



Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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Issue 1

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Principal: Mrs. Carmel Barker





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*



**Prayer to
Saint Brigid**
You were a woman
of peace.
You brought
harmony where
there was conflict.
You brought light to
the darkness.
You brought hope
to the downcast.
May the mantle of
your peace
cover those who are
troubled and
anxious,
and may peace be
firmly rooted in our
hearts and in our
world.
AMEN

**Fest of Saint Brigid
Secondary Patron of
Ireland
1 February**

need that extra support, a listening ear, or a voice of encouragement.

I am so proud to say that our results for 2022 were the highest they have been in a number of years, with only one other Catholic secondary college achieving a higher School Study Score across the diocese. The improvement has been impressive! Congratulations to all our students and their support team: parents and guardians, families and their teachers.

College Dux

While there were many very impressive results, we congratulate College Dux, Ivanna Donnan, on her outstanding ATAR result of 96.45. Congratulations also to all students who worked so well and have received incredible offers for university placement, training and full time apprenticeships. This is a time to celebrate and to continue the good work being undertaken on our improvement path across the school.

St Brigid's Day - Wednesday 1st February

This Wednesday we celebrate St Brigid's Day. This year, the Brigidine Sisters have asked for one minute silence at midday in recognition and prayer for peace in our world.

"Pause for peace is the invitation of St Brigid's Day 2023. As midday chimes in whatever country or time zone we live we are called to hold a minute's silence to pray for peace. With such a fractured world this is sorely needed.

Welcome to the new school year.

Over the Christmas break, like many of you, I reflected on the last twelve months of growth, challenge and celebration. After the last three years, it was fitting that we ended with real celebrations of joy with the Awards Nights and Graduation Mass. These were a fitting recognition of the effort and success of so many of our students. We are very proud of each student.

Leading into the Christmas break, I could not predict what the Year 12 results would be. I know staff have been working incredibly hard to mitigate the impact of the pandemic, and students were open to feedback, challenge, guidance and hard work. As we know, parents and guardians are often the greatest support in this final
2 year, especially at times when the students

We think of the ongoing impacts of the war in Ukraine on the peoples of both the Ukraine and Russia, and of conflicts and civil unrest in many other parts of the world. We think of the scourge of domestic and family violence where there is no peace. We think of the anguish of people suffering loneliness, isolation and mental illness. There are myriad reasons for us to 'Pause for Peace' in our troubled world today" (From the Brigidine Congregation Leadership Team).

New Staff

We warmly welcome a number of new staff to the College in 2023. Mrs Alexandra Abela joins our Senior Leadership team as the new Head of Staff Development. Mrs Debra Glasson (teacher of Religion and Humanities) and Mr Trent Clayton (English and Humanities) join the teaching staff, and past students Tess Batchelor and Jordyn Mason join the Learning Support Team. Welcome to all.

Students Return to the New School Year.

It is always very exciting to see the sea of new faces as the Year 7 students walk through the College gates to begin their Marian journey. There is a buzz in the air with excitement and perhaps a few nerves. This is very normal. Next week they head to Lorne for further formation. Year 12 students head out to Cave Hill Creek tomorrow for their important Year 12 Retreat. This sets the stage for the year ahead and the important role they undertake as leaders of a Kildare Ministries school in the Brigidine tradition. We wish them well.

Year 7 - Meet the Teacher Advisor / Information Night.

We have moved the Year 7 Info/Teacher Advisor Night to Tuesday the 14th February to allow parents and guardians suitable time and notice to prepare. This is an important first step towards building a strong partnership between home and school. I look forward to meeting all Year 7 parents on the night.

Have a great week,
Carmel Barker
Principal



2023 LEADERSHIP TEAM AT MARIAN COLLEGE



PRINCIPAL
CARMEL BARKER



HEAD OF LEARNING
AND TEACHING
MATTHEW SUMMERS



HEAD OF WELLBEING
STEPHANIE SARAVANJA



HEAD OF ORGANISATION
AND STUDENT PATHWAYS
STEPHEN EAST



HEAD OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT
ALEXANDRA ABELA



BUSINESS MANAGER
LEONIE MCGUCKIAN

2023 HUB LEADERS

STEM -
Science & Mathematics

School Innovation
& Growth Leader



Susan MacPherson

Learning Leader



Ryan Casey

CAL -
Culture, Language & English

School Innovation
& Growth Leader



Stephanie Mansell

Learning Leader



Christine Bulger

PEAT -
PE, Art & Technology

School Innovation
& Growth Leader



Paul McLoughlan

Learning Leader



Megan Shea

2023 HOUSE LEADERS



**Ms. Erica
McConachy**



**Mrs. Mary-Lou
Boatman**



**Mrs. Donna
Spalding**



**Mr. Nick
Lloyd**



2023 COORDINATORS



APPLIED LEARNING
Dani Smith



DRAMA
Bas Otto



JUSTICE
Tanya Waterson



**LEARNING DIVERSITY
& YEAR 7 TRANSITION**
Rhonda North



LITERACY
Natalie Wirper



SPORT
Michael Harricks

2023 STUDENT LEADERS

SCHOOL CAPTAINS



MARLEY BOURIZK



JAYDE McMURTTRIE



ANNABELLE PRICE



FRASER DUNN

VICE CAPTAINS

HOUSE LEADERS



HAYLEY MANNING ELIZA PARKER



ABBEY DODSON MATILDA VENN



JAI TE HAU ELIZA WIGG



ISABEL HARNEY RUBY PRESTON

LEARNING CAPTAINS



SOPHIE FLEMING
(STEM)



ABBEY RIGBY
(PEAT)



PAIGE BURGER
(CAL)



EMILY START
(VCAL)

Term 1 2023



1st - 3rd February

Year 12 Retreat

6th - 10th February

Year 7 Camp Week

14th February

Year 7 Meet TA Parent Evening

17th February

Swimming Carnival

22nd February

School Photos

23rd February

Year 7 Immunisations

13th March

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

15th - 27th March

NAPLAN (Years 7 and 9)

15th - 17th March

Year 8 Camp

21st - 24th March

Outdoor Education Camp

29th - 31st March

Year 9 Camp

4th April

Athletics Carnival

6th April

Stations of the Cross
End of Term 1



BARRON

NEWS

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Welcome to Term 1, 2023! I hope that each of you has had time to relax and unwind over the holiday break. Some of you may have gone away for a change of scene or summer adventure... I can't wait to hear about some of the places you've been.

I was lucky enough to have my parents come from Canada to stay with us over Christmas. It had been four years since they were able to come to Australia (due to Covid). We enjoyed visiting with family and friends, exploring the bushland around Ararat, hiking in the Grampians/Gariwerd and at Langi Ghiran, sampling local wine and olives, and camping on the Murray River.

Now that we are back at school for 2023, I'm happy to welcome our new Barron Year 7s to Marian College. Joining Ms Lindsay's TA we have: Maggie Croft, Alek Duman-Ag, Jasper Harris, Benjamin Raatz, and Indi Timewell. Joining Ms Whatley's TA we have: Eedie Hanns and Dominic Stevens. Joining Ms Mansell's TA we have: Sophie Mudford and Greta Pender. Joining Ms Weir's TA we have Laura Martin, Nelly McMahon, Jack Monument, Beth Pender, Arlee Seehusen, and Michael Segedinski. Joining Mr Summers's TA we have: William Grayling, Julianne Jarrett, Marli Scott, and Jackson Wilkins. Enjoy orientation week! Please don't hesitate to ask for help if you are unsure about where to go or what to do - we are happy to help out or to show you the way.

We will hear more from our 2023 Barron House Captains, Eliza Parker and Hayley Manning, next week when they return from Year 12 Retreat. All Barron Year 12s will be leading the way as senior students and role-models this year, guiding and supporting the other members of Barron House and setting positive examples for all.

Have a wonderful first week back. Don't forget to start out as you mean to continue: be prepared and organised for classes, wear the correct uniform, and welcome both our newcomers and returning students. Come past my office and say hello!

Erica McConachy
Barron House Leader

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Welcome to our new school year. I hope that you were all well-rested and relaxed from your holidays and ready for an action packed term. I would like to welcome all Year 7 students and their families, the new teaching staff and learning support staff to the College for 2023. This is a very exciting time as you transition from primary school to secondary school. I know that there will be plenty of people around to help you quickly find your feet and help you enjoy all the great opportunities that Marian has to offer. We welcome the following Year 7s to Clancy:-

Clancy 1 - Sheanna McKinnis, Jorja Ramsey and Hayley Roche.

Clancy 2 - Charlie Bartlett, Jasmine Conboy, Olivia Davidson, Judd Marsh, Oliver Munro, Tayla Sladdin and Ruby Thomas.

Clancy 3 - Salman Alfarisyi, Poppy Kingan and Charlie Sherer.

Clancy 4 - Grace Monaghan and Charlotte Newberry.

Clancy 5 - Kate Drum, Sharlee Phillips, Muhammad Qureshi and Malachi Rayner.

With the departure of Mrs Edwards and Mrs Terry at the end of last year we welcome Ms Emma Rusden and Ms Alexandra Abela to our Clancy TA team as our new Teacher Advisors.

The new Clancy TA structure for 2023 will be:-

TA Clancy 1 - Emma Rusden (B3)

TA Clancy 2 - Paul McLoughlan (UH1)

TA Clancy 3 - Alex Abela (UH2)

TA Clancy 4 - Tanya Waterson (MC3)

TA Clancy 5 - Micahel Harricks & Sr John (B4)

The Clancy House Captains for this year are Abbey Dobson and Matilda Venn. I'm keen to start working with them to plan some great activities to share with you throughout this year. I'm also proud to say that one of this year's School Captains Jayde McMurtrie, is also a Clancy member. They will all be wonderful leaders and role models for the College. Make sure that you get behind them and give them your cooperation and support. Altogether there are 13 Clancy students completing Year 12 this year. I wish them all the best for what will be a very exciting and rewarding year. The Year 12s will head off on their 3-day retreat this Wednesday. We hope they enjoy their time together, making strong connections and developing trusting and respectful relationships which will help them work through their final year at Marian College as a strong and cohesive group.

Dream big dreams in 2023 and work hard to make them a reality.

Go Clancy!

Mrs Boatman, Head of Clancy House



FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Welcome back to a new school year 2023.

Our school theme for 2023 is 'The Year Of Courage'. Courage is the ability to do something that frightens one; bravery or strength in the face of pain or grief. I often talk about positive risks and moving out of your comfort zone. Make 2023 the year that you have the courage to challenge yourself and be more resilient.

Kelly House TAs. All of the Kelly home rooms are in the main building. Each morning your child/ren make their way to their designated TA room to put their belongings in their locker. At approximately 8.52 am they enter their TA room for morning prayer, completion of the roll and to be informed of any notices. After morning TA they will make their way to their period one class.

If your child/ren are going to be late, absent or have an appointment on a school day, please notify the office either via a phone call or email. You may also notify your child's TA teacher and they will pass it onto the front office. If your child is marked absent in period one and the school has been given no notification then expect an SMS from the school. Hopefully we can work together and support each other on a daily basis.

KELLY HOUSE TA and their new Year 7 students:

KELLY 1 (MC 4)- Michelle Hogan welcomes Nansi Bourizk, Angus Govan, Evie Harrington, Nate McLean, Scarlett Passalick and Jack Pola.

KELLY 2 (Science Lab 1)- Nathan Baker welcomes Levi Henderson, Lulu Kane, Angus Stewart and Grace Wheeler.

KELLY 3 (MC 5)- Natalie Wirper welcomes Hamish Barr, Ishika Gautam, Zia Van Straaten, George King and Thomas Machin.

KELLY 4 (BD 3)- Olga Milne welcomes Bonnie Kuchel and Eleanor Sladdin.

KELLY 5 (Science Lab 2) - Ben Naus welcomes Mabelle Bourizk and Ellie Preston.

We also have some new students starting with us this year. Those students are; Reanna Stewart (Year 9) who will be going into Mrs. Milne's TA 4, Jack Clementson (Year 10) going into Mr. Baker's TA 2 and Dellah Johnston (Year 10) going into Ms. Wirper's TA 3. I look forward to meeting you all. Just a little bit of trivia. I taught Dellah's mother Kathryn who modelled my wedding dress for a fundraising event. The event was showcasing how wedding dresses have evolved over the years. I only got to see a photo of Kathryn in my dress but from memory she wore it better than I did.

Every year I get to work with new House Captains. This year we congratulate Eliza Wigg and Jai Te Hau. I'm sure they will bring lots of new ideas into this role. I'm looking forward to working with them.

Please can I ask you to read the newsletter each Monday. It's a great way to communicate with you and celebrate the good things that are happening within the school.

Remember we are a SUN SMART school therefore we must wear a hat for Term 1 and Term 4. Please make sure you have a named Marian College hat on your head this term.

Have a great start to 2023.

Donna Spalding

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NEWS



FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello Marian Community!

Welcome back to another school year. 2023! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful break. We have finally been treated to some outstanding weather. Perfect timing for the holidays.

Myself and the Synnott House TA teachers are really looking forward to working with the Synnott students across all year levels in 2023. I have had discussion with our two House captains already in regards to planning some great activities throughout the year. I wish Ruby and Bel all the best in their role as house captains. It's great to see how passionate you have been about driving some ideas for 2023.

A warm welcome to all the new Year 7 students. Remember your TA teachers and students in your TA will be there to guide your start to your pathways at Marian College.

It promises to be a busy year, as always, so I encourage all students to be organised, in the correct uniform, on time to classes and ready to work hard. Can you put your best foot forward to start off the year?

Welcome back everyone
Nick Lloyd

Synnott House Leader.



WELCOME YEAR 7s



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Secondary School Vaccinations in 2023

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough
– one dose for Year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for Year 7 students
- Meningococcal – one dose for Year 10 students

Parents/guardians of Year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Ararat Rural City immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 17 February 2023 if you do not want your contact details given to the Ararat Rural City immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to: immunehero.health.vic.gov.au or call the Maternal and Child Health Centre on 5355 0224.

Year 7 Immunisations - Round 1
23rd February 2023

Year 7 Immunisations - Round 2
Term 3 or 4

Year 10 Immunisation - Term 3 or 4



YEAR 7 MEET TA AND PARENT IPAD INFORMATION EVENING

TUESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 6.30 PM

Parents of new students are invited to attend an Information Evening to be held on Tuesday 14th February at 6.30pm in the Brigidine Centre. The evening is an important event providing new parents the opportunity to discuss:-

- ♦ Responsibilities in relation to the school provided device; and
- ♦ Accessing the Parent Access Module.

You will meet your child's TA teacher, who will demonstrate how to access the Parent Access Module – an informative online portal that you use to access vital information on your child's progress and assessment.

This evening is a vital initial step in opening up clear communication lines between you and your child's TA teacher, remembering that the TA teacher is the person you need to initially contact with any concerns you have in relation to your child.

The evening is for parents only. It is anticipated the evening will conclude by 8.00pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

PARENT ACCESS MODULE UPGRADE

Parents were sent emails with instructions to reset their password following the recent PAM upgrade.

If you did not receive an email please contact the school office. Please note that the email may be in your Spam or Junk Folder!

Once you have reset your login information please complete the following fields:-

VERIFY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS (There will be a message in red at the top of your screen)

CONNECT - photo consent request

MEDICAL PROFILE



**TO ACCESS
EACH CHILD'S
MENU ITEMS
CLICK ON
THEIR PHOTO**



Once this process has been completed you will need to log into the SIMON Everywhere App (available free from the App Store and Google Play) using your new log in information.



BARRON KELLY SYNNOTT CLANCY

The Marian College Swimming Carnival is approaching. All students have the opportunity to choose events to enter. The aim of the carnival is for everyone to participate and enjoy themselves, and get into the spirit of their team. The keener swimmers also have the opportunity to progress to compete in the Black Ranges Swimming Championships.

- What: Marian College Inter-House Swimming Carnival
- Date: Friday 17rd February 2023
- Venue: Ararat Outdoor Pool
- Time: Students to meet at the pool at 8.50am.
Dismissal 3.15 pm
- Clothing: Dress in house colours or PE uniform.
- Food: BYO lunch and drinks.
Food/drinks available for purchase from the Gardens Cafe.
- Buses: Arrangements have been made with the Stawell and Ararat bus companies to drop off and pick up students directly to and from the Pool.
- Must bring: Hat, sunscreen, lunch, drink, suitable swimwear, towel, warm clothes to wear between swims, all medications required including EpiPens, Asthma inhalers etc.

This is a compulsory school day.

BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

As we enter the bushfire season for another year it is important that the guidelines regarding school arrangements for CODE RED days, Total Fire Ban days and bushfire alerts are clearly articulated to all parents. These are as follows:

1. **No** school buses will run on any days that are declared CODE RED to Marian College. This includes the Halls Gap, Pomonal, Moyston, Amphitheatre, Elmhurst, Buangor, Beaufort, Concongella, Stawell, Navarre, Landsborough, Maroona and Willaura routes. All of these buses run through areas that are on the **At Risk Register**, and as such, are unable to transport students on CODE RED days because of the high potential of bush fires.
2. On CODE RED days, parents are asked to ensure students who are remaining at home because their bus is not running are **never** left at home unattended or in the care of older children.
3. **Marian College has not been identified as being at high fire risk**, and as such it will remain **OPEN** on a CODE RED day unless it is directly threatened by fire.
4. If a fire starts during the day that affects a bus route home, the College will be notified by the bus Coordinators at either Stawell or Ararat College. It may be possible that students are not permitted to travel home on the bus in such a situation. Parents will be notified if this occurs, and students will be cared for at school until transportation home can be arranged.
5. While our school has not been identified as being at high fire risk, we do plan offsite activities – such as camps and field trips – during the fire season. If such activities are considered to be at risk from fire, or occur on a Total Fire Ban day-they will be rescheduled or cancelled.
6. If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan – particularly if you are planning day trips or holidays to fire-prone areas.

Please feel free to contact the College if you require further advice or information.

APP TO ASSIST WITH THE PARENT ACCESS MODULE

**Install Simon Everywhere on your phone to
receive notifications**

Simon Everywhere is now available on
App Store and Google Play.

Your school has joined the growing Simon Everywhere community. By installing the Simon Everywhere app, you will be able to receive push notifications direct to your phone. Plus you will have easy access to all of the great PAM features, such as Assessments, Reports, Activity Permissions and more.

- Search "Simon Everywhere" on App Store or Google Play and install the app
- Launch Simon Everywhere and register with your name and mobile number
- Click Add School and locate your school from the list
- Enter your existing PAM credentials



Please contact the Marian College Office to advise of your child's absence. If the office has not been notified, we will contact the family via SMS.

Please phone: 5352 3861 or send an email to: tmason@mcararat.catholic.edu.au



Marian College is a
"SunSmart School".

The wearing of hats is
compulsory during Terms
1 and 4.

Replacement hats can be
purchased at the Office
for \$10.00.



January/February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 YEAR 7 and 12 COMMENCE TERM 1	31 YEARS 8, 9, 10 and 11 COMMENCE TERM 1	1 FEBRUARY	2	3
YEAR 12 RETREAT				
6	7	8	9 SENIOR & INTERMEDIATE TENNIS	10
YEAR 7 CAMP (Group 1)		YEAR 7 CAMP (Group 2)		
13	14 INTERMEDIATE CRICKET YEAR 7 MEET TA & CYBER SAFETY PARENT PRESENTATION	15	16 OPENING SCHOOL MASS	17 SWIMMING CARNIVAL
20	21	22 ASH WEDNESDAY SCHOOL PHOTOS	23 YEAR 7 IMMUNISATIONS	24