

# Marian College A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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

We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,
We strive for continuous improvement

# Feast of Mary MacKillop

Ever-generous God, You inspired St Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely, or needy. With confidence in your generous providence and joining with St Mary MacKillop, we ask that you grant our students resilience We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust, and openness. Ever-generous God, hear our prayer.

*We ask this through Jesus Christ.* 

Amen.

# Lock down

On Thursday afternoon students were asked to take home their electronic devices in case a lockdown was called. The College will not speculate on what the Government may or may not do, so the students were not told to take home their books. Home room had a sombre enough atmosphere with only the speculation there may be a lockdown looming.

Every student experiences lockdown differently. The uncertainty is not easy on the students and they will each react differently. The staff will continue to provide the meaningful curriculum and will endeavour to meet the individual needs of the students.

As per other lockdowns some will flourish and others struggle. We can only do our best. If there are any issues please email the most relevant teacher at the College or ring and the office will get you in touch with the relevant person.

The College is conscious of screen time but the majority of our texts are online. There will be practical subjects that offer offline activities. We have asked teachers to keep ZOOM sessions short and we do not expect Year 7-10 students to be working after school hours. In the last lockdown students struggled with time management of assignments. They are only to work on the tasks during their allocated class time.

# Absenteeism message:

It is very difficult for the College to monitor the Wellbeing of our students in lockdown. One way we are monitoring them is through the rolls. If your child is marked absent for all of periods 1 to 3 then you will get a message from the school. Please interpret this SMS as us asking if your child is all right.

# **Subject Selection**

The subject selection process was supposed to conclude this Friday (13th August). This time frame is obviously flexible but we ask students to be proactive in working through the process. Parents and students can email teachers to ask questions and continue conversations.

# Year 10 TA interviews

Usually TA's meet with year 10 students and parents to answer any concerns about the subject selections for Year 11 and 12. Given lockdown, parents of year 10 students will receive an email from their TA teachers, feel free to discuss via emails or the TA teacher will set up a ZOOM meeting or phone call with you.

# Subject selection advice

Success in Year 11 and 12 subjects, both VCAL and VCE is about what the student is prepared to do, not what they want to be. When talking to your child about their selections, keep in mind that your child must be willing to do the work.

Students are more likely to achieve in subjects they enjoy.

John Coghlan Acting Head of Learning and Teaching

# UPDATE

# SCHOOL RE-OPENS TUESDAY 10th AUGUST FOR ONSITE LEARNING

# Remember your masks



# YEAR 10 PARENTS



# WEDNESDAY 11th August, 2021

YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION INTERVIEWS - 3.30 TO 4.45 PM

INTERVIEWS WILL BE VIA ZOOM OR TELEPHONE AND WILL BE HELD WITH YOUR CHILD AND THEIR TA TEACHER TO DISCUSS SUBJECT SELECTIONS FOR VCE OR VCAL

BOOKINGS ARE OPEN AND CAN BE MADE ONLINE VIA PARENT ACCESS MODULE (PAM)

# ABOUT FRED HYDE DAY

# Introduction

In 2013 a group of dedicated year 12 students at Marian College lead by former student Zoe Eastick decided to sponsor an organisation called Fred Hyde Schools. Our Marian College core value is 'welcoming all, especially the most vulnerable' and the students felt this was a way to reach out to vulnerable students living in poor and remote areas.

# About Fred Hyde



After military service and a successful career in retailing, Fred was drawn to the Indian Sub Continent region. This is where he became involved in children's charity work and started looking after an orphanage-farm run by an Australian aid agency.

This life-changing experience gave him a special insight into the needs of a child on Bhola Island in Bangladesh and sparked off an idea – to provide basic education such as reading, writing and maths, for as many local children as possible.

After years of laying the groundwork, he established the CO-ID charity for children in 1991 on Bhola Island in Bangladesh, still considered to be one of the developing world's poorest countries.

To date, more than 100,000 children have had their education in 56 Fred Hyde primary schools and pre-schools. Fred saw his humble little charity grow into the largest provider of independent education in Bangladesh, delivering in the gaps where the government fails to. His volunteer team is committed to keeping Fred's legacy moving forward.

## Marian College Involvement

Since 2013 our school has proudly raised and donated money to see the construction of a kindergarten in Bhola, Bangladesh and each year we raise enough money to cover the annoying costs of operating this educational facility.

## This is a picture of our kindergarten



Fred Hyde Fundraising Day at Marian College FRIDAY AUGUST 20

On this day Year 12 students will provide a range of fundraising activities for all students to enjoy such as Marian has Got Talent, Games, Shows and Food stalls. All activities will adhere to COVID SAFE rules. To support this day please wear casual clothes and bring along a **gold coin donation** to kick off the day's fundraising. You can also help by ordering food through the Year 12s and donating money to participate in the activities on offer.

If you would like to know more about Fred Hyde please visit <u>https://www.fredhyde.</u> org/?v=6cc98ba2045f



PERFORM YOUR BEST AT MARIAN COLLEGE'S ANNUAL 'MARIAN'S GOT TALENT!' AUGUST 20, 2021 | 1:20 - 2:55 PM

THERE WILL BE A CLEAN UP AFTER THE SHOW

<u>Our panel of judges:</u> Sister John Mr. M. Summers Mrs. M. Hogan And a Surprise Year 12 Judge

For inquiries or to register your participation, fill in the Google Form on Simon or email 2620@mcararat.catholic.edu.au for more information

# FRED HYDE DAY incorporating MARIAN'S GOT TALENT Friday 20th August 2021



PLEASE BRING ALONG MONEY TO SUPPORT O<mark>UR</mark> KINDER IN BANGLADESH Fred Hyde Schools Building schools, bringing hope



## **GOLD COIN DONATION**

TICKET



BBQ, FOOD & DRINK STALLS



**MARIAN'S GOT TALENT** 



RAFFLES

## **GAMES & ACTIVITIES**

# FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello everyone,

Another Synnott House newsletter article written from lockdown.

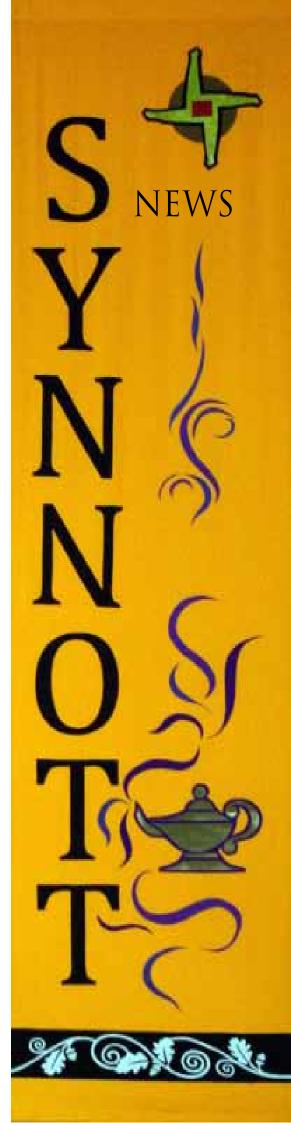
I firmly believe that we are getting better at the process in a logistical manner. Teachers and students have adapted and as a staff we are working together to ensure we provide students with a balanced online learning experience.

All students learn differently and they also have different tolerances to workloads. We understand this. It is important to ensure that students are not overburdening themselves when it comes to doing too much work from home. However, it is important to keep a finger on the pulse, but all we ask is that you are doing your best. A timely reminder that this Year's school theme is 'Doing my Best.'

Parents and students, please get in touch with your TA if you have any concerns regarding workload or overall wellbeing. The support networks are readily available at Marian College.

We will all work through 6.0 as a team and come out on the other side. I have said in a previous newsletter during lockdown to strike that balance of what is important right now. School work yes, but also exercise and spending time with family. As I write this I have a 1 year old trying to bash the keys on my macbook. Fun and games. So I'm going to wrap it up and see if she wants to go play in her ball-pit. Yes, we have a ball-pit and it requires endless re-filling each day. Lucky I have some extra time at home. Life's added challenges.

Cheers - See you next time. Nick Lloyd



# YEAR 12 Food Studies

This term the Year 12 Food Studies students have been busy researching a variety of topics. They include the following areas of study; Genetic Modification, food production and the environment, ethical food production (organic, free range, fair trade), global food security and environmental sustainability in food processing.

With each topic researched the students are asked to choose a production to either support their findings or promote their beliefs.

The following productions demonstrate not only their cooking skills but their understanding of the journey food takes to get from 'paddock to plate'.

Donna Spalding

Year 12 Food Studies



















# WEEKLY CAREER NEWS

YEAR 12 EDITION TERTIARY APPLICATIONS

#### Thursday 5 August 2021

#### **Open Days**

The following are open day dates and information for selected Victorian universities. Register your details using the weblinks to access information and plan your events.

#### Monash University

Digital Open Day – this event has already been held. You can access recorded webinars.

Campus Discovery Days – these have been cancelled but may run later in the year.

www.monash.edu/open-day

#### La Trobe University

Digital Open Day – this event has already been held. You can access recorded webinars.

On-campus events – these have been postponed until later in the year

www.latrobe.edu.au/openday

**Deakin University** 

Virtual Open Day - Sunday 15 August

https://openday.deakin.edu.au

Victoria University

Virtual Open Day - Sunday 21 August

www.vu.edu.au/open-day-2021

#### Swinburne University

Open Day has been cancelled. Dates for events running at the Hawthorn campus will be announced soon – register for updates.

www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/

The University of Melbourne

Virtual Open Day – Sunday 22 August.

On-campus: The University will run on-campus events and tours during August and September.

#### https://study.unimelb.edu.au/openday

#### RMIT University

Virtual Open Day – Sunday 29 August.

Next Fest: The University will run digital events between 6 - 31 August.

On-campus events and tours will run during September.

#### www.rmit.edu.au/openday

#### Australian Catholic University

Virtual Open Day – Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 August.

https://openday.acu.edu.au/

CQUniversity

Virtual Open Day – Saturday 14 August.

www.cqu.edu.au

#### Federation University

Virtual Open Day – Sunday 15 August.

#### https://bit.ly/31bhBul

**Charles Sturt University** 

Virtual Open Day – Sunday 15 August.

On-campus events Wagga Wagga: Sunday 5 September Albury Wodonga: Sunday 12 September.

https://study.csu.edu.au/life/events/open-day

#### **Torrens University**

Virtual Open Day – Tuesday 17 August.

www.torrens.edu.au/whats-on/open-day

Other Victorian Institutes

Contact the institute directly.

#### NSW & Canberra Institutes

www.uac.edu.au/open-days

## Applying for university courses via VTAC?

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) processes course, special consideration, and equity scholarship applications on behalf of Victorian based tertiary institutes.

#### Unique Student Identifier (USI)

You will need to create a USI number to be able to apply for courses via the state-based Tertiary Admission Centres. To create yours, go to www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi

#### Applying for nursing or midwifery?

Once you have applied for a nursing or midwifery course via VTAC, you will be required to complete the 'Nursing and Midwifery Declaration Form'. This is located in your VTAC account under 'Making an Application'.



### Making an Application

Course preferences - undergraduate Special Consideration (SEAS) application Write a personal statement Scholarships application Nursing and Midwifery Declaration Form

#### Applying for a teaching degree?

You may need to complete the CASPer test. You can book the test via https://takealtus.com/

Deakin University is running an online information session on the test on Wednesday 15 September, https://bit.ly/3ikzfG1

#### Applying for a course that requires a folio, interview, design task or audition?

Once you add the course/s to your VTAC preference list and submit your application, you will be emailed information about the additional selection criteria you need to complete.

Check the inbox in your VTAC account for up-todate information. The university you are applying to may have folio and audition preparation sessions contact them to find out.

#### Applying for an early admission program?

All early admission programs for Victorian universities are now open. Ensure you have checked closing dates and are working on your applications as some programs close at the end of August. You may need to organise a recommendation or your Year 11 results fromschool, so try and be organised early.

### Year 12 Tertiary Dates: Victoria (August – October)

#### August

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Early entry programs are now open for: Victoria University - VU Guaranteed https://bit.ly/2whSd6P Australian Catholic University - ACU Guarantee https://bit.ly/38PiLiA https://bit.ly/2KdjGN1 La Trobe University-Aspire Early Admissions Program Charles Sturt University - Charles Sturt Advantage https://bit.ly/201U244 RMIT University - Early Offer Program https://bit.ly/3etwSy3 RMIT University - SNAP http://bit.ly/2vAPiVT University of Melbourne – Access Melbourne https://bit.ly/2gBAgPD Monash University - Monash Guarantee https://bit.ly/2x5nwBC https://bit.ly/3rhRdfo Swinburne University - Early Entry Deakin University - Regional Access Scheme https://bit.ly/2VnEbRn University applications - VTAC Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) applications open for undergraduate courses, scholarships, Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) etc., www.vtac.edu.au/ VTAC Webinars https://vtac.edu.au/events 5, 10, 12: understanding special consideration (SEAS) and scholarships 9, 11: applying for tertiary courses and understanding the ATAR 30 Early Entry Applications close for RMIT Early Offer Program. Early Entry Applications close for Charles Sturt University Advantage. Applications close for Swinburne University – Early Entry

#### September

| 17 | Early Entry   |
|----|---|
|    | Applications close for La Trobe Aspire                            |
| 24 | Early Entry   |
|    | Applications close for ACU Guarantee                              |
| 30 | Early Entry   |
|    | Applications close for Deakin University – Regional Access Scheme |
| 30 | VTAC  |
|    | Timely applications close for undergraduate courses.              |

#### October

8 Early/guaranteed entry applications close for

- . Victoria University
- University of Melbourne .
- **RMIT University SNAP**
- Monash University
- 8 VTAC

Applications close for Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) and Scholarships

## Applying for university courses via UAC?

The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) processes course, special consideration, and equity scholarship applications on behalf of NSW and Canberra based tertiary institutes.

#### Applying for an undergraduate teaching degree?

You may need to complete the Teaching Questionnaire in your UAC account. You may also need to complete a 'motivation to teach' statement direct to the university.

#### Applying for an early admission program?

All early admission programs for NSW and Canberra universities are now open. Ensure you have listed closing dates and are working on your applications as some programs close at the end of August. You may need to organise a recommendation or your Year 11 results from your school, so try and be organised as early as possible.



If you have to move away to study your course, you will need to consider accommodation options. If you would like to live on-campus, you will need to start considering your options now as some universities are 'first in, first served'.

#### Steps to apply for on-campus accommodation

- Make an Excel sheet or table in Word.
- List the universities you are applying to
- Google the university and the term 'accommodation'
- In your table, list the types of accommodation available (e.g., studio, shared apartment, catered, non-catered)
- Then list the weekly or yearly price for each option and the contract period
- List the application method, the closing date, cost to apply and if a deposit is required.
- Speak to your family about budget considerations
- Then tick off the accommodation you have applied for once this is completed.

## Year 12 Tertiary Dates – NSW & ACT (Term 3)

#### August

|    | Examples of early entry programs now open:   |                        |  |  |  |  |
|----|--|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|    | Schools Recommendation Scheme (multiple universities)  | https://bit.ly/34XIdkl |  |  |  |  |
|    | Australian Catholic University – ACU Guarantee   | https://bit.ly/38PiLiA |  |  |  |  |
|    | Charles Sturt University – Advantage   | https://bit.ly/2UmOlgT |  |  |  |  |
|    | Southern Cross University – STAR Early Offer   | https://bit.ly/2AADGZO |  |  |  |  |
|    | University of Wollongong – Early Admission   | http://bit.ly/3aduHuc  |  |  |  |  |
|    | University of New England – Early Entry  | https://bit.ly/32O4b8s |  |  |  |  |
|    | University applications - UAC<br>Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) applications are open for undergraduate courses, Equity<br>Scholarships, Education Access Schemes (EAS) etc., www.uac.edu.au |                        |  |  |  |  |
| 13 | Early Entry  |                        |  |  |  |  |
|    |  |                        |  |  |  |  |
|    | Applications close for University of Wollongong  |                        |  |  |  |  |
| 31 | Early Entry  |                        |  |  |  |  |
|    | Applications close for Charles Sturt University Advantage.   |                        |  |  |  |  |

#### September

| 10 | Early Entry   |
|----|---|
|    | Applications close for Southern Cross University - STAR   |
| 17 | Early Entry   |
|    | Applications close for La Trobe University - Aspire<br>Applications close for University of New England – Early Entry |
| 19 | Early Entry   |
|    | Applications close for Schools Recommendation Scheme  |
| 24 | Early Entry   |
|    | Applications close for ACU Guarantee  |
| 30 | UAC   |
|    | Timely applications close for undergraduate courses.  |



## Early Admission Programs

Many universities offer early admission programs – these enable institutes to consider factors other than just your ATAR. The following are examples:

#### VICTORIA

#### La Trobe University

La Trobe Aspire Early Admissions Program Applications close 17 September www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire

#### Victoria University

VU Guaranteed (for selected schools) Applications close 8 October www.vu.edu.au/vu-guaranteed

#### **RMIT University**

Program 1: Early Offer Program Applications close 30 August https://bit.ly/3etwSy3

Program 2: SNAP (for selected schools) Applications close 8 October https://bit.ly/2QULUkP

#### The University of Melbourne

Access Melbourne Applications close 8 October https://bit.ly/3h91ZhZ

#### Monash University

Monash Guarantee Applications close 8 October https://bit.ly/2WQfIGX

#### **Deakin University**

Regional Access Scheme Applications close 30 September https://bit.ly/2VnEbRn

#### Swinburne University

Early Entry Program Applications close 31 August https://bit.ly/3rhRdfo

#### Federation University

Early Offer Program Applications close 3 December https://bit.ly/3fjjJbD



#### TASMANIA

University of Tasmania

Schools Recommendation Program Multiple application rounds https://bit.ly/2R8K1UZ



#### **MULTIPLE STATES**

#### **Charles Sturt University**

Charles Sturt Advantage Applications close 31 August (Round 2) https://bit.ly/2UmOlgT

#### Australian Catholic University

ACU Guarantee (Vic, NSW, ACT, QLD) Applications close 24 September https://bit.ly/38PiLiA

#### CQUniversity

Principal's Recommendation Scheme (Vic, NSW) Applications close 1 December https://bit.ly/3vVfmty

#### NEW SOUTH WALES& CANBERRA

#### University of Wollongong

Early Admission Applications close 13 August www.uow.edu.au/early-admission

#### University of New England

Direct Early Entry Program Applications close Friday 17 Septemberwww.une.edu.au

#### Southern Cross University

STAR Early Offer Applications close 18 September www.scu.edu.au/star-early-offer/

#### Schools Recommendation Scheme

Umbrella program for 13 institutes Applications close – 19 September https://bit.ly/34Xldkl

## Scholarships

Scholarshipapplications are now open for most universities.

#### **Tertiary Admission Centre applications**

You can apply for access and equity scholarships via the Tertiary Admission Centres for states such as Victoria and NSW/ACT.

You don't know what specific scholarships you're applying for and you may need to provide evidence for special consideration factors such as financial disadvantage, disability, medical condition, Indigenous Australian, difficult circumstances etc.

Closing date for VTAC: 8 October, https://bit.ly/3rQniel

Closing date for UAC: 9 December, https://bit.ly/3bAjxzT

#### **Direct applications**

Assess your options for each university by Googling the name of the institute + the term 'scholarship'.

Use the filters to narrow the search field. You will need to read through each scholarship to see if you're eligible.

If you find scholarships you can apply for, make a note of the application method, closing date, and any organise any evidence you need to provide.

Note – if a scholarship requires you to apply for it via the Tertiary Admission Centre then you don't have to apply for it directly to the institute.



## Applying for US Colleges?

Applications for US Colleges and Universities are now open.

For information on how to complete your application, the following two websites are fantastic:

EducationUSA:https://bit.ly/3ltSFdj

Crimson Education: www.crimsoneducation.org/au/



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY 12TH AUGUST, 2021 DUE THE GENERAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST (GAT) All students should bring a packed lunch ON THIS DAY





Cost 520 Per Hend Sign up VIA this geogle form link, more faformation included on geogle form https://ternengle//GgfmSgNasL5/WWy/7A

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# August 2021

| Monday                       | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday   |
|------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| 9                            | 10   | 11<br>YEAR 10 PARENT/<br>TEACHER/STUDENT<br>MEETINGS (via<br>Zoom or phone) | 12<br>GENERAL<br>ACHIEVEMENT TEST<br>(GAT) (TBC)<br>CANTEEN CLOSED<br>(TBC) | 13   |
| 16                           | 17   | 18  | 19  | 20   |
| GWR SENIOR<br>FOOTBALL (TBC) | BLACK RANGES<br>INTERMEDIATE<br>BASKETBALL (TBC) |   |   | FRED HYDE DAY<br>MARIAN'S GOT<br>TALENT            |
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| 23                           | 24   | 25  | 26  | 27   |
| 30                           | 31   | SEPTEMBER 1   | 2   | 3<br>BLACK RANGES<br>YEAR 7<br>BASKETBALL<br>(TBC) |