



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*

Our lives are made up of a series of beginnings and endings, and this was certainly on our mind as the impressive Year 12 cohort left us for the final time last Thursday evening. Their gift to the College has been their resilience, compassion and care for others at one of the most difficult times for us all. My message to our Year 12 Graduates was a reminder that while we would never choose to navigate the path of the last two years, we have all grown through this experience.

To our students, do not regret the challenges you faced, they help us all to see the world from a new perspective. They help us appreciate the positive things in our life and develop new joys. We gained a renewed appreciation of our family, our parents - especially at times when stress was high and they were there gently supporting us. We recognise the importance of close connections with friends, and also learn a little more about our own resilience and inner strength. You are allowed to be frustrated, feeling challenged and at times disappointed. At the same time, you should know you are stronger than you could have imagined. It was Winston Churchill, who famously said "Never let a crisis go to waste". The Brigidine Sisters and now Kildare Ministries, stand as an example for us all, to remain true to our values in times of joy and through the difficulties. We wish all Year 12 students every blessing for a future rich with joy, challenge and success. We are very proud of your

efforts, resilience and contributions to the Marian Community. Thank you to the parents of our graduating class for entrusting your greatest gift to us, your son or daughter. Go with strength and gentleness.

Dear Lord, We thank you for the completion of another academic year for our Year 12 students, and for giving us the opportunity, short though it may have been, to play a part in the lives of our students. We are grateful for your guidance and love as we shared this important work with parents.

Please bless and guide our graduating class as they reach this end, and as they chart new beginnings. May what they have learned by being here with us allow them to truly be "women and men for others". May what we have learned from them enable us to be the same.

Please help them to use all that they have learned here to make the world a better place – to serve others in true solidarity and kinship - to seek ways to help the poor, the marginalized and most vulnerable, and those who are suffering - and to always seek the greater good. Amen.

Year 11 - Student Leadership

This week we finalise the applications, selection, voting and interviews for the College Captains for 2022. I wish all candidates well as they undertake this important process. Results will be announced later in the week.

Finish Days

Year 11 students complete formal studies on Tuesday 30th November. They are permitted to wear free dress on this day. This will be a gold coin day as suggested by the students to raise funds for charity. Students finish at the normal time.

Wednesday 1st December - Year 10 Final Day.

On Wednesday, Year 10 students attend a Leadership Training Day for their final day. Again free dress is permitted for Year 10 on this day.

Thursday - Year 9 Final Day

Free dress is permitted for Year 7-9 on Thursday. Year 9 will finish final classes this day.

Friday - Year 7 and Year 8 Gap Day - Sports Uniform and Runners required.

All Year 7 and Year 8 Students will attend Gap Day on Friday. Buses will leave the College directly after roll call and return before the final bell. Students should bring a hat, sunscreen, water and lunch. They will be permitted to go across the road in groups to buy snacks or ice cream from the shops if they desire. This is usually a terrific day enjoyed by students and staff alike. It is a wonderful way to finish the term as a community.

I wish all families well for a very enjoyable and safe Christmas break. I know we all look forward to a more normal year ahead connected with family and friends, and our whole community.

Induction Day for Year 7, 2022

On Tuesday 7th December, Year 6 students from across the district will attend their Orientation/Induction Day at Marian College. We look forward to finally welcoming these students onsite to begin the first or many transition opportunities.

VCE/VET Results - Thursday 16th December from 7.00am

VCE Results and ATAR advice will be available from 7:00 am, Thursday 16 December 2021. For students and parents, the College Leadership Team, Counsellor, Careers and subject teachers will be available on the day for any questions and advice. Please contact the College Office early to organise a meeting as required. The Office will close from 3.00pm that day for the Christmas break. For any urgent matters after that date, please email the principal@mcararat.catholic.edu.au

Have a wonderful Christmas break.

Carmel

Year 12 Graduation



Year 12 Graduation



CLASS OF 2021

Aston Allen
Abbie Bligh
Kathryn Boag
Hendrix Bourizk
Claire Bowden
Luke Briggs
Isabella Browne
Samuel Cairns
Lei Calantog
Jack Cameron
Danieka Clayton
Olivia Cole
Oscar Cole
Tara Corcoran
Matilda Cranstoun
Ella Dunmore
Kira Dunn
Rita Dyer
Spencer Faulkner
Thomas Fraser
Haylee Griffin
Arabelle Hitchcock
Gabrielle Holcombe
Imogen Holcombe
Macey Hurley
Zak Kelana
Mekaylah Kuchel
Grace Lording
Isabella Machin
Kiara Madex
Emily Maning

April Marshall
Emma McCready
Phoebe McKiernan
Evie McMurtrie
Monica Nguyen
Jacob Pearce
Tayla Pevitt
Daniel Quixley
Jai Ralph
Eugene Read-Spinks
Kye Richards
Zoe Rigby
Dylan Ryan
Racquel Scott
Ebony Segedinski
Emma Shipcott
Tahnee Sobey
Ella Stirling
Bridie Stuchbree
Jake Taylor
Jan Tejada
Hannah Terry
Angel Thompson
Alexander Van Opstal
Charlie Walker-Sutton
Jonah Watts
Max Willmott
Caleb Wilson
Ava Woolley
Gabrielle Ylstra

Congratulations to the following Award Recipients:-

- Biology - Kira Dunn**
Business Management - Tara Corcoran
Chemistry - Oscar Cole
English - Olivia Cole
Food Studies - Tayla Pevitt
Further Mathematics - Alexander Van Opstal
Health & Human Development - Emily Manning
Legal Studies - Ella Stirling
Literature - Isabella Browne
Maths Methods - Oscar Cole
Physical Education - Tara Corcoran
Physics - Aston Allen
Product Design and Technology Textiles - Angel Thompson
Psychology - Olivia Cole
Religion - Tayla Pevitt
Specialist Mathematics - Grace Lording
Music - Samuel Cairns
Drama - Angel Thompson
Studio Art - Isabella Browne
Studio Art - Spencer Faulkner
VCAL Literacy - Abbie Bligh
VCAL Numeracy - Jacob Pearce
VCAL Personal Development Skills - Gabrielle Ylstra
VCAL Work Related Skills - Daniel Quixley
VET Community Service - Kye Richards
VET Sport and Recreation - Emily Manning
VET Building & Construction - Lei Calantog
- Greg Dean Memorial - Tahnee Sobey**
**St Vincent De Paul Tertiary Education Sponsorship -
Spencer Faulkner**

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Class of 2021

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Class of 2021

Gap Day

**Friday 3rd December 2021
Year 7 and 8 students**

Activities include:-

Ice Cream Shop

Swimming

Venus Baths Walk

Park and Playground

**PE Uniform, must wear school
approved hat and closed-toe shoes,
bring swimwear and a towel,
Bring own snacks, money for ice cream,
drink bottle and lunch**

Please consent on Parent Access Module (PAM)

Marian College Presents

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Book and Lyrics by

LYNN AHRENS

Music by

STEPHEN FLANNERY

Please note patrons 12 years and two month old + need to be double vaccinated to enter the venue

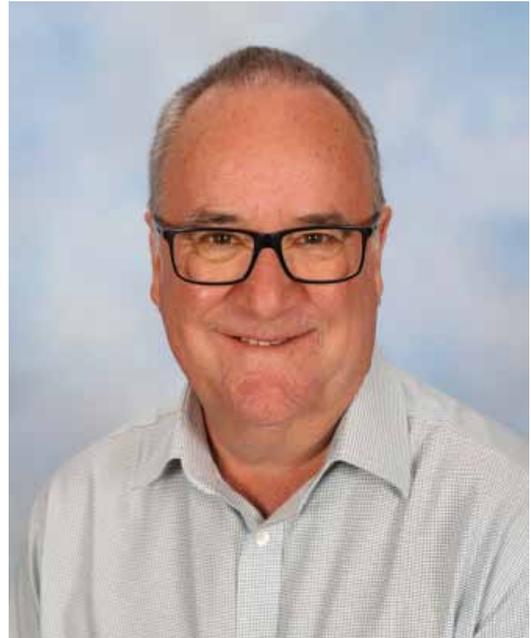
7.30pm 9, 10, 11 December 2021

Tickets available at try.booking.com

SO SAD TO SEE YOU GO!

After seven years at Marian College and forty-seven in the profession I am retiring.

I've been asked to address "Why I did what I did!" It sounds a bit egotistical so instead you can think that I am writing for my colleagues, indeed for the profession. My only unique quality might be I have a bit more hindsight than some of my colleagues. Hindsight is a wonderful asset but it comes at a cost. My time at Marian has been blessed with wonderful families and delightful students who constantly tried to achieve their goals. I was lucky to finish my career here!



Before I say why I did what I did, I will give you my brief spin on what I believe I did. As a first year teacher, a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away I hoped to deliver the perfect lesson. Forty-five minutes and I could engage that distracted boy at the back of the room, his name was Ringo Starr, he just taped on the desktop all the time with pencils and rulers. Totally disengaged from the lesson, I could save his academic soul and benefit the rest of the class. Short term goals.

Very quickly I learnt to develop a medium term perspective, a sequence of coherent, synchronised lessons that engage all students and enable them to achieve their potential. That is what was required. I wanted students to be able to celebrate **reward for effort**. Natural ability is wonderful but rarely enough without effort.

Teachers with long term perspective are looking at the effect we have over many semesters. I prepare teenagers for an independent adult life through the media of Maths and Science. My first lesson intention with every new class is "It is my task to empower you to think for yourself". An independent adult life means the student has learnt to take **sole**

responsibility for their circumstances and consequently, their happiness. I had my view on schooling markedly displayed just days before I was asked to write this article. A student from pre-COVID years came for a visit. Lovely. We rarely get feedback after year 12. A successful student when she was here, I thought what a lovely 10 minutes this would be when they walked in.

An hour later with my ears ringing from their exuberance, exhilaration, explanation of the plethora of subjects that I had never heard of and their success in all of them, I was overwhelmed. They have the potential to study internationally for a semester next year. She was a hard worker who loved a challenge and who ensured understanding before moving on to the next stage of a topic. The most pleasing aspect of this visit was their appreciation of the preparation they received at Marian College over six years for University life. Which is more difficult? To gain entry to a University or win a local apprenticeship? Both require preparation and effort.

SO SAD TO SEE YOU GO!

Why did I do what I did? I now can not write for the profession or indeed my colleagues, just myself! The money is reasonable, job security is high, holidays are adequate! But none of that is why I did what I did. I did not have to be here, I chose to be here and I did so because I loved it! I loved to watch Marians' sons and daughters battle through a challenge, persevere and master it. I saw that everyday. I call it intellectual courage, the characteristic to set goals and pursue them relentlessly. Hopefully, I was honest and helpful as a resource as they tried to grow.



So thank you for reading this and any interaction we had in the last seven years. Moreover, thank you for entrusting **us** with your children during the working day. It is an awesome responsibility and one that **we** are highly conscious of every second of every day.

Ladies and gentlemen, your trust, is why I did what I did!

Trevor Hunt

I started at Marian half way through 2017 as a Graduate Teacher, straight after finishing my Masters degree. Having grown up in Ballarat, I had heard of Marian before, but knew very little about the school. Very early on, the Brigidine values of social justice and of welcoming all started to resonate with me, and this will be what I take away with me as I move on to my next adventure. In my time here, I have taught in quite a few different faculties and worked alongside many dedicated staff and students. One of the most rewarding parts of my role here has been my involvement in my TA group, and seeing these students working towards their various goals. While it is never easy to say goodbye, I am excited for my next challenge, and wish the Marian community all the best. In the words of Mr Summers: stay safe out there!

Stephanie Kerwan

SO SAD TO SEE YOU GO!

It is with mixed emotions that I write this note. As you may know by now, I am leaving Marian College at the end of this year, and will be joining Ballarat Grammar in 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all my colleagues, students, and parents. It has been a great pleasure working with you, and I will miss you all.

When I leave Marian, I can tell you that I take a lot of beautiful memories with me, and I will cherish them. The past four years have been wonderful and I have enjoyed each and every moment of my time here. The calm and peaceful campus, caring and encouraging staff, happy and cheerful students, and supportive parents are only a few of many things that made my time here so memorable.

Thank you all for your support over the years and I wish you all the very best in future endeavours.

Sincerely,
Preetha Rajesh



DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1 2022

25th January, 2022 - Office opens

1st February, 2022 - Years 7 and 12 commence Term 1

2nd February, 2022 - Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 commence Term 1

2nd February to 4th February - Year 12 Retreat

7th February to 11th February - Year 7 Camp Week

Ararat Lions Youth of the Year 2022



Congratulations to Kade Scott and Jayde McMurtrie who competed in the Ararat Lions Youth of the Year 2022 competition on Wednesday 25th November.

The competition requires students to participate in an interview conducted by a panel of judges from the local community, present two impromptu speeches and present a five minute speech on something they are passionate about.

Kade and Jayde both spoke exceptionally well. Their courage, leadership and empathy for members of the community impressed the judges and audience.

Jayde won the public speaking category and was declared overall winner. We wish Jayde well in his progression to the Zone finals to be held in March 2022.

Stephanie Mansell
Head of English and Languages

OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS

Year 11 - Tuesday 30th November

Year 10 - Wednesday 1st December

Years 7, 8 & 9 - Thursday 2nd December

Please bring a gold coin donation on the above out of uniform days to raise money for the St Vinnie's Christmas Appeal. Enjoy the day in casual dress while contributing funds for the many people whom the Christmas Appeal supports over the holiday season. The funds are used to provide food and gifts to families doing it tough over the holiday season. Everyone deserves to celebrate Christmas; Christmas is a time for community and a time for sharing! Your gold coins will all add up and will be much appreciated :) Thank you.



Vinnies
good works



END OF SEMESTER REPORTS ONLINE

The end of Semester Reports will be available online from 12.00 noon on Thursday 2nd December, 2021.

Please access your son or daughter's report through the PARENT ACCESS MODULE (PAM) on the school website at <http://mcararat.catholic.edu.au> using your current login and password.

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello everyone,

Welcome to my last newsletter article of the year. It's such a busy time and there is still lots to get through in this final week of school with students.

Everyone will finish this week and earn a well deserved break. I'm not going to focus on the interruptions we have had, once again, this year. I want to focus on the positives. It's been great to see all the students back at school and getting used to the school routines again. 2022 promises to be a more settled year and we can get some continuity back.

Our Year 7 and 8 students have an out of uniform day on Thursday. Gold Coin donation. We also finish up on Friday with our annual Halls Gap celebration day. This is a compulsory school day and always good fun for the students.

Year 10s have their leadership day on Wednesday. Then they will finish up. Year 9 students finish on Thursday. Well done on getting to the end of the year. Enjoy a safe and well deserved break.

Year 12s had their graduation evening last week. Well done on end of exams and all the best for the future.

That's it for this article.

Thanks to everyone.
Nick Lloyd



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WEEKLY CAREER NEWS

EVENTS, NEWS, UPDATES
AND RESOURCES

Wednesday 24 November 2021

Get savvy about your finances

Year13 has teamed up with Westpac and built FinLit, a financial literacy program that will equip you with the knowledge you'll need to navigate the world of money.

If you've ever wondered how to save for a car or how to go about buying a house, or what superannuation is - you've come to the right place! Topics include:

Landing your first job

- Types of work
- Getting paid the right wage
- Choosing a bank and guide to bank fees
- Using your bank account

Taxes and super

- What is superannuation?
- Getting paid the right super
- The deal with taxes

Saving & spending your cash

- Saving your money
- Understanding interest
- Savings accounts

Program - <https://year13.com.au/>



Careers in Early Learning

You want fun and job security in equal measure, right? Then early learning and care might be the perfect career for you.

As an early childhood educator, you can shape the future of Australia, in a secure job that grows with you. Helping children to learn is one of the most important jobs around.

Ready to find out how to play a big role in little lives? Visit <https://elacca.org.au/>

Monash University Updates

New: Bachelor of Criminology and Policing

The only course of its kind in Victoria. In three years, students will complete the core requirements of the Bachelor of Criminology, and a Diploma of Policing, undertaken at the Victoria Police Academy.

This course will provide the chance to achieve the dream of working in the police force, or choosing to work in an area requiring crime and justice experts, such as anti-corruption, crime prevention, justice, human rights, juvenile justice, and social welfare, <https://bit.ly/3oYpZBk>

Campus Discovery Days

Register for a campus tour at the Clayton, Peninsula, Caulfield or Parkville campus. Tours will take place in early December, <https://bit.ly/3CHvSzW>

Science Precinct Tours

Book your place to take a guided tour of the Monash Science buildings. Tours will take place during December, <https://bit.ly/3oWgYUw>

2022 National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

Application deadline extended!

Applications for this fantastic program have been extended to 5 December.

This is a two-week on-site and digital program where students are immersed in hands-on science activities, lab experiments, field trips and meet researchers who are leaders in their field.

The program will be held during January 2022 and is for students studying Year 12 in 2022, www.nysf.edu.au



VCE Summer School

University of Melbourne Student Union

Applications are now open for this amazing program! Year 12 (class of 2022) students are welcome to apply for the program by 20 December.

Date: 10 – 21 January 2022
Information, <https://bit.ly/3bXuVGa>



Dates for your diary



Australian Institute of Music (AIM)

AIM is a music college located at Melbourne and Sydney. Melbourne-based courses are offered in Music Theatre, Composition & Production, Contemporary, and Entertainment Management.

The Institute is running the following events for prospective students at the Melbourne campus:

- Start Me Up: an introduction to the music industry, 27 November (online)
- Music Theatre Workshop, 16 December
- Open Day, 18 December

Info & RSVP: <https://aim.edu.au/events>

Endeavour College of Natural Health

The College is located at Melbourne and offers higher education courses in naturopathy, acupuncture Therapies, nutritional and dietetic medicine, complimentary medicine, Chinese medicine, and remedial massage.

The institute is running several online information sessions for prospective students before the end of the year. For information and to RSVP, visit www.endeavour.edu.au/events



Australian College of Applied Professions (ACAP)

ACAP is located at Melbourne and offers courses in Criminology & Justice, Psychology, Social Work, Counselling, Coaching, and Business Administration. The College is running a series of online events for prospective students in December.

You will be able to learn about courses at the College and participate in themed webinars.

Information: www.acap.edu.au/events

RMIT University

End of year student exhibitions

Watch the end of year student exhibitions for the following study areas from the comfort of home:

- Photography
- Interior Design
- Visual Arts
- Graphic Design
- Interactive Media
- Fashion and Textiles
- TAFE creative industries.

Sessions are running during November and December, <https://bit.ly/3nH8iPm>

Parents of prospective RMIT students are invited to participate in an online information session on 25 November, <https://bit.ly/3jQJOCr>

1-on-1 parent consultations: RMIT is offering consultations for parents who want to know more about transitioning into university and everything RMIT. Book a session via <https://bit.ly/3nsoiF3>

UNSW: Careers in Business

UNSW is running four online events for students interested in exploring careers in business, commerce, actuarial science, commerce or information systems.

Dates: 13 and 14 December
Information and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3BEnsJ>



La Trobe University Talk and Tours

La Trobe is running on-campus 'Talk and Tours' for prospective students on the following dates:

Albury-Wodonga: Mon. 6 – Thurs. 9 December
Melbourne: Mon. 6 – Thurs. 9 December

For information and to book your place, visit www.latrobe.edu.au/events

SAE Creative Media Institute

SAE offers Bachelor, Associate Degree and Diploma programs in Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games, and Music. The Institute is running an on-campus event called Creative Futures for Year 11 and 12 students and their parents.

Date: Thursday 9 December, 5.30pm – 9pm
Information and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2ZToOQ4>

Santos Science Experience

The Santos Science Experience is a fun 3 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution.

The program is running at the following two institutes in January 2022:

18 – 20: RMIT University
18: Marine & Freshwater Discovery Centre

For information and to register your place, visit www.scienceexperience.com.au

Photography Studies College (PSC)

PSC is located at Melbourne and offers vocational and higher education courses in photography. The College is running the following events for prospective students:

Open House

Come and tour the College and speak to course advisers, Nov – 20 Dec.

Schoolies workshops

Participate in photography workshops during November and December.

Info & RSVP: <https://bit.ly/3njYbzI>



Defence Force – Virtual Career Events

November

24	Health Careers
24	Avionics Technician
30	Combat Roles

December

1	Army - Medic
1	Army - Signals
13	Defence Careers

Events, <https://bit.ly/2MpyMUJ>

November 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29	30 YEAR 11 LAST DAY			
YEAR 11 & 12 2022 EARLY START PROGRAM				

December 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 YEAR 10 LEADERSHIP TRAINING YEAR 10 LAST DAY	2 BLACK RANGES YEAR 8 BASKETBALL YEAR 9 LAST DAY	3 YEAR 7 & 8 GAP DAY LAST DAY
6	7 ORIENTATION DAY YEAR 7 2022	8	9 SCHOOL PRODUCTION 	10 SCHOOL PRODUCTION 
13	14	15	16 VCE RESULTS RELEASED SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSES	