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A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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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*

**God whose breath hovered over creation,
God whose breath brought wet clay to life:
Be in each grounding breath that we take,
The rise of our belly,
The fall of our chest. Be in the kind word
we extend,
the offer of help, the note of concern.
Be in the prayer that we whisper, and the
laugh that we share,
so that even in a time of chaos, we might
breathe into life a new creation.**

Amen.

~ *The Corrymeela Community*

Thank you to all parents for your ongoing support and monitoring of any signs of COVID among our students. Aside from a small number of cases, we appear to be progressing well at this stage with few disruptions. If your child is in isolation as a positive COVID case or close contact, you will receive work from your child's teachers. Please let the office know as soon as possible if there is any delay with this for your child.

We have received further Rapid Antigen Tests for the next fortnight. These will be forwarded home some time in the next couple of days. It is important for any excursions or camps that students test on the day or night before attending to prevent close contact implications. If your child is sick please keep them home. Thank you for your understanding.

The Year of Compassion

We begin the Year of Compassion in the cycle of our Kildare Ministries Core Values: Compassion, Courage, Hope, Hospitality, Justice and Wonder. We ask students and staff to walk with those who are experiencing difficulty, hurt, misunderstanding and isolation at this time for one reason or another. From our *Kildare*

Ministries Living Justice Living Peace Charter:

'Living with compassion recognises our common humanity and sacred dignity. It is intentionally reaching out and embracing those who are suffering, regardless of their social or personal identity...'

Jesus was consumed by an urgency to break down the barriers that separated people. He embraced the marginalised, recognised their dignity and accepted their right place in society.'

As we explore this theme throughout 2022, we aim to break down any barriers that cause separation and hurt and support those in most need within and beyond our school community.

Key Learning Priorities for 2022

College Priorities 2022

1. To improve literacy levels for all students.
2. To strengthen and extend intervention processes to address current student performance gaps and opportunity gaps.
3. To develop a comprehensive Master Plan to explore existing and future learning spaces for flexibility, functionality, sustainability, cost efficiency, and improvement in student outcomes.

As we begin the new school year and settle into the routines of study, assignments and exams, it is important for students to reflect on the strategies that help them remain motivated and focused on their end goals.

'The 7 Habits of a Highly Effective Teens' by Sean Covey explores some of the key attributes and behaviours of the most effective teens. As educators and parents, we know that success comes in many forms. But this does not mean that we cannot learn from others what some of the research tells us about helping

our teens develop good study habits and the right mindset for success. 'While it's all well and good to tell kids how to live their lives, "teens watch what you do more than they listen to what you say," Covey says. Here is an abridged outline of his seven habits, and some ideas for helping our teen understand and apply them:

- 1. Be Proactive** - As Covey suggests, 'Proactive people understand that they are responsible for their own happiness or unhappiness. They don't blame others for their own actions or feelings'.
- 2. Begin With the End in Mind** - 'If teens aren't clear about where they want to end up in life, about their values, goals, and what they stand for, they will wander, waste time, and be tossed to and fro by the opinions of others'. Discussion about future goals is important.
- 3. Think Win-Win** - As Covey suggests, 'This habit encourages the idea that in any given discussion or situation both parties can arrive at a mutually beneficial solution'. Students are not in competition with each other. Developing a growth mindset keeps the focus on personal improvement.
- 4. Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood**

'Because most people don't listen very well', says Covey, 'one of the great frustrations in life is that many don't feel understood. This habit will ensure your teen learns the most important communication skill there is: active listening'.

- 5. Synergize** - 'Synergy is achieved when two or more people work together to create something better than either could alone...Synergy allows teens to value differences and better appreciate others.' I know we have seen great improvement in standards at Marian College when students decide as a group to study together to improve the standard of all. With a shared responsibility for staying on track and interested, they help motivate one another through the difficult days.
- 6. Sharpen the Saw** Covey writes, 'Teens should never get too busy living to take time to renew themselves. It means regularly renewing and strengthening the four key dimensions of life – body, brain, heart, and soul'. *'The 7 Habits of a highly Effective Teen by Sean Covey (1998)*

Reflection time, exercise, social time and study work together. Keeping the balance between competing interests, especially in the final years of school, is important to achieving personal goals.

Staffing 2022

We welcome a number of new staff to the College in 2022: Ms Susan McPherson is the new Head of Science, Ms Emma Rusden (Teacher - English, Religion, Wellbeing and Humanities), Mr Bas Otto (Music and Drama), Learning Support Officers - Ms Hannah Terry, Mrs Ann-Maree Brown, Ms Grace Musgrave, and Mrs Emma Dawes (School Psychologist). We have advertised for a couple of extra staff members to fill roles as Learning Support Officer, Admin and teacher of English.

Sadly, Jane Kolotelo (Principal's PA) will leave us this week to continue her studies in Law. Jane has been a tremendous support both personally to me and to the College over the last very busy couple of years. I thank her for her support, very high level of professionalism, and care for staff and students. Jane plans to pursue her passion in the legal field. She will be greatly missed. I wish her every success in her future pursuits. I know she will do well.

Opening Mass

The Opening Mass is this Friday 18th February at 11.00. We have made the decision to include Year 12s and Year 7s in the gymnasium only together with the parents of our new leaders and a limited number of guests. We will live stream to other students located across the school in year levels groups. While this is not an ideal situation to build community, it does provide a further level of protection at this time.

Camps and Excursions

The Year 12 Retreat at Cave Hill Creek was a great three days for our new leaders of the College. Even more pleasing, it remained COVID free. Sister Brigid Arthur introduced our theme of Compassion for the students.

The Year 7 Camp has been delayed until the week of Monday 28th February.

Carmel Baker
Principal

IN MY WORDS *with Ivana Donnan* *Marian School Captain*



At some point in 2004, I was born. I've spent the rest of my life trusting that everyone else got the date right because I can't remember a thing. I was very lucky to score two fantastic parents, Jo and Kelvin Donnan. They raised me alongside Disney's *The Little Mermaid*, my older brother, Marcus, and my younger sister, Billie. Like all siblings, we fought, took things too far and argued over who got the front seat. But no matter what, they always were, and always will be, my best friends.

Kinder was a blast. If I could go back to the days of creating abstract paintings, cardboard box masterpieces and Michelin star mud pies, I'd do it in a heartbeat. But primary school was still up there. It was at Ararat West I discovered my love of reading and the fact that BBQ Shapes are the best flavour. I made some questionable decisions (playing in a mud pit in the middle of winter definitely gave me hypothermia) and spent endless hours on those wondrous monkey bars (I still have withdrawals).

But prepare yourself, because things got awkward.

Then I started high school.

Yep, 2017 was the year, and let me tell you, it wasn't exactly all it was cracked up to be. But with a few decent home eco classes (those sausage rolls were mint) and some enthusiastic teachers along the way, I made it to where I am now (on the doorstep of exams. Oh no!).

My dearest friends somehow managed to drag me through the years. I'm so incredibly grateful to orbit in your universes, and I'm so honoured to have you a part of mine (I told you this was getting awkward).

When I wasn't overdoing every RE assignment, dodging the infamous Baba Roga or attempting some other random craft project, I was probably swimming. Every summery Saturday for (almost) 10 years, we were at some country pool. Mum took on head coach with her signature trolley while Dad spent the day chatting with every person who ended up within a five-seat radius of him at timekeeping. Swimming brought me friends, resilience and lane-rope trauma that will stick with me forever.

I've been lucky enough to traipse a little bit around this fine globe of ours over the years. A memory I'll cherish forever is watching the sunset over Lake Argyle in 2013, back when I hardly knew what was coming for me.

The past 7 years have been dominated by my undying devotion to my shmoopy, my love, my therapist, Gandalf (I must clarify, my cat, not the wizard). You are the glue that holds our family together and I don't even mind cleaning your toilet. If that's not love, I don't know what is.

To Marian - thank you for being the home of some of the best (and worst) moments of my life. And thank you for trusting me to lead you this year. It is an honour to represent our little school alongside a fantastic group of leaders. To the Class of 2022- I probably won't see half of you between graduation and our 10-year reunion, but I hope you win this vaguely dodgy, frustrating and wild game someone called life. You got this.



My life has been interwoven with some extraordinary people who created the person I am today. My Baba taught me bravery. My friends showed me how to find humour in my own mistakes. I learnt how to share kindness even with the most frustrating of people from Marcus. Billie ensured I didn't grow up too fast. Phil Dunphy taught me to watch a sunrise at least once a day and I stand by that. But I thought I'd finish this with the reason why I could start it in the first place. Mum and Dad, you taught me what hard work is. What it means to have an education, a home, people who love you. It seems rather measly in comparison, but thank you. If I do anything good in my life, know it was for you.

IN MY WORDS *with Gabriel Tonks*

Marian School Captain



My story starts as all those in the autobiographical field do...
Born 11th of October, 2004.

This may not seem odd to you but it certainly was for my dear mother. I was due on the 29th of September, the feast day of the archangels Michael, Raphael and (funnily enough) Gabriel. I did eventually agree to join the world to my mother's delight, and therefore I was born. Some time after this I came, saw and, once I was old enough, concurred with my sister Imogene that I would be a rather unorthodox chap.

I have lived in Ararat (specifically Rhymney Reef) my whole life with Marian as my second home. My parents divorced very early on so Mum did a very good job of things. Her diagnosis with cancer was very disturbing but with Herculean strength she soldiered on and so did we, living life as it came and still keeps coming.

Here's to my partner in crime, Imogene Ruth, who is always ready to stir up our dear mama's mood with a crazy show tune or a belting song and dance routine to fill her with laughter. Life is never dull in the Rhymney House. I must admit she is the leading Chaiwala.

St Mary's Primary School was where I went. Our cohort was an amiable one so life was fairly carefree. "What larks!" I would best be described at the time by this quote:

"There is no better xsample (sic) of a goody-goody ... in the world in space. You kno (sic) he is the one who sa (sic) Hullo (sic) clouds Hullo sky and skip (sic) about like a girly." (The Compleet Molesworth).

I would like to thank all of my fellow 'St Mary-ans' for dealing with me and my eccentricities, especially those who chose proximity for reasons unbeknownst to me. It was at St Mary's that I first became acquainted with deadlines, but it must be said that 'acquaintances' was all we were. I was also fortunate enough to be elected the 'Supreme School Leader' (School Captain) of St Mary's alongside Lara and 'Not Quite So Supreme School

Leaders' (Vice Captains) Jac and Krish. Oh! And thanks to those teacher people too.

Marian College is where I am now. I would like to, initially, thank Dungeon Master Weir for our fun TA interviews. During 'The Great Shift of 2007' from a school with playgrounds and schoolyard games to one without, I wasn't exactly the definition of a socialite. I did still get around. I already had some of my oldest friends in Christam Castro, Krish Pahwa, Jacqueline Grayling and 'The Notorious Starty'. I soon met Erin Peter, Tommy B and, of course, my co-conspirator Big Noah Wineberg. Many thanks for the lunchtime mayhem in the Hall, Years 9 and 10 Drama in one year, philosophical and political debates and numerous other hilarious pastimes.

Like many Marian students I tend to count years by the School Productions. I have been lucky enough to have been on stage for every show since, and including, '*Honk!*'

It has been a great method of escapism and has helped me to make the acquaintance of many a fine thespian. "Oh! What Larks!" Thanks Mum for directing both the shows and me.

My education at Marian has been filled with almost all the academic and sporting pursuits I could desire... Hang on a second! Latin, Greek, Norwegian, Philosophy, Le Real Futbol, Hockey and Archery...

As time goes by (play it again, Sam) things change. By joining Ararat Swimming Club I got to know 'Fellow Sultan of Marian' (School Captain) Ivana Donnan, and also Layla Dale and Elly Galoso. A neat little group consisting of Ivana, Noah, Elly, Layla and myself was formed, being aptly and vaguely named 'Those Nerds Doing Bio Early'. This later became 'Those Nerds Still Doing Bio Early' with the addition of Eden McKiernan. Ms Rajesh was a great mentor and help in my journey of learning so I am very grateful for her and also all of my teachers past and present (and emerging?) for teaching and tolerating me over my time here.

I can't reflect effectively on Year 12 at this stage but it has been cracking thus far I guess. My hopes for the future are hard to define. I said from a young age that I wanted to be a scientist; that is broad. I also love films and books so I would enjoy something in those areas as well, so still broad. I shall continue to plod along and ponder my own fate on top of existential reasonings and hope I land somewhere.

So, buenos días and buena fortuna?? Amigos, good day and good luck everyone. El Signore COVID has taught us not to be too rigid in our pursuits as 'The Ball' may come from any direction and we may be unable to control it. My advice to you is to just give it a go, close your eyes and give that ball a kick into 2023. If you don't like Soccer my advice stays the same.

Adiós y hasta luego."



WELCOME NEW STAFF

Name: Bas Otto

Teaching Domains:

Music and Drama

My story so far...

I grew up moving every few years, which led me to land back in Melbourne for my senior high school years. I then went on to complete my music degree at JMC Academy and my teaching degree at Monash. Ever since starting my music degree, I have been gigging around Melbourne with a number of bands playing a variety of styles and genres. My teaching degree allowed me to teach music at both private tuition studios and high schools, leading me here to Marian College!



What I love about teaching is:

The connection you can have with the students. This can be from helping students have their “a-ha” moment when things start making sense to them in their heads, or helping them grow as a person and into who they are. That is what’s most rewarding for me.

When I was at school I was:

Constantly in the music department, playing an instrument, at band/choir rehearsals, and probably annoying the music staff. I felt the most at home in the music rooms, as playing drums is my way of expressing myself, and so the music rooms were the places where I could de-stress and regain some energy.

I am always being asked:

How many instruments I play. It is a bit of a stereotype that musicians can play a number of instruments (but it’s quite true that most, if not all, musicians play more than one instrument). I play drums and bass, passable guitar, a little keyboard, and a sliver of a few other things. I do play with synthesizers a lot recently, which is an instrument in its own right!

It’s not really fashionable but I love:

Socks with my birks during rehearsals. Maximum comfort is needed when rehearsing for hours at a time.

My friends say that I:

8 Am witty and loud!

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Name: Emma Rusden



Teaching Domains:

English, Wellbeing, Humanities, Tutoring, VCAL, Religion

My story so far...

I grew up in Ararat and attended Marian College for my secondary education. I was so inspired by my teachers and the level of commitment they put into my education, that I decided I too wanted to be able to gift this level of care and commitment to others. Once I concluded Year 12, I went on to study a Bachelor in Secondary Education at Deakin and then further completed a Certificate IV in Disability and Graduate Certificate of Youth Mental Health. I have worked as both a CRT and within various

short term contracts around Ararat and Geelong which have been incredibly rewarding. I have just made the permanent move back to Ararat with my partner Jake and I couldn't be happier.

What I love about teaching is:

Giving each and every student the opportunity to succeed. I love creating a space where students feel welcome, respected and motivated to become the best version of themselves.

When I was at school I was:

The one who was over prepared for every class and asked far too many questions. I have always been a passionate learner, so I am sure my teachers would remember me as someone who was dedicated to conquering the various challenges that learning brings.

I am always being asked:

If I will ever stop doing so much. I thrive on the busyness of life and will always take on new challenges, even if it means minimal down time.

It's not really fashionable but I love:

Wearing grey on grey (for me it equals ultimate comfort!)

My friends say that I:

Someone who sets my mind on something and doesn't stop until it's achieved.



FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

What a start we've had - week three already. As House Leader, I've noticed how well most students have settled into their year so far. I'm enjoying getting to know new Barron students and new students in my classes; there are so many I'm getting to teach for the first time. I'm trying to remember names, sorry if I get yours wrong at first!

We have some upcoming school events, such as our opening school Mass on Friday, February 18th at 11am. We will be spread out into different areas of the school for this, in order to accommodate guests and comply with Covid guidelines. Our new school leaders will be presented with their badges and formally welcomed into their roles. This is an important ritual for those students, their parents, and us as a school. Our swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday, February 23rd at the Ararat outdoor pool. Barron will be defending our longstanding title - but above that, the day is about participation and house spirit. We want to see sportsmanship and students cheering for and supporting their friends when they aren't adding to house participation points by swimming themselves.

Can I remind all students that they are role-models for the younger students and their own peer groups. Most of you do an amazing job! Role-modelling does mean following rules about uniform and hats and setting a positive and consistent example. We have had a hat 'blitz', and most students do have a hat (or have now purchased a new one). These **MUST** be worn outside during recess and lunch! Use your hat as a hat, not a lunch bag, and keep it on your head please. Aside from it being a rule and essential for our Sunsmart compliance, it is to keep you safe now and in the future. As someone who has lost a loved one to melanoma (deadly skin cancer), I cannot stress enough how important this practice is.

You also need to ensure that the rest of your uniform is organised and correct. For example, you cannot wear sport shorts other than the PE uniform shorts, or your favourite branded socks. Expect that we will follow up on this and persist, so please come to school in the correct uniform and avoid any issues.

There is much to look forward to in the upcoming weeks. Keep up the good work.

Erica McConachy
Barron House Leader

NEWS



IMMUNISATIONS YEAR 7 & YEAR 10



Please return completed immunisation cards by Tuesday 15th February 2022

Immunisation scheduled for Thursday
17th February, 2022

Secondary School Vaccinations in 2022

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 18 February 2022 if you do not want your contact details given to the Ararat Rural City immunisation service.

Should you require further information please contact the Maternal and Child Health Centre on 5355 0224.

Year 11 or 12 students who have missed their Meningococcal vaccine in Year 10 still have an opportunity to be vaccinated under the program. Please contact the school office to obtain a consent card.

English Faculty News

English classes have been in the process of outlining the units of work and texts/novels students will study during 2022.

A concerning number of students in Years 9 and 10 English classes claim they have not purchased the set texts for English. Teachers will contact home if they are concerned a student does not have a copy of the set text/novel.

Copies of class novels are provided to students in Years 7 and 8 ONLY.

Students in Years 9 - 12 English are required to purchase copies of English texts/ novels as per the 2022 booklists. These were emailed home in 2021.

Ms Knights ran a book exchange program during Term 4 in 2021 in order to assist students with the cost of texts by providing them with the opportunity to purchase second hand copies.

Unfortunately the College is unable to provide students with copies of English texts/ novels free of charge in Years 9 - 12.

If you require a copy of the 2022 booklist for your child please contact the College's front office. In the event that finances are difficult, please contact the College's Business Manager.

Students need to bring copies of the set textbook/novel to class as directed by their teacher so they can fully participate in English learning activities. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Stephanie Mansell
Head of English and Languages

YEAR 9 TEXTS

Happiest Refugee (A Memoir)
[Anh Do]

Of Mice and Men [Steinbeck]

YEAR 10 TEXTS

Insight Argument & Persuasive
Language [Melanie Napthine]

Insight Shakespeare Plays:
Macbeth [Aidan Coleman &
Shane Barnes]

Night [Wiesel]

Texts available from Campion Education

**5 Yarrowee Street
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English Faculty News

2022 Extension Tutoring Program

As some of you may recall, last year we ran a tutoring program, funded by the state government, whose aim was to assist students who had been adversely impacted by remote learning during the 2020 lockdowns. Due to the continued disruption to learning in 2021, the government has extended the funding to the Tutor Learning Initiative.

On reviewing our 2021 tutoring program, we were excited to discover gains in students' reading abilities. We also received feedback from students reporting that they enjoyed the opportunities afforded by the small groups, such as: working together as a team, peer teaching, discussing ideas and working at the pace that best suited them. Based on these successes, we have decided to expand the program across all levels from 7 - 10.

In order to provide as many students as possible with the opportunity to extend their literacy skills, as well as plugging any gaps they may have, we will be changing the groups for the tutoring program each term. This means that your child *may* be part of a 9 - 10 week tutoring program (depending on the length of the term). They would be in a group of four to five students

and be working with a trained English teacher. Due to timetabling restrictions, the tutoring classes will be timetabled against one other subject. This subject will only, however, be impacted for one term.

The focus this year is to provide students with key literacy strategies that they can employ in all of their subjects at high school. As with last year, we are going to assist students with areas that they find challenging, as well as extending students' reading and writing skills. The aim is to build confidence and promote independent, self-directed learners.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Extension Tutoring Program, as we are calling it this year, please do not hesitate to contact me either via email at nwirper@mcarrarat.catholic.edu.au or via telephone on 5352 3861.

I am excited by the possibilities that this program affords and look forward to working with the students.

Natalie Wirper
School Improvement and Literacy Coordinator

say cheese!

School Photo Day is fast approaching.
Have your child's school memories captured forever
on **Tuesday 22nd February 2022**

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method.
All payments are due on photo day.
- You may pay **online** using your credit card. Each child will have an individual 'shootkey' listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child's order.
- You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided.
Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.
- *Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. **THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN DURING SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY AT RECESS***
 - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.
- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however, please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.
- All students should wear their **correct school uniform**.

NO SPORTS UNIFORM TO BE WORN FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

Year 12 students should wear their Year 12 Rugby Jumper

Year 11 students should wear the blue college polo top or business short or summer dress

Year 7 - 10 students should wear the new school uniform - **NO SPORTS UNIFORM**

Clean leather shoes with white or grey socks

Long hair must be tied back

Boys must be clean shaven



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

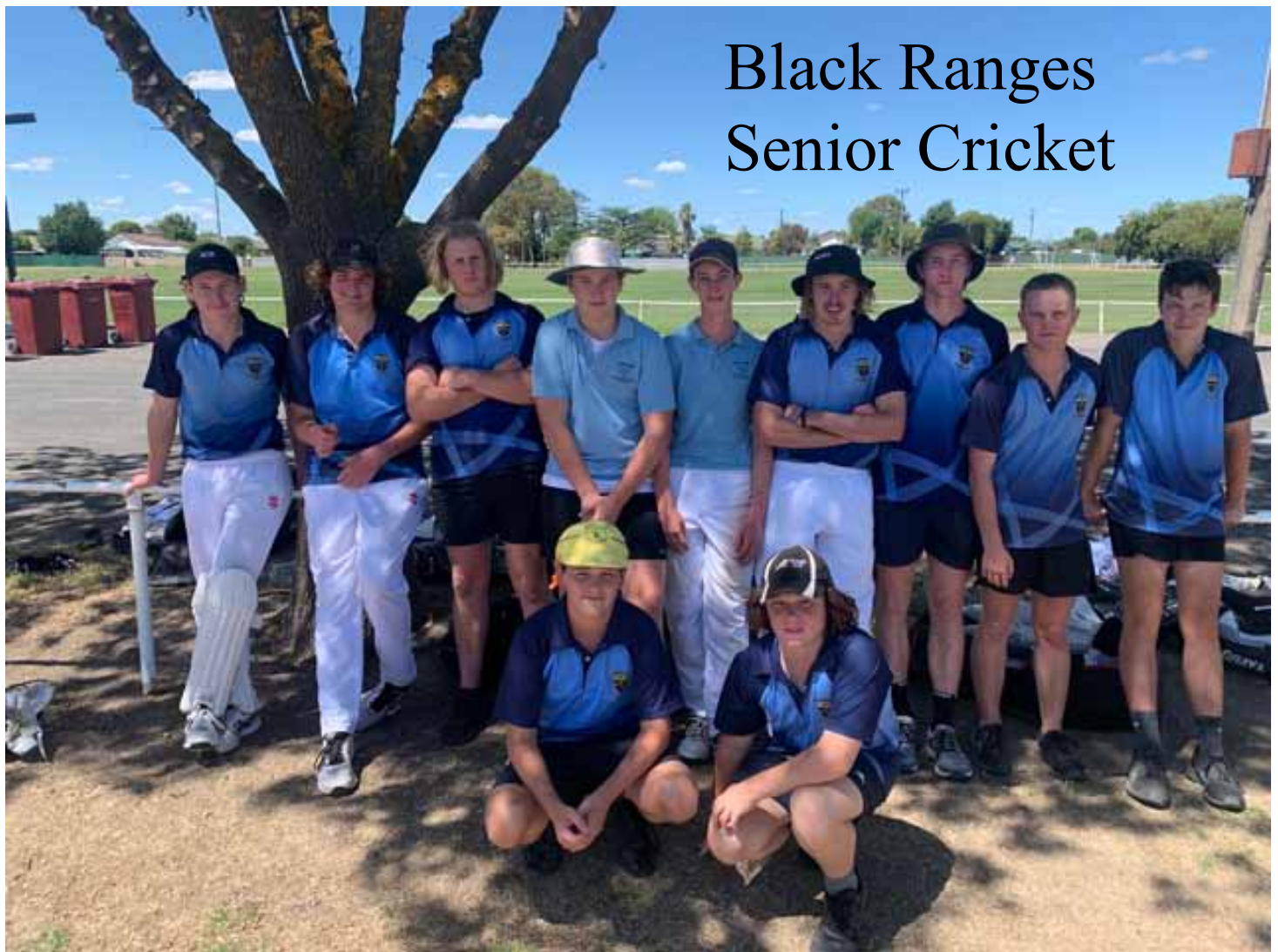
BARRON KELLY SYNNOTT CLANCY

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: Wednesday 23rd February 2022
- Venue: Ararat Outdoor Pool
- Time: Students to meet at the pool at 8.50am.
Dismissal 3.10pm
- 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.

SPORTS REPORT



Black Ranges Senior Cricket

Last Monday the Senior Boys cricket team travelled to Horsham to compete against Horsham College and Stawell Secondary College.

First up was Stawell playing a 10 over a side match Marian made 72 batting first. With Jayde McMurtrie and Riley Pevitt scoring the bulk of the runs. The game was tight coming down to the final few overs with Stawell needing 5 runs off the last over to win. A run out off the second last ball meant the scores were tied and Brady McMahon managed to take a wicket off the final ball with Zak Peachey taking a simple catch to see the match finish in a tie.

Game 2 saw Marian Play Horsham and again Marian batted first and put on another good total off their 10 overs. Jack Cann retired on 30. The boys bowled well but unfortunately the strength of the Horsham team saw them win in a tight contest.

Well done to all the boys who played!

Michael Harricks

SPORTS REPORT



Black Ranges Intermediate/Senior Tennis

The Black Ranges tennis tournament was held last week. It was great to see our students once again participating in inter-school sport.

The students who participated represented the intermediate and senior section of the school. We had some winners on the day, but participation was the best thing to see after so many missed sporting events over the past few years.

Here are a few snaps from the day.
Nick Lloyd





Marian College Ararat



A Kildare Ministries school in the Brigidine Tradition

Applications are invited from suitably experienced persons for the positions of

PRINCIPAL'S ASSISTANT (full time, ongoing)

The successful applicant will have a commitment to Catholic education and to the safety and wellbeing of children.

The successful applicant will be subject to a Working With Children Check and a National Police Check.

Employment packs including position description, application form and application guides are available on the Marian College website.

Applications close at 4.00pm on
Wednesday 16th February, 2022.

Email to HR Manager - vscott@mcarrarat.catholic.edu.au

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Applications are invited from suitably experienced persons for the positions of

English Teacher (Tutor)

(part time)

Learning Support Officer

(part time)

Immediate start (negotiable)

The successful applicant will have an understanding of Catholic education and the safety and wellbeing of children.

Application information including position description is available on the Marian College website.

Applications close at 4.00pm on Friday 18th February 2022
Email to the Principal - principal@mcarrarat.catholic.edu.au

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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

NEWS, RESOURCES, EVENTS & INSPIRATION



Wednesday 9 February 2022

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

Scholarships for high achievers

The University of Melbourne – The Hansen Scholarship

If you are planning to study at The University of Melbourne in 2023, you should consider applying for the prestigious Hansen Scholarship. Stage 1 applications are now open and close on Wednesday 9 March. You must be able to prove financial disadvantage to be eligible.

<https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/hansen>

Australia National University (ANU) – Tuckwell Scholarship

If you are planning to study at ANU in 2023, you should consider applying for the prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship. Applications will open in March.

<https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/>

Other scholarships

The Country Education Foundation has developed a resource to assist Year 12 students to find and apply for university scholarships.

The majority of scholarships for the 2023 intake won't open until later in the year, but students can use the website as a guide to what may be available.

<https://cef.org.au/scholarships-guide/>



University course search tools

Course Seeker

The Course Seeker website contains a national course comparison tool which allows students to search, select and compare higher education courses and filter search results by ATAR, study area and location, www.courseseeker.edu.au

View course ATARs

Year 12 students can view the ATAR profiles for university courses by using the course search functions on state based Tertiary Admission Centres.

Course ATARs can be used as a guide when planning for post school studies. It's important to note that as ATARs are based on the demand for a course, they may rise or fall for the 2023 intake.

Students will be able to view the lowest ATAR and lowest Selection Rank (ATAR inclusive of equity and academic bonus points) to receive an offer.

Use the following websites to access the information

Victoria
NSW & ACT
QLD
SA & NT
WA
Tasmania

www.vtac.edu.au
www.uac.edu.au
www.qtac.edu.au
www.satac.edu.au
www.tisc.edu.au
www.utas.edu.au

Australian Defence Force

ADF Gap Year Program

Year 12 students will soon be able to apply for the ADF Gap Year program. Students will be able to spend an exciting 12-months in the Navy, Army or Air Force, and get paid for meaningful work while travelling around Australia, gaining skills for life, and making lifelong friends.

To start the application process, you can book the YOU (Your Options Unlimited) session early. This is the first step in the recruitment process. For information and to book, visit <http://bit.ly/2Tyn8Yp>

For information, visit <https://bit.ly/3dCEL1b>

Apply for university now!



Early admission is now open for the following universities. You could receive a guaranteed offer before your exams!

University of New England

Applications are now open for the direct early entry program and will close in September. You will need a recommendation from your school to be eligible. Offers will be made in November before your final ATAR and results are released.

<https://bit.ly/3Hxaosl>

Charles Sturt University (CSU)

Applications are now open for the Charles Sturt Advantage Program. You can apply direct to CSU by 31 March and possibly receive a guaranteed offer in May. Selection is based on your Year 11 results and a 'soft skills assessment'.

<https://bit.ly/2UmOlG7>

Australia National University

Applications open for the direct entry program in March. You could receive a guaranteed offer by August. Selection is based on your Year 11 results and meeting the service and co-curricular requirements of the university.

<http://bit.ly/381rlc8>



Applying for Medicine, Dentistry or Oral Health?

If you are in Year 12 and plan to apply for medicine, dentistry and/or oral health to start in 2023, you may need to sit the UCAT ANZ (University Clinical Aptitude Test).

You will sit the test mid-year and selected universities use your UCAT ANZ results as part of the selection process, in conjunction with your ATAR and HSC/VCE results, and in some cases an interview.

You will only have one chance to sit the UCAT ANZ this year. It will cost you around \$305 to sit the test, or \$199 concession, and you will be able to receive your results straight away.

You have the choice to start preparing for the test early. There are several private companies who offer commercial preparation programs.

Please go to www.ucat.edu.au for more information about the UCAT ANZ, to see if you have to sit the test, and to register for the test.



UCAT Preparation Sessions

National Institute of Education is running an online simulated UCAT workshop on Sunday 22 February between 10am – 5pm. A second online session will be held shortly after, www.nie.edu.au

UCAT Mock Exam Day 2022

This is a free online UCAT trial exam that will be sat by thousands of students. You will be able to get your mock UCAT score and have a benchmark to work on improving for the exam later in the year. You can sit the exam any time on Sunday 27 February. You can register for the test via www.ucatmasterclass.com/ucat-med

Medicine Information Session

Charles Sturt University offers undergraduate medicine at the Orange, NSW campus in partnership with Western Sydney University. An online information session for prospective students will be held on Tuesday 29 March. Book via <https://engage.csu.edu.au/medicine-info-nights>

UCAT Guide

Download a UCAT Guide developed by UCAT Masterclass, <https://bit.ly/3HMyzTS>

ALL STUDENTS

Inspirational videos!

What better way to start the year than dreaming about your future and possible careers you may be interested in?

Australia National University has developed a large collection of over 90 videos that cover a range of topics from astronomy/astrophysics, physics and mathematics to science communication, environment and sustainability, to health, medicine, psychology, to earth and marine sciences and much more!

Health related videos:

<https://health.anu.edu.au/open-day>

Science related videos:

<https://science.anu.edu.au/open-day>



Start the school year by setting goals

The HopeFull Institute has developed a set of free worksheets for students covering a range of topics such as:

- digital detox
- examining stress
- goals (general and athletic)
- gratitude

To download the worksheets, visit

www.thehopefullinstitute.com/free-worksheets/

Health courses

Interested in working in the health industry? There are many courses and career areas you can consider. To set early academic goals, you can review the ATAR profiles for the 2022 January intake for the following course areas:

- Nursing
- Physiotherapy, Chiropractic, Osteopathy, Clinical Myotherapy
- Podiatry
- Speech Pathology
- Occupational Therapy.

ATARs listed are for people who applied for courses via the Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC). Download the guides via <https://bit.ly/335w9Rr>

Career Events

One of the best ways to develop ideas for occupations and courses is to participate in career events.

Check the Career Newsletter for upcoming events and also join the social media for any higher education provider or training institute you are currently interested in to ensure you are up to date with events.

The following are two events you may be interested in.

Charles Sturt University

Year 10 - 12 students are invited to participate in the Charles Sturt University Explore Day at the campus of their choice. Students will be able to explore two study areas through one-hour workshops.

Wagga Wagga, Tuesday 22 March
Albury-Wodonga, Tuesday 19 March
<https://study.csu.edu.au/life/events>

La Trobe University

Year 10 - 12 students are invited to participate in the Charles Sturt University Explore Day at the campus of their choice. Students will be able to explore two study areas through one-hour workshops.

Albury-Wodonga, Friday 25 February
<https://bit.ly/3rsBNWX>



The College is located at Melbourne and offers higher education courses in:

- Naturopathy
- Acupuncture
- Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine
- Myotherapy
- Complimentary Medicine
- Remedial Massage (Diploma)

The institute recently ran a virtual open day. You can access the recordings via registering at this link <https://virtualopenday.endeavour.edu.au/>

Casual employment

You can sign up for employment opportunities at the following websites:

Coles	https://bit.ly/383OETN
IGA Supermarkets	https://bit.ly/382p4yw
KFC	https://bit.ly/33N7mM1
Woolworths	https://bit.ly/2RptgTp
Hungry Jacks	https://bit.ly/2qkWIU8
Kmart	https://bit.ly/2Y8U2Rd
Target	https://bit.ly/2qZ76MZ
McDonalds	https://bit.ly/38oUvtb
Bunnings	https://bit.ly/2LfBzLs
Donut King	https://bit.ly/2YbqYly
Boost Juice	https://bit.ly/2P36v4l
Red Rooster	https://bit.ly/2Lf35Le
Myer	https://bit.ly/2sHiEov
Cotton On	https://bit.ly/2LjebPj
Sportsgirl	https://bit.ly/2RfT2cC
Officeworks	https://bit.ly/361GkCp
Apco	https://bit.ly/33F09xz

About 80% of all job vacancies aren't advertised, so it is crucial that you market yourself to businesses with an excellent resume and cover letter.

Make sure you tell as many people as possible that you are looking for work as often employers rely on 'word of mouth' to recruit for their positions.

Job seeking resources

For excellent job seeking tips, and resume/cover letter templates, check out the resources at the following two websites:

Skillsroad - www.skillsroad.com.au
Youth Central - www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au



Know your rights and responsibilities when starting a new job - www.fairwork.gov.au

Tax File Number (TFN)

If you don't have a TFN, you will need to apply for one via the Australian Tax Office - www.ato.gov.au

Job options

Also, check out job options at the 'Explore Careers' website - <https://explorecareers.com.au/>

Interested in a career with the Victoria Police?



VICTORIA POLICE

Victoria Police has four different roles available for students who might be interested in pursuing a career in policing.

- Police Officer
- Protective Services Officer
- Police Custody Officer
- Victorian Public Servant

For a brief overview of each role and to watch recruitment videos, visit - <https://bit.ly/2N5vhUu>

Experience and attributes the Force is looking for

Not every 18-year-old will be ready to apply but those who are gathering life experience whilst they are in high school will be more competitive throughout the recruitment process. For example:

Employment in a customer service role

Provides exposure to people of all works of life and develops communication, teamwork and conflict resolution skills. For example, working at McDonalds one day a week.

Volunteer experience

Develops a sense of community-mindedness and communication skills. For example, working at the local surf lifesaving club or community centre.

Sporting club experience

Develops teamwork, communication and leadership skills, not to mention the healthy level of fitness that is a requirement of the role.

Overseas travel

Provides exposure to other cultures, religions and languages and fosters a sense of independence and assertiveness.

For information on eligibility criteria and the recruitment process, visit the Victoria Police careers website, www.police.vic.gov.au/careers

Information session

The next career information sessions are running on 16 and 23 February. To view information, visit <https://bit.ly/3ryiA6o>

Interested in pursuing an apprenticeship or traineeship?

Even though you have just started the schooling year, your planning should start now.

Australian Apprenticeship Pathways have developed an excellent four-step guide to assist you to start planning - www.aapathways.com.au

Read through Step One and take the work type explorer quiz, download the AusAppPathways app to your phone, and complete practice aptitude quizzes to ascertain the level of literacy and numeracy skills you will need for different occupations.

You can also do the following during the year to prepare for an apprenticeship:

Meet with your Career Adviser to start planning your professional trade career

Undertake work experience in several fields or with several employers in the same field. See your Career Adviser for information on how to organise work experience.

Contact industry leaders and associations in your fields of interest to ask questions.

Contact local apprenticeship centres and/or group training organisations to ask their advice on what makes a competitive apprenticeship applicant. Use the following website to locate organisations in your local area www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au

Work hard in your English and Mathematics classes and VET/technology/science subjects if relevant. With advances in technology occurring across all apprenticeship fields, it will be crucial that you can read and interpret complex information and instructions and adapt to changes in technology during your apprenticeship and once qualified.



Bookmark websites for industries you are interested in to keep up to date with changes to industry technology, skills shortages, and events. For example:

Bricklaying	http://bit.ly/2DYCwbA
Plumbing	http://bit.ly/2FK6wnP
ICT	https://bit.ly/2SaxPj2
Agriculture	https://bit.ly/36WWgdq
Community Services	https://bit.ly/2OoUQgS
Rail Careers	https://bit.ly/36Ruo65
Climate control	https://bit.ly/3b8mBoo

Expressions of Interest sought

NETBALL COMPETITION

Ararat Fitness Centre
to be played on Tuesday
Nights

Looking for expressions of
interest to run a junior and
senior netball competition in
the coming school term.

Register your initial interest by emailing
ararat.redbacks@gmail.com by Friday
25 February 2022.

www.araratbasketballfutsal.com.au





Stawell Pioneers Soccer Club

Club is looking for players and coaches to join in the upcoming 2022 season. We are looking to add additional teams to our club programs. We are looking for the following players:-

Under 14yrs mixed gender comp school Years 7-8

Under 16yrs mixed gender comp school Years 8-10

Women's team 16yrs and over school Years 10-12

Seniors and Reserves 16yrs and over school Years 10-12

Junior programs run from 4:15pm to 6pm Tuesdays and Fridays

Women's and Seniors run from 6pm onwards Wednesdays and Sundays will change closer to the start of the season.

Please email your interest to team.manager.stawellsc@gmail.com or alternatively text 0455746642 for further information.

We hope you join us this year

Kind Regards

Jason Oosthuizen
President,
Stawell Pioneers Soccer Club,
M: 0455 746 642

Navarre Football / Netball Club



Seeking....

Junior players and their families

2022 season

Navarre football/netball club has a rich history of over 100 years. We are a family focussed club and we are proud of the success we have achieved over the years from seeing players developed in juniors, who stay with us to play on through into senior grades. We welcome new players and their families and invite them to become part of our family club.

- Junior players are provided with full uniform, excluding football boots or runners
- No club affiliation fees for under 11.5
- Free football registration for under 11.5
- Accredited coaches, including 'working with children' checks.

Come for a season and stay for a lifetime.

Junior grades include:

U11.5 Football	Coach	Luke Martin : 0438581276
U14.5 Football	Coach	Billy Parry : 0437623762
U17.5 Football	Coach	Nigel Greenaway: 0409424678
U17.5 Football	Coach	Luke Martin : 0438581276

Club President Tim Bibby :0429 998 221

U11 Netball – Coach: : Trish Martin

U13 Netball – Coach: : Sharon Moloney & Nicole Harding

U15 Netball – Coach: :Alicia Greenaway

U17 Netball – Coach: : Roslyn Comitti

Netball Presidents – Krystal Corazon : 0413729623
Trish Martin : 0411503376

Please contact us

February 2022

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March 2022

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YEAR 7A & 7B CAMP			YEAR 7C & 7D CAMP	
7	8	9	10	11