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A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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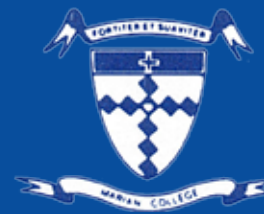
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From the Principal's Office



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

❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*

❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

(Catholic Diocese of Wollongong)

A very happy Mother's Day to all our mothers and all who perform the role of mothering in our community today. Sunday was a wonderful opportunity to honour and celebrate the significant women in our lives who have nurtured, guided and supported us. We remember especially those who may no longer be with us, and those in our community who continue to nurture us. Thank you for your patience, care, guidance and love for our students. Happy Mother's Day.

Information Evening 2023 Enrolments

Enrolment applications for the 2023 school year are now open. Our Information Evening is on the 17th May starting at 6.30 pm in the college gymnasium. This is a perfect opportunity to see learning in action through a night of highly interactive programs. All Year 5 and 6 students and parents are most welcome, and other guests with an interest in a holistic approach to secondary education. Meet the student leaders, passionate staff and college leadership as we discuss our 'Vision for the Future' and key priorities for the development and support of your child. We are committed to excellence and seeing your child achieve their best with the right support, authentic challenges and with a genuine path to the future. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the college office.

The College welcomes the crew of HMAS Ararat.

It was a privilege to welcome the crew of HMAS Ararat 11 to our assembly on Friday as they return to the city for the Departing Freedom of Entry parade this weekend. Based in Darwin, the crew of HMAS Ararat II has been involved in border-protection duties along Australia's northern coastline since its commissioning in 2006. The different members of the crew spoke to students about their role in the navy and pathways into the service.

For students contemplating future career options more information is available on the <http://navy.defencejobs.gov.au>. Thank you to our students who spoke so well on the day, Gabe Tonks, Ivana Donnan, Mackenzie Metcalf and Ethan Asuncion.

Year 9 Camp

We know we are returning to more normal times when camps and excursions are back on the agenda. Last week our Year 9 students spent three days at Cape Bridgewater, about 20 minutes from Portland. Thank you to the staff in attendance for their time away from their own families to ensure these opportunities exist for our students. Congratulations to all students involved for your maturity, high engagement, cooperation and wonderful behaviour. Well done Year 9.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN (The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) begins this week for Year 7 and Year 9 students. This year we will move to online NAPLAN. This is an important process for all schools to gather data about our programs and processes, and their impact on student performance. It is not unusual for some students to feel a little anxious. However, it should be remembered that this is one form of data to inform us of your child's progress. It is important that it is taken into consideration in conjunction with other often more regular forms of data.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Parent Teacher Interviews on the 25th May is an opportunity for all parents to receive up-to-date feedback on your child's current progress in each subject area, to discuss any concerns you may have, and to discuss future goals for your child. The interviews begin at 1.00 pm and run until 8.00pm. Please book via the parent portal to book an interview with your child's teachers.

Feedback on the School Review Teams

As discussed previously, over the last six months our teachers have been engaged in review teams looking at some of the key systems, processes and procedures directly linked to student performance outcomes. The conversations, research and investigation and focus on school data have been excellent. Last week each team provided their findings, and suggested areas for celebration and improvement. Each review team is directly linked to our key improvement strategies: Improved literacy levels across the College, higher levels of intervention to address student performance gaps and opportunity gaps, continual improved learning spaces and implementation of Kildare Ministries Living Justice framework through the lens of compassion. I would like to thank our staff for the wonderful work they undertook, for their willingness to engage in genuine self-reflection and honesty, and for supporting a plan for the future. Next week we will present our findings to the College Stewardship Council and pathway forward for discussion before providing further details for parents. We are committed to excellence and together with parents, will continue to work hard to ensure we provide the best environment for your child to thrive.

Have a great week,

Carmel

IN MY WORDS *with Maddison Quixley*

I have finally come to this moment to write to the whole school about my boring but also eventful life, so like everyone else I'm going to start by saying... On the 1st November 2004 I was born into this world to my amazing parents, Paul and Ros Quixley. My dad was very excited to have a girl, the one and only. I am the second child of three children. I have two brothers, my older brother, Daniel, 18, who was so excited to have a little sister but dramatically changed when we got older. Then in 2008, my younger brother Beau was born and made it very interesting for all of us in the family. We were like ordinary siblings, we would fight a lot but also get along... sometimes. Being the only girl made it hard to get along with my brothers because all they wanted to do was play footy while I wanted to play with dolls. The Wii was our best friend, we would always play Mario Kart and bowling on Wii Resort. I clearly remember always fighting over who was who (I always wanted to be Yoshi) and who got the number one player remote.

Throughout my young years of my childhood I lived in Melbourne in the suburb of Cranbourne North. I moved a lot throughout my lifetime, from Melbourne, to Beaufort, to Avoca and where I am living now, Ararat.



I went to kindergarten in Cranbourne at Merinda Park where I used to do a lot of fun activities that I miss like; finger painting, blowing bubbles, riding little bikes and having pyjama days. If I could, I would go back to those days in a blink of an eye.

In 2010 my family and I moved to Beaufort where I went to Beaufort Primary School and started prep there, but then I moved to St Mary's in Ararat for the rest of my primary schooling. I made some really great memories throughout primary school and made some amazing friends, some of which have stuck with me today.

In 2017 it was high school, the thing we were all excited for but also dreading. It made it easier because high school was just across the road from my

primary school and many of my friends were going to the same high school as me. High school had a lot of struggles and stresses but thanks to the people I met along the way they helped me get through it. I have always been the quiet, shy girl throughout both high school and primary school but the past couple of years I feel like I have come out of my bubble a bit.

I have had many interests but travelling is one of my favourites. I have had many great experiences travelling around the world with my family. I went to America in 2014, travelled to New Zealand to see my Nana, I've been on a few cruise ships around different parts of the world and been to many places around Australia.



I wasn't really the sporty kind of girl but I did start ballet around the younger years of my childhood for a couple of years. I also played table tennis but I wasn't as good as most of the people and I think I just went for the biscuits and food (haha).

I want to thank both my mum and dad for helping me throughout school, letting me see and travel the world and many other experiences we have had together. I want to also thank my friends who have stuck with me throughout my schooling, and all the amazing memories, laughs and cries we have had

throughout the years. Thank you to the wonderful teachers who have taught me and supported me through the years and helped me become the person I am today. Also though they are not at this school anymore, I want to give a BIG thank you to both Jenny Wilkinson and Paislee Eastick who helped me through many of the stresses and struggles throughout my time in high school, I really do appreciate them and thank them a lot, I would have not got through high school without them.

I want to wish all my fellow Year 12s the best of luck this

year and good luck for what the future holds. Though I probably won't see most of you in the future, I hope you all achieve your dreams and do what makes you happy. I hope we all make some really great memories throughout our last year of high school.

Also a message for the rest of the year levels, value the time you have at school and your younger years of life because it will be over before you know it, so do what makes you happy, but with that said good luck and go for your dreams.

Maddy :)



IN MY WORDS *with Jenna Schampers*

First came my brother Jordan (24) and Lachlan (21) then much to their disappointment came me, their annoying little sister. I was born on the 6th of March 2004, to my parents Linda and Ray Schampers right here in Ararat. When I was born, my mother actually asked the doctor to take my voice box out...not much has changed.

With my brother's disability (Jordan is wheelchair bound and can't walk or talk) I spent most of my early years annoying my other brother, Lachlan. We spent many days outside running amuck in Mum's garden digging holes so I could be buried, swimming at any chance we could get, either in mud or our pool... let's just say we were never clean. My Mum and Dad are divorced so all three of us would travel to where he lived at the time (he moved around a lot) every second weekend. As we got older I now only go on the holidays due to school.

In 2010 I started my first day of primary school at my beloved Stawell West Primary School, to this day (6 years after graduation) I still volunteer there. That school is where I learnt to have a voice, to many people's surprise I used to be quite shy. I learnt to stand up for myself and others so much this got me in a bit of trouble all the way up to Year 9. During primary school, I was always active. I was always the annoying kid in the background begging the teachers to let us outside to run around at the end of the day.

Up until the day before summer camp I always thought I would go to the same school as my older brother, Stawell Secondary School. Much to my surprise Mum signed me up for Marian which I had never heard of before. I would like to add that she told me this news the night before I left for a 10 day camp.

In 2017 I started at Marian College; I am not going to lie it has been a very rough journey throughout the years, the leadership team (and Beck) were definitely sick of seeing me. I am glad to say (hopefully) those days are behind me.



In 2017 I also joined the CFA, not ever knowing how many early morning and late nights it would be, but 100% worth it. Throughout being in CFA for five years I have met many amazing people and learnt amazing things that will always stick with me. Recently I have earned my "yellow's" which means I can now go on the truck and assist

with bush/grass fires. CFA was like a second home to me. Thank you to the former coach and his family for their hard work to organise fun days, events and most importantly, team bonding like no other.

In 2019 I went on my first trip out of the state ever, to Queensland (I have now been back at least 5 times). I went to see my family, which I haven't seen since I was very young so that I didn't remember them. It turns out I fit in with them so much that it didn't seem like I hadn't seen them for years. I met the whole family and loved every minute of it. They loved me so much they offered me to live up there and go to school. Despite wanting to live up there I sadly returned home with plans to visit them again, this time without my Dad. A year later I returned for Christmas, travelling by myself at 15 for the first time which was definitely a scary, but rewarding experience.

2020, was the worst year ever, due to Covid 19. However, I got the best opportunity which was to participate in G'day USA, which is a program that takes students from Australia over to America for 20 days (highly recommended). I spent the first 10 days travelling around with a group of students around my age going to different cities like LA, Washington and San Francisco. After the 10 days we went and met our families, and then lived with them for 10 days. Two of those days I actually got to experience an American high school. I didn't have to do school work I just sat in classes all day with other students. For me this was a taste of getting to travel and I can't wait for the many countries I want to visit.

With this year being my last year of school, I am very excited but scared to get out into the real world and experience many more things. I plan on going into the Police Force one day but for now I am looking forward to all the memories I will make at school for the rest of the year. I want to say thank you to my cohort for giving me a second chance, I know I wasn't the easiest person to get along with. I am wishing every single one of you luck with future endeavours.

To the younger year levels, enjoy schooling while you are able to. Enjoy the camps, the day trips, sport days and being around your peers. Leaving school will come soon enough, make friends with everyone, even the teachers. One more piece of advice, stop wasting time on the tik tok account.

Jenna x



Studio Arts 2022

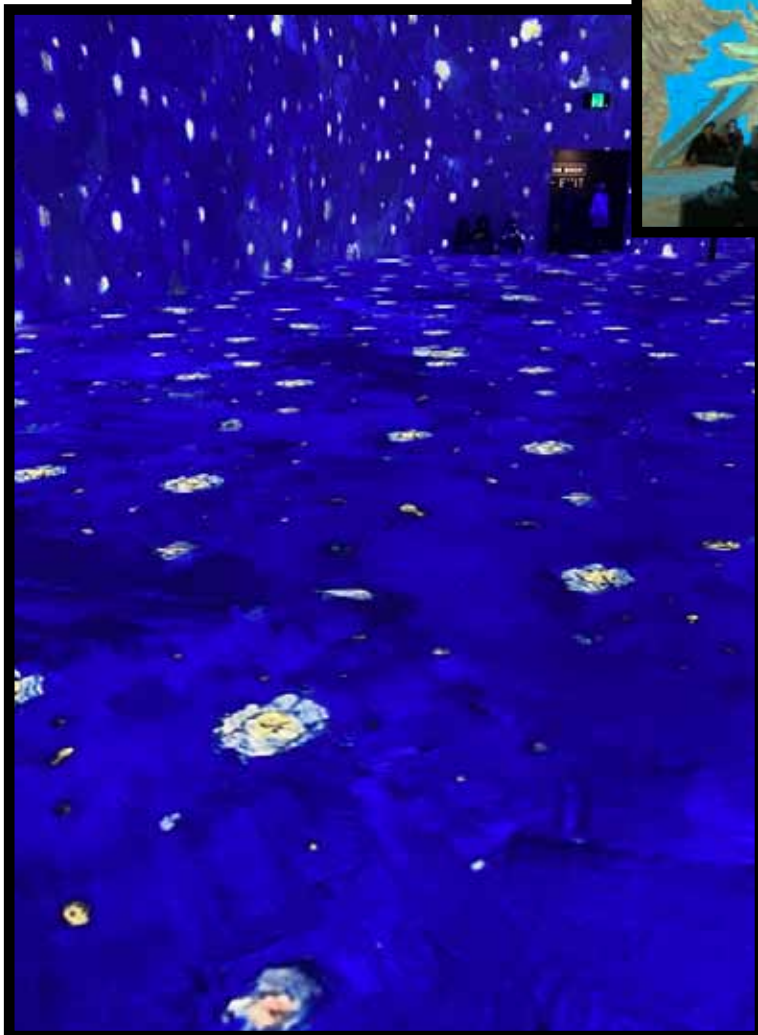
On Wednesday 27th April a baker's dozen of Studio Art students ventured off to the big smoke to see several exhibitions. We started off with the VCE season of excellence Top Arts Exhibition at NGV Federation Square. This exhibition celebrated the artistic dynamism and creative vitality of young Victorians. We participated in an Arts Education talk and the opportunity to view selected developmental folios and to hear from current exhibitors about their inspiration, ideas and practices.

Next stop was a walk down the famous bluestone laneway and to admire street art displaying a dizzying array of colours, characters and shapes created by local and international artists alike.

Then we found our way to Flinders Lane commercial contemporary Gallery in the heart of Melbourne. We completed the day with an epic adventure into art by visiting the LUME. The LUME transforms the world's finest art into fully immersive sensory encounters celebrating the legendary artworks of Vincent Van Gogh.

Barb Venn
Head of Art





REACH FOUNDATION VISIT



On the 4th and 5th of May, our whole school was fortunate enough to have The Reach Foundation actually come to school and provide live workshops with all year levels (except Year 9 due to Camp - Reach will come back later in the year). For the last two years, VCAL have had several zoom workshops with Reach, this year we actually were able to do it in person. The workshops were based on themes of respect, peer dynamics, connection and purpose. The Reach Foundation is an organisation that supports youth and helps them believe in themselves and get the most out of life.



They conducted activities with us to help get to know each other as well as some conversations about past experiences. Although these conversations were sometimes emotional, I feel like it did make some of us a bit closer and realise that everyone goes through similar experiences and that you're not alone.

All staff and students have commented about how it has made us look at things differently, with the end message being "Be kind to yourself and others". We would like to thank Blossom, Josh, Cam, Jack, Daphne and Oliver - you guys were awesome!!



CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country was run during TA time on Monday. It was a nice opportunity to get students out for a run or walk to get some fresh air and away from their iPads or Laptops. The senior boys ran 5km, and the rest of the school ran 3km.

Elise Monaghan was first back through the gates of Marian College, followed by Bronson Potter with Jayde McMurtrie and Gabe Tonks.

13 Year Girls- Marissa Flavell
13 Year Boys- Bronson Potter
14 Year Girls- Krys Syrota
14 Year Boys- Sam Harrington
15 Year Girls- Natalie Marshall
15 Year Boys- Jack Kuchel
16 Year Girls- Lexi Collins
16 Year Boys- Brad Carter
17 Year Girls- Navasha Madex
17 Year Boys- Jayde McMurtrie
18 Year Girls- Elise Monaghan
18 Year Boys- Gabriel Tonks

Thanks to all staff for their work around the course and at the start/finish line.

Michael Harricks,
Head of Sport





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Information Evening

Tuesday 17th May 2022

For Year 7 Students and Families for 2023

Marian College Gymnasium

Cnr. Moore and King Streets, Ararat

6.30 pm

“Take the first step in a journey of life long learning”

Enquiries: 5352 3861

Email: principal@mcararat.catholic.edu.au



ONLINE PERMISSION FORMS FOR EVENTS, EXCURSIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Please download the SIMON Everywhere App. When an event is created for your student you will receive an alert on your phone. This will improve response time for events. Currently, office staff are having to continually follow up with parents as responses are not being submitted in a timely manner. The final paperwork for any excursion cannot be prepared until all responses have been received.

Parents should also regularly check emails. Please ensure that your email address is correct in the Parent Access Module. You can do this through the settings button in PAM.



FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello to all. For those who like stats or counting down at the end of this week, we will be one-third of the way through this term. This is quite a short term compared to other years and is still crammed full of events.

In the last week of Term 1 the school athletics carnival was held in what could be described as perfect conditions. Thanks to every Clancy member who participated and made it a very tight finish for the Athletics Shield. Clancy was second to Barron by only 20 points. Maybe next year we can hold the shield aloft. Congratulations to the following Clancy members who were age group winners.

14yrs Boys: Jack Bartlett

17yrs Boys: Jayde McMurtrie

18yr Girls: Elise Monaghan

Last Monday we held our school cross-country and I want to congratulate everyone for participating and especially Jayde McMurtrie and Elise Monaghan who placed first in their respective age groups.

This week our Year 7s and 9s will start NAPLAN testing. It is important that each student tries their best when completing each task. This year the testing will be fully digital and spread over two weeks.

We welcome back Year 9 students from camp. They spent three days at Cape Bridgewater. It is great that we have been able to run all camps so far this year. We'll keep our fingers crossed that both the remaining two camps for Years 10 and 11 will also go ahead in term 3.

Lastly, I want to encourage you all to get organised and make sure you meet due dates with work. Parent-Teacher interviews will be taking place in week 5 on the 25th of May. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet your teachers and discuss your progress so far this year and areas that might need a bit of improvement. It is also an opportunity to ask questions about possible subject selections and pathways for senior studies. Subject selections will take place soon so it is important to make informed choices, so start asking questions.

Years 9,10 and 11s will have mid-year exams in week 8 of this term in some or all of their subjects, so start planning now. Teachers will be keen to get all work in on time as they will be starting to work on reports soon. Students who don't get work in on time will need to attend lunchtime tutorials or afterschool tutorials until the work is handed in. Make sure this is not you! Whatever you do this week, make sure you give it your best effort and be the best you, that you can be.

Mrs Boatman
Clancy House Leader



NEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews

Pupil Free Day

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews will be held on **Wednesday 25th May, 2022**. This is an important opportunity to speak to teachers for direct feedback about your child's progress throughout this semester and discuss any issues that may have arisen. It is highly recommended that students attend. Details of the interviews follow:

- Interviews start at 1.00pm and the evening concludes at 8.00pm
- There will be a whole staff break at 5.30pm for 30 minutes.
- Interview times are a strict 8 minutes per subject.
 - If you have teachers who teach multiple classes with your child, **please book only one interview timeslot**. Similarly, if you have a need to discuss an issue in greater depth, please organize a separate meeting time.

Interviews can be booked through the **Parent Access Module (PAM)** from the College website. If you cannot remember your username and password, contact the College immediately. **Bookings through PAM will open on Wednesday 11th May.** Follow these instructions to make a booking.

- From the College Website Homepage, click on the PAM icon.
- Log in to PAM using your current username and password.
- From your PAM homepage, Click on the Parent Teacher Interview Icon. This will open a page where you can make bookings for your child/children.
- Click on the child you wish to make a booking for, then select the subject. The times when that staff member is available will appear. Only available timeslots will appear.
- Click on a suitable time and select 'Book Interview'.
- Booked times will appear at the bottom of the page.
- Continue making bookings for subjects and teachers you wish to meet.
- You will be able to print off all bookings made using the print icon.

Bookings may be cancelled and changed at any time. Please make cancellations as soon as possible to free up timeslots for others.

If you require assistance please contact office staff who can make bookings on your behalf.

NAPLAN

The Marian College 'Student Learning Action Statement' very much encompasses the notion of 'achieving your personal best'. So when we approach NAPLAN, it is another opportunity for students to demonstrate exactly what they are capable of doing.

In doing so, NAPLAN tests will give:

Individual results for parents (and teachers) to obtain a level of achievement of your child against a National Standard, and;

Collective results for the school to help drive improvements within our learning and teaching program. This information is also gathered for all schools to help form policy.

There is also a comprehensive set of reports issued regarding NAPLAN results to schools, another reason why it is very important to complete the tests to the best of their ability. These results must give a fair representation of our student performance. Therefore, we encourage students to undertake the tests.

Students will sit tests during periods one to four over eight days, and then continue on with their normal school day after that. Should your child be absent for any reason, catch-up tests will be scheduled for Friday 20th May.

While it is expected that all students sit the tests, if there is a reason that you wish to withdraw your child from NAPLAN tests, please contact the College. An individually printed form from NAPLAN must be signed by parents and returned to be officially withdrawn.

Writing 42 mins

Reading 65 mins

Language Conventions 45 mins

Numeracy 65 mins

For more information, please refer to the following website.

<https://nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/resources/naplan-on-paper-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

Management and Reporting of Covid-19 at Marian College

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| <p>Suspected cases</p> <p>A 'suspected' case means a person who displays any COVID-19 symptoms who has not yet tested positive for COVID-19</p> | <p><i>Action for a suspected case:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Student must Isolate and repeat RAT again in 24 hours 2. If a further negative result is received on a RAT, a PCR test is recommended 3. If a negative result is received on a PCR test, it is recommended that you stay isolated until your symptoms resolve to protect others from whatever illness you may have |
| <p>Confirmed cases</p> <p>A 'confirmed' case means a person has returned a positive result via a PCR or rapid antigen test.</p> | <p><i>Action for a confirmed case:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Isolate for 7 days and do not attend school. 2. Notify the school as soon as possible. The school has an obligation to report this information to external parties and the school community. 3. Report the positive test result through the Department of Health online system https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report or by calling 1800 675 398. 4. Notify your household contacts. 5. A negative test is not required to return to school following completion of 7 days of isolation. 6. If symptoms such as sore throat, runny nose, cough or shortness of breath persist in the last 24 hours of the 7-day isolation period, continue isolation until these symptoms have resolved |

Management and Reporting of Covid-19 at Marian College

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| <p>Household contacts</p> <p>A household contact is defined as a person who has spent more than 4 hours in a house or accommodation setting with a diagnosed person. This would include contact that has occurred in a school based residential setting, such as school camp.</p> | <p><i>If no symptoms present:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Household contacts are no longer required to quarantine as long as they take additional safety measures in the 7 days that would have been the quarantine period 2. Notify the school if a student is returning during the 7 day period 3. Undertake RA testing five times within the 7 days, spaced 24 hours apart. 4. Student must wear a face mask indoors. <p><i>If symptomatic:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Isolate and undertake RA test upon symptom onset. 2. Stay at home and do not expose others. 3. Notify the school and Department of Health should a test return a positive result. 4. Avoid interaction with people at higher risk. 5. If all tests are negative by day 7, you are released of your household contact requirements |
| <p>Contact with a positive case at school</p> | <p><i>If no symptoms present:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to attend school and monitor for symptoms. <p><i>If symptomatic:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Isolate and take a RA test. On receipt of a negative test result, students can return to school if well enough. • Wear a face mask while any symptoms are present |

BLACK RANGES

girls football



BLACK RANGES *girls football*



Over the past week we've had a number of girls represent Marian College at Girls Football. One of the most popular events on the sporting calendar. The day see's a real emphasis on tackling which all of the girls embrace! We had a number of stand out performers across each year level with all of the girls having a great amount of fun. Thanks to all of the students and teachers that went along to coach.

Michael Harricks
Head of Sport



May 2022

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