



# Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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# From the Principal's Office



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Students of Marian College,

- ❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*
- ❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

Welcome back to the new term. On Monday teachers reflected upon our role as teachers and staff members of Marian College and the important work we do to ensure all students are welcomed. We welcome a diverse group of young people with their own unique personality, talents, skills and needs. We know our school is richer through diversity.

***Father, please fill me with your understanding as I instruct others. Help me to see the individual potential of every student I teach. Father, please fill me with your patience as I teach others. Help me to keep giving of my time and energy, especially to those who struggle the most. Father, please give me your divine wisdom as I am with my class. Show me when I must discipline and when I can show mercy. Father, help me to depend totally on You, For You are the source of my strength, courage and peace. May I love and care for each student I teach. Show me how to serve as Christ serves Give as Christ gives Love as Christ loves. I ask all this in the precious name of Jesus, my Saviour and friend. Amen.***

*(A modern teachers prayer from [www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com))*

## **Positive Start to the Term**

Last week the Year 7, 8 and 9 students took part in a series of re-engagement days at Tandara Lutheran Camp, Halls Gap. The days are part of the state government's Positive Start Initiative which aims to re-engage students and to boost their physical and emotional health and wellbeing in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. The Initiative provides students with opportunities to attend programs and cultural experiences where they can be more active, reconnect with friends and find inspiration in places other than the school campus.

While out at Tandara the students completed a program that challenged and supported them through physical and team building activities such as orienteering, bush cooking, low ropes and group problem solving tasks. Students were also encouraged to reflect on the symbolism of Catholic Identity at Marian College. By using the example of the El Salvador crucifix, students created their own crucifixes in a similar style which highlights the symbols and stories that they believe are important to our College community. These crucifixes will be displayed in the Brigidine Centre. These will help to form the basis of the design of a Marian College Cross.

Key focus for the days:

- Re-engage students and boost their physical and emotional health and well being in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic
- Program challenged and supported

students through physical and team building activities

- Reflection on Catholic Identity and what is important to the Marian College community

### **Circuit-Breaker Weekend (Thursday 11th and Friday 12th August - Student Free Days)**

This term both primary and secondary Catholic schools across the diocese of Ballarat have included a scheduled four day circuit-breaker weekend in response to the continued impact of COVID (and now the flu) upon staffing and student numbers. Our staff have done a wonderful job keeping the school open and operating well, despite the many absences. Students should be congratulated too on their ability to adjust quickly when changes are necessary. Our two day mid-term break is scheduled for Thursday the 11th and Friday the 12th August. Term 3 is traditionally the coldest of the terms with increased illness. With COVID still prevalent and the flu around, it is important that post camps students have some time to recharge their batteries. This four day weekend is intended to help ease the usual stress and illness that tends to hit about midterm. For further details I will forward the Bishop letter to all parents. If you have any concerns or if your child has missed a significant amount of school through illness please email their teachers for additional work.

### **Congratulations to past student Sarah Little.**

This week we congratulate Sarah Little on her excellent achievement in receiving the 40th annual RMIT University Roy and Iris Simmons award for her academic achievement, leadership and community engagement. We are very proud of your continued efforts.

### **Wednesday Year 11 Camp**

This Wednesday our Year 11 students set off on a three day camp in Melbourne, exploring post school opportunities,

navigating the city, and developing strong bonds with peers. This is an important part of understanding further study and employment options for all students. Students are required to attend. Masks must be worn on all buses. Obviously, if unwell please contact the College as soon as possible. All schools continue to register all COVID positive students and staff. Please alert the College immediately if your child tests positive. RA tests will continue to be distributed throughout this term while the virus and flu is prevalent. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Child Protection Ministerial Order 1359**

In July 2021, the Victorian Government announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safe environments and protect children from abuse. 11 new Child Safe Standards and [Ministerial Order No. 1359](#) came into effect for schools premises on 1 July 2022. They replace Victoria's seven previous Child Safe Standards and principles (Ministerial Order No. 870) in place since 2016. In response to the changes, Marian College has been updating our policies and procedures to include the new standards. As we work through this process, we will seek your support to assist us review various policies, procedures and procedures through a survey later this year. We know things have changed since the Child Protection Ministerial Order was first introduced six years ago. The intention with the change is to fine tune and extend on what we currently do. We know that, for example, the online learning and social environment for students has increased significantly over the past few years. This can have wonderful applications for the young but, as we know, social media may also pose a risk to student wellbeing that can have an impact on schools.

Preventing and responding to child abuse requires a whole of community response to bring about broad cultural change. To this end, the Victorian Child

Safe Standards apply to a broad range of organisations that provide services for children, including schools, churches, sporting clubs and youth services. We understand that our partnership with parents is so important to protecting students onsite and online.

## **New Victorian Child Safe Standards**

### **Culturally safe environments –**

Organisations establish a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of Aboriginal children and young people are respected and valued.

### **Leadership, governance and culture –**

Child safety and wellbeing is embedded in organisational leadership, governance and culture.

### **Child and student empowerment-**

Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.

**Family engagement –** Families and communities are informed, and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing.

**Diversity and equity –** Equity is upheld and diverse needs respected in policy and practice.

**Suitable staff and volunteers –** People working with children and young people are suitable and supported to reflect child safety and wellbeing values in practice.

**Complaints processes –** Processes for complaints and concerns are child focused.

**Child safety knowledge, skills and awareness –** Staff and volunteers are equipped with the knowledge, skills and awareness to keep children and young people safe through ongoing education and training.

**Child safety in physical and online environments –** Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.

**Review of child safety practices –** Implementation of the Child Safe Standards is regularly reviewed and improved.

**Implementation of child safety practices –** Policies and procedures document how the organisation is safe for children and young people.

Carmel Barker

Principal

# PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

## SUBJECT SELECTION 2023

### TUESDAY 26TH JULY

On Tuesday, 26th July, the College will be conducting a Subject Selection Evening for 2023 Years 9 – 12 students (current Year 8 – 11 students) and their parents.

This evening will be two-fold:

1. A general presentation on conditions and entry requirements will be presented in the Brigidine Centre (cnr. of Moore & Princes Streets) as per the times below:

**6:00 pm: Year 9 and 10 2023**

**7:00 pm: Year 11 and 12 2023**

Matthew Summers

Head of Learning and Teaching

Lucy Edwards

Head of Organisation and Student Pathways

Dani Smith

Head of VET/VCAL

# IN MY WORDS

*with Lily Pitcher*

My parents Jodi and Paul welcomed me, their last and favourite child on the 22nd of September 2004 in Hervey Bay, Queensland. My older sister Alayna, born 2 years before me, liked being the centre of attention and wasn't too sure about having a sister. My childhood consisted of dancing around the lounge room with my sister, making up songs with my cousins at Nan and Pa's house, playing games in the front yard and some near death experiences. One of the many examples is when I fell off the back of the couch head first onto tiles, leaving a bloody x on my head.



I started kindergarten at Condy Park where I had a blast playing outside and painting. It was soon time for me to start primary school at Urangan Point. On my first day I was so excited that I ran into school hardly saying goodbye to mum. However in 2011 my family decided

to leave Hervey Bay and move to Ararat to be closer to some family. I started Grade 1 at St Mary's this time making my parents wait at the door until they could leave without me noticing. After my parents rudely made me stay at school, this annoying girl named Georgia White invited me to play with her. Georgia and I soon became best friends and got up to lots of trouble together. One of the many antics was the time that I told Georgia (because I didn't want to do it myself) to pull out our friend Harry's chair while he was giving a speech so that he would fall backwards in front of everyone (I can't speak on behalf of Georgia but I'm not that mean now).

Of course Georgia enthusiastically accepted the task. Sadly towards the end of Grade 3, Georgia decided to leave me and moved to Moyston. I got over it.



I started netball at Moyston Willaura when I was 8 years old and I am still playing there to this day. I have met many people through the club including Louise, who is now one of my best friends. I have always really enjoyed playing netball as well as being in such a supportive and enthusiastic club.

Starting at Marian College was extremely scary but equally as exciting. At the beginning of Year 7 I felt very small and it feels strange that I am now the big kid that I used to feel intimidated by. Towards the beginning of Year 10, my family built a house out in Moyston. This was a big change and as much as I really really don't like getting the bus, I love living out here. I am grateful to have made new friends as well as reconnecting with old ones. I am so lucky to have Georgia, Lou, Eden and Liam who have stuck with me for years and put up with my energetic and maybe sometimes annoying personality.

Although high school came with tears and more tears and a few more tears, Year 12 has been my favourite year. You really do become closer with your teachers and I am so thankful for the time and effort that they have put in and for pushing me to do my best. I am so so grateful for my parents and sister for the support and love they give me and how they push me to do the best I can. I wish the rest of Year 12 good luck for the rest of this year and your future xx



# BARRON



NEWS

## FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Barron finished off Term 2 with our House Day, which was fantastic to experience after missing it for two years straight. Well done to Elly Galoso and Jac Grayling for their organisation of the day, as well as the Barron Year 12s who manned the Amazing Race stations around Ararat throughout the morning. The students' behaviour and participation throughout the day was also wonderful; it's so nice to change the tone of a 'school day' and join as a house community instead.

Term 3 is racing along already! Today the Year 9s have their Reach Foundation incursion, tomorrow Year 11s head to Melbourne for their camp. And next week the Year 10s head to Lady Northcote for their retreat. The calendar is packed with Black Ranges sports days as well.

Importantly, next week subject selections take place. It is important to sit down and chat about the choices available. It is pivotal for Year 9s this year, as they begin to tailor their programs and make decisions about VCE subjects and electives. Year 10s make those significant decisions about their final two years in secondary school, many looking ahead to university or other tertiary programs and checking the requirements for entry.

**On Tuesday the 26th of July, there is a subject selection information session in the evening for students/families in Years 8-11. Please join us to discuss the options available and to have your questions answered.** Students and families can also contact their child's TA teacher for information or when questions arise.

As we all continue to battle the germs this winter, keep up the hand hygiene and rest up at home when unwell. The impacts of illnesses have affected most people already, both staff and students, which is frustrating and tiring but unavoidable. We are all in the same boat, and will soldier on (sorry for the double cliché...). This too shall pass.

Erica McConachy  
Barron House Leader



# YEAR 10 PARENTS



# WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST, 2022

YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION INTERVIEWS -  
3.30 TO 4.45PM

INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD WITH YOUR  
CHILD AND THEIR TA TEACHER TO DISCUSS  
SUBJECT SELECTIONS FOR VCE OR VCAL.

BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE ONLINE  
VIA PARENT PORTAL FROM 3.00PM ON  
WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY, 2022

SUPPORT FRED HYDE!

*Martian's  
Got  
Talent!*

19TH AUGUST 2022



CHECK YOUR EMAILS OR SIMON TO  
SIGN UP!

**MARIAN COLLEGE  
PROUDLY  
PRESENTS...**



**HIGH  
SCHOOL  
MUSICAL**

**SHOWING...  
AUGUST 18TH, 19TH & 20TH  
7:30PM @ ARARAT TOWN HALL**

# Year 10 Work Experience Week

Our Year 10 students undertook Work Experience during the last week of Term 2. The students did their placement in a variety of organisations/businesses which included, education, childcare, building, healthcare, Victoria Police, hospitality, veterinary medicine and fitness.

This is a valuable opportunity for our students and we would like to thank those organisations/businesses that participated in this program, as without your support it would not be possible to run.

Andrea Knights  
Careers Officer



**Joseph Nellthorp - Monash Health**

From the 20-24th of June Year 10s went on work experience. I was lucky enough to travel away from home for the week and went to Melbourne Monash Health Hospital. I was in the cardiac unit of the hospital for the week. It started off by going up on the ward rounds with the heart team, checking up on patients and making a plan for the day. Whilst in the cardiac unit, I was in the paediatric cardiology team to observe patients at Monash Children's Hospital. After the morning sessions I did various things such as observing a procedure in the cardiac labs including; pacemaker insertions, coronary angiography, stenting, mitral valve balloon dilation, doing echocardiograms, stress testing and direct cardioversion procedures, where we deliver an electric current to the patient to revert them from an irregular heart rhythm to a regular heart rhythm. Overall it was a really good experience and I loved every moment of it. I think in the future I would love to pursue a career in the health industry.

Joseph Nellthorp

During the last week of Term 2, myself and my fellow Year 10s did work experience. For my work experience I decided to head back to my old primary school Stawell West. I thoroughly enjoyed it. I got to experience what it was like to be the teacher instead of the student for once. While I was there I spent half the week with the Grade 2s and the other half with the 3/4s. Half way through the week I was lucky enough to teach my own little class for a period. It was slightly daunting at the start, but as the lesson progressed I began to feel more confident. I was very thankful to all the staff but especially to Megan and Miranda for letting me join their classes and really experience what it is like to be a teacher. My week at Stawell West was a rewarding experience, and I am very grateful to have been able to go.

**Dakota Healy**  
**Stawell West Primary School**



I really enjoyed working at the Ararat Fitness Centre. Everyone that worked there were so welcoming and friendly. I got to learn some new skills like how to do a stocktake, how to use their customer service system and I also got to get in the pool and experience swimming lessons with the younger kids. For any Year 9 going into Year 10 work experience next year I would definitely consider working at the Ararat Fitness Centre!

**Lachlan McRae**  
**Ararat Fitness Centre**



**Aria Apita**  
**Braebrook Pastoral Company**



# Year 10 Work Experience Week

I had the amazing opportunity to do my work experience week at the Stawell Veterinary Clinic! I got to observe surgeries performed on various different animals, watched in on many consultations and went on fun trips with the vets to see three separate horses. I was also taught about how they evaluate and determine causes and diagnosis of the animals using a microscope. I have learnt so much and loved getting to know all the talented vets and nurses at the clinic. By being able to have an inside view of their day to day work life, I reaffirmed my love of animals and desire to become a Vet in the future.

**Emma Smith**  
**Stawell Veterinary Clinic**



**Lia Hayward - Little Stems**



**Ebony Davidson - Mortimer Chiropractic**



At the end of Term 2, I went to the East Grampians Health Service with six other students for work experience. Over five days, we got to help out and get an insight into a whole range of careers at the hospital. Everyone was extremely helpful when talking about their roles, and the people there are all so lovely. My favourite place that we went to was the Day Procedure Unit (DPU), this is where surgeries take place during the day. We were able to wear surgical scrubs and help package sterilised equipment. I got to see some pretty cool things like a tooth extraction. There were three old people's homes that we visited and I got to play bingo and make paper mache with them. Overall my experience at the Ararat Hospital was amazing, I left there wishing that I was able to be there every day and not just for a week. I learned so much and developed even better social skills from my time spent there for work experience. I highly recommend going there for your work experience if you are interested in the medical field!

**Lani Coburn**  
**East Grampians Health Service**



**Ashlyn Wheeler and Parneet Kaur**  
**East Grampians Health Service**

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ARARAT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

# LITTLE REDBACKS

**BASKETBALL:** Wednesday's 4:00 - 4:45pm  
Ages 4+  
\$50 per term  
\$5 per term insurance

**FUTSAL:** Thursdays 4:00 -5:00pm  
Ages 4+  
\$50 per term  
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**All enquires: [ararat.redbacks@gmail.com](mailto:ararat.redbacks@gmail.com)**

*\*Registrations close 15th July\**



**ARARAT BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**



# July 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18	19 BLACK RANGES SENIOR BASKETBALL	20	21	22
<b>YEAR 11 CAMP</b>				
25 BLACK RANGES INTERMEDIATE GIRLS BASKETBALL	26 BLACK RANGES INTERMEDIATE BOYS BASKETBALL  SUBJECT SELECTION SHOWCASE YEARS 8 - 11	27	28	29
<b>YEAR 10 CAMP</b>				

# August 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
8	9 YEAR 7 2023 ORIENTATION DAY #1	10 YEAR 10 TA/ PARENT/STUDENT MEETINGS	11	12 SUBJECT SELECTION WEB PREFERENCES CLOSE