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Lumina

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Edmund Rice Feast Day was a day of reflection, celebration and fun. Our cover image is from one of the many rides and activities the students enjoyed, see our Community page for more images.

This will be my last edition as editor of St Mary's College Lumina and Director of Development at St Mary's College. It has been a joy to be the story teller in the establishment phase of our College, to celebrate our students success and promote the St Mary's College culture. I wish all families, students and staff success and happiness for this inclusive and caring community.

Director of Development | Elaine Doyle

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From the Principal

Terry Blizzard

Last Thursday May 26, Australia recognised National Sorry Day, a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for our people and nation.

It is important that as a school and as a faith community that seeks justice for all we continue to bring to the attention of our staff and students the truth of our history while showing optimism to move forward to make a better world.



National Reconciliation Week then commenced on Friday, running through this week. This week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The National Reconciliation Week 2022 theme, "*Be Brave. Make Change.*" is a

challenge to us all to have courage and tackle the ongoing business of reconciliation for the benefit of all Australians. This call to justice will feature in our whole school assembly this week.

Walkathon

I was so pleased at a recent assembly to launch our annual Walkathon and to hear our students who led the assembly use the language of advocacy rather than charity. When we advocate, we are people who mount a case on someone else's behalf. In our case it is for children and young people who do not have a voice, be they living in dreadfully poor conditions in India that we have heard about from Mr Joyce or for children and families who are supported by Fr Bob to receive food and an education.

Someone once said, "*No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.*" Could I encourage parents to remind their sons and daughters of the importance of this day in our attempts to lighten the burden? This is in some ways a defining day for our College when all in our community are challenged to be true examples of justice. I know that social justice advocacy such as this sits comfortably in the hearts and minds of our young people – I have often heard them say so.

True Christian spirit, inspired by the learnings found in the Gospels implore us to consider the poor and marginalised, and this is the day when we "*do God's work*". We walk in solidarity, irrespective of our own life circumstances.

Principal | Terry Blizzard



Around the College

We look forward to two significant events in our calendar taking place this week – our reconciliation assembly, which coincides with National Reconciliation Week, and our annual Social Justice Walkathon.

Our Social Justice Walkathon is a real highlight each year. It is incredible to think that Our Year 9, 8 and 7 students, as well as all female students and many staff members have not yet participated in a walkathon. The scene has been very well set, with our students learning through assemblies and RE classes all about the reasons why we walk. It is essential that our whole community understand that the Walkathon is an authentic expression of our uniquely Catholic identity in the spirit of Edmund Rice. We walk as an act of solidarity with those at the margins, both locally and globally. We raise money so the communities we support in India, and the Fr. Bob Maguire foundation know that they are cared for by a school that is living its mission.

We acknowledge that all family circumstances are different and request only that you do the best you can to support our target of a minimum of \$50 per student. [Click here](#) to donate

As mentioned in my last newsletter article, I will continue to provide updates and summaries of the key information relating to Ministerial Order 1359 which presents the new Victorian child safe standards. We are on track for the implementation of these new standards into our policies and procedures, with lots of work happening in the background to ensure that we are compliant and responding to the key developments in child safety that this Ministerial Order brings.

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire



Identity

Year 12 Retreat

Last week students in Year 12 spent a day in Melbourne's CBD for a retreat to reflect on their own life and to try to share the stories of others who live and work in the city.

Retreat Days are an integral part of our whole school identity and are designed to challenge and extend each student's faith and spirituality. The term 'retreat' refers to time away from the normal routine of a school day where students have the opportunity to reflect and explore their relationship with God and those they are in community with.

The chilly morning started at Federation Square and students gathered in the heart of the city for a briefing and explanation of the workshops for the morning. It was fascinating to see the city come to life at this time of the day.

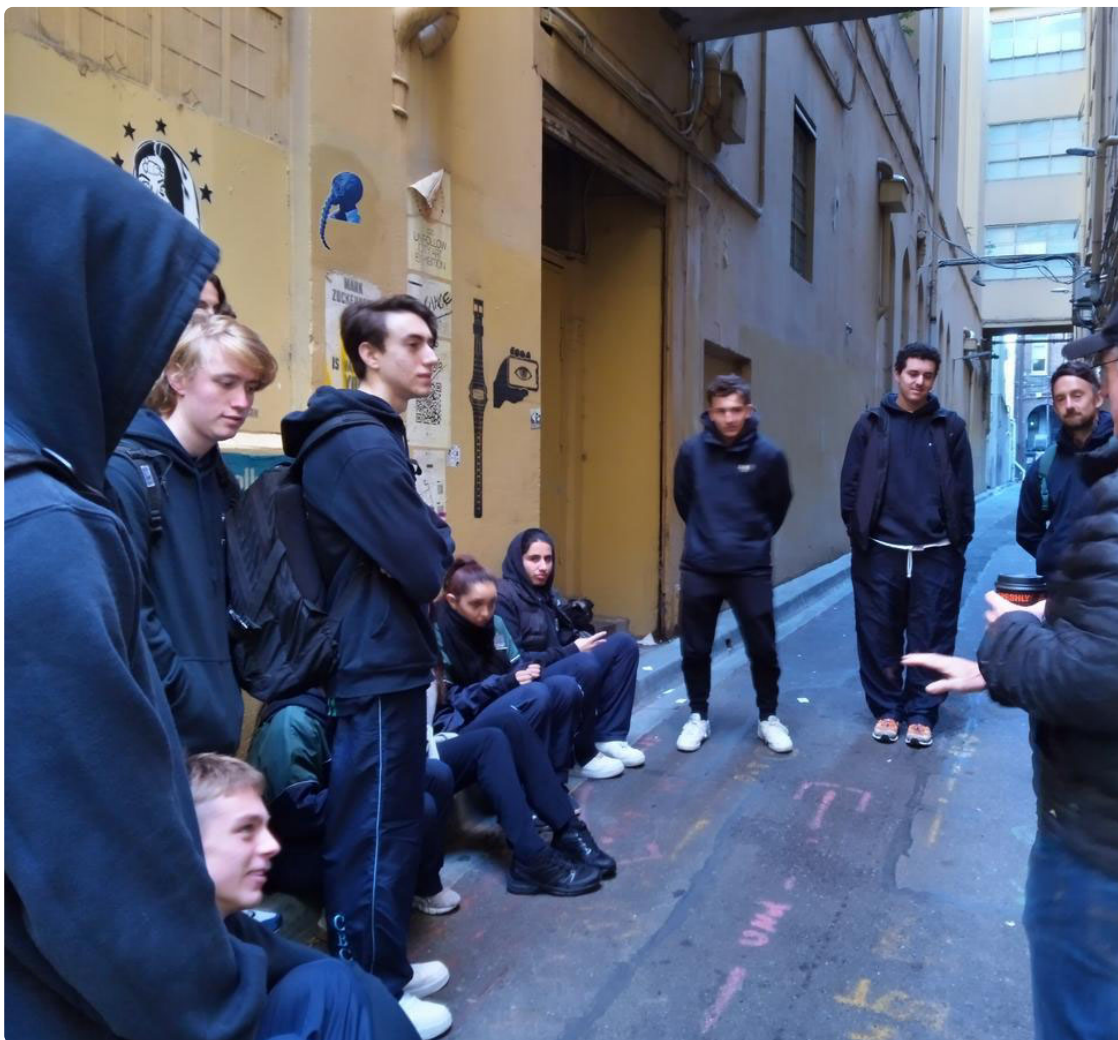
Students were hosted by The Intersection group for a walking tour around the top end of Collins Street and were provided with an insight to the needs of homeless people in the city. The students were challenged with some statements to think about in relation to the issues. One being:

"It's hard to hate someone up close." If you get to know someone, or learn about their story, it's hard to hate them close up.

Members of the church found homeless people sleeping rough on the steps of the church and instead of ignoring them or moving them on, they spent time getting to know them and helping them. They tried to understand life from their perspective. One of the other statements that stood out was:

"Where you stand, determines what you hear."

Encouraging all Year 12 students to listen carefully to others, to be informed, to love a stranger and learn their story, particularly those people who are marginalised in our community. We encourage all our students to be open and respectful to the diversity in our community and have an inclusive attitude to those they meet.



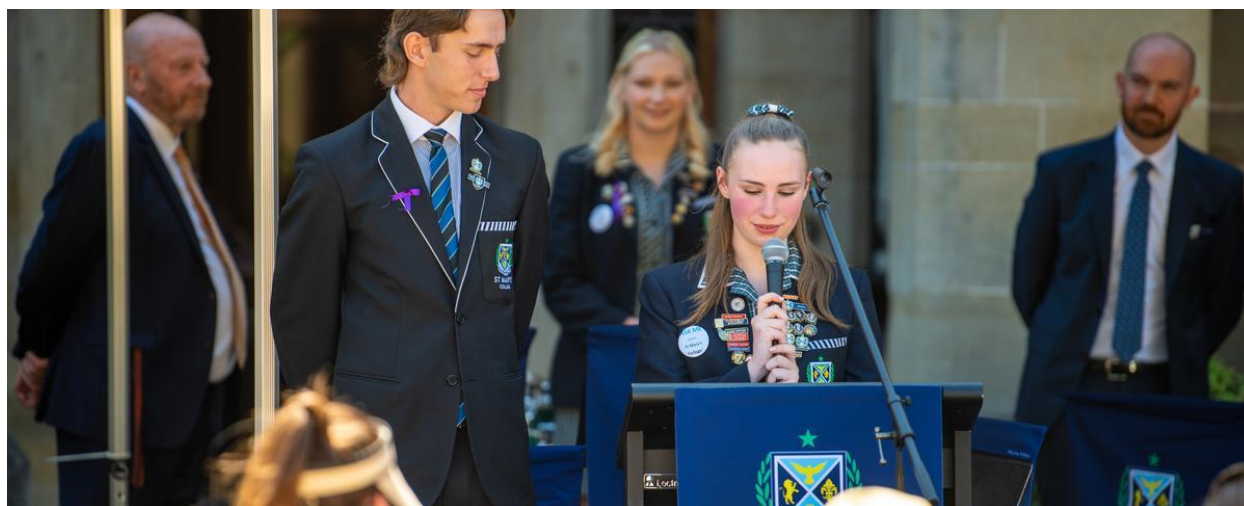
Through their own self-guided walking tour, students listened to four city visitors and their experience of living and working in the city. Abu referred to as a “happy wanderer” was just one of the stories was with a refugee background who shared his thoughts on Melbourne and why he loves it so much and what he likes to do in the city.

Before lunch we attended to St Francis' Church in Lonsdale Street and received a warm welcome from the celebrant for the lunchtime mass. Students were invited to give thanks for the day and were in a reflective space.

The afternoon allowed for some group and individual reflection back by the Yarra River and in Federation Square. There students were given time to process the stories that were shared and reflect on the opportunities they have at St Mary's College.

The chance to "retreat" from the daily study and pressures of Year 12 was valued by some students, while others were doubting the time out. Retreat gives all an opportunity and each person takes what they will from this. My only hope is that students will remember to retreat in some way as self-reflection is the school of wisdom.

Identity Coordinator | Jane Marandu



Wellbeing

Reading and Running...then some R&R.

This week, I listened to an interesting interview with Nick Riewoldt. Firstly, and rather surprisingly, he spoke about his love of reading and highlighted that he reads every night. As an English teacher, this, of course, was music to my ears. Riewoldt also emphasises reading to his children and has begun to enjoy conversations with them about their favourite texts and characters. It's not a bad priority is it? Admittedly, it isn't always easy to do in maelstrom of modern life. But, somehow, reading seems to extend our sense of time. It creates space. Not such a bad thing!

While this alone would have been enough for me to be a convert to the interview, he posited another illuminating point. When the interviewer asked him about his running power while playing AFL, Riewoldt proffered the line 'You've always got a little bit more than you think you do.' I think this a handy little maxim. When one thinks they can't do any more study, there is always a little bit left. When one thinks they have exhausted all possibilities for Walkathon donations, if you think hard enough, there will be one more person willing to give. If one thinks they can't walk any more next Friday, there is usually a way to keep pushing forward. When one feels a problem is wretchedly defining and insurmountable, if you face it squarely and really think it through, you will see it through. It isn't an overly easy message, but I do feel it is an important one.

We only have four weeks to go and staff and students are definitely feeling the strain. However, with a determined mentality that permeates academic, social and extra-curricular

endeavours, there will be moments of genuine growth and enjoyment. Well, that is if we have got a little more than we think we do.

Worth running towards isn't it?

Looking forward to the rest of the term.

Director of Students | Chris Pye



Uniform

Updating to St Mary's College Blazer Pockets

The College is keen to provide the opportunity to have the students from all year levels proudly wear the St Mary's College name and emblem on their blazer pockets. We currently have nearly 200 pockets available for re-pocketing, and will be arranging more in line with demand. If you would like to have your blazer pockets changed over from the old CBC and PCW name, there are the two options available.

1. Submit the blazer to Reception at either campus, blazers will be labelled and submitted to the embroiderer. The total cost is \$40, (\$18 for the pocket and \$22 for the embroiderer). Old pockets will be returned with the completed blazers.
2. Purchase a pocket (to match either black or navy blazers) from our onsite Midford uniform shop for \$18 and arrange your own re-pocketing.

Families can pay the \$40 by EFT at Reception when dropping off the Blazer.

Please feel free to contact Jane Balme at jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au with any queries you may have.

Uniform Update 19 May 2022

Uniform	Availability

Short Sleeve White Summer Blouse with Piping	27 May
Long Sleeve Blouse	To be advised
Pants & Trousers	In store
Tailored Shorts	In store
Long Sleeve Shirt – with SMC Crest	To be advised
Short Sleeve Shirt – with SMC Crest	To be advised
New softshell zip up jacket	In store
PE Short with SMC logo	In store
Rugby Jersey with SMC crest	To be advised
New Track pant (with SMC)	In store
Short Sleeve Sports polo top	In store
Long sleeve training top	In store
Cap with SMC Crest	In store
Bucket Hat with SMC Crest	In store
Blazers	In store with SMC Pocket
New Blazer pockets	Changeover cost of \$40.
Jumper with SMC crest	In store
Vest with SMC crest	In store
SMC Sports Bag	In store
Junior Tie	In store
Scarf	In store
Senior Tie	In store
SMC Backpack	In store
SMC Sports Bag	In store
New School Wallet -SMC	In store



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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 4 June 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 <https://MidfordBooking.as.me/StMarysCollegeStKilda>. Book an appointment via the link <https://midfordbooking.as.me/StMarysCollegeStKilda>.

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.



Social Justice

**Lace up your running shoes and get ready for the
St Mary's College Social Justice Walkathon 2022**

The Social Justice Walkathon 2022 will be held on Friday 3 June



**ST MARY'S
COLLEGE**

**Social Justice
WALKATHON 2022**



**FRIDAY 3 JUNE
DONATE NOW**



We hope to better our fundraising efforts of last year when we raised almost \$30,000.00 but we need the support of all our community.

At the time of publishing this issue of Lumina the fund raising total is \$6425

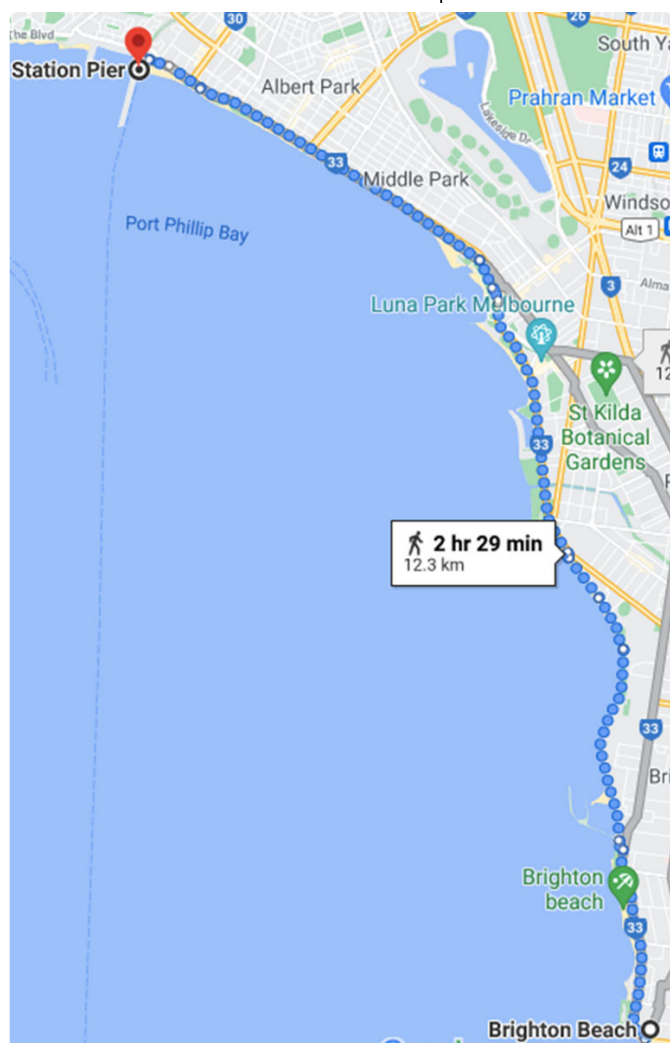
HELP US DO MORE!

Donations can be made by following the above QR code

or [click here](#)



2021 Walkathon donation to Fr Bob Foundation



The College Walkathon is our opportunity to put into action our Catholic Social teachings, raise funds for those in need and bring awareness to an injustice.

Advocacy is an exciting and effective way to be part of the change you want to see in your world.

By taking action we can take part in tackling the structures of poverty and bring about personal and global transformation. Advocacy means 'to add a voice.'

To advocate is to take action to support a cause or person.

We are walking in support of those in our society who are living on the margins and schools we support for children in India.

Advocacy is focused on creating change.

Change in attitudes, change in power, change in institutions.

Our physical action along with the money we raise will create change.



Pathways

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful. Albert Schweitzer.

I have often used this quotation, in an effort to explain to students and families one of the mysteries of career development.

Students often ask me what university is best, what job will make the most money, which course will lead to the best job, even which subjects will give the best ATAR. All unanswerable questions, until you re-cast the question in terms of *happiness*. The answer becomes obvious: whichever university, job, course or subject gives *you* joy! Marie Kondo was quite a latecomer to this philosophy.

As we approach the time of year when students are choosing subjects for next semester or next year, Schweitzer's statement is worth keeping front of mind. Always choose what you love, or at least what interests you, over what you think you need, or will "keep your options open" and certainly choose what you enjoy over what "scales up" in the ATAR calculation. You have to live and work closely with the subjects you choose in Year 11 and 12, so they need to be your best friends and give you joy when you sit down to spend time with them. If you can't find happiness in their company, it might be time for a re-think.

I am sure there are students who think this approach is just a bit crazy. They probably see school as just hard work and are perhaps even a little resentful of its demands. However, most young people can find some studies that they enjoy, perhaps even some new ones they have not yet tried. They need to lose some of the baggage about choosing subjects because they are "useful" or "acceptable", even if they do not enjoy them. Subjects do not have to *lead*

to a particular career or outcome, although there are sometimes pre-requisites to consider. I often hear students say they will not take music or drama or art because they are not going to be a musician or actor or artist! That is so sad. They could be just subjects that keep up their spirits during their senior years and provide a broad range of skills in creative thinking, problem solving or teamwork which will serve them so well in the world of work.

Parents can certainly help here, teasing out some of these ideas in their conversations with their daughters and sons. I know most parents tell me that they just want their children to be happy. What a great place to start!

Careers Counsellor | Mandy Ellwood



Performing Arts

“Behold, I show you a mystery...”

Over the last three and a half months, the VCE Theatre Studies Class worked admirably, tirelessly yet collectively to perform the much loved English Gothic Horror performance piece “The Woman In Black”.

In Theatre Studies, one of the major assessments requires the students to choose a script to focus on to ultimately plan, develop and present a live performance to an audience. The students must choose at least two production roles (director, lighting technician, set design, sound design, acting, props, costume) to undertake in this process, which, as you can appreciate is a monumental task! There is minimal teacher involvement and students are required to come up with practical solutions to any problems encountered.

The following students are to be commended for their involvement:

Alexander D (Year 11) Prop design and acting

Hope F (Year 12) Set design, prop design and acting

Nic H (Year 12) Costume design and acting

Mitchell H (Year 11) Acting and sound design

Adelaide T (Year 11) Acting

Max T (Year 12) Director and lighting design

After two years of COVID restrictions the Performing Arts were represented once again at St Mary's College! Over the course of three nights to a terrified but thrilled audience, the theatre studies class put on three excellent performances in Logue Hall and received acclaim for the production design and performances.

FEEDBACK THE STUDENTS RECEIVED:

"I really don't like theatre or shows but I loved this. It's given me a greater appreciation for the arts. Tell the VCE class that they had me hooked."

"...It was more professional than most of the shows I see at a professional level. You forget that they're teenagers."

"Top marks for creativity! It was incredibly polished and regrettably I wish I had seen it more than once!"

"I'm picking up Theatre Studies next year now. I want to do what they did because it looked like so much fun."

"At one stage I didn't know where to look...I was terrified that something would pop up behind me."

"It was my second time watching it and I still jumped even when I knew she was coming."

Thanks to everyone who came to support the production – it is wonderful to see so many campaigners for the Arts. We look forward to bringing you more performances in the very near future.

Director of Drama | Brendan Tollit



Our Community

View our College Calendar for events and important dates

Edmund Rice Feast Day

Edmund Rice Feast Day was celebrated on 7 May, a day of fun and reflection on our founder Blessed Edmund Rice. The day started with a whole College Liturgy, then a staff and student talent show.

After a bbq lunch students enjoyed the many outdoor amusements and games. A great day was had by all.



Parents & Friends

Walkathon 2022 - Friday 3 June 2022

Parents Walking Group & BBQ



Coffee:

8.30am at Lou & Co Patisserie, 5 South Road, Brighton Beach

Meet for coffee beforehand and let's walk together

Start walk: 9.00am Brighton Beach Station

Finish: 11.00am onwards - BBQ Rotunda on Beach St, Port Melbourne (*opposite Stokes St*)

Support: [BBQ Helpers](#)

Donate: [Use your child's Walkathon ID](#)

(email sent to you 6 May 'St Mary's College 2022 Walkathon Details')

Trivia Night 2022

Save the Date Saturday 6 August 2022



50's Style Theme

Our biggest fund raising event of the year. All funds raised go towards providing enhanced resources and experiences for student education.

Cool Quiz Masters Rob & Jenni will host the evening and there will be prizes, music, games and plenty of opportunities to shake your tail feather on the dance floor.

Book tickets: www.trybooking.com/BRLIB

Get in quick! Early bird prices apply until 30th June 2022 (becomes \$35 on 1st July).

Organise a whole table of up to 10 – or book individual tickets and be seated with others from your year level.

Date: Saturday 6 August 2022

Time: 7.00 – 11.00pm

Location: Logue Hall, Edmund Rice Campus, St Kilda East

Catering: Drinks at bar prices. BYO food

Join Committee: [Email Jane Balme - Jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:Jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au)

Donate Prizes: Can you help with donations of goods services/experiences for the raffles prizes?

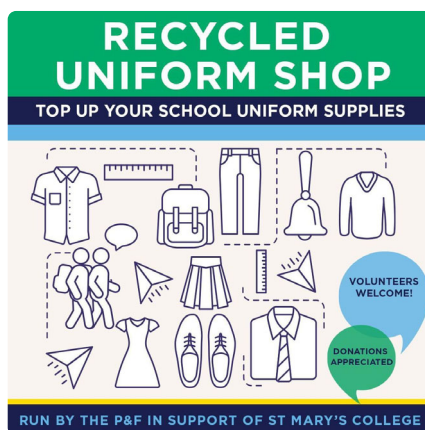
Suggestions include: Vouchers for services, gift cards, a bottle, tickets, behind the scenes experiences, money can't buy experiences, memorabilia, etc. What about contributing a couple of hours of your valuable business skills? (e.g. legal service, real estate, architecture, garden design, restaurant voucher, electrician/plumber/handy man house call, or a hairdresser/beauty treatment voucher)

[Email Jane Balme - Jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:Jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au)

General donation: If you can't make it on the night but would like to make a donation please click the booking link www.trybooking.com/BRLIB and an option to do this is available.

Recycled Uniform Shop - Saturday 4 June 2022

First Saturday of the month



Time: 12.00-2.00pm (*Midford open 9.00-1.00pm*)

Location: Enter via Student canteen. Follow signage up the stairs to Level 1 Room 19, Edmund Rice Campus, Carlisle St, St Kilda East

St Mary's College Parent T-Shirts



\$25 Email Jane Balme - Jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au

P&F Meetings

Next Monday 6 June 2022

Please join us everyone is welcome!

Time: 7.00pm

Location: Presentation Campus Staff Room

President of Parents & Friends | Jane Leroi



Notices

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund – 2022 Applications are now Open and will close in June

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding (CSEF) is an annual payment to schools that can be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of eligible students.

To qualify for the CSEF your family must satisfy the following criteria or be an eligible beneficiary of one of the following cards:

- Veterans Affairs Gold Card
- Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC)
- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, or
- be a temporary foster parent, or
- the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card).

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists.

For more information,

see: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

The CSEF is a \$225 payment that is paid directly to the St Mary's College and will be credited against your Fee Account to contribute towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. If you believe that you may be eligible for the CSEF, please complete and return the CSEF Application Form, which is available on the following link:

https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/CSEF_application_form.pdf

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.

Business Manager | Andrew O'Brien