a learning culture of collaboration and curiosity. This means setting and monitoring high academic standards for all students, through the provision of a hope-filled and student-centred learning environment.

Aspirations for all

A key component of our Mission and Vision is focused on 'Aspirations for all'. Our Annual Action Plan within the Learning sphere states that we will intentionally differentiate learning for the growth and achievement of all. We are committed to achieving this goal by working with our teachers to ensure the curriculum is deliberately differentiated to meet the needs of every student and to foster student voice and agency in our learning programs.



'Know Your Students' Staff Professional Learning Day Friday 17 February – Student Free Day

To begin our commitment to achieving these goals, all teaching staff will participate in a professional learning day on Friday 17 February. This day will focus on effective learning and teaching strategies, accessing and interpreting student data, the importance of differentiating assessments and what expert

practice looks like in order to fully get to know the learners in our classes in 2023 and to set high expectations for learning success for all.

I look forward to working closely with students, staff and parents/carers throughout 2023.

Michelle Robertson

Deputy Principal Differentiated Educational Practice

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL STUDENT WELLBEING PREP – YEAR 12

Empowering students to flourish

After much anticipation it is wonderful to welcome back our Marymede students and families as we commence a new school year. My name is Lisa Murray, and I am very excited to be the Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing P-12 in 2023. In this role I will be working with the Primary and Secondary Wellbeing Teams and our Counselling Department to ensure that Student Wellbeing is a focus through proactive evidence-based actions from P-12.

A new school year often comes with great hope, excitement and often nerves as we open ourselves up to new challenges and experiences. Therefore, our Student Wellbeing component of Marymede's Mission and Vision; '**Empowering students to flourish**' is at the core of our actions.

It is our goal to provide an environment that supports students to be proud of who they are, view challenges as opportunities, develop the skills to move through disappointment and engage with the entire Marymede Community in a respectful manner.

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 7 February 2023



Therefore, as part of our START UP week in the Primary school and in the Secondary Wellbeing Period we are linking in with Safer Internet Day 2023!

The internet is a wonderful place to connect with friends, but we need to do so in a safe and positive manner.

We are asking the Marymede Community to **Connect. Reflect. Protect.**

- **Connect** safely and with purpose – by keeping apps and devices secure and using social media in positive ways.
- **Reflect** before we act – by taking a moment to consider how what we do and say online may affect others.
- **Protect** ourselves and others by taking action – by telling family, friends or colleagues about eSafety and how we can help.

By doing these simple things, we can work towards making every day a Safer Internet Day.

For more advice and information for parents & guardians please see the eSafety website for tips and advice to support your family

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

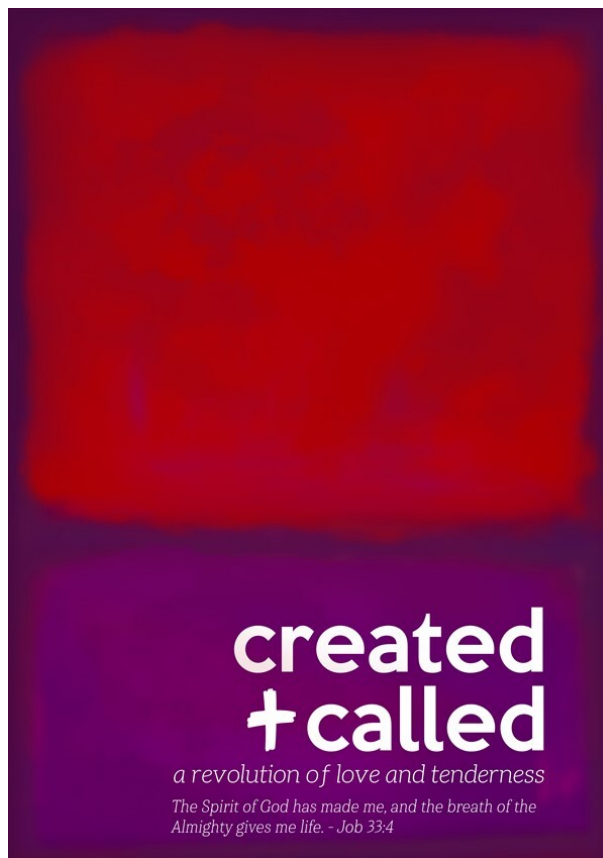
I look forward to working with the entire Marymede community to support Student Wellbeing in 2023!

Lisa Murray
Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION PREP – YEAR 12

2023 College Theme: Created and Called: A revolution of love and tenderness

We warmly welcome the Marymede Community to another school year, in anticipation of all the wonderful things we will endeavour to achieve. This year our theme is **“Created + Called: A revolution of love and tenderness”**. As the title suggests, each one of us is uniquely created in the image of God for a purpose. Scripture says that we are each *‘beautifully and wonderfully made’* (Psalms 139:14) and with this gift comes a great responsibility to be our deepest, truest selves in response to being known and loved by God.



The chosen Scripture to accompany our theme this year is: *‘The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life’* (Job 33:4). Knowing that God loves us changes us. It ignites a flame in our hearts to be God’s love in our world. St Catherine of Siena says: *“Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire”*. As we embrace our theme this year, these inspiring words will be at the forefront, challenging us to revolutionise ourselves, our communities, and the world at large.

Sacramental Program

We continue to offer the Sacramental Program to families preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. For your planning and preparation, please find below the relevant dates for each celebration. More details regarding each Sacrament will be shared via PAM, closer to each Sacrament celebration date.

Sacrament of First Eucharist (Year 4)

Event	Venue	Date	Time
Presentation of Candidates	St Francis, Mill Park	Sunday 7 May	10.30am
Presentation of Candidates	Christ the Light, Mernda	Sunday 21 May	10.30am
Family Workshop Night	Chapel of Annunciation, Marymede	Tuesday 23 May	6.30pm
Celebration of Sacrament	St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park	Saturday 3 June	11.00am
			1.00pm
		Sunday 4 June	2.00pm

Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6)

Event	Venue	Date	Time
Presentation of Candidates	Christ the Light, Mernda	Sunday 6 August	10.30am
Presentation of Candidates	St Francis, Mill Park	Sunday 13 August	10.30am
Family Workshop Night	Chapel of Annunciation, Marymede	Tuesday 15 August	6.30pm
Celebration of Sacrament	St Francis of Assisi, Mill Park	Saturday 9 September	11.00am
			1.00pm
			3.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Year 3)

Event	Venue	Date	Time
Presentation of Candidates	St Francis, Mill Park	Sunday 15 October	10.30am
Presentation of Candidates	Christ the Light, Mernda	Sunday 22 October	10.30am
Family Workshop Night	Chapel of Annunciation, Marymede	Wednesday 25 October	6.30pm
Celebration of Sacrament	Chapel of Annunciation, Marymede	Tuesday 31 October	6.30pm
		Wednesday 1 November	6.30pm

Please note there is a change to the time for the First Eucharist celebration held on the Sunday. It has now moved to 2.00pm due to a baptism being held on the same day.

Please do not hesitate to make contact if you have any questions regarding the Sacramental Program: Laetitia.Malusu@marymede.vic.edu.au

Prayer for the start of a new school year.

*May Wisdom be in our minds and in our thinking.
May Wisdom be in our hearts and in our perceiving.
May Wisdom be in our mouths and in our speaking.
May Wisdom be in our hands and in our working.
May Wisdom be with us, all the days of our lives.
Amen*

Wishing you all a blessed year ahead.

Laetitia Malusu
Deputy Principal Catholic Identity and Mission

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL HEAD OF PRIMARY CAMPUS, SOUTH MORANG

Welcome Back

We extend a warm welcome to everyone for the beginning of the school year. It was great to see all of the students return to school appearing well rested and fresh! We would especially like to welcome our Prep parents and new families to the school. Welcome back to those who are returning to the College this year. At Marymede Catholic College we seek to foster a positive culture and environment. Our hope is that everyone has an amazing and successful year in 2023.

College Support for Morning Transition

If your child or children are not coping with the mornings, please get in touch with your child(ren)'s classroom teacher(s) to ensure they are supported in every way possible with the morning transition.

Primary Administration Office

The Primary Campus Leadership team are located in the Primary Administration Office (formerly the Finance Building). This office is located right beside the entrance to the Primary Courtyard.

Payment of school fees and other financial queries can now be directed to Finance staff at College Reception.

Student Wellbeing and Learning Diversity

There have been a number of changes to our Student Wellbeing and Learning Diversity teams.

These staff are dedicated to working closely with students and families to ensure that, as a college, we provide a range of wellbeing and learning support for our students.

Director of Student Wellbeing, P-2	Rita Casonato
Director of Student Wellbeing, 3-6	Carly O'Neal-Shipleigh
Student Wellbeing Leader, P-2	Janine Cincotta
Student Wellbeing Leader, 3-6	Carol Brown
Learning Diversity Leader, P-2	Luisa Coppola
Learning Diversity Leader, 3-6	Christie Ramaekers

Sunsmart

Marymede Catholic College is a Sunsmart school and in the Primary setting students are expected to wear their hat at recess and lunch during Terms 1 and 4. We ask that students keep their school hat in their school bag so that they have it with them each day. Students who don't have a hat with them are directed to play in the Primary Courtyard or Calthorpe Resource Centre.

It is recommended that all students wear sunscreen to school on a daily basis. It is also encouraged that students bring sunscreen to school to top up later in the day.

Start Up Conversations

After school on Monday 13 and Thursday 16 February, Primary Start Up Conversations will take place for all students in grades

Prep to 6. The meeting this year will be held on campus. Students are invited to attend with their parents. Please check your email/PAM for further information and instructions for scheduling a time.

Narelle Collins
Deputy Principal Head of Primary Campus, South Morang

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL HEAD OF SECONDARY CAMPUS, SOUTH MORANG

Welcome back

On behalf of the Secondary Staff, we welcome everyone back after what we hope was an enjoyable and restful break, ready to tackle 2023. We particularly extend a warm welcome to our Year 7 students and any new Year 8 to 12 students and their families to the college. We look forward to working in partnership with all families to develop and grow students in their learning and wellbeing and within a faith-filled environment. May 2023 be a year of great achievement and success for all.

Secondary Administration Office

The Secondary Leadership Team and Administration Office are now located in the lower Founder's Building opposite the Soccer Pitch. Parents or Guardians wishing to access the Secondary Administration Office can park in the Visitor carparks in front of the Fitness Centre and follow the path along the Tennis Courts to the Founder's Building.

Secondary Campus Leadership and Wellbeing Teams

There have been a number of changes and inclusions of new Staff to Secondary Teams. Please view the list of personnel below to direct any particular queries to.

Deputy Principal Head of Secondary Campus, South Morang David Brick

Director of Catholic Identity and Mission Theresa Egglezos

Director of Differentiated Educational Practice Carmel Delzoppo

Director of Student Wellbeing 7-9 Glenn Esnouf

Director of Student Wellbeing 10-12 Corinne Niall

Director of Campus Organisation Yanna Jephson

Chanel House Leader Bradleigh Gatherer

Chisholm House Leader Jay Russell

MacKillop House Leader Samantha Evans

Marcellin House Leader Colin Macfarlane

McAuley House Leader Jeremy Baldwin

McCormack House Leader Melissa Gaff

Romero House Leader Jason Gilchrist

Secondary Wellbeing Coordinator Megan Richardson

Learning Diversity Leader 7-9 Libby Audley

Learning Diversity Leader 10-12 Sharon Bluett

Upcoming Secondary Events

Term 1 is busy as we start the school year with a number of key events that build positive relationships and strengthens

community spirit across Marymede. Over the next few weeks, we have the following events coming up:

Year 7 Information Night and BBQ Thursday 9 February

Student Leadership Formation Day Friday 10 February

2022 High Achievers' Assembly Thursday 16 February

Secondary House Swimming Carnival Tuesday 21 February

Year 12 Retreat Wednesday 22 – Friday 24 February

Year 7 Camp Monday 27 February – Wednesday 1 March

We look forward to coming together in different groups and sharing the experience of these various events.

David Brick
Deputy Principal Head of Secondary Campus, South Morang

LEARNING DIVERSITY

The Learning Diversity Team would like to welcome Christie Ramaekers who is our new Learning Diversity Leader 3-6

Learning Diversity works with families and external organisations to support students with additional needs achieve their potential.

As the term progresses contact will be made to those families engaging with Learning Diversity to have a Parent Support Group (PSG) meeting to collaboratively outline goals and adjustments.

Please feel free to reach out and contact the relevant Learning Diversity Leader if you have any questions or concerns about any additional learning need your child may have.

Learning Diversity Leaders:

Years P-3, Luisa Coppola

Years 4-6, Christie Ramaekers

Years 7-9, Libby Audley

Years 10-12, Sharon Bluett

PARENTS AND FRIEND'S ASSOCIATION

The Parents and Friend's Association would like to welcome the Marymede community to what is promised to be a big year with Parents and Friend's organised events. As previously advertised at the end of last year the first event planned is The Colour Run on Friday 24 March. Please watch out on the College socials and your emails for further information in the coming weeks.



AGM

The yearly AGM is coming up on Thursday 23 February in the College Performing Arts Centre, commencing at 7.00pm. The Parents and Friends Association cannot run without the volunteer members, so if this is something you are interested in and are looking to join our fabulous team then please come

along to the AGM. For further information please email paf@marymede.vic.edu.au

2023 Marymede Catholic College Fete

The Parents and Friend's are pleased to announce that after a long break, the Marymede Catholic College is back in 2023. Put the date in your diary, Saturday 25 November, 1.00pm until 7.00pm. Further information to come.

Fete Market Stall Holders

During the fete we hold a market, so if anyone within the Marymede community has a small business and they would have a stall at the market please contact paf@marymede.vic.edu.au

Food Trucks

If anyone within the Marymede community owns a food truck and would like to attend the fete then please contact paf@marymede.vic.edu.au

Sarah Young

Vice President – Parents and Friend's Association

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