



Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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Principal: Mrs. Carmel Barker



See our Facebook page to view a video from our student school leaders encouraging us all to stay motivated while we study and work from home.



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

**We are people of listening hearts.
We hear the invitation.
We cannot case from journeying,
Always on pace beyond.**

**May we, like Brigid, Daniel and
Nano
Know the fire within
and trust the opening path.**

**May we hear the ancient blessings
breathed into the ears of our
hearts as we create the path
to journey by a new and different
way.**

(Kildare Ministries)

I welcome back all students to the new term and congratulate them on embracing the opportunities and challenges of remote learning. The first week has started well with students engaging with teachers as they navigate learning by a new and very different path. I am sure there have been some challenges for all, and no doubt others will arise from time to time. Please communicate concerns early to enable us to best support you and your child. I thank you sincerely for your patience this week as we all learn new skills and test the technology. In other ways, this time can be a great opportunity for students and staff to be innovative and to take greater ownership for how they interpret and understand what learning means. I have certainly seen some fabulous ideas so far. We will endeavour to keep you informed each week about any developments to our

current situation and procedures. Please see my Coronavirus letters, Protocols of Online Learning and Staff Contact lists sent directly to all parents for further details. Our Protocols for Online Learning and most recent letters are available on our website.

The College Office Hours 8.45-3.15

The College Office is operational although hours are slightly reduced. Staff are able to answer your general questions. For subject specific questions, I ask you to contact the class teacher by email or your child's Teacher Advisor. Please continue to phone the Office or email as normal practice if your child is unwell and not able to engage in online learning. Teachers are marking rolls each day according to online engagement, unless the College has received advice on internet issues at home or illness.

Understanding ZOOM

By now I am sure many parents will have experienced ZOOM classrooms. It is important to note that ZOOM is utilized by teachers because it provides staff with the ability to control invitees and turn off cameras or sound as required. Cameras are to be used by the teacher only in group situations to show working, share screens or demonstrate examples. It is not to feature any individual - student or staff. This is congruent with our Privacy policy and Child Protection protocols. Parents, please be mindful of students creating their own ZOOM conferences

with other students. During school hours, we will do our best to monitor this and take appropriate action for students involved. No student is permitted to create or join a conference that has not been created by the class teacher. Furthermore, students do not have permission to use the profile of other students to invite or to masquerade under a false name. This is new technology for many, and like other innovations for schools, it needs to be used by students responsibly.

Enrolments Now Open

In this difficult phase of social isolations, it is important that we continue to organise our enrolment interviews and acceptance process for 2021. Interviews will begin in the next few weeks, knowing it will be quite a coordinated process to arrange many online interviews for the high numbers of applicants we usually receive.

We understand that at this time circumstances have changed greatly for many of our families. Please know that a family's financial standing should never be the measure of acceptance for parents who really want their child to receive a Marian College education. What we ask, is that you communicate your needs with the College Principal or Business Manager privately.

Enrolments are now open for students currently in Year 6. Interviews can be arranged as soon as the Application for Enrolment form and documentation has been received by the College. For further details please see our College website: mcararat.catholic.edu.au/Enrolments, contact the College Office on 5352 3861 or email Registrar Mrs Meagan Bowen on mbowen@mcararat.catholic.edu.au for assistance. Enrolment Applications close on the **20th May**. Offers for 2021 will be forwarded shortly afterwards and before the end of Term 2.

How the Day Operates in Social Isolation

With very few exceptions (generally for internet issues at home) all students are to follow the timetable for the day. They should check their emails each morning and ensure they follow the direction for each class and login to Google classroom, ZOOM, or as directed for the lesson by the class teachers. Teachers will contact parents if they do not see students engaging online. For families who notified the College Office of internet access issues, work has been posted home. This will be updated from time to time and further work will be sent. These students are to follow the outlined direction for each subject and timelines. Teacher Advisors will check in regularly to monitor progress and to provide support where possible.

All students should take their scheduled breaks, get away from the screen, and enjoy some fresh air and exercise while the weather remains good. Soon enough we will be into the Winter! A very good idea is for students to dress appropriately ready to learn each day. Part of the discipline of remote learning is being ready to learn at the right time and in the right frame of mind. After hours, aside from any homework, students should avoid overuse of technology. Their day has changed dramatically and they need to find the balance between work and 'away from screen' time.

I wish you all great success with this new and very different path. If you have any concerns please alert us early so we can work together to find a suitable solution. We are learning too.

Take care and go gently,

Carmel Barker

Principal



From the Head of Learning & Teaching



From the Head of Wellbeing



Dear Parents,

School is certainly in a different place right now. Your place, my place and physically for some at the school. Like you, I am entering a whole new world of not only teaching remotely but also trying to keep two High School children engaged in their learning. Juggling all that and maintaining an isolative distance from the world.

The one thing that I do know about humans is that we are adaptive, flexible beings that have and can cope with extraordinary change when thrust upon us.

To that end, the proof as they say is in the pudding. The staff at Marian across all departments and year levels moved heaven and earth in a short period of time to set up classrooms that could operate remotely, not knowing what changes would take place from day to day.

Staff upskilled on technologies never used before to improve access for all students, so that they could continue their studies wherever their location may be.

It's not perfect, nothing ever is. There will be challenges over the coming weeks and months that we all will face, together.

Please remember that the staff are here to help. I encourage you to

maintain contact with your child's TA teacher and subject teachers. Open channels of communication can only enhance the outcomes for your child.

Finally for this week, I'm reminded of a quote that I have on my office wall. I came across it some fifteen years ago. It was as relevant to me then as it is today.

Matthew Summers
Head of Learning & Teaching

**All kids can learn,
Not in the same way
&
Not on the same day.**

Art Costa

We all have a hand in supporting your child and a role to play in guiding, helping and nurturing them as best as we can during this unusual and sometimes challenging time! Isolation is obviously the best route for our physical wellbeing at the moment, but can present challenges at times also. As a staff, we have given a lot of thought to how we can try to support students as they try to deal with these challenges.

Teacher Advisors (TAs) will aim to make frequent contact with your child - they may reach out via a quick group email each morning, or by reaching out to individuals via email to check on how they are going. TAs want to nurture and maintain their bonds with their students and hope to continue to foster their positive relationship with students while we learn online. If you, as parents, have any concerns or questions, your child's TA will be a great help and someone to turn to if the need arises.

In addition to our TAs, House Leaders also aim to keep connected to families and students during this time. Please continue to reach out to House Leaders if you have any concerns -wellbeing or academic- they can be a wonderful support for students and families and care about how the students in their House are travelling.

The wellbeing Oak Program will still centre around the Positive Education model that we had hoped to roll

out across the school this Year. This model celebrates the strengths of individual students and examines ways students can enhance their own wellbeing through positive self-care. Oak classes will still run online each week via Google classroom. The Oak activities have been designed to address wellbeing concerns that students may be having during isolation and encourage students to explore Personal Wellbeing Practices (PWP) that may assist them in times of stress or anxiety.

As Head of Wellbeing I, along with counsellors Kevin Griffiths and Debra Wilson, will keep in touch with students who we may have seen regularly, in addition to any other student who may require help as the Term progresses. Students can still lodge Wellbeing Requests via their Simon homepage and one of us will get in touch with them as soon as possible.

We will always do our best to help and support students and their families so please reach out if you need to.

Steph Saravanja
Head of Wellbeing



From the Business Manager



COVID19 Fee Relief

COVID19 has had a very significant impact on the College community in a number of ways, including employment and businesses. The College understands that this is a stressful time for many parents and as such believes it is important to provide assistance to those families impacted by the COVID19 crisis. While the College is always open to assisting parents where they experience financial difficulties, we are looking to extend this support by providing fee relief specific to the COVID19 crisis. Specifically, where parents have experienced significant loss of income due to COVID19, the College is offering the following options:

- Deferral of Term 2 fees.
- 50% discount on Term 2 fees
- 100% discount on Term 2 fees.

Where parents feel that this situation is relevant to their circumstances, we would ask you to complete the COVID19 Fee Relief Application Form that can be downloaded from the COVID19 section of our internet site.

<http://www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au/covid-19>

Alternatively, you can email us on fees@mcararat.catholic.edu.au and request a form or contact us by phone and request a copy be sent to you.

As it is likely that the impact of the COVID19 crisis will continue past Term 2, it is our intention to contact parents who have applied for relief before the end of Term 2 to see if there has been any change in their circumstances.

If you would like any further information, please email us on fees@mcararat.catholic.edu.au

Russell Barker
Business Manager

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If your child is ill or has an appointment and is unable to attend online learning for the day or for part of the day please notify the office on 5352 3861 or via email: tmason@mcararat.catholic.edu.au; or mbowen@mcararat.catholic.edu.au



IN MY WORDS

with Jeziah Woods

I was born on January 10, 2003. I am the second son to Ricky and Casanda Woods. My brother DJ finished Year 12 last year at Marian. I also have 2 younger sisters, Sabaya (14) and Nevani (10).



My life has been great so far. Growing up, my brother and I had the best times riding our bikes, our electric jeep, scooters, skateboards, bikes, motorbikes and driving cars. We were riding/driving from a very early age. We have our very own motorbike track, and a great car track too. Not sure the neighbours are all that happy, as we create a lot of noise and dust with constant going around the track and our circle work.

With farms on both sides of our family and our family business "Ararat Concrete", I have been exposed to a lot of different things. Lots of sheep work, general farm duties, plenty of trucks and different machines to wash and fix, digging and moving dirt with bobcats and excavators, loading trucks and making lots and lots of cement. When I was younger I particularly liked going to the yard and climbing all the big piles of sand and soil and sliding back down. There were plenty of times Mum threatened not to take us home because we were that filthy - we would have to strip off before getting in the car.

Among these activities - I have been exposed to many different sports. I have participated in:- Little Athletics, Swimming, Cross Country, Cycling (Track & Road), Tennis, Golf, Gymnastics, Dancing, Basketball, Football, Clay Shooting, Cricket and I'm sure I've missed some. I competed in many tournaments for a lot of these events. Probably the highest of my achievements, have particularly been in the past few years in basketball and football.

I have been playing basketball for over 10 years, I play in Ararat and Ballarat and have represented both at elite level. This certainly involved a lot of travelling in the car - lucky my Mum liked driving! Football has been the other sport I have a passion for. I have worked hard for my achievements and proud of how far I have come. I'd like to thank my Mum and Dad for all their encouragement, their commitment and dedication to getting me all over the state to follow the things I enjoy.

Over my school and sporting years - I have made many great friends. Our place has always been full of friends enjoying the outdoors, we would be riding the bikes, driving the cars, building a tree house, swimming in the dam, making a bonfire, cooking marshmallows and eating camp oven meals, camping in the paddock in tents or sleeping under the stars - there was never a dull moment! With my birthday in January - a lot of my birthday parties were Water Skiing Parties at the lake. So many fun times were had.

My brother and I have recently taken over my Pop's farm. We are really enjoying the responsibility of making it ours and working hard to build it to what we want it to be in the future. We each got an 8week old Kelpie pup for a working dog and companion. They are now 17 months old. We have been training them and both dogs are showing some great potential around sheep. My dog 'Buddy' is a character and I enjoy spending time with him.

I have always enjoyed pottering around in my Dad's shed, either making things, fixing things or even sometimes mucking things up. Consequently working with a builder this year and last year, I am keen to follow this interest in the building industry, along with the farms and family businesses.

I wish to congratulate all my friends and fellow Year 12s on 13 years of school. I wish you all luck in the future and wherever life takes you. Also a huge thank you to the teachers and staff of Ararat West Primary School and Marian College and all my coaches, mentors and team mates - you will be all be lifelong friends. I couldn't have got this far without you all!



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

22-26 JUNE 2020 (LAST WEEK OF TERM 2)

CANCELLED

Unfortunately due to COVID-19, and the restrictions for schools and students around this, Work Experience will be unable to proceed as planned.

We will look at moving the Work Experience week for current Year 10 students to Term 1 in 2021, the date for this will be confirmed later in the year. Year 10 students in 2021 will still have their week as the last week of Term 2, 2021.

If you could please make note of the following:

- For those who have already organised a placement and have handed in the completed form(s) to the school, if all restrictions have been lifted and if your employer is still able take you on, your placement can still proceed in Term 3 or 4 this year provided it does not clash with any essential school activities eg. exams.
- Some students have already had their placement cancelled or postponed by their employer. If you have not yet heard from your employer, could you please make contact.
- At this stage, all hospital placements have been cancelled for 2020.

Please contact me should you have any questions regarding the above.

Kind regards

Andrea Knights
Careers Officer

email: knightsa@mcarrarat.catholic.edu.au



Monday 20 April 2020

Virtual Careers Expo

This expo is an Australian first!

The Virtual Careers Expo is an innovative and interactive collaboration between Australia's major tertiary education providers, designed to showcase the wide range of options available to students as they prepare for life after school.

You and your family will be able to:

- Explore the Virtual Careers Expo Hall
- Visit more than 50 stands hosted by exhibitors from across the country
- Talk to staff and student ambassadors through text or video chat
- Head to the Webcast Hub for live and on-demand video presentations
- Meet other students in the virtual social lounge
- Explore the virtual campus
- Attend from the comfort of your own home
- Learn more about how COVID-19 will affect your school year.

This event is a must for anyone considering studying at university or TAFE in the future.

All face to face university experience days and career expos have been cancelled across Australia – this event will assist you to research your post school options and prepare for university and TAFE applications.

When: Thursday 7 and Friday 8 May, 2020
Information and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2VE4uzk>

VCE & Beyond - Virtual Careers Expo

Note: this expo will also suit HSC students

This virtual expo is being coordinated by InspirED and is for students and their families. You will be able to:

Connect with Universities

- Visit virtual booths from over 80 University and Higher Education providers!
- Access faculty-specific information
- Ask live questions or book a video chat with student advisors
- Early admission information, scholarship applications and other relevant topics

Connect with VCE Experts

- Pick and choose daily webinars delivered by career experts!
- Specific career strategies for success
- Dealing with stress, maintaining motivation
- Parent-specific tips to support your child as they transition from school to their chosen pathway

When: 10 – 14 June, 2020
Information and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2XMrz5r>



US College admissions

Join Crimson Education's Head of Service Operations and Harvard graduate, David Freed, as he gives a comprehensive update on all the latest news coming out of US universities. Topics covered include:

- Changes to testing requirements
- Possible changes to the weighting of each application element
- Impacts on extracurriculars and how to continue building your candidacy.

When: Sunday 26 April, 2020
Where: online
Information and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2ROT0rz>

Interested in beauty therapy?

Endota Wellness College (Docklands campus) offers distance education for students wishing to study beauty therapy.

This learning stream is ideal for those who work full-time or live in regional areas, offering a blend of at home study, and just 4 online campus days per month for 18 months.

The College is running online information sessions for students interested in learning about studying via distance. Upcoming dates are:

- Tuesday 21st of April: 10 am
- Wednesday 22nd of April: 7 pm
- Saturday 25th of April: 11 pm

For information and to RSVP your place, visit <https://bit.ly/3erEvDE>

Updates from RMIT University

Speak to a course adviser

Contact the team at Study@RMIT via phone, live chat or online enquiry, <https://bit.ly/2UURaHr>

Speak to a current RMIT student

You can live chat with a current RMIT student to ask about studying at RMIT, <https://bit.ly/2XYfASD>

Explore 2021 undergraduate courses

Download the 2021 undergraduate course guide at <https://bit.ly/3dT0cwe>

Remote learning at RMIT

Watch how RMIT is supporting their students via remote learning, <https://bit.ly/2KfdYvt>

Studying remotely

Study tips from RMIT - <https://bit.ly/2VkfONm>

Get inspired by a webinar

Thursday 23 April: Online studying

How to succeed and adapt to the new normal. Register - <https://bit.ly/2Vi0Yvt>

Tuesday 28 April: Health

Staying healthy and happy in lockdown. Register - <https://bit.ly/3bg7h8l>

Thursday 30 April: Journalism

The importance of accurate journalism with RMIT ABC Fact Check. Register - <https://bit.ly/2VGoZEV>



Update from Southern Cross University (SCU)

New admissions program

SCU is offering current Year 12 students an opportunity to accelerate their results and guarantee their place at university in 2021.

Transition to Uni is a free intensive preparatory course designed for current ATAR-eligible Year 12 students. Once you complete the course, you will be guaranteed entry into the course of your choice (midwifery isn't eligible).

For information on this exciting new initiative, visit <https://bit.ly/3eyFmTb>

Updates from Charles Sturt University

Speak to a course adviser

You can speak to a course adviser via phone, online video chat, or via an online enquiry form, <https://bit.ly/3bnr063>

Parents have a dedicated website - <https://bit.ly/3cv0yrj>

Parent Information Session

Monday 20 April, 6.30pm – 8pm (webinar). Parents and guardians will be able to learn about applications, scholarships, and early offers, <https://bit.ly/39kunJm>

Learn about the new medicine degree at CSU

Watch the recent Medicine Information Seminar - <https://bit.ly/2ViQpbk>

Explore 2021 undergraduate courses

Download the 2021 undergraduate course guide at <https://bit.ly/2VFWptN>



University offers based on Year 11 results

Through the Schools Recommendation Schemes program, some universities make 'unconditional offers' based on Year 11 results and a school recommendation.

Macquarie University

Macquarie University has just announced that any applicant who meets the criteria for their Early Entry Schemes, which offer students a place based on their Year 11 results, will be made an offer to study in 2021.

NSW students can apply now, and Victorian students can apply in August, <https://bit.ly/34OYjwd>

University of Canberra

University of Canberra has released the list of courses eligible for the 2021 Schools Recommendation Schemes program. You can access the list at <https://bit.ly/34OySLt>

NSW students can apply now, and Victorian students can apply in August, <https://bit.ly/34Xldkl>

Collarts – Open Day

Collarts is a creative media college located in the Melbourne area.

Courses are offered in:

- animation & VFX
- comedy
- audio engineering
- digital & social media
- entertainment journalism
- entertainment management
- fashion marketing
- fashion sustainability
- interior design
- music production
- music performance and
- screen & media.

The institute is running an online open day on Saturday 16 May. You will be able to listen to detailed information sessions and ask teachers and student advisers questions via Live Chat.

For information and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/2JJ0XtH>



JMC Academy – Open Day

JMC Academy is a creative media college located in the Melbourne area.

Courses are offered in:

- animation
- audio engineering & sound production
- contemporary music performance
- design (visual communication)
- entertainment business management
- film & television production
- game design, and
- songwriting.

The institute is running an online open day on Saturday 23 May. For information and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/3dRo2s9>



Updates from La Trobe University



Speak to a course adviser

Book a one-to-one appointment via phone or online Zoom session. Or contact a course adviser via email or Live Chat, <https://bit.ly/348924A>

Explore 2021 undergraduate courses

Download the 2021 undergraduate course guide at <https://bit.ly/2UZi3Jk>

Updates from Australian Catholic University (ACU)

Speak to a course adviser

You can connect with a course adviser via phone, SMS, live chat or online enquiry form, <https://bit.ly/2XMG7C7>

Explore 2021 undergraduate courses

Download the 2021 undergraduate course guide at <https://bit.ly/2wQU0nH>

Early entry program

The Community Achiever Program (CAP) awards prospective students an early conditional offer to study their preferred undergraduate course at ACU.

Successful applicants will show a demonstrated history of regular volunteering experience and a passion for making a positive difference in the lives of others.

CAP applications open on Friday 1 May 2020 and successful students could receive a conditional offer as early as September, <https://bit.ly/2KjeSqj>

Passion 4 Business (P4B)

P4B is an early offer program for students who would like to study a business-related degree at ACU. Seven single and combined degrees are eligible.

Successful applicants will receive a conditional offer before end of year exams. Applications for the 2021 intake are now open.

For information on the scheme, eligibility criteria, and the courses available, visit <https://bit.ly/2xJTNmP>

Updates from Australia National University (ANU)

Changes to admissions for 2021

ANU will now make offers based on Year 11 results on 10 August 2020, and these will be honoured for study in 2021 as long as students have completed Year 12.

If your Year 11 results don't meet entry requirements, the University will automatically consider your Year 12 results in the December offer round.

You will need to apply for courses, scholarships and accommodation for the 2021 intake direct to ANU by 25 May 2020, <http://bit.ly/381rlc8>

Applications for the Tuckwell Scholarship have been extended to the 25th of May, <http://bit.ly/32AGDDO>

Speak to a course adviser

Book a one-to-one appointment via phone or online Zoom session with ANU Outreach and Engagement Officer Caitlin Woods, <https://bit.ly/39RCwZ3>

You can also email or text a future student adviser, <https://bit.ly/2RdiZbY>

Chat to a current ANU student

Find out what it's like to study at ANU by speaking to a current student via Zoom, <https://bit.ly/39EAWQl>

Take virtual tour

College of Science, <https://bit.ly/39DTbfj>

College of Business and Economics, <https://bit.ly/2Rc2Pzr>

John XXIII College (online accommodation), <https://bit.ly/347s6Qu>

Register for the Virtual Open Day

Register for immediate 24/7 access to exclusive content about ANU, <https://bit.ly/2UYOcRi>



Updates from UNSW

UNSW Virtual Presentation

Watch a 30 minute presentation on all things UNSW, including degrees, scholarships, accommodation etc, <https://bit.ly/2RRtu4O>

Updates from Monash University

Speak to a course adviser

You can connect with a course adviser via phone or email, <https://bit.ly/2wdpK69>

Attend an online information evening

Monash staff will be running online information evenings for prospective students and their families. For information and to register, visit <https://bit.ly/39GmmOQ>

The following are dates for April and May (all sessions are repeated except for Peninsula):

April

21	All prospective students
23	All prospective students
28	Peninsula specific

May

26	All prospective students
27	All prospective students

Take a virtual tour of the Biomedical Learning and Teaching Building

Follow Jeremy, a Bachelor of Biomedical Science student, as he tours the building, including a visit to our innovative Centre for Human Anatomy Education microbiology laboratories. You'll also get to see a physiology class in action, <https://bit.ly/39DyJeJ>



Inspo from Careers With STEM

A list of pandemic-fighting public health careers

Cassie Steel looks at the following STEM + health careers dedicated to fighting COVID-19 from the front line:

Vaccine scientist
Epidemiologist
Medial lab technician
Pharmacy technician
Biostatistician
Infectious diseases

Access the article at <https://bit.ly/3aleptV>

April 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20	21	10	23	24
27	28	29	30	MAY 1

May 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15