



# Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

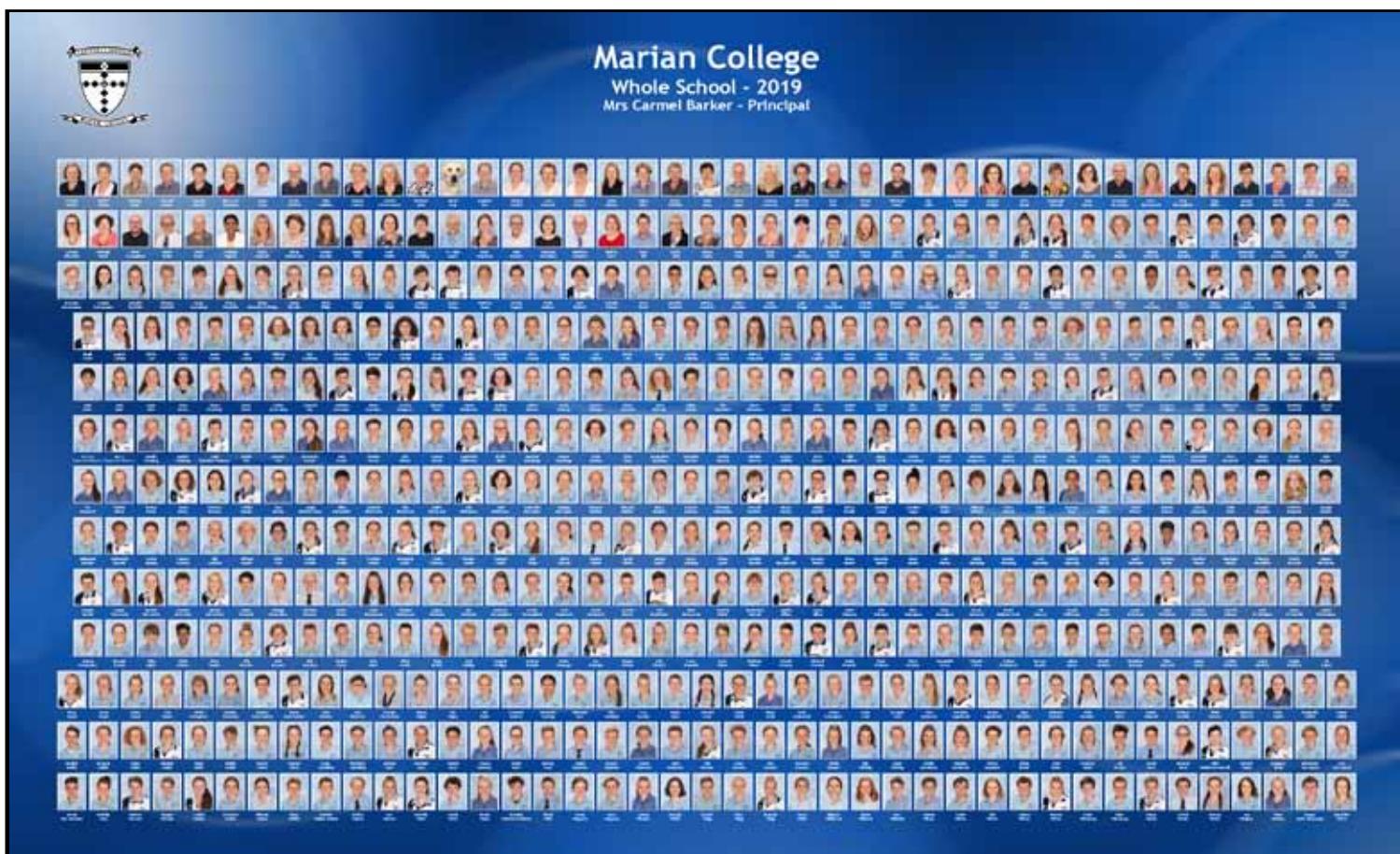
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**REMINDER - SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - TOMORROW  
TUESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2022**

**PLEASE REMEMBER ENVELOPES AND DRESS IN FULL  
SCHOOL UNIFORM, LONG HAIR TIED UP, BOYS MUST  
BE CLEAN SHAVEN- (SEE PAGE 6)**

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# From the Head of Wellbeing



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

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

## Prayer for the Bereaved

**God of love and mercy,  
embrace all those whose hearts  
today overflow with grief,  
unanswered questions and such a  
sense of loss. Grant them space to  
express their tears. Hold them close  
through the coming days.**

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## The passing of Teresa Duffy (Tonks)



It was with heavy hearts that we announced to our students and staff the passing of Tess. Tess had been a tower of strength during her battle with cancer, and she will be remembered in part for the tremendous fight she showed during her long treatment. Tess will also be remembered for her fierce love for her children, Imogene and Gabe, and for the special bond they all shared. Tess was such an important part of our school community and she helped to infuse it with culture and a love of performance art that so many students have shared along with her. Her legacy will be felt here for years to come as someone with such life force makes a lasting difference in their time on earth.

## Elevate Education

On Monday and Tuesday of last week, Elevate presenters spoke to our Year 7s, 8s, 10-12, students about how to manage time by sharing tips from top performing students, sportspeople and business people. They gave very useful tips to our students on how to break down assignments, how to do revision, how to prepare for exams and tests and how to manage study-related stress in the older year levels. Students in Year 7 and 8 were advised to set aside a two hour block each night for homework or revision. Some nights students may not need to use the allotted time but the time will be set aside for them when the assignments start rolling in. These students were also advised to spend 30 minutes a night (on nights when no homework was set) to read over their class notes for certain subjects and revise. This is essential to help students retain memory of information learned in class time. On nights when homework is set, the presenters advise students to cut back their revision time to 15 minutes. Obviously, as students progress through the Year levels into Years 9 and 10, the time set aside for homework and revision increases. The idea is to schedule in time each night to make organization and time management second nature.

## PEER Support

Friday was the first session of Peer Support for our Year 7s and Year 11 leaders. We have 35 Year 11s taking up a position as Peer Leader and we are so lucky to have such a strong level of student support for our Year 7s. The first session was a getting to know you session with the focus being on positive connections. The focus for this Term is "Strengthening Connections" and carries a strong anti-bullying message. We do

not tolerate bullying and encourage all our students to follow a “live and let live” philosophy where we do not target those different to ourselves by ridiculing them - that is not the Brigidine way and we hope our Year 11s can be role models of acceptance and kindness to our 7s.

## School Photos

A little reminder about school photos next week on Tuesday 22nd. Please wear your full school uniform and come freshly shaven, with hair tied back so you will be able to get your school photos taken. School photos are a special way to mark your time throughout school from a young tacker into adulthood and we love tracing the growth of our students this way. We are sure that parents feel the same way!

## School Swimming Sports

Wednesday 23rd, will be our swimming sports day. Even if you aren't a great swimmer, the day is lots of fun and participation is encouraged. Every person who participates wins points for their Houses and their efforts are celebrated by staff and students alike. For many, the day isn't about winning as many races as possible, it is about having fun and coming together as a community. For our talented swimmers, the day is about challenging themselves and doing their bit for their Houses. Overall, we expect a joyous and fun day!

## IMPORTANT: parents please note

**While there remains some risk to our community with a COVID case or two appearing daily, unfortunately we will not be able to admit parents into the swimming centre on Wednesday. We will endeavour to leave space on the fence line for viewing as happened last year. Hopefully, by 2023, life will be back to some form of normality with the community together again. Thank you for your understanding.**

Steph Sarvanja  
Head of Wellbeing

## Teresa Duffy (Tonks)

We were sad to hear of the passing of the much loved mother to Gabe and Imogene, daughter, sister, friend and dedicated and compassionate staff member of Marian College. Teresa (Tess) was a very talented, skilled teacher who empowered young people to challenge themselves and exceed their own expectations. We enjoyed many years of her Productions, Wakakirri and work with St Vincent de Paul, to name just a few of her skills. Teresa will leave a lasting impact on our community. Our thoughts and prayers are with her children, extended family and friends during this difficult time.

## Funeral Service for Teresa Friday - Early School Finish - 12.30 pm

The funeral service for Teresa is planned for this Friday 25th February at 1.30 pm in the church next door to the school. With this in mind, we have decided to close the school early on Friday to ensure staff or students (who are in attendance with parents) can attend. The College will run a supervision class in the afternoon for students who do not have suitable supervision and cannot make alternative arrangements, or must await buses.

### For Parents:

- Please contact the College office to advise if you require afternoon supervision for your child.
- For students leaving early and not attending the funeral with their parents, they must travel directly home. Students are not permitted up the street.
- For Year 12 students only. Students in Year 12 only must contact the office if they are attending the funeral without a parent present.
- If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.
- It is most important that students are safe when not attending normal classes.

Carmel Barker  
Principal

# Celebrating Tess

Marian Productions directed and produced by Teresa Tonks

Marian College  
proudly presents



Music by Stephen Flaherty  
Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens  
Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty  
Co-conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty & Eric Idle  
Based on the works of Dr Seuss  
by arrangement with Nel Leonard Australia Pty Ltd  
Exclusive agent for Music Theatre International

Seussical 2007

"Through the guidance of Tess Tonks, I learned so much about being persistent, dedicated and striving to draw out my true potential" Amy Demsey

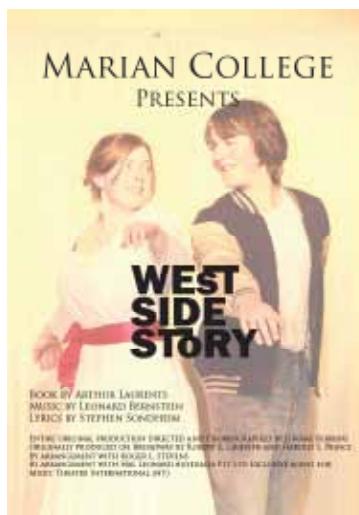
"Tonks, you're such an inspiring woman, and the best teacher I've ever had!".  
Andrea Osuna



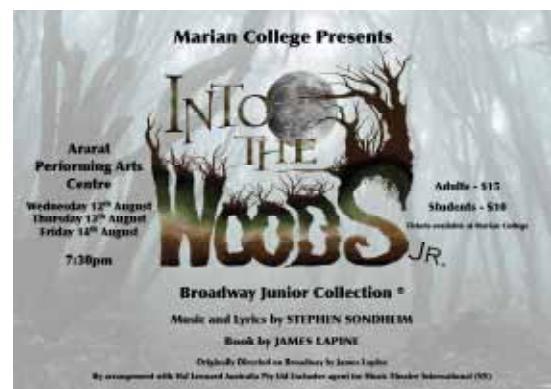
Jekyll and Hyde 2010

"There are so many special memories ... all of them in some way or another have something to do with the dedication, passion and quasi-insanity of Tess Tonks ... It is her tenacious and unwavering commitment to the arts and sharing it with her students which inspired me ... Thanks Tess ... it is a wonderful gift that you have."

Chris Dempsey



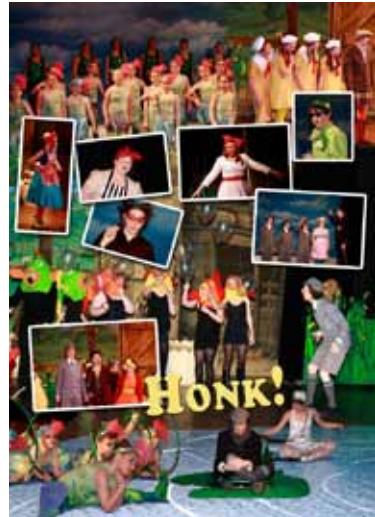
West Side Story 2008



Into The Woods 2009

"Spending time with Tess and the production crews pushed my boundaries and challenged me to develop skills that are useful in all aspects of life."

Fraser Heard

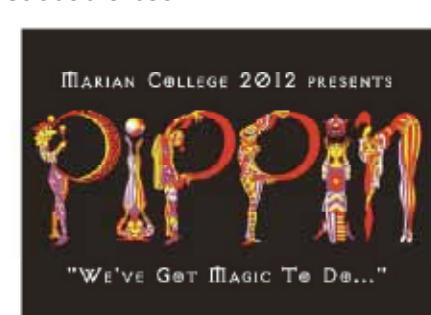


Honk! 2011

"Tess always pushed me to believe in my abilities even when I doubted them."  
Caitlan Barbetti) Slorach

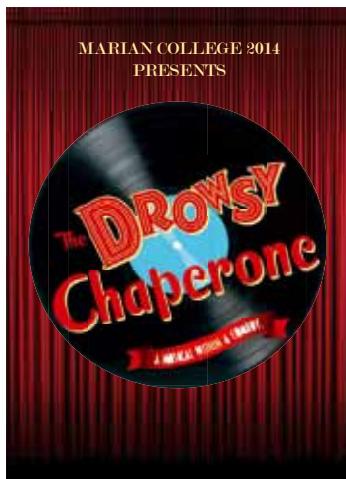


Cats 2013



Pippin 2012

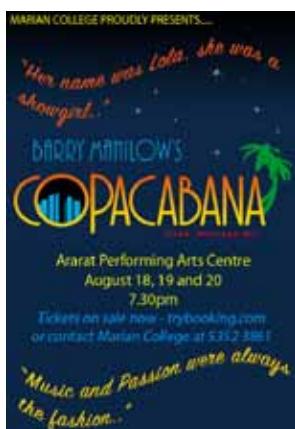
"A woman who would continuously go above and beyond to present our little town with the most magical performances. She brought courage and confidence out of all her students and I personally, have the most sacred place in my heart for her...You're an inspiration woman, you have no idea!"  
Eliza Seres



## The Drowsy Chaperone 2014

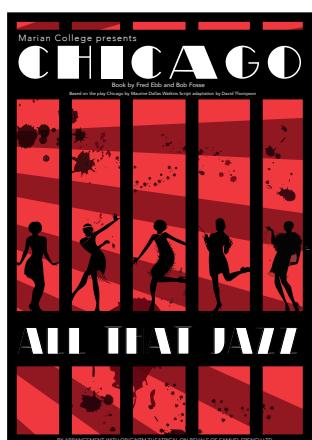
*“Confidence, vision, hard work as well as benefits of enjoying a good laugh are the lessons I learnt from Tonks.”*

Luka Fletcher-Leskarac



## Copacabana 2016

*“Tess helped me prove to myself that great things can be accomplished if you are willing to put in the effort. She taught me to be fearless and unapologetic about my personality.” Riley Mason*



## Chicago 2019

*“Throughout my schooling Tonks was and remains more of a friend than a teacher ... The drama hall was our safe space ... I look up to Tonks as my superwoman ... words don’t describe the impact Tonks has had on my life.” Justine May*

*“Tess, your tenacity, passion and ambition was so infectious and your love for musicals and production is truly something special.” Genevieve Bush*

*“I have watched Tess create magic ... Tess was the one who continued to put the spring in my step. Thank you, Tess, for believing in me.” Maddy Vernon*

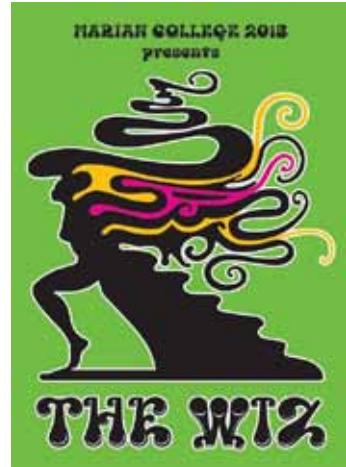


## Little Shop of Horrors 2017

*“Tess made it feel really inclusive, like we all had something to contribute to her vision.” Emily Vearing*

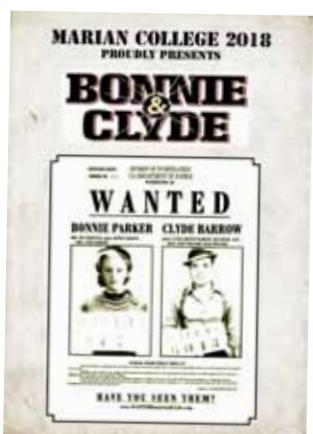
*“Tonks... to this day I still admire your passion and enthusiasm, your incredible intellect, your creative talent, and your hilarious sense of humour.” Lisa Dallinger*

*“Tess has always been a stand out in my life, providing guidance at every opportunity. To this day I still refer to her as one of the most influential people I have ever met ... I have watched her turn many shy teenagers into whacky, passionate, hard working individuals through determination, professionalism and a personality unmatched by any other. Thank you for everything Tess” Zoe Oliver*



## The Wiz 2015

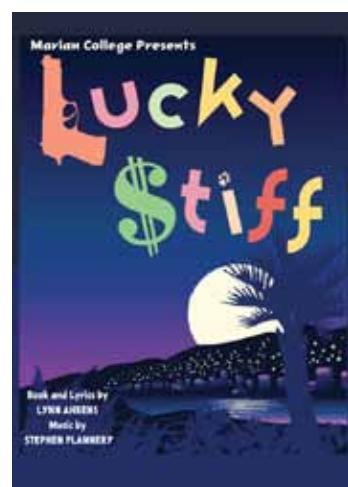
*“I wouldn't have experienced the mountain of magic, madness, joy and laughter that came with all her shows” Caitlin Burger*



## Bonnie and Clyde 2018

*“Tess’ attention to detail through the costumes, the lighting, props etc was absolutely amazing and funny enough, I don’t think I ever saw her stressed! More-so, her efforts to make sure the audience was entertained was genius ... Tonks, a fearless, confident, showstopping woman who steals the spotlight any time of day. I owe her a lot.” Katie Moncrieff*

*“Being part of these productions was wonderful because of Tonks’ endless enthusiasm, her (often times irrational) optimism and her inherent nature to have fun. She is brilliant and talented, and she made me feel like I could conquer the world. Thank for everything Tonks!” Trelawny Kean*



## Lucky Stiff 2021

# say cheese!

**School Photo Day is fast approaching.**

***Have your child's school memories captured forever  
on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022***

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 Year 12 Rugby Jumper**

**Year 11 students should wear the blue college polo top or business short or summer dress**

**Year 7 - 10 students should wear the new school uniform - NO SPORTS UNIFORM**

**Clean leather shoes with white or grey socks**

**Long hair must be tied back**

**Boys must be clean shaven**



# SWIMMING CARNIVAL

## BARRON KELLY SYNNOTT CLANCY

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: Wednesday 23rd February 2022
- 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.**

# IN MY WORDS with Jacqueline Grayling

## Barron House Captain

I knew at some point I would have to write an 'In My Words' I just didn't realise how soon I would have to do it so here goes nothing...

On March 29th 2005, I made quite the entrance into the world (well as I was told) when I was born to my wonderful parents, John and Brianne Grayling. I was the first of three kids, and it's fair to say that I was the favourite, that is until my sister Luci was born in 2007, then everything was about her. I don't remember much from when it was just Luci and I but once Will was born in 2010, let's just say it got a lot busier in our family. I have lived here in Ararat my whole life and am still living in the house my great grandpa built, however we have had some minor renovations.

If I could go back to Kinder, I would in a heartbeat. I mean what's not to love, painting, making mud pies, playing on the playground all day, it was a blast! 2010 I started Prep and I was only a little tacker, starting school at the age of 4. St Mary's was the primary school I went to and our cohort was such a creative, fun group of kids. There was always laughter and fun, mainly from some news reports and movies being made but overall it was very laid back. I was lucky enough to be elected 'Vice Captain' at primary alongside Krish and our School Captains Gabe and Lara. I am so grateful to still have many of my primary school friends by my side, so thank you for all the laughs and memories.



Then I started High School. Some of the most rewarding yet terrifying times of my life.

Marian College is where I am now, and I have been here since Year 7. I still remember thinking high school was going to be exactly like *High School Musical*... that fantasy was crushed very quickly. However a good group of friends and exciting new subjects made it not so bad. Although through the years friendships have come and gone, I am so grateful for my dearest friends who I have by my side and who have put up with me this whole time (ahaha). Some of my fondest memories I have had so far are being a part of the productions, running Wakakirri and just the friendships and connections I have made.

I am so happy to have been in the same TA my whole time here and I think it's fair to say that in the last year, I have nearly learnt more about '*Bluey*' than anything else, thanks to Mr Summers. I think it's because he has no jokes left or doesn't want to talk to us. Maybe?? I don't really know!!



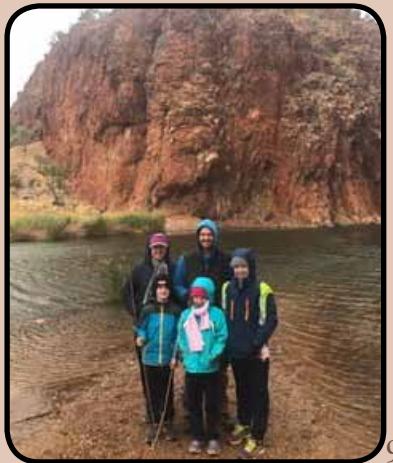
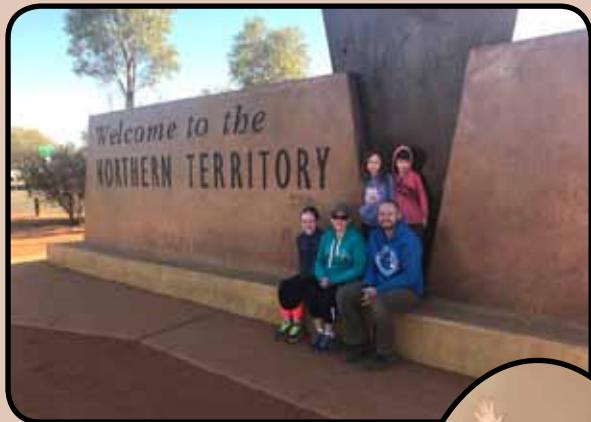
To Marian College - thank you for being my second home for the last 5 years and for some of the best (and worst) memories of my life. I don't really have much to reflect on about year 12 but I want to thank all the teachers and staff at Marian for your constant support throughout the years. You have been so amazing in bringing our school to new levels and I am so grateful to be a part of this community and have such great support.

To the rest of the Year 12s - I wish you nothing but the best for what's to come. Even though I probably won't see a lot of you after this year, don't let life overwhelm you because you are all capable of so much more than you think!!

My final piece of advice for the younger year levels is to always stand up for yourself and do what is right regardless of what others think of you. Your true friends will stick by your side no matter what and will always support you. Just be yourself and good luck with whatever life brings you!!

I am so excited to be one of your Barron House Captains for 2022. Bring on this year!

Lots of love, Jac :)



# IN MY WORDS with *Elly Galoso*

## Barron House Captain



I've been dreading Year 12 for the sake of having to write an *In My Words*, so here's my atrocious attempt at making my life somewhat interesting to read.

On the 7th of March I was brought to the world to my wonderful but sometimes questionable parents Maria Galoso and Almaco Galoso. They gave me the most confusing name, Ma Candid Elly Galoso, (to this day I still have no idea why my parents didn't just finish writing Maria rather than leaving me with MA on every document I will ever have!). Clearly my mother's height didn't transfer to me but over the years I've gotten to like my under average height. I lived in a city called Malaybalay (pronounced Mal-ai-ba-lai) in the Philippines, where I spent my first 6 years there. I don't remember much from my childhood, due to my goldfish-like memory but I know it was super exciting.

In 2010, my dad moved to Australia, and of course being Dad's favourite, I was completely distraught and cried all the way back from the airport in which my mum bought me a brand new pair of crocs just to shut me up. Like every sibling on this earth, my brothers AL, Cokey and I fought like there was no tomorrow. I genuinely believe that getting hit by a 'few' TV remotes at my head gave me resilience to anything. With me being the middle child and only daughter in the family, it really made things difficult for me to "branch" out. I grew up as the shy kid in the family. My dad was quite protective of me and as every Asian kid knows as you get older, you get a little bit more freedom .

Three months later mum, my brothers and myself left everything behind and immigrated to Australia. My first initial thought about Ararat was how it looked like a ghost town. Back home even at 7pm there were still a bunch of people outside. For the first 2 years of my new life, I went to school in Willaura. It's mostly a blurry memory for me but all I remember is coming home from school and trying to talk 'fluently' to my mum in English. Which very much backfired on me as to this day, my mum is still making fun of me for saying locker wrong.

Moving to town was a whole different experience. Moving to a new school and being completely different from everyone wasn't really the best. With my little knowledge of making friends and limited vocabulary, I was basically the mute of the group. My childhood in Australia consisted



of me playing Minecraft, doing handstands on the walls, begging mum and dad to leave and singing the *Charlie and Lola* theme song. As a foreign child, I wanted to be friends with everybody. I spent years perfecting my English skills and trying to fit in with everybody. It did end up working out but slowly but surely I lost the skill to talk in my mother tongue. (Making things harder for me to socialise with the family back home).

Coming to Marian College, really lowered my expectations of my school life to turn out like *High School Musical*. But with making new friends and yummy canteen food, my high school experience wasn't so bad at all. I went through a lot of "experiences" throughout high school but it really helped me become the person I am today. As time goes on, things change. New friendships formed especially in Biology, in which learning about human evolution and Neanderthals with Ivana, Layla, Eden, Noah and Gabe made it somewhat tolerable and enjoyable.

I wish to thank Marian College, to the teachers for allowing me to flourish and help encourage me to do my very best. To the class of 2022, I thank you for the memories we have made over the past 5 years but the journey is not over yet. Going into our final year, all our hard work, effort and dedication will be paid off in the end. I also want to thank my friends, who have put up with me for all these years. I thank my parents for always supporting me on the sidelines even if I didn't notice it. Adam Quiao for always turning the bad times into good. And lucky last, thank you to Jasper who has given me the most overwhelming amount of support that helped me overcome my "mid life teenage crisis" and for being by my side <3. I am honoured to be one of the Barron House Captains for 2022.

For my final statement, a piece of advice I'd give to younger year levels is to always stand up for what's right no matter what others will think of you and to choose your friends wisely as they can make a positive impact in school.

Lots of love Elly <3



## FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Welcome back, everyone. First-term is always a busy one, with many activities planned. It is wonderful to see that most people have settled in well, having adjusted to the new demands of their classes and a new year level.

Tomorrow is school photo day. Remember that it is important that you wear your full school uniform, not your sports uniform. If you have practical classes that require sports uniform you will need to bring it and change at school. Also with the wearing of masks, many students have been able to grow some facial hair. Please make sure that you come to school clean-shaven tomorrow otherwise you will not be able to take part in photos. Also, long hair must be tied back.

Wednesday we will hold the school swimming carnival. All students are to go directly to the Ararat swimming pool at the Alexandra Oval and buses will drop off and pick up students from the pool. The program of events is displayed on the wall in the MC corridor if you want to check what events you are in. This is a compulsory school day and all students are required to attend regardless of whether they are swimming or not. Absences will be followed up, so make sure you get there and support your house. The weather for Wednesday is forecast to be hot (in the low to mid-30s) so make sure that you are prepared with a hat, sunscreen and plenty to drink. The Kiosk will also be open. There will be NO pass-outs during the day. It's going to be a great day.

Next week our Year 7 students will enjoy a few fun days at Lorne, learning to surf and getting to know their class members better. 7 A & B will be on camp Monday to Wednesday and 7 C & D will be on camp Wednesday to Friday. I hope they have a great time.

Next Wednesday will be Ash Wednesday. This marks the beginning of a special period on the Catholic Calendar, that of Lent. Lent is traditionally a time of reflection and sacrifice leading up to Easter. It's a time when we can put the needs of others, ahead of our own needs. In the year of compassion, it is a good time to keep those less fortunate than ourselves in mind and help out where you can.

As some restrictions start to be eased, the wearing of masks is still mandated indoors. This small inconvenience helps keep us safe, so wear your mask properly. That means over your nose and mouth. Keep doing your rapid testing and following the government rules if you receive a positive test result. Hopefully, this will allow us to participate in many of the activities that we've missed over the past couple of years.

I will look forward to working with you all again this year and have growing optimism that this year will be a better one for us all.

**GO CLANCY!!**

Mrs Boatman  
Clancy House Leader

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**NEWS**

# **GREAT WESTERN**

FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



President – Tracey McCartney

| Vice President – James Gooden |

Secretary – Kerry Ryan

The Great Western Football & Netball Club prides itself on being a family friendly club that welcomes all players and their families to our club. We cater for players of all ages, gender, ability, and provide opportunities to play and enjoy the game of football & netball in a positive, family friendly and inclusive environment. We provide a range of innovative programs to encourage participation and develop our junior members.

We are currently after the following junior players to join our club to become a member of our club:

Under 13 Netball – training Thursday @ 4.00pm

Under 15 Netball – training Thursday nights @ 5.00pm

Under 17 Netball – training Thursday nights @ 5.00pm

Under 12 Football – training to commence Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> @

Under 16.5 Football – training Thursday nights @ 5.00pm

If your child would like to join our wonderful club, please contact myself or attend any of the listed training nights as outlined above.

Tracey McCartney

GWFC President

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# February 2022

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<b>FEBRUARY 28</b>	1 BLACK RANGES SWIMMING	2 ASH WEDNESDAY STUDIO ART EXCURSION	3	4
YEAR 7A & 7B CAMP		YEAR 7C & 7D CAMP		
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
YEAR 8 CAMP				