

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

MONDAY 22 JANUARY 2018

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Welcome to the 2018 school year at Marymede Catholic College. I extend a warm welcome to all those students and families who are new this year and trust that this is the beginning of a happy association with our college.

As we commence this year, we ask God to bless us and our work. We recommit ourselves to our mission which is to make Jesus Christ known and loved within and beyond our community and to assist our young people to grow into the fullness of life. As always, we place our endeavours in the care of Mary, Our Good Mother.

NEW STAFF

In 2018, we welcome to the college the following new staff:

Early Learning Centre

Naomi Rigney (Director)
Susan Bannister (Librarian)

Primary

Nicole Bassett
Callum Gestautas
Robert Grande
Angela Hitchens
Chanel Rametta
Celine Tamburrini
Alex Timms
Ylenia Useli

Secondary

Matthew Carpenter
Richard Cosway
Maurice Di Muzio
Melissa Gaff
Garry Gleeson
Laura Heffer
Dinesha Pillay
Jenny Watson

I congratulate all of them on their appointment and look forward to their contribution throughout the year.

We also welcome back the following staff from leave:

Primary

Nicole Pegler
Michelle Richardson
Manuela Rositano
Andrea Stefanile
Marguerite Taranto

Secondary

Libby Audley
Elizabeth Natoli
Tegan Hopkins

Senior Leadership Team

Melinda Muir – Director of Faith & Mission P-12

Non-Teaching

Meaghan Voumard

ACADEMIC OUTCOMES 2017

Congratulations to Steven Azzopardi on being Dux of Marymede Catholic College with an ATAR of 94.8. Our average ATAR score was 65.31 which is the highest in the history of our college. 4.7% of our Study Scores were 40+ which is a significant increase on last year. The performance of our students was very comparable to similar Catholic schools in the area.

Congratulations to the 2017 VCE students who achieved their personal goals. Our Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching P-12, Ms Tracey Kift, will provide a more detailed report in the next Newsletter.

2018 COLLEGE CALENDAR

The 2018 College Calendar can be accessed via our College Website. Please note carefully important dates such as Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews, Parent Information Evenings and Workshops, the College Awards Evenings and the start and finishing dates of the term holidays. Students are expected to be present for all designated teaching days and I ask for parental support in establishing a positive relationship between home and school.

The College Newsletter is an important means of communication with parents, so please ensure that you take time to read it. We will email the Newsletter every second Thursday commencing 1 February. Parents are asked to please ensure that we have your current email address to receive the Newsletter.

GROOMING AND PERSONAL PRESENTATION

It is my expectation that our students will present themselves well at all times and wear the College uniform with pride and in an acceptable manner. I ask for parental support to ensure that the high grooming standard of our College is maintained.

I would like to mention specifically:

Jewellery:

Apart from watches and a chain with a small crucifix, no other jewellery is to be worn at school. This includes bracelets, rings etc.

Body Piercings:

Students may wear one plain earring per ear in the ear lobe (no spacers or dermals). No other objects are permitted in the eye brow, nose, lip etc.

Hair:

Extreme hair styles are not permitted. These include dreadlocks, Mohican style cuts, extreme long or short styles (Level 3 is the minimum hair length). Hair is to be of one natural colouring.

Facial Hair:

Boys are expected to be clean shaven at all times.

Summer Uniforms Only:

I remind both parents and students that the following items have been introduced to the summer uniforms:

Socks:

Boys – Short, blue with stripes

Girls – Short blue, plain

Girls Dresses:

Some of our female students may have grown over the holidays. I ask that you check the length of your dress before returning to school to ensure that it touches the knee.

Once again, I ask for parental assistance in these matters. I thank you for supporting us in meeting our grooming expectations.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

The Years 7-12 students return on Wednesday 31 January. The starting dates for other year levels have been published on the College Website.

I am very much looking forward to seeing our students return next week. There is so much to look forward to in 2018.

Let us embrace the year with its challenges and opportunities and let us give thanks to God for God's many gifts.

Kind Regards,

Mr. Michael Kenny
Principal