



Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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*Merry
Christmas*



May the Christmas message of hope fill your hearts and home and be the reason you celebrate with precious family and friends



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*

As we enter the final weeks for the College, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and students for a wonderful year here at Marian College. There were so many high moments in our Year of Compassion. Thank you to all for your generosity, patience at times, and continual engagement in your child's education. A special thank you to my dedicated team of teachers, Administration staff and Learning Support Officers. The care and support they provide to students every day is impressive. Finally, thank you to my Leadership team for the great work they have undertaken throughout 2022. As we move into the Advent weeks and Christmas, I wish everyone a happy, safe and holy Christmas.

***"The things of God can wait,
we think and we say. And yet
he is the most important thing,
ultimately the one truly important
thing. Why should we not also be
moved by curiosity to see more
closely and to know what God has
said to us? At this hour, let us ask
him to touch our hearts with the
holy curiosity and the holy joy of
the shepherds, and thus let us go
over joyfully to Bethlehem, to the
Lord who today once more comes
to meet us. Amen."***

Pope Benedict XVI.

Awards Night Years 7-9 and Years 10 and 11.

Our Awards Night last Monday was a wonderful night of celebration for effort and success with students, staff and parents. Congratulations to the award winners across all areas of the curriculum. There are so many personal triumphs behind each individual effort and success. Well done and congratulations to all involved. We also know that many achievements in school do not receive recognition, but are, nonetheless, very worthy. Thank you to all parents for your ongoing engagement and partnership in the education of our young people.

A special congratulations to our St Brigid Award winners:

Year 7 - Darcy Venn
Year 8 - Tanner Zubricky
Year 9 - Jack Kuchel
Year 10 - Liam Holden
Year 11 - Marley Bourizk

The St Brigid Awards are given to students who practice many of the School values such as justice and service, are welcoming of all, and are grateful and respectful. These awards are presented to students who have demonstrated a commitment to serving others. The recipients of these awards have assisted regularly with community activities and events outside of school. They have demonstrated that they are able to understand the importance of the school motto of strength and gentleness.

In recognition of staff and students being living witnesses to the Kildare Ministries Values, the Trustees of Kildare Ministries offer an award to those who demonstrate those values, including compassion, courage, hope, hospitality, justice and wonder. Congratulations to the 2022 Kildare Ministries Award recipients:

Junior – Emily Jarrett
Senior – Charlie Price

Saltbush, Balnarring.

Last week our Year 9 students, Mr East and Ms Edwards travelled to Balnarring to support one of our Kildare Ministries community works. This organisation helps support families and individuals in need through financial disadvantage, disability or other difficulties that impact their life. Well done to this team of 15 students and staff who worked on environmental improvement for a centre that performs such value work for their vulnerable clients. Well done.

Gap Day

We could not have ordered better weather for our Halls Gap Day on Friday to farewell the Year 7 and Year 8 students. Thank you to the many businesses in the Gap for their support and hospitality over the day. They always look after us so well. Well done to the students for their excellent behaviour once again. This was a very enjoyable day for students and staff.

Return to School Days 2023

The College Office will be open next week and the week after until Tuesday 14th December. VCAA results will be released on Monday 12th December. Key staff, including counsellor, careers and Leadership will be available for advice regarding options, career paths and university preferences. We ask that any student or parents needing advice or support contact the College Office to arrange a time to meet a staff member.

The Office will open again from Monday 23rd January.

All 2023 students return to school in late January:-

Years 7 and Year 12 return on **Monday 30th January,**

Years 8-11 return on **Tuesday 31st January.**

Please remember Year 12 Retreat begins on Wednesday 1st February to the 3rd February. This is a compulsory event for all Year 12 students.

Have a very happy and safe Christmas break.

God bless, Carmel

END OF SEMESTER REPORTS ONLINE

Please access your son
or daughter's report
through the PARENT
ACCESS MODULE
(PAM) on the school
website at [http://
mcararat.catholic.edu.
au](http://mcararat.catholic.edu.au) using your current
login and password.

YEAR 7 - 9 AWARDS EVENING



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YEAR 10 & 11 AWARDS EVENING



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James 2:17 Project

9C Saltbush, Balnarring Beach Working Bee



During 2nd Semester 9C have been researching the Kildare Ministries Community Work, Saltbush Balnarring Beach (formerly known as Presentation Family Centre). Saltbush provides holiday accommodation for families who are recovering from violence, seeking asylum, have dependent children with disabilities or long term ill health and grandparent carer families with 75% of the people utilising their service being women and girls.

This research was entwined within the two RE units for the semester: Living the Scriptures & Communities in Faith, and became known as the "James 2:17" project. The name refers to the scripture passage "Faith without works is dead" and was the catalyst to get students bringing to life the faith that they have been learning about in the classroom.

The project was student driven, with the teacher acting as a guide and providing assistance when needed. 9C spent a lot of time communicating with the team from Saltbush and came up with a number of ideas of how they could help out. The students soon realised that there will be a cost involved in any plan that they have so they first set out to fundraise for the project. They hosted a Bake Sale one Friday which raised over \$560! Next came working out the logistics of the Working Bee. This really tested their planning and organisational skills in a real world context.

During the last week of classes, 9C went down to Saltbush to undertake the Working Bee on the facilities. This included gardening, washing windows, painting, pressure washing, cleaning and stocktaking first aid kits. The team at Saltbush were very impressed with the

students' work ethic, commenting that they've had larger groups of students come to work that haven't done as much as they did! Also, the Presentation Sisters who live on the property were so impressed with how clean the students got their windows that they baked them a cake!

It really was pleasing to see the effort the students put into helping others and to live out Marian College's Catholic identity in the service of others. It is hoped that the "James 2:17 Project" will expand next year to become year long across the whole year level. I thank the Year 9 classes who helped me to pilot this project this year and I look forward to what can be achieved next year.

Stephen East
Head of Religious Education



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Photo of Mr East and the 2023 College Captains ready to serve the new Year 7s at the orientation day barbeque.

PARENT ACCESS MODULE MAJOR UPGRADE

16th January, 2023

Please note the SIMON team are preparing a major software upgrade to allow more functionality and security.

Each PAM account will receive an email providing instructions on how to navigate the resetting of your passwords.

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

NEWS, RESOURCES, EVENTS & INSPIRATION



Thursday 1 December 2022

CAREERS IN DISABILITY SERVICES

The International Day of People with a Disability will be held on Saturday 3 December. To celebrate this important day, Elaine from Explore Careers has written a fantastic article about 5 careers to explore in disability services, including:

Community services worker
NDIS support worker
Physiotherapist
Early childhood intervention worker
Occupational therapist

You can access the article via
<http://bit.ly/3OLfF4m>

7 CAREERS IN SPORT

To celebrate the FIFA World Cup, Elaine from Explore Careers has written an article on 7 sports careers, including:

Sports coach
Personal trainer
Recreational facilities management
Sports nutritionist
Sports occupational therapist
Wellbeing activities coordinator
Sports reporter.

Read the article via <http://bit.ly/3VltCs2>

CALLING ALL ENTREPRENEURS

Join the Nestle Academy

What is the Academy? A free, interactive digital education platform.

Who is the Academy for? Young innovators looking to deepen their knowledge and build entrepreneurship skills.

Why should you participate? To accelerate your growth from innovator to entrepreneur.

For information, visit
<https://nestleyouthentrepreneurship.com/>



JOBS – CHRISTMAS CASUAL POSITIONS

If you are keen to work over the summer break, now is the perfect time to apply for Christmas casual positions. These positions are usually temporary but can sometimes lead to ongoing work. Use the Summer Jobs website to search for jobs in your area - <https://summerjobs.com.au/>

POLICING & CRIMINOLOGY

Do you have an interest in criminal justice? Want to know why people deviate from the rules of society? Have you considered becoming a police officer?

Monash University offers a unique degree called the Bachelor of Criminology and Policing. This is the only course of its kind in Victoria. In three years, students will complete the core requirements of the Bachelor of Criminology, and a Diploma of Policing, undertaken at the Victoria Police Academy.

This course will provide the chance to achieve the dream of working in the police force, or choosing to work in an area requiring crime and justice experts, such as anti-corruption, crime prevention, justice, human rights, juvenile justice, and social welfare. For information, visit www.monash.edu

FINE ARTS & MUSIC

The University of Melbourne

Stay up to date with the latest happenings at The University of Melbourne Faculty of Fine Arts and Music and learn about the work of researchers, artists, performers, and production specialists.
<https://finearts-music.unimelb.edu.au/about-us/>



FREE AND LOW-COST TAFE COURSES

Not sure what to do next year? TAFE courses are an excellent way to get industry experience, a job ready qualification, connect with industry experts, develop career ideas, and - depending on the course - entry into university study.

The NSW and Victorian state Governments have funded free and low-cost TAFE courses for eligible graduates. Explore your options below:

Victorian residents: www.vic.gov.au/free-tafe
NSW residents: <https://bit.ly/3Chk9HX>

TOURISM & TRAVEL

The Flight Centre Travel Academy

The Academy offers the University Diploma of Tourism and Travel in conjunction with two exciting employment programs:

Work, Study + Play Whitsundays: This program offers exclusive adventures with luxury resort destinations, and support with travel benefits and eco-tourism experiences.

Flight Centre Travel Consultant Program: You will study to become an accredited travel consultant. If you meet certain conditions, you may receive an \$18,000 scholarship.

Information, www.fctravelacademy.com

JOURNALISM

Year 11 and 12 students (2023) who are passionate about writing and have an interest in current affairs are invited to explore Jscool. This is an independent journalism college. Students can get a 'taste of journalism' over summer by studying one or more online subjects from the Diploma of Journalism. <https://jschool.com.au/single-subjects>

SUMMER SCHOOLS

The following are examples of exciting programs being offered in January.

Filmmaking Summer School

This intensive summer school is taught by Australia's leading film industry professionals and is suited to people from all ages and backgrounds.

When: 14 -15 January 2023.

Where: Dancehouse, Carlton North, Vic.

www.summerfilmschool.com/

Quantum Computing Summer School Camp

The Sydney Quantum Academy is running a summer school for Year 9 – 12 students who would like to learn about the fascinating world of quantum physics. You will explore quantum phenomena like superposition and entanglement and no prior experience is necessary. Full scholarships are available.

When: 16 – 20 January 2023.

Where: virtual plus a bonus on-site day

<https://sydneyquantum.org/programs>

The National Institute of Dramatic Arts (NIDA)

NIDA is running several acting and musical theatre short courses for students at the Melbourne campus during January. To explore the program options and reserve your place, visit www.open.nida.edu.au

Santos Science Experience

This is a fun 3 days of science activities for Year 9 and 10 students (2023). Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, and attend site visits. The program is running at the following two institutes in January 2023:

17: Marine & Freshwater Discovery Centre

18 – 20: RMIT University

www.scienceexperience.com.au



2023 National Youth Science Forum

This is a two-week on-site and digital program where Year 12 students (2023) are immersed in hands-on science activities, lab experiments, field trips and meet researchers who are leaders in their field. The cost is \$1950. Students are encouraged to contact their local Rotary Club to seek financial assistance and scholarships may be available.

When: 10 – 24 January 2023.

www.nysf.edu.au

Campion College Summer Program

The immersive four-day program provides the opportunity to reside on campus and interact with like-minded peers. We have a fun-filled program including movies, trivia, dancing, and sports, as well as sample lectures from our history, literature, philosophy, and theology professors. Must be 16 – 20 years old.

When: 10 – 13 January 2023.

Where: Campion College, Toongabbie, NSW.

www.campion.edu.au

Monash University - Engineering

Engage Engineer: this program is for students in Years 9 & 10 in 2023 and will run on 16 & 17 January 2023.

Engineering Skills Day: this program is for female students in Years 10 – 12 in 2023 and will run on 19 January 2023.

Steam City: this program is for female students and will run on 19 January 2023. The day will be focussed on engineering.

For information on the above programs and to register your place, visit

www.monash.edu/engineering/meg/activities

Monash University - Science

MYSci: this is an exciting three-day science program specifically designed for students who will be in Year 11 and 12 in 2023. Cost is \$110 per student and will run between 11 – 13 January 2023, <https://shop.monash.edu/mysci-2023.html>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Medicine and Dentistry

The following companies are running information sessions, webinars, and workshops on the UCAT:

NIE, www.ucat.edu.au

MedEntry, www.medentry.edu.au

Endota Wellness College

Endota Wellness College is located at Melbourne and offers courses in Beauty, Massage and Salon Management. An open day will be run on Saturday 3 December for prospective students. For information, visit

<https://endotawellnesscollege.edu.au/>

SAE Creative Media Institute

SAE offers Bachelor, Associate Degree and Diploma programs in Animation, Audio, Design, Film, Games, and Music. The Institute is running an exhibition event for prospective students on Tuesday 13 December, <https://sae.edu.au/event>

Australian College of Applied Professions (ACAP)

ACAP is located at Melbourne and offers courses in

Criminology & Justice

Psychology

Social Work

Counselling

Coaching, and

Business Administration.

The College is running a series of online events for prospective students in December. You will learn about courses at the College and participate in themed webinars, www.acap.edu.au/events



Monash University

MADA Now – Monash Art, Architecture and Design

Discover the calibre of work from over 600 of Monash University's emerging future artists, designers, and architects in the MADA Now 2022 graduate exhibition. The exhibition is running until 3 December 2022 and is recommended to any students who are keen to study art, architecture, or design courses in the future, www.monash.edu/mada/events

January/February 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 OFFICE OPENS	24	25	26 AUSTRALIA DAY	27 OFFICE CLOSED STAFF DAY
30 YEAR 7 and 12 COMMENCE TERM 1	31 YEARS 8, 9, 10 and 11 COMMENCE TERM 1	1 FEBRUARY YEAR 7 MEET TA & CYBER SAFETY PARENT PRESENTATION	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 SENIOR CRICKET	15	16	17 SWIMMING CARNIVAL