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Our House Athletics Carnival last week was a wonderful day where all students showed their House team spirit by participating in events and proudly wearing their House colours at the outstanding Lakeside Athletics stadium.

Director of Development | Elaine Doyle

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From the Principal

Terry Blizzard

The rhythm of school is returning as we grapple with the balance between managing COVID and endeavouring to have some normality in the day to day of school. We saw in the later part of 2021 just how important it is for our young people to have the human connections available in onsite schooling.

Face to face classes have begun well with a feeling of calm throughout the school and sports and performing arts are well and truly underway.

Unfortunately, all public gatherings such as Parent Information Evenings are being held remotely on Teams and parents have been incredibly understanding. As always, I would encourage you to contact the school should you need further information.

News

We learnt last week of Old Collegian Br Peter Clinch being appointed as Congregational Leader of the Christian Brothers. Br Peter will be based in Rome. I passed onto him my congratulations on behalf of our community, and I also shared with him the news that he still holds long jump and 200-meter records from 1968 and 1969! Br Peter shared that his father attended CBC and one of his bragging rights was that *'he was Champion Boy in 1937, the cup was proudly displayed in our home'*. He sent his 4 sons to the College even though we lived closer to a couple of other Catholic schools.

Leadership

This week we inducted the first group of 2022 student leaders. In formally inducting them to lead they were challenged to inspire our community, to excite our school to do the things that are worthy of St Mary's College, and importantly to seek to be counter cultural as schools exist to challenge beliefs and dominant cultural values.

Our Prefect Leaders (pictured above)

Front row: *Mr Shaun Lancashire - Deputy Principal, Abbey Wilcox - College Vice Captain Liturgy & Service, Noah Liew - College Vice Captain Social Justice, Elisa Leyva McEnroe College Captain, Anouk Thaddeus - Prefect of Sports & Arts, Mr Terry Blizzard Principal*

Second row: *Gianfranco Forti - Prefect of Culture & Events, Ethan Taifernopolous - Prefect of Sport & Arts, Luca Carboni - Prefect of Environmental Sustainability, Ben Mortellaro - Prefect of Academia*

Third row: *Aliya Gray - Prefect of Student Wellbeing, Dominic Albrighton College Captain, Matt Nolan - Prefect of Student Wellbeing*

Enrolments

Last week I commenced a series of visits to our priority parish primary schools and have been very warmly greeted. My aim is to strengthen our relationship with the schools that at various times are those from whom our enrolments come from.

The coming month is a very busy time for enrolments so I would encourage any members of the community who are looking to enrol their son or daughter or knows someone who is to be aware via our website and social media of any upcoming events.

Uniform

The first of the blazers that have had their pockets replaced to reflect St Mary's College have now been completed and it must be said, they look fantastic!

As per the previous edition of Lumina, we will include updates on the progress of rebranded items as they become available.

Principal | Terry Blizzard



Around the College

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire

House pride, House spirit, House Captains and House points. This was the theme of the day on Monday 14 February when we met as a school community at Lakeside Stadium for our House Athletics Carnival. Every student arrived at the carnival with one piece of advice ringing loudly in their thoughts – participation *and* results will earn House points. With this in mind, we had all events fully subscribed with eager members of the Corbett, O'Shea, McMahon and Tevlin Houses. Whether it was the Year 7 100m dash, the Under 17 Shotput or the Open Relay races, at the end of the day, our wonderful House Captains had their teams out of their seats – cheering, chanting, and willing their team mates in all year levels over the line. I would like to thank the House Captains for their leadership on the day. Ultimately, there has to be one winner. Congratulations to Tevlin House.

Commencing last week and continuing this week, I am meeting with each year level to present concise and very clear information about the issue of bullying. I will provide every student with a consistent and clear understanding of the College's stance against bullying, the damage bullying can cause and what we have in place to ensure it has no place in the culture of our College. We support and encourage students who may have encountered bullying to confidentially send an email to the following address: bullyingcontact@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au

Last Wednesday, all new students in Years 8 – 12 were invited to attend a welcome morning tea at the Edmund Rice Campus. Also in attendance were a number of our senior Prefects,

with an official welcome from our College Vice Captains, Noah Liew and Abbey Wilcox. Thanks to Mr Chris Pye for arranging this event.

EREA Child Safeguarding Standard 7 is titled ***Ongoing Education and Training***. This standard describes the commitment that the school community makes to ensuring that ongoing education in child safety is provided to all staff volunteers and contractors that encounter our students. For policies and procedures to become functional aspects of daily operations, there must be an investment of time and resources into the human resources of the College. The information presented must be drawn from official government documents and resources, in line with the Victorian child safe standards and Ministerial order #870. Please click on the link to access the full version of EREA child safeguarding standard 7.

 [S7 Education_Training.pdf](#)

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire



Identity

Our School is built on the foundations of what Edmund Rice created. It is important for our students to understand the richness of the Edmund Rice story and how it still relates to us today. We want our students to develop an understanding of the four touchstones of receiving a Liberating Education, based on a Gospel Spirituality, within an Inclusive Community committed to Justice and Solidarity. The Formation Day was a chance for Year 7 students to have an introduction to these important elements.





The Formation Day is about Year 7's becoming more familiar with their peers, teachers and their school. It was an opportunity for the students to learn more about the history of St Mary's and to learn about who Edmund Rice was and the importance of his work. The students engaged in a range of activities from team problem solving activities, to an icon scavenger hunt on each of the campuses, a visit to the Edmund Rice Chapel to learn about our founder Edmund Rice, and an art activity where they delved deeper into understanding the Edmund Rice Icon which is pictured above with the students in the chapel photo.

Below are some quotes from the Year 7 students about their experience on Foundation Day.

I liked Formation Day because we got to understand more about Edmund Rice and meet Father Jerome. - Aiden B.7 Ryan

My favourite part about Formation Day was the icon scavenger hunt because not only did I get to run around with my friends, but I got to learn some history too. - Massimo S. - 7 Ryan

On Formation Day I liked learning about the schools' history and most importantly Edmund Rice. I also really enjoyed the scavenger hunt and finding out about different

emblems and statues. What I found most interesting was Father Jerome's church and the history of it. It was really interesting to learn about what different things mean and what they represent. - Sam D. - 7 Treacy

I liked Formation Day because we did a scavenger hunt which was really fun having it on both campuses. On Formation Day I learned a lot about Edmund Rice like how he started the Christian Brothers and how he was so inspired by Nano Nagle. His group was called the Presentation Brothers before the Christian Brothers. - Noah D. - 7 Treacy

I liked Formation Day because we got to go to the other campus and we had a good look at the Nano Nagle Chapel. - Leroy W. 7 Treacy

I liked Formation Day because we had a tour of both campuses. On Formation Day I learned the history of Edmund Rice. What I found most interesting on the day was how Edmund Rice created the school. - Alessandro B. 7 Walsh

I liked Formation Day because I got to meet the people that I will spend the rest of my high school career with. On Formation Day I learnt more about basketball by talking to my new friend. I found it interesting how many people were in my Year 7 group. - Jett L. 7 Walsh

On Formation Day I learned about Edmund Rice and how wealthy and kind he was and he did anything in his power to help anyone that needed help. - Isaac R. 7 Walsh

Identity Co-ordinator | Jane Marandu



Wellbeing

Pulse – Wellbeing Program

A key part of the College's Wellbeing Strategy is providing individual care to all our students. We know that when students feel supported when they tackle life's difficulties and challenges, they usually go on to achieve highly in their studies and thrive in many different areas of school life. Perhaps most importantly, the majority of their days at school will be enjoyable.

This year, the College will implement the Pulse Wellbeing Data Program across the whole school. This program allows students to check-in to let their Pastoral Care Teacher/ Leader how they are going and to communicate if they need any support in terms of their wellbeing. There is also a gratitude function where students are able to send messages of encouragement and support to their peers (and teachers, too!).

This program will be rolled out from the middle of Term 1.

We are really looking forward to continuing to provide individualised wellbeing support for our students in 2022.

Wearing our Uniform

In the coming weeks, the College will undertake uniform checks across all year-levels. Please promote the importance of wearing the uniform well – displaying pride in the school by having high personal standards in how one wears the uniform.

We look forward to working with you all on this important activity.

Director of Students | Chris Pye



Learning

VCE

Monday evening, last week we held our VCE information Evening. It was wonderful to see the number of families present and this to me indicates the importance of the partnership with parents and schools is especially in the VCE years.

These two years can be the most challenging for students, but also for parents and families. At St Mary's College our aim is to work not only with your child to ensure they complete their VCE to the best of their potential, but also to ensure parents are informed about any aspect with the VCE journey.

With the various VCE requirements and elements that their child will be going through, it can be a confusing time for parents, and for many, it may be the first time they are embarking on the VCE journey. Our aim is to ensure parents can email or call the VCE team to answer any question they may have. It was wonderful to see an influx of emails starting with "I'm sorry to ask a silly question". As I have said, no question is too silly to ask, and I encourage all parents with students in VCE to email me or call me to go through any element of VCE that they find confusing. My aim is to work with parents as well as students to ensure the journey is as smooth as possible and the challenges can be overcome together.

I intend to call all parents this term to have a quick chat and answer any question you may have but until I get to your call please don't hesitate to contact me before that call. I also

intend to have meetings with all students undertaking VCE to discuss their goals and ways we can work together to achieve such goals. VCE is a journey that we are taking together and I encourage you to contact subject teachers, and the VCE staff to ensure we can work together to ensure the journey is as smooth as it can.

VCE/Digitech Co-Ordinator | Sylvia Pastore



Co-curricular - Performing Arts

Thank you to students and families, the new music ensemble and tutoring program is off to a great start. The music building is a hive of activity every day.

Students are enquiring about starting to learn an instrument and how to get involved in the extra curricular program. Have a chat at home, check out the links to the Music Handbook and lesson request forms or contact Mrs Lawless directly.

llawless@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au

<https://pam.stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au/WebModules/KnowledgeBanks/Default.aspx?id=52>

Musical announcement!

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory concert.

Please come and see our live presentation of the big hits from Charlie – LIVE! We need your support more than ever and will have big announcements for our future 'Musical!' plans.

Watch your emails for further information on dates and ticket details.

Director of Music | Louisa Lawless



Our Students

Welcoming Students

Last Wednesday morning, we had a morning tea for the students Years 8-12 who have joined our College in 2022. Here is a short speech given by two of our College prefects to mark the occasion.

Abbey: *Good morning new students, my name is Abbey and this is Noah and we are your College Vice Captains for 2022. We would like to warmly welcome you to the St Mary's College community and we are really looking forward to having you all join our school. Our school community is unique and inviting and we feel very privileged to have you a part of it.*

Noah: *This school offers so many wonderful opportunities, from ACC and SCSA sport, to our art and music programs, with an annual school production and art shows. We encourage you greatly to involve yourself in as many extracurricular activities as possible, and hold highly the school spirit.*

Abbey: *We endeavour to be friendly faces around the school, and if you ever need anything or have questions, or just want a chat, please come and say 'hi.'*

Noah: *Thank you all and good luck at the upcoming swimming carnival. We wish you all the best for your time here at St. Mary's.*

House Spirit

On Monday lunchtime the Year 7s participated in basketball to earn House points. We were so excited as so many were involved, including an all girls game where McMahon took the lead.

There was lots of excitement and enthusiasm as Corbett and McMahon battled it out in the finals. Ethan and I were thrilled as to how motivated and positive the students were toward each other. We will continue this every two weeks and introduce other sports as well.

Ethan T Prefect - Sport & Art

Anouk T Prefect - Sport & Art





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. Pockets have arrived and we have commenced replacing Prefect Blazer Pockets. 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 track pants	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.

Open Day 2022

Open Day is on Sunday 27 March 12pm - 3pm. We have an exciting day planned. Bookings are essential. Please spread the word to family and friends.

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Parents & Friends

P & F meetings

Due to our upcoming College Open Day, we have needed to move our next P & F meeting (from Monday 28 March) to Monday 7 March 7:00pm. At this stage it is still unclear whether this meeting can be face to face, or whether it will need to be online via a Teams link - so please add the date to your Calendar and keep a look out for correspondence regarding confirmation of meeting details. At this next meeting we plan to devote time to scoping out our involvement at the upcoming Open Day (and hopefully some other social events for the year) – as well as associated volunteer roles. We plan to have a strong presence at the College Open Day, so stay tuned for more information on opportunities to join in the fun – particularly those families who have may students involved with the day.

P & F Recycled Uniform shop

Our P & F Recycled Uniform shop opening days are usually the first Saturday of each month during school terms (to coincide with the Midford Uniform shop Saturday openings). The next planned open date for the P & F Recycled Uniform is **Saturday 5 March** from 9:00am-11:30am. Please also note that, due to student and family weekend sporting commitments, we are looking into possibly making our opening hours a little later on Saturdays – so stay tuned for updates, and your feedback is welcomed.

Our P & F Recycled Uniform Shop is located at the Edmund Rice Campus, 11 Westbury Street, Entrance B, follow the signage to the side of the Student Plaza, then upstairs to Room 19. Opening dates and times are advised in each College Newsletter. As this volunteer-supported recycled shop is the main source of revenue for our P & F, donated uniform items which have been washed &/or dry-cleaned are always gratefully welcomed (via the recycled shop or either College Reception).

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