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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*

"You visit the earth and water it abundantly, enriching it greatly. God's stream is filled with water, for You prepare the earth in this way, providing [people] with grain."
(Psalm 65:9)

Our prayer this week is one of thanksgiving for the joys of winter.

We pray for the abundance of soaking rain for the crops across the Grampians region.

Bless us, O God, we who live close to the land. Help us to remain aware of the quiet beauty of our world. May we always show respect for all of creation. Bless each of us and help us grow in love and unity with you and with each other. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

With winter setting in across the region, it is good to see the paddocks green once again. Rural students understand and fully appreciate the crucial role weather conditions play for many of our families so reliant on the land. Over the last few years we have adopted the new school uniform that has been designed to better address our cold winter months. If wearing the pants, all students are required to be in the long pants for Terms 2 and 3. If you have any concerns purchasing items at this time please contact the College.

30 Years of Service to Catholic Education

Last Friday evening I was privileged to attend the annual Catholic Education Week Mass and Dinner in Ballarat celebrating outstanding service to Catholic education. This year we recognise and celebrate the 30 years of service by our new Head of Religion, Mrs Debra Glasson. We congratulate Deb on this remarkable achievement supporting hundreds of students over the last thirty years in Catholic Education. Thank you for your dedication to the young.

Enrolments for 2024

This Wednesday we look forward to welcoming prospective students as we begin the Enrolment Interviews for our 2024 intake. If you have not yet submitted an Application and would like to do so, please contact the College Office as soon as possible to be included in the Interview process. While mainly for Year 7, some places exist within other year levels. We hope to formalize offers for 2024 placement by the end of this term.

Work Experience

In the final week of this term all Year 10 students will be engaged in Work Experience. We wish them well as they venture out to learn new skills and experience workplace demands. Students who have not organized a placement for this time will need to see Mrs Knights immediately.

General Achievement Test (GAT)

Thursday 15th June our VCE students undertaking Units 3 and 4 will sit the General Achievement Test (GAT). Full school uniform is required for all exams.

The GAT is a three-hour test of your general knowledge and skills in: written communication, mathematics, science and technology, humanities, the arts and social sciences. The GAT is an essential part of the VCE assessment process. While it is important that you attempt the GAT, the test does not count directly towards your VCE. However, GAT results may play a very important part in determining your final assessments for the VCE. GAT results are used to check that your VCE external assessments and School Based Assessments have been accurately and fairly assessed.

The GAT is used in these checks because its results are a good predictor of final assessment for VCE studies. If a student has done well in the GAT, they are likely to do well in their external assessments and School-based Assessments (VCAA Website).

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

The College is in the process of collating data for the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). This is a long process involving all staff in the implementation, monitoring, review and documentation of adjustments to learning across the College. Data from the NCCD is used as an evidence base, to give teachers, schools and sectors information about students with disability and the level of educational adjustment being provided:

- to inform policy development and future planning to better equip schools and education authorities to support students with disability
- to improve understanding of the requirements and responsibilities

of school teams and the broader community under the DDA and the Standards

- to capture the work of schools under the obligations of the DDA and the Standards, allowing students with disability to access and participate in education on the same basis as other students
- to highlight the individual needs of each student with disability by focusing on the level of educational support provided to them at school.

High level, de-identified information from the NCCD is used in national reporting to inform policy and program planning to support students with disability.

Student information provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training for the NCCD does not explicitly identify individual students. More information is available on the government website www.nccd.edu.au or you can contact our Head of Learning Support at the College, Mrs Rhonda North.

Have a great week, Carmel.

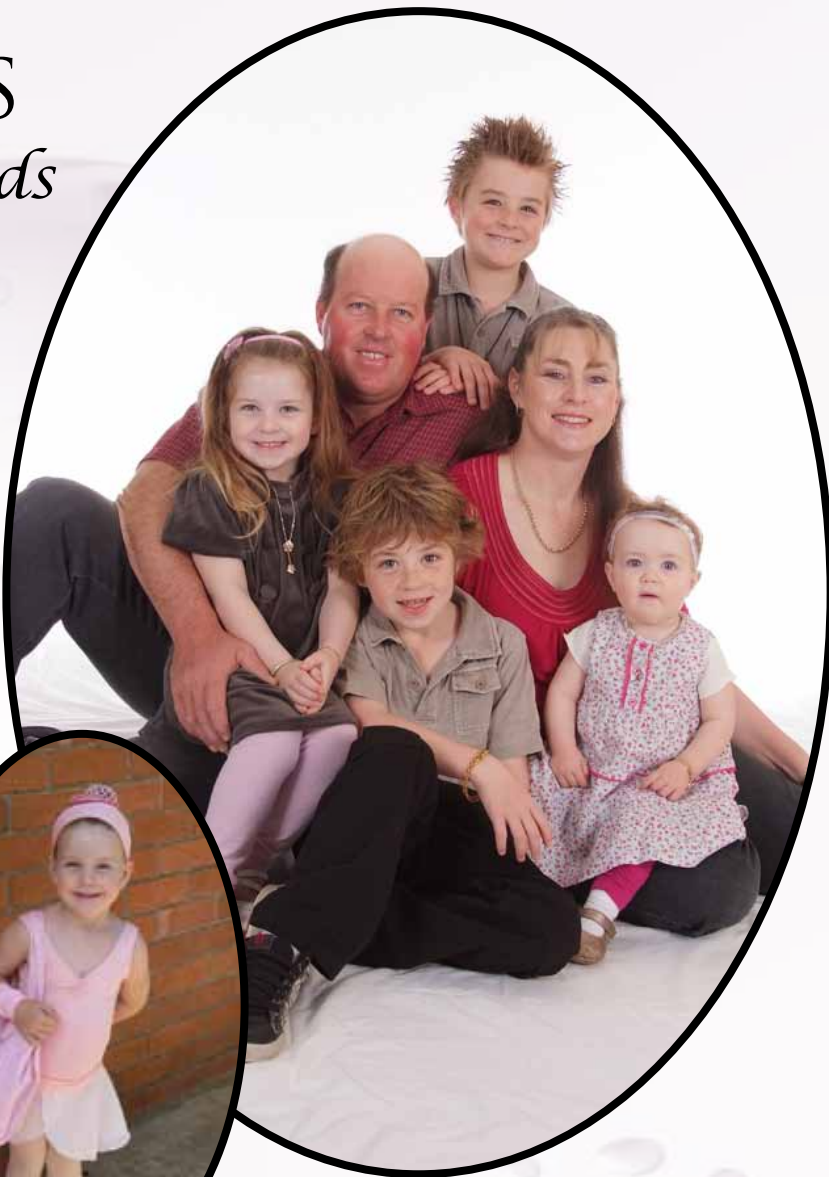
IN MY WORDS

with Sabaya Woods

Hi, I'm Sabaya, and I hope you are able to learn something new about me after reading this.

My full name is Sabaya Kay Woods, Sabaya being South African, meaning "The Sun". I was born at the Ararat Hospital at 3:21am (which is probably why I'm a morning person), weighing 9lb 5oz -amazingly being the heaviest of my siblings. My parents are Ricky and Casanda, I have 2 older brothers Dylan (DJ) now 21, and Jeziah (Jezza) 20 and a younger sister Nevani who is 13 and in Year 8.

If you know me, you know that I have love sport; currently I do basketball, dancing and dance teaching, netball,



tennis, futsal, swimming and I umpire basketball and futsal, all while doing Year 12. I have done other sports over my life so far, such as; cycling, gymnastics, cheerleading, badminton and little athletics - I would love to still do them all, but there are only 24 hours in each day.

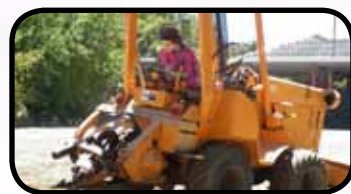
I have been basically involved in basketball my whole life. Firstly, when I was born, I was passed around the crowd, whilst mum played basketball. Then following my brothers to all their tournaments most weekends at stadiums all over Victoria, and then finally playing myself in Ararat, domestic and squad, and also playing in Ballarat. Like basketball, I have danced nearly all my life - I am now in my 14th year. I enjoy all styles of dance, with this year doing; ballet, jazz, tap, pointe, dance cirque, technique, solos and teaching jazz, tap and hip hop. I have performed solos and duos at dance eisteddfods over the past 11 years.

I have 3 jobs at the moment; I waitress at The Blue Duck each Saturday night, which I have done for over 3 years, I umpire basketball and futsal 3 days a week, and I Nanny for farming families during school holidays, particularly over harvest.

If you can tell by now – I like to stay busy.

Most holidays and any free weekends I often go to my grandparent's farm to help out wherever needed – whether that's opening gates, pushing up sheep, feeding sheep, or at crutching and shearing times. Along with our family earthmoving and truck business "Ararat Concrete", we also have a farm that my brothers run, we're often at the farm late at night, after the boys have worked all day.

In my spare time I like to ride motorbikes and drive the cars around in the paddock. I like to be outside if it's warm. During the summer, I love our skiing days and being with family and friends. Our busy family lifestyle makes it hard to get away, but we love what we do. Over recent years we have discovered Lake Charm, which is about 3 hours away. We have been there 3 times now, on the March Labour Day weekend, and are making it an annual event. We take our ski boat and jet skis and have the best time camping as a family.



I went to St Andrews Kindergarten, followed by Ararat West, and now here at Marian. School really isn't my most favourite thing in the world, but it has given me focus and a routine to follow, which I do like. I have always tried my best and after nearly 13 years of it - another few won't hurt me. In the coming years, I aspire to become a Registered Nurse. Next year, I plan to begin a 2 year Diploma of Nursing, then go on to gain a Bachelor of Nursing. I love helping people and making them happy. I've always wanted to be a nurse and look forward to following in the footsteps of my grandmother and fulfilling my dream career.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers I've had over the years and all my friends for being there for me. I can't wait to see what my future ends up like. I will continue to aspire to be successful and happy, through hard work and determination.

~ Sabaya Woods ~

IN MY WORDS *with Tori Ralph*

On the 6th of February, 2005 at the Stawell Hospital, my parents, Shaun and Tamara Ralph welcomed their third child. I was named Tori Shae Ralph. My family, consisting of my dad, mum, older sister, Kiara, and older brother, Jai are very close and still enjoy each other's company today. From the very start, I was stubborn, always wanting to do everything by myself. And according to my family, I still am.

At the age of four, I started kindergarten at St Andrews, which was where I met one of my closest friends who I am still close to today, Navasha Madex. In 2011, I started primary school at Ararat 800 Primary School and finished Grade 6 on a high, as the 2017 School Captain.

In 2018, I left Ararat 800 and travelled a great distance, across the road to Marian College. For me, I was very scared to start high school.



Not only was I walking down the hallways with 18 year olds, but I was also a part of a year level of about 90 students. That's a lot

of names to learn. Although my first day at Marian College was a bit overwhelming, I grew to learn that it's not all that bad. I have my amazing friends to thank for that.

Throughout the years, my family and I have been lucky enough to have visited several places around Australia. Some of the places we have visited include; Cairns, Gold Coast, Tasmania, Alice Springs (twice), The Blue Mountains, Sydney (twice), Adelaide, and Fraser Island. I have always loved travelling around and seeing everything Australia has to offer. One day, I hope to travel to Perth and Darwin, so I can say that I have visited every major city in Australia.





From a very young age, my family has been involved in the CFA, which I became a part of as a Junior member, travelling around the state every summer to compete in running competitions against other brigades. This was where I learnt the importance of teamwork, trust and helping others when they need it. Sadly, my time with the Ararat Brigade finished up when Covid took over, but I will always remember the amazing moments I had with my teammates.

When I was thirteen, I got my junior shooter licence, and every month since then I attend the Ararat Field and Game course. For those of you who don't know, Field and Game is a shooting competition where the shooter is tasked with shooting a small clay target that moves through the air in different directions and at different speeds. Although I'm not the best at it, this is something my whole family enjoys together.

When I finish school, my plan is to continue with my employment at the local nursery, Growmaster Grampians, and do an apprenticeship in horticulture. I am really looking forward to working out there because I am eager to learn more and they are a great bunch of people.

Finally, thank you to my family for always being there to help and support me throughout everything I have done. And to my friends, thank you so much for all the fun memories and experiences we have had together. I wouldn't be the same person I am today without you. Best of luck to all Year 12's for the remainder of the year and for whatever you have planned for your future.

Tori Ralph



SPORTS REPORT

There's been a fair bit of sport happening over the past fortnight at Marian College. We started with our senior football and netball heading up to Stawell. All teams represented the school fantastically, showing some great skill and teamwork. The netballers both finished second in their pools which meant the Year 11's played the Year 12's for 3rd place. After a tight contest the whole game the year 11's were victorious by 1 goal.

Intermediate Football and Netball was next where we traveled to Horsham. The girls came up against a lot of good competition throughout the day but managed to win some games. The boys played some great football, winning their first 3 games of the day before coming up against Horsham. It was a back and forth start to the contest but Horsham managed to get on top and Marian could never get back into the contest. The boys all played some terrific football for the day!

GWR Cross Country was next and we had 20 students down in Warrnambool running 3 and 5 KM's. There were some great times run by a lot of the students but the highlight of the day was Bronson Potter coming 3rd in the 14 years boys competition which will see him progress through to the State competition in July.

Charlie Dunn had made his way through to state level golf and played at Gisborne on Monday. This would have been a great experience for Charlie to test himself against the best young golfers throughout country Victoria. A great achievement Charlie!!

Michael Harricks
Head of Sport





K E L L Y



NEWS

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

We only have two more weeks to go before we finish Term Two and Semester One, so can I please say 'Well done for getting through a very busy semester'.

Recently we had some of our Kelly students represent Marian College at the Black Ranges Athletics Carnival. The following students were successful in the following events; Ella Moloney High Jump, Bradley Carter was placed in the 100m, 200m and 400m and Sam Harrington High Jump. We are very proud of your efforts.

Our Year 10s will be on Work Experience the week before our holidays. It is such a valuable program which gives them a taste of the workforce. The students have chosen a variety of occupations, they include; various trades, Primary teaching, early childhood carers, police force, retail, beauty, office jobs, hospital and the list goes on. This program would not be possible if it wasn't for Mrs. Knights, our Careers coordinator who has supported our students. This year she was supported by the Year 10 Wellbeing teachers, Miss Gibson, Mr. Naus and Mr. Rodney who guided the Year 10s during Wellbeing to fill out the paperwork, make phone calls and help them write their resume. Remember to take the 3 P's with you; punctual, professional and prepared. We wish them all the best.

Our Kelly captain Eliza Wigg has been planning our House Day. Recently she sent out a survey for you to fill in your preferences for both activities and pizza choice. Please support Eliza and fill it out promptly.

House Day

Date: 23rd of June

Venue: Alexandra Oval. We will be walking from school at 9.10am and arriving back at 2.00pm for a 2.15 dismissal.

Activities: netball, football and jamming with Mr. Naus.

All students can come out of uniform.

I was reading Ellouise McAuliffe's *In My Words* last Monday and these were her words 'I never believed it until I began writing this, but school well and truly does go so incredibly quickly so enjoy it while you can!'. Not bad advice. Once you leave school you are in the workforce for a very long time.

We have a new tradition this coming weekend. On Monday we will have a day off for the King's Birthday. Hopefully the long weekend will allow you to rest up and avoid getting the dreaded cold.

Donna Spalding
Kelly House Leader

DEAKIN UNI MEDICAL STUDENTS VISIT



On Monday 29 May students interested in a career in the medical field were given a presentation by Pavan and Asqa who are both halfway through a postgraduate degree in a Doctor of Medicine (Rural Training Stream) at Deakin University based out of Ballarat. From 2024 students will have the option of being able to complete their first year at East Grampians Health Service.

Pavan and Asqa both spoke about the two main pathways in medicine and their individual journeys. Pavan and Asqa missed out on a place in medicine post VCE and went onto study undergraduate degrees in physiotherapy and pharmacy respectively. However, this did not stop them from continually applying to study medicine and after many disappointments they were both finally able to achieve their goal.

The Rural Training Scheme (RTS) is open to students from the Ballarat, Grampians, Warrnambool region. The aim of RTS is to attract more regional and rural students in the course and to address the doctor shortage in rural areas.

Andrea Knights
Careers Coordinator



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2024 Enrolments Open

**Year 7 2024 students interview evening
Wednesday 7th June 2023**

Please submit applications

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

Contact the College for a Prospectus

Enquiries: 5352 3861 Email: principal@mcarrarat.catholic.edu.au

VCE VOCATIONAL MAJOR INDUSTRY TOUR



On Monday the 29th of May, Year 11 VM went on an excursion to the Ararat Wind Farm and the Green Eggs Chicken Farm in Great Western. This excursion was to expand our knowledge on future career paths.

We first went to the Ararat Wind Farm and met James Coburn, the WindLab manager and site manager. James presented a slideshow informing us how the Wind Farm was founded in 2016 and how a wind turbine works. He also talked about how to get a job at the Wind Farm and showed us a wind turbine up close. We also go to take in the amazing view, where the Wind Farm is located. The class had morning tea at the Wind Farm.

We then headed off to the Green Eggs chicken farm in Great Western, where we met the owners Kate and Jarrod who talked to us about the farm and what happens behind the scenes and their background. We learnt about the difference between damaged eggs and normal eggs and what causes it, we also got to tour around the farm and see how the eggs get sorted and packaged. The Year 11 group then planted trees on Kate and Jarrod's property. Afterwards we ate lunch and said goodbye, and went back to school.

It was a really awesome experience, and a great day! We would like to thank Nerissa from Central Grampians LLEN for organising the excursion and thanks to James Coburn from the wind farm and Kate and Jarrod from Green Eggs for teaching us about their jobs and the opportunities that are waiting for us in the future. We'd also like to thank Mrs Murray and Wayne for supervising and allowing our class to have the opportunity to have this excursion.

Lachlan McRae and Nicholas Mason



GENERAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST 2023

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

The General Achievement Test (GAT) assesses your skills in mathematics, science, technology, the arts and humanities.

The GAT also assesses your skills against new literacy and numeracy standards, which were introduced last year.

Sitting the GAT is an opportunity to demonstrate your literacy and numeracy skills – essential skills that show you're ready to move on to further study, training or employment. It will give you confidence that your skills are at the right level to support you, whatever you choose to do after school.

GAT results are also important for checking that VCE external assessments and school-based assessments have been accurately and fairly assessed, and can be used if you have a Derived Examination Score (DES) approved.

The GAT will take place on **Thursday 15 June** in two parts:

- **Section A** assesses skills in literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy.
- **Section B** assesses general knowledge and skills in mathematics, science, technology, the arts and humanities.

Section A: Literacy (Reading and Writing) and Numeracy

9:00–9:15 am	Reading time
9:15–11:15 am	Writing time to complete Section A, which has: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• one writing task with two parts• 50 numeracy multiple-choice questions• 50 reading multiple-choice questions

Break: 11:15 am–1:15 pm

Section B: General knowledge and skills

1:15–1:30 pm	Reading time
1:30–3:00 pm	Writing time to complete Section B, which has: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• one extended writing task• 25 mathematics, science and technology multiple-choice questions• 25 arts and humanities multiple-choice questions

Who is required to sit the GAT?

- If you're enrolled in one or more VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3–4 sequence, you are expected to complete Section A and B of the GAT.
- If you are enrolled in one or more VCE VM Unit 3–4 sequence or Senior VCAL Unit, you're expected to complete Section A only, unless you have previously met the standards.
- If you're an International Baccalaureate student in your final year of studies and you want a notional Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) calculated, you will need to complete Sections A and B.

What to bring

You may take an English and/or bilingual printed dictionary into both sections of the GAT, but not a thesaurus or a combined thesaurus–dictionary. Electronic dictionaries are not permitted.

A scientific calculator is permitted in both sections of the GAT.

You will need pens, pencils and an eraser to complete the GAT.

Do I need to study for the GAT?

You don't need to do any special study for the GAT. Questions are based on things you will have already learnt throughout school and things you may have experienced in life. For example, a writing question might ask you to draft a letter to an employer and a numeracy question might assess your ability to understand your hourly pay rate.

You can view sample questions and past GAT papers on the VCAA website.

Support and special examination arrangements

If you have an illness, injury or disability you can apply for special examination arrangements such as rest breaks or extra working time, to help you do the GAT. Talk to your school which can apply to the VCAA on your behalf.

If reasonable or appropriate arrangements can't be made or you miss the GAT because of an unexpected injury, illness, personal trauma or other serious event, the VCAA may give you an exemption. Your school can ask for an exemption on your behalf.

Getting your results

In December you'll receive a GAT Statement of Results as part of your overall results package, which will indicate whether you have met the literacy and numeracy standards.

If you don't meet the literacy and numeracy standards in 2023, you can resit the GAT in 2024.

Tips for completing the GAT

Read all information carefully.

Follow the rules for sitting the GAT. You can read the rules in this document or online at vcaa.vic.edu.au/GAT.

Complete the tasks in the order they appear in the question book.

It is important you attempt all sections of the GAT. Even if you do not complete a section in the time allocated, you should move onto the next section when indicated during the test.

Try to pick out the key ideas and information in each question.

For multiple-choice questions, try to quickly reject choices that appear to be wrong, then read the question again, and select the answer most likely to be right. You won't lose marks for incorrect answers.



Rules for students

You are required to observe the following VCAA examination rules for the conduct of the GAT, in addition to the day-to-day rules of your school and the venue.

VCAA rules shall apply with appropriate and reasonable modifications to students with illness, injury or disability.

Supervisors are issued with directions for the administration of the GAT and are required to report all alleged breaches of these rules to the VCAA. Supervisors have the right to check any materials that are taken into an examination room.

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| 1 | You must not cheat or assist other students to cheat, including taking any action that gives or attempts to give you or another student an unfair advantage. |
| 2 | You must not allow, induce or assist any other person to present for the GAT in your place. |
| 3 | You must not present for the GAT in another student's place. |
| 4 | You must not present for the GAT under the influence of alcohol or drugs. |
| 5 | You must obey and observe all instructions or directions given by the supervisor. |
| 6 | You must provide reasonable assistance to any investigation by the VCAA in relation to a suspected breach of the VCAA rules. |
| 7 | You may bring only materials and equipment approved for the GAT into the examination room. |
| 8 | You must not possess mobile phones and electronic devices that are capable of storing, receiving or transmitting information or electronic signals, such as recorded music and video players, organisers, dictionaries and computerised watches, during the GAT. |

Rules for students – continued

9	Students caught with any device defined in rule 8, upon the direction of a supervisor, must surrender that device for inspection. Any confiscated device may be retained, pending any investigation into an alleged breach of VCAA rules. Students must provide reasonable assistance to the VCAA or its agents to examine the device.	15	You must not begin to write or mark your paper or response material in any way, or use a calculator, until advised by a supervisor that writing may commence.
10	You must not bring into or possess in the examination room any drinks or food, except under special circumstances as approved and directed by the VCAA. Bottled water is permitted in the examination room under approved conditions.	16	You must raise your hand if you wish to communicate with a supervisor.
11	You must not communicate with any other student while the GAT is being conducted.	17	You must not leave your place until permitted by a supervisor.
12	You must not cause any nuisance, annoyance or interference to any other student during the GAT.	18	You will not be permitted to leave the examination room until 30 minutes after the start of writing time.
13	You must not remove or tear out any part of a question or answer book.	19	You will not be permitted to leave in the last five minutes of each GAT session.
14	You must not remove any response material, used or unused, from the examination room.	20	You must cease writing when instructed to do so by a supervisor.
		21	You must remain silent and seated in your place at the end of the GAT session until response materials have been collected and checked, and an announcement is made permitting students to leave the examination room.

For more information visit vcaa.vic.edu.au/gat

CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG BEHIND THE SCENES



Two Marian students, Abbey Rigby and Maiara Barry-Goncalves, are currently working hard behind the scenes in Ararat Musical Comedy Society's production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, which opens at the Ararat Town Hall on June 16.

Abbey is the lighting coordinator, with Maiara assisting.



Ararat Musical
Comedy Society

Come fly with us this June 16 - 25!



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CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Music by Special Arrangement with Sony/ATV Publishing

Adapted for the Stage by Jeremy Sams

Based on the MGM Motion Picture

Licensed Script Adapted by Ray Roderick

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June 2023

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5 VET FIRST AID TRAINING	6 YEAR 12 PE EXCURSION	7 YEAR 7 2024 ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS	8	9 YEAR 11 ENGLISH EXAM VCE ART MAKING NGV EXCURSION
12 KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY PUPIL FREE DAY	13	14	15 GENERAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST (GAT) CANTEEN CLOSED	16 STAFF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY PUPIL FREE DAY
YEARS 10 & 11 MID YEAR EXAMS				
19	20	21	22	23 HOUSE DAY LAST DAY OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15 pm
YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE				

July 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 STAFF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY PUPIL FREE DAY	11 STAFF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE DAY PUPIL FREE DAY	12 STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 3	13 BLACK RANGES SENIOR BASKETBALL	14