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### ***Upcoming Important Calendar Dates***

*Monday 13 February - Year 7 Camp 1 departs*

*Thursday 16 February - Year 7 Camp 1 returns*

*Friday 17 February - House Athletics Carnival*

*Monday 20 February - Parents and Friends meeting 7pm*

*Tuesday 21 February - CGSAV Triathlon Eastern Beach Geelong*

*Tuesday 21 February - Year 7 Welcome Mass and Family Evening*

*Wednesday 22 February - Ash Wednesday*

*Thursday 23 February - Prefects and Leaders Family Evening 7pm*

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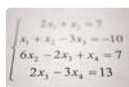
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# From The Principal

College Principal | Terry Blizzard

## A Warm Welcome

Welcome to the 2023 school year! May I extend a very special welcome to our new Year 7 students and their families and to the 46 new students and their families who commenced their journey with us. It was wonderful to see our students back, school is a lonely place in January without them! I look forward to working with all our young men and women throughout 2023 and to it being a year filled with positive and enriching experiences, hopefully free of the external interruptions we have experienced in recent years. For many this is a year where the journey begins, and they begin forging new stories, whilst for others we will say farewell at the end of the year as their secondary education journey concludes.

## Academic Achievements 2022

On behalf of the St Mary's College community, I offer our congratulations to the 2022 Year 12 students and their teachers on their excellent results. We were very pleased to obtain a median study score of 30 with 4.5% of study scores above 40.

We especially congratulate College Dux Levi Dwyer who achieved the outstanding study score of 98.65 and the following high achievers who achieved 90+ study scores for their VCE:  
(Pictured Above)

- Susannah Green 94.6
- Thomas Kruger 93.6
- Ryan Farrah 91.85

- Ben Mortellaro 91.75

## Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program

We were delighted to hear of the successful outcome of our application to the University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program, Class of 2024 with Year 11 student Jaeda Thornhill successful.



The University received over 1300 applications and were highly impressed by the academic performance and community involvement demonstrated by students. Successful applicants of the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program will become part of a supportive university community and peer network through a tailored program of events and activities.

Well done, Jaeda!

## Student news

It was wonderful to receive the news that Year 12 student Nicholas Howard had been informed by Gymnastics Australia that he has been selected for the Junior Australian MAG Team and will be competing in Germany in March and then at the Junior World Artistic Gymnastic Championships in Turkey in March and April. This is reward for his incredibly hard work and commitment to his craft. We are so proud of Nick and on behalf of our community wish him every blessing.



## Developments

As always, the summer holidays have been a busy time undertaking a range of maintenance works on both sites.

Among a range of other tasks completed, one of the more unfortunate works was the installation of Vape sensors in the student bathrooms. This is an unfortunate sign of the times happening in all schools and takes me back to my early days of teaching when smoking was the issue in schools. We are negligent if we ignore this social issue and need to support our students to make better choices.

## New Staff to St Mary's College

We welcome to our college community the following new staff and wish them well:

- Mr Xavier Lawlor – Year 9 Nobilitas Leader & Media/VAPA
- Ms Wendy Mair – Science/Physics & Mathematics
- Mr Hugh Aldos – Science and Mathematics

## Uniform

This week the College Uniform Committee will meet to consider the final stages of the design process for the new St Mary's College uniform. Currently the full suite of St Mary's branded uniform items in the Midford's shop are acceptable. All new and second-hand

blazer purchases should now have the St Mary's crest on the pocket. Students with an existing PCW or CBC pocket will be contacted in the coming weeks with instructions on how they will have their blazer pocket replaced.

As we journey the new year together, I wish everyone within the St Mary's College Community a wonderful 2023, may it be filled with success and happiness.

God Bless

Terry Blizzard

**College Principal**





# Deputy Principal Report

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire

## Positive Start

As we return for the start of the 2023 academic year, we find ourselves in full swing with a number of whole school events that mark the beginning of the year.

Thanks firstly to all of our students and families for the way you have returned to school in 2023. Our students were very well presented on Welcome Day for their school photos and to commence the year. A particular welcome to our new Year 7 students and the many new students joining us in years 8 – 12.

## House Swimming Carnival

For the first time, our swimming carnival was held in the first week of school. Despite the forecast of 17 degrees and rain, we had a very high level of student participation. All Houses were well led by their House Captains. Congratulations to Tevlin house for winning the swimming carnival. We now prepare for our athletics carnival on Friday February 17.

## Investiture of College Leaders

On Tuesday morning February 7, we celebrated the start of the school year with our opening liturgy, with College Chaplain and St Mary's Parish Priest, Fr. Jerome Santamaria. As part of the liturgy, Fr. Jerome blessed the prefect badges which were then presented to each

member of the 2023 Prefect Team by College Principal, Mr Blizzard. We look forward to welcoming the families of the Prefect Team to a special investiture evening taking place soon.



## Child Safety

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

### **Child Safe Standard 9: Child safety in physical and online environments**

Schools must ensure that physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children, young people and students to be harmed.

- A thorough risk analysis is the first thing schools should do to promote child safety
- Effective risk analysis will consider all of the Child Safe Standards and risks in physical and online environments and procurement
- Online technologies are constantly changing which presents significant challenges for schools, parents and carers
- Arrangements with external agencies also create child safety risks. They create opportunities for unknown people to have contact with students

### **At St Mary's College, we are working towards the implementation of Standard 8, by:**

- Undertaking a risk analysis of all physical and online Child Safety risks.
- Embedding a culture where all one-to-one interactions with students should be conducted with line of sight to another member of staff.
- Supervision of students in all settings – classroom, yard, excursions and camps.



- Cyber safety included in our Respectful Relationships Program.
- Use of resources from the eSafety Commissioner.
- Review of Child Safe practices with third-party providers.

Shaun Lancashire

**Deputy Principal**



# Student News

Director of Students | Chris Pye

## Uniform 2023

Welcome, everyone, to 2023! I trust you had a really relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Like a lot of people, my holidays started by watching the 2022 World Cup reach its apogee. Whilst I can't claim to have woken up at 3:00am for the final, I did catch the extra time period. It was a sensational game, an instant classic. Now, I enjoyed all of the action on the field, but I couldn't help marvelling at the sartorial splendour of the French Team's uniform. It's hard to describe the blue on the kit but I can say that it is a blue by which every other blue seems slightly less blue. The red socks and white shorts, of course, complete the triumvirate of colours that adorn the French flag. Accordingly, the uniform has links to the country's essence, its history, its psyche. Further, I have never seen a sport uniform that had such natural aesthetic pride in itself. If you are going to lose a World Cup in such heartbreaking circumstances, you might as well go down looking like a winner. On a slightly more esoteric level, you might as well have the good and bad times as a collective and a fully realised representation of something much bigger than the people in it.

We are looking to see our uniform to be worn with real pride this year. Our College has a burgeoning identity as a co-ed Catholic school where students enjoy their days and are lifted higher by a positive, inclusive spirit. We need our uniform to embody these traits – to be a vehicle for warmth, high personal standards and the notion of being part of something that is new and very, very positive. Pleasingly, the vast majority of our students are wearing the

uniform well thus far. However, we still have a little way to go until we look like a real collective and are representing, with real distinction, the College's values and ethos.

We will be having uniform checks regularly throughout the year. The first one is slated to take place next Tuesday. These will not be draconian undertakings designed to find out who isn't doing the right thing. Rather, they will be affirming to those who have their personal settings correctly observed. We will also challenge certain students to become a clear and tangible part of what the school is about. We thank you for your support of this undertaking.

Imagine if one of those dejected and defeated French players wasn't wearing that magnificent kit? Imagine if they win it next time around and one or two players aren't wearing it? It's unfathomable. Their uniform communicated togetherness and allegiance to a positive force outside the parameters of their team. With effort and encouragement, the same will be said about our uniform.

Chris Pye

**Director of Students**



# Opening College Liturgy

Director of Identity | Kate Johnston

## Opening College Liturgy

The venue for our Opening College liturgy was Logue Hall. A space often used for drama performances, meetings and sports activities; however we made it a sacred place to gather and pray together on Tuesday.

Harry Clelland, Liam Retallick, Arthur Georgakakis, Ethan Oyston, Luc Bunde, Mitchell Hoskin and Ruby Fitzgerald all brought forward symbols of our faith and school.

- The Cross, a reminder of the immense love Jesus had for all humanity, his crucifixion and resurrection.
- The Book of the Gospels, good news! The narratives provide us with invaluable insight into the life, death and teachings of Jesus.
- The Icon of Blessed Edmund Rice, which reveals Edmund's life and devotion to his family, faith, prayer and sacred scripture.

With our sacred space created we added our college Touchstones; *Liberating Education*, *Inclusive Community*, *Justice and Solidarity* and *Gospel Spirituality*. All schools in the Edmund Rice tradition across Australia are connected by these Touchstones. They are authentically linked with the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, which underpins all we do. Fr Jerome, our College Chaplain led our Liturgy along with student readers Sabrina Lehpamer, Spencer Slaney, Ruby Fitzgerald, Spencer MacKay, Maksymillian Kaplon, Liam Denys, Charlotte Richards, Jack Prentice Evans and Maddy Gourmas.

Kate Johnston

**Director of Identity**





# VCE 2023

VCE /Co-Ordinator | Sylvia Pastore

## A New Type of Journey

I am excited to welcome your child to the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) program. This is a significant milestone in their education and I am here to support them and you throughout this journey.

The VCE is a challenging but rewarding program that prepares students for tertiary education and future employment. It requires hard work, dedication and commitment, but the rewards are well worth it. During their time in the VCE, your child will have the opportunity to develop important skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, and effective communication.

For some students and also parents, this is going to be a rollercoaster ride of emotions, stress, happiness, and relief. However, it is going to be an enormous growth for your children as they realise that our wonderful VCE Staff are working along side them to achieve their goals. I encourage you to be involved in your child's education by staying informed about their progress, attending parent-teacher meetings, and participating in school events. I am also available to answer any questions you may have about the VCE program and how you can support your child.

I look forward to working with you and your child as they embark on this exciting new chapter in their education.

Sylvia Pastore

**VCE /DigiTech Coordinator**

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## Maths Information Night

Learning Leader Mathematics | Cathryn Quigley

### Useful Information from Mathspace

Mathspace is hosting a webinar for parents and carers.

The focus will be on how to show you and your child how to use the platform to track progressive mathematical learning.



# Parents and Carers Information Night

## How to Support your Child using Mathspace

Mathspace is hosting a webinar for parents and carers to show how you and your child can use our platform to track their progressive mathematical learning.

### This session will cover

- how to find tasks and complete work assigned by your child's teacher
- demonstrate how the skills map tracks your child's progress and celebrate growth in the mathematical understanding
- explore how recommended tasks target prior skills needed to excel at class work,
- highlight updates in the student workbook to keep your child progressing through their work, and
- how to sign up for weekly emails on your child's progress.

### Where: Zoom

**Feb 15th**  
7pm AEDT / 4pm AWST

**Feb 21st**  
9pm AEDT / 6pm AWST

 2023 Parent and Carers Info Night Flyer.pdf

Cathryn Quigley

**Learning Leader Mathematics**



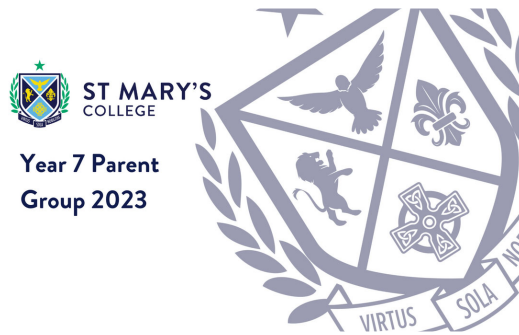
# Communication

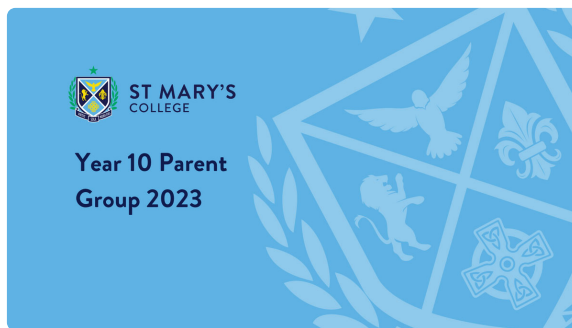
Director of Development | David Formosa

## Additional Communication Platform

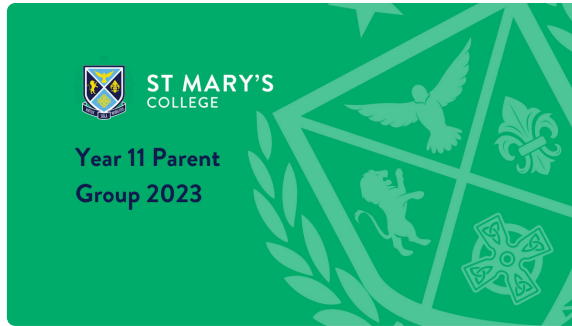
In order to further enhance the College communication channels, we have set up Year Level specific Facebook groups.

Simply click on the image below of the group you wish to join, and once approved you will have access to that group site.









David Formosa

## Director of Development



# House Swimming Carnival

Director of Sport | Lucy McKeown

## House Swimming Carnival

The House Swimming Carnival is the first sporting event of the year. Although the forecast was wet weather, it did not dampen the spirits of the teams competing.

Our Year 12 students led the way with encouragement and support for their peers across all year levels. The question on everyone's mind, was *"Could Corbett House be beaten?"*

Throughout the day we had some outstanding performances and an overall enjoyment level that lifted both swimmers and spectators, especially when the showers did eventually arrive.

Despite the wonderful efforts of the other three Houses, it was Tevlin House who triumphed on the day, pipping their rivals by the narrowest of margins.



Lucy McKeown  
**Director of Sport**



# Parents & Friends

Parents and Friends Chair | Jane Leroi

## Parent Engagement – Meetings and Get-togethers

A warm welcome to families new to our College – and also to our existing families. The year appears to have started off smoothly for students and staff and we all look forward to a terrific year of Parents and Friends activities.

Our twice-per-term P&F meetings are an opportunity for our families to increase community engagement, enhance school/parent partnerships and meet new people. These meetings also provide an opportunity to participate in relevant discussions and be involved in decision-making. Our College leadership attend these meetings and everyone is welcome. Although usually held face to face in the Presentation Campus Staffroom, at a recent P&F meeting we instigated the opportunity to attend either face to face or online via Teams. It was agreed by all that it was valuable to have both these options available for attendance – and we usually have a mid-winter online-only meeting. Our P&F Meeting dates for the year are (please place these dates in your Calendar – and always check newsletter articles in case of any necessary amendments):

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Mon 20/02/23	Mon 01/05/23	Mon 17/07/23	Mon 09/10/23
Mon 27/03/23	Mon 05/06/23	Mon 04/09/23	Mon 20/11/23

### **P&F 20/02/23 MEETING (via Microsoft Teams)**



### Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

**Meeting ID: 485 276 955 611 Passcode: qgufnc**

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

Also, during the year our St Mary's College P&F plan several informal meals for parents, together with members of our Leadership. Stay tuned for upcoming events.

## Uniform Shop Openings

A reminder that in Term 1 all students are required to wear the full St Mary's College Summer uniform, or alternatively the full St Mary's College Winter uniform. We are fortunate to have two on-site uniform options at St Mary's College. The P&F Recycled Uniform shop have limited items and the Midford Uniform shop have the full range of the current College uniform.

[P&F Recycled Uniform shop:](#)

- Saturday 04/03/23 from 12:00pm – 2:00pm.

Edmund Rice Campus, [Entrance B](#). During school terms, the P&F Recycled Uniform shop is run by P&F volunteers – usually from 12:00pm-2:00pm on the first Saturday of the month (donations of St Mary's College uniform items are always gratefully accepted).

## Textbook Recycled Purchases and Sales

Recycled textbooks and school items can be bought and sold via the Sustainable School Shop, who have copies of our St Mary's College booklists. They can be accessed via <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/>

**Second-hand textbooks are needed for sale, especially at this time of the year, so please consider advertising yours for sale as other families will be most appreciative.** The textbook stocktake is updated once every 24 hours to include all newly listed items for sale. **To sell books/items:** Log-in to the Sustainable School Shop website, click **Sell Books**, then **follow** the prompts - where price and condition guidance is also provided. ***Please also remember to delist your advertised items as these are sold.***

**To buy books/items:** Log in to the Sustainable School Shop website, click **Find Books**, then click on the items you need to get the contact details of the seller. Buyers make direct contact with sellers.

Please also note that the College P&F have previously paid a bulk subscription membership fee on behalf of our families when they registered to trade on the site. This year it was decided to utilise these funds elsewhere for our student needs. This decision will be reviewed again by P&F towards the end of next year. Options for trading on the Sustainable School Shop are:

- If you have items you wish to buy, you can register and manually search all the 'for sale' ads from the main search page and gain sellers contact details for free.
- If you have 3-5 items you wish to sell – you can purchase 3-5 single ads at \$1.50 each.
- If you have 3-5 items to buy & have 3-5 items to sell – you can purchase an annual subscription at \$21.95. NB: The Sustainable School Shop advises that experience has shown families usually find more items to advertise, so most decide to upgrade to an annual subscription.

## Textbook Donations

Our P&F have also decided to support the Les Twentyman Foundation Back to School Program, which recycles and redistributes educational resources to students who would otherwise be unable to afford them. They currently require:

- Year 7-12 textbooks and study guides published since 2021,
- English novels and literature texts (i.e. novels / plays / poetry / DVD's)
- Atlases, dictionaries (English and foreign language), and thesauruses
- Calculators
- Laptops
- Stationary (either physical donations in new condition, or via the purchasing of vouchers from companies like Officeworks)

These items can be dropped off prior to the end of the school year at either of our campus Receptions, otherwise directly to the Les Twentyman Foundation drop off point at (the Bunbury Street gate at the rear of) 56 Whitehall Street, Footscray, Mondays-Thursdays, 0491 218 082. Please refer to the attached flyer.

LES TWENTYMAN  
FOUNDATION

## BACK TO SCHOOL DONATION GUIDELINES

### WHAT WE DO?

The Back to School Program redistributes used educational resources to students who would otherwise be unable to afford them. In 2022 we were able to assist 650+ students to access the supplies required to attend school.

### WHAT WE NEED:

- Year 7-12 textbooks and study guides **published since 2021**
- English novels and literature texts (i.e. novels / plays / poetry / DVD's)
- Atlases, dictionaries (English and foreign language), and thesauruses
- Calculators
- Laptops
- Stationery (either physical donations in new condition or via the purchasing of vouchers from companies like Officeworks)

### OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

- Donate directly to our program at <https://www.ltfoundation.com.au/donation>
- Volunteer to coordinate second-hand book collections at your school or home, or volunteer your time by working with us in our library for the 2022/23 program.

### WHERE/WHEN TO DROP OFF DONATIONS ?

Address: **56 Whitehall Street, Footscray 3011**  
(Please enter via rear gate Bunbury St).  
Hours: **Monday-Thursday 10am-5pm.**



### ANY QUESTIONS?

Please call Back To School on: 0491 218 082  
or email us at [backtoschool@LTFoundation.com.au](mailto:backtoschool@LTFoundation.com.au)

Jane Leroi

**Parents & Friends Chairperson**



# College Uniform

Midford Uniform Shop

## TRADING HOURS

The Midford Uniform Shop is now returning to our regular trading hours

- Tuesday & Thursday 8am-4pm
- First Saturday of the month 9am-1pm

The uniform shop now has full suite of St Mary's College Uniform, so it is a great opportunity to update your child's uniform.

The Midford Uniform Shop is located at 11 Westbury Street, St Kilda East 3183  
(Entrance D)

Midford uniform shop purchases can also be made at your convenience from their online uniform shop

*Use the code SMC2021 and your order will be filled when the store is next open.*

**If required, the Midford uniform shop can also be contacted on opening days by calling 9520-8519.**

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

## P&F College Uniform Shop



During school terms, the P&F Recycled Uniform shop is run by P&F volunteers from 12:00pm-2:00pm on the first Saturday of the month (donations of uniform items are always gratefully accepted).





# Year 11 Art Making and Exhibiting

VAPA Learning Leader | Raoul Chapman

## Year 11 Art making and Exhibiting

Students are currently studying Impressionism for Unit 1 Outcome 1.

The task requires them to recreate a Haystacks painting by Claude Monet. This will be followed by students creating their own work depicting nature from an outdoor perspective. As part of their study, they are learning how to capture light by exploring Impressionist painting techniques.



Raoul Chapman

**Learning Leader VAPA**



# Basketball Academy

Director of Development | David Formosa

## Basketball Academy

The College is pleased to announce the start of the Basketball Academy. 40 students across a variety of Year levels are taking part in early morning training sessions held at MSAC.

Head Coach of the program is former NBL great and Hall of Famer, Lanard Copeland. Lanard who was also a former assistant coach of the NBL's Sydney Kings, brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to these students.

David Formosa

**Director of Development**





# Fortnight in Photos

Images of our school in action.











