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From the Head of Organisation and Student Pathways



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

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

Lord, teach us to offer you a heart of thanksgiving and praise in all our daily experiences of life. Teach us to be joyful always, to pray continually and to give thanks in all my circumstances. Change our outlook and attitude into one of joyful contentment with my present circumstances. We thank You for the joy that the Year 12 Retreat has brought to our senior students and we are grateful that they are feeling inspired.

Jesus, we want to be like You who obeyed the Father without complaint. You embraced the chains of humanity when You walked this earth. Give us Your attitude of humility and thankful acceptance. Teach us the power of a thankful heart. We know that Your truth dwells in a thankful heart.

Amen

Welcome back to school for 2021. We have already finished Week 2 and so much seems to have happened. As usual, school is a busy place where opportunities for extending ourselves abound. I would like to encourage you to get involved and stay motivated! Learning is something that we can all do anywhere at any time. The more we learn, the better our chances to make good choices for ourselves and to help others to make good choices. We want to keep making a difference!

The Year 12 Retreat held at Cave Hill Creek has been one of the best. Clare Bowditch was a guest speaker and she is an Australian musician, actress, radio presenter and business entrepreneur. At the Aria Music Awards of 2006, Claire won the ARIA Award for Best Female Artist and was nominated for a Logie Award for her work on the TV series *Offspring* in 2012. She has toured with Gotye and Leonard Cohen, written for **Harper's Bazaar, Rolling Stone** and the **Drum**. She currently hosts an Australian Music Show on Qantas airlines in-flight audio channel. Through stories she guided the students to tame their inner critic and to Go! Go! Go! for their amazing life. Sam Clear was also a presenter at the Retreat and was once again exceptional. His experiences of walking on foot for 15,600 km through some very extreme terrains around the world is inspirational. Many

Year 12 students came away from camp motivated to do their best for this year.

This coming week we have sporting teams going out to compete once again. It is terrific that we can once again be having these events for students to showcase their talents in the many areas of athletics. The Intermediate and Senior Tennis teams are out to the Stawell Tennis Club on Thursday to begin the first round of competitions. The Year 9 and 10 Western Bulldogs Leadership Program is holding a day of activities. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to extend themselves and learn many of the skills that can help them for many years to come.

We are recommencing many other activities now that group gatherings are being allowed. However this is also a time to remember that we are having to wear masks at school whenever we are indoors. While the school has masks for students should they lose theirs, it is best if each student has their own. All students should be wearing masks to and from school on the bus. This is to comply with the Victorian Government regulations.

The Year 7 Transition week has been wonderful. It is great to see so many new Year 7 students engaging with the transition activities and doing their best to participate. They will begin normal classes this week and we hope that they enjoy their new learning environment. Year 7 Camp has moved to next week from the 15th to the 19th February and will now be held at Coastal Forest Lodge in Anglesea. I am sure this will be an unforgettable experience for them and one that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

It is a good time to remind students that hats are compulsory to be worn outside during term 1 and 4. If a student loses theirs they are available for purchase

from the office for \$5. We are a SunSmart school and it is part of the Victorian Government initiative for all students to wear hats during the summer months at school.

Coming up is our Swimming Sports on the 22nd February and the School Photo day on the 23rd February.

We look forward to working again with our students and are hoping that they continue to take hold of any opportunities that might come their way through our school community.

Dr Lucy Edwards
Head of Student Pathways and Organisation

Year 12 Retreat

The picturesque environment and the glass-like lake provided the perfect backdrop for our Year 12s to begin their school year on retreat at Cave Hill Creek.

The aim of the retreat is to provide the students with the opportunity to reflect on their life so far, create goals to achieve both this year and in the future, and to recognise the obstacles to achieving these goals and to provide support to overcome them. This is not something that students need to face independently. A number of the activities are designed to bring the cohort even closer together in support, encouragement and friendship.

These activities include raft-building, canoeing, high-ropes and bush walking, which all provided opportunities for students to work together, support each other and achieve goals they didn't think were possible.

One of the main activities of the retreat is the writing of Affirmations for one another. It was really pleasing for all the staff to see the importance that the students placed on writing these for one another.

This year we had two guest speakers spend time with the Year 12s. Sam Clear has attended the past 3 retreats, sharing his story of praying for unity as he walked from the most eastern point of South America to the most western point of mainland Europe, over 15,600kms on foot! His story is one full of emotion as he recounts the experiences of his journey. Not only is it a story of grit, determination and a willingness to do what he can to bring people together, his story is one full of faith in a God whose plans we may not always understand but we still stay committed to.



Our other guest speaker was award winning singer, songwriter and author (amongst other accolades), Clare Bowditch. The focus of Clare's talk was to empower the students to "Tame their Inner Critic". She recalled stories from her life where her inner critic, whom she named "Frank", got so loud it was having a debilitating effect on her life. She shared with the students strategies and ideas that she has used to overcome "Frank" and to go on to live an amazing life.

The one activity which many students read with much trepidation on the itinerary was the "Bush Hoedown". Soon though, everyone was up and dancing and having a wild ol' time together and absolutely beaming about it.

The retreat culminated with the students receiving the affirmations that they had written for each other, as well as their letters which were written for them by their parents, guardians and special people from home. This is always an emotional time for the Year 12s and we always do our best to give them the time they need to digest what

they're reading along with what they've experienced over the three days.

After this, we came together for mass, led by Fr Andrew, who encouraged us to embrace the silence, whenever it may come, to think outside the box and to stick to your guns, even though you may be criticised for it.

The students really need to be commended with the way that they conducted themselves on retreat and the whole-hearted enthusiasm that they brought along with them.

All the best for the year ahead!

Stephen East
Head of Religious Education



Year 12 Retreat





Year 12's experience Australia's flagship STEM youth Program

The National Youth Science Forum



Over the January summer holidays, we attended the 2021 National Youth Science Forum which focused on exploring study and career opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). When applying for this program, we were under the impression that this would take place in Canberra, but when Covid struck, it was transformed into a three week online forum to be held across the nation.

We were privileged enough to be five of only 560 applicants selected to attend NYSF across the entire country. We built networks and relationships with likeminded students who share the passions of STEM and made friendships to last a lifetime.

The program featured online sessions from Nobel Prize winners; Professor Brian Schmidt and Professor Barry Marshall and over 20 top experts in subjects ranging from venomous animals to drone workshops with leading scientists, STEM organisations and an array of live crosses to some of the world's best science and technology facilities. Including Casey Station in Antarctica and the world's largest Hadron Collider located in Geneva, Switzerland. We joined the all famous Dr Karl Kruskelnicki and spent an evening with Astronomer and Women in STEM

Ambassador, Professor Lisa Harey-Smith. This program has delivered life changing STEM experiences that we will cherish and never forget.

This was definitely one of the best and most memorable experiences that we have had. Despite the Covid obstacle putting us on zoom for 3 weeks, we were still able to make so many incredible friendships with students all over Australia. The NYSF journey was full of many exciting sessions, with Grace's favourite being a guest speaker, Dr Anne Hellie who works on environmental contamination issues in Antarctica. Via zoom, she took us outside of her working area, and showed us what Antarctica looks like, which was amazing!

We had so many inspiring people from universities all around Australia, including The Australian National University, the University of Queensland, the University of Melbourne and Griffith University. We also had many expert guest speakers ranging from those interested in environmental studies to those in the Australian Defence Force. We attend exclusive live broadcasts from places not commonly seen such as the foundations of Lockheed Martin, Research centers on Heron Island and even a trip to Taronga Zoo.

To anyone who is remotely interested in science, technology, engineering or mathematics and is in Year 11 we recommend applying for the NYSF Year 12 program. We came into the program slightly disheartened that yet another experience of ours had been turned into a computer screen and that we thought we wouldn't enjoy ourselves as much due to the lack of in person interactions that would have taken place in Canberra, with over 500 other likeminded people.

But, we were sorely mistaken.

We loved everything about the program. It enabled us to explore career pathways that we never knew existed and gave us courage heading into our final year of secondary school here at Marian College. The fact that they were able to turn a massive scale in-person event into a massive scale online event while keeping the fun engagement, the meeting new people and the fascinating lectures is a testament to how much effort they put into making this program great for everyone. Sam's favorite moment from the program was when everyone got excited at a pen lid in an experiment called 'The Cartesian Diver' that was made to look like a squid. We could feel the enthusiasm through our computer screens, the strange and nerdy excitement that we had hoped for. #squiddygang was created and the 'Nerd Yolo Swag Fest' exhilaration continued.

The Staffies; science nerds who have completed the program years prior to us, including Marian's past students Cameron Hancock and Bridget McGuckian were the most inspirational and engaging people that we have ever met.

On completion of the program there were definitely tears as we scrolled across the many pages of forever friends that we had made in this journey of a lifetime. As we join the NYSF alumni, we encourage you to apply. If you find yourself curious about the world's greatest mysteries just like we do, don't be afraid to follow your dreams and explore this universe.

We wish to thank Rotary and Ararat Rural City Council for sponsoring us and giving us this opportunity to flourish. You have enabled us to experience a moment in our lives that we will never forget and have allowed us to dream big and reach for the stars. We were fortunate enough to meet friends from our rotary district and we thank the rotary club of Ararat and Allan McKinnion for all your support.

We would also like to say a big thanks to Mr Hunt for introducing us to the program and encouraging us to explore throughout our years here at Marian College.

Grace Lording, Dylan Ryan, Samuel Cairns, Olivia Cole and Oscar Cole

Although we weren't able to attend the events in-person, there are some photos over the page of our friends that did.



National Youth
Science Forum

Year 12's experience Australia's flagship STEM youth Program

The National Youth Science Forum





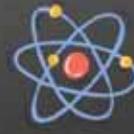
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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The Marian College Swimming Carnival is approaching. All students have the opportunity to choose events to enter. The aim of the carnival is for everyone to participate and enjoy themselves, and get into the spirit of their team. The keener swimmers also have the opportunity to progress to compete in the Black Ranges Swimming Championships.

- What:** Marian College Inter-House Swimming Carnival
- Date:** Monday 22nd February 2021
- Venue:** Ararat Outdoor Pool
- Time:** Students to meet at the pool at 8.50am.
Dismissal 3.10pm
- Clothing:** Dress in house colours or PE uniform.
- Food:** BYO lunch and drinks.
Food/drinks available for purchase from the Gardens Cafe.
- Buses:** Arrangements have been made with the Stawell and Ararat bus companies to drop off and pick up students directly to and from the Pool.
- Must bring:** Hat, sunscreen, lunch, drink, suitable swimwear, towel, warm clothes to wear between swims, all medications required including EpiPens, Asthma inhalers etc.

This is a compulsory school day.



Up to date information on career news and events

WEEKLY CAREER NEWS

Welcome back!

Wednesday 3 February 2021

It's never too early to start thinking about career ideas, researching your options, developing a career action plan, or simply having a discussion with your Career Adviser.

If you are in Year 12, it is essential that you discuss your options with the key people in your life as soon as possible.

Have no idea what you would like to do when you leave school? No stress! Don't delay seeing your Career Adviser- now is the perfect time. Not sure what to say? Don't worry- it's their job to guide you and open up possibilities you may not have considered before.

As a starting point, if you are interested in studying at university or TAFE in the future, it's important you attend open days and plan out your course interests early.

If you are interested in pursuing a traineeship or apprenticeship pathway, it is important that you gain as much industry experience as possible. You can undertake work experience once you turn 15 years old.

Seeing your Career Adviser early in the year is important to ensure you can get organised early and to be able to start making links with local employers.

Please read the Weekly Career News each week to ensure you keep up to date with upcoming career events and key dates. Happy reading!

Casual employment

You can sign up for employment opportunities at the following websites:

Coles	https://bit.ly/383OETN
IGA Supermarkets	https://bit.ly/382p4yw
KFC	https://bit.ly/33N7mM1
Woolworths	https://bit.ly/2RptgTp
Hungry Jacks	https://bit.ly/2qkwlU8
Kmart	https://bit.ly/2Y8U2Rd
Target	https://bit.ly/2qZ76MZ
McDonalds	https://bit.ly/380Uvtb
Bunnings	https://bit.ly/2Lfb2Ls
Donut King	https://bit.ly/2YbqYly
Boost Juice	https://bit.ly/2P36v4l
Red Rooster	https://bit.ly/2Lf35Le
Myer	https://bit.ly/2sHiEov
Cotton On	https://bit.ly/2LjebPj
Sportsgirl	https://bit.ly/2RfT2cC
Officeworks	https://bit.ly/361GkCp
Apco	https://bit.ly/33Fogxz

About 80% of all job vacancies aren't advertised, so it is crucial that you market yourself to businesses with an excellent resume and cover letter.

Make sure you tell as many people as possible that you are looking for work as often employers rely on 'word of mouth' to recruit for their positions.

Job seeking resources: For excellent job seeking tips, and resume/cover letter templates, check out the resources at the following two websites:

Skillsroad - www.skillsroad.com.au

Youth Central - www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

Rights and responsibilities – know your rights and responsibilities when starting a new job - www.fairwork.gov.au

Tax File Number (TFN): If you don't have a TFN, you will need to apply for one via the Australian Tax Office - www.ato.gov.au

Job options: also, check out job options at the 'Explore Careers' website - <https://explorecareers.com.au/>



ADF Careers

Australian Defence Force (ADF)

Work experience: students who are keen to explore Defence Force careers may be able to apply for work experience. To keep up to date with work experience opportunities bookmark the following link -

www.defence.gov.au/WorkExperience/

Cadets: students may also be able to apply for the Army, Navy or Air Force Cadets program. To explore Cadet Units in your local area, visit www.cadetnet.gov.au

Parents – School to Work Resources

Supporting your child in preparing for the world of work after school can be a challenge. Casualisation and globalisation of the work force, and automation and rapid advances in technology will all have an impact in your child's navigation of the world of work.

The Australian Government has developed resources to support parents through the Future Ready Career Education Portal. To access the resources, go to <https://schooltowork.dese.gov.au/>

Upcoming Career Events

The Hotel School Melbourne

The Hotel School offers management courses in tourism, hotel management and global hotel management. The School is running an information session for prospective students and families.

Date: Tuesday 9 February, 10am – 2pm
Location: 399 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne
RSVP: <https://hotelschool.scu.edu.au/>

Year13 – Ask Me Anything

Year13 are inviting students to ask them anything about the following career areas:

Business and Entrepreneurship,
<http://bit.ly/2YHHL77>

Accounting and Financial Services,
<http://bit.ly/3riiqx9>

Just click on the above link, submit your questions and a member from Yr13 will get back to you.

Start the school year by setting goals

The HopeFull Institute has developed a set of free worksheets for students covering a range of topics such as:

- digital detox
- examining stress
- goals (general and athletic)
- gratitude

To download the worksheets, visit www.thehopefullinstitute.com/free-worksheets/



Careers in International Trade, Freight and Logistics

Learn about this exciting industry by visiting the 'Make Your Move' website. International Trade, Freight and Logistics is a large industry and staff ensure that goods and resources are distributed around the globe. Through the website you will be able to:

- Explore profiles of staff working in the industry
- Learn about job roles
- Search for jobs

Visit www.mymv.org



Competitions

Enter competitions to explore your passions and build your resume!

JMC Audio Competition

For students who are passionate about sound engineering. Winners will receive studio time with a JMC mentor and a RØDE NT1 Complete Studio Kit. Applications close Wednesday 10 February 2021. For information on the competition and to apply, visit <http://bit.ly/2NYzLwE>

Future Leaders Awards 2021

Future Leaders Awards are now open and there are four categories:

- Writing (Year 11 and 12)
- Social Justice (Year 12)
- Leadership (Year 12)
- Photography (Year 12)

For information and to apply, visit www.futureleaders.com.au

Young Archie Competition

This is the youth version of the Archibald Prize and is run by the Art Gallery of NSW. Young people who are passionate about portrait making are encouraged to enter. For information on the competition and to apply, visit <http://bit.ly/36Qhw3d>

Wool for School Design Competition

This competition is for young fashion designers. Students will create clothing items containing at least 70% wool. For information and to apply for the competition, visit www.wool4school.com

Interested in pursuing an apprenticeship or traineeship?

Even though you have just started the schooling year, your planning should start now. Australian Apprenticeship Pathways have developed an excellent four-step guide to assist you to start planning - www.aapathways.com.au

Read through Step One and take the work type explorer quiz, download the AusAppPathways app to your phone, and complete practice aptitude quizzes to ascertain the level of literacy and numeracy skills you will need for different occupations.

You can also do the following during the year to prepare for an apprenticeship:

Meet with your Career Adviser to start planning your professional trade career

Undertake work experience in several fields or with several employers in the same field. See your Career Adviser for information on how to organise work experience.

Contact industry leaders and associations in your fields of interest to ask questions.

Contact local apprenticeship centres and/or group training organisations to ask their advice on what makes a competitive apprenticeship applicant. Use the following website to locate organisations in your local area www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au

Work hard in your English and Mathematics classes and VET/technology/science subjects if relevant. With advances in technology occurring across all apprenticeship fields, it will be crucial that you can read and interpret complex information and instructions and adapt to changes in technology during your apprenticeship and once qualified.



in to keep up to date with changes to industry technology, skills shortages, and events. For example:

Bricklaying	http://bit.ly/2DYCwbA
Plumbing	http://bit.ly/2FK6wnP
ICT	https://bit.ly/2SaxPj2
Agriculture	https://bit.ly/36WWgdq
Community Services	https://bit.ly/2OoUQgS
Rail Careers	https://bit.ly/36Ru065
Climate control	https://bit.ly/3b8mBoo

say cheese!



School Photo Day is fast approaching. *Have your child's school memories captured forever* on **Tuesday 23rd February 2021**

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly.
Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method. **All payments are due on photo day.**
- You may pay **online** using your credit card. Each child will have an individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child's order.
- You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided. **Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.**
- *Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. **THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN DURING SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY AT RECESS***
 - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however, please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should wear their **correct school uniform.**

NO SPORTS UNIFORM TO BE WORN FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

Year 12 students should wear their the Year 12 Rugby Jumper (subject to arrival)

Year 10 – 11 should wear the blue college polo top or business shirt or summer dress

Clean black leather shoes with white or grey socks

Long hair must be tied back

Boys must be clean shaven

Year 7 – 9 students should wear the new school uniform – NO SPORTS UNIFORM

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact

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NEW APP TO ASSIST WITH THE PARENT ACCESS MODULE

Install Simon Everywhere on your phone to receive notifications

Simon Everywhere is now available on App Store and Google Play.

Your school has joined the growing Simon Everywhere community. By installing the Simon Everywhere app, you will be able to receive push notifications direct to your phone. Plus you will have easy access to all of the great PAM features, such as Assessments, Reports, Activity Permissions and more.

- Search "Simon Everywhere" on App Store or Google Play and install the app
- Launch Simon Everywhere and register with your name and mobile number
- Click Add School and locate your school from the list
- Enter your existing PAM credentials



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EAGLES FNC

JUNIOR NETBALL TRAINING
COMMENCES WED 10TH
FEBRUARY 4:30 PM

13 & UNDER, 15 & UNDER AND 18 & UNDER'S
MEET AT THE NEW COURTS, PLEASE BRING A DRINK BOTTLE
FOR ALL ENQUIRIES CONTACT AIMEE 0439385965 OR LISA 0407369026



**Under 13 Registration Evening
&
Association AGM**

**Tuesday 1 March, 2021
6pm at Richardson Oval**

February 2021

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