



Marian College

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For God so loved the world that he gave his one
and only Son, that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



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*

Psalm 91

Eternal God,

**Lean into all our efforts to keep
ourselves and each other safe.**

**Hold our health care workers in
your mighty arms,**

**Shine your boundless creativity on
all scientists working on a cure**

**And with your fingertips comfort the
sick and anxious with gentleness.**

In Jesus Christ,

Amen

We arrive at the term holiday all somewhat disorientated as the usual College Easter celebrations and 'Way of the Cross' are postponed for more urgent matters. We are conscious of the very real concern within our community as companies and small businesses close their doors, and the flow-on emotional and financial effect this is having on families. We further understand that the prompt closure of all Victorian schools added a further level of anxiety and stress for many of our students and

families. Despite the Student Free Day on Monday, the response from all parents and students has been nothing short of incredible, and I thank you sincerely for your quick action in collecting books, computers, iPads and other resources to support the transition to online learning.

Talking to staff yesterday, I spoke about the collective power we have as a community with more than 550 people onsite every day. We are 'more powerful than we can imagine'. In the words of Mother Teresa, 'Not all of us can do great things but we can do small things with love'. There will be a time when together we find creative ways to help rebuild and support the broader local communities experiencing the brunt of the virus at this time. It is our intention as a staff to explore creative ideas together to help once school life returns.

While the school closure emerged more quickly than anyone anticipated, please be assured we are in a very good place with comprehensive planning across all areas of the College. The staff have been brilliant, and will continue to work to ensure all students are catered for well during this period.

Later today, I will forward one final letter for the term on the Coronavirus. This will include key contact details and processes to suitable response to any of your concerns over the weeks ahead. I have asked staff to take a break and to find something positive, relaxing and enjoyable to do over the holidays. I would encourage all families and students to do the same. I will be in contact with all parents in the second week of the holidays, and just before Easter, to update you on the schools situation. Go with *Strength and Gentleness*.

Take care, Carmel

IN MY WORDS *with Jasmine Jagan*

Learning Captain

So pretty much, I casually entered the world just after 7am on Saturday 16 March 2002 at the Mater Mothers Hospital in Brisbane. I must have been comfortable 'just chilling' because Mum had to be induced to get me out; I was 8 days overdue. Mum says I've been 'just chilling' through life ever since.

We left Queensland and moved to Melbourne when I was just a few months old. Three years later, my sister Nisha was born and another three years after that, my sister Amara was born. My biological dad left a few months after Amara was born and ever since then it's just been me, my mum, and my sisters.

My love of music started at a young age when I used to stand in front of the TV, dancing to Bollywood movies



(I have a Maori, Indian, Islander, Aussie, all over the shop background). Mum says I have always been a loving and caring child, full of hugs and big smiles. After a few years on our own in Melbourne, Mum decided to move us all back to her home town of Stawell. I was devastated as I was moving away from all my friends and the city where I had grown up so far. We spent a lot of time with my grandparents when we moved back to Stawell. Living in a small country town, you get introduced to everyone, especially when your grandparents know everyone, and they know them! It was also weird being in a small-town primary school because I was so used to schools

being big and crowded; it was a nice change. I met two of my best friends that year, Sophie McKenzie and Josh O'Donohue. Moving from primary school to high school was another big change, but more exciting than ever! From that point on, I made more and more friends and I love them all!

The biggest highlight for me so far was about five years ago when my mum met a pretty cool dude named Ryan and his son Noah, even though the footy team they barrack for (Geelong Cats) aren't so great. Ryan and Noah are the best – almost up there with my beloved Hawks! Ryan eventually came to his senses and asked my mum to marry him and now I'm proud to call him my dad and Noah my little brother (he's five)! Three years ago, sister number three came along, Imogen. Boy, is she a handful! She definitely gives us all a headache! Last year, my baby sister number four, Emilia (Millie), arrived and she is so lovely and happy. We have our very own 'Brady Bunch' family, it's crazy and the little kids are so noisy, but I wouldn't change it for anything. Plus, when I get sick of one sibling, there's another one I can choose from to deal with them haha.

In 18 short years, I have experienced so much – some amazing, some not so amazing. For me, some of the other highlights in my life have been (and in no particular order) – being selected to sing with the Australian Youth Choir, winning Fastrack talent contest in Ararat, Chicago, choir co leader in primary school and singing with the Welsh Men's Choir, performing the National Anthem for Northern Grampians Shire Council on multiple occasions, being selected for and successfully completing the Western Bulldogs Leadership project in 2018, performing on Sunrise with Sam Mac (oh my gosh!), my many sporting achievements in basketball, swimming, tennis, and netball, spending time at

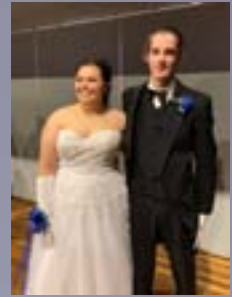
my grandparents farm (before they sold it), family functions with my extended family (it's huge – literally!), being selected as Year 12 learning leader, managing my mental health throughout the years (though, is still ongoing), and being a supportive and caring sister and friend.

I can't believe that I have made it this far! Year 12 is going to be a big year with my fellow 2020 peers but next year is going to be the scariest. As much as I don't like to admit it, I love coming to school every day to see the teacher's friendly faces, my friends, and to learn, though I know I'm not good at some subjects, I always try. This school has taught me so much in my six years attending. I've had some ups and I've had a lot of downs, but I always pick myself up with a smile and the support of my best friends.

Finally, thank you to my best friends Ella, Daina, Grace, Liam, and my sister Nisha for being there to help and support me through my struggles, and thank you to my other good friends (they know who they are), for making me laugh and smile every day. I'd also like to thank them for helping me get this far, and my parents of course!

To the rest of the Year 12's, GOODLUCK THIS YEAR! We got this!

- Jas :)



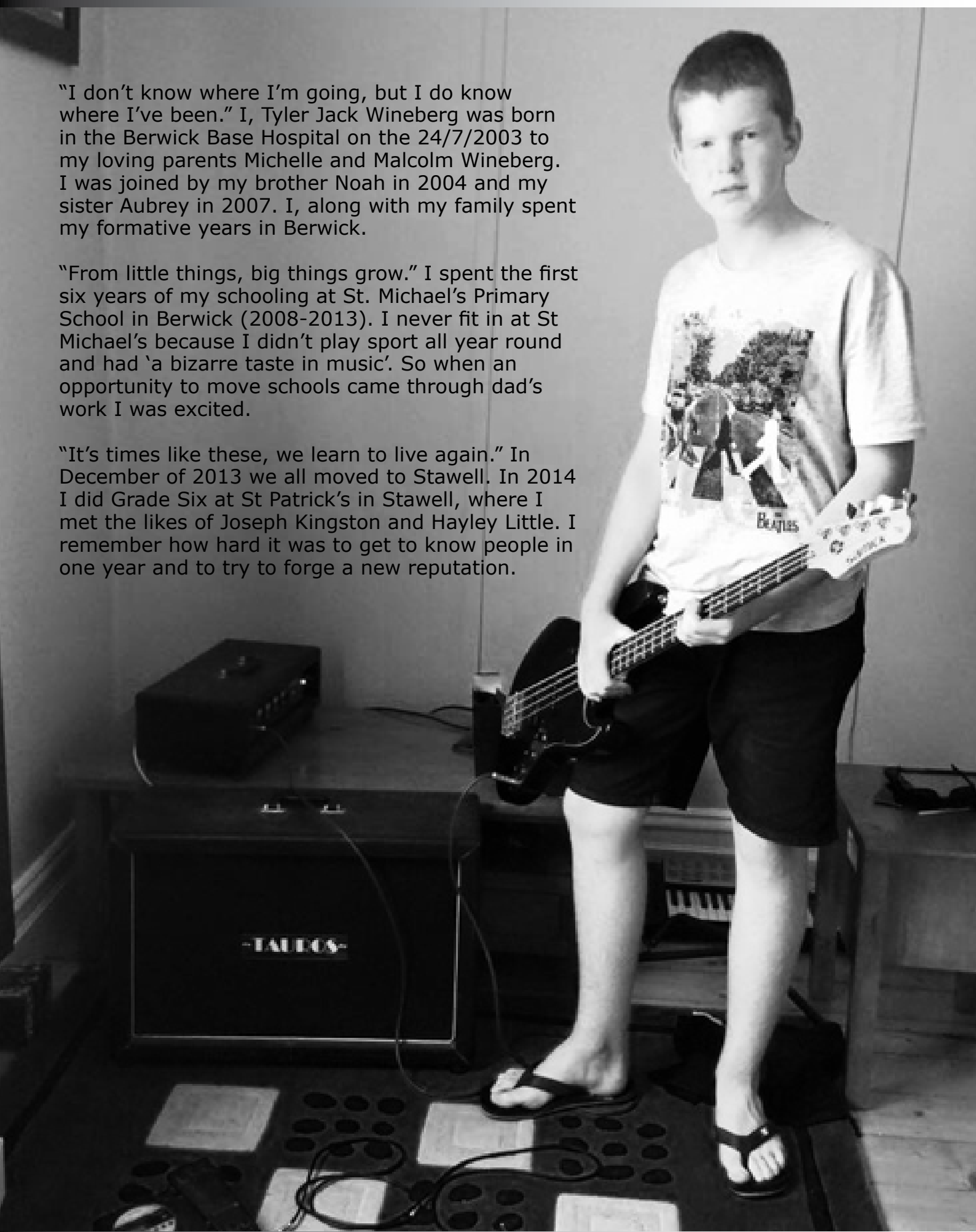
IN MY WORDS *with Tyler Wineberg*

Learning Captain

"I don't know where I'm going, but I do know where I've been." I, Tyler Jack Wineberg was born in the Berwick Base Hospital on the 24/7/2003 to my loving parents Michelle and Malcolm Wineberg. I was joined by my brother Noah in 2004 and my sister Aubrey in 2007. I, along with my family spent my formative years in Berwick.

"From little things, big things grow." I spent the first six years of my schooling at St. Michael's Primary School in Berwick (2008-2013). I never fit in at St Michael's because I didn't play sport all year round and had 'a bizarre taste in music'. So when an opportunity to move schools came through dad's work I was excited.

"It's times like these, we learn to live again." In December of 2013 we all moved to Stawell. In 2014 I did Grade Six at St Patrick's in Stawell, where I met the likes of Joseph Kingston and Hayley Little. I remember how hard it was to get to know people in one year and to try to forge a new reputation.



"It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new life for me." In 2015, I started my time at Marian College, meeting people such as Dylan Ryan, Xavier Ewen-Jones, Georgia O'Shea and now-graduates Harvey Evans, Anthony Dearman and Sarah Little. I can vividly remember my first class in MC6 resulting in a game of 'find the classroom' which lasted for half of the 75 minute period.

"There's nothing there, it's like eating air, it's like drinking gin with nothing else in and that doesn't hold nothing together." Around Year 9 I struggled with mental health issues. I felt alienated at school and home. I was on the edge of existence as far as I cared. I fell victim to the "boys don't cry" adage that plagues men everywhere. Although, thankfully now I have seemed to have survived that.

In Year 9 I also made a decision that changed my life. I was offered by the Vic Country Wimmera to trial for the V-Line Cup, but chose to play 'Audrey 2' in "Little Shop of Horrors" and have gone on to play 'The Preacher' in "Bonnie and Clyde" and 'Courfeyrac' in "Les Miserables".

To my fellow Year 12's, grab this year around the neck and don't let go.

As for my future, I'm looking into Secondary School teaching (who would want to go back to school after they have finished school?).

"Something unpredictable, but in the end is right. I hope you've had the time of your life."



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Weekly Career News

Special Edition
25 March 2020



Wednesday 25 March 2020

The final Career News for the term will focus on what you can do during the study break whilst you are being a legend self-isolating and protecting the community!

Topics this week include:

- Research apprenticeships and traineeships
- Research TAFE & university courses
- Research occupations
- Apply for university courses (Yr 12)
- Refresh your study space
- Complete an online career planning & job seeking program
- Update your apps
- Create a vision board
- Research careers using VR
- Contact universities for course advice

RESEARCH APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS

Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service:

Join this Facebook page to read about the stories and achievements of young Australians who have found career success through their traineeship or apprenticeship- <https://bit.ly/2HfAmFB>

4 steps to finding an apprenticeship or traineeship

Australian Apprenticeships Pathways has developed a fantastic 4-step process for students to follow when seeking an apprenticeship or traineeship, <http://bit.ly/39yUYmQ>

Australian Apprenticeships Pathways (AAP)

This website contains fantastic resources for young people interested in pursuing a professional trade or traineeship. Some of the resources include:

- Job and training descriptions
- Career interest explorer
- Job pathway charts
- Information on apprenticeships and school-based apprenticeships
- Literacy and numeracy quizzes for different industries such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and hairdressing.

To explore the website, go to <http://bit.ly/3aUtxnC>



RESEARCH TAFE AND UNI COURSES



Tertiary Admission Centres

State-based Tertiary Admission Centres process course applications on behalf of universities, some TAFE institutes, and some private providers.

You can research courses, prerequisites, selection criteria and ATAR profiles for the 2020 intake.

Courses for the 2021 intake will be updated mid-year but you can use the current information as a guide.

Websites are listed below

State	Tertiary Admission Centre	Website
Victoria	Victoria Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)	www.vtac.edu.au
New South Wales & Canberra	Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)	www.uac.edu.au
Tasmania	University of Tasmania	www.utas.edu.au
South Australia & Northern Territory	South Australia Tertiary Admissions Centre (SATAC)	www.satac.edu.au
Queensland	Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC)	www.qtac.edu.au
Western Australia	Tertiary Institutions Service Centre (TISC)	www.tisc.edu.au



Australia wide search

Course Seeker is a fantastic website that enables students to be able to explore courses for each state in the one website.

You can research courses, prerequisites, selection criteria and ATAR profiles for the 2020 intake.

www.courseseeker.edu.au/



TAFE

MySkills is the national directory of vocational education (VET) organisations and courses.

You can search for courses or occupations and use a location search.

You can also browse courses and occupations by industries such as health & community services, manufacturing & engineering, and arts & culture.

www.myskills.gov.au

RESEARCH OCCUPATIONS

Myfuture

Students can explore courses, occupations, and industries. They can also undertake a mini career quiz and research occupations based on their favourite subjects, <https://myfuture.edu.au/>

Skillsroad

Students can explore courses, occupations, and industries. They can also undertake a mini career quiz and research occupations based on their favourite subjects, www.skillsroad.com.au

Good Careers Guide

Students can search over 400 different occupations narrowed down by the field or type of work they would like to do in the future (e.g., helping / advising, creative / artistic). They can also research 'career ladders' and take an aptitude test to assist in narrowing down career ideas, www.goodcareersguide.com.au/



OTHER ACTIVITIES



Apply for university (Year 12)

The following universities are now accepting applications for the 2021 intake:

University of New England

Applications are now open for the direct early entry program. It's free to apply and applications will close Friday 25 September, <https://bit.ly/39H4iVo>

Australia National University (ANU)

Applications are now open for Year 12 students to apply for courses, scholarships, and accommodation at ANU. For information on key dates and the admissions process, go to <https://bit.ly/2WVbyHn>



Refresh your study space

The term break is the perfect time to set up or refresh your study space. Everyone will study differently, but having a clean and well organised study area at home will help.

You could consider using:

- Folders for each subject
- Different coloured pens and highlighters
- A note book for mind mapping
- A yearly wall planner to plan ahead for SACs and important dates
- A whiteboard
- A diary

Search YouTube for inspiration



Complete a 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. To get started, visit <http://bit.ly/2VXfBow>



Update your apps!

Now is the best time to update study and wellbeing apps if you have a smart phone. The following are some ideas to get you started:

Way of Life – develop good habits and break negatives ones like procrastination, <https://wayoflifeapp.com/>

Quizlet – develop flashcards and use games to learn and retain information, <https://quizlet.com/>

Forest – stay focussed on your study, www.forestapp.cc/



Create a vision board

Vision boards are a fantastic way to commit your career and course ideas to a visual medium such as a poster or scrap book.

Mind map some key terms such as the institutes you would like to study or train at, the occupations you are interested in, and what you will need to do to achieve your study goals.

Use images from the Internet or magazines, create your vision board or book, and then take a photo to show your family and career adviser. Update your board throughout the year as your goals develop.



Research careers using VR

Learn about careers in the following industries through viewing 360° VR workplaces developed by SkillsRoad:

- Hospitality
- Manufacturing
- Construction, and
- Creative industries

You will be able to jump inside the world of work and experience a day in the life of workers within the above industries, <https://bit.ly/2BkoWZu>

CONTACT UNIVERSITIES

Universities are adapting quickly to the COVID 19 pandemic. Staff have been working very hard behind the scenes to be responsive to the needs of prospective students and their families.

Whilst they have had to postpone or cancel all face to face events such as experience days and information evenings, they are working hard to ensure that prospective students will have access to information about courses, pathways, accommodation, scholarships, and student services etc.

More information will be made available over the next month. In the meantime, students and families are able to get course advice via online mediums such as phone, email, and live chat. They are also able to access online resources such as course guides.

Some universities are offering online one-to-one course counselling via Zoom and others will be creating webinars and running information evenings remotely.

To stay up to date with the universities you would like to apply to, join their social media such as Facebook and bookmark their websites. The following is contact information for several universities.



University	Campuses	Contact & events
Australian Catholic University	Ballarat Melbourne Canberra Sydney	W: www.acu.edu.au P: 1300 275 228 Can contact via live chat and online enquiry form (AskACU).
Charles Sturt University	Albury-Wodonga Wagga Wagga Bathurst Dubbo Port Macquarie Orange	W: www.csu.edu.au P: 1800 275 278 Book an online video consultation - https://bit.ly/2WzprNU Can also contact via email. Medicine information night webinar, 24 March - http://bit.ly/332b5rn Parent information night webinar - https://bit.ly/39kunJm
Deakin University	Melbourne Burwood Geelong Waterfront Geelong Waurin Ponds Warrnambool	W: www.deakin.edu.au P: 1800 693 888 Can also contact via live chat, email and online enquiry form. Book a 10-minute phone call - https://bit.ly/39dTRI3
Federation University	Ballarat - Mt Helen Ballarat – SMB Gippsland – Churchill Wimmera Berwick	W: https://federation.edu.au P: 1800 333 864 Can also contact via email and online enquiry form (Ask FedUni).
La Trobe University	Albury-Wodonga Bendigo Melbourne Bundoora Mildura Shepparton	W: www.latrobe.edu.au P: 1300 135 045 Can also contact via email. Book a one-to-one phone call or Zoom consultation - https://bit.ly/2Uc6HCv
Monash University	Clayton Caulfield Peninsula Gippsland Parkville & City	W: www.monash.edu P: 1800 666 274 Can also contact via an online enquiry form, https://bit.ly/2vO2cVo

University	Campuses	Contact & events
RMIT University	Melbourne City Brunswick Bundoora	W: www.rmit.edu.au P: 03 9925 2260 Can contact via live chat and via an online enquiry form, https://bit.ly/2Jchwhq
Swinburne University	Hawthorn Croydon Wantirna	W: www.swinburne.edu.au P: 1300 794 628 Can contact via email. Live chat - https://bit.ly/2QHtaVZ Online course counselling sessions will be available soon
The University of Melbourne	Parkville Southbank Dookie Burnley Creswick Werribee Shepparton	W: www.unimelb.edu.au P: 13 6352 Can contact via live chat and use the online enquiry form via STOP 1, https://bit.ly/2WHQF4T
Victoria University	City campuses – Flinders, Flinders Lane, King, Queen Footscray campuses – Park, Nicholson St Albans Sunshine Werribee Sydney	W: www.vu.edu.au P: 03 9919 6100 Can also contact via live chat and email, https://bit.ly/2QDbNVZ



April 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13 EASTER MONDAY	14 STAFF INSERVICE DAY	15 STUDENTS COMMENCE TERM 2	16	17 SHRINE EXCURSION (CANCELLED)

PARENTS PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU CHECK YOUR EMAILS FOR CORRESPONDENCE FROM MARIAN COLLEGE LATE IN THE SECOND WEEK OF THE HOLIDAYS FOR UPDATES WITH RESPECT TO THE CORONAVIRUS AND ANY SPECIAL CONDITIONS AROUND THE COMMENCEMENT OF TERM 2

INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE PLACED ON THE MARIAN COLLEGE WEBPAGE

<http://www.mcararat.catholic.edu.au>