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Welcome to the 2026 Term 1 edition of The Eagle, Bishop Carroll Catholic High School's monthly newsletter. We hope this edition finds you well and ready for the year ahead.

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Principal's Message

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From the Principal

Marco D'Cruze

Dear Members of the Bishop Carroll High School community,

We are now into the second week of the term and students are settling into routines and making strong progress in their studies. Thank you for your support in ensuring that students arrive on time, in uniform, and ready to learn. Consistent attendance and preparation are important foundations for a successful term, and we appreciate the partnership we have with families in supporting our students in this work.

Last week, Tuesday 3 March, we had our Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Mass. It was a meaningful start to the season of Lent, and it was good to see students and staff coming together to reflect and prepare for Easter. Lent is a time for reflection, prayer and renewal, and our community will continue to walk with our students through this season in the days and weeks ahead.

Year 12 Parent Information Night was held last Tuesday, 10 March. This evening provided important information about the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), including assessment requirements, timelines and expectations for senior students. We thank all families who attended and those who will now pass on the information to their children.

We also thank those who attended our Parent Information Night on Wednesday 11 March. This evening provided information about the Bishop Carroll Catholic High School Student Handbook, school expectations, and key processes for the year ahead. We appreciate the time families have taken to review these documents and to support their children in understanding our school expectations.

Last week, Tuesday 10 March, we also had our Year 7 Parent Information Night. This evening provided information about the transition from primary school to Bishop Carroll, including key processes, expectations and how families can support their children as they settle into secondary school life.

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Last week, Friday 13 March, we had our Year 7 Welcome Mass. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome our new students and their families into our community and to begin their journey at Bishop Carroll. We look forward to seeing our Year 7 students continue to settle well and grow in confidence as they become part of our community.

This week, Tuesday 17 March, we will have our Year 7 Parent Information Night. This evening will provide information about the transition from primary school to Bishop Carroll, including key processes, expectations and how families can support their children as they settle into secondary school life.

We also thank those who will attend our Year 7 Parent Information Night on Tuesday 17 March. This evening will provide information about the transition from primary school to Bishop Carroll, including key processes, expectations and how families can support their children as they settle into secondary school life.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership with our school community. We look forward to a productive and meaningful term ahead.

Kind regards,

Marco D'Cruze
Principal

Faith & Mission

Posted on Wed, Mar 11, 2026

Kathryn Mercuri

Welcomed into the Catholic Fraternity of the Mount Sacrificial at St Macrina's Monastery

On Saturday 7 March, Kathryn Mercuri was welcomed into the Catholic Fraternity of the Mount Sacrificial at St Macrina's Monastery, Kilmore, by Bishop Anthony Fisher OP. The Fraternity of the Mount Sacrificial is a lay community of consecrated Catholic women who live in the world and pursue holiness through prayer, study, and service. Kathryn's formation has been guided by Fr Tim Gaudry, Director of Formation for the Fraternity, and she has been accompanied by Sr Mary Magdalene, Sr Mary Gabriel, and Sr Mary Joseph of the Fraternity.

Kathryn's journey with the Fraternity began in 2023 when she first visited the Monastery. Since then, she has been a regular participant in the Fraternity's formation programme, which includes monthly formation days, retreats, and ongoing spiritual formation. Her formation has been shaped by the Fraternity's charism, which draws on the spirituality of Mother Mary of the Holy Cross and the Benedictine tradition.

Kathryn's work at Bishop Carroll has been deeply shaped by her time with the Fraternity. She has been a key leader in the development of the school's Mercy Journey, a formation pathway for students in Years 7 and 8 that draws on the spirituality of Mother Mary of the Holy Cross and the Benedictine tradition. Her work has also included the development of the school's Mercy Journey Garden, a space designed to support students' reflection and formation.

The image of Mary is the mother of the Redeemer, or the Immaculate Conception Mediatrix of all graces, is a fitting one for this moment in her life and work. Mary's "fiat" to God's will, her contemplative presence at the foot of the Cross, and her role as mediatrix between God and humanity all speak to a vocation lived in service of others and in deep dependence on God. The Fraternity's charism, which draws on the spirituality of Mother Mary of the Holy Cross and the Benedictine tradition, shares this same orientation: a life of prayer, study, and service lived in the world, not apart from it.

We continue to pray for Kathryn and the Fraternity of the Mount Sacrificial, that the Holy Spirit may continue to guide and strengthen them in their mission. We also pray for the Fraternity's formation team, that they may be faithful companions on this journey, and for the wider community, that we may be supported in our own formation by the witness of this vocation.

Learning & Teaching Report

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Michael Kane

Subject Selection Process for 2026

Year 10 students have made their subject selections for the following 2026 pathways:

- Foundation Pathway (Mainstream Classes)
- Intermediate Pathway (Mainstream Classes)
- Year 10 VCAL (Vocational Major) (Off Campus)
- Year 10 VCAL (Foundation Suite) (On Campus Timetabled)

Year 11 students have made their subject selections for the following 2026 pathways:

- Year 11 Mainstream Pathway (Mainstream Classes)
- Year 11 VCAL (Vocational Major) (Off Campus)
- Year 11 VCAL (Foundation Suite) (On Campus Timetabled)

Year 12 students have made their subject selections for the following 2026 pathways:

- Year 12 Mainstream Pathway (Mainstream Classes)
- Year 12 VCAL (Vocational Major) (Off Campus)
- Year 12 VCAL (Foundation Suite) (On Campus Timetabled)

Students will receive their timetabled classes in preparation for the start of Term 1 2026.

Students who have selected Mainstream Classes will be assigned to their Home Group, Mentor Group, and Pastoral Care Group. Students who have selected VCAL will be assigned to their Home Group, Mentor Group, and Pastoral Care Group.

Students who have selected Mainstream Classes will be assigned to their timetabled classes in the following areas:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Health & Physical Education
- Humanities
- Design Technology
- Digital Technology
- Visual Communication Design Art Media
- Performing Arts
- Drama
- Music
- Visual Art
- Health Science
- Food Science
- Sport Science
- Business
- Hospitality
- Tourism
- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Animal Care
- Construction
- Engineering
- Automotive
- Electrotechnology
- Plumbing
- Metal Fabrication
- Furniture Making
- Sustainable Building
- Sustainable Energy
- Sustainable Resources
- Sustainable Water
- Sustainable Food Production
- Sustainable Land Management
- Sustainable Forestry
- Sustainable Fishery
- Sustainable Aquaculture
- Sustainable Horticulture
- Sustainable Animal Care
- Sustainable Construction
- Sustainable Engineering
- Sustainable Automotive
- Sustainable Electrotechnology
- Sustainable Plumbing
- Sustainable Metal Fabrication
- Sustainable