



# Marian College

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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

***Heavenly Father, as October comes to an end marked by the changes from greens to brown in our paddocks, we are reminded of your ever-changing yet constant hand in creation. As the buds develop to fruit and the ground warms, help us let go of burden and trust in Your perfect timing.***

***Protect and guide our loved ones, especially those facing bushfires in the north. In every challenge, draw us closer to You, strengthening our faith. As we celebrate the season of harvest, inspire in us a spirit of generosity and gratitude. Lord, in the quiet of this month, speak to our hearts and remind us of Your unwavering love. With gratitude for Your many blessings, we trust in Your plans and promises for us. In Jesus name, Amen.***

Adopted from prayingeachday.com

## **Robert Pereira - Why Teens Bully Seminars this Week.**

We begin the first of our Two Parent Seminars with Robert Pereira tomorrow night (Tuesday 31st October) in the Brigidine Centre from 5.00-6.30. Robert is a highly experienced educational consultant who has worked internationally and at home for many years. All parents are welcome to attend.

- **Tuesday 31st October -**
- **Why Girls Bully. 5.00-6.30**
- **Wednesday 1st November -**
- **Why Boys Bully. 5.00-6.30**

Please come directly to the Brigidine Centre for a prompt start at 5.00 via our ZOOM. There will be an opportunity at the end to ask Robert questions.

Parents unable to attend may request the ZOOM link by registering with the College Office with your name and email address by lunchtime on Tuesday.

This seminar is to assist all parents and teachers as we work together to ensure all students are safe at school and online.

## **Student Free Day - Staff Development Day Monday 6th November**

A quick reminder that next Monday - the day before Cup Day is a Student Free Day for all students Years 7-11, unless they are undertaking a VCE Unit 3/4 exam. VCE students should ensure they are clear about the Exam timetable and arrive

at least 15 minutes prior to any exam. All exams will be conducted in the school gymnasium.

### **School Social Year 7-10**

Congratulations to the Year 10 students on their great presentation of dress and creativity for the school social last Tuesday evening. Thanks also to the parents who came along to enjoy the Year 10 parade at the beginning.

**Leadership** can be described as the ability of an individual to influence, motivate, and enable others to contribute toward the effectiveness and success of an organization or group of which they are members. A person who can bring about change, therefore, *is one who has this ability to be a leader*. St Paul's message contained in his letter to Col 3:14.

### **Year 11 Student Leadership Development and Discernment**

Last week we met with all Year 11 Students in our work towards the discernment process to elect new leaders for 2024. We were very impressed with the enthusiasm and engagement of all students throughout the two days. Nominations are to be submitted to the front office by Monday (today) unless a student has a VCE Exam. Voting will take place shortly afterwards followed by an interview. This is an important process to engage student voices in the work we do and empower our young people to step-up and make a difference in the service of their community and others. We wish all students well.

### **Year 12 Graduation Mass and Award Ceremony - Thursday 16th November**

It is hard to believe we have reached this time once again when we are nearing the end of the year for our Year 12 students. It is an important time as they complete their final exams to congratulate them on their efforts and resilience, especially over this past year. We are very proud of all students who have undertaken

training, apprenticeship and VET courses. They have worked well and should be proud of what they have achieved. We look forward to celebrating with you, their parents, on the 16th November.

### **Exams - Year 10 and Year 11**

Year 10 and 11 Exams begin on Friday 17th November. Year 10 students will attend other classes outside the exam period and must remain at school. More details will be forwarded to Year 11 students and parents regarding students with permission to leave the school once the final exam for the day is completed. They must go directly home only. Students will not be permitted to leave during the day if more exams are pending that day. They will attend the library during the break time.

Take care,  
Carmel Barker

## **CANTEEN**

### **Restricted service over VCE Exam Period**

Over the VCE exam period, all of the exams will be held in the Gym which will restrict access to the Canteen during exam times. Because of the need to limit any distractions to students sitting exams, the Canteen will operate a restricted service during the closure days outside the tech room. There will be no hot food or lunch orders available during this period.

Closed Monday 30th October  
to Monday 13th November





## VM MELBOURNE EXCURSION



VCE Vocational Major Year 12 students are required as a part of their curriculum to plan and implement a group activity - including a full day itinerary and risk assessment. As a result on Friday the 13th of October, VCE Vocational Major students boarded an early train to make their way to Melbourne.

All students visited an amazing art gallery called Metartworld. This gallery is the biggest metal art gallery in Australia, showcasing unique artworks from international artists. They have stunning metal art statues throughout the art space, each handmade from scrap metal and recycled material. The hours of crafting and polishing put into each art piece create amazing details and textures that stunned all of us

After our first activity, the whole group split into two groups. One group raced  
4 across Melbourne and participated in

a class lesson on developing their ice-skating skills. The second group ventured to the Lume in Melbourne - where the current exhibition "Connection" was playing. This exhibition was born from an idea to celebrate First Peoples' art and music and give back to their artist communities. The art and music of this landmark experience told us the story of our country's rich and enduring cultural history. It was exceptional and all students were in awe from the start to the finish.

Once the second activity was completed - it was time to meet back at Southern Cross and make our way back home. All experiences were valued and enjoyed by all - our students also conducted themselves with maturity and wonder. Many thanks to all the staff who attended.

Dani Smith







# Marian College Ararat



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Applications are sought from enthusiastic and suitably qualified teachers with current VIT registration, a commitment to Catholic education as well as the safety and wellbeing of children.

Applications are invited for multiple 2024 classroom teaching positions.

**ENGLISH/HUMANITIES**

**PE/MATHS/SCIENCE**

**ART/TEXTILES**

**CHINESE**

Ability to teach Religious Education an advantage.

**(Full time, Ongoing, commencing Term 1, 2024)**

Employment pack including position description, application form and application guide is available on the Marian College website.

Applications close at 4.00pm on  
Friday 10th November 2023.

Email to HR Manager - [vscott@mcararat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:vscott@mcararat.catholic.edu.au)

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Employment under the *Catholic Education  
Multi Enterprise Agreement 2022.*



# Ararat Lions Youth of the Year (2024)

Jaylen Stephens, Bridie Giles and Nicole Watts (Yr 11) continued Marian's involvement in the Ararat Lions Youth of the Year competition. The Lions run competition seeks to encourage and foster leadership skills in students as they approach their final school years.

Jaylen, Bridie and Nicole were each required to participate in an interview hosted by a panel of three local community members, present to the Lions members two impromptu speeches and one prepared speech on a topic of their choice. All three girls spoke eloquently and it was an absolute delight to witness them share their passions for issues such as: mental health, rural education, the difficulties completing university practical placements, the cost of living, slavery and the arts.

Congratulations to Jaylen, Bridie and Nicole for having the courage to step out of their comfort zones. Congratulations to Jaylen for winning the Public Speaking Award and winning the Ararat Lions Youth of the Year Final (2024) award. Jaylen will now represent the Marian College and the Ararat Lions Club in the zone finals in 2024.



## VCE English and Literature - Booklist Reminder

A reminder that students are expected to have copies of the required VCE English and/ or Literature texts for the Early Start program on Monday 27th November.

Online ordering of texts is through Campion books. An email with information regarding online ordering was previously sent to parents/ guardians on the 3rd October.

Online orders must be completed by **Monday 30th October** in order for students to receive their texts in time for Early Start. In the instance of financial difficulties, please contact the Business Manager.

Stephanie Mansell  
Culture and Languages Domain Leader



## AUSTRALIAN ARMY CADETS - TERM 3 CAMP: EXERCISE EMU 2023



Throughout the Term 3 school holidays, the annual Exercise Emu was conducted at Puckapunyal Military Area. The week-long camp allowed cadets from all across western Victoria to participate in activities designed to strengthen their teamwork and personal skills, while also allowing them to make new mates and take part in unique experiences. A number of cadets from Marian College attended the exercise, and have written up about their experiences on the camp:

"If I'm being honest, camp was one of the best things I did all year! At the start, I thought it might be strange, or boring to be out in the bush with random kids for a week, but it was the opposite. I made so many great friends from all different ages, and strengthened bonds with fellow Marian cadets and some new found lifelong friends. At times it was stressful, but I enjoyed every second of it and look forward to going again next year. If you're considering joining cadets, definitely give it a crack!"

"During the school holidays I went to Puckapunyal with the Stawell Army Cadet Unit. When we got there we had to make hoochies to sleep in - it's like an open tent. We learnt how to navigate in the bush and communicate with a radio. We worked in teams and each team made an obstacle course and we then competed against the other team and went through their course. We ate ration packs and my favourite was the chilli con carne."

- CDT Charlie Bartlett, 303 ACU  
Stawell

"Cadets from over Victoria attend this camp each year to learn activities such as life in the field, weapons handling and safety, survival skills, hands on field engineering, navigation and mapping, ratel, signals training, navigating a section of cadets throughout the bush, first aid training and many more activities. Many individuals had some of the many struggles as any other cadet but everyone had a switched on positive attitude assuring one another's morale was well and took very good care of each other."



Army cadets is a great opportunity to boost one's self confidence and esteem, and teaches many kids the required skill sets of becoming a future AAC (Australian Army Cadet) NCO (non-commissioned officer), and rank their ways through the ranks. During their time at Emu, cadets are taught skills, sometimes personally by ADF (Australian Defence Force) officers, at Puckapunyal. The AAC opens a variety of opportunities for younger people looking towards the defence force for a career and is looked very well upon within resumes."

- CDT Sergeant Taelon Stewart, 303 ACU Stawell

"During the Term 3 school holidays, I attended the annual Exercise Emu, conducted at the Puckapunyal Military Area. Throughout the week, we were taught skills such as field navigation through use of a map and compass, camouflage and concealment techniques and first aid basics, among others, in preparation for the summative 2-day long Field Training Exercise. The exercise consisted of a large scale capture the flag event, as well as a mock mass casualty evacuation exercise, in which cadets put to use the skills they had learnt from lessons earlier in the week. Around 400 cadets participated, for a total of 11 units, spanning the entirety of Western Victoria. The camp provided cadets with a great opportunity to experience life out field, while also giving them exposure to working as a team and taking leadership of large groups.

Personally, cadets has allowed me to develop and extend my leadership and teamwork abilities, while also assisting me with my progression into a career within the Australian Defence Force. The Australian Army Cadets has been a fantastic way of meeting like-minded people, while also providing me with opportunities to learn valuable skills and develop as a leader. Cadets has given me access to opportunities from photography courses to community events, all the while allowing me to make mates from all across Victoria. If you are looking toward a career in the ADF, or are looking for hobby outside of school, I could not recommend the Army Cadets enough!"

- CDT Elijah Dunks, 300 ACU Ballarat

If you are looking to learn more about the Australian Army Cadets, please contact any of the cadets above, or follow this link to find your closest unit!

<https://www.armycadets.gov.au/find-a-unit/>





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## Food relief in Ararat

Times are tough, and with the ever-increasing costs of groceries, rent and mortgages a lot of people are struggling to put food on the table, and pay the bills.

You are not alone, and there is help available.

## Ararat Neighbourhood House

### 56 Campbell St, Ararat

Ararat Neighbourhood House provide food relief Tuesday – Friday each week.

ANH Food Hub is made up of two food relief programs – the SecondBite program and ANH FoodBank.

Individuals are able to access ANH Food Hub by contacting Ararat Neighbourhood House on **(03) 5352 1551**.

**All welcome!**



## Ararat Emergency Relief

Ararat Emergency Relief runs on a rotating roster by 5 Ararat church groups.

Food relief, vouchers, personal items, counselling and crisis accommodation are available between 1pm and 2pm, Monday to Friday.

**All welcome!**

Date	Church	Location	Phone No.
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Life Links	86 High St, Ararat	5352 2435
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Salvation Army	Shop corner Vincent & High St Ararat	5352 2720
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St Vincent de Paul	264 Barkly St, Ararat	5352 5560
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Uniting Church Outreach	Cnr King and Barkly St, Ararat	5352 5580





# EGHS Residents' Support Group Shopping Spree Week

**Friday November 10th -  
Thursday November 16th 2023**

Join the 2023 Shopping Spree to support our local businesses, pick up some great bargains and go into the draw to win a voucher from participating businesses.

**\$20 PER PERSON**  
(Cash only)

Purchase your passport at CAS Footwear, 2Taggs, Sportspower, We're Knot Crazy and Growmaster Grampians, from Friday October 27th.

Many businesses will remain open until 7pm on Thursday November 16th.

Raising funds for new outdoor furniture for residents at 70 Lowe Street.

For further information, phone Marlene on 0419 117 279.

Zest Living  
Lyal Eales  
2Taggs  
RACV Shop  
Latus Jewellers  
CAS Couture  
CAS Footwear  
Something Beautiful  
We're Knot Crazy  
Ararat Sportspower  
Fosters Mensland  
Growmaster Grampians  
Toyz on Barkly  
Grampians First Aid  
Miners Ridge Vineyard  
Lardner Bros  
Dollar Curtains and Blinds  
Hughan's Nursery  
Autopro & Jaycar Ararat  
Ararat Authorised Newsagency  
Mountainside Wines

# October/November 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30	31 ROBERT PEREIRA "WHY GIRLS BULLY" PARENT WEBINAR	<b>NOVEMBER 1</b> ROBERT PEREIRA "WHY BOYS BULLY" PARENT WEBINAR	2	3
VCAA EXTERNAL EXAMS				
6 <b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>	7 <b>MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	8	9	10
VCAA EXAMS		VCAA EXTERNAL EXAMS		
13	14	15 ART & TECHNOLOGY EXPO	16 YEAR 12 GRADUATION	17 YEAR 10 & 11 END OF YEAR EXAMS
VCAA EXTERNAL EXAMS		10C OUTDOOR ED CAMP		
20	21	22	23	24
YEAR 10 & 11 END OF YEAR EXAMS				

**Due to VCE Exams CANTEEN closed 30th October to 13th November - further details page 3**