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Loving Father, we give you praise for everything that is new and beautiful, for everything which holds promise and brings us joy.  
Bless us as we start this new term, help us make the most of every chance we have to start ahead. May the beginning of this new term remind us that you give us chance to start over again and again.  
We ask your blessing upon all members of the Marcellin College community; may we all use our many gifts of intellect, heart and soul to address the problems that the wider human community face in a loving and just and fair and caring way.  
AMEN

## From the Principal

### Marco Di Cesaro

Dear Members of the Marcellin College Community,  
Despite some very chilly mornings, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the start of Term 3. It has been wonderful to see our students and staff return refreshed and ready to take on another busy term. We are two weeks in and there is already much to celebrate.

On Tuesday, 12 July we held our very first Mid-Year Awards Assembly where we recognised and celebrated the achievements of our students. This awards acknowledged the academic and sporting excellence of students across all year levels and we gathered together in a whole College to congratulate them. I would like to extend a special congratulations to recipients of the Principal's Award for Academic Excellence and Principal's Award for Academic Endeavour, as well as all those who were recognised on the day.

### List of 2022 Mid-Year Awards Recipients

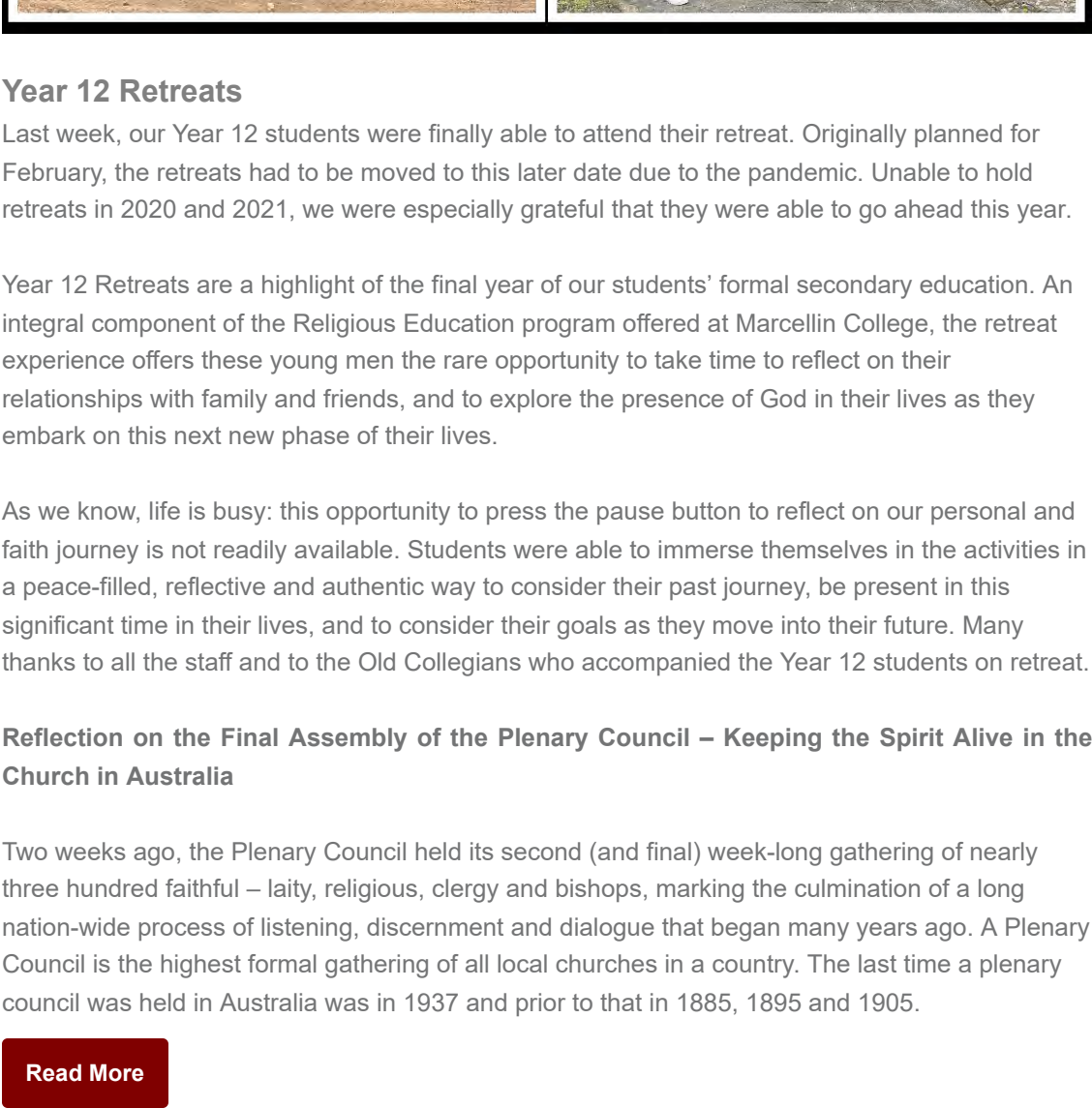
This will be a new ritual that we will celebrate at the College and there will be another opportunity to celebrate our students and their learning later in the year with an Evening of Excellence that will honour our top achievers from Semester 2. You can register more about our Awards Assembly in Mr Farley's report below.

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## Faith & Mission

### Geralyn McCarthy

Deputy Principal (Faith & Mission)



### Year 12 Retreats

Last week, our Year 12 students were finally able to attend their retreat. Originally planned for February, the retreat had to be moved to the later date due to the pandemic. Unlike to hold retreats in 2020 and 2021, we were especially grateful that they were able to go ahead this year.

Year 12 Retreats are a highlight of the final year of our students' formal secondary education. An integral component of the Religious Education program offered at Marcellin College, the retreat experience offers these young men the rare opportunity to take time to reflect on their relationship with their family and friends, to explore their faith, and to consider their future as they embark on this new phase of their lives.

As we know, life is busy: this opportunity to press the pause button to reflect on our personal and faith journey is not readily available. Students were able to immerse themselves in the activities in a purpose-filled, reflective and authentic way to consider their past journey, to present in the significant time in their lives, and to consider their goals as they move into their future. Many thanks to all the staff and to the Old Collegians who accompanied the Year 12 students on retreat.

Reflection on the First Assembly of the Plenary Council – Keeping the Spirit Alive in the Church in Australia

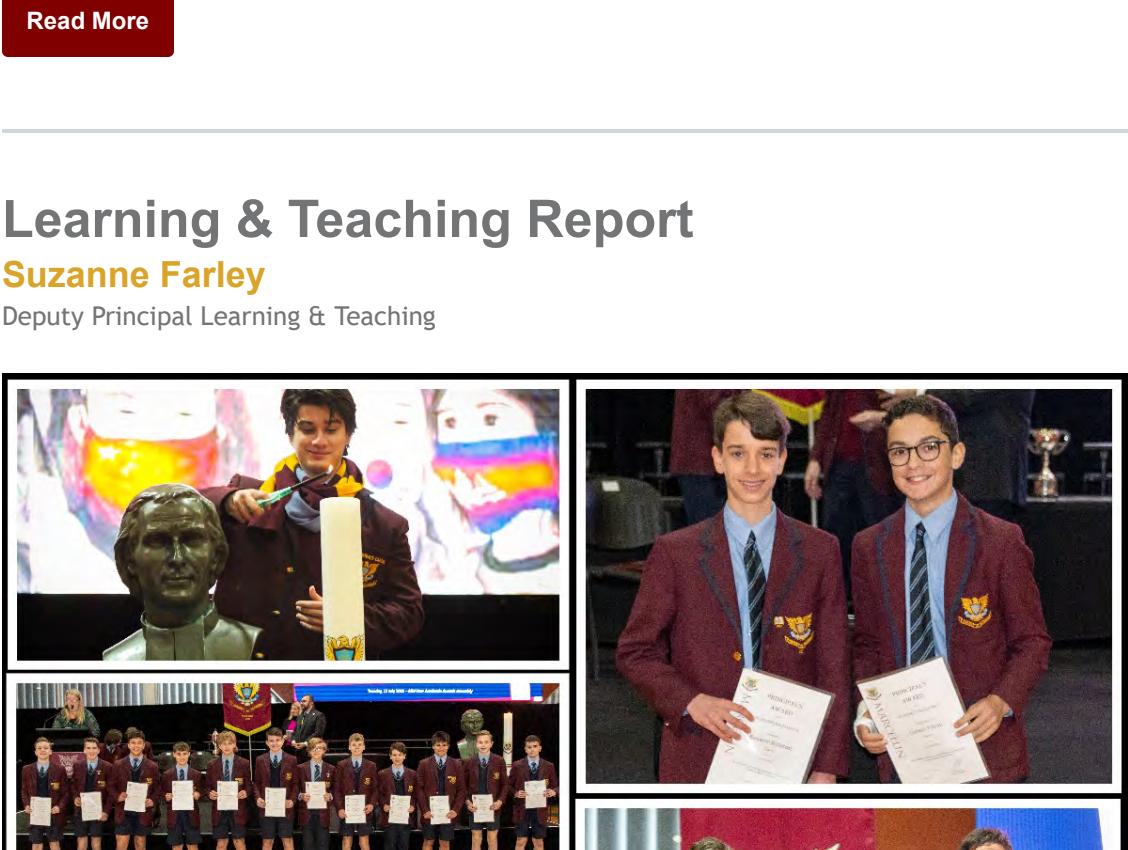
Two weeks ago, the Plenary Council held its second (and final) week-long gathering of nearly three hundred faithful – lay, religious, clergy and bishops, marking the centenary of a long national process of listening, discernment and dialogue that began many years ago. A Plenary Council is the highest formal gathering of all the churches in a country. The last time a plenary council was held in Australia was in 1937 and prior to that in 1885, 1885 and 1905.

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## Student Wellbeing

### Rocky Gentile

Deputy Principal Student Wellbeing



### Welcome Back

As usual at Marcellin, Term 3 has hit the ground running with our Year 12 students leading off on their retreats and all other students moving their Semester 2 classes. Pastoral Leaders have been successful in their efforts to ensure that all students have had a successful start to the year. We have been successful in our efforts to ensure that all students have had a successful start to the year.

This week's articles by Michael Gross, focus on quiet students and on your child's potential. If your child is not ready available to express their thoughts and emotions. The article provides some wonderful insights to parents and teachers about how to work with young people who may be more introverted so that they can maximise their potential.

When meeting with parents and students, student motivation is often the missing ingredient in a young person meeting their potential. However, here we see, Blessed Education is addressing this very topic in their upcoming parent webinar. The topics to be covered include:

- What impact does praise and reassurance have on your child's motivation?
- What are the best types of goals to be setting with your child?
- How can you help your child create meaningful and lasting motivation?

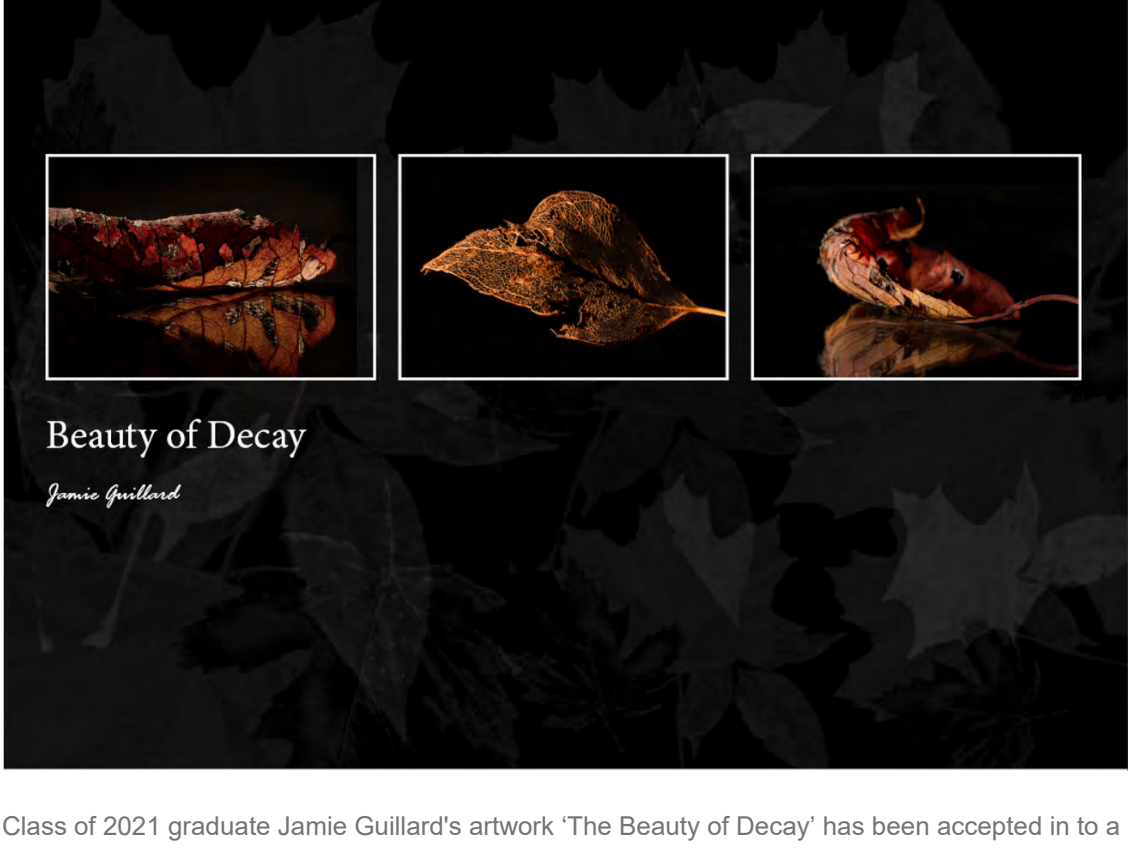
I know that these sessions are often well attended and I hope that you will find great insights in this one. You can register [here](#).

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## Learning & Teaching Report

### Suzanne Farley

Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching



### A warm welcome back for Term 3 and Semester 2

It was wonderful to be able to begin this semester by recognising student achievements from Semester 1.

On Tuesday, 12 July, I was my pleasure to host, alongside our College Captain Joshua McCall, our first Mid-Year Academic Awards Assembly. Please click [here](#) to access a gallery of images from the assembly.

Alongside some wonderful presentations from the Junior School Executive, College Executive and our Sport Captain, as well as some fantastic musical performances, we acknowledged and celebrated a number of students from each year level who received commendations for their academic achievements during Semester 1.

Students who received an award on this day were selected based on teacher commendations submitted at the end of Term 2. Students were recognised for their academic and academic excellence, with these commendations displayed on end-of-semester reports.

College Principal, Mr Di Cesaro, presented awards to students who received multiple commendations across their study program.

**Principal's Award for Academic Endeavour**  
Students were recognised for achieving commendations in high proportion of two subjects. These students demonstrated consistent hard work and personal commitment to their learning, and a positive attitude to the learning process.

**Principal's Award for Academic Excellence**  
Students were recognised for achieving commendations in high proportion of three subjects. These students demonstrated consistent hard work and personal commitment to their learning, and a positive attitude to the learning process.

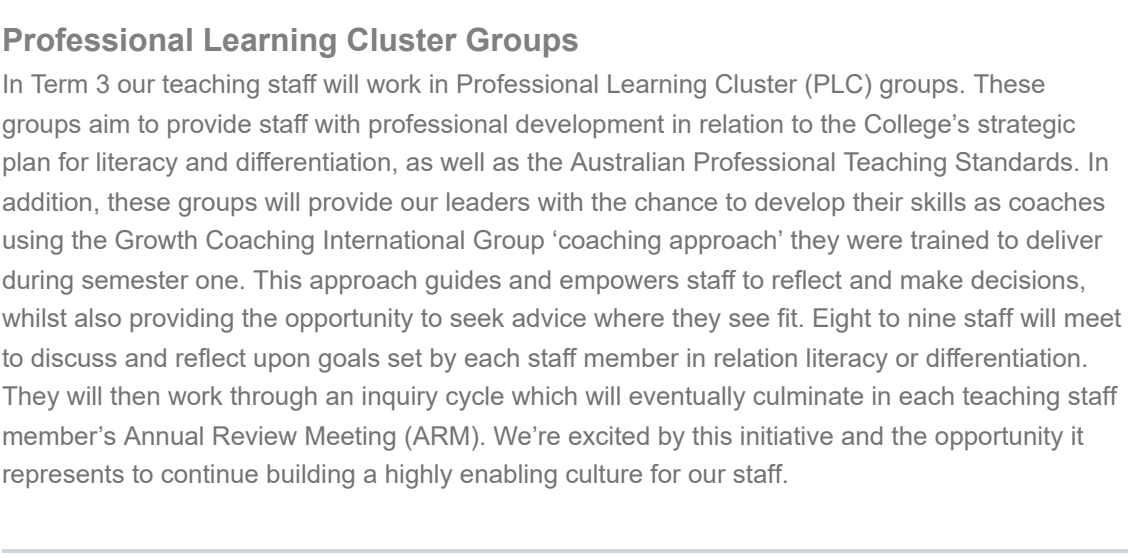
Reflecting on the many students I have spoken to who have achieved outstanding results over the years, and hearing about the things that kept them on the road to achieving their best, I'm pleased to be able to share some of these tips:

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## Visual Arts

### Seán Koldenka

Learning Leader Visual Arts



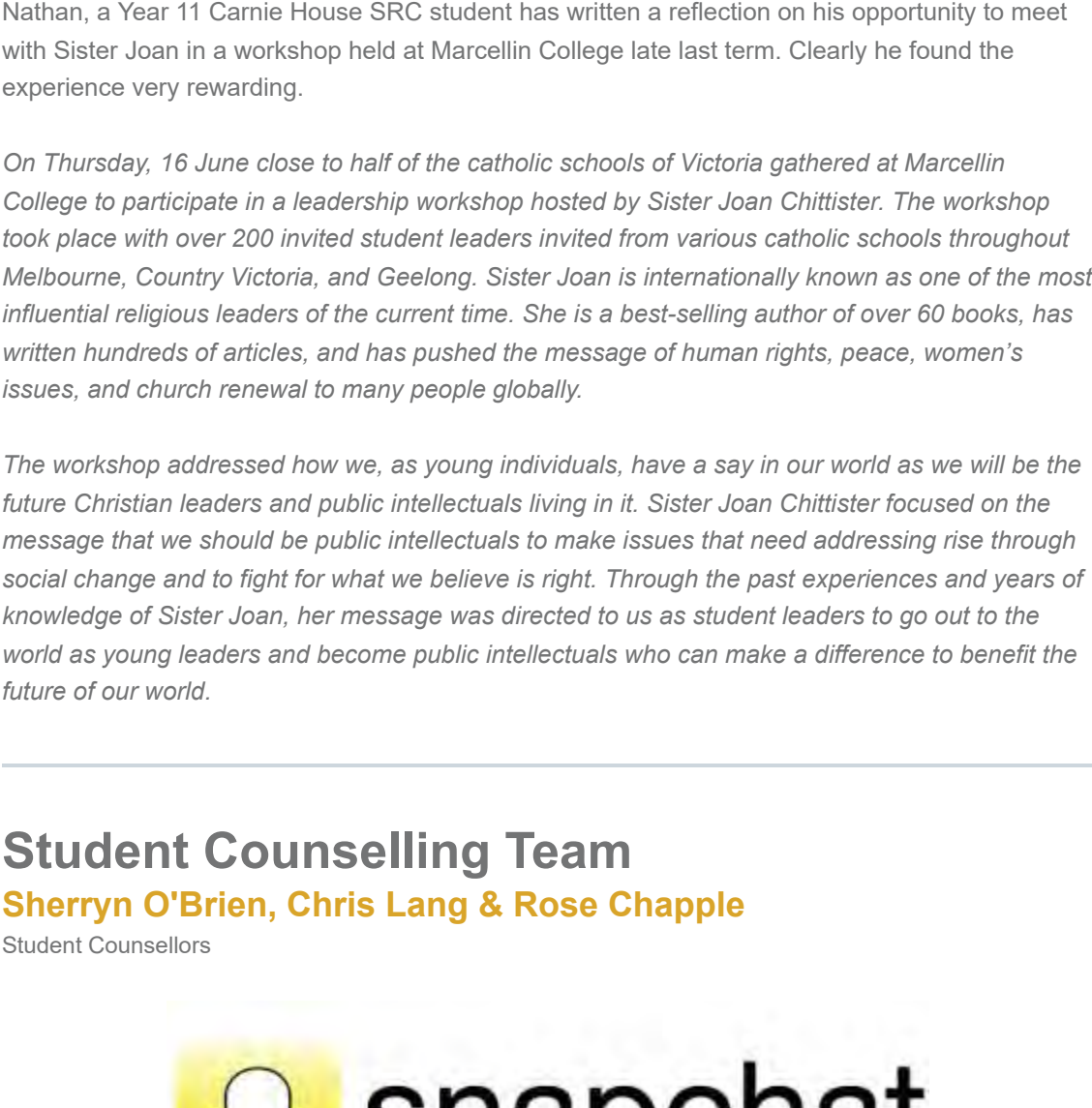
Class of 2021 graduate Jamie Guller's artwork 'The Beauty of Decay' has been accepted to a new online exhibition at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre. This artwork was chosen by the organisers of the previous annual show and will be exhibited at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre from the week of 4 - 11 September. It will be a free exhibition and all members of the public can attend.

Congratulations to Jamie!

## Music

### Andrew Short

Head of Music



A huge thank you, and congratulations, to Mr Nick McCusker, Mr Tim Webster, and our two Marcellin Jazz Bands. In Term 2, both our Senior Big Band and our Stage Band competed in the National Championships in Jazz Competition. This year was a 'hybrid' event, allowing ensembles to either compete live in Melbourne, or pre-record and submit their performances. Both bands achieved outstanding results, with some very encouraging feedback from the adjudicators.

Thanks also to our Soul Band, also led by Mr McCusker, who performed at our recent mid-year Academic Awards assembly. Congratulations.

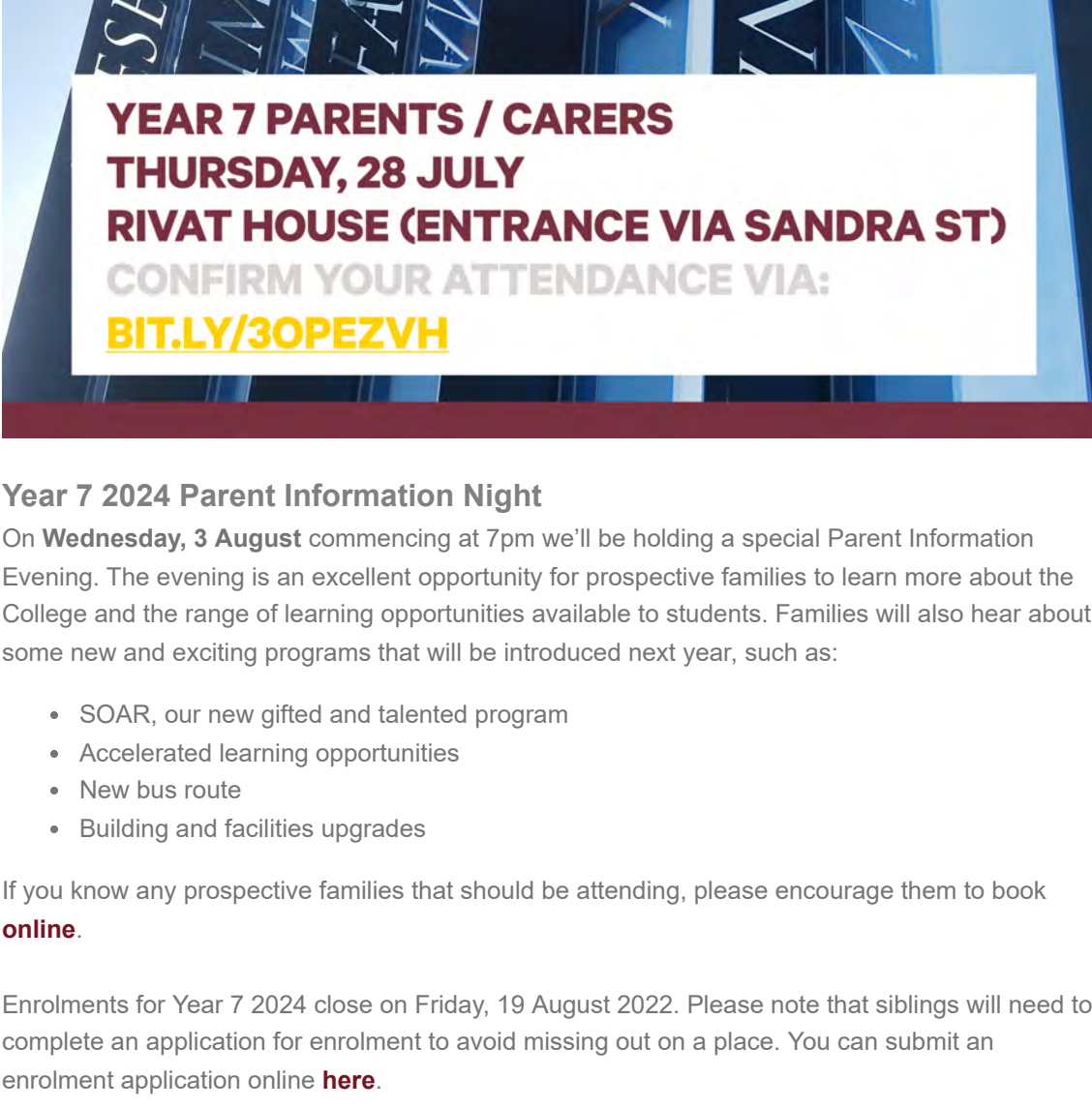
Good luck to all of our ensembles competing in the upcoming Victorian School Music Festival in Hawthorn from next week, through to the end of August. These ensembles include: Senior Band, Concert Band, Intermediate Concert Band, Senior Concert Band, Senior Big Band, Junior Big Band, String Strings and Senior Strings.

Well done to all students involved in these ensembles, we're super proud of you!

## Professional Learning

### Jill Fitzsimons

Director of Professional Learning & Pedagogy



### Professional Learning Cluster Groups

In Term 3 our teaching staff will work in Professional Learning Cluster (PLC) groups. These groups aim to provide staff with professional development in relation to the College's strategic plan for Year 10 and differentiation, as well as the Australian Professional Teaching Standards. In addition, these groups will provide our leaders with the chance to develop their skills as coaches using the Growth Coaching International Group Coaching approach. They were invited to deliver during semester one. This approach guides and empowers staff to reflect and make decisions, whilst also providing the opportunity to learn across the year level. It is a chance for staff to meet to discuss and reflect upon goals set by each staff member in relation to their differentiation. They will then work through an inquiry cycle which will eventually culminate in a final teaching staff member's Annual Review Meeting (ARM). We're excited by the initiative and the opportunity it represents to continue building a highly enabling culture for our staff.

## Student Reflections

### Adrian Tomada

Student Leadership Liaison



Nathan, a Year 11 Carmel House SRC student has written a reflection on his opportunity to meet with Sister Joan in a workshop held at Marcellin College late last year. Clearly he had the experience very rewarding.

On Thursday, 16 June close to half of the catholic schools of Victoria gathered at Marcellin College to participate in a leadership workshop hosted by Sister Joan Chabrowski. The workshop included a visit to the Fordons Farm and an open current affairs as well as guest speakers. The day was an opportunity to connect with past and present leaders from throughout the years.

So, get a table together with other mums (between 8 - 10 people) or simply come alone. When booking, let your friends know which number table you are on.

We especially encourage mums with students in Year 7 to come along and meet other mums. It will be a great opportunity to meet others, experience a Marcellin event, relax and enjoy an afternoon of community spirit.

Bookings can be made [here](#).  
Any queries email the Community Office at [community@marcellin.vic.edu.au](mailto:community@marcellin.vic.edu.au)

The Details:  
Date: Wednesday 17 August  
Time: 11:30am-1:30pm, Lunch 12:30pm



## Staff Profile

### Familiar and New Faces at Marcellin College

Introducing Mrs O'Brien

Hi my name is Pru O'Brien and I work in the Community Engagement Office. I have a lot of friends to meet and engage with a huge cross section of our Marcellin College community from our very first student to our oldest.

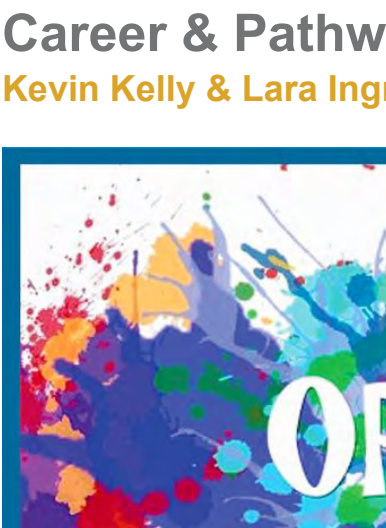
Through the doors to our most recent families when we welcome our Year 7 incoming families. This is my tenth year here and I have met many wonderful people through the role.

When I'm not at work I love entertaining and exploring new foods. I also do a lot of volunteering for my beautiful family. I have six children, who are all with partners and two grandchildren so that's a lot of food! I really enjoy travel and have been very fortunate to travel extensively overseas as well as in Australia and generally enjoy more active holiday which include hiking etc. I also love going to the theatre and live shows and going out with friends.

## Student Profile

### Meet the Young Man of Marcellin

Introducing Nathan



Hi, my name is Nathan and I'm in Year 12. What I love most about Marcellin College is the opportunity to be a part of groups like the chess club or the different music ensembles.

Through my time at Marcellin, I have been playing chess every week with my friends at the chess club and have had a great experience playing in tournaments since Year 7. I've been lucky enough to become the Chess Captain for this year, so I've been able to organize a time for anyone to meet and play some games every Wednesday lunchtime, and for those interested to have fun competing in tournaments.

Through Marcellin I have also been able take part in the Vietnam War Veterans to China Program in 2019, which included living in China for six weeks of Chinese language study and visiting lots of interesting places such as the Chengdu Panda Sanctuary and the Shanghai Oriental Pearl Tower. When I'm not studying, I enjoy talking and playing games with friends, taking my dogs for walks with family and even riding jet skis with my dad over the summer holidays.

As I have always enjoyed science and math, in the future I hope to study engineering at university which leads into a variety of interesting science focused careers.

## Career & Pathways News

### Kevin Kelly & Lara Ingram



### Subject Selection

Students are midway through their 2023 subject selection process. At this point, all Year 10 students have had the opportunity to meet with a member of the careers team to discuss their subject selection and Ministry results. The results for university entry in 2023 have now been published. This document can be found on MYMC under the Year 10 Careers tab. We welcome all students to the careers team under the Student Selection & Careers (SSC) Representative from various universities were able to join us. If students have questions or concerns, they can book a meeting with Ms Ingram or Mr Kelly.

### University Open Days

University Open Days are taking place with registration open. These days are a great opportunity to get a feel for the university campus, ask questions, and discover what's available post-school.

| Date              | University                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Monday, 21 July   | <b>Swinburne University of Technology</b>                                                                                                                                                         |
| Monday, 6 August  | <b>Monash Peninsula Campus</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Sunday, 7 August  | <b>La Trobe Melbourne Campus</b><br><b>ACU Melbourne Campus</b><br><b>RMIT Melbourne Campus</b><br><b>Monash Peninsula Campus</b><br><b>Monash Clayton Campus</b><br><b>Monash Clayton Campus</b> |
| Sunday, 14 August | <b>RMIT Melbourne Campus</b><br><b>ACU Ballarat Campus</b>                                                                                                                                        |
| Sunday, 21 August | <b>University of Melbourne</b><br><b>Victoria University</b><br><b>Monash University Parkville Campus</b>                                                                                         |
| Sunday, 28 August | <b>Deakin University Parkville</b>                                                                                                                                                                |

## Sport News

### Ben Reynolds

Head of Sport



### Men's Health Awareness Round

It is time to make your health a priority. What can you do to help you and your loved ones? The Sport program at Marcellin provides itself on creating an environment that focuses on sportsmanship whilst developing physically, mentally and social skills of all our boys. This weekend at 10 teams will look to take the next step and make an impact on all males within our community. Sport can be a fantastic vehicle to educate the broader community and this weekend we aim to highlight the importance of Men's Health, an issue that the Health and Physical Education department have promoted for many years.

All boys representing Marcellin in Cross Country, 1<sup>st</sup> Hockey, 1<sup>st</sup> Football, 1<sup>st</sup> Rugby and 1<sup>st</sup> Soccer will wear light blue socks to create a talking point for all players, officials and spectators. The aim is for males to take more care in their everyday health by making simple changes with their behaviour. We want boys to educate males in their life.

- overcome the fear of visiting their GP regularly
- make physical activity a priority in their life
- eat healthy and avoid a poor diet
- stop smoking
- reduce alcohol intake
- pick up the phone and talk to their mates

Strive for the highest within the sport program

It has been great following our boys achieve amazing success within their field.

### Alex Menzies - Melbourne Victory

Congratulations to Year 12 student and 1st XI Co-Captain Alex who was selected in the Melbourne Victory squad that played Manchester United at the MCG last Friday night. This is a fantastic achievement and comes after so much hard work and dedication. We acknowledge Alex's commitment to his school team under still being able to manage senior selection with Melbourne Victory.

[Read More](#)

## Calendar

Music Camp: Thursday 21 to Saturday 23 July  
AGOS/VSU Round 8: Saturday 23 July  
AGOS PFD Interviews: Saturday 28 July 4 - 8pm

## Public Notices

### Key College Dates Term 2 2022

### Careers News

For more information on careers, please contact the Careers Information Team at [careers@marcellin.vic.edu.au](mailto:careers@marcellin.vic.edu.au) or visit our website at [www.marcellin.vic.edu.au](http://www.marcellin.vic.edu.au)



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