



A COMPLETE EDUCATION  
A PREP TO YEAR 12 CATHOLIC CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE



From the Office of the Principal

21 January 2022.

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As the beginning of the 2022 school year approaches I would like to formally introduce myself to you as the new Principal of Marymede Catholic College.

I am most grateful for the trust placed in me to be Principal of Marymede Catholic College and are really enthused about getting to know and understand the College community and lead it on the next steps of its journey.

I am very thankful to Michael Kenny for the great handover he supported me with last year. I congratulate him on the excellent leadership he offered the College and wish him all of the best for his retirement.

Thank you to the staff, parents and students I have met so far, for the generous welcome I have felt. The support I have received as I have begun at the College is much appreciated.

As the incoming Principal I am looking forward to getting to know the College community. I will be active in getting to know people.

As a way of introducing myself I live in an outer eastern suburb with my wife and our three children. We are committed members of our parish and we enjoy all of our family time together, especially holidays at the beach and music and sporting activities. I support Essendon in the AFL. I have been working at St Francis Xavier College in Berwick, Officer and Beaconsfield for the last seven years in the role of Vice Principal.

It is clear that Marymede Catholic College has many great strengths already and I aim to continue to foster those strengths.

As a Catholic school we have the fortune of offering the students the opportunity to, *In the Way of Mary*, listen, reflect, and respond to what Christ calls us to be today; to be humble, loving, strong and committed people of service to others, creation and especially those most in need. It is important for me that we keep this as our core focus.

I will be working with the students, staff and parents so that Marymede Catholic College students are known for being inspired to learning and growing within a safe, happy, supportive and Christ centred learning culture. I am very passionate about creating learning opportunities for students which meet them where they are at and suitably support and challenge them all to learn and grow. I will be helping to create the conditions so that our students can develop a range of knowledge, skills and understandings which prepare them for the world of today and tomorrow.

I am looking forward to collaborating with the College community on establishing a plan for the next steps for the College. As part of that I will be inviting the College community to consider what is great about the school that we must continue with and what our next steps might be so that we can confirm what the students of the College need us to be focussed on in the years ahead to allow them to best learn and grow.



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Of course we are returning to a new school year within the COVID context. I appreciate that this has different people feeling different things. The College is hoping to soon receive details regarding our operational requirements. We will send out communication regarding this next week. I can, however, confirm now that the College Leadership Team is committed to creating the most safe school we can as we continue to support student learning.

Again, I look forward to getting to know the Marymede Catholic College community. I will be communicating with parents via the newsletter, email, and hopefully in person dependent on COVID restrictions. I also intend to regularly share short messages in video format for those who like that form of communication.

We pray for God's blessing on the Marymede Catholic College community as we journey together.

Sincerely,

**Timothy Newcomb**  
**Principal**