

Marian College

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

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

Remote Learning

With the sudden return to remote learning announced by the Premier on Friday, I understand that we have many new students and parents who are unfamiliar with our procedures. Please be assured that staff at Marian College are well practiced in this process and will do their best to keep your child engaged in the learning. We anticipate all students will return to school on Thursday 18th February but at this stage we must plan for any contingency. The reality is that short or extended 'circuit breakers' may occur from time to time throughout 2021, until we have wide-spread immunity. It is important therefore that students know that it is 'school as usual' in remote learning, and that their best effort is required from Day 1. They should be proud that they have done this well before. While disappointed to be here again, they have got this!

How the process works.

- Parents who do not have the internet at home have been asked to contact the Office this morning (Monday 15th February).
- Students are to follow the timetabled lessons for the day.
- Their class teachers will email students today to provide directions for google classroom or other ready to begin Period 1 tomorrow.
- Students should be dressed ready to learn at a designated desk by 9.00 Tuesday morning. (No TA tomorrow morning).

- If using ZOOM students are not permitted to use cameras.
- We will do our best to notify parents as soon as possible if your son or daughter is disengaged from the learning.
- If you have any wellbeing concerns we ask that you contact the College Office to speak with Ms Stephanie Saravanja (Head of Wellbeing), Kevin Griffiths or Debra Wilson (Counsellors).

Thank you for your on-going support for a smooth transition to remote learning.

Year 7 Camp

I know Year 7 students will be disappointed that we have had to cancel their camp for a second time in as many weeks. Groups were to head to Anglesea this morning or Wednesday. Please know that we will do our best to reschedule this important activity at a time this year that suits. We know how important it is to build on the great work of Transition. A huge thank you once again to Mrs Rhonda North, Mrs Lucy Edwards and Mrs Leonie McGuckian for their continual efforts to work around the current restrictions.

Heavenly Lord,

Do not let us neglect Your Spirit or the gifts You have given us. Give us the courage to use these gifts and the humility to not use them for our glory, but for You and Your glory. Help us see the good work You have ready for us and embrace that work with willingness and joy. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

The Season of Lent

The Christian Lenten season begins this Wednesday, February 17. Lent is the six weeks (or forty days) of preparation, prayer, reflection and sacrifice in the lead up to Easter. As children, often it was a time when we would elect to give up some treat, usually lollies. But over time or with age, Lent has developed into something a little more creative and perhaps, more meaningful. Rather than giving up, there are opportunities to do something to make the world a little better for others.

In this our Year of Wonder, it is a great opportunity to think about our place in the world. In the words of Timothy 'Fan into flame the gift of God which is in you' (2 Timothy 1:6). One challenge this lent, could be to ensure we share our God-given gifts with others. This could be taking time to ensure others feel welcome in our school community. It could be doing something to build positive relationships. Through our Wellbeing program, every student has explored their areas of character strength. My challenge to all students is to share those gifts with others at Marian College and the broader community. We have many talented young men and women. Sometimes they just need a little encouragement to offer their gifts to others.

Opening Mass

With some necessary changes to the format for the Opening School Mass this year with COVID restrictions on numbers, we are working through a number of scenarios of smaller gatherings for the various year levels. Unfortunately, we will not be able to include visitors or parents for most masses. The exception to this is Year 12. We understand that many parents would like to be included in the induction of our new College leaders. We will keep you informed as soon as dates and times are finalised.

Our College Leaders for 2021 are:

College Captains:

Hendrix Bourizk and Olivia Cole

Learning Leaders:

Isabella Browne, Phoebe McKiernan, Aston Allen, Evie McMurtrie and Hannah Terry

House Leaders

Barron - Grace Lording and Dylan Ryan **Clancy** - Oscar Cole and Hayley Griffin **Kelly** - Matilda Cranstoun and Racquel Scott

Synnott - Danieka Clayton and Sam Cairns

Photo Day Tuesday 23rd February (Planned at this stage)

Tuesday of next week is Photo Day. It is most important that students are dressed appropriately in the correct formal uniform. Students who have Sport must bring their sports uniform in their bag and wear their formal uniform to school. Long hair must be tied back and jewellery removed, aside from approved items. Please see the College diary for details.

Swimming Carnival (Planned at this stage)

Monday 22nd February is our annual Swimming Carnival at the Ararat pool. Students must arrive before 9.00am and remain until dismissed at 3.00pm. Students will not be permitted to leave the pool area. Students come along in their House colours but must have appropriate footwear, a hat, sunscreen, lunch and drinks, and sun safe clothing when not in the pool. The canteen is generally open but queues can be long. This is normally a terrific day.

Have a wonderful week, Carmel

IN MY WORDS with Olivia Cole Marian School Captain



I was very eager to leave my womb mate behind on the 21st of March in the year of 2003, being born first. I am the elder twin, which is boldly documented on my birth certificate. With only 4 luxurious minutes to myself, along came my brother, the runt of the litter, backwards as always.

Being born 8 weeks premature, weighing 1700 grams, with a head the size of an apple and clothes purchased from pumpkin patch teddy bears, it didn't take long for my older sister Brianne to start playing doctor. It's strange to think we started off so small and yet grew to be 'very large humans' as Brianne likes to call us.

I took advantage of my sacred crawling time, taking 5 months longer than the average child to start walking. Why walk when you can help mum mop the floor in Whinnie the Pooh mop suits am I right?

After coating the shed walls with cattle betadine and the lounge room with baby powder, Oscar and I were soon nicknamed 'Search and Destroy', which was mostly my fault. Oscar only

liked to eat orange vegetables and I thought I was rather clever managing to store food in my cheeks at bed time just in case I got hungry. Brianne moved from doctor to hairdresser where I was lucky enough to receive some wicked haircuts and then to fashion expert where I was dressed in some marvelous creations.

My love for animals started at a very early age from collecting bugs, to having snail races and maybe accidentally boiling frogs, in which I thought they would enjoy a nice warm bath in the middle of winter. Little did my parents know that buying me a pony at the age of 4 would turn into competitively eventing across Victoria for over 10 years. I soon found myself competing at state championships at the age of 9 and every year since then, recently qualifying for states in grade 1, the highest level of pony club, although covid saw a stop to that. This incredibly tough sport taught me to be resilient, it taught me to work hard but most of all it taught me that you can not succeed without failure and with failure comes reward.



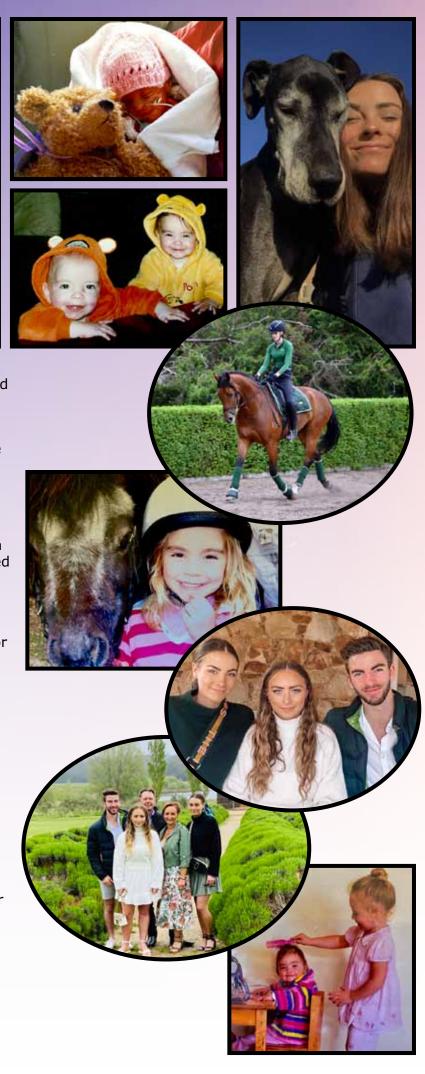
Career wise, after year 12 I plan to study veterinary science. Although I have wanted to be a vet since the age of 8, there are so many careers out there waiting to be discovered. I also have an interest in genetics and think it is so cool that we are able to better society in practices such as gene therapy, genetic modification and trace the origins of humans and other species. Heading into the big wide world I aim to make a difference, to better the lives of civilisation whether that is through bringing joy to people in helping their loved pets as a vet or elsewhere. I will follow wherever my curiosity takes me.

I wish to thank Marian College, to the teachers for allowing me to flourish and for encouraging me to explore. To the class of 2021, I thank you for the memories we have made over the past 5 years but the journey is not yet over. You are kind, supportive and I am proud to call you my friends. Going into our final year of secondary school, I remind you there is no such thing as luck. If you work hard you will be rewarded. I am honored to be representing Marian, as College Captain alongside Hendrix and I am grateful to be a part of this loving and compassionate community.

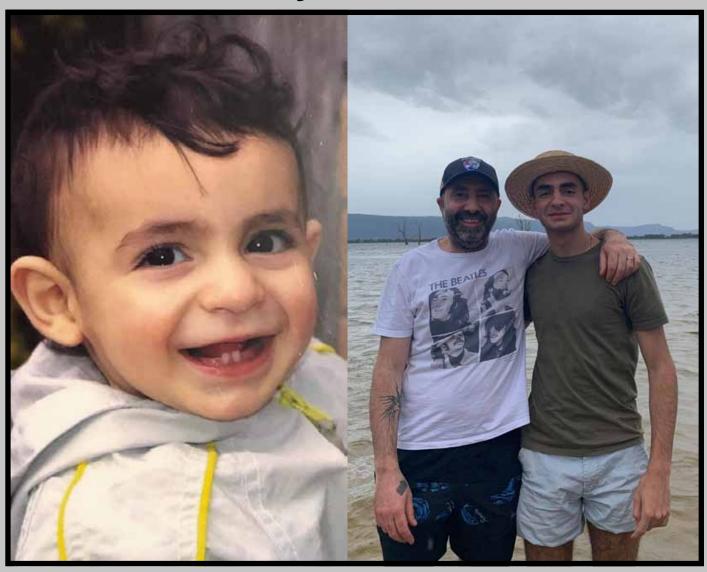
Finishing with some words from a not so wise 17 year old; pursue what sparks your curiosity, be unique, follow your passions, work hard and reach for the stars.

As my grandfather said; Good better best, never let it rest, until your good is better, and your better is best.

Lots of love, Olivia



IN MY WORDS with Hendrix Bourizk Marian School Captain



On the 31st of October, I was born as the first child and to Badui and Cozette. I am and still will be the oldest of 3 children with my younger sister and brother, Marley and Jethro. I was born right here in the great town of Ararat on a beautiful spring day. A beautiful baby boy with a name picked out by my father years before I was even a reality, "Hendrix." When I asked him why he chose such a unique name all he told me was "I thought it was pretty cool."

As a young boy I practically spent my life at Sicilians which I'm sure many in Ararat have heard of before. It was quite boring spending all day in there but if I was lucky I'd get to spend the day with my best friend, my Grandfather or as most knew, the pizza man. I remember riding in his little green car with windows I always struggled to wind down and going to get our favourite food, KFC and going back to spend the rest of the day in

his enormous back garden. Unfortunately, he passed away only a few years after I was born but I will forever cherish the memories and I'm sure he'd be very proud of the man I've become today.

I've always looked up to the great men in my life like my father and his before him who have had the biggest impact on me. From their great leadership to all-around friendliness they have both helped to shape my mind and set me up for the future. But of course, I cannot forget Mum who's always there when I'm feeling sad (or yelling at me when I don't do my homework!). I love them all very much. I'll never forget the day that my dad brought home former Swan Adam Goodes and I got to meet one of my many sport icons but he probably grew sick of me when I showed him every single one of my stuffed animals.

Over the years I have been lucky enough to travel the world with family having gone to over 5 countries including South Africa where I was almost attacked by a leopard and had a very close encounter with a full-grown elephant. But there is no place in the whole world I love more than my home countries of Lebanon and Syria which I hold very dear to my heart. It was in Lebanon and Syria where I began to learn who I truly am- and finally got to put years worth of Arabic to use. I also got to finally meet many of my family members during my trips overseas but still, I have not met everyone as I have a countless number. I do wish to hopefully one day meet as many as I possibly can.

Living in Ararat my whole life I've been connected throughout the community while staying close to home. I started my schooling at St Andrew's Kindergarten where I met one of my best friends Alex who's stuck by my side for all these years and we've done it all together. Eventually, I got to St Mary's Primary School. It was here that I grew a passion for football and soccer. I began playing for teams in Ararat and was lucky enough to win multiple championships during my soccer career and a premiership in football for our very own Ararat Rats. My love for soccer grew strong over the years and I always wanted to become a professional. I still remember waking up in the middle of the night and running to my dad to sit and watch Brazil play the World Cup. I never understood why we went for Brazil because we weren't Brazilian but Dad always said Brazil is the best and Lebanon not so much!

Growing up I never had any thought for my future after school until a few years ago when I met my cousin Abboudi in Lebanon (and yes we all have weird names) who told me about how he had become a dentist. After looking into it and releasing that I love to help people I instantly became hooked. When I told my friends that becoming a dentist was what I wanted to do most of them called me crazy and the rest were just disgusted but I'll never deter. Plus all that money sounds good to me.

I surprised myself this year when I chose to run for school captain because I never really thought I had it in me but I'd be lying if I said I'm not excited for the year to come and being able to work alongside Olivia makes my life easier. I'm hoping for a fantastic year full of joy and exciting things to come for everyone at Marian College.

Thank you Hendrix Bourizk











WELLBEING



This week was a busy and productive one! Students signed up for swimming sports on Monday for what will undoubtedly be a friendly and competitive Sports day on the 22nd February. This is such a fun day for our staff and students and we encourage people to get involved by getting in the water to win their House some points and do their very best. It isn't about winning-rather it is about community and supporting the efforts of people who have a go!

On Tuesday, the Western Bulldogs Leadership Program visited our Year 9 and 10 students to talk with them about what the program offers. This program has been a very successful one at Marian College, with students really getting so much out of the experience. We encourage any students interested in joining to please do so- this is a great foray into leadership and a great confidence booster. If any student has any questions regarding how to join the program, please see Ms. Saravanja for more details.

As part of our Wellbeing
Program, our Year 11 Leaders
are running the PEER support
program at Years 7 and, for
the first time, Year 8 too. This
is to offer as much support as
possible to our younger students
as they transition back into a
COVID-normal year with fewer
disruptions than we had in 2020.
While we face a short, sharp lock
down in the coming week, our
students can rest assured that
the PEER program will push ahead
regardless in the following weeks.

The Year 11 PEER leaders ran their first session with the 7s recently and it was a great success! The Year 7s reported having a great time and the Year 11s got a chance to show leadership and make a real difference. Well done to everyone who took part!

Steph Saravanja Head of Wellbeing





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FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello to you all in what we hope is only a short and sharp lockdown! We started the year by welcoming both our new and our returning students. It has been lovely meeting our new year sevens (and other new students) and getting to know them a little bit over the first fortnight of school. I enjoyed being a part of the Year 7 transition activities, commencing classes, and meeting some parents at the 'Meet the TA' evening held in Week 2.

I know that Year 7 students and staff were looking forward to going on camp this week, and have had to adjust to a lockdown and online classes instead. Due to Covid, we are utilising our patience more than ever, and sure have gotten good at adapting! We hope there are not too many disruptions to planned activities, and when there are unavoidable changes, we will let you know.

The Marian College Swimming Carnival is scheduled for Monday, February 22nd at the Ararat outdoor pool. We hope that this can go ahead and that students can enjoy dressing in their house colours, swimming, supporting their friends, as well as a little house-versus-house competition (Barron are the reigning champions, GO RED!). Don't forget hats and sunscreen!

School photos are scheduled for Tuesday, February 23rd. Students are expected to (as always) be presented in correct uniform so that individual and class photos can be taken.

To students and parents/guardians: keep well in this lockdown. Take breaks to enjoy time outside in the sunshine. Exercise daily and take time to relax away from screens. Our school Wellbeing Hub https://sites.google.com/mcararat.catholic.edu.au/student-wellbeing-hub/home has some activities and suggestions that you can utilise.

Fingers crossed that we are back at school on Thursday!

Erica McConachy Barron House Leader



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 progess to compete in the Black Ranges Swimming Championships.

What: Marian College Inter-House Swimming Carnival

Date: Monday 22nd February 2021

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.

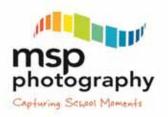
Must bring: Hat, sunscreen, lunch, drink, suitable swimwear, towel, warm

clothes to wear between swims, all medications required

including EpiPens, Asthma inhalers etc.

This is a compulsory school day.





School Photo Day is fast approaching.

Have your child's school memories captured forever on Tuesday 23rd February 2021

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 the Year 12 Rugby Jumper (subject to arrival)

Year 10 – 11 should wear the blue college polo top or business shirt or summer dress

Clean black leather shoes with white or grey socks

Long hair must be tied back

Boys must be clean shaven

Year 7 – 9 students should wear the new school uniform – NO SPORTS UNIFORM

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact MSP Photography

P: 03 5333 5577

e: ballarat@msp.com.au



2021 Fees statements will be progressively mailed out next week. This mail out will include credit statements.

In keeping with our aim of affordable fees and the financial effects of COVID-19 on some parents, there will be **no** increase in school fees in 2021 from 2020.

No Students	2021	2020 Fees
1st Student	\$1,890	\$1,890
2 nd Student	\$1,390	\$1,390
3 rd Student	\$1,130	\$1,130
4 th Student	\$880	\$880

Additional Charges - Years 7 - 10

In addition to the normal yearly fee, the College also purchases electronic textbooks in bulk (often at a discount) and recovers these fees through fee accounts. For students in Years 7 to 10 the following fees will also appear on fee statements:

- Digital Textbooks.
- iPad Levy

The additional cost is Ipad levy (\$100) and digital text books (\$155.)

In the case of the yearly iPad Levy, ownership of the iPad will pass to parents at the end of Year 10.

Additional Charges - Years 11 - 12

For students in Year 11 and 12, there are no e-book charges, however, the College will purchase access to a VCE recourse called EDROLO that provides expert online lessons and resources for a range of VCE subjects. The cost of this is around \$30 per VCE subject (where the resource is available). This will not appear on fee statements until the College has paid the cost, usually around March/April 2021.

As in previous years where parents/guardians are entitled to claim the State Government Camps Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) we will credit this against your fee account. Normally we do not receive the CSEF funds until May/June so the credit will not appear on the statements currently being mailed out. The College will also provide an additional discount to parents/guardians that qualify for the CSEF allowance.

Our expectation is that College fees are fully paid before 31 October 2021. Fees may be paid in a number of ways, including Cash, Bpay, EFTPOS, Credit Card, Direct Debit and Cheque. Many parents set up a regular payment process via Bpay, Direct Debit or Credit card payment. For more information on this please contact Mrs Claire Todd on 5352 3861 or e-mail <fees@mcararat.catholic.edu.au>

If you have any fee concerns or believe you may have difficulty fully paying the fees, please contact the College.

Yours sincerely, John Purcell, Business Manager





Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) - 2021

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sport programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply.

1. Who can apply

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. A Special Consideration category also exists. Schools can receive applications from families over term one and two.

Families can list more than one student in the one application form if they are attending the same school.

Eligible means tested cards

Below is a list of means tested cards that are accepted:

- ABSTUDY Schooling Applicant (ABA)
- ABSTUDY Secondary / Tertiary (ABY)
- Age Pension (AGE)
- Austudy Payment (AUS)
- Bereavement Allowance (BVA)
- Carer Payment (CAR)
- Disability Support Pension (DSP)
- Health Care Card (HCC)
- Job Seeker (JSP)
- Newstart Allowance (NSA)
- Non-Agency Payment (NAP)
- Parenting Payment Partnered (PPP)
- Parenting Payment Single (PPS)
- Partner Allowance (PTA)
- Sickness Allowance (SKA)

- Special Benefit (SPL)
- Widow Allowance (WDA)
- Widow B Pension (WID)
- Wife Pension Age (WFA)
- Wife Pension Disability (WFD)
- Youth Allowance (YAL)
- Widow B Pension (WID)



Special consideration is given to:

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, are in community detention or are asylum seeker familiesStudents in out of home care Students in statutory kinship care
- These students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a registered Victorian school and their parent/carer submits an application prior to the end of term 2.
- Schools are able to accept applications from newly arrived refugee and asylum seeker students who enrol in terms 3 and 4. For these applications documentation confirming refugee/asylum seeker status, visa grant notice, Immi card or a welfare letter is required to be attached to the application form.

Parents who receive a carer allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with the above.

Eligibility will be determined when the parent's concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of Term One or Term Two.

If the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not their siblings.

1. Application process

If you already have students at the College and have previously lodged an application in 2020, there is no need to re-lodge the application in 2021 as we are able to roll over the application from last year.

We will, however, require an application for any new student who started 2021.

Likewise, if you have students at the College and your eligibility has changed such that you are now entitled to claim the CSEF funding, please contact Claire Todd on the e-mail below to obtain a copy of the application form.

We have advised parents of Year 7 students enclosing a copy of the CSEF application form.

If you have a student who started this year and meets the eligibility criteria, can you please complete the application and return it to the College.

If you are unsure if you have already lodged an application and would like to check, or if you would like a copy of the application form, please e-mail Claire Todd at <ctodd@mcararat.catholic.edu.au>

To ensure we receive applications in time to process them, please return the application to the College in the first week of Term 2.

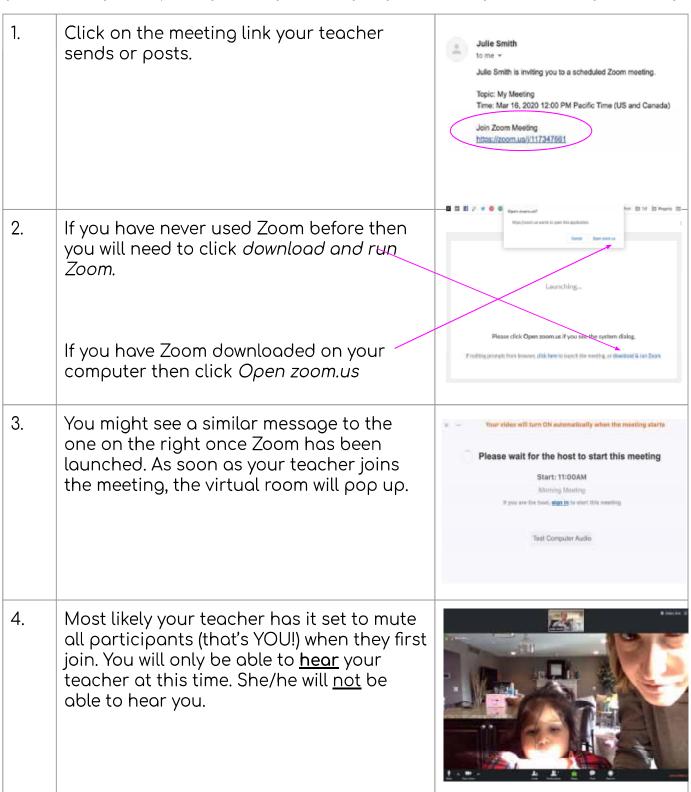
John Purcell.

Business Manager



Zoom Directions for Students

Google Chrome 53.0.2785 or higher, Internet Explorer 10 or higher, Microsoft Edge 38.14393.0.0 or higher, Google Chrome 53.0.2785 or higher, Safari 10.0.602.1.50 or higher, Firefox 49.0 or higher



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5. If your teacher invites you to speak, the message to the right may or may not pop up. If it does pop up click the blue Unmute Myself button. The host would like you to unmute your microphone Troubleshooting: Stay muted __ Unmute mysel What if my teacher cannot hear me? Bottom left corner next to the microphone, click the ^ arrow to try other microphones. If you need to leave the meeting early or 6. your teachers says the meeting has come to an end, you will want to exit the room by clicking Leave Meeting in the lower right hand corner.



Zoom Directions for Students

1. Download the <u>Zoom Cloud Meetings app</u>.

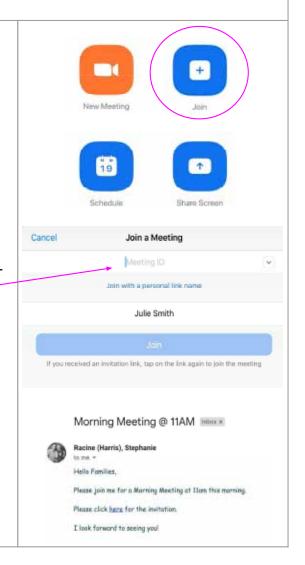


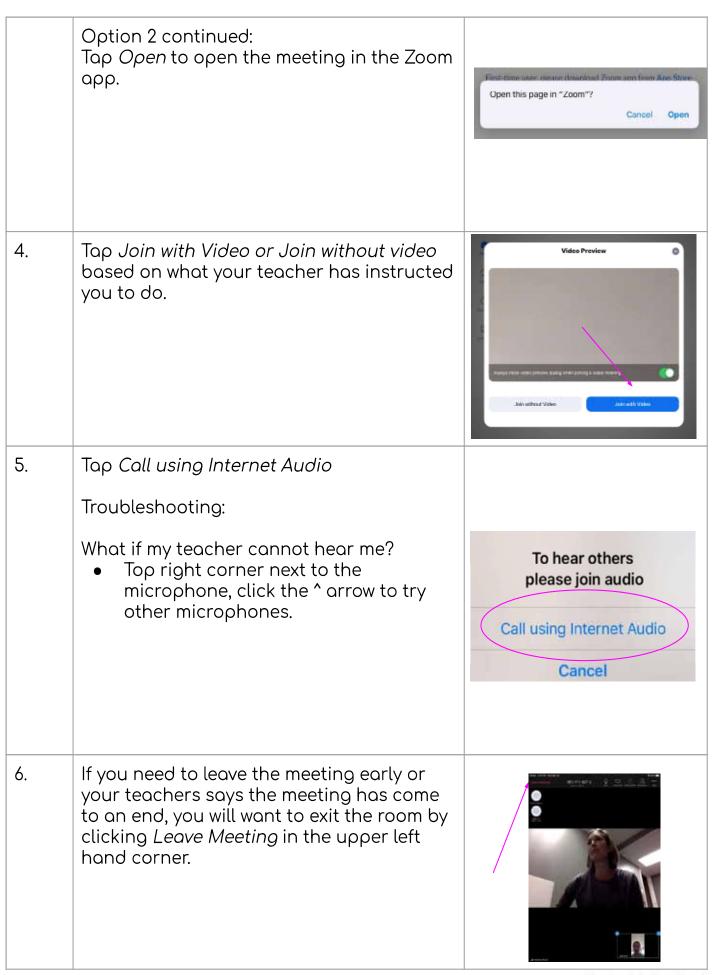
There are two ways to access your meeting:

2. Option 1: Open the app and tap *Join*.

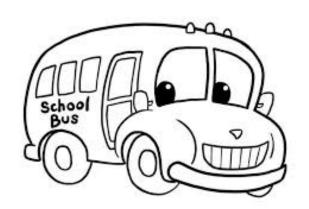
Enter the meeting ID number your teacher sends you and then click *Join*.

Option 2: Click on the link your teacher sends or posts.





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Occasional Bus Use - Ad Hoc How do I apply?

Ad-Hoc travel is where country bus travel is required for a non-eligible student where there is a legitimate need to use the country bus system.

Ad-hoc travel can be approved by the district bus principal or his delegate for a number of reasons including overnight visits to another student's house and sports training or if there is a requirement to either use another bus route or use another bus stop if you are currently a country bus traveller.

All applications must be made on the Public Transport Victoria (PTV) form 10 Application for Ad-Hoc Travel – Student and received by the District Bus Co-ordinator at Ararat College by 1.00pm on the day of travel. Applications can be approved for travel if there is a requirement to travel on a certain day each week - for example sports training. However this will be for a maximum of one term per application and can be revoked at any time. If there is more than one family member requiring travel each student is required to have a separate application.

All applications must be signed by the parent/guardian agreeing to the terms and conditions of travel on Page 2 of the application. The application must be the form that is available from the Marian College website (Enrolments - Transportation). Students can only travel on a country bus if they have an approved and signed application and it must also be stamped with the Ararat College stamp.

Please be advised that Ad-Hoc Travel applications (bus passes) will not be approved on Bus 1 Moyston as the bus is at capacity.



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Applications are invited from suitably experienced persons for the positions of

Learning Support Officer

(part time)

English Teacher (Tutor)

(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 Monday, 22nd February 2021 Email to the Principal - principal@mcararat.catholic.edu.au

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Wednesday 10 February 2021

University scholarships for Year 12 high achievers

The University of Melbourne – The Hansen Scholarship

If you are planning to study at The University of Melbourne in 2022, you should consider applying for the prestigious Hansen Scholarship. Stage 1 applications are now open and close on the 11th of 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 2022, you should consider applying for the prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship. Applications will open on the 3^{rd} of 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 2022 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 coursesby 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 2022 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

Get savvy about your finances

Year13 has teamed up with Westpac and built FinLit, a financial literacy program that will equip you with the knowledge you'll need to navigate the world of money. If you've ever wondered how to save for a car or how to go about buying a house, or what superannuation is - you've come to the right place! Topics include:

Landing your first job

- Types of work
- Getting paid the right wage
- Choosing a bank and guide to bank fees
- Using your bank account

Taxes and super

- What is superannuation?
- Getting paid the right super
- The deal with taxes

Saving & spending your cash

- Saving your money
- Understanding interest
- Savings accounts

Program - https://year13.com.au/



Free online career planning and job seeker program

The team at My Career Match have developed a free program for high school students that is broken into five key categories:

- Career planning
- Promoting yourself
- Getting a job
- Personal development
- Wellness

Students can choose which categories and lessons they would like to work through.

www.blastoff.mycareermatch.com.au



Science at Monash University

What is studying science at Monash University like? Monash has developed a series of videos to enable prospective students to hear from academics and learn about their stories and passions. To access the clips, go to http://bit.ly/1QBMmdw

University Newsletters

Stay up to date with future student news by subscribing to newsletters or bookmarking pages to browse future student information. The following are examples:

University of Wollongong, https://bit.ly/2MS8xmU Victoria University http://bit.ly/2ftWnzY La Trobe University, http://bit.ly/2f81p6N

Overseas Student Exchange

If you are interested in participating in an overseas exchange program or would like to find out more about becoming a host family, World Education Program (WEP) is running several online information seminars for prospective students. For information on the WEP and to RSVP for an information session, visit https://wep.org.au/

Hair and Beauty courses

The Masters Institute of Creative Education

The Institute offers students the opportunity to begin their careers in the dynamic and creative world of Hair, Beauty, Fashion, Fashion Design and Make-up with intensive hands-on practical training. For information on courses and to book a campus tour, go to https://tmice.edu.au/

Career Events

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

Check the Weekly Career News 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 events you may be interested in.

Victoria University (VU)

VU offers university and TAFE courses and has several campuses across the Melbourne area. The institute is running online information sessions for the following course areas during February, March and April:

- Business
- Tourism, Hospitality & Event Management
- Early Childhood Education
- Law, Criminology & Legal Services
- Creative Arts, Screen Media & Animation
- Building Design, Building Surveying,
 Construction Management, & Engineering
- Biomedical and Health Sciences
- Primary and Secondary Teaching
- Community Development, Social Work, Youth Work & Criminal Justice
- Information Technology
- Sport, Exercise Sciences & Outdoor Leadership
- Nutrition

For information and to RSVP for a session visit https://study.vu.edu.au/ug-webinar-series





Endeavour College of Natural Health

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 is running several online course information sessions for prospective students. For information and to RSVP, visit

www.endeavour.edu.au

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.

There are a huge range of workshops exploring courses such as veterinary science, equine science, agriculture, allied health, teaching, medical sciences, humanities, business etc. Parents are also able to attend.

Wagga Wagga, Tuesday 23 March Albury-Wodonga, Tuesday 30 March Information and RSVP:

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



Space Careers

A job in the space sector may seem out of reach, or only available to a select few who want to be an astronaut. But the good news is, there are many space jobs that draw on STEM skills and areas like software development, industrial design, and metal fabrication.

The Australian Space Agency aims to triple the size of the Australian space sector and create 20,000 more space jobs in Australia in the next 10 years. Careers With STEM are running a webinar for students interested in working in the space industry.

Wednesday 24 February, 12pm – 1pm Info & RSVP: http://bit.ly/36XGPA9

UCAT Preparation Sessions

Year 12 students planning to study medicine or dentistry in 2022 may need to sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT ANZ) in July 2021,www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz

National Institute of Education is running an online UCAT information session onMonday 15 February between 6.3opm – 9pm,www.nie.edu.au

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 4 May. Book via http://bit.ly/332bSrn

Australian Defence Force

Work Experience

Secondary students can apply to undertake work experience in the Army, Navy or Air Force. The following are examples of work experience opportunities that can be applied for.

It's important to note that work experience must be organised in partnership with your school and that students and their families are responsible for any costs associated with the work experience such as accommodation and transport.

Air Force

Air Force Familiarisation Camp East Sale, Victoria There are 2-night work experience programs running in March and April.

Navy

Navy Aviation Overview Nowra, NSW 29 – 31 March

For information and to apply for any of the above opportunities and to keep up to date with other future work experience options visit https://defencecareers.nga.net.au/cp/



Career Events

You can find out more about careers in the ADF through participating in a free information session. For a list of upcoming events and to RSVP, visit www.defencejobs.qov.au/events

Recruitment

If you are considering applying for any role in the Defence Force to start in 2021 or 2022, you should book a YOU (Your Options Unlimited) session early. This is the first step in the recruitment process. For information and to book the aptitude day, visit http://bit.ly/2Tyn8Yp

ADF Gap Year Program

Year12 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. For information, visit www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year

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

Career Events

To view upcoming recruitment information sessions, visit www.police.vic.gov.au/police-information-sessions

My Health Career

My Health Career is a fantastic website that has career resources such as information sheets and videos about careers in several health fields including physiotherapy, dentistry, optometry and occupational therapy etc.,

www.myhealthcareer.com.au



Who wants to be an engineer?

Do you prefer building bridges or creating engines? Who has more fun – a civil engineer or an aerospace engineer? Bring together skills and knowledge with a degree at RMIT. Play this game to find out what type of engineering you'd be best suited to, and about student life at RMIT,

https://trueengineer.rmit.edu.au/

Train to become a flight attendant

The following are examples of two institutions that offer flight attendant training in the Melbourne area:

Aviation Australia

Training runs in blocks with numerous starting dates throughout the year. You can explore start dates, location and fees at this link -

https://aviationaustralia.aero/

William Angliss

Offers the Certificate III in Aviation (Cabin Crew). To find out about the course, visitwww.angliss.edu.au

Free study skills subjects

Charles Sturt University offers free online subjects for students who would like to brush up on their skills, prepare for university study, extend their learning and challenge themselves. Examples of subjects include:

- Essay writing and academic writing
- Maths (intermediate and advanced)
- Preparation for teaching maths (for students interested in studying education)
- Introductory subjects in Chemistry, Physics, Bioscience and Anatomy

For information and to enrol into a free online subject, go to https://bit.ly/2Psh7fe

INTERESTED IN LEARNING GUITAR?

Riley Mason, local musician, is offering private guitar lessons at Marian College. Riley has a Bachelor of Contempory Music Performance (majoring in guitar) and has been teaching guitar for 6 years.

The lessons are available for all ages and there is no experience needed - just a guitar. If your child is interested in being involved in the program, please email Toni Mason - tmason@mcararat.catholic.edu.au or phone the school office - 5352 3861

Any enquiries about the program please contact Riley on 0434 711 598

Private Lesson - \$25 for 30 minutes



February 2021

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15	16	17	18	19
	REMOTE LEARNING	REMOTE LEARNING	RETURN TO SCHOOL	OPENING SCHOOL MASS
22	23	24	25	26
SWIMMING CARNIVAL	SCHOOL PHOTOS			

March 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
1	2 BLACK RANGES SWIMMING	3 YEAR 7 and 10 IMMUNISATIONS	4	5		
8 LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	9	10	11	12		
		YEA	YEAR 8 CAMP			