



# Marian College

A Kildare Education Ministries School in the Brigidine tradition

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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 Wonder'

Welcome back to all our students and families as we begin the new school year. It has been a very positive start as we ease into some new freedoms with fewer COVID-19 restrictions. Masks must remain on all buses and in places where social distancing cannot exist. We will continue to monitor progress of the virus but it is beginning to look like a more normal year ahead for most of us, but with some necessary precautions.

It will be wonderful to welcome parents back onsite tomorrow evening for a very important Year 7 Information Evening. This meeting will begin on Tuesday 2nd February at 6.30 in the Brigidine Centre. We look forward to welcoming all to the long-awaited Year 7 Information session.

Today we celebrate the feast day of our patroness, St Brigid of Kildare (451-525). It was in 1807 when Bishop Daniel Delany of Kildare and Leighlin in Ireland, invited six women to form a religious order based in Tullow, Co Carlow. He named them the Sisters of St Brigid after this great 5th century Saint of Kildare. Have a wonderful St Brigid's Day Sister John and Sister Maree, and all our inspiring Brigidine Sisters across our community.

***St. Brigid Mary of Ireland ask for us all today, the courage to do God's bidding whatever the world may say. The grace to be strong and valiant, the grace to be firm and true the grace to be faithful always to God, God's Mother and you.***

Friday was a very positive beginning to the year as we welcomed eighty five Year 7 students to the college for their first day. Year 12 students settled in well as the new leaders of our college. This week they venture out to Cave Hill Creek for their three day Senior Retreat. We wish them well as they explore their future this year and beyond, and what it means to be leaders of the Marian College community.

## **COVID-19**

All students must continue to wear masks on all buses to and from school. It is important to continue good hygiene practices while onsite. There will be some restrictions regarding large gatherings that will continue at this stage. More details will be forwarded regarding our Opening Mass and Award Ceremony on the 19th February.

## **Congratulations to our Year 12 Students 2020**

We congratulate all Year 12 students from 2020, as many of them head away this week for university, further study or work. These students navigated the most difficult, challenging year and generally coped really well. Congratulations to our College Dux, Bridget McGuckian and to all who achieved entry to their chosen fields. I am sure they will do well and continue to thrive in the future. Well done!

Take care and have a wonderful week.

Carmel.



Please contact the Marian College Office to advise of your child's absence. If the office has not been notified, we will contact the family via SMS.

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# 2021 LEADERSHIP TEAM AT MARIAN COLLEGE



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STEPHANIE SARAVANJA



HEAD OF LEARNING  
AND TEACHING  
MATTHEW SUMMERS



HEAD OF ORGANISATION  
AND STUDENT PATHWAYS  
LUCY EDWARDS



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BARB VENN



Head of English  
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Head of Humanities  
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NATALIE WIRPER



Head of Maths  
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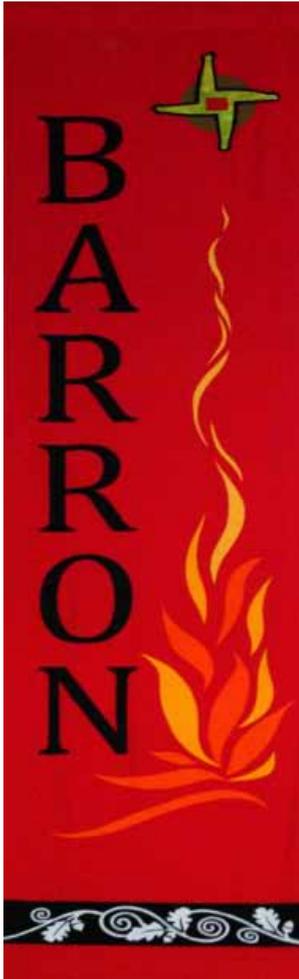


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EMILY LINDSAY



Business Manager &  
Bus Coordinator  
JOHN PURCELL

# 2021 HOUSE LEADERS



Ms. Erica  
McConachy



Mrs. Mary-Lou  
Boatman



Mrs. Donna  
Spalding



Mr. Nick  
Lloyd



# 2021 STUDENT LEADERS

## SCHOOL CAPTAINS



OLIVIA COLE



HENDRIX BOURIZK

## HOUSE LEADERS



GRACE LORDING DYLAN RYAN



OSCAR COLE HAYLEE GRIFFIN



MATILDA CRANSTOUN RACQUEL SCOTT



DANIEKA CLAYTON SAM CAIRNS

## LEARNING CAPTAINS



ISABELLA BROWNE



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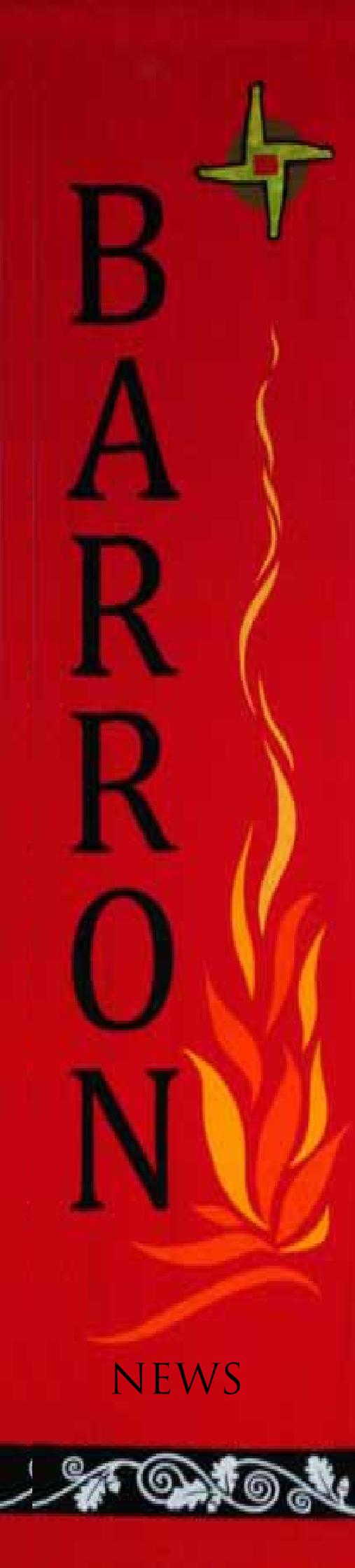
ASTON ALLEN



EVIE McMURTRIE



HANNAH TERRY



# BARRON

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## FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Welcome back to our Barron students and families! In 2021 we welcome our new year seven cohort to the college, along with students new to Marian entering Barron at other year levels. Our House Captains for 2021, Grace Lording and Dylan Ryan, will commence duties when they return from the Year 12 retreat.

Our Barron TA teachers for 2021 are: Carmel Barker, Matthew Summers, Teresa Tonks, Elysia Weir, Emily Lindsay, and Stephanie Mansell. They are your first point of contact at the college, and students' go-to person for questions, concerns, and celebrations. Students can seek out their House Captains as well for a chat or to share ideas and experiences. As their House Leader, I will connect with students over house events, competitions, and celebrations, as well as when things may be going less than smoothly for students... and students are always welcome for a chat or to check in - just knock on my door in the BD corridor, catch me for a chat on the way to class, or shoot me an email.

It is SO wonderful to be back in the classroom with students and to start a fresh new year. I look forward to recommencing our usual fun college activities, to learning, and to reflecting on our 2021 Brigidine focus of **Wonder**.

Erica McConachy  
Barron House Leader

# FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Welcome back to all Clancy students for 2021. I hope that you are all returning rested and relaxed from your break. We especially welcome all the Year 7s and new students in other year levels and their families. We hope you enjoy your time at Marian College. For returning students you will notice some changes to the teaching staff. The main change for Clancy students is the departure of the Clancy Head of House, Mr James. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Matt James all the best as he takes up a position on staff at Pheonix Community College in Ballarat and let you know that I will be replacing him as the Clancy House Leader. I am very much looking forward to getting to know each of you.

Our Clancy House Captains for 2021 are Haylee Griffin and Oscar Cole. They will be wonderful leaders and role models, so make sure that you give them your support.

The term one calendar is always very full and this year is no exception. We have many opportunities to be involved in activities outside of the classroom and show off your many and diverse talents. The first house event will be the School swimming Carnival and sign-ups for this will take place on Friday 5th Feb. The Swimming Carnival will be held on Monday the 22nd of Feb. In the meantime, our Year 12 students head off on their 3-day retreat today. We hope they enjoy the time together, developing strong connections and relationships which will help them negotiate their final year at Marian College.

Even though last year was a year most of us were happy to see the end of, it's important to reflect on what we lived through and see what positives we can take from such a difficult year. If I can take nothing else from last year it certainly reminded me how important it is to make the most of every opportunity that we are presented with because that opportunity may not present itself again. This leads beautifully into the theme for this school year which is **doing my best**. If each person gives their best effort to everything they do they will almost certainly achieve great things and not be left disappointed, wondering if they might have been able to do better. So this year let's be the best we can be by giving everything we do our best effort, whether that be completing your schoolwork, competing or barracking for Clancy, dealing with teachers, friends and family or even wearing the correct uniform with pride. Remember that Marian College is a sun safe school and in term one and four you must wear a hat when outside.

I'm super excited to see what great things 2021 brings for the Clancy crew.  
Bring it!

Mrs Boatman  
Clancy House Leader



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# K E L L Y



## NEWS

### FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Welcome back to what we hope will be a reasonably normal school year.

I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday (some students have told me it went too quickly). I did laugh because their time at home last year for remote learner excelled the holidays. They also spent at least 27 weeks at home in 2020. Sorry to say but you will have to go back to approximately 12 weeks for 2021.

Our school theme for this year is 'The Year of Wonder'. How appropriate considering 2020 and the effect it had on all of our lives. It is still going to be an unusual year with lots of 'wonder'.

I wonder whether we will get through the school year?

I wonder if I will survive being at school everyday?

I wonder if the coronavirus will return to the same extent it did in 2020?

I wonder if Kelly House could win a sports carnival?

There are so many things to wonder about.

Welcome back to the Kelly TA teachers, especially our newest addition Robert Armstrong.

Kelly House TAs

Kelly 1 Ryan Casey MC4, Kelly 2 Nathan Baker Science Lab 1

Kelly 3 Natalie Wirper MC5, Kelly 4 Robert Armstrong BD3

Kelly 5 Ben Naus Science Lab 2, Kelly 6 Olga Milne Computer Lab 2

Tomorrow night your parent(s) or guardian(s) will come and meet your TA teacher, visit your TA room and become familiar with PAM. I will be stepping in for Mr. Casey, Ms Wirper and Mrs. Milne due to unavailability.

I am very pleased to congratulate Hendrix Bourizk for becoming the School Captain alongside Olivia Cole (Clancy). Hendrix is a fine young man who will lead this school with passion.

Congratulations to our 2021 Kelly House leaders Matilda Cranstoun and Racquel Scott. I am looking forward to working with both students. They are highly motivated ladies with a good sense of fun. They both have a clear understanding of how to balance work and play.

Our Year 12s are off to retreat today. I wish them all the best for the next three days. You will never forget your Year 12 retreat because it's a valuable experience that will stay with you.

We welcome the following students to Kelly House;

Year 7 Maiara Barry Goncalves, Mark Beechinor, Shannon Drendel, James Fleming, Jackson Greene, Sam Harrington, Ashley Hutton, Sophie Hutton, Charlie McAuliffe, Darcy Moloney, Rohan Newson, Skyla Ralph, Krys Syrota, Rachel Terry, Stella Wheeler and Khloe Wilson.

Year 8 Jed Rhodes and Ava Hine.

Year 11 We welcome back Charlotte Cashman.

Let's make these students feel welcomed into our school community.

Please remember to be in your correct Summer uniform and all students MUST wear hats whilst outside for Term 1.

All the BEST for an exciting 2021. Cheers Mrs. Spalding

# FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello and welcome back,

A very warm welcome to the 2021 school year to all the Marian College community. I hope this little article finds everyone safe and well rested for the year ahead. I'm really looking forward to 2021 and all that it will bring. As we know, sometimes we can never envision what that will be. But we will all put our best effort forward and that is all that we can ask of anyone.

A special welcome to our year 7's, starting their journey at Marian College. I hope you find your transition into the school to be smooth and always ensure you speak up and ask for assistance if it is needed. The staff and students here at the school are more than happy to help out and make you feel as welcome as possible.

To all of our other Synnott students from years 8-12, thanks for all of your efforts last year and let's pray for a more smooth ride this year in 2021. For a start, all I ask is that you are organised, on time, in the correct uniform and giving your best efforts each day. Let's not let the simple, logistical aspects of our school days slip. Be ready to learn and look the part. This is very important to ensure you can achieve your best.

Welcome to Mr Reuben Tierney who will be helping out with Mr Stewart's TA group. Reuben joins us as a Physical Education and Religious Education teacher. I hope you really enjoy working with students in Synnott.

That's all for now. Let's tackle the year ahead with real positivity. We are at the starting line.

Mr Nick Lloyd  
Synnott House Leader



# S Y N N O T T

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# BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

As we enter the bushfire season for another year it is important that the guidelines regarding school arrangements for CODE RED days, Total Fire Ban days and bushfire alerts are clearly articulated to all parents. These are as follows:

1. **No** school buses will run on any days that are declared CODE RED to Marian College. This includes the Halls Gap, Pomonal, Moyston, Amphitheatre, Elmhurst, Buangor, Beaufort, Concongella, Stawell, Navarre, Landsborough, Maroona and Willaura routes. All of these buses run through areas that are on the **At Risk Register**, and as such, are unable to transport students on CODE RED days because of the high potential of bush fires.
2. On CODE RED days, parents are asked to ensure students who are remaining at home because their bus is not running are **never** left at home unattended or in the care of older children.
3. **Marian College has not been identified as being at high fire risk**, and as such it will remain **OPEN** on a CODE RED day unless it is directly threatened by fire.
4. If a fire starts during the day that affects a bus route home, the College will be notified by the bus Coordinators at either Stawell or Ararat College. It may be possible that students are not permitted to travel home on the bus in such a situation. Parents will be notified if this occurs, and students will be cared for at school until transportation home can be arranged.
5. While our school has not been identified as being at high fire risk, we do plan offsite activities – such as camps and field trips – during the fire season. If such activities are considered to be at risk from fire, or occur on a Total Fire Ban day-they will be rescheduled or cancelled.
6. If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan – particularly if you are planning day trips or holidays to fire-prone areas.

Please feel free to contact the College if you require further advice or information.

## MEET TA AND PARENT iPad INFORMATION EVENING

**TUESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 6.30 PM**

Parents of new students are invited to attend an Information Evening to be held on Tuesday 2nd February at 6.30pm in the Brigidine Centre. The evening is an important event providing new parents the opportunity to discuss:-

- ◇ Responsibilities in relation to the school provided device; and
- ◇ Accessing the Parent Access Module.

You will meet your child's TA teacher, who will demonstrate how to access the Parent Access Module – an informative online portal that you use to access vital information on your child's progress and assessment.

This evening is a vital initial step in opening up clear communication lines between you and your child's TA teacher, remembering that the TA teacher is the person you need to initially contact with any concerns you have in relation to your child.

The evening is for parents only. Supper will be provided. It is anticipated the evening will conclude by 8.00pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

# Secondary School Vaccinations in 2021

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough
  - one dose for Year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for Year 7 students
- Meningococcal – one dose for Year 10 students

Parents/guardians of Year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Ararat Rural City immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 19 February 2021 if you do not want your contact details given to the Ararat Rural City immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to: [immunehero.health.vic.gov.au](http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au) or call the Maternal and Child Health Centre on 5355 0224.

Year 11 or 12 students who have missed their Meningococcal vaccine in Year 10 still have an opportunity to be vaccinated under the program. Please contact the school office to obtain a consent card.





# SWIMMING CARNIVAL

## BARRON KELLY SYNNOTT CLANCY

The Marian College Swimming Carnival is approaching. All students have the opportunity to choose events to enter. The aim of the carnival is for everyone to participate and enjoy themselves, and get into the spirit of their team. The keener swimmers also have the opportunity to progress to compete in the Black Ranges Swimming Championships.

- What:** Marian College Inter-House Swimming Carnival
- Date:** Monday 22nd February 2021
- Venue:** Ararat Outdoor Pool
- Time:** Students to meet at the pool at 8.50am.  
Dismissal 3.10pm
- Clothing:** Dress in house colours or PE uniform.
- Food:** BYO lunch and drinks.  
Food/drinks available for purchase from the Gardens Cafe.
- Buses:** Arrangements have been made with the Stawell and Ararat bus companies to drop off and pick up students directly to and from the Pool.
- Must bring:** Hat, sunscreen, lunch, drink, suitable swimwear, towel, warm clothes to wear between swims, all medications required including EpiPens, Asthma inhalers etc.

**This is a compulsory school day.**

# Term 1 2021



1st - 3rd February

Year 12 Retreat

2nd February

Year 7 Parents - Meet TA & iPad  
Information Evening

8th - 12th February

Year 7 Camp Week

17th February

Ash Wednesday

22nd February

Swimming Carnival

23rd February

School Photos

25th February

Year 7 and 10 Immunisations

8th March

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

10th - 12th March

Year 8 Retreat

15th - 17th March

Dental Van Visit

30th March

Athletics Carnival

1st April

Stations of the Cross  
End of Term 1

# NEW APP TO ASSIST WITH THE PARENT ACCESS MODULE

## Install Simon Everywhere on your phone to receive notifications

Simon Everywhere is now available on  
App Store and Google Play.

Your school has joined the growing Simon Everywhere community. By installing the Simon Everywhere app, you will be able to receive push notifications direct to your phone. Plus you will have easy access to all of the great PAM features, such as Assessments, Reports, Activity Permissions and more.

- Search "Simon Everywhere" on App Store or Google Play and install the app
- Launch Simon Everywhere and register with your name and mobile number
- Click Add School and locate your school from the list
- Enter your existing PAM credentials



Marian College is a  
"SunSmart School".

The wearing of hats is  
compulsory during Terms  
1 and 4.

Replacement hats can be  
purchased at the Office  
for \$5.00.



# February 2021

| <b>Monday</b>                        | <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>Wednesday</b>               | <b>Thursday</b>                      | <b>Friday</b>                |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1                                    | 2<br>YEAR 7 MEET<br>TA & CYBER<br>SAFETY PARENT<br>PRESENTATION | 3                              | 4                                    | 5                            |
| <b>YEAR 12 RETREAT</b>               |   |                                |                                      |                              |
| 8<br>INTERMEDIATE/<br>SENIOR CRICKET | 9   | 10                             | 11<br>INTERMEDIATE/<br>SENIOR TENNIS | 12                           |
| <b>YEAR 7A &amp; 7B CAMP</b>         |   | <b>YEAR 7C &amp; 7D CAMP</b>   |                                      |                              |
| 15                                   | 16  | 17<br>ASH WEDNESDAY<br>LITURGY | 18                                   | 19<br>OPENING SCHOOL<br>MASS |
| 22<br>SWIMMING<br>CARNIVAL           | 23<br>SCHOOL PHOTOS   | 24                             | 25<br>YEAR 7 and 10<br>IMMUNISATIONS | 26                           |