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Key Dates

Monday 19 June - Year 10 Work Experience Week Begins

Monday 19 June - Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday 21 June - Term 2 Music Recital Evening

Thursday 22 June - Year 9 Semester 1 Learning Portfolio Conferences

Friday 23 June - Year 9 Semester 1 Learning Portfolio Conferences Continue

Friday 23 June - Year 10 Work Experience Week Concludes

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From The Principal

Acting College Principal | Michael Lee

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students

Year 12 Formal

Congratulations to all of our Year 12 students who celebrated their final year Formal in style. I would like to thank the Prefect Team and Mr Luscombe on working hard to create an impressive event. Due to illness, I was unable to attend, however I have had many positive bits of feedback on the success of the evening and the exemplary behaviour shown by our students.

Parents and Friends

I had the pleasure of attending my first Parents and Friends meeting as Principal last week. Regrettably I was unable to attend the previous meeting and so I was very keen to meet this vibrant group of parents with agency and voice.

Whilst there was curiosity about the acting Principal, the discussion was both productive and heartening. Several topics were raised on the night including uniform, camps, excursions and planning future social events. Parents of Year 12 students spoke about the opportunities that were missed by their children over the two years of Covid and were grateful to the College for putting on events such as the Year 12 Formal.

Uniform

Thank you to all of the parents who consistently send their son/daughter to school wearing the correct uniform. In the coming week, I will be sending a letter to parents regarding College uniform and providing some clarity on how and what can be worn to and from school.

Michael Lee OAM - Principal (Acting)

Written on Bunurong Country



Deputy Principal Report

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire

Thank You

As we enter the final week of Term two, I would like to acknowledge the significant commitment of our staff and students to our co-curricular program. This includes the time spent on buses and at after school training for ACC and CGSAV sport, the diligence and artistic expression of our students on the music camp, and the Year 7 and 8 STEM afternoons that have taken place in the last few weeks of this term, to name just a few. Working in a school community such as St Mary's is a genuine privilege. It is only when we take the time at the end of a term or year to think about all that we have done together that the richness of this community is so obvious.

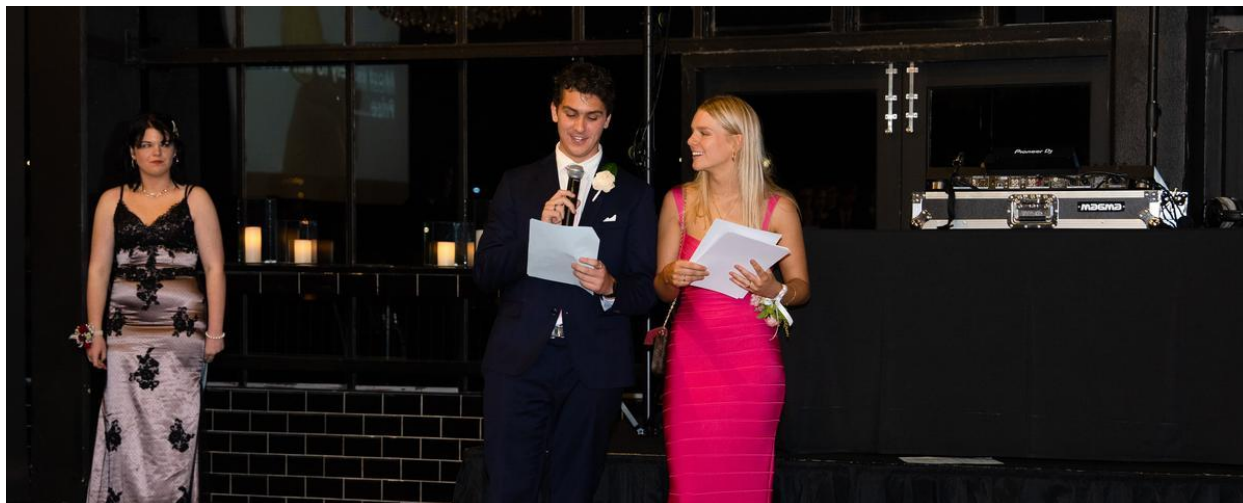
I would also like to thank and acknowledge Year 11 students for the way they conducted themselves in their recent exams. They are clearly very well equipped for the rigour of Year 12 that will be upon them before they know it. The same sentiment applies to our Year 12 and Year 11 accelerating students who completed the GAT this week.

I would like to remind all families of the avenues of support in place at the College. If it emerges around the dinner table that academic, wellbeing or any other form of support is required, please ensure you contact your son or daughter's Pastoral Care teacher as a first port of call. They will either provide help directly or refer you to another member of staff with the expertise to provide the support required.

To all St Mary's College students, have a wonderful and restful break when it arrives at the end of this week. We look forward to seeing you back at school on Tuesday 11 July.

Shaun Lancashire

Deputy Principal



Student News - More than a Formal

Director of Students | Chris Pye

More than a Formal

Last Friday night marked the 15th time I have attended a College Formal as a teacher. It was, for reasons I will outline below, the formal I have enjoyed the most. And this is no small feat considering it took place on the Friday night of a long weekend!

See below for the positives:

- **Great student leaders.** Without wishing to lavish this piece with hyperbole, this team of student leaders are, well, elite. Across the year, their commitment to the school has been manifest in word and, more importantly, action. In regard to the formal, they spoke with aplomb on the night, reached out to all sections of the year-level and modelled mature and thoughtful socialising. They were both instrumental in setting the tone for the night.
- **Social Skills.** The year-level were great here. Friendly, polite, respectful. They were good small talkers, too. It's an underrated social skill and tends to put others at ease. Questions and engagement are the key to this. Listening, too.
- **A cohesive year-level.** It was great to see students mingling with each other. Throughout the night, groups became group and people seemed to genuinely enjoy one another's company.

- **A great staff turn-out.** I really got the sense that there was a respect and bonhomie inherent in the fact a large number of staff turned up. Some even managed to find their way to the dancefloor whilst others (me), avoided such action out of fear for puncturing the night with mid 40s 'moves' that were pretty ordinary in the 1990s!
- **Bye and thanks.** Probably both top 10 in terms of most important words. It was easily the most I have heard these two words said at the end of the night by students. It is always important to end things well. The group certainly did this.
- **I recognised some – some – songs!** As I walked into the room, Tame Impala were blaring across the speakers. Kings of Leon also got a run, as did The Killers. And the students seemed to enjoy the tracks, too. Next – The Beatles and Oasis to close the night. I actually mentioned this to a few student leaders today. They stared into the middle distance and nodded their heads at (not with) me. But they didn't say no!
- **Community.** There was a palpable sense of elan in the air that comes from high regard for one another. Real warmth. The next term will provide us opportunity build this into a collective push towards achieving the best academic results possible for the group.

Thank you to Alex Luscombe for bringing the night together and, once again, thank you to staff and students for making it a genuinely good night out.

Chris Pye

Director of Students



Year 8 Camp

Outdoor Education Convenor | David Joyce

2023 Year 8 Camps

As we moved from Summer in Term One to Autumn, it was time to pack the surf boards away and head to the mountains for our Year 8 Camps.

In Year 8 we visit the Avon River, an area in a rain shadow that provides crisp Autumn days and chilly nights by the fire. Students complete a three day hike along the river and hit the trails of the Blores Hill Mountain Bike Park.

As always lots of students jumped in the river to cool off and many hours were spent skimming rocks and relaxing by the river or campfires.

Teamwork and positive relationships are the key goal of the week and it was great to see students embracing new adventures and environments while supporting each other so well.

We look forward to more positive recreation in the great outdoors in Terms 3 & 4.



Here are some great student reflections about the Year 8 Camp.

The food we ate was pretty good. It included Milk powder with cereal and Mr Joyce's magic porridge, which was somehow the best porridge we'd all ever eaten.

My favourite experiences were the mountain bike rides and talking around the fire with all my mates. One night we were all challenged to try and make a fire. That night half the supply of toilet paper was used to get even the smallest spark. We ended up getting a roaring fire in the end thanks to Aidan B.

Sebastian Maddams - 8 Ryan

I found camp very fun, and new. It was 4 days of hiking and mountain biking with no technology or normal toilets, whilst being outside from the moment we got off the bus.

It was rough at times, like when we carried all our clothes and communal items on our backs during the hike, and when we rode steep hills or fell over during the bike ride. But those things only made the trip more rewarding in the end.

During the evening and night, everybody gathered around the campfire and chatted, or took part in fun activities.

My camp experience was one that I will never forget.

Vivien Hoare - 8 Ryan

At camp we had many enjoyable moments. We made new friends and got to understand each other better. We helped each other push through our weaknesses and conquer the mountains.

As our camp started, we had loads of fun moments. We went for a nice walk along the mountains, saw some amazing lookout spots and had a dip in a freezing cold river. We also enjoyed sitting around the campfire and having fun moments in tents.

Trying to fit 6 people in a 2-man tent to play uno was a struggle.

Seeing many cool places, we got to learn new skills that will help us in the future. We also had an amazing mountain bike ride with everyone. That was one of the best moments of camp.

Charles Steward - 8 Ryan

David Joyce

Outdoor Education Convenor



Library News

Head of Libraries | Rachel Montalto

Puzzle Fun

The St Mary's College Library puts out a number of jigsaw puzzles for students to complete over the course each Term.

It is always wonderful to see so many students from different Year levels come together to the library to work on the puzzles.

Studies have shown that jigsaw puzzles can help improve visual-spatial reasoning, short-term memory, and problem-solving skills.

Below are some of the puzzles that were completed this term at the Presentation Library.

Rachel Montalto

Head of Libraries





Primary School Visit

Registrar | Elsie Daddow

Primary School Visit

We had 34 Grade 3 and 4 students from St Columba's Primary School Elwood come and spend the morning with us at St Mary's College. The groups did Food Technology with Ms Whitten (making yum yum balls) and Science with Ms O'Callaghan (making slime).

It was great to give the students a taste of high school, and talk to them about what they can expect in future y.

A big thank you to the St Columba's staff for their collaboration and support, and to Ms Whitten for organising such a fun morning!!



Elsie Daddow

Registrar



Association Sport

Director of Sport | Lucy McKeown

Associated Catholic Colleges

Soccer

Congratulations to the senior boys soccer team who have made it to the final of the ACC Division 2 Soccer competition, after a convincing 5-0 win over St Patrick's College in the semi final. We wish our team the very best as they take on De La Salle in the final next week.



Football

Our Senior Football team went down in their semi final game against De La Salle. After a tremendous win last week to secure a top four spot, our boys were unable to secure the win this time around.

Our Junior Football team came up against the undefeated Emmanuel College in their semi final. This was never going to be an easy task, playing the top side on their home ground. But to the credit of the St Mary's team, they took it right up to their opposition only to be overrun in the last quarter and go down by 18 points. A gallant effort from our boys.



CGSAV

Athletics

Our girls Athletics team competed at the CGSAV meet recently. We had some good performances on the day despite the cold conditions. Tyra Williams Year 11 was the stand out on the day with her performance in the 100m.



Cross Country

The Cross Country team travelled to Yarra Bend for the CGSAV Cross country meet. Despite being wet underfoot our girls performed well. Special mention to Ruby Fitzgerald Year 12 who had a top 10 finish in the senior age group.



Hockey

This week our girls hockey team competed at the CGSAV competition we were extremely competitive throughout the day, however some narrow losses kept us out of the playoffs. MVP for the day was Charli Potts Year 7.



Lucy McKeown
Director of Sport



College Building Fund

Director of Development | David Formosa

Your Support Helps Us Build Futures

The St Mary's College Building Fund has been widely supported by our generous families for many years. This has enabled the College to undertake many important projects, most recently the building of new access provisions for staff and students completed in 2022. This was made possible through the acquisition of a Federal Government Grant along with the generous support of families through the College Building Fund.



St Mary's College is building a strong community and is committed to ongoing facilities improvement and excellence.

Your contribution ensures consistent provision each year for a vibrant and active Building Program, enhancing student learning with modern facilities and innovation.

As we approach the end of the financial year, we ask families to consider making a tax deductible donation to the College Building Fund.

If you would like to discuss your donation contact David Formosa at dformosa@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au

To make your donation simply click on the button below.

Your donation is helping build futures.

David Formosa

Director of Development



Parents & Friends

Parents and Friends Chair | Jane Leroi

P&F Meetings

It was terrific to meet with our new Acting Principal, Michael Lee, at our most recent Parents and Friends meeting, and there were some terrific discussions and input from all. These twice-per-term meetings are a great 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 College discussions and simply be involved. Our College leadership attend and all of our community members are welcome to join in. The format is usually face to face in the Presentation Campus Boardroom, with an option to attend these meetings online via Teams. These are our P&F Meeting dates for the year (please place these dates in your Calendar – and always check newsletter articles in case of any necessary amendments):

| Term 3 | Term 4 |
|---|--------------|
| Mon 17/07/23 <i>(mid-Winter online only meeting-details to follow)</i> | Mon 09/10/23 |
| Mon 04/09/23 | Mon 20/11/23 |

AirPods Raffle



St Mary's College P&F continue to support the College with some value-add fundraising. This year again we are holding a raffle for popular Apple AirPods (3rd-generation-with-lightning-charging-case, RRP \$279). Tickets are 3 for \$10, or 1 for \$3 and these will be available for purchase by families, student and staff at the Walkathon, at the Presentation Campus Reception, or by contacting our College Community Liaison, Jane Balme, jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au. Get in quick, as the raffle will be drawn early June.

Uniform Shop Openings

A reminder that in Term 2 all students are required to wear 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:

Edmund Rice Campus, Entrance B. During school terms, the P&F Recycled Uniform shop is run by P&F volunteers – usually from 10:30am-12:30pm, 1-2 Saturday's per term. Check the College Newsletter for opening dates.

The next scheduled Saturday opening is Sat 5 August 10:30am – 12:00pm

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 next scheduled Saturday opening is Sat 5 August 9:00am – 1:00pm

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

 St Marys College Melbourne Price List.pdf

P&F College Uniform Shop



Edmund Rice Campus, Entrance B. During school terms, the P&F Recycled Uniform shop is run by P&F volunteers – usually from 10:30am-12:30pm (please note these revised hours) on the first Saturday of the month.

The P&F Recycled Uniform shop have limited items only.



Community News

Hockey Holiday Program

*Come try the fun, social and rewarding game of field hockey, by coming to the Powerhouse & St Kilda Hockey Club's **June School Holiday Program**.*

The Program is especially designed for children 5 to 14 who would like to try hockey for the first time. The program will be a mix of all day fun hockey games and basic skills, lunch break, and indoor entertainment at the end of each day. The Program is just the thing for children to start enjoying a fun and social physical activity during the school holidays.

DETAILS

- 9:00am to 5:00pm
- Monday 26 June and Friday 30 June 2023
- 1 Hockey Drive, St Kilda
- Equipment provided (no need to bring anything)
- TWO days \$149, ONE day only \$99

HOCKEY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Register here



26th & 30th of JUNE from 9AM - 5PM

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TALENT AND INTERNATIONAL AND PREMIER LEAGUE
TRAINERS*

1 DAY \$99 / \$59 MEMBERS
2 DAYS \$149 / \$99 MEMBERS





THE PROGRAM IN A NUTSHELL

- 2 days filled with fun hockey and other sports activity !
- Groups split based on their experience ranging from 5-12 years old
- Core program from 10AM - 3:30PM but drop-off and pick up from 9AM-5PM
- Great way to learn the basics or improve your skills

CAMP INCLUSIONS

- FREE HOCKEY VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP
- EVERY PARTICIPANT WILL GET A CLUB YERSEY
- HOCKEY GEAR WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS





Fortnight in Photos

Images of our school in action.

