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From the Head of Learning and Teaching



Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Students of Marian College,

- ❖ *We encourage excellence and perseverance in learning,*
- ❖ *We strive for continuous improvement*

A Prayer for Rescue, Recovery and Relief workers

God our help and hope when waters rise, you brought Israel safely through the sea. Sustain all those who seek to save others, so that they may repair the ruined cities, raise up the former devastations, and be the restorers of streets to live in; through Jesus Christ, our eternal savior.

Recent floods in QLD, NSW and now Victoria have yet again shown the resilience of people in times of disaster. It has also shown the human spirit of giving is still alive as evidenced through media reports on people helping one another. We have been extremely fortunate in our part of the country to only being 'touched' by the rains. May all those affected know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

This newsletter is 'going out' on a Wednesday after the school had an extended long weekend. Hopefully this will give students a nice 'refresh' as we set ourselves up for the remainder of the school year.

2023

As Mrs Barker outlined in last week's newsletter, the school spent the better part of a year reviewing key areas of the school which included assessment and the school timetable.

A key outcome of this review was that more class time was needed in the key

priority areas of the school, literacy and numeracy.

As part of the process moving forward into 2023 we have decided to expand the early start program to include all year levels. This will entail all students moving into next year's classes, from Year 7 through to Year 11. This year's early start for all students will begin on Monday the 21st of November.

At the same time our school day will also alter. We will move from a 6 (47 minute) period day to a 5 (1 hour) period day. The new bell times are listed at the end of this article.

The benefits of this include more time being allocated to English and Math as well as an increase in time allocation in all senior school subjects. We are hopeful that the early start will help highlight any issues that can be dealt with prior to the new school year in 2023.

For this to happen, Mr Coghlan has been working very hard to make sure that we have a new timetable in place for November 21st. This means that over the next week or so all students from Yr 9 upwards will receive their subjects for 2023.

At the same time the Wellbeing team have been revising class groups for Year 7 going into 8 as well as core groupings for students going into Year 9 and 10. Once completed this will be followed by families receiving information on booklists, electronic levies etc.

VCE Exams

Much has been written over the past few weeks in regards to our Seniors sitting their external exams. As of today the process is well underway. Well done to all the students so far and we wish them continued success over the next few weeks.

As a school we will have the time to celebrate with them at graduation on Thursday the 17th of November.

7-10 Social

Last Thursday night was a fantastic celebration at the Ararat Town Hall. The Year 10's, along with Mr Armstrong and Miss Rusden organised a wonderful mix of old time dancing with a few newer songs.

All students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to everyone.

Matthew Summers
Head of Learning and Teaching

CHANGES TO COVID-19 ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS

It is strongly recommended that students:

- who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home and isolate for five days
- should not attend school after five days if still symptomatic

Who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school.

Where students become symptomatic at school, they should:

- be collected by their parents/ carers
- undergo testing for COVID-19.

**RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS
ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE
PHONE: 5352 3861**

BELL TIMES 2023

| TA/Homeroom | 8.52am – 8.58 am | 6 minutes |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Period 1 | 9.00am – 10.00 am | 1 hour |
| Period 2 | 10.02am – 11.02am | 1 hour |
| Lunch Break | 11.02am – 11.46am | 44 minutes |
| Period 3 | 11.50am – 12.50am | 1 hour |
| Period 4 | 12.52pm – 1.52pm | 1 hour |
| Recess | 1.52pm – 2.14pm | 22 minutes |
| Period 5 | 2.16pm – 3.16pm | 1 hour |

2023 SUBJECT INFORMATION

The College has completed a full school review of the timetable and our curriculum structure. The results of the review will see the College make a number of significant changes to the curriculum structure in 2023.

The most significant being a move to a 5 period day in 2023. The lessons will be 1 hour long with the lunch break being after period 2 at 11am. This will have different implications in different year levels.

Year 11 and 12 students

Each VCE class will have 4 one hour lessons per subject per week in 2023. The objective is to give more time to subjects and also more sessions.

Therefore a full Year 12 VCE load will be 5 Unit 3 & 4 subjects, plus Religion and Wellbeing.

Some Year 12 students in the changeover year (2023) who previously had completed an accelerated subject in Year 11 may only complete 4 subjects in Year 12. The school, in discussions with students, have also discussed accelerated programs for students entering Year 10 and 11 and will continue to do so into the future.

VCAL and VCE Vocational Major are only affected in terms of the structure of their day and how their practical sessions will be organised.

Year 9 and 10 students

There has been a significant restructure of the middle years timetable. The middle years will have a subject rotation each term instead of

the current semester changes.

A middle years student will complete 4 periods a week of English and Maths, and 2 periods a week of Religion and Physical Education each term. They will also complete 4 periods of 3 other subjects a week during each term. This will consist of one term units in Science, LOTE, Humanities, Arts and Technology or for a Year 10 student, a VCE subject over the year.

The Arts and Technology electives are no longer blocked against each other which has allowed more students access to the subjects they have nominated.

Year 7 and 8 students

Year 7 and 8 students will have more time in English and Maths in 2023 and their Arts and Technology subjects will rotate on a term basis. Term 1 and 2, the Year 8's will complete 2 terms of Art, and a term of Technology: Wood and Food. The Year 7's will do Textiles and Drama in term 1 and Digital Technology and Music in term 2. Then swap for terms 3 and 4.

The students will be receiving a list of their subjects for 2023 in the next few days. The lists will be handed out in class and explained to students.

If you have any queries please email Ms. Edwards ledwards@mcarrarat.catholic.edu.au for Year 11 and 12 students and Mr. Summers email summersm@mcarrarat.catholic.edu.au for Year 9 and 10.

2023 BOOK LIST INFORMATION

Online ordering through Champion Education

All required textbooks and stationery will need to be ordered online. The online ordering system is simple to use. Go to the website (www.champion.com.au), create an account or sign in to your existing account, select the relevant booklist and complete your order. Payment can be made by Mastercard or Visa. More information is provided on the booklists (emailed via EdSmart platform)

Please note that orders should be completed by Sunday 11th December, 2022.

Australia Post will deliver the packages to individual households. A surcharge will be added to your order at the time of submission.

Please note that the cost for Digital Textbooks (details emailed via EdSmart platform) **will be payable to Marian College in the form of a levy that will appear on your fees statement.**

If you have any queries regarding this please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Matthew Summers

Head of Learning and Teaching



All orders to be completed online at

www.champion.com.au

using "VDYB" as your code

STATE ATHLETICS

On Monday the 17th of October we had 4 students travel down to Lakeside Stadium in Albert Park to compete in State Athletics.

Darcy Venn was first up in the 12/13 years 80 metre hurdles. She ran a time of 15.08 seconds to finish 4th in the state.

Sophie Birch was next up in the 12/13 years high jump. After setting the record at GWR athletics Sophie improved on her jump to clear 1.45 metres seeing her place 4th. Sophie missed out on a medal on a countback.

Elise Monaghan competed in 2 events. Her first was the 18 years High jump in which she placed 6th and her second event which she ran a time of 5.54.43 which also saw her place 6th in the state.

Brad Carter was the final competitor and he was competing in the 16 years 200 metres. He ran a time of 25.02 seconds which saw him place 5th in the state.

Congratulations to all students on making it through to State Athletics! It's a massive achievement!

Michael Harricks
Head of Sport



FROM YOUR HOUSE LEADER

Hello everyone,

Welcome to another Synnott House report.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable long weekend. I am thinking it was a good chance for a mid term break as we need to ensure that we finish off the year strongly.

I must mention the year 7-10 social. What a fantastic event this was for our junior and middle school students. Well done to everyone involved in the planning, set up and delivery of the event on the night. I know from talking to students they all had a fantastic time. It was really great to see the traditional dances, as well as the superb dance moves to the more contemporary tunes.

Year 12's have commenced their exams. I wish them all the best throughout this period and our thoughts and sentiments of encouragement are with you as you tackle what is an intense and busy time. Trying your best is the key and there are many pathways that can be taken post school. This is important to remember.

We have these 2 upcoming weeks before the whole school rolls over into early start. These will be a very busy few weeks for students and teachers as we all finalise assessments and coursework for 2022. I encourage you to talk with your TA teacher should you be finding it difficult to finish any assessments as help and arrangements can be made to help you through.

Many thanks,
Nick Lloyd



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FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Lions Youth of the Year 2023

Congratulations to Haylee Sobey (Year 11) who represented Marian College in the Ararat Lions Youth of the Year program on Wednesday 26th October.

Haylee won the Public Speaking Award and the overall Lions Youth of the Year (Ararat) award. Haylee will now represent Marian College and the Ararat Lions Club at the divisional level in 2023.

Marian College has a long association with the Ararat Lions Youth of the Year program. As part of the program, students submit a detailed entry form, attend an interview, respond to two impromptu questions and present a prepared five minute speech to Lions Members. The program is recognised Australia wide for its impact on the development of student leadership skills, personal improvement, public speaking skills and a host of highly sought after workplace skills.



Marian College students are encouraged to challenge themselves, to step outside their comfort zone and become active participants in their community. Haylee is to be congratulated for living these values.

The Lions Youth of the Year program runs annually and in 2023 may be of interest to students currently in Years 9 and 10. For more information, please contact Mrs Mansell via email: smansell@mcararat.catholic.edu.au

FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

2023 Booklists

VCE Early English and Literature text booklists have been emailed out to both students and parents. Students should have already placed their orders to receive their novels before the end of school for holiday reading.

Years 7 - 10 booklists will be emailed out this week. Book orders are completed online through Champion Books as per the instructions in the email. Parents/ carers please keep an eye out for this email.

Students in Years 9 - 12 are required to purchase all of the novels and textbooks listed for English. The textbooks listed for Years 10 and 11 are new and reflect changes in curriculum. (Students in Years 7 and 8 in 2023 are not required to purchase novels. Class sets are used.)

Students may purchase novels second hand, however students moving into Year 11 and Year 12 in 2023 need to be aware that a number of texts have changed.

The library does not have multiple copies of texts to loan out to students.

If there are financial challenges with purchasing required texts, please make contact with the College's Business Manager.

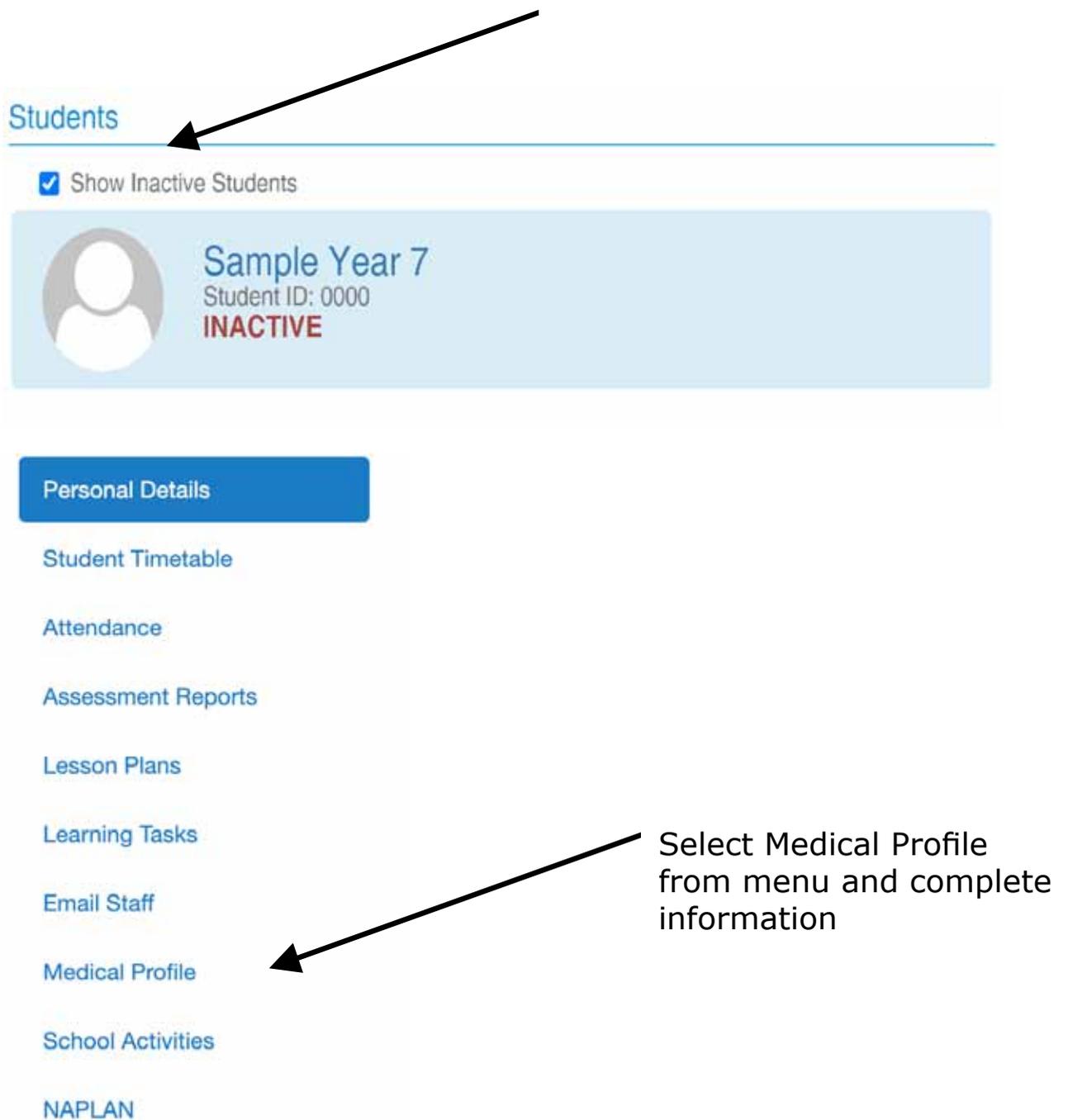
Stephanie Mansell
Head of English and Languages

YEAR 7 2023 PARENT ACCESS MODULE

If you have a student enrolled for Year 7 2023 please access the Parent Access Module to complete your child's Medical Profile. As Year 7 Camp is early in Term 1 please complete by the end of November, 2022.

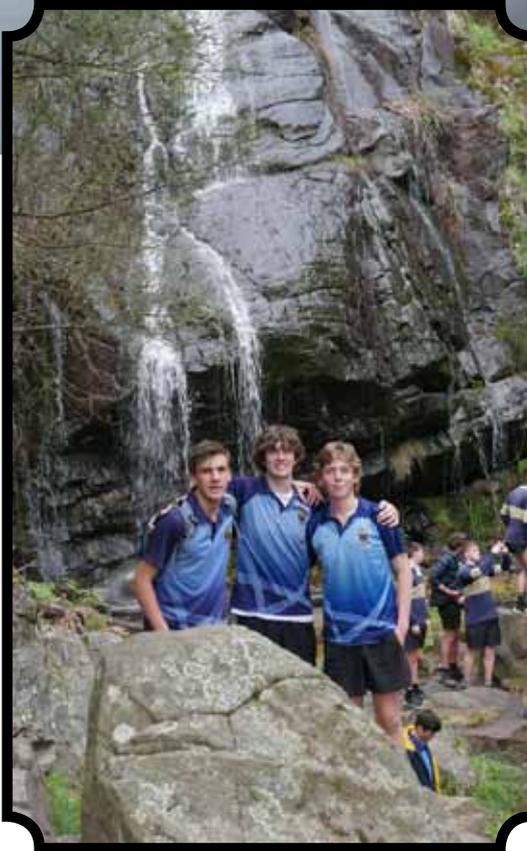
Each child's data can be accessed by clicking on their student photo. Your child is linked to the profile but is listed as 'inactive'.

To view a pre-enrolled student tick the box as shown below:-



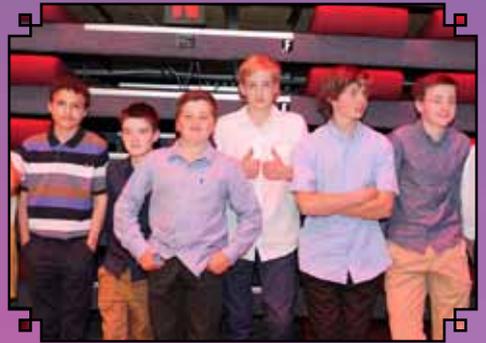
The screenshot displays the 'Students' section of the Parent Access Module. At the top, there is a 'Students' header and a checkbox labeled 'Show Inactive Students' which is checked. Below this, a student profile card is shown for 'Sample Year 7' with a Student ID of 0000 and the status 'INACTIVE'. A blue button labeled 'Personal Details' is visible. Below the button, a list of menu items is shown: 'Student Timetable', 'Attendance', 'Assessment Reports', 'Lesson Plans', 'Learning Tasks', 'Email Staff', 'Medical Profile', 'School Activities', and 'NAPLAN'. An arrow points from the 'Medical Profile' menu item to the text 'Select Medical Profile from menu and complete information'.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION HIKE



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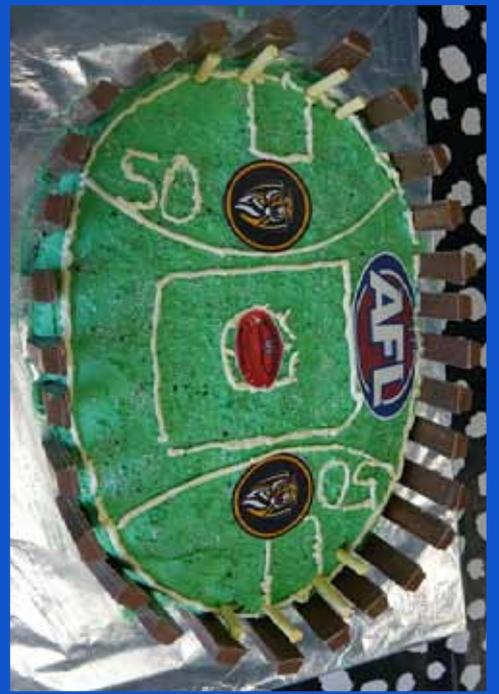


Year 9 Food - Celebrations

Each semester I'm blown away by the talent of our young students. When I remember back to my Year 9 (Form 3) years there is no way I could have produced cakes to this standard. This generation of students are far more superior in their design processes. The 'Cake Design Unit' includes experimenting with fondant, decorating cupcakes and then finishing off with a large cake. As you can see from the photos, not only were their ideas creative, their execution was excellent.

Donna Spalding





YEAR 10 and 11 EXAM TIMETABLE

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|-----------------------|------|---------|-------------------------------|
| | | | Year 10 and 11 |
| Monday November | 14th | | Normal classes |
| Tuesday November | 15th | | Normal classes |
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| Wednesday November | 16th | 9:00 AM | English 11 |
| | | | |
| | | 1:30 PM | Business 11 |
| | | | Chemistry 11 |
| | | | Textiles 11 |
| Thursday November | 17th | 9:00 AM | Specialist 11 |
| | | | Psychology 11 |
| | | | Literature |
| | | | |
| | | 1:30 PM | Methods 11 |
| | | | Biology 11 |
| | | | Chinese 11 |
| | | | Food Tech 11. (90 minutes) |
| Friday November | 18th | 9:00 AM | English 10 |
| | | | Health & Human Development 11 |
| | | | Physical Education 11 |
| | | | |
| | | 1:30 PM | Legal 11 |
| | | | Studio Arts 11 |
| | | | Science 10 |

CANTEEN

Restricted service over VCE Exam Period

Over the VCE exam period, a number of exams will be held in the Gym which will restrict access to the Canteen during exam times. Because of the need to limit any distractions to students sitting exams, the Canteen will operate a restricted service during the closure days outside the tech room. There will be no hot food or lunch orders available on the following days:-

Wednesday 2nd November

Thursday 3rd November



November 2022

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| OCTOBER 31 STAFF DAY PUPIL FREE | 1 MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| VCE EXTERNAL EXAMS | | VCE EXTERNAL EXAMS | | |
| 7 | 8 VCAL BALLARAT EXCURSION | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| VCE EXTERNAL EXAMS | | VCE EXTERNAL EXAMS | | |
| 14 | 15 VCAL HALLS GAP EXCURSION | 16 ART & TECHNOLOGY EXPO | 17 YEAR 12 GRADUATION | 18 |
| VCE EXTERNAL EXAMS | | | | |
| | | YEAR 10 & 11 EXAMS | | |
| OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP | | | | |
| 21 EARLY START PROGRAM COMMENCES | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |