



Marian College

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Principal: Mrs. Carmel Barker





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*

The Year of Justice

Heavenly Father, we pray for the poorest and most vulnerable. Let us not just speak of justice, but let us act in just ways. May the oppressed and needy feel justice and equality and experience a world without hunger and poverty.

Fill us with the desire to change ourselves and to change the world.

Enflame our passion for justice into a commitment to address unjust situations and structures. Let us enthusiastically play our part in the mission of the Church in the modern world.

Banish any complacency in our hearts and minds.

Teach us to recognize the lack of justice.

May we always act in the Spirit of justice.

May we envisage, pray about and create a different sort of world in which injustice is replaced with a renewed sense of solidarity and care.

Enlivened by the Spirit, may we go forth in the peace of the Holy Spirit to love and serve the Lord.

Remembrance Day

Every year at 11 am on November 11th—the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month—we pause to remember those men and women who have died or suffered in all wars. While we could not gather as a full community this year, on Wednesday last each Teacher Advisor class remembered all who have died in war and those who have sacrificed so much for others. We also remember the many families past and present who continue to make sacrifices for peace in our world.

VCE Exams

VCE Exams continue this week. It has been an extraordinary year for all students that have tested their resilience. We congratulate their courage and wish them every success as they continue to work hard to see success.

Celebrating the Journey of our Year 12 Students

With some changes in restrictions and more planned for next weekend, we are pleased to be able to celebrate this Year 12 cohort as they complete their journey at Marian College. We are very proud of their efforts and their ability to adjust to the many challenges, especially throughout their final twelve months together. What a magnificent effort from this cohort. A favourite poem of

mine that really captures some of the important lessons for us all this year is called 'What will Matter' attributed to Michael Josephson. He writes '...What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage that enriches, empowers or encourages others to emulate your example...Living a life that matters does not happen by accident. It is not a matter of circumstance but of choice. Choose to live a life that matters.'

Well done to our Year 12 class of 2020. Let us celebrate their journey in our Graduation Ceremony on December 3rd. Unfortunately, parents and other visitors are not able to attend under the current COVID restrictions in place. However, the ceremony will be live-streamed to include all families of our graduating class. Invitations will be forwarded late this week or early next week.

Student Leadership Team 2021

On Friday, voting began for election of our 2021 Student Leadership Team. It was so pleasing to see the very high number of student applications for the year ahead. The quality of the applications and evidence of the depth of understanding about the values so important to our college was impressive. We wish our current Year 11 students well as we begin the discernment process. The next stage is the interview process later this week. We should be able to make an announcement of all successful candidates by next week.

Early Start Program - Year 10 into 11 and Year 11 into 12.

Next Monday we begin the Early Start Program for our 2021 Year 11 and Year 12 cohorts. This is a compulsory program for all students enrolled in Year 11 or 12 VCE subject for 2021. It will run from Monday 23rd November until December 2nd.

Year 7-9 Students

Year 7-9 students continue in normal classes until the Thursday 3rd December.

Please note Year 9s last day of school will now be Thursday 3rd December, 2020.

With the possibility of excursions back on the agenda for smaller groups, we have reinstated Gap Day for Year 7 and Year 8 on Friday 4th December.

As you can imagine, organisation moves rapidly once new COVID regulations become available. In the meantime, we expect all students to remain fully engaged in the learning through this period as we near the end of the term.

Release of VCE Results

With the extraordinary year we have had, the VCE results will not be released until Wednesday 30th December. Despite the difficult timing between Christmas Day and New Year, please know there will be some Leadership members and staff onsite this day to support our students with career and VCAA information, counselling support or other matters. I would encourage students and parents to make an appointment as needed via phone or email with your needs on the day. If you have any questions prior to this, please contact the relevant class teacher, careers coordinator (Mrs Andrea Knights), VCAA Coordinator (Mrs Lucy Edwards) or the wellbeing team (Ms Stephanie Saravanja or House Leaders) as relevant. Please understand that staff want to support the successful journey forward for all students in any way they can in this challenging year.

Have a wonderful week!

Carmel

John Eagle is retiring!

You can view
John's works at
Gallery 304



Thank You to Long Term Artist and Teacher

Marian College wishes John Eagle best wishes for his retirement and note how privileged the school has been to have had John teaching at the school since 2004. John has taught in the area of ceramics and was instrumental in developing the area of ceramics in the school. Marian College acknowledges and wishes to thank John for the positive impact he's had in our arts department during his time at the college.

John's association with Ararat began following his artist's residency at Marian College. This residency evolved into a teaching role and a move to Ararat with his wife Rosemary, who is also an artist specialising in printmaking.

John Eagle has worked with clay for over 40 years with a particular focus on developing copper red glazes; recent work involves what John describes as 'composite reds' and requires the blending of a range of compatible glazes to give the impression of a moving fluid surface.

John Eagle is widely recognised for his contribution to ceramics in Victoria, including his pursuit of excellence in

functional pottery. A graduate of RMIT, John enjoyed early success when selected for inclusion in the seminal Victorian craft exhibition, Craft Victoria '75 at the National Gallery of Victoria. In 1988 John was awarded the National Bicentennial Art-Craft Award for Functional Pottery and during the 1990's John's work earned the prestigious 'Craft Mark' accreditation. He is also known in wider ceramics circles through his writing, mentoring and the inclusion of his work in exhibitions at galleries in Australia and overseas. His prize-winning ceramics often feature a striking copper red glaze, which remains a signature aspect of his work to this day.

John Eagle-Artist Statement

"Although I had dabbled with clay since 1960, or thereabouts, it wasn't until 1969 when I was appointed head of the art department in a technical school in Melbourne's west that I started to become more than just a dabbler. At the end of my first year the teacher who had taken ceramics and a number of night classes in the subject moved to another school. The night class was already enrolled and

someone had to take it, so with the help of Harry Memmott's 'Australian Pottery Book' and my wife Rosemary, who was studying ceramics at RMIT at the time, I taught the night class and this is when my life as a potter really began. After two years of this I enrolled at RMIT as a fine art student with ceramics as my major. This was a very busy period for me as I was teaching part-time and studying part-time and our daughter Kate was born. I thrived in the basement of the RMIT Art Department and as a second-year student my work was selected for the Craft Victoria exhibition at the National Gallery in Melbourne. I completed my course and over a period of time started to focus on function and quality in the handmade object and that focus has remained ever since.

And that's probably about how it happened, and the fact that I am still wanting my work to be something that people use and enjoy every day keeps me enthusiastic and focused and striving for the perfect product. The satisfaction of making and the enjoyment of other people enjoying and using the end result that has the definite mark of the handmade product is, to me, as good as it gets."

John acknowledges how fortunate he was to be able to have the position at the school and to be able to encourage and teach children about clay. My time at Marian College has been without doubt my most rewarding and enjoyable time as a teacher.

Being able to put together a ceramics studio from scratch and to see the valuable part that such a hands on subject has been able to play within the art curriculum has been a real labor of love. To work in a community such as this has been a privilege.

Although John will retire from teaching the students at the school he will continue to offer free ceramics classes to anyone in the community who would like to learn. If you would like more information on this, please contact the school on 5352 3861.



**Congratulations John
on a standout career
and best wishes for your
retirement.**

GALLERY 304 - John Eagle Exhibition



FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello everyone,

Welcome to another Synnott house news article. Since my last write up the Year 12's have started exams and have finished up at school. I wish them all the best with exams and the future. Well done on all you have achieved at Marian College over the years. It has been a pleasure working with you.

The rest of the student cohort continues to work hard and finish off their coursework for the year. A few weeks to go before a well deserved break with many more freedoms. Thankfully. The early start program kicks off soon for our Year 10's and 11's. Also well done to all VCAL students who have finished their hard work for the year.

With easing restrictions it's great to hear we can have a graduation ceremony for our Year 12's. Whilst it will look different - it will be great to have the student cohort together to celebrate.

We should also be able to finish off with year level activities for the junior students. An important celebration for the end of the year.

I'm looking forward to the rest of the year and enjoying being back at school.

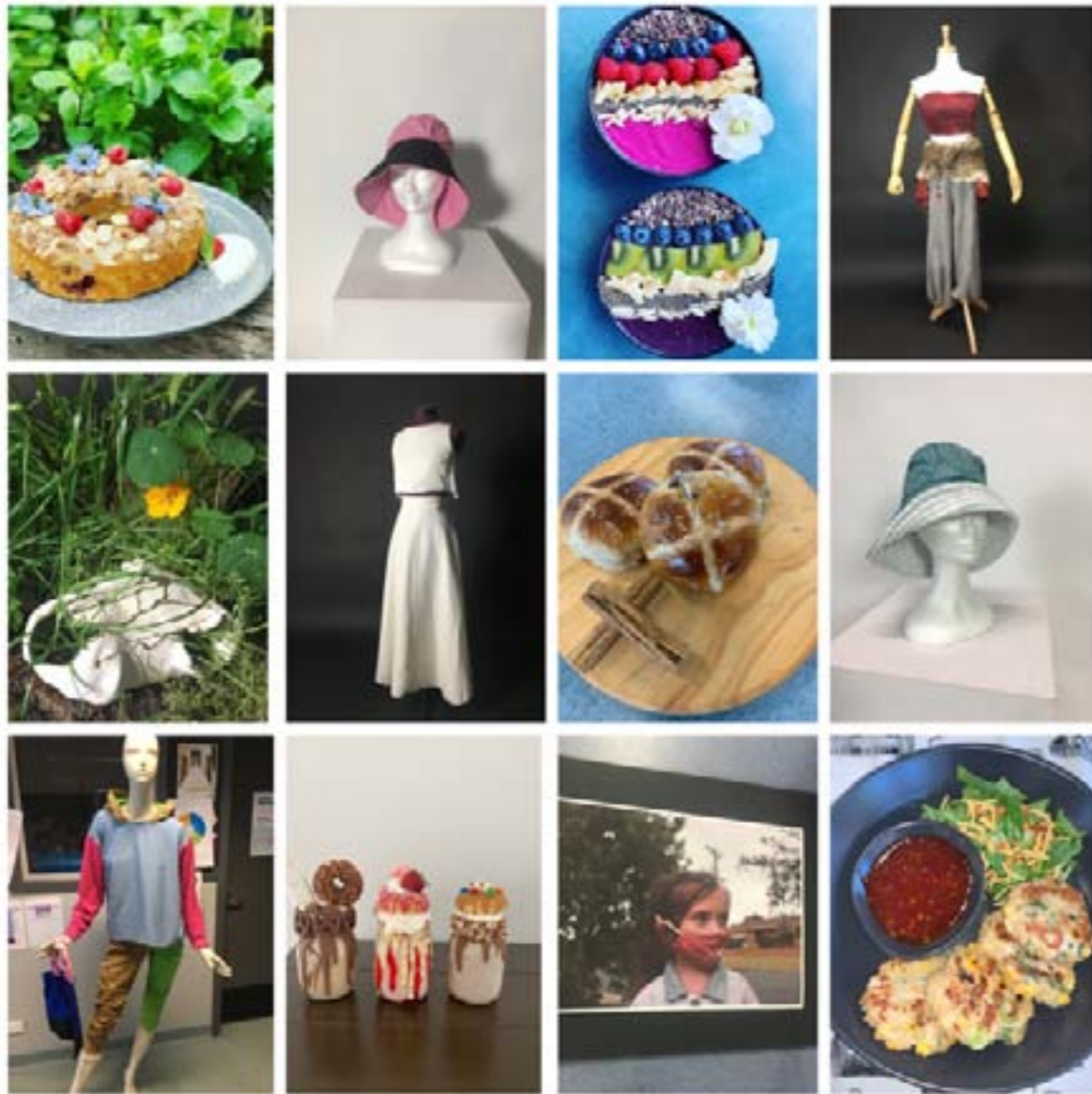
Thanks for reading.
Nick Lloyd

Synnott House Leader



MARIAN COLLEGE EXPO

Launching soon!



2020 EXPO is going virtual
Watch this Space



CLOSURE NOTICE

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO VCE EXAMS THE
CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED FROM TUESDAY 10TH
NOVEMBER UNTIL FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER. LUNCH
ORDERS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.
THERE WILL A LIMITED 'POP UP' CANTEEN DURING
THIS TWO WEEK PERIOD.

PARENTS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF CALENDAR DATES

YEAR 9 STUDENTS FINAL DAY OF SCHOOL WILL NOW
BE THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 2020

(THIS WAS ORIGINALLY FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER)



Wednesday 11 November 2020

The A-Z of VET

Celebrating alternative pathways into STEM

Uni not for you? Bagging a bachelor's degree isn't the only way to kickstart a career in STEM. Careers With STEM have written an article celebrating alternative pathways into next-gen careers (think: certificates, diplomas and internships) and equipping you with the knowledge needed to look out of the box when sussing out study options.

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/the-a-z-of-vet/>

Campion College Summer Program

Students who are 16+ are invited to apply for the Campion College Summer Program. The program gives interested students the opportunity to live College life for five days and nights before they make any long-term tertiary decisions.

Participants will explore subjects such as literature, Latin, history, philosophy, theology etc. Students are encouraged to explore their Catholic faith and develop leadership skills.

When: 5 – 8 or 12 – 15 January 2020

Where: Toongabbie, NSW (program includes accommodation)

Info and RSVP: link below

www.campion.edu.au/summer-program/

Change of Preference

Year 12 students

Change of Preference (CoP) gives you the chance to add, delete and reorder your university and/or TAFE preferences.

If you receive an offer, you will be offered the course highest on your preference list you are eligible for (you have met the ATAR and selection criteria requirements).

It is also the last chance you have to make sure your preference list reflects what you would like to study in the future.

Good Universities Guide is running online Change of Preference Expos in each state to assist students through this process.

The Expos will be online, enabling students to connect directly with university and TAFE staff, regardless of whether you are celebrating your results at the beach, relaxing in between movies or sorting out your Christmas shopping.

For information on dates and how to register, visit:

<https://events.gooduniversitiesguide.com.au/>



Career websites

My Health Career

My Health Career is a fantastic website that has career resources such as information sheets and videos about careers in several health fields.

www.myhealthcareer.com.au

Student Edge

This website features competitions, information on how to secure a job, occupation profiles, and advice on how to narrow down career interests based on study areas.

<https://studentedge.org/>

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/

Interesting articles from 'The Footnotes'

Business and Economics

- QnA: from Google to Tik Tok to venture capital in London
- From earning \$48,500 in consulting to \$82,000 in talent management
- I did a business degree, but don't know what I can actually DO
- How to get a graduate job at a bank
- Working at Deloitte – what it's like and how to get in
- Finance and accounting degrees are different – here's how

<https://thefootnotes.com.au/careers/business-economics/>

Medical Science

- Careers in pharmaceutical biotech
- QnA with a blood researcher. What he does and how to get in.
- What is studying medicine really like? QnA with a medicine student from UNSW
- How to become a doctor (step by step)
- Roundtable discussion – the true value of medical science
- Dinner with Charlie Teo – life as a brain surgeon

<https://thefootnotes.com.au/careers/medicine/>



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.

www.blastoff.mycareermatch.com.au

Competitions

Add to your resume and have fun by entering competitions!

Creative Arts

Bright Awards – run by Billy Blue College of Design at Torrens University. Entries are now open for students in years 10-12 and their school to win monetary prizes to help kick start creative dreams. Entries close Monday 16 November.

www.billyblue.edu.au/apply/bright-awards



Dream with PSC

Photography Studies College (PSC) are running a photography competition for students in Years 11 and 12. This competition provides an opportunity for students to create a 'dream image' that will be seen by a national and international audience. Applications are due by Friday 4 December.

<http://explore.psc.edu.au/dream-with-psc>

Would you like to work with computers?

Monash University offers courses in computer science, information technology and software engineering.

Monash has produced a video explaining the differences between the courses led by the Monash Bachelor of Computer Science course director.

https://youtu.be/5JQjT9xCJ_w

Do you have a passion for agriculture?

If you are in Years 9 – 12 and are planning to study agricultural science in the future, you can join the University of Melbourne 'Pre-Ag Club'.

You will be able to:

- Attend university run lectures and practical sessions
- Meet with leading academics and students
- Connect with students who share your interests
- Discover the benefits of a career in agricultural sciences.

<https://fvas.unimelb.edu.au/study/pre-ag-club>

Virtual Career Events

Endeavour College of Natural Health

The College is located at Melbourne and offers higher education courses in:

- Naturopathy
- Acupuncture
- Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine
- Myotherapy
- Complimentary Medicine
- Remedial Massage (Diploma)

The institute is running several online information sessions for prospective students before the end of the year. For information and to RSVP, visit www.endeavour.edu.au/events



Macleay College

Macleay is located at Melbourne. The College is running the following course information sessions for prospective students in November:

- 18: Advertising and Digital Media
- 19: Journalism:
- 25: Business and Accounting

Information and RSVP: www.macleay.edu.au

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE)

AIE is located at Melbourne and Canberra and offers courses in the following study areas:

- Game Art and Animation
- Game Programming
- Game Design and Production
- 3D Animation and VFX for Film
- Games and Virtual Worlds.

The Academy is running an open day for prospective students.

Date: Saturday 21 November

Information and RSVP: <https://aie.edu.au/>

Engineering & IT Showcase

Watch the La Trobe University 2020 Engineering & IT Showcase on Wednesday 25 November and view the very best of student industry projects delivering solutions in partnership with industry and government agencies.

Information and RSVP:

<https://engitshowcase.com/>

University vs Apprenticeship

Riley Payne's story

University or apprenticeship? Degree or trade qualification? Both take roughly the same time to complete and are completely different styles of learning. If you enjoy hands on learning, gaining an income whilst gaining a qualification, and don't want to sit in a classroom each day, you should consider an apprenticeship.

Not only will you be debt free after 3 – 4 years, you will have a nationally recognised qualification, be able to work in your trade area anywhere in Australia and in most cases, be able go straight into full time paid employment in your industry.

Meet Riley Payne. He completed the VCE with a strong ATAR. He had planned to go to university to study engineering, but when he really analysed his passions and preferred learning style, he decided to pursue an apprenticeship.

"Originally, I was considering going to university to study Aerospace Engineering, as I am passionate about aviation and design. There are a few reasons why I opted to head down the trade pathway even after being accepted into my university course.

Learning Style

I am a practical person and I love hands on learning, building construction etc. University would provide me with a great theoretical side to what I wanted to know, but it greatly lacked the hands-on learning style that I have found is most suited to me.

Time

The university course that I was considering is a four-year course as most engineering courses are. Generally, apprenticeships have a similar duration of four years, however the accelerated apprenticeship initiative works on competency-based progression.

This means that if you can complete your TAFE and your employer deems you competent then you can theoretically accelerate through the apprenticeship much quicker than the standard four years. As I had a lot of practical experience growing up, I thought this could be very beneficial.

Money

Although apprentice wages may be low initially, they quickly increase as your skills and apprenticeship status change. The possibility of earning money outside of work through your skills may also be an option for some apprentices. When comparing to a university course where you are paying to learn or acquiring a HECS debt, getting paid to learn even if it is a low rate is much more appealing.

Completing a trade gives you many more financial options and the possibility to invest if you are disciplined. Qualified tradespeople also have the opportunity to make quite reasonable early salaries in many instances.

Skilled workers shortage

With an ageing workforce, skilled workers will be in high demand in the coming years. With more students than ever opting to head to university instead of taking on a trade it means that job availability should be good for the foreseeable future. This gives me some sense of security in knowing that I should be able to fall back on my trade if I have to.

Getting to where I wanted to be

As I mentioned at the start I am interested in aviation and design as well as many other mechanical subjects. University would have provided me with a set syllabus and strict requirements which would be fantastic for the specific jobs that it is designed for, however I wanted a more personalised pathway that would allow me to learn what I was truly interested in.

The fact that each year of university consists of roughly three months of holidays may be enticing to some, but it seemed pointless to me and showed that the course could be completed in a far more condensed time frame.

Basically, I decided that anything I couldn't learn through my apprenticeship I would be able to find the resources to self-teach meaning I was learning exactly what I wanted to."

Australian Apprenticeships Pathways

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 www.aapathways.com.au



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.

www.aapathways.com.au/job-hunting/steps

Prepare for an apprenticeship

What to do whilst you are still at school

Work Experience

You can complete up to 40 days of work experience per year once you turn 15.

Be resourceful

Speak to your career adviser, parents, teachers, family friends, people in industry, everyone! Get their advice, use their knowledge and make up your own mind.

VCAL

Consider studying the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and/or one or two VET subjects

Subjects

Find out what subjects you will need for your future trade i.e., Mathematics, Physics, Science.

SBAT

Consider starting a School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT) in an area of interest- this will cut the time it will take to complete your qualification once you leave school.

Talk to past students

Talk to past students of your school who are working in occupations you are interested in.

They will give you a picture of what working in the industry is like, how they got into their course or secured their apprenticeship/ traineeship and will be able to give you great advice.



Need help getting your 120 hours?



between 16 and 21 years of age?



hold a current learner's permit?



limited access to a vehicle or supervising driver?



For information on our FREE driver mentor program, please call the L2P Coordinator on 0418 535 478 or visit www.cgllen.org.au

November 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16	17	18	19	20
CANTEEN CLOSED				
VCE EXAMS		VCE EXAMS		
23	24	25	26	27
YEAR 11 & 12 2021 EARLY START				
VCE EXAMS		VCE EXAMS		
30	DECEMBER 1	2	3	4
		YEARS 10 & 11 LAST DAY	YEAR 12 GRADUATION YEAR 9 LAST DAY	YEARS 7 & 8 LAST DAY
YEAR 11 & 12 2021 EARLY START				
VCE EXAMS				
7	8	9	10	11
	YEAR 7 2021 ORIENTATION DAY			OFFICE CLOSES