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Lumina

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On Friday 15 July our female football players were joined by St Kilda Football Club AFLW representatives for a skills clinic. Our players were put through a number of drills and game day scenarios in preparation for an upcoming competition.

Many thanks to the St Kilda Football Club for supporting our girls.

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From The Principal

College Principal | Terry Blizzard

To all students and their families welcome back to Term 3. I hope the holidays were well utilised by our young people to rest and relax, and maybe even find time to do some study and help out around the home!

We have several new families joining us this term and I extend a very warm welcome to you and to the new students who have joined us.

Year 12

As our Year 12 students enter their final full term with us, I would like to wish them every blessing for Term 3. There is still much work to be done though and it is now, more than ever, that they need to be focussed on whatever their end goal is. For some it is a matter of continuing to do what they have been doing while for others it is time to knuckle down, focus and collaborate with their teachers to achieve their personal best.

Building

Those who have visited the Edmund Rice Campus will have seen that the works on the McCartney Wing have been moving forward during the holiday period. The demolition of levels 2 and 3 of the old stairs has been undertaken in preparation for the new lift and stairs construction. It is quite an imposing sight with walls removed in readiness for the fitting of glass panels on the front of the Wing.

Also well underway is the construction of a new entry at the main entrance (Entrance A) with the garden area between Entrance A and the Parish driveway being cleared to allow for the provision of an equal access ramp. A new gate entry is being constructed next to the Parish driveway and landscaping will take place at the conclusion of the works.

Uniform

I would like to compliment all those students who have worn their uniform so well on their return. As you know we are in a transition phase from two uniforms to one, and in doing so we are acutely aware of the financial imposition and other sensitivities around this. It is for this reason we are incrementally introducing new items, with the CBC and PCW uniforms still acceptable in the transition phase.

School uniforms signify membership of and loyalty to the school community and is a wonderful symbol of belonging as well as a great equaliser. When all students wear the uniform correctly there is no distinction between socio economic backgrounds – we are all equal and belong to the one community. For these reasons we do have high expectations about the wearing of the uniform and expect all students to present themselves for school appropriately.

A uniform update is available in the uniform section of this newsletter.

Parents & Friends

I would like to commend the P&F for the planning of the upcoming Trivia Night on Saturday August 6. This should be a wonderful community event and I encourage everyone to consider supporting this initiative. Further details available in this edition of Lumina.

Enrolments

Current families who have younger siblings of current students intending to attend St Mary's College are encouraged to please ensure that they finalise the enrolment process as soon as possible. Please remind friends or relatives who intend enrolling their daughters or sons, to do so as soon as possible. Please contact the College Registrar Elsie Daddow - edaddow@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au

Terry Blizzard

College Principal



Around the College

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire

Dear St Mary's College families,

A very warm welcome to all in the St Mary's College community to the start of Term 3. I trust that your daughters / sons had a restful break and have returned with a thirst for knowledge and school engagement once again.

We commenced this week with a very purposeful and focused staff professional learning day. This was an opportunity for staff to meet in teams and continue the important work of reviewing and planning curriculum delivery in a collegial setting.

In the life of the College, Term 3 is all about subject selections, particularly in the senior years. It is from these selections that class groupings can be determined, and a timetable constructed for the following year. The successful completion of this process centres around knowledge. Every year it is the students that take the time to read and re-read the handbook website as well as asking questions of teachers or even booking an appointment to meet with Ms Ellwood our Careers Counsellor that make the best, most informed decisions. Those with the greatest knowledge make the best, most accurate choices that suit their interests and ability level. Ideally, once a choice is made, it is not changed however we know this is not always the case, and so we have the mechanism in place for students to move in and out of subjects at certain points during the year. Nevertheless, I strongly encourage all students and families to ask lots of questions **prior** to submitting subject choices for 2023.

Over the past few months I have been sharing each of the 11 EREA National Child safeguarding standards with you in my newsletter articles. As of July 1, these standards have changed. The new standards have been written to reflect the content of the new ministerial order, MO 1359, which articulates how child safety must be administered in schools. From the next newsletter and ongoing, I will present each of the 11 new Victorian child safety standards. Within each article, I will also provide some commentary as to how we are or are planning to enact each of these standards at St Mary's College.

Shaun Lancashire

Deputy Principal



College Business

College Business Manager | Andrew O'Brien

Building Works

The Building works on Edmund Rice Campus have been in full flight over the holiday break with work continuing on both the McCartney Wing and Corbett Wing.

The works outside Entrance A of Corbett Wing are well underway with the garden area between Entrance A and the Parish driveway being cleared to allow for the construction of the Equal Access Ramp, together with a new stair entry. A new gate entry is being constructed next to the Parish driveway and landscaping will take place at the conclusion of the works.

Works on the McCartney Wing have been moving forward during the holiday period:

- Demolition of levels 2 and 3 has been undertaken where the new lift and stairs will be constructed
- Pouring of the ground floor and 1st floor concrete slab for the stairwell has been completed.
- · Construction of the liftwell brickwork has commenced
- Replacement of glass panels on the front of the McCartney Wing has been completed
- Construction of a new entry gate for fire services has commenced next to Entrance C at Logue Hall.
- The garden area between Entrance B and Entrance C has been cleared to provide access for the new fire services to be installed on the adjacent concrete slab.

2022 Fee Accounts

Please note that 2022 Fee Accounts were due and payable by **31 March 2022** unless an approved payment plan has been agreed with the College prior to 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 moving forward.

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 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 link below for more details and device specifications.

Andrew O'Brien

College Business Manager



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.

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

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Parents & Friends

Parents and Friends President | Jane Leroi

Walkathon



We had a dedicated and brave group of Parent walkers support our Social Justice Walkathon at the end of Term 2. They collected donations on the way and enjoyed a couple of coffee breaks, yet still made it across the line in time to welcome all our student and staff participants.

P&F Engagement

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 <u>jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au</u> 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

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.



StMarys 50sTrivia Poster 2022.pdf

EVENT DETAILS:



<u>Venue</u>: 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

<u>Drinks:</u> 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

X NEWS FLASH!! X BUS FROM THE WEST!! X

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.



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.

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

President of Parents & Friends



Learning

Director of Learning and Teaching | Bev Pettit

Subject Selection 2023

Term 3 is Subject Selection Season! Over the next month we will be sending out information about the opportunities for students in 2023. We will be presenting the subject choices for next year to each Year level and there will be a Q and A sessions for parents of Year 9, 10 and 11.

The Handbooks are live websites which are interactive and designed with links for further information.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students and their families to have rich discussions about their interests and talents. I love the quote by Confucius

"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."

From a student's perspective, if they choose a subject that they love, it will be a joy for them to put in the required effort.

2023 Year 8 - 10

Students have choices of subjects that are in line with the Victorian Curriculum. These subjects are mainly within The Arts and Design & Technologies Learning Areas. Keep in mind that there are six other compulsory subjects that need as much focus as these choices.

Handbooks will become available over the next few weeks. Parents and students will be emailed links to the handbooks.

2023 Year 11

We provide a lot of support to our students as they embark on exploring the world of VCE. There is a great deal of information provided in the <u>Senior Studies Pathways Handbook</u>, which covers all aspects of VCE. The Vocational Major is a new program which has replace VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning). All students in 2024 will receive a Victorian Certificate of Education whether they complete a scored pathway with an ATAR or the Vocational Major pathway. I would encourage you to use the links to the websites and familiarise yourself with the nuances of both pathways.

On the evening of 26 July 2022, we have an information night and Q & A session for parents and students. From 6:30pm there will be subject displays and VCE teachers will be available in the Presentation campus hall. At 7pm the VCE team will be answering your questions. If you have question before the evening, please email them

to <u>subjectselections@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au</u> If your question is pertinent to the wider community we will address it on the evening.

Online Preferences

All students are asked to enter their preferences by **August 26, 2022**. We use their preferences to build the number of classes and timetable for 2023. Some students may not get their top preferences as there may be clashes with their choices, eg two of their choices may occur at the same time or there may not be enough students choosing a subject to have a class.

It is very important that students enter their preferences in order. Preference 1 must be the subject that they most want to study. Reserve preference should be viewed as part of the preference list and these should be subjects that they would want to study as there is every possibility that at least one of these will be assigned to them.

The process of online selections is outlined in the handbooks.

Subject allocations will be emailed to students in Term 4. Students will be given time to change their allocations and this process will be emailed to them in Term 4.

We have a dedicated team who work on this process and are committed to, as much as possible, designing pathways to suit the academic needs of all our students.

Bev Pettit

Director of Learning and Teaching



Student News

Director of Students | Chris Pye

Welcome to Term 3. I hope the break was both restful and enjoyable!

Respectful Relationships

There are two distinct foci for the Pastoral Team this term. The first is to further embed the Respectful Relationships Program across the school. Indeed, there are great signs that this program is helping to solidify a respectful and inclusive culture in our school. On Tuesday, I was given a P.E. Extra and was delighted to see Respectful Relationships materials being the focus of the lesson. There was a great discussion on the importance of trust in all relationships, what inclusivity actually is and an examination of how to embark upon mature and honest conversations. I was so pleased with the activity that I took the class out for a short hit of table tennis after the discussion. Here, respect transmogrified to ageism, and I was quite easily defeated by one of the students. To put a literary spin on it, it was the best of times and the worst of times!

In addition to work undertaken in PE, Respectful Relationships lessons will be rolled out in our fortnightly pastoral periods this term. The Pastoral Team have undertaken a lot of work creating the program, mapping it the Victorian Curriculum Personal and Social Capabilities and working with Pastoral Teachers to deliver lessons that are enjoyable and educative. We look forward to the positive participation of all our students in these lessons.

Student Progress

The other focus for the term will be emphasising to students that it is imperative to give best effort in their studies. To this end, the Year 7-10 Pastoral Leaders and I will be inspecting all Semester 1 reports. We will look at student performance markers like: behaviour, application and organisation and will compare NAPLAN data with student academic performance data to see whether the student is fulfilling their potential in their studies. Communication with select students and families will occur after this process and plans, made together, in order to see improvement.

We are really looking forward to a positive Term where effort and respect will coalesce. Indeed, when these things are evident in our students – and our College-at-large – the days will be enjoyable and the experience of being at school will be meaningful. This is what we are after for all our students.

Chris Pye

Director of Students



Learning Diversity

Learning Diversity Leader | Chris Sodaitis

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.

Ask for Help

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, Developmental Language Delay, Specific Learning Disorders with impairment in reading/writing/mathematics (more commonly referred to as Dyslexia, Dysgraphia,

Dyscalculia, Dyspraxia), 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.

Up to Date Assessments

With the current difficulties within the health system, there have been lengthy delays in waiting periods to have assessments updated. It is worth noting that if a student wishes to apply for Special Consideration in their senior years of study, the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), will only accept diagnostic evidence from when the student was in Grade 6 onwards. Anything prior to that time is considered outdated as it is assumed there will have been changes resulting from interventions and maturation. Tests such as the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children (WISC) and the Wechsler Individual Achievement Test (WIAT) are generally deemed to have a five-year life span before needing to be administered again. Forward planning is recommended to ensure there is an up-to-date and accurate indication of a student's current levels of ability, so that the most appropriate supports can be provided.

Questions?

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



NCCD-Information-Sheet-parents.pdf

Mrs Chris Sodaitis

Learning Diversity Leader

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Careers News

Careers Counsellor | Mandy Ellwood

CAREER News

This term will certainly be busy for senior students, but particularly intense for the Year 10s who will be selecting their VCE pathways and subjects, and for the Year12s who will be researching and choosing their initial VTAC Tertiary Preferences.

YEAR 12 VTAC

Today the VTAC Course Search (via www.vtac.edu.au) has been updated to display all the courses available so far for 2023 entry. This is a live database and new courses will appear over time and others will be cancelled. Students can be notified of these changes by signing up to the VTAC Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. This is a good time to start researching, beginning with the *Before You Apply* tab on the home page.

Whilst Applications open on 1 August, students should **not** apply until I have given them their details. It is essential that the use the details and student number entered in the VASS system. I will supply this to all Year 12 VCE and VCAL students on the following day (2 August) at our Year 12 Community Meeting. I will first present the information students need and then students will have an opportunity to register with VTAC and apply for some courses with the support of staff. Students should not make appointments or work arrangements on this afternoon, as this is a vital step in planning future options. I expect every student to register and apply on this day so that they are in the system. Preferences can be changed

numerous times once this is done. A small number of students may eventually decide not to proceed to payment as their plans for the future firm up in other directions.

It is important that every Year 12 student apply for a USI - a Unique Student Identifier - before this session, as it is needed to register. This is a simple process, available at <u>Get a USI</u>. VET students will already have one.

After this Registration is done, I will have more appointment times open for out VTAC and Career Pathways Meetings. Every Year 12 student is expected to book on Simon at least one thirty-minute meeting during August and September, allowing time for a second or even third meeting for those needing assistance with SEAS.

Parents and students who wish to hear more from VTAC on both the application process and SEAS, can register for the VTAC webinars to be held in August. The link is on the VTAC Home Page.

Students should also register for the VTAC Newsletter at https://vtac.edu.au/subscribe to receive updates and reminders.

YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION

Most Year 10 students have now completed their Morrisby Meeting and understand how to utilise this tool to research subjects, courses and careers. By Monday 1 August they should all be ready for their individual Subject Counselling Meeting, where they will receive assistance to select the best options for their VCE. In the meantime, lots of listening and conversation as well as carefully reading the Senior Handbook and the <u>VTAC Year 10</u> Guide will complete your preparation.

DIRECTIONS - The St Mary's College Careers Newsletter

It has come to my attention that a number of students (and maybe some parents) are not receiving this Newsletter, which is emailed to all Year 10-12 parents and students each fortnight. As it is emailed in bulk from the address noreply@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au, it is quite likely ending up in your **Junk** or **Trash** folder. All you need to do is to find one and mark it as "not junk" to ensure it always arrives in your inbox. Edition 9, sent last week, had some important information and attachments, including the 2022 Open Day list. Open Days begin with Swinburne on 31 July. There is no better way to get a real feel for the tertiary course experience that suits you best!

Remember that you are always welcome to call in to the Careers Office for a quick chat or to email your questions to mellwood@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au if I am not available at the time.

Mandy Ellwood

Careers Counsellor



Tech Talk

VCE DigiTech Co-Ordinator | Sylvia Pastore

Year 11 Applied Computing



Year 11 Applied Computing class attended the Big Day In conference on Wednesday 20 July, where students explore careers in technology. The exciting conference was held at Melbourne University and the students learnt about courses, degrees, work experience, internships, apprenticeships and engaged with hands-on demonstrations of emerging and existing technology.

Year 11 student Danh Nguyen won \$900 worth of Adobe products or stocks! Danh opted for the stocks in Adobe.

A great day for all students who represented St Mary's College with maturity and excellence.

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Foodie News

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From the Kitchen

Croque monsieur and Crème Brûlée was on the menu in food tech this week to celebrate Bastille Day.

The Year 8,9 and 10's indulged in the French classic over cheesed and buttery sandwich while the Unit 2 Food Studies showed great technique in mastering a crème brûlée.

Gabriel Gaté would have been extremely impressed with that classic crack of the caramel.

Sandie Saundry

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Fortnight in Photos

Images of our school in action.











