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Lumina

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Welcome to 2022

Our first issue of Lumina is brimming with study tips and advice for parents and students. It was so exciting to be present for the commencement of our four classes of Year 7 and their journey into secondary school. And welcome back our existing students and many new students throughout the College. As we move from strength to strength I look forward to celebrating our College and informing you each fortnight.

Director of Development | Elaine Doyle

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From the Principal

Terry Blizzard

Welcome to the 2022 school year at St Mary's College, with a very special welcome to our new Year 7 students and their families and to our 20 new students and families across Years 8-12. Thank you for entrusting your young men and women to us, a privilege we take very seriously indeed.

This is an exciting time for St Mary's College as we enter our second year.

On Wednesday we celebrated the return of all our students for Welcome Day with the news of Rapid Antigen Tests, face masks and no face-to-face meetings and assemblies. Far from an ideal start but as we have pointed out, it is better than the alternative. I am particularly conscious of our new Year 7s who have had a far from ideal end to their primary school years.

Welcome to our new staff

This year we offer a warm welcome to a number of new staff to our community:

Mr Brendan Tollit - Year 10 Pastoral Leader, Drama and English

Mr Michael Pye - Teacher, Product Design & Technology

Ms Eliza Jane Steward - HPE Learning Leader

Mrs Louisa Lawless - Director of Music

Miss Isabella Russo - Teacher, Maths and Business Management

Ms Amy Fitzpatrick - Teacher, Science and VCAL

Miss Alicia Grady - Administration Trainee

Mrs Juliet Cerolini - PA to the Principal (Mon, Tues & Wed)

Ms Jane Marandu - Teacher, RE & Identity

Uniform

Like so many areas of our community at the moment our uniform providers have suffered significant interruptions to their fabric supply and manufacture. As a means of keeping families informed we have included in this edition of Lumina an update of expected delivery.

As we commence the new year

St Mary's College Prayer

Jesus our Father, Mary our Mother,
Pour out your spirit upon the students, staff and families who
make up the St Mary's College community.

Teach us to show your love to others so that everyone is
welcomed, and hope filled.

Guided by the spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice, we strive to live out
our values of respect, justice, compassion, inclusivity and
courage in all we do.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

Blessed Edmund Rice.....pray for us.

Live Jesus in our hearts.....forever.



Principal | Terry Blizzard



Around the College

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire

A very warm welcome to the 2022 school year. I sincerely hope you had a wonderful, relaxed, and joyous break, and as parents/carers start to go back to work and children return to school, a sense of routine and familiarity is welcome. On a personal note, I thoroughly enjoyed consistently good weather and the opportunity to spend time with my wife and children at local pools, beaches, golf courses and restaurants, with little restriction.

Unlike the start of 2021, we approach the commencement of this year with a greater degree, though not complete, certainty. In a sense, we are more comfortable in our own skin. We are moving into our second year as a two campus co-educational school, having spent the majority of 2021 trialing and reviewing processes and procedures to determine the best way to use the resources we have. We have seen our staff and students adapt to a new way of doing things with great flexibility and commitment. Congratulations to all, we are very proud of the school we are becoming.

The start of the school year is also an opportunity to renew our standards. We have a great opportunity to demonstrate our respect for one another and the pride we have for our school each day through maintaining high personal standards of punctuality, dress, mobile phone use and academic integrity. When each of these aspects of school life are valued, our culture is where it needs to be. Pastoral leaders commented on Welcome Day that "... every time you don't need to be told to put your mask on, you are demonstrating respect for yourself, your peers and your teachers". In much the same way, every time a student gives their very best effort in a lesson, regardless of the outcome, they are respecting themselves and their

school and contributing to our academic culture. I will leave this line of discussion safely in the hands of parents/carers with the knowledge that this is the dominant conversation between staff and students each day at school.

In 2022 and beyond we will be placing greater emphasis on the house points system. Membership to a House is a great way for students across the year levels to connect with each other in a range of activities, and to identify with a sense of 'team' and community throughout their time at the College. I encourage all students to wear their house colours at the athletics and swimming carnivals this term and earn house points by participating as often as they can in extra-curricular activities, including and beyond sport.

EREA child safeguarding standard 6 is titled ***Effective Complaints Handling***. This standard provides surety that the policies and procedures in place at the school allow for the effective management of complaints and child safety concerns. The challenge for all schools is to effectively communicate these processes through the College website and to make such information accessible to students, with child-friendly language. School staff roles also need to be clearly defined and a culture of transparency when administering procedures is required. All aspects of complaints handling must align to the Victorian Child Safety Standards in line with the EREA and St. Mary's College codes of conduct. Please click on the link to access the full version of EREA child safeguarding standard 6.

 [S6 Complaints Handling.pdf](#)

Finally, to the newest members of our community – our Year 7 students and parents, and those starting in other Year levels, you are most welcome. We are a small school offering every aspect of a holistic education on offer elsewhere, all within a small, tight-knit community. Students are known by name and catered for individually. We often punch above our weight in inter-school activities, such as sport, debating and music and ask you to partner with us in encouraging your son or daughter to participate fully in all that College life has to offer.

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire



Identity

As we welcome new families to our College and the St Mary's Parish, it is timely to introduce our Parish Priest to new families.

Meet Our Parish Priest



Fr Jerome Santamaria - Parish Priest, St Mary's St Kilda East

Fr Jerome Santamaria is the Parish Priest of the Parishes of St Mary's, St Kilda East, and St Colman's, Balaclava. He is also currently the Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. He grew up in Melbourne, eldest of five and with more cousins than you can point a stick at. After studying Law and Science (physics) at university, he practised law for a number of years as a solicitor. While completing further studies in law, he felt a call to the priesthood and, on returning to Australia, he joined the Melbourne seminary, Corpus Christi College. He was ordained a priest in 2012. After a short stint as an assistant priest, he was sent for still further studies in a last ditch effort, completing a licentiate in patristics and historical theology, and then a doctorate. He has been the St Mary's Parish Priest since 2020.

"I have loved being back in a parish. The parishioners have made me feel very welcome, and it is an exciting time to be part of this community. With a long history of education, a tradition of social justice and community outreach, and a community that worships together, there is so much already going on and yet also so much potential. Our primary school and St Mary's College are both involved in growth programs, and so I look forward to seeing how we can support each other in these endeavours."

"With so many facets to our community (not to mention the jewel of St Mary's Church), we are well placed to offer a credible witness to Christ, in our prayer, our service and our formation. The world is in desperate need of well-formed citizens, and in even greater need of well-formed Christians who can display love of God and love of neighbour. With so many people rediscovering the importance of community and the desire to belong, we can offer so much to our neighbours in this regard.

.....Fr Jerome Santamaria

Visit [St Mary's Parish website](#)



Wellbeing

Wellbeing at St Mary's College

Welcome to the 2022 school year. I hope you and your family are adjusting well to the routine of school life – its joys, challenges and moments in-between!

St Mary's College has a distinct strategy to enhance student wellbeing. It is depicted in the visual below. It is informed by the clear belief that when students, broadly, feel good about being at school, they are likely to find their own sense of academic success and personal fulfilment in other areas of College life. We are committed to providing a culture where this is achievable for all our students.

Over the course of this year, I will explore the five areas of wellbeing listed below. In doing this, I will highlight the programs we have in place to support these components of the College's vision in this area.

Please indulge me as I pivot from the distinctly personal to the faceless and technological. Over the course of this year, we seek to significantly reduce the role of mobile phones throughout the school day. Late last week, I outlined the College's renewed approach in this area via a letter home. The measures detailed in the letter are designed to better allow students to concentrate on their studies and be present in social interactions throughout the day. I thank you for your support of this initiative and look forward to our students benefiting from a school climate, without mobile phones, where curiosity and presence are apparent.

WELLBEING AT



ST MARY'S
COLLEGE

Belonging

BEING KNOWN
IN OUR WELCOMING,
SAFE AND INCLUSIVE
COMMUNITY

Care

COMPASSION
AND SUPPORT
FROM TEACHERS,
EMBEDDED
IN OUR CULTURE

Positive Relationships

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS
THAT REINFORCE STUDENTS'
SELF-WORTH AND INHERENT
DIGNITY

Focus on Strengths

A CULTURE WHERE
STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED
TO USE THEIR STRENGTHS
TO REALISE THEIR POTENTIAL

Student Voice

STUDENTS ARE
EMPOWERED TO HAVE
AN ACTIVE VOICE IN
COLLEGE LIFE

Director of Students | Chris Pye



Learning

Homework

Love it or hate it, there is no denying that it is an important factor in the learning process. So how can homework be used more effectively to improve academic achievement?

There are a number of factors that influence the homework process, and we can focus on the areas that have the greatest impact.

Types of homework assigned by the teacher

Homework task should focus on:

- Practicing skills
- Reviewing content learnt in class
- Preparing for future learning

While teachers may assign any of these types of tasks, students can use what they have done during lesson time to develop their skills and enhance their understanding. The significant aspect of doing homework is the routine of doing some home study every day rather than trying to cover a huge volume work in one evening.

Time spent on homework

The time spent on homework will differ from student to student. Students learn and work at different rates. Which means that some students may complete their assigned homework during class time and others may take longer due to learning difficulties or need for support. This is where parents can support their daughter / son to develop homework habit to suit their leaning needs. This does not mean that for some students there will never be any homework and others will spend hours completing tasks. The time spent on homework should be consistent with a regular amount of time assigned each evening.

The student

Homework is a time for students to develop their study habit and organisational skills. It is about forming positive learning habits that allow students to take ownership of their learning. This will look very different for each student, even in one household there may be different strategies for each sibling. Students should be encouraged to design a strategy for their homework. This should include the time that they will spend, the types of work they will do, and how they will get assistance.

Having considered these three factors, it is clear that students should be spending the same amount of time each day doing some sort of home study, whether the teacher has assigned tasks or not. Parents should discuss their concerns about homework with their daughter / son's Pastoral Care teacher.

Director of Learning Development | Bev Pettit

Learning Diversity

At St Mary's College we are committed to supporting all learners, always.

This does not mean that every learner gets the same support, but that every learner receives the support they require to optimise growth, success, access, and participation. We understand there are many factors that influence the way a student learns: physical and cognitive abilities and disabilities, cultural and linguistic background, socioeconomic background, and social/emotional needs.

The role of the Learning Diversity Team at St Mary's College is to liaise with families and teachers to ensure appropriate support is provided to ensure students can access and participate in learning on the same basis as each other, regardless of individual differences. Such support may be provided by Learning Diversity through a range of programs and other measures.

If a student has a diagnosed condition that impacts their learning, families are encouraged to contact me so we can implement strategies to assist individual needs. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Severe Language Disorder, Dyslexia, Dysgraphia, Dyscalculia, Auditory Processing Delay, Hearing Impairment, Vision Impairment etc.

At St Mary's College, students are not defined by their diagnosed conditions, and we recognise that diagnosed conditions should not be used as an impediment to academic growth. Privacy and confidentiality are of paramount importance to us. All information you provide is used only to inform our development of individual learning and intervention programs. Any sharing of information occurs only with parental permission and only with those who need to know as they work closely with the student.

Should you have any questions or concerns related to a student's ability to learn and would like further advice, you are welcome to call me to discuss the matter further.

Learning Diversity Leader | Chris Sodaitis

csodaitis@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au



NCCD-Information-Sheet-parents.pdf

VCE

The start of a new year brings with it the hopes and dreams of the year ahead. For many of us, the hope is to see students fill classrooms and walk through the gates on a daily basis, is something that we will never take for granted. Our students have spent nearly two years studying remotely and this year the hope is that they can experience all the joys that the VCE journey brings. I am in a very fortunate position as I get to walk beside them as they embark

on this exciting yet challenging journey. It has been great to see students already pop into my office asking questions about the VCE and discussing their goals for the year. My door is open for all VCE students and I encourage them to pop in to touch base with how they are progressing on their journey.

I will also be calling all parents of students completing a Unit 3 & 4 subject this year in the next coming weeks as it is important that we work together to ensure that your child achieves to the best of their potential. As the VCE can be a daunting time for both students and parents, I would like to also encourage you to call or email me if you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's VCE journey. Working together I am sure we will be able to support your child to achieve the goals they have set for themselves.

In the coming weeks, students will also be required to make an appointment to see me. This meeting will be used to assist your child in setting goals for the year, assisting with a home study plan and provide any answers that your child may have. It will be a way for me as their VCE Coordinator to get to know your child and their VCE goals and understand how I can support them to achieve these goals. The study hub is already busy with students studying at lunchtimes. This start is a good indication of a very goal orientated and motivated group of students.

With focus on their studies and arranging a home study plan, students can ensure they keep up to date with the workload which no doubt will increase throughout the year.

VCE students have been given course outlines for all subjects and in the coming weeks will be provided with the calendar of assessment tasks and SACs. They should use these documents to remain organised and up to date with their studies.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated and hard working group of VCE Teachers who work tirelessly to ensure the students are well prepared. It is really important that there is an open dialogue with teachers who are always willing to offer extra assistance after school or during lunch times. The staff are all experienced in VCE and ensuring that the students achieve their full potential is of paramount importance to them.

While Year 12 students have study periods allocated on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, it is strongly encouraged that they utilise the facilities of the library and study hub to remain on campus and focus on their studies and form study groups or speak to their teachers. Throughout the term we will use this time to provide students with important study strategies and seminars so they are prepared for the year ahead.

I look forward in working with you to ensure your child achieves their full potential in their VCE Journey.

VCE/Digitech Co-Ordinator | Sylvia Pastore



Pathways

6 Tips for Year 12 Success

I am immensely proud of the wonderful results earned and tertiary offers received by the St Mary's College Class of 2021, and the efforts they made in the face of such difficult times. I tend to look at these through the lens of self-improvement, both mine and the students'. I am always asking "what could I have done better to assist that cohort make the best decisions for their future?" I would like to share with families a few tips for success:

1. VCE SUCCESS IS ABOUT ORGANISATION, NOT TALENT

I always tell parents and students that success in VCE and VCAL is not about being brilliant or clever or having great practical skills. It stems from doing everything you have to do, when you are required to do it, to the best of your ability. I see this every year. So, who gets the best marks? Students who have a study timetable, record tasks in their diary, keep notes in an accessible way and have a plan for regular revision. Often these students are not those who have cruised through school in Years 7-10, it is the ones who know enough about themselves and their learning styles to know what will bring out their personal best.

2. WORK WITH YOUR INTERESTS AND SKILLS, NOT AGAINST THEM

No matter how many times I tell students to follow their heart, there are always some who believe it is more important to find a secure job, who want guarantees that their course will be a ticket to a high paid job, or who follow misguided advice. The truth that underlies success is a passion for what you are doing. If not a passion, at least a strong interest! At the

end of every year, at least one student will tell me “I wish I had chosen subject x, I really loved that”. That person with the passion and drive is also the one who gets the jobs and promotions. They are great to work with and thus in demand. Find your happy place and go with it!

3. RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH!

There are always some students who make poor decisions because they have not investigated their options fully. There is a wealth of information, and even better, experience out there that can help you find out the gritty details of what you might want to study and where to study it, or what work is like in certain industries. If you don't know what a major or a diploma is, or the different fee structures, then find out now before you make a costly mistake! At least a third of all students change or drop their tertiary course in the first year, and the apprenticeship dropout rate is, worryingly, even higher!

4. UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS AND MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU

Over the last two years, it has not been easy to fully educate all students about the various processes involved in VCAA assessment for VCE and VCAL, study scores, the GAT, the ATAR and the whole VTAC selection process. Sometimes students listen to the wrong people rather than the experts, or they fail to check the details that are in plain view on the relevant websites. There is plenty of misinformation and rumour out there, as we all know! Students should always check the facts with their subject teachers, VCE Coordinator and Careers Counsellor. If we do not know the answer, we will always find out for you. We work in an ever-changing system, and we work hard to be up-to-date. Students often think they can play the system with scaling or tertiary choices. We can demonstrate the realities.

5. IF IN DOUBT, ASK. IF NOT IN DOUBT, ASK ANYWAY

It is important to ask and to ask the right person. Ask the experts and ask those who have your best interests at heart. It never hurts to ask, so make an appointment (via SIMON) for a Careers Meeting and let's get started!

6. MAKE PLANS, BUT BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO CHANGE

Each year, a small number of students tell me they are not prepared to do a slightly different course if they cannot attain the “one” or who think they will “waste” a year at TAFE. Education is never wasted. It is a matter of attitude. What can I learn here, what skills can I gain? Always consider the variety of ways of achieving the desired outcome. Look for pathways to the same end. Be prepared to try something new or different. Don't be in a hurry. Take the Scenic Route – it is often more fun anyway!

Careers Counsellor | Mandy Ellwood



Co-curricular - Performing Arts

NEW for 2022!

There are lots of new things going on in the Music department.

- Guitar Workshops and Drum Time, welcome all levels of guitar and drumming enthusiasts and players.
- Newly named choirs and bands with an all new repertoire
- Formation of a Senior College Big Band.

The new St Mary's College Music Handbook and forms for requesting instrumental, voice lessons and ensemble membership are available on SIMON, the links have been emailed to all families.

If you have any questions regarding music, please contact the new Director of Music – Louisa Lawless.

Email: llawless@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au Ph: 03 9520 8531

New Ensemble Timetable

Day	Before School	Lunch Time	After School
Monday			
Tuesday	Performance Band	Guitar Workshop	

	<p>Year 7, 8 & 9 7.30am – 8.45am Bandroom Mrs Lawless/Miss Calia</p> <p>St Mary's Chorale Year 7-12 7.30 – 8.45 ERC Chapel Mr Brinsmead</p>	<p>Year 7-12 Bandroom Mr Rooke</p>	
Wednesday		<p>St Mary's Big Band Selected members Bandroom Mrs Lawless</p> <p>Contemporary vocals Year 7-12 Lunchtime ERC Chapel Mrs Papatheodorou</p>	
Thursday	<p>Symphonic Band Year 10, 11 & 12 7.30am – 8.45am Bandroom Mrs Lawless</p>	<p>Brass Ensemble Year 7-12 Bandroom Mrs Lawless</p> <p>St Mary's Strings Year 7-12 Chapel Mr Rooke</p>	
Friday		<p>Drum Time Year 7-12 Bandroom Mr Carter</p>	

Director of Music | Louisa Lawless



Co-curricular - Sport

On our Welcome Day we also welcomed the return of ACC sport. Pictured below is our Senior Firsts Cricket Team playing at home in Alma Park and below this gallery our Senior Tennis team. Go St Mary's College!!!







Our Students

Welcome Day

On the 2 February, St Mary's College opened its gates to the new classes of 2022. Over here on the Edmund Rice Campus, we started out our day by settling into our new pastoral care groups, meeting our new teachers, and saying hello to all our old and new friends.

We continued to familiarise ourselves with the campus by finding our new classrooms and organising our lockers. We finished our day by taking our school photos, before heading back home, excited for the school year to start and ready to make the most of it.

Wishing everyone a positive start to 2022!

Year 10 student | Charlotte Richards



Our Community

View our College Calendar for events and important dates

Please note that due to COVID restrictions it has been necessary to move the date of many events.

Uniform Update

Midford Uniform Shop

ITEM	AVAILABLE NOW
Blazers	All new CBC blazers are completed with new St Mary's College pockets. Navy pockets for PCW blazers are instore now. Black pockets for CBC blazers are expected 11 Feb. A process for changing over will be communicated soon.
New St Mary's College Backpack / Bag	Instore now
New St Mary's College sports bag	Instore now
New School wallet with St Mary's College crest	instore now

New PE shorts with SMC	instore now <i>Coming soon</i> Shorts including piping
ITEM	ARRIVING SOON
Bucket hat with St Mary's College crest	Instore around 18th February
Cap with St Mary's College crest	Instore around 4th March
St Mary's College sports polo and long sleeve training shirt	In store Term 2 (possibly earlier)
White summer blouse with piping	In store Term 2
New softshell zip up jacket	Winter Term 2
New trackpants	Anticipating arrival Term 2
Junior and Senior St Mary's College tie	Anticipating arrival Term 2.
Jumper with St Mary's College crest	In store Term 2
Vest with St Mary's College crest	In store Term 2
Rugby Jersey with St Mary's College crest	In store Term 2

Midford Uniform shop regular trading hours are:

- Tuesdays & Thursdays 8.00am-4.00pm &
- 1st Saturday of the month 9.00am-1.00pm (during school terms – extra openings prior to Term 1)

A reminder also that all Midford full uniform fittings require an appointment, which can be made at <https://MidfordBooking.as.me/StMarysCollegeStKilda>. Book an appointment via the link <https://midfordbooking.as.me/StMarysCollegeStKilda>.

You are also welcome to purchase from the Midford online uniform shop at your convenience and your order will be filled when the store is next open.

For any further enquiries, please contact the Midford uniform shop, 9520-8519. You can leave a message, which will be addressed when the store is next open.

Location: On-site at 11 Westbury St, St Kilda East - enter gate D

If required, the Midford shop can also be contacted on those dates by calling 9520-8519.

Book now for Term 1, Talk & Tour

Please pass on to friends and family who are interested in a co-educational Catholic education. We now have online and on site ways to visit our College.



TOURS
SCHOLARSHIPS
ENROL TODAY

BOOK YOUR TOUR TODAY

Enrol now for Year 7, 2023 & 2024

Limited places are available for Year 7 2023. Please share with your family and friends so they don't miss out. Enrol online.

[Apply Today](#)

Andrew Fuller's free webinar

Wednesday 9 February, 7:30pm

This session with Clinical Psychologist and Family Therapist, Andrew Fuller, empowers parents to guide their children (and themselves) towards success. This webinar combines the latest research from brain science, positive education, and resilience to create strength-based education.

<https://www.stonnington.vic.gov.au/Events/Re-igniting-children's-learning-and-getting-their-mojo-back>



Parents & Friends

Welcome

We welcome everyone to a new and exciting school year at St Mary's College. In particular, our Parents and Friends Group (P & F) would like to extend a warm welcome our new parents and friends especially those of our Year 7's.

Who are the P & F a St Mary's College?

We are a group of dedicated volunteers made up of parents and friends who meet twice a term with our Principal and Deputy Principal to be informed and involved in discussion and decision-making related to our College and our students. Our meetings are a great way to meet our College leadership - as well as be involved with your child's place of school. We have a strong commitment to community engagement and we are not just about fund raising - we are about social engagement too.

We intend to have a lot more events, some of which will require volunteer support. These events include BBQs, Open Day and our major fund (fun) raising event. We also run a P & F Recycled Uniform shop, with volunteers too. So, please come and join us at a meeting to meet us, find out more and offer any input.

P & F meetings

Our first P & F meeting was on Monday 7 February – still online via a Teams link at this stage (however, hopefully we will be back with face to face meetings soon). Future meeting dates will be published in upcoming Newsletters.

P & F Recycled Uniform shop

We have a Recycled Uniform shop which usually opens on the first Saturday of each month during school terms (to coincide with the Midford Uniform shop Saturday openings). The P & F Recycled Uniform shop opening dates and times will be published in future issues of this Newsletter.

We are also very proud to advise that we have donated no longer sellable items to a charity in the Philippines. Thanks to Mr Kauffman and Ms McKeown for connecting us with this a great initiative - and for not adding to land fill, as well.

President of Parents & Friends | Jane Leroi



Notices

2022 Fee Accounts

Please note that 2022 Fee Accounts are due and payable by 31 March 2022 unless an approved payment plan had been agreed with the College before this date.

If you have an outstanding Fee Account balance and you do not have an approved payment plan with the College, we encourage you to contact the Finance Office as soon as possible to discuss a payment plan. We appreciate your assistance in settling outstanding Fee Account balances as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Marina Gutnik in the Finance Office on 9529 6611 or fees@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au.

Documents in relation to Fees and Payment Arrangements can be found in the Parent Access Module PAM (SIMON)

2022 Capital Works

Please note that St Mary's College has completed the following works over the January period:

- Floor re-polishing in Logue Hall on Edmund Rice Campus

- Installation of artificial grass on the Edmund Rice Campus courtyard to provide a more amenable environment for staff, students and visitors to meet, play and hold events
- Installation of new benches, sinks chemical storage and ventilation in the Presentation Campus Science Preparation Room

St Mary's College has also commenced work on a new Lift and Stair on the McCartney Wing of Edmund Rice Campus together with a new entrance ramp at the Main Reception entrance. The new capital works will provide disability access to the Campus buildings and learning areas making it easier for people to move throughout the Campus.

Further information will be announced as the works progress throughout Term 1 2022.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program

If you are looking to upgrade or for a new device for school or home, Parents are reminded that you can purchase one of the specified devices through the St Mary's College BYOD Portal. It will be the Parents' responsibility to make sure the device is insured under their Home and Contents insurance.

The advantages of purchasing the device through the St Mary's College BYOD Portal is that all devices have 3 years warranty, supported onsite at school. Any warranty issues can be reported to the St Mary's College IT Helpdesk and will be resolved onsite at St Mary's College by CompNow or their Service Agents. Families who purchase from a retailer will typically receive a 12-month warranty that is supported "return to base" meaning families would need to go back to the retailer for support. Families also have the option of purchasing CompNow Accidental Damage Insurance, an insurance policy that covers for all accidental damage or outright loss (due to theft) that is not covered by the warranty.

Please note that due to a new Government Regulation, CompNow and other providers are not able to sell or package Accidental Damage Protection (ADP) solutions at the same time as the purchase of your new device. You will receive an email 5 days from your purchase asking you to do so, we recommend taking up this option for peace of mind.

Please refer to the BYOD website <https://shop.compnow.com.au/school/stmarys-college> for more details and device specifications.

Business Manager | Andrew O'Brien