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Lumina

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Our final Lumina for 2021. It has been a pleasure telling the stories of the first year of our co-educational Catholic college. Our cover image this issue was taken at the 2022 ACC Leadership Launch at St Joseph's College in Geelong. Pictured from left to right is Deputy Principal Shaun Lancashire, 2022 College Co-captains Eliza Leyva McEnroe and Dominic Albrighton and Principal Terry Blizzard. This image boasts the leadership opportunities we offer for girls at St Mary's College. This year, introducing Darcy Lynch, the first female to lead in this inter-school forum, who has paved the way for Eliza and other girls to follow. This image shows real life learning, where our students both girls and boys, learn together with compassion and action, building a better world for all.

Blessings to your families for a safe and happy Christmas.

Director of Development | Elaine Doyle

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From the Principal

Terry Blizzard

Last Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent. The term Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming". Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season. This week at the College we celebrated the end of year Liturgies with each year level at which we were reminded that Advent and Christmas is a time of hope, peace and joy but importantly, a time to look beyond ourselves to those in need. Our calling as a school of justice is very much highlighted at this time of year.

Farewells

Even though Christmas is about birth and renewal, December is the month the school year does exactly the opposite. We finish ready for a well-deserved break, and at this time as always, we say farewell to staff that will be moving to new schools or retiring. Some of our staff will be moving interstate, others to schools closer to home and some are looking for the opportunities a new experience brings their professional development.



This year we will sadly farewell two long standing servants of the school. Director of Music, or the Bandmeister as he affectionately known, Mr David O'Meara has announced his retirement. David, who like his father is an old boy of CBC commenced in 2009 and has led and grown the Music Department for all that time. We are so lucky to have had such a passionate and talented leader and we wish David every blessing in his well-earned retirement.



After 35 years of dedicated service Mr Les Tomazi will retire at the conclusion of the 2021 school year. Les has truly been an outstanding contributor to the school, teaching a myriad of subjects including Chemistry, Biology, Science, Maths, Religious Education and Product Design. Along with this Les has been a major contributor to the extra-curricular life of the College, in particular in ACC. Again we wish every blessing to Les after an amazing career.

I would also like to thank the following staff for their excellent contribution to College life over the last number of years:

Sam Hill, Phil O'Connor, Greg Davies, Tatum Ashley, Hannah Goding, Mark Morath and Emily Viskovic



Other news for 2022

I would like parents to note that there will be some important developments to the College uniform for 2022 and beyond. The development and phasing in of any new uniform in schools is usually a two-to-three-year process, with interim measures in place. Below is an outline of some of the interim uniform developments commencing next year.

Unfortunately the timing of some of these are not as we and our uniform supplier would have hoped, caused by the closure of factories overseas and in Sydney due to COVID.

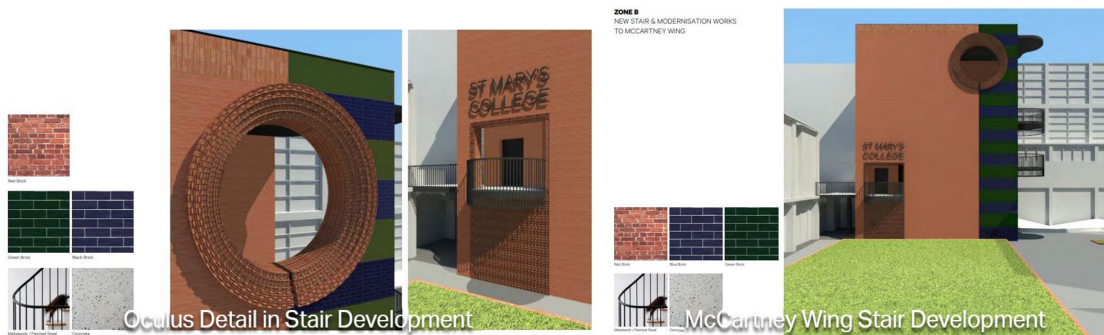
Among other things of note is the change over of pockets on existing blazers. Until a final decision is made on the blazer design long term, it is permissible to continue to wear existing CBC and PCW blazers, however we would encourage parents to take up the option of changing the pocket to the new St Mary's College version. This can be organised through the College. Details of how this process will work will be sent to parents in January.

ITEM	AVAILABLE
Short Sleeve White Blouse with Piping	In store Term 2
New softshell zip up jacket	Winter Term 2
New PE Short with piping & St Mary's College logo	Available Term 2 – Back up order with no piping and SMC brand will be at the shop ready for Term 1

New Trackpant (with St Mary's logo)	Order has been placed and will arrive Term 2
Bucket Hat with St Mary's College Crest	In store Term 2 – possibly earlier
Cap with St Mary's College Crest	In store Term 2 – possibly earlier
Blazers	All new blazers are having new pockets fitted featuring the St Mary's College Crest over the Christmas break and will be available in the week commencing January 10
New Blazer pockets	New St Mary's College pocket designs are in production for the black and navy blazers and are expected in store in January with a changeover cost of \$40.
New St Mary's College Sports Bag	Will be instore January
New St Mary's College Backpack	Will be instore January
Sports Polo and long sleeve training shirt	In store Term 2 - possibly earlier
Junior and Senior Tie	In store Term 2

Building

We are excited to commence Stage 1 of the capital building work and modernisation at the Edmund Rice Campus (Westbury St). To enable disability access, we will be building a new lift and staircase into the McCartney wing and restructuring the main entrance into the Corbett Wing on Westbury St. Our aim is for this work to commence before Christmas and will continue into Term 1 requiring significant reorganisation in the early part of the year.





Corbett Wing, Westbury Street Reception Entrance Ramp

We are also delighted to announce the fitting of artificial turf in the courtyard of the campus to add a softer and more contemporary feel, and the addition of new picnic settings courtesy of the P & F.

Blessings

On behalf of the staff of St Mary's College may I wish all members of our community a holy and peace filled Christmas and safe and happy New Year.

Principal | Terry Blizzard



Around the College

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire

The final newsletter for 2021 has come around awfully quickly. Once we reach Term 4 it feels as though 'the end' of something is happening every few days. Last week our senior headstart classes concluded. Year 11 and 12 (2022) students had two weeks of VCE and VCAL classes, where the VCE units and VCAL programs are explored in detail and the foundations for a successful 2022 were laid. Students were challenged in assemblies to think of how they can contribute to the success of others and how this will lead them to be their very best. Collective growth, achievement and support is already emerging as a theme for our senior students in 2022.

Year 7 – 9 students become year 8 – 10 students for the last couple of days of this year, prior to a final assembly in their 2021 Year Levels and Pastoral Care groups to end the last day on Friday. This is preceded by wonderful liturgical celebrations for each year level, where students will read and have the benefit of rehearsing and learning a little bit about why they say the words they are called upon to read in a liturgy setting.

My thanks to all Year 10 students and parents last week when we were required to send students home a little early on Thursday and cancel classes on Friday. The cooperation of our students and families at a difficult and complex time such as this is greatly appreciated.

EREA Child Safeguarding Standard 5 is titled ***Robust Human Resource Management***. This standard confirms and clarifies that all EREA schools will undertake rigorous human resource and workplace practices to ensure that all students in our care are safe in the

presence of adults employed by the College. This involves, though is not limited to, an extensive induction process for new teachers and support staff, mechanisms for assessing the fitness of contractors and volunteers to work with or be in proximity to children, and an ongoing program of child safety training for all staff. A statement of commitment to child safety is also included in all St Mary's College job advertisements. Please click on the link to access the full version of EREA Child Safeguarding Standard 5.

 [S5 Human Resource Mgmt.pdf](#)

Finally, I would like to thank all parts of the College community, from the Advisory Council, the P & F committee, parents, leadership team, staff and of course, our wonderful students for what can only be described as an unexpected 2021. We are indeed a resilient community. It has been a privilege again this year to be part of leading this College, in what still must be remembered is our first year as St Mary's College. I look forward to our continued development in partnership with students, parents, and the College community in 2022. I wish all reading this a safe, happy and Holy Christmas.

God Bless.

Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire



Identity

Director of Identity | Kate Johnston

Advent has begun! You may have already noticed Christmas decorations, a nativity scene or an Advent wreath in your travels.

While it is a time of finishing up the school year, packing things away and saying good byes, it is also a time of great preparation. For some that may be preparing their travels, house or menu for a great Christmas day feast. For many it is the time each year we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ.

As each year level has concluded the academic year, they gathered to begin this preparation. At each liturgy the College Advent wreath was lit. A symbol of the four weeks of waiting and the themes of hope, peace, joy and love. We heard The Christmas story adapted from the Gospel of Luke. Jesus' birth marked a very special time in history and this was honoured by the Three Wise Men who each gave Jesus a precious gift- gold, incense and myrrh.

Christmas is known as a time of giving. Sometimes we get so caught up in finding the perfect gift or hoping for something that we miss the chance to give of ourselves. Christmas is a time to give to others and put those in need first, ahead of yourself. This selfless giving is the true essence of Christmas. To give without receiving, to give without expecting anything in return is how we show our love to others.

I wish our entire community a Christmas filled with hope, peace joy and love.

Director of Identity | Kate Johnston



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Just a reminder that all St Mary's College staff, students and St Mary's College parents have digital access to the Australian Catholics magazine.

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Password: **stmaryscollegestudents**

We also have access for our parents

Parent login parents@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au

Password: **stmaryscollegeparents**



Wellbeing

Focus on Strengths

A key component of the College's wellbeing strategy is to create a culture where we focus on student strengths. We do this with the knowledge that such a focus is tantamount to encouragement, quite possibly the most important word in education. In schools, encouragement takes many forms. Some of these include: encouragement to achieve one's best results; encouragement to give great effort; encouragement to make courageous decisions; encouragement to take on social justice initiatives. When students are encouraged they tend to start to take positive risks. When this occur, they usually really enjoy their time at school and really thrive in a range of different areas.

This, I am sure will agree, is what we are all looking for.

This focus on encouragement is backed up by the evidence base. Harvard Business School Studies highlights that the average ratio for the highest-performing teams was 5.6 (that is, nearly six positive comments for every negative one). The medium-performance teams averaged 1.9 (almost twice as many positive comments than negative ones.) But the average for the low-performing teams, at 0.36 to 1, was almost three negative comments for every positive one. Clearly, our College seeks to be in the high-performing quadrant, so positivity and encouragement will be a real feature of our work next year.

Speaking of next year, we are really looking forward to, hopefully, a period where there is more consistency and predictability for our students (and families, too!). Thank you for your efforts this year with remote learning and working with us on the challenges inherent in this period. I wish you a great Christmas and enjoyable summer holiday!

Director of Students | Chris Pye





Year 12 Graduation

The Class of 2021 Graduation commenced with Liturgy and presentation of the College candle for each of the four Pastoral groups. Held at the Presentation Chapel with Fr Jerome, Principal Mr Blizzard, Deputy Principal Mr Lancashire, Director of Identity Mrs Johnston and the respective Pastoral Teachers. Due to COVID restrictions parents were not allowed to attend, the services were filmed and shared with our Year 12 families.



A celebration evening was held in the evening at The Park convention rooms in Albert Park. As the sun set over Albert Park Lake, this beautiful event was bathed in a golden glow, a

fitting finale and recognition of the first graduating class of St Mary's College. The night included delicious food, speeches, presentation of Graduation Certificates and College scarf, enjoyed by parents, students and some staff.



My prayer for this Graduating class today is that you take what you have been given at St Mary's College and walk courageously into the future.

You have every reason to be confident. More than that, you have every reason to hope. Because the God who created you, the God who keeps all things in being, is the one who invites you into that future.

You are made to be loved. You are made to love. Your true destiny then is to become saints. Know this. Hold onto this. Glory in this. Be liberated by this.

The truth will set you free, and once you are free, you are free to give yourselves away in love for the life of the world. This is the real destiny of all humanity.

God bless.

Fr Jerome

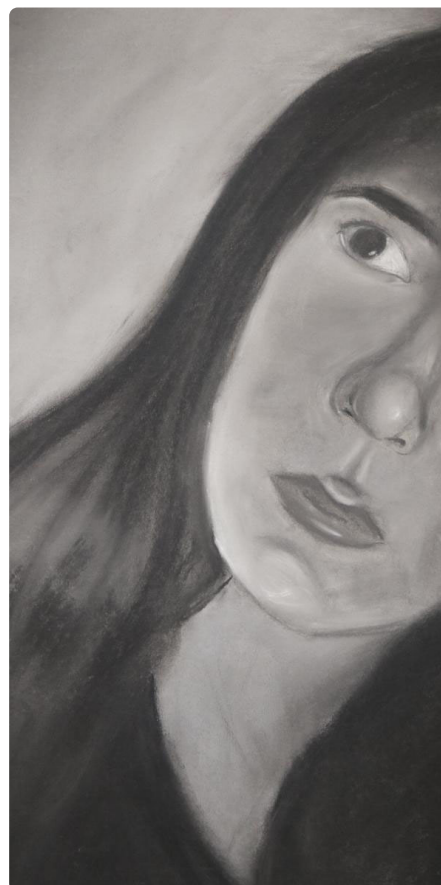




VAPA

Year 9 Visual Art

These beautiful charcoal and pastel artworks were created by Year 9 Visual Art students as part of their preliminary studies for their final paintings. These were inspired by the Film Noir genre of the 1940's.



During online learning earlier this year, students were required to take a series of six photographs in conditions that would evoke a Film Noir ambience. The photographs could be either selfies or photographs taken by another person with the following prescribed conditions, the photographs had to be taken in a confined space with low light conditions and an additional light source, such as a lamp, candle, torch, sparkler or other.

Students then edited their photographs on their phone to black and white. We then discussed and negotiated which image provided the best potential for creating an artwork in the Noir style.

Students were able to explore dramatic tonal contrasts with deep darks and strong highlights or more subtle, and darker graduated tones. Experimentation comprised a variety of willow and compressed charcoals as well as conte and soft deep pigmented pastels.

Year 8 Visual Arts

For this unit, Year 8 Visual Arts students investigated mark-making in the creating of distance and space in landscapes. The marks an artist makes is very much like their thumb print; it is original and reveals something of their interpretation of what they see. In these drawings, four students have interpreted the landscape in a variety of ways.



Callum W's striking landscape is a contrast of dramatic forms. His simplified shapes capture the boldness and movement found therein.



Will S's work shows a slow rustling wind that seems to filter through the plants and seems to draw us towards the horizon beyond.



Charlie R's landscape is highly detailed, and he effectively describes the changing forms in the landscape, constructing with a variety of lines with real gusto and sensitivity.



Cody R's landscape is a focus on mark-making. See how his lines carry a different physical weight; some lines are softer, while others are bolder. Cody seems to have felt his way through this landscape. Cody has and reduces shapes to their simpler forms as they recede into the background and yet still has retained the recognisability of shapes. This work is certainly a proud teacher moment!



This painting was created by Oliver C in Year 8. Students studied how to construct space through aerial perspective. Oliver's work through his directional brushstrokes conveyed something of a rugged landscape contrasting with the more delicate flowers in the foreground. He lent his painting a beautiful painterly style where sweeping gestures helped create a lovely atmosphere.

Media Teacher | Susan Lopez



Pathways

CAREERS: WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

As we wind down to the end of the year for staff, many students and families will be concerned about accessing information after 10 December. The Careers Counsellor is something of an exception here. I am always available to answer student and parent concerns and questions well past this date, both in the December Change of Preference period and when the offers are made in January. The best way to contact me is by email: mellwood@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au If you would like me to call you, just ask in your email and supply a number, please!

Change of Preference

As the **Year 12 Results** and ATARs are published on **16 December** this year, you will also be able to make a time for a **Change of Preference** Meeting via my appointment app on Simon or at <https://calendly.com/mellwood/30min>

The tertiary institutions are also really keen for you all to have an opportunity to experience their campuses, so check out the list of events at:

<https://stmaryscollegecareers.com.au/newsletter/file/26972>

The School Leavers' Guide

Many of your likely questions are answered in my publication ***Beyond Year 12 School Leavers' Guide***. All Year 12 students (VCE and VCAL) received a hard copy of this in their

“goodie bag” after the GAT or in class. You can also access it at: <https://stmaryscollegecareers.com.au/newsletter/file/26215> This should answer most of your questions, as well as help you find important dates or apply for employment!

VTAC Fees

All students should check their VTAC account to see whether they have paid their fee. It is a good idea to do pay this now, so that you receive your ATAR Certificate and, more importantly, receive a COURSE OFFER!

Results

All VCE Study Scores, ATAR and ATAR (Scaled) Study Scores from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and VTAC will be available to you only from 7am on Thursday 16 December. This applies to Year 10, 11 and 12 students who undertook a scored Unit 3 & 4 VCE or VET study.

*You will ONLY be able to access these using the joint **VCAA and VTAC VCE Results & ATAR Service**, so VTAC will not look like the VTAC website (on 16 December). You will not be able to log in to change your Preferences until later in the day. If you go to the VTAC website on the Thursday morning, it will automatically default to the results and ATAR Service.*

You must register for the Results and ATAR Service at <https://resultsandatar.vic.edu.au> using your **VCE Number**. You will be asked to supply a password.

VET OFFERS FOR YEAR 11 & 12 2022

I have been sending these out to student and parent emails over the last week and continue to do so as places are confirmed. Please watch your emails for VET news, and kindly return your reply slip by 10 December.

You are now our very first St Mary's College Alumni

Keep in contact with our Alumni Network. Please register your new contact email (*don't use your school email*) at <https://www.stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au/community/alumni> and you will receive invitations to future events and information on the College. Also set up your LinkedIn profile and follow St Mary's College page.

Lastly, I want to wish all students and parents a safe and happy Christmas and holiday. I hope you are able to relax, unwind and enjoy the company of family and friends.

Careers Counsellor | Mandy Ellwood



Our Students

2021 has been a roller-coaster. We've been in lockdown for a decent amount of our first year. It wasn't ideal being in lockdown because we didn't get to know our teachers and classmates as best as we could, but we were at school for most of the significant dates throughout the year. Things such as camp, athletics day, and the swim carnival were great to be a part of. These were days that really brought the school together into one community. And some events that we did miss in person we did at home. During lockdown it was so easy to just turn off your computer and not go to school at all but almost every St Mary's College student didn't do this. They got up in the morning, got ready, and were ready for school. Term 4 was a chance for the whole school to make up for the time we missed out on face to face.

In summary, 2021 has had its ups and its downs but it has been a great first year at the new St Mary's College.

Year 7 student | Jack Prentice-Evans



Our Community

View our College Calendar for events and important dates

Please note that due to COVID restrictions it has been necessary to move the date of many events.

Book now for Term 1, 2022 tours

Please pass on to friends and family who are interested in a co-educational Catholic education. We now have online and on site ways to visit our College.



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Midford Uniform Shop

Midford Uniform Shop Open this Saturday 4/12

Extended Term 4, 2021 Holiday Trading Hours. (*Edmund Rice Campus, 11 Westbury Street, St Kilda East - Entrance D.*)

- Saturday 04 December from 9.00am-1.00pm
- Tuesday 07 to Friday 10 December from 9:00am-4:00pm
- Saturday 11 December from 9:00am-1:00pm

Extended Term 1, 2022 Holiday Trading Hours

- Tuesday 11 to Friday 14 January from 9:00am-4:00pm
- Saturday 15 January from 9:00am-1:00pm
- Tuesday 18 to Friday 21 January from 9:00am-4:00pm
- Tuesday 25 January & Thursday 27 from 9:00am-4:00pm (closed Wednesday 26 January, Australia Day Public Holiday)

Midford Uniform shop will return to normal trading hours from Tuesday 1st February 2022.

- Tuesdays & Thursdays 8.00am-4.00pm (until 02/12) &
- 1st Saturday of the month 9.00am-1.00pm (during school terms – extra openings prior to Term 1)

A reminder also that all Midford full uniform fittings require an appointment, which can be made at <https://MidfordBooking.as.me/StMarysCollegeStKilda>. Book an appointment via the link <https://midfordbooking.as.me/StMarysCollegeStKilda>.

You are also welcome to purchase from the Midford online uniform shop at your convenience and your order will be filled when the store is next open.

For any further enquiries, please contact the Midford uniform shop, 9520-8519. You can leave a message, which will be addressed when the store is next open.

If required, the Midford shop can also be contacted on those dates by calling 9520-8519.

Camp Blue Holiday Program

Camp Blue will once again be providing a Holiday Program for Prep to Year 8 students from Monday 10 January 2022 to Friday 14 January 2022. The Holiday Program is conducted on the Presentation Campus and bookings can be made by visiting www.campblue.com.au

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Parents & Friends

Sustainable School Second-Hand Textbook Sales & Purchases

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The St Mary's College P & F have generously paid a 12 month subscription for all our families to the Sustainable School Shop. It will cost you nothing to register to be able to sell and buy your required items – and it's good for the planet, too!

The new 2022 booklist/textbook information for St Mary's College has been uploaded to the Sustainable School Shop website and is ready for use.

Families are now looking to buy your recycled textbooks - more are needed than there are for sale!

- **If you have textbooks you no longer need, please advertise them for sale. Other families will be most appreciative to buy these – and it's a great opportunity for you &/or the children to generate some cash.**
- Log-into the Sustainable School Shop website, <https://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/>, and either Register as a new member or Login as an existing member,
- **To list books for sale:** select **Sell Books** and follow the prompts (price and condition guidance is provided). **Please also remember to delist your advertisements as your items sell.**

- **To buy a book:** select **Find Books**, then click on the items you need - in order to get the contact details of the seller. Buyers make direct contact with sellers:
 - *Exact Match* - Means it is the correct book from another family at your school.
 - *Close Match* - Means if the ISBN is present, it is the correct book from another school.
 - The textbook stocktake is updated every 24 hours to include all newly listed for sale advertisements and can be accessed via the Sustainable School Shop website – so keep checking regularly.

P & F Recycled Uniform Shop

Open this Saturday 4/12

Donated CBC and PCW uniform items, cleaned and in good condition, are also gratefully accepted and can be dropped off at either College Reception when open. The next opening times are listed here - and please be aware that all attendees and volunteers will also **need to provide proof of full vaccinations.**

(Edmund Rice Campus, 11 Westbury Street, St Kilda East - Entrance B.)

- Saturday 04 December 2021 from 9:00am-11:30am
- Thursday 27 January 2022 from 10:00am-2:00pm
- Saturday 05 February 2022 from 9:00am-11:30am

P & F 2021 End of Year Catchup

We recently held our end of year dinner and were thrilled to be able to catchup in person for only the second time this year. With the graduating Class of 2021, we also sadly farewelled some friends who have been with us for a number of years, Patrick Silveira and Bev Murrells Palombi. We thank them for their generosity, time and support – and we still look forward to seeing them at our future events.



As 2021 draws to a close, no doubt there will be many who be looking forward to the holiday break - the students, who again were so challenged during this year, and the families and staff who supported them so unconditionally - whilst managing the associated challenges themselves. Our College P & F would like to wish you and your family a relaxing and rejuvenating holiday and festive season.

President of Parents & Friends | Jane Leroi



Notices

2021 Fee Accounts

All families are reminded that all outstanding 2021 Fee Accounts and outstanding account balances should have already been finalised unless you have an approved payment plan.

If you have an outstanding Fee Account balance and you do not have an approved payment plan with the College, we encourage you to contact the Finance Office as soon as possible to discuss a payment plan.

We appreciate your assistance in settling outstanding Fee Account balances as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Marina Gutnik in the Finance Office on 9529 6611 or fees@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au.

Documents in relation to Fees and Payment Arrangements can be found in the Parent Access Module PAM (SIMON)

2021 / 2022 Capital Works

Please note that St Mary's College will be commencing work on a new Lift and Stair on the McCartney Wing of Edmund Rice Campus together with a new entrance ramp at the Main Reception entrance in 2022. The new capital works will provide disability access to the Campus buildings and learning areas making it easier for people to move throughout the

Campus. Further information will be announced as the works progress throughout Term 1 2022.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program

If you are looking to upgrade or for a new device for school or home, parents are reminded that you can purchase one of the specified devices through the St Mary's College BYOD Portal. It will be the Parents' responsibility to make sure the device is insured under their Home and Contents insurance.

The advantages of purchasing the device through the St Mary's College BYOD Portal is that all devices have 3 years warranty, supported onsite at school. Any warranty issues can be reported to the St Mary's College IT Helpdesk and will be resolved onsite at St Mary's College by CompNow or their Service Agents. Families who purchase from a retailer will typically receive a 12-month warranty that is supported "return to base" meaning families would need to go back to the retailer for support. Families also have the option of purchasing CompNow Accidental Damage Insurance, an insurance policy that covers for all accidental damage or outright loss (due to theft) that is not covered by the warranty.

Please note that due to a new Government Regulation, CompNow and other providers are not able to sell or package ADP solutions at the same time as the purchase of your new device. You will receive an email 5 days from your purchase asking you to do so, we recommend taking up this option for peace of mind.

Please refer to the BYOD website <https://shop.compnow.com.au/school/stmarys-college> for more details and device specifications.

Business Manager | Andrew O'Brien