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On Friday 29 July, we welcomed over 100 guests to our Talk and Tour. Our visitors had the pleasure of hearing from our Principal Mr Terry Blizzard and meeting some of our staff and students. They were then taken on a tour of our College led by our wonderful student ambassadors.

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Parents and Friends

We are looking forward to an enjoyable community event at the Parents and Friends Trivia Night this Saturday evening. So much work and goodwill go into events such as this and I thank all of those involved in the evening.

Family School Partnerships

It was with the Parents and Friends in mind that I revisited a Federal Government commissioned research project from some years ago into the benefits of family and school partnerships. The study outlined what we already know, that families are the first educators of their children and how they continue to influence their children's learning and development during the school years and long afterwards. Schools though have an important responsibility in helping to nurture and guide future generations, and families entrust schools to provide educational foundations for their children's future. This is why it is important for families and schools to work together in partnership – one compliments the other. The research demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community involvement. This involvement is strongly related to improved student learning, attendance and behaviour. Family involvement can have a major impact on student learning, regardless of the social or cultural background of the family.

Last Friday we welcomed over 100 visitors to our Talk and Tour information session. These gatherings are always uplifting, attended by parents of primary and secondary aged children

who are in the optimistic and yet somewhat stressful phase of choosing the secondary school for their daughter or son. It is always a joy to meet these parents and their child.

A young person's move from primary to secondary school is a time of change — for the student, who may be more excited than anxious, but also for the parents, who may feel uneasy about what lies ahead.

One question I ask primary students at enrolment is about their feelings in regard to the changes from being the big kids in Grade 6 to being the little kids in Year 7. The new concept of having several teachers, changing classrooms from lesson to lesson, getting to know the timetable and where they have to be and when. There may also be new transport methods, new pick-up points, train or tram timetables and more. Feelings of nervousness and apprehension are very natural.

Overwhelmingly when I ask this question though, it is the parent who expresses more anxiety than the student. It is for this reason that events such as Talk and Tour are so important, the chance for parents to ask questions of the school, to talk to current students and to tour the campus – to commence the partnership.

Thinking about this this week as we work in partnership with parents and students in course counselling and subject selection for senior years I was taken by the similarities. In many respects similar stressors and anxiety, just different ages. I want to acknowledge the staff who have put so much time and effort into ensuring that our families are suitably informed to make the very important pathways decisions for the coming years. Like parents, we are heavily invested in our young people's educational futures.

The home/school partnership is as important at this stage as it ever is. Thank you to the parents and students who have engaged with us as we work together. There is no shortage of goodwill among our staff in support of families in this exciting period. I encourage all parents and students to take the opportunity to engage with our dedicated staff as they navigate this next phase of their schooling journey.

Terry Blizzard

College Principal



Deputy Principal Report

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire

Subject Selections

As mentioned in my last newsletter article, Term 3 appears to be a busy period, with subject selections across the school, particularly for our senior students. I strongly recommend that all parents / carers and students spend a lot of time reading through their relevant Year Level Handbook web site, which is full of detailed, up to date information about subjects and the selection process. A few further points of clarification, which might help your planning and thinking:

- In Years 7 – 10, there isn't a structure of pre-requisites in place. For example, completing a Science elective in Year 10 does not change, guarantee or enhance entry to Biology (for example) in Year 11 and 12.
- In addition, all Years 7 – 10 subjects follow the Victorian Curriculum. Elective choices still very much follow the core curriculum.
- Students submit preferences when making their subject selection choices. Our timetabling program then uses those preferences to optimise the number of students that receive their first choice, then the number that receive their second choice and so on.

Child Safe Standards

Please find below a summary of the first of the new Child Safe Standards, which came into effect from July 1 2022, and a summary of our action plan for this standard.

Child Safe Standard 1: Culturally Safe Environments

Schools must establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children, young people and students are respected and valued

- Aboriginal children and young people who don't feel safe being themselves and expressing their individuality may be less willing to report abuse
- Providing safe environments for children has positive, lifelong impacts that cannot be underestimated, and cultural safety is a key dimension of safety for Aboriginal children
- By supporting Aboriginal children to feel strong in their identity schools also help them enjoy their cultural rights
- Schools need to address all forms of racism and consider attitudes and practices that are a barrier to providing a culturally safe environment and addressing all forms of racism

At St Mary's College, we are working towards the implementation of Standard 1, by:

- Developing a College Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Creation of a new Acknowledgement of Country for the commencement of all school meetings, assemblies, events, and displayed around Campuses and on website.
- Partnering with the local Aboriginal community in educating St Mary's College students and staff in Aboriginal history, language and culture to promote cultural inclusion.
- Actively articulating the College's zero tolerance for racism.
- Embedding Aboriginal histories and cultures when planning curriculum for students (as demonstrated in the Victorian Curriculum F-10), including visits to Aboriginal cultural learning centres and the inclusion of Aboriginal texts, art and performance in curriculum.
- Recognising First Nations Peoples key events and anniversaries.

Shaun Lancashire

Deputy Principal



College Business

College Business Manager | Andrew O'Brien

Capital Works



The Capital works on Presentation Campus to replace the dilapidated Emergency Exit Stairs on the Rahilly Building are nearing completion. The old wooden stairs are being replaced with new galvanised steel stairs that will make the exit route from the first floor of the building safe for students and staff should an emergency occur in the future.

The Capital works on the McCartney Wing and Corbett Wing are continuing and delays with the supply of materials being experienced in the construction industry are being managed in order to mitigate unnecessary hold ups in the construction process.

Recent works include:

- Commencement of the brickwork to the Corbett ramp installation
- Dry fire upgrades throughout school
- Level 1-2 blockwork completed on the McCartney Wing
- Slab preparation for mid landing and level 2 has commenced.

2022 Fee Accounts

Please note that 2022 Fee Accounts were 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 or require an updated Fee Account Statement, 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)

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 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.

Andrew O'Brien

Business Manager



Enrolments 2023

College Registrar | Elsie Daddow

Enrolments for 2023

It was great to see so many prospective students and parents at our last Talk and Tour. All of the families who attended were very impressed by our student ambassadors who conducted the tours of the College.

The Talk and Tour is a timely reminder that applications for 2023 are still open. If you know of a family that is interested in applying for 2023 they can make direct contact with the College Registrar Elsie Daddow on edaddow@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au
Alternatively they can visit the link below which will take them directly to the application page on the College website.

Elsie Daddow

College Registrar



Learning

Director of Learning and Teaching | Bev Pettit

Lesson Plans - Supporting Students' Learning

There have been a number of staff and students absent for various reasons this term. At St Mary's we use the Lesson Plans in SIMON to record the work for our lessons. All students should get into the habit of using this function in SIMON to support their learning.

Teachers upload work that is covered during class, notes, YouTube videos etc onto the Lesson Plan. If your daughter/son is absent from a class, they have these resources to keep up to date until they are able to return to the classroom.

Students can access the Lesson Plans for each subject on SIMON on the daily timetable, this is a purple box, or through their Learning Areas tab. There is a function where students can check of the items on the check list. This is a great organisational tool even for students who are present for a class.

Students should be doing at least 30 minutes home study per subject per night. If a teacher has not assigned specific work to be completed, students can use the Lesson Plans to review work covered in class or complete work that has been set.

Parents can access the Lesson Plans on PAM on their daughter/son's profile. Once again this is a great tool for parents to support the classroom learning. When your daughter/son says they do not have homework, you can support their home study time by accessing these Lesson Plans.

Bev Pettit

Director of Learning and Teaching



Student News

Director of Students | Chris Pye

Respectful Relationships

As part of the College's commitment to Respectful Relationships, we had the team from Elephant Education come in last Tuesday to work with our Year 12s on the issue of consent education. These sessions proved to be very engaging and educative – 99% of the students involved gave the sessions a 'thumbs up.' Topics discussed included: the importance of communication, asking questions, listening to answers, respecting the right for someone to say no, and being considerate and thoughtful in managing one's emotions and reactions. I would like to thank the 2022 Wellbeing Prefects, Aliya Gray and Matt Nolan, for animating this activity.

Respectful Relationships lessons also took place last week. Broadly, the topic was Gender and Inclusivity. Sub-topics included: online behaviour, respectful language, what it is really like to have a mindset and worldview imbued with inclusivity. These lessons interconnect with the College's motto of being a school for all and the EREA Touchstone of Inclusive Education.

Finally, we had two Year 11 students - Audrey Smart and Nick Howard - speak at an EREA Conference on Child Safety on Monday. They espoused the need for early education, clear lines of communication with parents about online activities, the importance of self-regulation and how a full life underpinned with study and extra-curricular activities can provide a natural check to the potential excesses, and pitfalls, of impudent online habituation. Their speeches

were nuanced, articulate and thoughtful and served as a reminder that we need to consult with the experts - *the children themselves* - when we seek to provide positive support in their lives.

Chris Pye

Director of Students



Parents & Friends

Parents and Friends Chairperson | Jane Leroi

50's Style Trivia Night on Saturday 6 August

Only a few weeks to go now! We are looking forward to you jumping in the time machine and joining us for a trip back to the 1950's! It was decade which changed the world - Rock & Roll, Elvis, Drive-In Movies, Fast Food, Big Hair, Big Skirts, Disneyland, Queen Elizabeth's succession, Happy Days, The Fonz - did we mention Big Hair?

We are looking forward to seeing our community and extended community there in their glad-rags.

Donations of goods, services or experiences for this event will be most gratefully welcomed and acknowledged.

EVENT DETAILS:

Venue: St Mary's College - Logue Hall, Entrance C, 11 Westbury Street, St Kilda East (parking on Westbury Street or Fulton Street)

Time: 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start

Bring: Some outrageous friends! Some delicious food - or take up the pre-ordered/pre-paid Grazing Box option

Drinks: At bar prices (*strictly over 18 yo attendees and no BYO, as it is against the terms of our liquor license*)

Silent Auction: There's Prizes and a fabulous Silent Auction (payments via Cash or EFTPOS)

Queries: Jane Balme, jbalm@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au, 0407 882 166



✨ NEWS FLASH!! ✨ BUS FROM THE WEST!! ✨

St Mary's College Outdoor Education Convenor, David Joyce, has generously offered the St Mary's College bus for those travelling from the West. Departing from (and later returning to) Williamstown North Primary School at 6:15pm and Yarraville West Primary School at 6:30pm, arriving at the venue at 7:00pm. The bus seats 24 (depending on demand there is a possibility of a second earlier Shuttle Bus Service). If you have already purchased your tickets for the event you can still sign-up for the bus.



✨ CATERING OPTIONS!! ✨

Grazing Box options are now available! Take the hassle out of catering, as one of our parents with a catering business has offered pre-ordered/pre-paid Grazing Boxes, for collection on

the evening.

The boxes consist of Cheeses, Crackers, Crudites, Dips and Dried Fruit and Nuts - and dietary needs can be catered for. The Medium size is \$60 and caters for ~4 people and the Large size is \$100 and caters for ~8 people. If you have already purchased your tickets for the event, you can still place an extra order for these until Monday 1 August.

BOOK YOUR GRAZINIG BOXES



DO YOU HAVE SOME TIME TO VOLUNTEER WITH THIS EVENT?

To ensure this event runs smoothly on the night, we are calling for some volunteers from our wonderful community to help out with some of the logistics – sorting of donations, venue set-up, games logistics during the evening and end of event pack-up. Any time offered would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to spare some time, please register using this link, thank you,

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44ADAD28A6FBC61-2022>.

Parents and Friends

Our St Mary's College P&F is your opportunity to increase community engagement, enhance school/parent partnerships, and meet new people along the way. Please feel free to come along to our meetings so that your voice can be heard - everyone is welcome. P&F meetings are held twice a term, and we also plan to have a parents catchup and meal together each term – wherever possible supporting our families with restaurant businesses. Feel free to contact Jane Balme at jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au with any queries you may have.

The remaining P&F meeting dates to put in your calendar are:

- Mon 05/09/22 (face to face in the Presentation campus staffroom)
- Mon 10/10/22 (face to face in the Presentation campus staffroom)
- Mon 14/11/22 - *Incl. AGM* (face to face in the Presentation campus staffroom)

P&F Meetings

Next Meeting - Monday 5 September 2022

Please join us everyone is welcome!

Time: 7.00pm

Location: Presentation Campus Staff Room

Jane Leroi

Parents & Friends Chairperson



College Uniform

Midford Uniform Shop

Throughout the school term the Midford Uniform Shop opening hours are:

Tuesday	8.00 am - 4.00 pm
Thursday	8.00 am - 4.00 pm
This Saturday 6 August	9.00 am - 1.00 pm

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

A reminder also that all Midford full uniform fittings require an appointment, which can be made at by clicking below.

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.

St Mary's College Uniform

We are fortunate to have two on-site uniform options at St Mary's College. The Recycled Uniform shop is run by P&F volunteers from 12:00pm-2:00pm on the first Saturday of the month during school terms - with more options available with the changeover of Winter and Summer uniforms (donations of uniform items are gratefully accepted). The Midford Uniform shop is also open from 9:00am-1:00pm on the first Saturday of the month during school terms, as well as from 8:00am-4:00pm on Tuesday and Thursday during school terms. The next Saturday opening for both uniform shops is Saturday 6 August.

As we transition to a St Mary's uniform, new items are available at the Midford shop, including:

- Pants in two styles/cuts (a traditional cut and a more tailored cut)
- Sports Jacket - Soft-shell (popular/warm with PE gear)
- St Mary's College Sports Uniform available
- Jumpers in new wool blend (made in Tasmania)

Later in the term we will call for the next batch of blazers to be submitted for changeover from CBC/PCW logo pockets to St Mary's College logo pockets, although the Midford uniform shop does sell individual pockets for \$18 each, if families prefer to make their own arrangements to have this done.



Tickets on sale now

TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 13TH
7-9PM
TICKETS: \$25

**ACCENT
ON MUSIC**

ACCent on Music

Director of Music | Louisa Lawless

ACCent on Music 2022

Associated Catholic Colleges (ACC) is proud to present its fourth combined schools music spectacular, *ACCent on Music*.

The concert features the individual and collective musical talents of the thirteen ACC member schools, showcasing a range of ensembles across all year levels. It showcases the variety and excellence of music programs within the ACC and provides our performers a potentially once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of performing high calibre works in a world-class concert hall. A wide variety of musicians and vocalists will be involved in this performance in Choir, Concert Bands, Drumline, Guitar Ensemble, Stage Bands, String Ensemble, Orchestra and Rock Band.

Below is a direct link to purchase tickets. Let's support our St Mary's participants and celebrate our contribution to this huge concert.



St Mary's College Sport

Director of Sport | Lucy McKeown

St Mary's Sport

St Mary's College Athletes have been extremely busy over the past fortnight representing the College in SCSA and ACC events.

Our girls AFL team represented the College at the SCSA tournament recently. Our side which boasted players across a number of Year Levels performed well and is showing continual improvement.

We also had our girl volleyball teams compete at the SCSA tournament held at MSAC last week. We were able to put on the court several teams across a number of Year Levels. The girls did extremely well scoring several victories throughout the day.

Our ACC teams are currently taking part in Basketball, Hockey and Table Tennis. Special mention should go to our Year 10 Basketball team who are undefeated in Division 2 C they had an impressive win against St Bede's College Bentleigh on Tuesday 76 - 28 and our Senior Hockey team who are just outside the top four. They also had a great win against St Joseph's College Ferntree Gully on Wednesday 8 - 1.

Associated Catholic Colleges - Basketball Yr 10 Division 2 C

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	POINTS	%

1	St Mary's C	3	3	0	0	219	96	12	228.13
2	Simonds C	3	3	0	0	143	136	12	105.15
3	Emmanuel C	3	2	0	1	141	125	8	112.80
4	St Bernard's C	3	1	0	2	130	116	4	112.07
5	St Bede's (East Bentleigh) C	3	0	0	3	106	182	0	58.24
6	Whitefriars C	3	0	0	3	91	175	0	52.00

Associated Catholic Colleges - Hockey Senior

RANK	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	POINTS
1	St Bede's (Mentone)	4	4	0	0	26	1	25	16
2	Salesian	4	3	1	0	19	1	18	14
3	De La Salle	4	3	0	1	17	5	12	12
4	Parade	4	3	0	1	17	5	12	12
5	St Mary's	4	2	0	2	13	6	7	8
6	St Bernard's	3	1	1	1	7	9	-2	6
7	Whitefriars	3	1	0	2	12	11	1	4
8	Mazenod	4	1	0	3	6	23	-17	4
9	Emmanuel	4	0	0	4	0	22	-22	0
10	St Joseph's FTG	4	0	0	4	1	35	-34	0



Science in Action

College Laboratory Technician | Marcia Rogerson

Grade 6 Science

On Thursday Year 6 students from St Mary's Primary School visited our College to take part in some fun science activities.

The students got a close up look at Igneous rocks using microscopes and magnifying glasses.

The lessons happen on a regular basis and is part of the two schools collaboration and use of facilities. These experiences give primary school students the opportunity to work within specialised classrooms at St Mary's College, with the support of College staff.

Next week the students will be taking part in experiments using Bunsen burners.

Marcia Rogerson

College Laboratory Technician



Fortnight in Photos

Images of our school in action.



