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# Lumina

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*Our cover image this issue is from the ANZAC Service held on the first day back for students in Term 2. This was a live event streamed into classrooms across the College. Pictured above is Lawrence Quinn our guest speaker and Alumni Class of 2008, who spoke authentically about his experience in the Australian Army serving at Afghanistan.*

*Term 2 is shaping up to be full of activities and events, this issue of Lumina provides booking links for some of the upcoming events.*

**Director of Development | Elaine Doyle**

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# From the Principal

Terry Blizzard

Welcome to Term 2, to all members of the St Mary's College community. A special welcome to the new families and staff who are joining us. It would not be an understatement to suggest we have commenced the Term running!

Our return this week coincided with one of the more significant events in our national calendar, the commemoration of ANZAC Day, a most important celebration of our national identity. Over the generations ANZAC Day has become more than a commemoration of those fateful events on the beaches of Gallipoli, becoming a time of national reflection to give thanks for the many sacrifices made in all conflicts and wars Australians have participated in.

At St Mary's College we marked the day on Wednesday April 27 conducting a remembrance service projected into classrooms from Logue Hall. The commemoration of ANZAC has long been a priority in the College. As has been the case in the past, we were delighted to have Alumni veterans join us to participate in this important event, albeit not in a larger gathering as we hope to return to post COVID times.

I am very proud also to say that our College Band, under the guidance of Mrs Louisa Lawless again represented the College with distinction at the Caulfield RSL ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

We are constantly reminded of the critical role we play in the formation of our young men and women and are acutely aware of the need to take a great deal of care with our ANZAC Day celebrations to make certain we are delivering the right message to our students. We will give thanks for the great deeds of past students of the College, and hope the current incumbents hear the message of the need to influence events in their world, and that they choose peace and joy as their default.

### **Blessed Edmund Feast Day**

This week we celebrate the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice, a day where we come together as community to celebrate our heritage. The focus of Edmund of a meaningful life as one that is enriched by living beyond self-serving interest, must permeate all we do.

The key values passed down from Edmund Rice over two centuries ago have not been lost. Instead, they make up the very fabric of who we are. We continue to go back to them, reconsider them and renew our understandings. One of our key touchstones is a commitment to social justice and the service of others. This commitment began with Edmund Rice, in Waterford (in Ireland) where, as a wealthy businessman, in the 1790's he became increasingly disturbed by the number of street children who were not only considered a social nuisance - but were also barely surviving. Consequently, they regularly resorted to crime. He realised education was the key to making a real difference.

This week's celebration focusses us on these values of justice and service. Each school community boasts a unique combination of assets upon which to build its future. We are privileged to have the legacy of Edmund as that foundation for now and the future.

### **Uniform**



Our Uniform Committee reconvened last week to continue the process of transitioning to a new St Mary's College uniform. I thank the parent and staff members and look forward to input from student members also. Transitioning to the new uniform will be a stepped process so as not to be too great an imposition on parents.

Our Prefects and Year 7's look fantastic with their St Mary's College pockets on their blazers. Please read [Our Community](#) page for updates on the availability of uniform items.

**Principal |** Terry Blizzard



## Around the College

The spirit of Blessed Edmund Rice certainly comes alive this week at St Mary's College, with his Feast Day taking place on Tuesday 17 May. The day begins with a liturgy, where the whole school community comes together to be reminded of the reason we exist as a school. It is the ministry of Blessed Edmund Rice, who truly saw a need and acted, that continues to permeate our culture today. Edmund is who we are, and we exist as a school because of him. The four touchstones of Edmund Rice Education Australia: Liberating Education, Inclusive Community, Justice and Solidarity and Gospel Spirituality provide an ever-present guide for how we can be faithful to Edmund's mission. This will be embraced and celebrated publicly on Thursday morning. The rest of the day is an opportunity to come together and celebrate who we are, with a talent show, a range of amusement activities and attractions – even the opportunity to dunk the Principal!

Also this week we launch our annual social justice walkathon, which takes place on Friday June 3. The build up to the Walkathon over the next few weeks is always an exciting part of the year. The Social Justice Team will speak at assemblies, attend morning pastoral care class groups, and use multiple forms of communication to publicise the most important aspect of this event – **WHY WE WALK**. Too often we are only vaguely drawn into the purpose of why we offer a donation for a cause which we are connected with.

Our intention is to provide all students with a deep understanding of the reasons why we walk. We stand in solidarity with those in our (local and global) community that are the most vulnerable. We collect money in support of this claim and walk together in solidarity (as one community) as a public display of this commitment.

EREA child safeguarding standard 11 is the final standard, titled ***EREA Protocols and Requirements***. This standard explains the requirements of EREA schools to report to them as the governing authority of the school on matters relating to child safety. This standard ensures the effectiveness of school-based Child Safety policies and procedures are continuously reviewed and improved. This serves as an important compliance function of both EREA and St. Mary's College and provides the EREA board with a 'line of sight' overview of child safety in the school. Please click on the link to access the full version of EREA child safeguarding standard 11.



S11 EREA Requirements.pdf

**Deputy Principal | Shaun Lancashire**



# Identity

On Friday 29 April our Year 7 students took part in the Year 7 Formation Mass.

To fully welcome each of the Year 7's into our community College Principal, Mr Terry Blizzard, presented all students with our College Bible prior to the Mass. (This ritual was delayed from the start of the year due to the restrictions around school gatherings.)

This is the second group of Year 7 students to receive a St Mary's College Bible and this year level will be long remembered for being a part of our growing and reimagined school.

This gift is the culmination of the talents of many St Mary's College staff who worked together to create a sign and symbol of our Christian hospitality that says:

*"you're welcome and we're very glad you're here."*

We trust that the sacred writings of the Bible will inspire our students to discover the person of Jesus Christ and how he lived his life to better the world.

Fr Jerome then blessed the bibles with the following prayer:

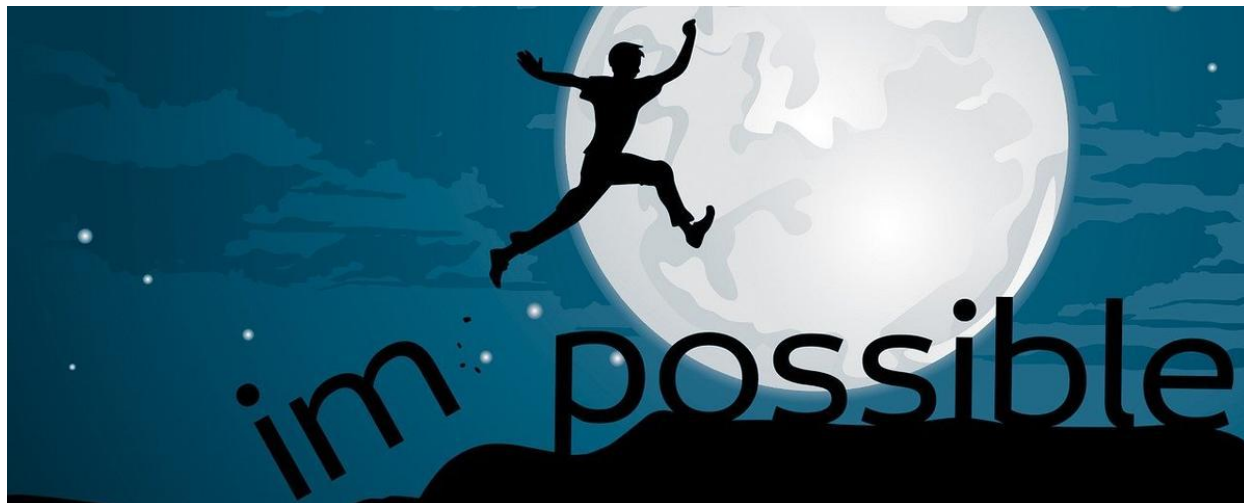
*The holy Bible you hold in your hands is the inspired word of the Lord. We pray that you will read and reflect frequently on the pages of this book so that you may experience wisdom, comfort and God's unending love for you.*



The students then celebrated morning Mass led by Fr Jerome together with the Year 2's from St Mary's Primary school and parishioners.



**Identity Coordinator | Jane Marandu**



# Wellbeing

## Pulse Wellbeing Data

Over the past four weeks, Pulse Wellbeing Data Service has been rolled out across the College. We have had strong student engagement with this activity and Pastoral Care Teachers have enjoyed working closely with the students to discuss how they are going. We know that wellbeing and connectedness are the platforms on which academic success materialises. We look forward to continuing this program over the rest of the year.

## Uniform Reminder

As the skies become gloomy and the wind has that extra bite in it, our students now revert to winter uniform. Please ensure that students are in the correct uniform when they leave in the morning and are wearing it to a high standard. In the coming weeks, there will be uniform checks and communication home if a student is consistently not wearing the uniform as they should. Thanks in advance for your support of this important feature of College life.

**Director of Students** | Chris Pye



# Social Justice

**Lace up your running shoes and get ready for the  
St Mary's College Social Justice Walkathon 2022**

The Social Justice Walkathon 2022 was launched on 3 May



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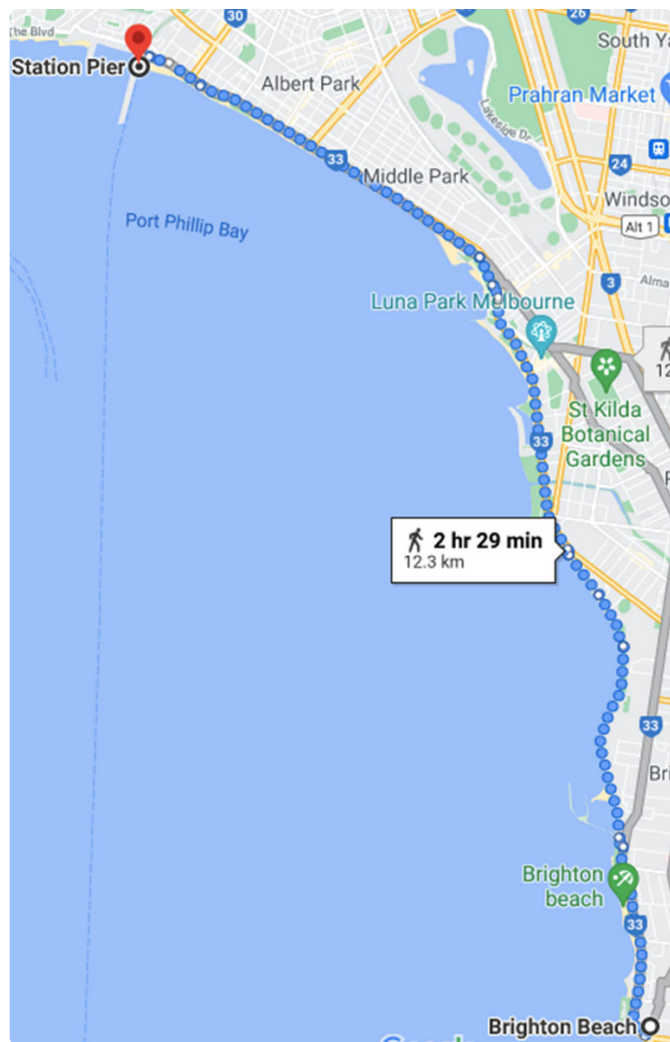
# Social Justice WALKATHON 2022



**FRIDAY 3 JUNE**  
**DONATE NOW**



*Donations can be made by following this QR code  
or visit <https://www.stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au/a-school-for-all/social-justice>*



The College Walkathon is our opportunity to put into action our Catholic Social teachings, raise funds for those in need and bring awareness to an injustice.

Advocacy is an exciting and effective way to be part of the change you want to see in your world.

By taking action we can take part in tackling the structures of poverty and bring about personal and global transformation. Advocacy means 'to add a voice.'

To advocate is to take action to support a cause or person.

We are walking in support of those in our society who are living on the margins and schools we support for children in India.

Advocacy is focused on creating change.

Change in attitudes, change in power, change in institutions.

**Our physical action along with the money we raise will create change.**



## VCE

It is amazing how quickly time passes and we are now halfway through Unit 1 & 3. This means that Year 12 students only have two more full terms of classes, as Term 4 is mainly used as revision and preparation for exams.

With time moving so quickly, it is important that students should have already established a home study program and remain consistent so that good habits forged this term are not broken. Unit 1 students will have exams towards the end of the term and Unit 3 students should be preparing their notes and ensure that they understand the concepts covered. There will be some classes completing trial exams for Unit 3 subjects, however, as the time for Unit 4 is restricted there won't be a structured Unit 3 exam timetable this term. So students should ensure that all elements of the course are understood and if not, the staff are always willing to provide additional assistance.

This term, I will be arranging meetings with small groups of VCE students to discuss ways to improve their study schedules and discuss strategies to make use of their time. It is also recommended that students in Year 12 utilise their time on Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoons and remain at school. This time should be used for study and it is good to see the study hub becoming more busy each week.

If your child is having problems with studying it is important that they reach out so we can provide them with the support they need. As stated before to be successful in VCE consistency in study is important.

**VCE/Digitech Co-ordinator | Sylvia Pastore**



# Performing Arts

VCE THEATRE STUDIES PRESENTS

## “THE WOMAN IN BLACK”.

*“During afternoon tea There’s a shift in the air a bone-trembling chill that tells you she’s there. There are those who believe the whole town is cursed. But the house on the marsh is by far the worst...”*

*Susan Hill*

The VCE Theatre Studies class are very proud to bring Steven Mallatrat’s beloved and horrifying play “The Woman In Black” to St Mary’s College in May!

As part of a VCAA requirement in Theatre Studies, (Area of Study 1 – Staging a Play) the Year 11 and 12 students have planned, developed and are ready to perform the Gothic horror classic “The Woman in Black”. “The Woman in Black” is a mystery thriller about a young attorney who travels to an old house in a desolate town in the U.K. highlands in order to “fix up some loose ends”. Little does he know that his journey will bring him face to face with the darkest of secrets...

Since mid-February, the VCE Theatre Studies class have been required to choose two production roles (directing, acting, costume and prop design, sound design, lighting design, make up design) they must commit to in their creative process. This has meant countless hours rehearsing, designing, scouring op shops, learning lines in order to be assessed



successfully and to perform to an audience – it has been entirely student led and it has been an absolute joy seeing these students in the process.

They are excited to perform their production of “The Woman in Black” to the St Mary’s College Community over three nights – May 17th, 18th and 19th. All productions are performed at Logue Hall at the Edmund Rice Campus and begin at 7:30pm. Productions run for an hour. All tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at the door.

Fair warning – this show is not for the faint of heart; there will be plenty of scares!

**Head of Drama |** Brendan Tollit



Book now <https://www.trybooking.com/BZGAO>

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## Broadway Soiree Performance

An evening of music and performance from our talented students.

Thursday 12 May, 6pm for a 6:30 start

St Mary's College Logue Hall,

Enter Gate C, 11 Westbury Street, St Kilda East.

Bring along food to share with your group (*alcohol free event*)

Support our students at this free event Book Now!



**PERFORMING ARTS ARE BACK IN STYLE**



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**BROADWAY  
SOIREE**

**Thursday 12 May**  
6pm for a 6:30 start  
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# Sport

## SCSA FUTSAL REPORT – THURSDAY APRIL 28

Our team of 10 girls, ranging from Years 7 to 12, represented St Mary's College extremely well at the SCSA interschool Futsal tournament held at MSAC.

Despite almost all the girls coming from a non-soccer background, they played with spirit and determination and improved their style of play with every match. Furthermore, we had a mixed Year 7-12 team and played against teams made up of only Year 11 and 12 girls. It was very pleasing to see the girls support and encourage one another as they fought out each of the three matches to the very end.

After being defeated in the first two games, the girls drew 1-1 with Ave Maria College in the final game. St Mary's created multiple scoring opportunities and demonstrated an increased understanding of team structure, tactics and player positions. Unfortunately, we lost this last game in an enthralling penalty shootout.

Best players on the day were Sabrina Lehpalmer, Zara Xanthopoulos, Janella Manalo and Gina Tripolitano.

The girls were an absolute pleasure to coach, and I congratulate everyone on their participation and performance.

Thanks to the entire squad.

Anouk Thaddeus (Captain)

Zara Xanthopoulos

Sabrina Lehpalmer

Brigitte Jackson

Janella Manalo

Jasmine Terceiro

Destiny Kuek

Tabitha Catalan

Lila Charewicz

Gina Tripolitano



**Futsal Coach | Mr Genovese**

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**An action packed Term 2 for students to be involved in at St Mary's College.**



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# TERM 2 - 2022 SPORT

## ACC

- Junior Football** - Mr Hawkins
- Intermediate Football** - Mr Paul
- Senior Football** - Mr Luscombe
- Junior Soccer** - Mr Orlando
- Intermediate Soccer** - Mr Wynne
- Senior Soccer** - Mr Genovese
- Junior, Intermediate, Open Badminton** - Mr Whitlock
- Culinary Competition** - Mrs Martinelli & Mrs Saundry
- Open Golf** - Mr Paul

## SCSA

- Futsal** - Mr Genovese
- Cross Country** - Mr Walden
- Hockey** - Ms Steward
- Badminton** - Mr Whitlock
- Junior Basketball** - Mr Williams
- Intermediate Basketball** - Mr Kaufman
- Senior Basketball** - Mr Williams & Mr Kaufman
- Athletics** - Mr Kaufman

**Director of Sport** | Lucy McKeown



## Our Students

On the 27th of April we had our ANZAC Day service at the College. The reason for the ceremony after April 25 is because we were on holidays for ANZAC day on the 25th. We had a special guest, Lawrence Quinn, speak to us. He had served in Afghanistan to help keep civilians from getting sick or worse. He helped fix houses and buildings that had civilians in them. He spoke about his time in Afghanistan and what's going on in the world right now with Russia and Ukraine.

One of my favourite parts of what he said was that people don't realise that there are other people fighting in the war, people that aren't on the frontline or the trenches. These people work behind the scenes to keep people healthy and make sure they have a place of refuge.

During the service, we also talked about the importance of ANZAC Day. The day honours all the fallen soldiers who sacrificed their life to save us from being taken over by a government not of our choosing. If these soldiers didn't exist, we might not be here today and for their sacrifices we thank them on ANZAC Day. To honour them we can show our support by going to dawn service and buying poppies from the ANZAC stalls at local supermarkets.

There are a lot of memorials everywhere for the fallen the soldiers. We do this every year out of respect for the soldiers who fought so we can be here today.

**Year 7 Student | Elliot Brenner**



# Our Community

View our College Calendar for events and important dates

## Mother's Day Breakfast

Held at our Presentation Campus the St Mary's College Mother's Day Breakfast celebrates mothers and the significant women in our College community.

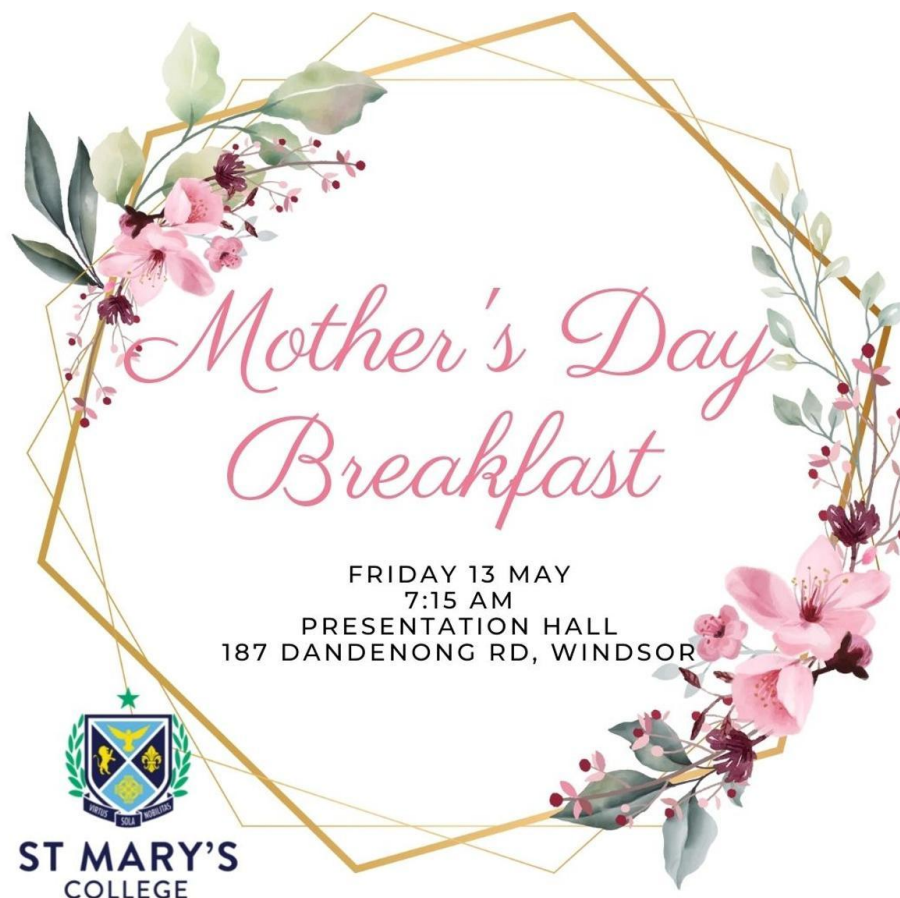
Mothers, Guardians, Grandmothers, Aunts, we welcome you all for this special morning.

Please include your child(ren) if attending in the booking numbers too.

P & F air pods raffle will be drawn at this event too, see the P & F page to find out how to purchase tickets.

**FREE EVENT - DON'T MISS OUT - BOOK NOW!**

**<https://www.trybooking.com/BYZUF>**



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## Introducing Elsie Daddow our College Registrar!

Elsie has started at the College in Term 2 and is looking forward to welcoming new students and families to our College community. You can meet Elsie at our upcoming Talk and Tour on Wednesday 11 May or for Personal Tours [Book your place now.](#)





## Meet our Registrar Elsie Daddow

Elsie joins us from a background in education administration, working with young people and families in a variety of education and recreation settings. Elsie is very much looking forward to meeting our new students and welcoming their families into our College community.

## Uniform Update 2 May 2022

Uniform	Availability
Short Sleeve White Summer Blouse with Piping	27 May
Long Sleeve Blouse	29 April
Pants & Trousers	In store
Tailored Shorts	In store
Long Sleeve Shirt – with SMC Crest	29 April
Short Sleeve Shirt – with SMC Crest	To be advised
New softshell zip up jacket	31 May
PE Short with SMC logo	31 May
Rugby Jersey with SMC crest	To be advised

New Track pant (with SMC)	31 May
Short Sleeve Sports polo top	6 May
Long sleeve training top	6 May
Cap with SMC Crest	In store
Bucket Hat with SMC Crest	In store
Blazers	In store with SMC Pocket
New Blazer pockets	Changeover cost of \$40.
Jumper with SMC crest	6 April
Vest with SMC crest	6 April
SMC Sports Bag	Instore
Junior Tie	20 May
Scarf	In store
Senior Tie	In store
SMC Backpack	In store
SMC Sports Bag	In store
New School Wallet -SMC	In store

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## Updating to St Mary's College Blazer Pockets

The College is keen to provide the opportunity to have the students from all year levels proudly wear the St Mary's College name and emblem on their blazer pockets. We currently have nearly 200 pockets available for re-pocketing, and will be arranging more in line with demand. If you would like to have your blazer pockets changed over from the old CBC and PCW name, there are the two options available.

1. Submit the blazer to Reception at either campus by **Thursday 12 May** (there also will be subsequent batches for submission after this timeframe) and these blazers will be labelled and submitted to the embroiderer that we have been using. The total cost is

\$40, (\$18 for the pocket and \$22 for the embroiderer). FYI, the old pockets will be returned with the completed blazers.

2. Purchase a pocket (to match either black or navy blazers) from our onsite Midford uniform shop for \$18 and arrange your own re-pocketing.

Families can pay the \$40 by EFT at Reception when dropping off the Blazer.

Please feel free to contact Jane Balme at [jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au) with any queries you may have.

## Midford Uniform Shop

### Additional trading Hours

Saturday 7 May 9:00am - 1:00pm

Throughout the school term our opening hours are:

Tuesday	8.00 am - 4.00 pm
Thursday	8.00 am - 4.00 pm
First Saturday (of each month)	9.00 am - 1.00 pm

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

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>.

*Location: On-site at 11 Westbury St, St Kilda East - enter gate D*

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



## Parents & Friends

### **Uniforms (Term 2 changeover to Winter Uniform)**

As the P&F (volunteer-supported) Recycled Uniform shop is the main stable source of revenue for our P&F, donated uniform items which have been washed &/or dry-cleaned are always gratefully accepted (via the recycled shop or either College Reception during school terms).

The next opening is scheduled for this **Saturday 7 May**. To fit in with student Saturday morning sporting commitments, we are trialing later opening times of **12:00pm to 2:30pm** at the moment. The P&F Recycled Uniform shop is usually scheduled to open on the first Saturday of each month during school terms (to coincide with the Midford Uniform shop planned openings). Our P&F Recycled Uniform Shop is located at the Edmund Rice Campus, 11 Westbury Street, Entrance B, and follow the signage to the side of the Student Plaza, then upstairs to Room 19. Opening dates and times are advised in each College Newsletter.

The Midford Uniform shop (for new uniform items) is open during school terms on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am-4:00pm – and their next Saturday opening will also be this **Saturday 7 May** from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The wonderful staff at the Midford shop advise us that that have just received new stock of St Mary's College Winter Scarves (\$35).

### **P&F Meeting**

Our next parents meeting is on this coming **Monday 9 May, 7:00pm** at the Presentation Campus Staffroom, 187 Dandenong Road Windsor. We look forward to welcoming new and familiar faces back in face to face meetings, so if you haven't attended one of these would

love to have you join us. These meetings are usually attended by our Principal, Terry, and Deputy Principal, Shaun and are a great way to meet others from the College, find out more about what is going on, and also have input in decision-making. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact Jane Balme at [jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au).

Hopefully, as Melbourne slowly opens up, we will also be able to plan a catch-up dinner sometime in Term 2 - open to all College parents/guardians,. FYI, there are also tentative plans for the return of our annual Trivia/Social evening in Term 3.

**P&F Raffle**

We have a terrific Raffle of Apple Airpods Pro at the moment and this will continue until mid-May. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 – cash or EFTPOS. To purchase tickets, students and families can contact Jane Balme at the Presentation Campus, [jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:jbalme@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au).



**Raffle**

**WIN**  
Apple Airpods Pro  
Valued at \$399

**Tickets \$5ea  
or 3 for \$10**

Money raised by the Parents & Friends Group goes towards supporting special projects at St Mary's College. Recent contributions have gone towards new ovens in the food technology room, a set of digital cameras for the art and media department and outdoor seating at the Edmund Rice Campus.

Ticket drawn at the St Mary's College Mother's Day Breakfast



*everyone welcome*  
PARENTS & FRIENDS

**St Mary's College Parent T-Shirts**

One of our talented parents, Felicity Forrester from Sun Shiny Design, has created some brilliant St Mary's College t-shirt designs (as well as all our other P&F logos, banners and signage), and our Recycled Uniform Shop convener, Julie Gallagher, has had them printed for us. These are in various sizes in both black and white and are available for purchase at \$25 – cash or EFTPOS. To purchase, families can contact Jane Balme at the Presentation Campus, [jbalm@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:jbalm@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au). These will also be available at our Recycled Uniform Shop openings. Similar t-shirts have been very popular in the past for our parent walkers group at our annual College Social Justice Walkathon.



### **Social Justice Walkathon Parent Walkers**

On Friday 3 June the College will hold our annual Social Justice Walkathon along a beachside route from Brighton to Port Melbourne (approximately 12km). The parent group are planning a walking group along the same route to coincide with this event (wearing our wonderful new St Mary's College parent t-shirts would make a very distinctive look). This group would commence walking at approximately 9:00am (prior to the students) and the tentative plan at this stage is for some parents to help with a sausage/vegiburger and drink reward for students, staff and parents at the end of the walk. Prior to heading off, we are hoping for the parent group to start the morning by meeting up for a coffee near the train station, with possibly another coffee at the finish line - or even on the way... There will be effective PTV options in place at the start and end points for parents as well as students. More information to follow in subsequent newsletters.

### **P&F Supporting our College**



It was great to see our recent P&F outdoor seating acquisitions for students being utilised by our wonderful Administration Team at the Staff Professional Learning Day on Tuesday 26 April. The students love all these outdoor settings too!

**President of Parents & Friends | Jane Leroi**





# Notices

## **Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund – 2022 Applications are now Open**

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding (CSEF) is an annual payment to schools that can be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of eligible students.

To qualify for the CSEF your family must satisfy the following criteria or be an eligible beneficiary of one of the following cards:

- Veterans Affairs Gold Card
- Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC)
- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, or
- be a temporary foster parent, or
- the student is 16 years or older and holds a valid concession card (such as a Youth Allowance Health Care Card).

\* A special consideration eligibility category also exists.

For more information,

see: <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

The CSEF is a \$225 payment that is paid directly to the St Mary's College and will be credited against your Fee Account to contribute towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child. If you believe that you may be eligible for the CSEF, please complete and return the CSEF Application Form, which is available on the following link:

[https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/CSEF\\_application\\_form.pdf](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/CSEF_application_form.pdf)

### **2022 Capital Works**

The Capital works program is on the new Lift and Stair of the McCartney Wing at Edmund Rice Campus. The work on the foundations for the new Lift and Stair is continuing this week in preparation for the construction of the Lift and Stair.

### **2022 Fee Accounts**

Please note that 2022 Fee Accounts were due and payable by 31 March 2022 unless an approved payment plan had been agreed with the College before this date.

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 or require an updated Fee Account Statement, please contact Marina Gutnik in the Finance Office on 9529 6611 or [fees@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au](mailto:fees@stmaryscollege.vic.edu.au).

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

### **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