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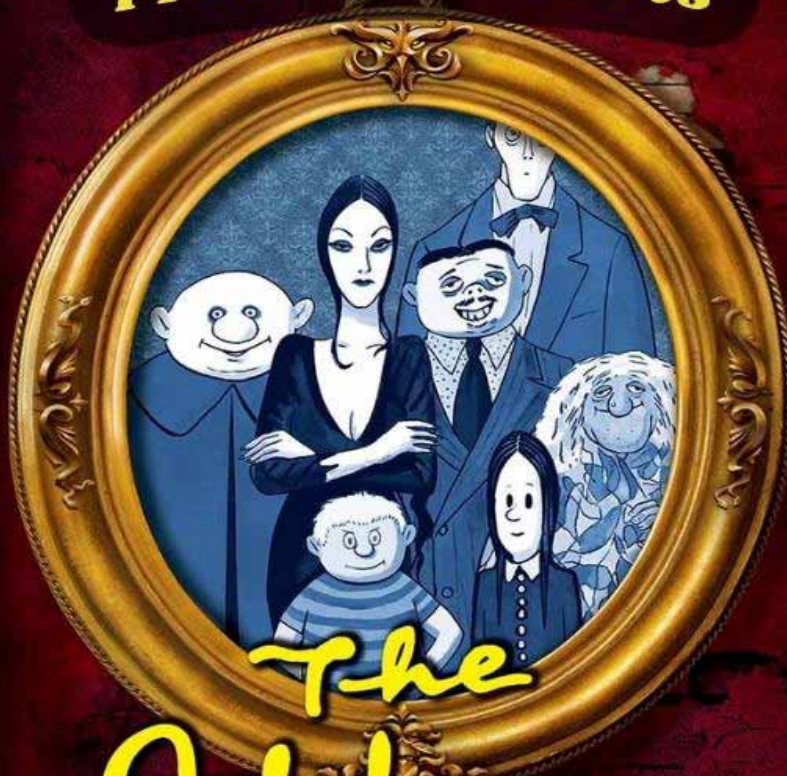


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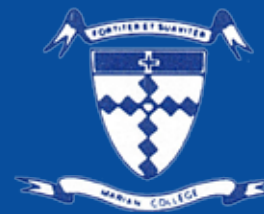
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From the Head of Wellbeing



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

❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*

❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

***Dear Lord,
My heart is filled with a
yearning to bring about positive
change in the world, and I come
before you today to seek your
guidance in this noble pursuit.
Please help me become a source
of hope and inspiration to those
who need it.***

***As I embark on this journey of
making a difference, I humbly
ask you to be my guide and help
me align my thoughts, words,
and actions with your divine
will. May your wisdom and
strength carry me through the
challenges that lie ahead.***

***Although I know I am not
without flaws, I trust in your
unfailing love and grace to see
me through the hardships that
come my way. Please grant me
the courage to step out in faith
and make a difference in the
lives of those around me.***

***As I go forward, I ask that
your presence goes before
me, preparing the hearts of
those I encounter to receive
your message of hope and
redemption.***

We take a moment to remember and honor a beloved member of our school family who recently passed away. The passing of Cathy Holland has left a profound impact on all of us. Cathy was more than just an educator; she was a mentor, a friend, and an inspiration to countless students and colleagues. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies go out to Cathy's family and loved ones during this difficult time. Our deepest sympathies also go out to the Dodson family following the loss of Megan Cunningham. In particular, we extend our love and support to Megan's daughter, Abbey, during this difficult time.

Assembly: Our students showed remarkable eloquence, confidence, and maturity as they spoke on a range of topics close to their hearts. It is truly heartwarming to witness the growth and self-assurance our students are developing, thanks to the collective efforts of our dedicated teachers and supportive community.

We were delighted to witness the success of our recent Subject Selection Evening. Choosing the right subjects is a crucial milestone in our students' academic journey, and it was heartening to see our students and their families actively engaged in this process. We believe that this thoughtful decision-making will lay the foundation for their future success.

As we look ahead, we are excited to announce the upcoming DEAP (Deakin

Engagement Access Program) workshops for Years 10, 11, and 12 students. These workshops have been specifically designed to provide our senior students with exposure to University through Deakin. Their Website details how, "[the program's] focus is on building a student experience that empowers students to reach their full potential – with 73% of teachers reporting our programs encourage more students to stay at school and to finish Year 12".

On Tuesday the August 1st, Year 10 students will get to enjoy seeing the play, Macbeth, acted out on stage. This opportunity to see a Shakespearean play delivered in person will undoubtedly help their studies this Term, as well as provide exposure to the work of this famous playwright.

On Wednesday August 2nd, our TAs will be available to meet with parents of Year 10 students to discuss subject selection advice which can be helpful for students and families before the all-important VCE/VM years. Book your interviews through PAM.

As we navigate the challenges and triumphs that each year brings, let us come together as a community, supporting and uplifting one another. Our school is a place of growth, learning, and compassion, and we are proud to celebrate the achievements of our students and staff alike.

Steph Saravanja
Head of Wellbeing

IN MY WORDS

with Grace Dunmore



On the 8th of December 2005 in the Ararat Hospital, Lorna and Greg Dunmore welcomed their second child and gave her the name Grace May Dunmore, after my great grandparents' names. I've been told many times that I was a very calm baby and easy to look after but as soon as I turned into a toddler, apparently I turned (evil)! My sister Ella Elizabeth who is just two years older than me, loved having a little sister until I took all of her attention away from Mum and Dad. We have lived five minutes out of Great Western for my whole life. While my parents were raising me they both had full time jobs, as our family own a fast food takeaway called 'Canadian Rooster' in Hamilton and Portland.

When I was 4 years old I started dancing. It was a big thing in my life and I only stopped dancing in Year 9. I stopped and started Go-karting and loved it and am still enjoying it now.

I met my best friend at birth. Her name is Alexandra and to this day we are best friends. We would do everything together. We got so attached to each other that I wouldn't even go to kindergarten if she wasn't there. We went through St. Mary's Primary School together and were always by each other's side. In Year 7 she started homeschooling but I still went over to her house pretty much every night. Until one day I got the saddest news that she was moving to NSW. We still talk to this day and she has come down a few times to see me.

When my sister Ella got older I got very jealous that she could do things before me such as being able to go on the bus to school and I had to get driven to kindergarten. Until one day

the bus driver changed my kindergarten life and said that I could get the bus and once everyone was dropped off he walked me over to the kindergarten every single day.

In 2011 I started primary school at St Mary's which if I went back I definitely wouldn't change how anything happened. I made a lot of friends and met a lot of different people and I'm very grateful for all of them for making primary school such a good place to be.

2020 was one of the hardest years I've gone through. I had to say goodbye to my Pa forever. He was probably the person I was closest to, as we did everything together until the day he went into hospital and never came back out.

I was the same as everyone else when I started at Marian in 2017, being very scared as I wasn't one of the oldest in the school anymore; I was now one of the youngest. I've had two TA teachers. My first one was Mrs Barker until Year 11 and then I got moved into Mrs Mansell's where I currently am now.

I would just like to say thank you to every single one of you for making Marian College such an experience. For everyone moving up into higher year levels just have fun but make sure to finish all your work in time, also don't make it too hard for the teachers.

Thanks for reading

Grace Dunmore



IN MY WORDS *with Tayisa Ralph*

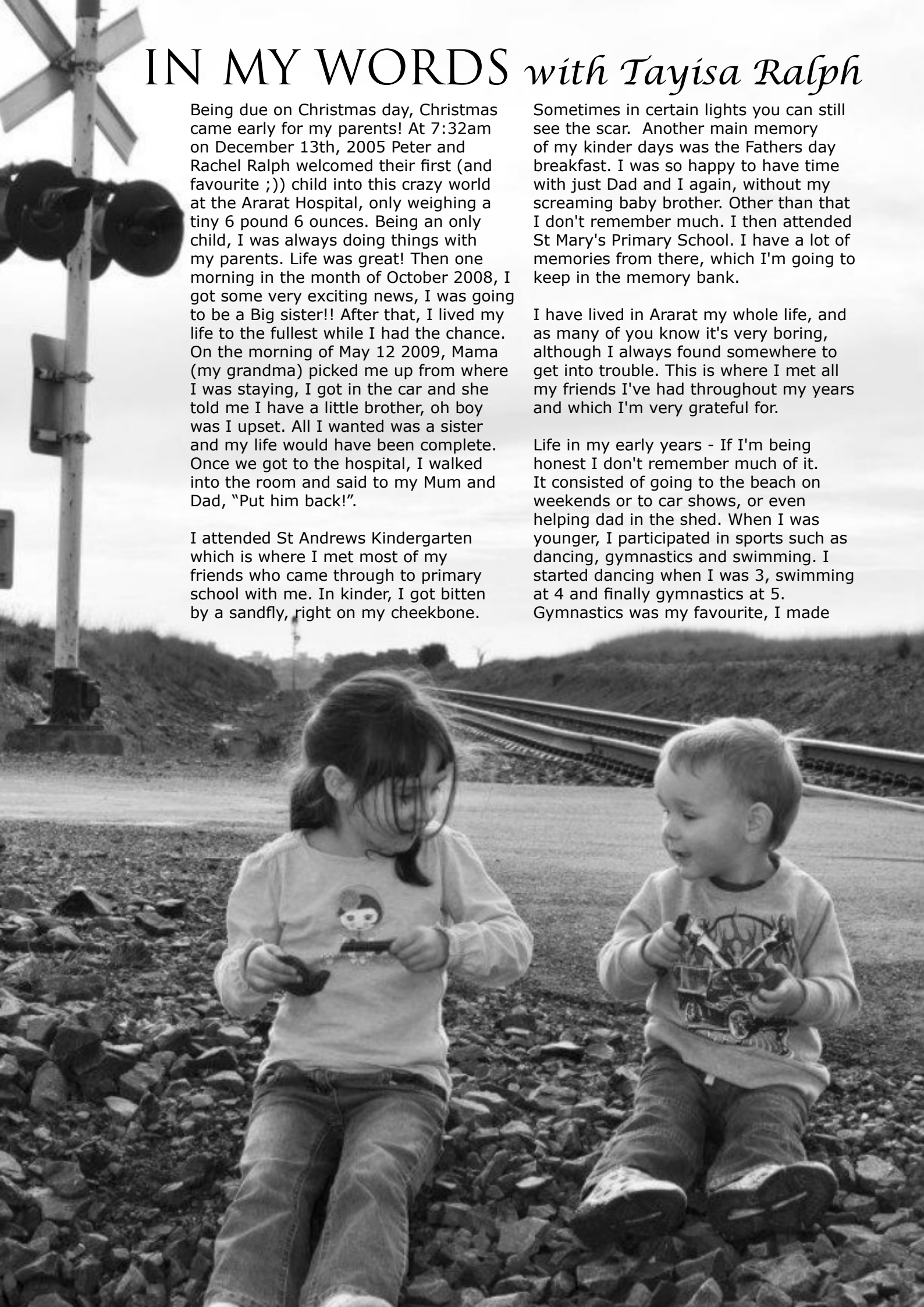
Being due on Christmas day, Christmas came early for my parents! At 7:32am on December 13th, 2005 Peter and Rachel Ralph welcomed their first (and favourite ;)) child into this crazy world at the Ararat Hospital, only weighing a tiny 6 pound 6 ounces. Being an only child, I was always doing things with my parents. Life was great! Then one morning in the month of October 2008, I got some very exciting news, I was going to be a Big sister!! After that, I lived my life to the fullest while I had the chance. On the morning of May 12 2009, Mama (my grandma) picked me up from where I was staying, I got in the car and she told me I have a little brother, oh boy was I upset. All I wanted was a sister and my life would have been complete. Once we got to the hospital, I walked into the room and said to my Mum and Dad, "Put him back!".

I attended St Andrews Kindergarten which is where I met most of my friends who came through to primary school with me. In kinder, I got bitten by a sandfly, right on my cheekbone.

Sometimes in certain lights you can still see the scar. Another main memory of my kinder days was the Fathers day breakfast. I was so happy to have time with just Dad and I again, without my screaming baby brother. Other than that I don't remember much. I then attended St Mary's Primary School. I have a lot of memories from there, which I'm going to keep in the memory bank.

I have lived in Ararat my whole life, and as many of you know it's very boring, although I always found somewhere to get into trouble. This is where I met all my friends I've had throughout my years and which I'm very grateful for.

Life in my early years - If I'm being honest I don't remember much of it. It consisted of going to the beach on weekends or to car shows, or even helping dad in the shed. When I was younger, I participated in sports such as dancing, gymnastics and swimming. I started dancing when I was 3, swimming at 4 and finally gymnastics at 5. Gymnastics was my favourite, I made



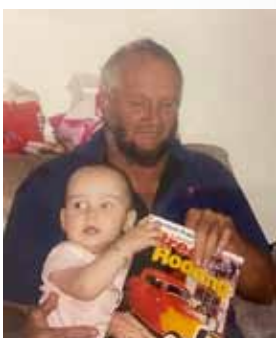
the hard decision to quit when I was 12. I then went from handstands and cartwheels to being behind the wheel of a race car. For me to legally drive at such a young age, I had to get a special licence.

Some of my biggest memories throughout my life would have to be when I went to Taylor Swift's 1989 concert, this was my first ever concert and it was on my birthday, oh and Taylor's birthday. (I reckon it's pretty cool that we are both Tays and have the same birthday). In Year 7 Dad, Levi and I went on a big outback trip through outback SA, NSW and then up to QLD. We came across many wild animals, mostly horses and goats. We also explored multiple abandoned buildings. One being a rundown hospital with a sketchy underground bunker (where I swore I saw a skeleton). In 2020 I got the chance to pursue my dreams and get away from hill climbs and get onto a real race track at Winton Motor Raceway. Winton is one of the places V8 supercars use as their race track. I'm coming back for ya Winton! Now. I have been running "a muck" in this world for 17 and a half years, and for as long as I can remember I have been pestering my dad to take me to Summernats. For some unknown reason he has never let me go. However, in January 2023, I got my own way (as per usual). Although I don't get why it took 18 years to get in the car and drive up to Canberra. Summernats was the best experience of my life and I cannot wait to enter my own car and take it up there.

I would like to thank my dad who's always been a hero to me. My best friend forever and always. I don't know how he put up with me through my teenage years. Thank you for teaching me all the important things I need to know in life. Thank you for being there for me through all my problems, especially boy problems! (you poor bloke). Thank you Mum for teaching me how to be independent, to be strong and fend for myself, and to take care of my family. And last of all, I need to thank my aunty, the one who has been my taxi for the last 17 years, the one who knows all my secrets and the one who allowed me to do things I shouldn't do and teach me the things she probably shouldn't have but oh well.

I started my journey at Marian College in 2018. I have enjoyed my journey at Marian and have met so many amazing people along the way. My highlight of my high school journey is playing in the girls football each year. I started VCE VM in Year 11 and am happy with my choice. I've enjoyed doing VM. It has made me realise what it will be like when I leave school. Once my time at Marian College is up I will probably follow through to the automotive industry, and continue to do what I do best. Racing.

Everyone says school goes so fast and I never believed it until I began writing this. Enjoy it while you have the chance! Thank you to all the 2023 Year 12s for making this year one to remember. Good luck with your future!! -Tay xx



BARRON

NEWS

FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Marian College's production of *The Addams Family* is fast-approaching. Tickets are now available; please come out and support our amazing students and staff. The talented voice of Laura Kondis brought us one of the songs from the show at our recent whole school assembly - she was fantastic. I cannot wait to see the whole cast and crew bring it to the stage!

There was also time at the assembly spent focusing on respect for others and self-restraint. Mr Summers reminded students that swearing is (whether it is in the yard, hallway, or classroom) not acceptable. He also strongly reinforced the hands-off message, as rough-play incidents in the yard (especially while playing footy!) are leading to injuries. There is currently a ban on footy in the yard for that very reason.

This week, Deakin Engagement and Access is running workshops with Years 10, 11, and 12: three simultaneous workshops during P5 on Monday. There is also a *Macbeth* performance for all of Year 10 on Tuesday, linking to their study of the play in English (these performers are always very good, and really aid students in their understanding of the play). On Wednesday, Year 10 parents and students are invited to meet with their TA teachers to discuss pathways as part of subject selections. Some Year 9 and Year 10 students will be involved in a Science and Engineering Challenge at Fed Uni this week. On Thursday, Greater Western Region senior basketball is on. Finally, **subject selections for 2024 close on Friday, August 4th.**

Be sure to have conversations with your children about their subject choices and pathway options, and look at the subject handbook for details about both the core and elective subjects. Check in with your TA teacher if you have any questions.

Have a great week.

Erica McConachy
Barron House Leader



Open Days allow for future students to gather further course information, tour the facilities (including accommodation), meet current students and staff, attend course and general information sessions and meet representatives from student clubs.

Saturday 5 August : Monash University (Peninsula and Caulfield campuses)

Sunday 6 August: **Monash University (Clayton campus)**
 Deakin University (Warrnambool campus)
 LaTrobe University (Bundoora campus)
 RMIT (Bundoora campus)
 Longerenong College

Saturday 12 August: Torrens University (Melbourne CBD campus)

Sunday 13 August: **Australian Catholic University (Melbourne campus)**
 Federation University & Federation TAFE (Ballarat campuses)
 LaTrobe University (Albury/Wodonga campus)
 RMIT (Melbourne CBD & Brunswick campus)

Sunday 20 August: **University of Melbourne**
 RMIT (Point Cook campus)
 Deakin University (Geelong campuses)
 Victoria University (Footscray campus)

Saturday 26 August: Collarts

Sunday 27 August: **Victoria University (Melbourne CBD campus)**
 Australian Catholic University (Ballarat campus)
 Deakin University (Burwood campus)
 LaTrobe University (Bendigo campus)
 RMIT (Bendigo campus)

VALE - CATHY HOLLAND - FORMER MARIAN COLLEGE TEACHER (1997 - 2013)

Cathy came to us in 1997 as a Maths teacher then moved on to being a Science teacher and Lab technician and from there to Chemistry 'teacher extraordinaire'.

All of you who have come into contact with Cathy appreciated her sense of fairness and dedication. Cathy thought nothing of being on call 24/7 for her students. How often we saw her in BD2 at lunchtimes with a sandwich in one hand and a whiteboard marker in the other. She was passionate and knowledgeable about Chemistry and cared deeply about her students. Quite often more junior students would not remember her name but referred to Cathy as the 'nice one'.



Cathy had a sense of justice, fairness, and compassion for all. She was always prepared to listen, to be honest and to see the goodness in everyone. Cathy was not afraid to speak out for what she believed in. Her quiet presence, her humour, and her compassion were a rare quality in a teacher.

Cathy loved to talk about her beloved Tigers!

You will be sadly because you encompass so many Brigidine values.

Rest in peace Cathy.

Olga Milne

VALE - CATHY HOLLAND

- FORMER MARIAN COLLEGE TEACHER

(1997 - 2013)

Cathy was renowned for her gentleness. I don't think I ever heard a cross word come out of her mouth. Cathy always had time for people. She would be genuine in her conversation. She was always interested in your life. A beautiful lady.

Donna Spalding

I remember Cathy as a gentle soul with a passion for social justice. She was kind and thoughtful and embodied "strength and gentleness". I will also remember her for her humour and how well-loved she was by the staff and students who worked with her.

Steph Saravanja

Cathy lived the core values of our Brigidine tradition and truly embodied the beauty, strength and gentleness of Marian College that made me fall in love with the school as a graduate in the early 2000's. Not only an expert in her subject area, Cathy was an expert at making students and staff feel important and successful. She had a deeply loving heart which she shared with our school community through her constant words of encouragement and her ability to see and champion the best in all people.

Christine Bulger

When the TA system was introduced, Cathy was the leader of Clancy 5 and I was her assistant. We had a number of special needs students and it was our duty to have them organized for the day. Cathy warmly greeted our group lined up at Lab 2 and had a very gentle approach. I know the students revered Cathy as they were always there and we were a very united homeroom. At the end of the day both of us were there as they left for home - always cheery 'See you, tomorrow'.

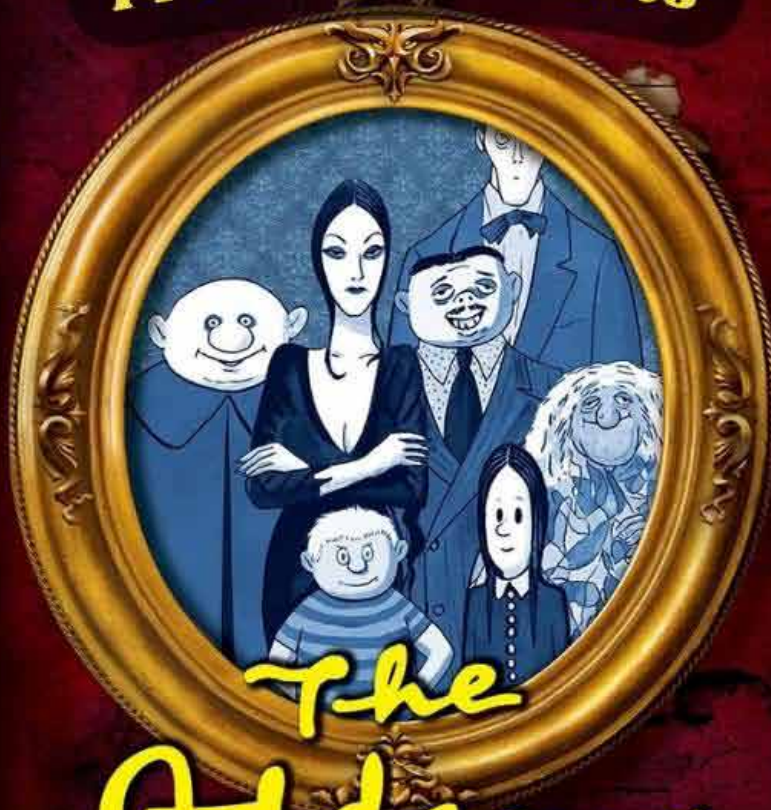
Sr John

Mrs Holland was such a bright spark at Marian College. A wealth of knowledge; she was a beautiful Chemistry teacher. Greatly invested in supporting us through Year 11 and 12, even if it took us 3 lessons to understand one concept. Her patience and understanding of her craft was unmatched, and I will always cherish the lessons she taught me - not just in Chemistry, but the ways in which she assisted in my choices to pursue my university degree. Mrs Holland deeply cherished her students, and was so proud of their achievements. She will be greatly missed by myself and all of her past students.

Jordyn Mason (Class of 2010)

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YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION INTERVIEWS

WEDNESDAY
2ND AUGUST, 2023

MAKE YOUR
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YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION INTERVIEWS -
3.30 PM TO 4.30 PM

INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD WITH YOUR
CHILD AND THEIR TA TEACHER TO
DISCUSS SUBJECT SELECTIONS FOR VCE OR
VOCATIONAL MAJOR.

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ONLINE VIA PARENT PORTAL

YEAR 10 CAMP



Our Annual Year 10 camp was held on the 17th-19th of July at the 'Lady Northcote' camp run by the Y.M.C.A. It is a picturesque camp situated in the middle of native bushland. Even though it is not too far from Bacchus Marsh, you would think we were out in the middle of nowhere.

Early Monday morning 60 students were ready to get on the bus when a little latecomer came running across the school just in time to catch the bus (I won't mention the grasshopper's name but I thank his little sister Angie for giving him the heads up that he had camp).

After the students settled into their rooms we were off and running. The camp supervisors had organised a variety of activities which included; the giant swing, canoeing and frisbee golf. We also had two youth workers (Jo and Ace) who ran trust activities with small groups at the same time.

Over the past few years of attending this camp, we have had very few students fall in the water whilst canoeing. Well, this year was quite different with at least one pair in each group capsizing their canoe and having a little swim. From the piercing squeals I gather the water was extremely cold.

On the first night Jo and Ace made beautiful lanterns with the group. This was a really rewarding activity and was well received. These lanterns were arranged in the shape of a heart used to create a reflective space within the main hall. This became a sacred space. It was then used over the next two days.

The food was sensational with such a variety of meals. They included; pasta with garlic bread, pancakes for breakfast, homemade soup, roast chicken, chocolate mousse, hamburgers and thanks to Johnno's prayer, we had bacon and eggs for breakfast on the last day.

We know that sometimes our young adolescents carry the burdens of adults. This Retreat gave them a sense of hope and reassurance that they will be okay and are surrounded by LOVE.

On the last day I thanked the students for the following; their participation over the three days, the trust they gave to each other, the inclusiveness and finally for letting me sleep. I have been away with many groups but I can honestly say this group of Year 10's were outstanding. It's a retreat I'll remember for many years to come. Thank you Year 10's.

Special thanks to Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Rodney, Ms. Glasson, Paul Kelly and Mr. Naus for giving up their time to come away with the Year 10's. They have also sung their praises for making it a rewarding three days. Thanks to Toni Mason for doing the behind the scene work before we can go on camp. Appreciation to Mr. East for organising the presenters. Finally to all the staff who took our extras/yard duties. It takes a lot of organisation to run a camp but the value to our students is priceless.

Donna Spalding



YEAR 10 CAMP







Collection Notice for parents/guardians

2023 Student Residential Address and Other Information

The Australian Government Department of Education (the department) would like to notify you that we have requested for your child's school to provide residential address and other information.

Under the *Australian Education Regulation 2013*, the school is required to provide the department with the following information about each student at the school:

- Names and residential addresses of student's parent(s) and/or guardian(s)
- Student residential address (**excluding student names**)
- Whether the student is a primary or secondary student (education level)
- Whether the student is boarding or a day student (boarding status).

The school collects the above information by generating a **unique and unidentifiable** – student reference number (SRN) for each student record. The school only uses the SRN for this collection. **It is not allowed to be used for any other purpose.** The number only indicates to the department that each record provided is for one student.

Purpose of the collection

The Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the Collection) informs Australian Government school education policy and helps ensure funding for non-government schools is based on need.

The information collected will be used to inform school funding calculations. It is combined with Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) data to calculate a non-government school community's capacity to contribute to schooling costs.

From 2020, the department introduced a new measure of capacity to contribute: the Direct Measure of Income (DMI). The DMI is based on the median income of non-government school students' parents or guardians using the Collection data. Find more information about the DMI on the [What is the methodology for the Direct Measure of Income \(DMI\)? Department web page](#).

Use and disclosure of personal information

Your personal information is protected by law under the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act). Personal information is information or an opinion about an identifiable individual. Personal information includes an individual's name and contact details.

Any use or disclosure of your personal information must occur in accordance with Privacy Act and the *Australian Education Act 2013* and *Australian Education Regulation 2013*.

Your personal information provided to the department through the Collection may be:

- disclosed to the ABS for the purposes of capacity to contribute calculations and analysis as a part of the Multi-Agency Data Integration Project (MADIP). Find more information about MADIP on the ABS website [MADIP page](#).
- disclosed to a contracted auditor where the department may from time to time, carry out an audit of a school's collection submission. The contracted auditor compares the school's submission with the school's student enrolment information. The contracted auditor will not use the information for any other purpose.

- disclosed to its service providers for the purposes of providing the department with information and communications technology support services.
- used or disclosed where it is otherwise required or authorised by law.

The department does not intend to disclose your personal information to any overseas recipients.

Find the department's privacy policy on the [Department of Education](#) website which includes information on:

- how individuals can access and seek correction of personal information held by the department;
- how complaints about potential breaches or breaches of the Privacy Act can be made;
- how the department will deal with these complaints.

The department commissioned an independent privacy impact assessment (PIA). The PIA assesses the flows of information under the Collection, compliance with the Privacy Act and measures in place to safeguard the personal information being collected. The current version is available on the [2018 Student Residential Address Collection: Additional Required information Privacy Impact Assessment web page](#).

What do you need to do?

You are not required to do anything. Your school is responsible for providing the department with the requested details; however, you can contact the school to update your family's details.

Contacts for further information

Your school can provide additional information about the Collection process.

Alternatively, please visit the [SchoolsHUB Address Collection help and support page](#).

To contact the department about privacy-related matters, email privacy@education.gov.au or write to:

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Canberra ACT 2601

**MINERAL COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA IS SEEKING STUDENT
VOLUNTEERS, AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS, FOR AN EVENT
AT STAWELL GOLD MINE
- SATURDAY 21ST AND/OR
SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2023**

The Victorian Mine Rescue Competition (VMRC) will be hosted by Stawell this year and we are keen to involve senior local high school students. The VMRC is a large-scale annual mine rescue and emergency response training exercise involving mine rescue and emergency response teams from across Victoria, NSW and New Zealand as well as the Victoria Police, CFA and Ambulance Victoria.

This mine safety training exercise is an annual event, but Stawell has not hosted it since 1999. We also have paramedicine students from ACU Ballarat volunteering this year in Stawell. Roles include acting as casualties to be treated by mine rescue teams and supporting the delivery of various scenario teams to compete in fire, search& amp, rescue, rope rescue and road crash rescue. Roles can be across the weekend covering most of Saturday and Sunday, or for a single event on Sunday after - the multi emergency services agency scenario. It is a great opportunity to take part in a highly regarded national emergency training event. Volunteers will be dressed for the part with an injury applied and you can choose from broken bones to burns and trauma. The Sunday afternoon event requires a lot of casualty actors and this would suit students interested in drama, emergency services or mining.

breaks are offered throughout the day and food is provided attendance at the welcome and induction event on Friday 20th October at 5pm is required a reference, and certificate will be provided in recognition of the commitment

More information and a video of the previous event is here:
<https://www.minerals.org.au/victoria/victorian-mine-rescue-competitions-vmrc>

Please contact James Sorahan, Executive Director MCA Victoria for any further information or to register
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Safer Communities - Together

August 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
JULY 31	1	2 SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE FED UNI YEAR 10 TA/ PARENT/STUDENT MEETINGS	3 GWR SENIOR BASKETBALL	4 SUBJECT SELECTIONS CLOSE
7	8 YEAR 7 2024 ORIENTATION DAY #1	9	10	11
14	15 YEAR 7 2024 ORIENTATION DAY #2	16	17 PRODUCTION OPENING NIGHT 7.30 pm	18 PRODUCTION 7.30 pm
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