



# Marian College

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# From the Head of Student Development



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

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

## ***Prayer for Justice***

***Father, you have given all peoples one common origin.***

***It is your will that they be gathered together***

***as one family in yourself.***

***Fill the hearts of mankind with the fire of your love***

***and with the desire to ensure justice for all.***

***By sharing the good things you give us,***

***may we secure an equality for all***

***our brothers and sisters throughout the world.***

***May there be an end to division, strife and war.***

***May there be a dawning of a truly human society***

***built on love and peace.***

***We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.***

## **Year Twelve Retreat**

Our Year Twelve students came together for part of last week on Retreat at Cave Hill Creek. It was a time to share new experiences and challenges with friends and to reflect on the years past and ponder the years ahead. I was privileged and honoured to spend this time with our Year Twelve students and a dedicated team of staff and was overwhelmed by the friendly and welcoming nature of the students and was very pleased and proud to see everyone giving their all to each of the activities. The students made it a very easy and enjoyable time for the staff as their level of cooperation and participation was of the highest standard, as was their level of inclusion and acceptance of all. Congratulations and thank you to Mr East and the other staff who gave up their time to make the retreat such a rewarding experience for our students.

## **Year Seven Transition**

Our new Year 7 students excitedly began their 2020 subjects on Thursday after completing five days of transition activities. These activities are designed to help the students get to know the school and how it operates, and to get to know each other and their teachers. There was a real buzz around the Brigidine Centre with lots of energy and enthusiasm and new friendships being forged. Words can't describe the amount of work Mrs Rhonda North puts into the transition programs throughout the year and the whole school community owes her an enormous thank you for encouraging and welcoming our new Year 7s each year. It doesn't end there though, the Year 7s are on camp at Lorne this week, which is a wonderful opportunity to find and strengthen new friendships, while trying out new and exciting activities.

## **Swimming**

The Marian College Swimming Carnival is fast approaching on February 25. The students signed up for events last Friday and it will be great to see all students participate, enjoy themselves and get into the spirit of their house. There will be more information to come.

## **TA Reports**

TA teachers complete three interviews and reports with their students each semester. The timing for these interviews in Semester One is outlined below. Some teachers prefer to complete their interviews early, others wait until later and some prefer to spread them over the time available. Within each interview and reporting period each student will receive one TA report. Once a teacher has completed a report, it is held at school with all stored reports being released to the Parent Access Module every two weeks. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process please feel free to contact me at school on 5352 3861.

February 10 – March 27	TA Interview Report 1 period
March 16 – May 11	TA Interview Report 2 period
May 11 – June 26	TA Interview Report 3 period
June 25	End of Semester Reports Published

Have a great week,  
Geoff Parker (Head of Student Development).



# IN MY WORDS *with Amy Harris*

## *Marian School Captain*

Up until the early hours of the morning on the 7th of July 2002, Mum thought that two kids kept her on her toes enough, little did she know how much of a busy body I was about to be. At 5:42 am, at the Stawell hospital I was bought into the world. Sister to Emily and Sarah, daughter to Wendy Harris and newly favorite granddaughter of Lorraine and George Stoneman (don't worry both Emily and Sarah have come to accept it). Mum soon decided I was the missing piece of her little tribe and that it was now complete.

Growing up with 4 girls under one roof was a lot sometimes as I'm sure you could all imagine. I had my fair share of fights over Barbie dolls and hair straighteners, Mum definitely had her work cut out for her. Besides all the niggling, we have all grown up to become very close. I can easily say my Mum and two sisters are some of my best friends and I wouldn't trade them for the world. Mum I don't think I could thank you enough for being there every step of the way, to support me in anything I do; you are the most incredible women I have ever met.

My childhood basically started as soon as I could stand on two feet, once I got going there wasn't much that could stop me. Growing up I spent a lot of my time out side with Pa, building things and playing with snails, getting up to no good with my sisters, making mud slides, or nagging Nan to let me cook something. Some of my fondest childhood memories were definitely formed at my grandparent's house as my sisters and I were lucky enough to grow up very close with Nan and Pa, and to this day they are still my favorite people to spend my time with.



At three years old the time came to start kindergarten at St. Andrews, which I loved every day of and met some new friends that I am still close with today. Kinder was very exciting for me, as I got to spend my days finger painting, playing in the sand pit and looking after the turtles, it was also exciting for Mum because "finally she could get some quiet time".

When I turned four Mum decided it was time for me to start dancing (because I wanted to be just like my older sisters). Mum thought it would be a great way to use up all the energy I had, little did she know I was going to stick with it for 13 years. I still dance now, however not as much due to Year 12 becoming a big priority this year, but over the years of dancing and travelling all over Victoria to many competitions I have met many friends and had some very special teachers.

In 2008 I started my first year of primary school at Ararat West. Throughout my time at primary school I developed a love for learning, I was always so eager for a new challenge. It was definitely sad to say goodbye to a school that had a huge impact on the person I was growing into, however it was time for high school.

My journey at Marian College began in 2015 and will end this year. I cannot believe how much time flies when you're having fun. It has been tricky at times but I have been lucky enough to have spent my time with some of the most special friends and even luckier to go through my last year with them. I cherish you all and our memories so much xx. I'm not going to name you all because you know who you are. I have loved pretty much every moment of high school, from Year 7, when Mr Hunt referred to everyone in my maths class as Amy, Year 10 when I developed a love for psychology, all the way up until now.

Ever since I was little I have always liked to be a part of the action so after this year I am hoping to study criminology/

psychology at university and then go into the police force once I am old enough. Finally, I would like to thank all my teachers who have helped me through my time at Marian, especially Mrs Smith, thank you for putting up with my stressed self every time I needed some reassurance. Thank you all for getting me where I am today.

I would also like to thank Marian College and everyone involved for giving me such a special opportunity to be your school captain alongside Aidan Newson, I am very excited for the year ahead.

To all of my fellow Year 12's, I wish every single one of you the best of luck this year, and to enjoy every moment of it, it will be over before we know it. Please remember you are all capable of achieving such great things.

Love Amy xx





# Year 12 Retreat

Last Monday the Year 12 students packed their bags and travelled down to Cave Hill Creek for their 3 day Retreat. The Retreat is a wonderful opportunity for the students to bond together in a supportive, fun and prayerful environment.

There were activities that pushed the students such as the Giant's Ladder and others where they had to work together in order to be successful such as the Raft Building. There was also canoeing and bush walking and, most importantly, Affirmation Writing. Everybody is going through something, whether they make it public or not, and affirmations allow students to know that they are supported by their peers, that they are valued and recognised for the good person that they are.

On Monday we had three representatives of the Reach Foundation, Emmet, Blossom and Bree, lead a 90 minute workshop with students with a focus on their goals and motivations for the year. They spoke about their own journeys and through supportive conversation students were able to identify goals for themselves.

On Tuesday we were fortunate to have Sam Clear lead 3 sessions with the students. Just over 10 years ago Sam walked from the most eastern point of South America to the most Western point of mainland Europe with one message, Unity. It has been called the Walk4One. His walk was dangerous and he nearly lost his life a number of times due to health, the environment or the people. Yet he pushed on. The walk, though quite the example of strength and endurance, was second to the message of unity. I won't say anymore so as not to spoil it for others when they meet Sam, but needless to say that he is a positive example of a faith filled young person who isn't one to rest on his laurels.

Tuesday saw the return of the Hoedown. This was the one activity that I got the most questions from the students about. "What's a Hoedown?" "Do we have to do it?" etc. Once it started though the students went in all guns blazing. Their energy and excitement was electric!

Wednesday saw the retreat come to its conclusion. In the morning the Year 12s were given the affirmations that had been written for them by their peers. They were also given their letters from home. The students were given plenty of time to sit in the sun and 'digest' these letters and notes and be reassured of the love that is being given to them by those who care for them.

One of the recurring themes of the retreat was that though you may be facing a hard road ahead of you, you don't have to do it alone. On Monday night as we prayed we listened to the story of Jesus in the garden just before he goes on to face his crucifixion. We brought this back on Wednesday and spoke about though Jesus' friends left him when things got tough, God doesn't leave us. We have identified our obstacles to success and with God's help and the support of our family and friends we can overcome anything put before us.

I pray that all of the Year 12s have a successful year in whatever path they are choosing to take.

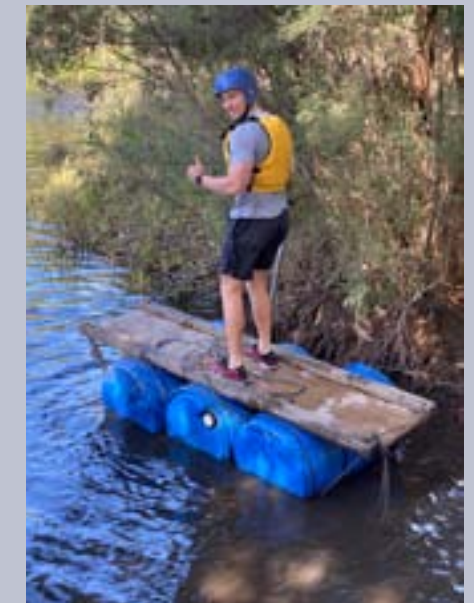
All the best.

Mr East





# Year 12 Retreat







## 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: Tuesday 25nd February 2020
- 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.  
Pancakes available for purchase (Shrove Tuesday).  
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.**

Any parents wishing to assist on the day please contact the College- 5352 3861.

## Marian College

cordially invites our College Community  
to celebrate the College's

### Opening Mass and the Commissioning of Student Leaders 2020

on  
Friday 21st February 2020  
at 11.00 am  
Sr. John Spurr Multi-Purpose Centre  
(cnr King and Moore Streets Ararat)

Following Mass, you are invited to join  
us for a light lunch

RSVP by Friday 7th February to  
[principal@mcararat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@mcararat.catholic.edu.au)  
or call Marian College on 5352 3861



*A Kildare Ministries school in  
the Brigidine tradition*

# say cheese!



School Photo Day is fast approaching.

Have your child's school memories captured forever  
on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

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 AT LUNCH TIME.**
  - 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 the Year 12 Rugby Jumper

Years 9 - 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 and 8 students should wear the new school uniform - **NO SPORTS UNIFORM**

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact

**MSP Photography**

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Tuesday	11th February	HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	12th February	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	13th February	K. Little, M. McGeoch
Friday	14th February	S. Rigby, J. Cameron

Monday	17th February	J. Knowles
Tuesday	18th February	HELP NEEDED
Wednesday	19th February	HELP NEEDED
Thursday	20th February	HELP NEEDED
Friday	21st February	HELP NEEDED

**ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER** Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website

<https://mcararat.cspace.net.au/Assets/567/MarianCollegePrivacyPolicy-Global.pdf>

For more information about privacy, see: Marian College Privacy Policy – Information for parents.





## Welcome back!

You have just come back to school and if you are reading this, chances are that you are thinking about exploring your career and pathway options. It's never too early to start thinking about career ideas, researching your options, developing a career action plan, or simply having a discussion with your Career Adviser.

If you are in Year 12, it is essential that you discuss your options with the key people in your life as soon as possible. Have no idea what you would like to do when you leave school? No stress! Don't delay seeing your Career Adviser- now is the perfect time. Not sure what to say? Don't worry- it's their job to guide you and open up possibilities you may not have considered before.

As a starting point, if you are interested in studying at **university or TAFE** in the future, it's important you attend open days and plan out your course interests early.

If you are interested in pursuing a **traineeship or apprenticeship** pathway, it is important that you gain as much industry experience as possible. You can undertake work experience once you turn 15 years old.

Seeing your Career Adviser early in the year is important to ensure you can get organised early and to be able to start making links with local employers.

Please read the Weekly Career News each week to ensure you keep up to date with upcoming career events and key dates.

Happy reading!

## Casual employment

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

Coles	<a href="https://bit.ly/383OETN">https://bit.ly/383OETN</a>
IGA Supermarkets	<a href="https://bit.ly/382p4yw">https://bit.ly/382p4yw</a>
KFC	<a href="https://bit.ly/33N7mM1">https://bit.ly/33N7mM1</a>
Woolworths	<a href="https://bit.ly/2RptgTp">https://bit.ly/2RptgTp</a>
Hungry Jacks	<a href="https://bit.ly/2qkwIU8">https://bit.ly/2qkwIU8</a>
Kmart	<a href="https://bit.ly/2Y8U2Rd">https://bit.ly/2Y8U2Rd</a>
Target	<a href="https://bit.ly/2qZ76MZ">https://bit.ly/2qZ76MZ</a>
McDonalds	<a href="https://bit.ly/380Uvtb">https://bit.ly/380Uvtb</a>
Bunnings	<a href="https://bit.ly/2Lfb2Ls">https://bit.ly/2Lfb2Ls</a>
Donut King	<a href="https://bit.ly/2YbqYly">https://bit.ly/2YbqYly</a>
Boost Juice	<a href="https://bit.ly/2P36v4l">https://bit.ly/2P36v4l</a>
Red Rooster	<a href="https://bit.ly/2Lf35Le">https://bit.ly/2Lf35Le</a>
Myer	<a href="https://bit.ly/2sHiEov">https://bit.ly/2sHiEov</a>
Cotton On	<a href="https://bit.ly/2LjebPj">https://bit.ly/2LjebPj</a>
Sportsgirl	<a href="https://bit.ly/2RfT2cC">https://bit.ly/2RfT2cC</a>
Officeworks	<a href="https://bit.ly/361GkCp">https://bit.ly/361GkCp</a>
Apco	<a href="https://bit.ly/33F09xz">https://bit.ly/33F09xz</a>

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 Youth Central- <https://bit.ly/2DIg04a>

**Rights and responsibilities** – know your rights and responsibilities when starting a new job - <https://bit.ly/2SggKUP>

**Tax File Number (TFN):** If you don't have a TFN, you will need to apply for one via the Australian Tax Office - <https://bit.ly/37VdCnP>

## Work Experience

**The Florey Institute:** The Institute at Melbourne offers a week of work experience for secondary students interested in neuroscience, brain diseases and disorders, biomedical science, mental health and medicine etc.

Currently the work experience program is closed for applications, but a second round may be offered in September 2020. Please bookmark <https://bit.ly/37V6CHT> for updates.

**Cost:** families are responsible for all costs associated with the experience such as transport and accommodation.

**Information:** [www.florey.edu.au/](http://www.florey.edu.au/)



**Work Experience Directory:** Students can bookmark the Work Experience Directory website and check regularly for work experience opportunities. You will need to create an account and you can then search for opportunities in your area. Go to <https://bit.ly/2sDABUN>

**Australian Defence Force:** to keep up to date with work experience opportunities for secondary school students, bookmark the following link - <https://bit.ly/2OpQeaf>

## Parents – School to Work Resources

Supporting your child in preparing for the world of work after school can be a challenge. Casualisation and globalisation of work force, automation and rapid advances in technology will all have an impact in your child's navigation of the world of work.

The Australian Government has developed resources to support parents through their new Future Ready Career Education Portal. To access the resources, go to <https://bit.ly/2Ok0wsL>

## Competition – Filmmaking

**Calling all High School film makers:** As part of their annual Martini Film Festival & Awards, JMC Academy hosts the High School Mocktail Film Awards. To enter, you will need to submit a short film (e.g., film, documentary, animation, television commercial, film clip) by Sunday 5 April. To find out more and to submit your film, go to <https://bit.ly/3b8u2eN>



## Interested in studying at university in the future?

The Good Universities Guide has released ratings and rankings of Australian university undergraduate courses. You can compare ratings from the following categories:

- Learner engagement
- Learning resources
- Overall quality
- Skills development
- Student support
- Teaching quality
- Graduate salary
- Getting a job.

To access the ratings and compare results between universities, visit <https://bit.ly/2RSvAST>

## Charles Sturt University

**Explore Days:** for secondary students in Years 10 – 12. Learn about courses at Charles Sturt University, participate in workshops, and speak to course advisers. Albury-Wodonga – 24 March and Wagga Wagga – 31 March, <https://bit.ly/2ul20w3>

**Doctor of Medicine:** the first intake for the Doctor of Medicine will be in 2021. Find out about entry requirements and the admissions process at an information session running in March and April, <https://bit.ly/2ul20w3>

## 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 - <http://bit.ly/2E2R7T2>

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 <http://bit.ly/2rdQLci>

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	<a href="http://bit.ly/2DYCwbA">http://bit.ly/2DYCwbA</a>
Plumbing	<a href="http://bit.ly/2FK6wnP">http://bit.ly/2FK6wnP</a>
ICT	<a href="https://bit.ly/2SaxPj2">https://bit.ly/2SaxPj2</a>
Agriculture	<a href="https://bit.ly/36WW9dq">https://bit.ly/36WW9dq</a>
Community Services	<a href="https://bit.ly/2OoUQgS">https://bit.ly/2OoUQgS</a>
Rail Careers	<a href="https://bit.ly/36Ruo65">https://bit.ly/36Ruo65</a>
Climate control	<a href="https://bit.ly/3b8mBo0">https://bit.ly/3b8mBo0</a>

## Year 12 Students

**Latitude Global Volunteering** is a company that provides overseas placements for Year 12 graduates during their gap year.

You can volunteer in countries such as Argentina, Poland, Spain, China, Vietnam, Canada, Japan, UK, Fiji, Ghana, New Zealand etc., in positions such as teacher's assistant, sports coach, outdoor activities instructor, medical assistant, teacher, or community worker.

Latitude is offering 50% off the cost of the application fee to students who apply by 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2020. Just use the code: AUMAIL50.

For information and to apply, go to <https://latitudeaustralia.org/>



## Defence Force Gap Year Program

Applications for this fantastic program will open on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. Any student considering applying for a position in the Army, Air Force or Navy should book their YOU Session as soon as possible.

The YOU Session is an aptitude day and is the first step in the recruitment process for all roles in the Defence Force. You can book a session by phoning 131 901 or visiting your local Defence Force Recruiting Centre.

Note – anyone considering applying for any role in the Defence Force to start in 2020 or 2021 should book a YOU session early.

Recruitment process	<a href="https://bit.ly/2SgzYtn">https://bit.ly/2SgzYtn</a>
Gap Year Program	<a href="https://bit.ly/2GSbFN9">https://bit.ly/2GSbFN9</a>
Defence Jobs	<a href="https://bit.ly/3b7yp9V">https://bit.ly/3b7yp9V</a>



## UCAT Preparation Sessions

Matrix Education, Saturday 15 February, Melbourne, 10am – 11am, <https://bit.ly/37ZXkKA>

NIE, Saturday 21 March, Melbourne, 9am – 6pm, <https://bit.ly/36Q7coQ>

MedEntry, 28 – 29 March, 2-day weekend workshop, <https://bit.ly/2RSrv0B>



# February 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10	11 INTERMEDIATE/ SENIOR TENNIS	12	13	14
YEAR 7 CAMP 1			YEAR 7 CAMP 2	
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24	25 SWIMMING CARNIVAL	26 ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY	27	28

# March 2020

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2	3 BLACK RANGES SWIMMING CARNIVAL	4	5 YEAR 7 & 10 IMMUNISATIONS	6