THE EAGLE MARCELLIN COLLEGE The Eagle 11 February 2022 View this email in your browser Principal Faith & Mission Report Student Wellbeing Report Learning & Teaching Report College Captain Community News Library News Health Centre Update Career & Pathways News Sport News Finance Office News Calendar Public Notices Gracious and merciful God, You created human beings in your likeness and image so that the dignity of every person is reflected by your Divine love. Help us to recognise the dignity and worth of every person, including those who are strangers or are different to us. In this 150th anniversary of Marist Education in Australia, may our hearts be open in gratitude, strengthened by the same Spirit calling us forward in this present time, to make Jesus Christ known and loved, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen **Principal Marco Di Cesare Dear Members of the Marcellin College Community,** First, a very warm welcome to the start of the 2022 academic year. I always enjoy the energy that comes with a new school year. Staff return and spend time meeting and planning for the year, our new Year 7 students joining this great community with a sense of anticipation and probably a few nerves. When all year levels return there is a buzz across the College as various groups meet up and share stories of their time away from school. Before we know it, we are at the end of the second week as we settle into the rhythm of school life. On Thursday, 10 February we held our Commissioning and High Achievers Assembly and welcomed back many from the Class of 2021. It was an opportunity for us to congratulate and acknowledge individual achievement while also celebrating the achievements of the whole class of 2021. It was also an important assembly for our new student leaders whom we have asked to lead us throughout 2022. We also launched our College theme for the year - (re)Connect, Respect, Grow. Read More **Faith & Mission Report Geralyn McCarthy** Deputy Principal (Faith & Mission) I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all members of the Marcellin College Community as we commence the 2022 school year. My name is Geralyn McCarthy, and I am excited and honoured to be a part of this great faith and learning community. I come to you from Thomas Carr College where I held the position of Director of Faith and Mission, and, before that, the Director of Student Services. My background in social work, education and theology continually inspires me to aspire to the development of a holistic education for our young men. In the spirit of St Marcellin Champagnat, we strive to prepare our students academically, socially, spiritually, physically and culturally to take their place in a globalised world. This year, we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Marist education in Australia. In March 1872, a group of four Marist Brothers led by Frenchman, Br Ludovic, arrived in Sydney to establish a school in the Parish conducted by the Marist Fathers at The Rocks. Over the last 150 years, Marist schools have provided young people all over Australia with a solid foundation of a Catholic education. We give thanks to the generations of Marist Brothers and teachers who have devoted their lives to the care and wellbeing of students over the past 150 years. The Marist Theme for 2022, "Known and Loved - Dignity for All", speaks to what is at the heart of the Gospel message. That every human being, no matter who they are or where they come from, possesses dignity because they are created in the image and likeness of God. The beautiful image chosen for this theme is 'Our Lady of Loreto with the Refugees Cloak,' painted by a young Italian artist, Margherita Galluci. This image draws our attention to the sacredness of human life, and to the sacredness and dignity of all those who are victims of brutality, war and racism. May we always recognise the preciousness and sacredness of every person and to welcome the God in them into our hearts, homes, and schools. **Student Wellbeing Report Rocky Gentile** Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing Welcome to 2022 It has been an exciting and busy start to the year. Over the past week, we have welcomed our newest members of our community, Year 7 students. Each student has been supported by their Pastoral and House Leader and a senior student buddy to assist them to transition into high school as smoothly as possible. Students were also welcomed at our High Achievers' Assembly, where they were led in by their House Captains. We are confident that in the coming weeks and months ahead, all of our Year 7 students will come to know and experience the wonderful opportunities Marcellin College has to offer both within and beyond the classroom. We also look forward to our Year 7 students having an opportunity to connect in a camp like experience later this year. We also welcome two new members of the Student Wellbeing Team here at the College. Mr Phillip Kamay returns as Director of Students and Ms Tayla Silis joins us as Redden House Leader. We wish them both the very best as they begin their new roles. In addition to welcoming students, ensuring everyone knows where their classes are, has a locker and is generally settling into school smoothly, we have also been working on the launch of our Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships (Respectful Relationships) program. This program will run during Pastoral each Wednesday in a specific time known as Wellbeing Wednesday. **Read More Learning & Teaching Report Suzanne Farley** Deputy Principal (Learning & Teaching) I no doubt join many others in saying welcome back to all members of the Marcellin College community! Like some of you, I am new to this community and look forward to the years ahead. I am particularly delighted to have this opportunity to share with you a little about our plans in learning and teaching. I am hopeful 2022 will be a year for students to reconnect with Marcellin College learning environment, as well as a year of renewal for the College. During 2021 the staff began a process of reviewing and reimagining many aspects of our learning and teaching program. This work has set a foundation for this renewal, central to which is identifying our personalised learning philosophy. "Personalised learning is a student-centered approach to education, where classroom practices begin from the understanding that students all learn differently and are very often at different points in their learning journey."(1) To adequately support each student therefore, personalisation at Marcellin College is vital. From this understanding it is important that we provide a curriculum that challenges all, develops students who are informed and capable members of their community, gives them access to higher learning opportunities and empowers them through helping them to develop good learning behaviours and routines. In reality what you might notice this year is: A new Home Study Policy A new Reading Program for Years 7 and 8 • Greater work on the explicit teaching of Literacy, particularly in the junior years • Discussion of our curriculum direction at Years 7-10, along with introduction of changed senior pathways offerings • Discussion about how we support gifted and talented students There are some changes to the Learning and Teaching Team for 2022 to be aware of if you have any questions about your son's program. The Director of Learning Culture (Years 7-8), Ms Laura Fordham, will be working with learning areas and staff to oversee the development and running of the Year 7 and 8 curriculum programs, working closely with our Literacy Coordinator and Digital Literacy Leader. For families with students in senior years, Ms Claudia Graham, as Director of Learning Culture (Years 9-12), will oversee the development of the senior curriculum and student programs. Ms Graham works with a team that includes our VCE Coordinator, Applied Learning & VET Leader, and our Careers & Further Education Coordinator, to support students as they plan for their final years of education and post school goals. (1) Ron Downing, "Why is personalised learning important?" Schoolbox (blog) Thank you for supporting our students to strive for the highest so they can be the best they are called to be. **College Captain Joshua McCraith** Induction speech to the College First, a warm welcome to our new students and staff members to Marcellin College. In particular, our new Year 7 students starting their journey with us. I hope that you all feel welcomed and supported in your first week at school. I have the honour being the 2022 College Captain. I would like to thank my parents, and Pastoral Leader Mr Faelis for their encouragement and support in going for this role. I first applied for this role because I love our College, and leading it is something I have been passionate about since my very first day here. Working shoulder-to-shoulder with our Vice Captains Alex Chung and Declan Braniff, along with our House and Academic Captains, is something that I'm really excited about. We on the Student Leadership Team, have reflected on the opportunities that we are blessed to have access to at Marcellin College and how being involved in as much as possible should be a goal for all students at the College. Your six years at the school will flash by so quickly, it is important to make the effort to involve yourself and immerse yourself into the school culture and co-curricular opportunities. The question of what servant leadership means to us, was recently posed to the Student Leadership Team. The definition we came up with was this..... We believe that Servant leadership Is striving for others. Not working above them, not working with them, but working for them. Working for your peers so that together, we can achieve the best result possible and be a voice for all students. I would like to congratulate the Class of 2021 who, through their dedicated academic studies, achieved College Duces for their respective subjects. These young men have embodied the values that define what it is to be a student at Marcellin. They've shown what hard work, and loyalty to your studies can lead to. A teacher at Marcellin once asked me. "Josh are you interested in achieving those goals? Or are you committed?." I replied "what's the difference?" He told me "if you're interested you'll do what's convenient, you'll come up with stories and excuses and reasons why you can't do it.- But if you're committed you'll do whatever it takes. You'll let go of your excuses, you'll let go of your stories and you'll put 100 percent into it". So I ask you, if you want to achieve your goals or strive for success in everything you attempt are you interested? Or are you committed? Here's to great 2022. **Community News Richard Liistro** Director of College and Community Engagement **Open Day** Explone Leann Sunday, 27 March 11am - 2pm Register your attendance Year 7 2024 Enrolments now open Close 19 August 2022 marcellin.vic.edu.au **College Community Updates** Pick Up and Drop Off Due to heavy congestion in the mornings along Sandra Street, please ensure you do not block access to driveways by remaining in your car after you have dropped off your child. The safety of our students and staff is paramount. We appreciate your cooperation. A Call for Volunteers We value the support from members of our College Community and are calling on volunteers to assist in the canteen and the second-hand uniform shop. Volunteers are required to be fully vaccinated and complete a Working With Children (WWC) check. To submit an application please visit: **MyMC and College Communications** A reminder to all families, the MyMC portal is the primary communication platform for the College. You can access MyMC via a browser or by downloading the App from the Apple Store or Google Play. MyMC allows you to view your child's timetable, submit an absence notice, contact their teachers, view assessments and upcoming homework tasks, top up and add funds onto their canteen cards, but most importantly it also enables you to stay up-to-date with all things College related. To get started, please refer to the guide provided here. If you have any questions or concerns or require support, please click on Help and Support on the left hand side panel on the main page on MyMC under Contents Year 7 2024 Enrolments - Now Open Enrolments for Year 7 2024 are now open and close on 19 August 2022. To secure you child's place, click here. Open Day Marcellin College invites you to join us at our 2022 Open Day. Come and explore, discover and learn what makes us leaders in boys' education. Take a student led tour of our grounds and facilities, speak to our Learning Leaders and meet our College Principal. Registrations are essential and can be made here: **Library News Rebecca Preedy** Head of Music 2022 is going to be another big year for the Library (aka Placidus Resource Centre), especially with the introduction of a dedicated Reading Program for all our Year 7 and 8 students. We have begun welcoming classes this week and it has been encouraging to see their enthusiasm. These classes are set aside for reading and for the students to have conversations with a Teacher Librarian or their English teacher about what they're reading and helping them with targeted reading skills. Year 7 students come once a week and Year 8 students will be coming in once a fortnight. The Library staff continue to work behind the scenes to build up our virtual library space – this can be accessed by the link on the MyMC portal shown here: Pages MyMC Portal Pages Quick Links - Students (expand to view) or by this QR code: We are constantly adding new material so it's worthwhile checking in here from time-to-time. This is the gateway to our catalogue and all sorts of resources and where students can offer suggestions for new books they would like to see in our collection. A reminder about our opening hours: Monday 8am – 4:30pm Tuesday 8am – 5pm Wednesday 8am – 4:30pm Thursday 8am – 5pm Friday 8am – 4pm Happy Reading **Health Centre Update Gaye Viney** College Nurse **Masks Wearing & Isolation Regulations** As you are all aware masks are compulsory for all students to wear when they are indoors. Many boys are arriving to school without a mask and no spare masks in the event that they break, get lost or wet. Please ensure that your son has a supply of masks in his bag for when he needs one. Please ensure that he is wearing a mask on the bus and train and gets out of the car with a mask to start the day. It is your child's responsibility to have an adequate supply of masks just like all other basics school supplies. Masks must be worn over the nose and mouth for them to be effective. We ask that you have a conversation with your son about the importance of masks being worn correctly. Rapid antigen testing is recommended on Sunday and Wednesday. If someone in your household tests positive the entire household needs to isolate for 7 days. If you have any questions please contact the College to seek clarification or the Health Department. **Immunisation Year 7 & 10** Year 7 immunisation cards went out in the parent information pack at the end of 2021, the Year 10 immunisation cards where handed out in class. These cards need to be returned by Monday 7 March 2022. Imunisation day is Monday 28 March 2022 for both year levels. Please return the cards signed, even if you are not agreeing to your son having the vaccine or if you are going to have this done at another venue. If you have any questions please call the College Nurse on 9851 1517 **Career & Pathways News Kevin Kelly & Lara Ingram** Career & Pathways Advisors network education" **Careers and Pathways for 2022** The Careers Team is staffed by Mr Kevin Kelly (Tues to Thurs) and Miss Lara Ingram (Mon to Fri). We are available by appointment which can be booked here: https://calendly.com/kevin-kelly https://calendly.com/lara-ingram-pathways Students can find us in the Hermitage building, ground floor near student services. More information and great resources can be located on the Marcellin Careers website. What do we do? We aim to support students as they shape their tomorrow - whatever it may look like! We provide the knowledge and advice necessary for students to make informed choices regarding pathways, study, and employment. In collaboration with students, we develop individualised, tailored, and specific plans for each student. Our goal for Term 1 is to touch base with every Year 12 student for a general check-in. We encourage Year 12 students to make a one-on-one appointment for personalised and detailed advice regarding post-school options. We will also be organising Morrisby Careers testing for all Year 10 students. Students will gain insight into their career aptitudes and interests. This is in anticipation of Year 10 work experience in Term 2. **Sport News Ben Reynolds** Head of Sports **Summer Sport Captains** Congratulations to the following boys who have been named captain of their 1st Team for this summer season. Acknowledgement from your peers and coaching staff regarding leadership is a tremendous honour and these boys certainly are held in high esteem by their coaches and their team mates. Basketball - Kristian Ferronato Cricket - Patrick Carroll Squash - Sebastian Di Giacomo • Tennis - James Francis Volleyball - James Tran Read more about these fantastic young men here Winter Sport Planning has started already for the 2022 Winter season. The first part of this planning involved all boys to complete their Winter Sport Sign Up form. This week every student in the College was sent an email and information was shared via MyMC asking them to complete the questionnaire. This information is critical for students to be entered into the correct teams at each year level. Winter Sport options for all boys are Australian Rules, Cross Country, Hockey, Rugby and Soccer. After each student completed the sign up, they received an email confirming completion which also contained some logistical information. Students were asked to share this information with parents. Parents are asked to speak to their son to ensure their son has completed the form. General winter logistical information can be found here. **Finance Office News Camp, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)** The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like: school camps or trips swimming and school-organised sports programs outdoor education programs excursions and incursions. 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 terms one and two. Families can list more than one student in the one application form if they are attending the same school. Please lodge a CSEF application form to the College by the Closing Date 24 June 2022. For more information about the CSEF visit to access an application form please click here. Calendar **Public Notices** AGSV Swim Trial - Friday, 11 February **College Open Day** ASGV Sport Round 2 - Saturday, 12 February Sunday, 27 March 2022 11am - 2pm Yr 11&12 Retreats postponed 16 - 18 February Camp, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) Make Up Photo Day - Monday, 28 February **Careers News** For the most up to date College information families can refer to MyMC. Visit us at marcellin.vic.edu.au and our social media platforms to find out more. Follow Us LinkedIn Website Facebook YouTube Email Us 160 Bulleen Road, Bulleen VIC 3105, Australia Unsubscribe from this list T: +61 3 9851 1589 F: +61 3 9851 1555 <u>Update subscription preferences</u>

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