



# 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*

It is great to be back after a very enjoyable trip away at the beginning of this term. This was only possible thanks to the very capable work by Mr Matthew Summers, the Leadership team and staff. I sincerely thank Matthew and the team for the wonderful leadership of the College in my absence. It has been a busy start to Term 2 with Parent Teacher interviews, Year 7 Information Night and the Year 11 Camp.

## Enrolments 2024

I look forward to warmly welcoming all 2024 Year 7 students and families to our Interview Night on Wednesday the 7th June. Information will be forwarded to families or you may wish to contact the College Office directly for further details. In addition, we will be conducting tours of the College. Please contact the College Office to book in a time that suits you to have an escorted tour of the College by one of our staff. Email [principal@mcarrarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@mcarrarat.catholic.edu.au) or phone 53523861. I know we have a team of very passionate teachers and staff to engage students in areas that best suit their needs and interests. Understanding your child, the highest levels of care and engaging and challenging programs are the essentials of our approach.

As we remember all families at this time as we begin the process of welcoming new and returning families, I share with you a prayer from Catholic Care Vic.

***Heavenly Father, please bless our families with Your everlasting love. Give our families strength to overcome hardship and difficulties. Give our families courage to admit our faults and forgive others. Give our families joy to live to the full and spread our joy to others. May all families find comfort, support and guidance under Your living care. Amen.***

## Exams

Year 11 and 10 exams begin on the 13th until the 15th June. This is an important time for students to plan their study time well and to work strategically to cover the necessary materials. Students in Year 7-10 are not permitted to leave the college during the day but must attend their classes as scheduled outside exam sessions. Year 11 Students are permitted to leave the college with written parent permission once all exams are completed for the day. If they have more than one exam on any given day, they are required to attend the fully supervised study group in the library for any lessons in between exam sessions.

## **Work Experience for Year 10 Students**

Work Experience begins in the final week of term for all Year 10 Students. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students on the effort and commitment I have seen in the organisation of suitable placements. We have some very interesting and exciting activities arranged for the week both here in the region and across the state. Well done to all involved, to Mrs Andrea Knights (Careers Coordinator) and to our Year 10 Parents for your encouragement and support. Thank you for the support from so many of our local industries, small businesses, the hospital and local government and to all who support this important experience for our students. We wish all Year 10s well as they embark on this wonderful experience to know a little more about the opportunities for their future.

## **Stewardship Council Meet this Week**

Our Stewardship Council under the leadership of Mr Cameron Evans (as Chair) will meet this Wednesday evening. The Stewardship Council is an important link between Kildare Ministries as our governing body and the College. They are an advisory group to support the Principal and help guide the College forward. At the moment we are working towards our Full School Review later this year. I highly value the perspective of this important team of parents and outside business representatives to assist us to remain a College true to our principles and values; that can offer all students challenging pathways to the future.

Carmel Barker  
Principal



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## **2024 Enrolments Open**

**College Tours available for Year 7 students  
and Families for 2024**

**Call or email to book a tour for  
Tuesday 30th May at 10.00 am**

**OR**

**Thursday 1st June at 10.00 am  
or 2.15 pm**

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

**Contact the College for a Prospectus**

**Enquiries: 5352 3861 Email: [principal@mcararat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@mcararat.catholic.edu.au)**



# IN MY WORDS *with Ella Moloney*



On the 8th of December 2005 at Warrnambool Base Hospital, my parents Jane and Leon Moloney welcomed a little girl Ella Jane at 4:02 pm, I was their firstborn and definitely their favourite child.

I thought my life was perfect with just me, Mum and Dad, but our family didn't stop there. A year and 11 days to be exact, my sister Chloe was born, which was probably the worst day of my life according to my Mum and Dad as I stopped talking and didn't speak until I was about 7, which caused a few problems so I had to go through a few years of speech therapy. Then 15 months later, Darcy (my partner in crime) came along and another 15 months later Millie was born, this was supposed to be our family until Millie ventured into school, where Mum wanted 2 more to complete the family. But Mum is probably glad that didn't happen because I'm surprised she can deal with us 4, as we are a bit of a handful sometimes, sorry mum! And I am not sure the world could deal with 6 of us.

We grew up on a dairy farm with 210 acres, plus many out-paddocks of 80 acres each, in a tiny town called Boorcan just a few minutes out of Terang. I started my education at Camperdown Preschool when I was 3, and when I was 4 I

moved to Terang Kindergarten. My primary school journey began at St Thomas' Primary School in Terang where I was until the end of Year 3. My Dad was a dairy farmer and my Mum had her own hairdressing business at our home, but my Dad then started studying teaching and finished his course and was offered a job in Stawell. At the start of 2015, we moved to Stawell and I finished primary school at St. Pats in Stawell. I started at Marian in 2018 where I met so many amazing people.

Some of my favourite memories include our annual camping trip to Warrnambool over Christmas for 4 weeks, every year this is the number 1 thing I can't wait for, and when it's over I want to be straight back there. And the rest of my favourite memories are from living on the farm and having so much land to go play, although our favourite place to play was over the fence into the neighbour's bush. We all used to climb up our tree over the trampoline and jump down 3-4 metres onto the trampoline, and for some reason we never injured ourselves. We had a massive cubby house where I one day decided to push Chloe off and she broke her arm, sorry Chloe. I could write for ages about all my memories but I'll leave it here.





I have done every sport possible growing up but have only stuck with 2; netball and cricket. I started NetSetGO when I was little and did it for a few years but it got too hard with my parents having full-time jobs. My first year of playing competitive netball was in 2018 at Great Western, where I picked it up very quickly and there was no stopping me. I have played at Great Western since and I have had many opportunities through netball that I am very grateful for. The same year I started cricket where for the first couple of years I played for Swift's Great Western. Then a girl's competition started in Horsham, so I joined that league, and have played there since. Through cricket, I've had many opportunities, such as representing the league in the Western Girls Shield multiple times, but the part I'm most grateful for is all the friendships I have formed through the competition.

When I leave school, like everyone, I would love to travel. I am not too sure what I want to do career-wise because I am a very indecisive person, as lots of people know, which sometimes can get frustrating at times :). One thing I know I want to do is move to Brisbane and hopefully go to university there. I had always wanted to be a paramedic, although I'm not sure about that anymore. Let's just say I have no idea and hopefully it all falls into place. I am so thankful for all the teachers who have taught me and my cohort, I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to spend my high school years with. I am forever grateful for my family and everyone around me who has supported me throughout my life, I couldn't have done it without you.

Ella xxx





# IN MY WORDS *with Toiya Atchison*

On the 2nd of June 2005, I was born at the Stawell Hospital to my parents Pep and Adam. I am the firstborn child then a second daughter, Shari, was born 2 years after. Being close in age we get along with one another. My mum and Adam are both business owners of Pomonal Estate. They have both been my biggest supporters in whatever I wish to achieve, schooling, sports and so much more. They have shaped me into the person I am today and I can't thank them enough for all they have done for me.



My parents moved from Sydney to a small town in 2002, about half an hour out of Ararat called Pomonal. I've lived in Pomonal my whole life. Before Pomonal Estate was built, my dad bred racehorses from 2002 right up until 2016. Before becoming business owners, Dad worked full time out at the Ararat Turf Club until 2018 and now just does casual work every now and then. Mum has always had a passion for the wine industry which is now coming up to 30 years of experience. The business has now been open for just over 5 years. Any time that they get off work we spend our time away in Noosa; a spot that has always been a favourite to revisit with family and friends, going to the beach, warmer weather, and amazing food.

I went to kindergarten in Stawell which once was called ABC Kids then but now has been renamed to The Early Learning Centre. Over the short period of time I was there I



was able to make memorable memories and friendships. I was one to always love going to kindergarten never wanting to leave. I loved playing, reading eggs, being in the sand pits, learning how to ride a bike and nap time. In the beginning I was very shy but soon enough kindergarten became my social life.

As I got older, I moved on to my first day of prep at Pomonal Primary School, which is a fairly small school, with only 16 students attending at the time. Starting at primary I was excited but felt a little out of place as no one from my kinder garden had gone to the same school. However, soon enough the school became my second home. The first day I started didn't quite go as well as I hoped as in the first 5 minutes I was kicked in the head by a football and ended up in the sick bay with a bloody nose that never ended but besides that, I was keen to go back the next day. Throughout all of my primary school years there were only six kids in my grade and some to this day I still remain good friends with. Primary school felt as though it went on for a lifetime. My primary memories will always be something I will cherish, yet by the end, I was pretty keen to move on to the next chapter, high school.

I graduated primary in 2017 and started high school at Marian College in 2018. I was super nervous but thrilled. Fast forward to now in my 13th year of schooling which is so crazy to believe how fast it's gone. I remember my first assembly in the gym where they had told us these next few years will fly so fast, and with doubt on that day, I can say now they were not wrong. I've enjoyed my time at Marian. It has taught me many things that I will take away but also given me the opportunity to form many friendships. Next year I wish to take a gap year and travel overseas with family and friends, explore more Pomonal and then I hope to go on to university to study interior design.

To the younger students of Marian, I want to remind you to enjoy your time at high school because it goes by so fast, before you know it you're graduating in just over four months. And to my year level, I wish you nothing but the absolute best with whatever you choose to do after school and to enjoy the last few months we have together as a cohort. I'd also like to thank my past and present teachers for all the ongoing support and guidance, I really can't thank you enough.

- Toiya xx





NEWS

## FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

It was wonderful to catch up with so many parents, guardians, and students during parent teacher interviews the other day. That communication between school and home is so important to ensure that both are working together for the best individual learning outcomes for each child. We appreciate everyone taking the time to attend those interviews.

Students have been out representing Marian College at recent sporting events, such as Black Ranges cross country and senior netball and football. Today a large cohort are competing at Black Ranges athletics in Stawell. There have been some fantastic sporting efforts and achievements across those events. Later this week, intermediate netball and football players will be out.

On Friday, the Year 12 vision of The Way of the Cross will be presented to students. This significant school ritual was postponed in Term 1, but as an integral part of the Year 12 program and our Catholic calendar, the students are now bringing the story to us. This caring and resilient Year 12 cohort have a lot to be proud of. I look forward to seeing what their team has created on Friday.

Finally, please ensure that your student is wearing the correct Marian College winter uniform. Check the student diary if you are unsure. We would rather not have to address students who persist in wearing incorrect uniform, so please check your student before they leave the house!

If you need any assistance in acquiring the Marian College uniform, please contact the front office.

Erica McConachy  
Barron House Leader





# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

## Rescheduled

### Friday 26th April 2023

The Stations of the Cross depicts the final hours (The Passion) of Jesus' life from his condemnation, to his crucifixion and death on the cross and finally his burial. These events are remembered and reflected upon over Lent and Holy Week before the celebration of the Resurrection (Easter Sunday).

Our school celebration of the Stations of the Cross follows a tradition that is thousands of years old and is an integral part of Marian's religious identity.

During Catholic Education Week the Year 12 cohort will present this retelling to students at Alexandra Gardens on Friday 26th April. To accommodate the large number of students and to ensure that it remains a solemn occasion we will run sessions for each Year Level.

Parents are invited to attend the 11.10 am session.





# CAKES FOR CELEBRATION





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I'm not actually sure what happens from one group to the next but once again I'm blown away with the end products. For most, it's their first time decorating a cake and this can be quite stressful. Each term the students seem to be able to increase the degree of difficulty and create cakes beyond their experience. The execution of their designs were outstanding. As their parent(s)/guardian you should make them chief cake decorator for special occasions. Super impressive.

Donna Spalding



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SAVE  
THE  
DATE!

MARIAN COLLEGE PROUDLY CONTINUES  
THEIR TRADITION OF PRESENTING  
QUALITY DRAMATIC ARTS TO THE  
ARARAT COMMUNITY

# THE ADDAMS FAMILY

A NEW MUSICAL

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AUGUST 2023  
THURSDAY 17TH | FRIDAY 18TH | SATURDAY 19TH

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Book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice

Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa

Based on Characters Created by Charles Addams

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# District 9780 Rotary



## DEFYING THE DRIFT!

### A Rotary District 9780 program for young Australians

#### WHAT?

DtD is a program designed to empower young people to:

- Identify and explore agriculture and agribusiness career opportunities
- Build communication skills
- Develop career networks

#### WHO?

DtD is for year 10 and year 11 students

#### WHY?

Because there are great, high paying professional, entrepreneurial and trade careers in agriculture that young people need to know about!

#### WHEN?

Monday September 18, 2023 to  
Wednesday September 20, 2023

#### WHERE?

Longerenong Ag College, Horsham

#### HOW MUCH?

\$250 Early bird price - pay by July 31

\$350 per student, sponsorship available.

**More information at [www.defyingthedrift.org](http://www.defyingthedrift.org)**



DtD starts with a 3 Day residential program at Longerenong Ag College. There will be lots of new friends to make, inspiring agriculture role models to meet, places to visit and lots of fun.

The second part is a presentation by each participant at their sponsoring Rotary Club - a great chance to meet community leaders.



**This three day camp is for students who are interested in careers in agriculture. It is sponsored and organised by District 9780 Rotary Club.**

**The camp runs from Monday 19 to Wednesday 20 September (during school holidays) at Longerenong Ag College near Horsham. This residential camp covers a wide range of information about agriculture and related careers, leadership, networking and communication skills. After the residential students present their observations to their sponsoring Rotary Club.**

**Early bird pricing of \$250 ends July 31 and applications close August 31, after this time the full price of \$350 will be charged.**

**Please find further information from the flyer below and application forms can be obtained from the Library.**

**Andrea Knights**

**THERE ARE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR FANTASTIC, HIGH PAYING AND SECURE CAREERS IN EVERY WALK OF LIFE IN RURAL VICTORIA. WITH IT COMES A LIFESTYLE THAT CITY FOLK CAN ONLY DREAM ABOUT.**

Agricultural careers have a bright future. The fact is the world's growing population needs to be fed and clothed and, with the average age of farmers approaching 60 years, young people are worth their weight in gold. Employers are screaming out for them. Jobs are often going begging.

While the traditional patterns of family farm succession are giving way to corporate style farming and land prices seem prohibitive for new entrants, there are great opportunities for careers in agriculture across the broadest range of personal skills, as well as the many professions, trades and vocations needed in every community.

With the huge interest in where our food comes from, the time is ripe for organic and innovative food production start-ups.

Since its inception in 2010 Defying the Drift has helped young people discover pathways through further education and work experience to great careers in agriculture.

Don't wait for the future – make it happen!

Early bird closing date for applications is July 31 2023.  
Final closing date is August 31 2023 unless all places are filled prior. The DtD Committee reserves the right to limit applicants per school if program is oversubscribed to allow students from a greater number of locations to attend.

**More information at [www.defyingthedrift.org](http://www.defyingthedrift.org)**

**DEFYING THE DRIFT!**

**Rotary**  
District 9780



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# “Learn to fly...”

## **\*Junior Scholarships\* Grampians Soaring Club**



The Grampians Soaring Club is offering 6 junior scholarships in 2023 to students in the surrounding district. The scholarship is designed to help students on their journey towards becoming a pilot and is aimed at year 10 students, but other year levels may be considered.

The club has a team of qualified instructors who run the lessons during weekends (in appropriate weather) to take you from complete novice to becoming a solo pilot. Gliding is a safe, exciting and cost effective way of learning to fly, and your gliding hours even count as credit towards powered flying in the future.

Our gliders are extremely well maintained by qualified mechanics and our training craft are robustly built specially for instructing, long distance cross country flying, high altitude flying and even aerobatics!

### **SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS - The Scholarship Covers the costs of:**

- Annual Membership to the club
- Membership to the Gliding Federation Australia (which includes your insurance)
- 1st trial flight for free
- Apply by **31 May 2024, informed if successful by 7 June 2024.**
- **Year 10 applicants prioritised, but all applicants considered.**

### **ONGOING COSTS**

- Club Glider hire costs are Free before midday and only 0.65c per minute after midday
- Launch costs are \$15 per launch (winch) or \$7 per minute aerotow (behind the plane)

### Typical cost examples:

- *Standard 10 minute lesson before midday (winch launch): \$15*
- *Standard 10 minute lesson afternoon (winch launch): \$21.50*
- *20 minute lesson before midday (7 minute aerotow launch): \$49*
- *20 minute lesson after midday (7 minute aerotow launch): \$62*

If you are interested in being considered for a Junior Flying Scholarship please complete the form below and return it to: Tom Clark - [GrampiansAdventures@icloud.com](mailto:GrampiansAdventures@icloud.com)



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## The Process

Applying for this scholarship does not commit you. Successful applicants will then be invited to attend their free trial flight to confirm their suitability for flight training and also to ensure that the student enjoys it and wants to continue. If both the club instructor and the student wish to proceed, the club joining application will be completed and the student will begin their flight training journey! \*Students who are unsuccessful may still apply for the scholarship the following year, or alternatively are welcome to join the club through the normal process to start their flight training.

Email your application to: [GrampiansAdventures@icloud.com](mailto:GrampiansAdventures@icloud.com)


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## Junior Flying Scholarship Application Form

1. Full Name:
2. Age:
3. School:
4. Contact email:
5. Parent/Guardian name and contact:
6. Tell us why you make a great candidate for this flying scholarship?  
(100 - 200 words)

**PLEASE NOTE THAT COPIES OF  
THIS DOCUMENT ARE AVAILABLE  
FROM RECEPTION**

# May/June 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22  BLACK RANGES ATHLETICS  	23	24	25	26  STATIONS OF THE CROSS  BLACK RANGES INTERMEDIATE NETBALL AND FOOTBALL
CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK				
29  GREATER WESTERN REGION CROSS COUNTRY  YEAR 11 VM SUSTAINABILITY EXCURSION	30  BLACK RANGES JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL	31  PRODUCTION EXCURSION	<b>JUNE 1</b>	2
5  VET FIRST AID TRAINING	6  YEAR 12 PE EXCURSION	7  YEAR 7 2024 ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS	8	9  VCE ART MAKING NGV EXCURSION
12  KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY  PUPIL FREE DAY	13	14	15  GENERAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST (GAT)	16  STAFF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY  PUPIL FREE DAY
YEARS 10 & 11 MID YEAR EXAMS				