



# Marian College

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Re: Coronavirus COVID-19 Update  
Parent Letter 18  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

A warm welcome back to Term 4 of this extraordinary year. As we begin remote learning today and return onsite next Monday (12<sup>th</sup> October), it is important to acknowledge the achievements of this community. Our young people have developed new skills and have learnt so much about their own learning styles and personal preferences. They have had to accept greater responsibility for their learning and navigate the new skills in technology at a rapid pace. We are very proud of their efforts, honesty and resilience.

### **Making progress in Term 4.**

We understand that some students have progressed well in this space; while others, despite their best efforts and those of their families and teachers, have struggles and may have fallen behind. Term 4 is a critical time. Our priority on return to onsite learning is first and foremost the health, safety and wellbeing of all students and staff. Our Wellbeing team and counsellors will continue to monitor and support students as they transition back onsite. Parents who have any particular concerns should contact your child's Teacher Advisor or House Leader. Second to this, as a staff we are committed to work with all students to extend their learning this term, support their growth, and to fill in the gaps as appropriate.

It is an anxious time, especially for students who may not have achieved as much as they thought possible. Motivation can wane over a long period of time. However, much can be achieved together in the next nine weeks. We simply ask that students come along with an open mind and willingness to work hard to see results. Every student is capable of working to their best. This can make all the difference in the weeks remaining.

### **Health, Wellbeing and Safety**

Many of the current restrictions about health and safety measures remain this term. All students must wear a mask that covers the mouth and nose. Good hygiene practices, regular handwashing, social distancing where possible, and remaining home if ill are essential.



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*Marian College A Kildare Education Ministries school in the Brigidine tradition*

*Marian College is committed to the safety of all children, promoting the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all*

## Updates on School Operations

Please note from the latest information from the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria that the following are cancelled for schools at this time:

- All visitors to the College who are not engaged in essential services or support (i.e. health and wellbeing).
- All school Incursions.
- All Indoor Sports.
- School Tours and Transition Programs face-to-face.
- School Formals and Graduation Ceremonies.
- Excursions that cannot limit access to one school only at a time.
- All large gatherings, whole school and year level assemblies.
- Parent Nights, live performances onsite.

We understand this will change the way we operate over the next ten weeks. College Tours and Transition programs will move online. At the moment, and with the help of our seniors, we are considering alternative ways to recognize and celebrate our very impressive group of young people finishing Year 12 this year. We have asked so much of this group and they have performed admirably: with integrity, care for others and strong college values. We will keep you informed as ideas and plans formulate.

## Wellbeing Support

It is important that all students understand that some uncertainty or disappointment is normal at this time as students return onsite once again. However, if your child is experiencing a high degree of stress or anxiety and you need support, you can contact the College Office, our Head of Wellbeing (Ms Saravanja) or School Counsellors (Kevin Griffiths or Debra Wilson) for support. Students can also request support through the Wellbeing Request link on SIMON.

## Year 7 2021 Enrolments

If you have not submitted your Application for Enrolment and would like your child to attend Year 7 at Marian College in 2021, I ask that you contact the College Office as soon as possible. We are finalizing placements by the end of next week. Arrangements can be made to organize interviews via ZOOM. If you have any concerns please discuss with the College Registrar, Mrs. Meagan Bowen.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Carmel Barker  
Principal

