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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



MICHAEL LEE OAM
Acting Principal

I would like to thank the St Mary's community for welcoming me and working with me so warmly. The talent of the staff and the charm and efficacy of the students will stay with me for a long time. I would particularly like to acknowledge the Deputy Principal, Mr Shaun Lancashire for his outstanding leadership of the school and support to me – he is a prince among men. The Advisory Council, P&F, staff, student leaders and their peers have reflected a dedication and humility in their work to progress the College. It has been inspirational. My Executive Assistants Ms Glenys Taylor and Mr George Baxas (CBC 2017) have made the world of difference to my time here. I think it's fair to say that their vocabulary has been extended and their usage thereof has been enriched.

I have been a tourist in Melbourne for 50 years – usually in footy season! The pulse and rhythm of Melbourne, its generous beauty of public buildings and spaces, its liberal outlook and evidence of welcome and consideration are qualities I have admired and been thankful for. This will continue.

As my three terms leading St Mary's College, St Kilda East, comes to a close, the contrasts between St Mary MacKillop College, Canberra celebrating 25 years this year, and St Mary's over 140 years old, are stark.

Beginning as a boys' school in 1878, conducted by the Christian Brothers, its long story reflects the great events of the development of white Australia; the post-gold rush boom, the organisation of labour, Federation, world wars and the Depression. In the progress of Catholic life, the Groupers and The

Movement and a Church transformation from an Irish transplant to our own flavour, are evident. The lifting of Catholic Melbourne from working class into the middle class, was a century of work for Australian Catholic Schools. The move to co-education completes the narrative!

This story is found in its buildings, the progress of its alumni, its publications and its changing culture and perspectives, its history is evidenced everywhere.

MacKillop Canberra was born of an unwelcome and disruptive amalgamation that was probably more about economic efficiencies than anything to do with education. The buildings are meant to last decades, not centuries. Its purpose is to offer opportunities for students to know and love Jesus and that those opportunities be offered with the integrity of a contemporary setting amidst a quality secular curriculum. MacKillop, like St Mary's, reflects and responds to the times as all successful agents of Good do.

Several years ago, the future looked certain and secure. Issues of world peace, global warming, the needs of our community, free and fair trading, need not have directly impacted on us. There was complacency for too many of us.

Suddenly and terrifyingly, all that changed with the immediacy of images and reports from Wuhan and Milan, the scarcity of vaccines and pending lock-downs concentrated our attention. Medical science, government leadership, technology and our own survival instincts got us to the other side – mostly! Who would be so foolish to believe certainty would now be part of our futures and that complacency would be anything other than what it has always been – derelict and dangerous!

And yet, there is a firm belief that education based on the values of the Gospel, on the person of the Crucified Christ and the act of Love that is His resurrection, has a place in our today and tomorrow. Values form principle and guide behaviour, therefore informing culture. The opportunity in both schools to influence young people to have choice and to make choices that are good for others as well as themselves, should not be overlooked. It is central to growing into adults purpose, substance and character as well as integrity, selfefficacy and capacity.

Whether this occurs in schools that are old and famous or that are new and emerging, Catholic schools have always and will always be places where this can happen. While ever they continue to be such places, human dignity will flourish and they will be consequential agents for the Common Good.

That's for certain!



LEADERSHIP



His leadership style, characterised by empathy and determination, created an environment where students felt seen, heard, and valued. Through countless initiatives, he championed the cause of student wellbeing, leaving an indelible mark on the fabric of St Mary's College

A LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP:

FAREWELL TO TERRY BLIZZARD, PRINCIPAL EXTRAORDINAIRE

As we bid farewell to a true visionary, Terry Blizzard, Principal of St Mary's College from 2020 to 2023, we reflect on the profound impact he has had on our school community. Terry's tenure was marked by unwavering dedication to student wellbeing, commitment to child safety, and the groundbreaking journey towards coeducation.

Terry's influence extended far beyond the confines of administrative duties. His leadership style, characterised by empathy and determination, created an environment where students felt seen, heard, and valued. Through countless initiatives, he championed the cause of student wellbeing, leaving an indelible mark on the fabric of St Mary's College.

The introduction of coeducation was a monumental step in the school's history, and Terry was at the forefront of this transformative journey. Despite the challenges, he navigated the

uncharted territory with resilience and vision, ultimately establishing St Mary's College as EREA's first mainstream coeducational secondary school.

However, Terry's journey was not without personal hardship. Faced with an agonising decision, Terry showed remarkable strength and courage. Even in the face of personal adversity, he remained steadfast in his commitment to the betterment of St Mary's College.

As we express our gratitude for Terry's tireless efforts, we also extend our deepest condolences for the personal sacrifices he made in the pursuit of our school's success. His legacy as a champion of coeducation and a dedicated leader will forever be etched in the annals of St Mary's College.

Farewell, Terry Blizzard – a leader, a champion, and an inspiration to us all. May the next chapter of your journey be as remarkable as the legacy you leave behind.



FROM THE ADVISORY COUNCIL



PHILIP SOUMALIS
Chair

2023 has been an eventful year for our College with a number of significant changes and initiatives occurring.

We also sadly farewelled our beloved Principal, Terry Blizzard, who took a leave of absence due to a pressing family matter. We are thankful for Terry's stewardship through St Mary's transition to a Coeducational College and for guiding us through the challenges associated with the COVID pandemic. We wish Terry all the best for the future and remind him that he will always be a valued friend of our College.

We also thank Michael Lee for taking on the role of Interim Principal, leaving for a time his Principalship of St Mary MacKillop College, Canberra's largest Catholic Coed College. Michael's experience and passion for education has been a great asset for our school during his short tenure.

Importantly a new Principal has been appointed and we will be welcoming Darren Atkinson to our College in 2024. Darren is currently Principal of Aquinas College, a Coeducational School in Melbourne's Eastern Suburbs. We are extremely pleased to have a person of Darren's great experience to guide our College through the next few years.

As I mentioned at the outset, this has been an eventful year and following are some of the important milestones.

- After much consideration and analysis we have decided to focus on the long term development of the Westbury Street Campus

- Our first project has been completed, the construction of a new stairwell and lift at the southern end of the McCartney Wing as well as some compliance work in other parts of the site.
- As a result of securing a Federal Government Grant the College has funds of approximately \$3,000,000 available for the next stage of building works. These will commence in 2024 and will be focused on the upgrade of existing Classrooms and facilities

We are already working on arranging further funds to undertake a third stage of Building Works. The St Mary's Community will begin to see and enjoy a significant improvement in our facilities in the near future.

As always' a number of thank you's. To Shaun Lancashire, the leadership team and all our staff for their tremendous commitment to our College. To the EREA for their ongoing support. To my fellow School Advisory Council Members for their dedication to our School and our students. Finally to our students and their families, you are the reason we exist and the source of our motivation.

After 5 years as Chair and 10 years as a member of the Advisory Council I will be stepping down and John Sinisgalli will assume the role of Chair from 2024. However, I will continue to be involved in the College in one or more roles.

God Bless and I wish you all a happy and healthy 2024.



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BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT



TRISTAN MCGLADE
Business Manager

NEW BEGINNINGS AND TRANSFORMATIONS:

A GLIMPSE INTO THE EXCITING CHANGES AHEAD

Greetings, St Mary's College Community!

As we reflect on the academic year of 2023, it's my pleasure to share some exciting updates and developments within our school community. Having recently commenced in my role, I am thrilled to witness the continuous growth and evolution of our educational environment.

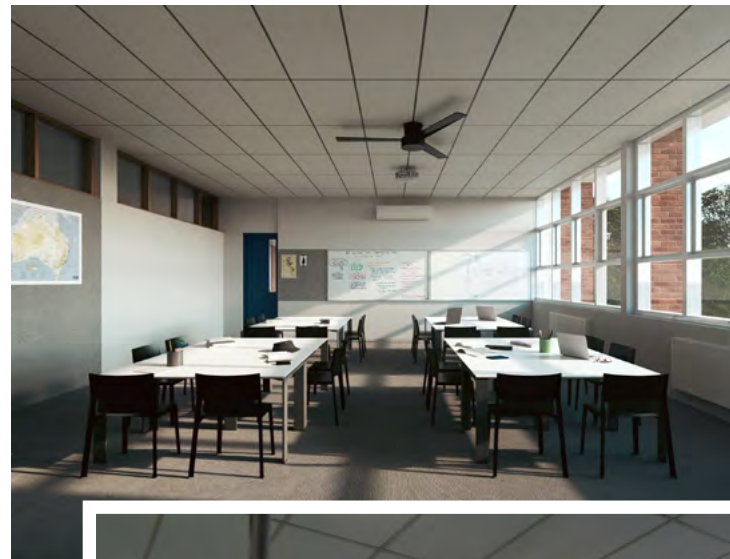
One notable aspect of this transformative year has been the refurbishment of rooms E8 to E11 in the Corbett Wing, providing enhanced spaces for our students to thrive in. This is just the beginning, as we are gearing up to embark on the refurbishment of E13 and E14, ensuring that our learning environments remain dynamic and conducive to academic success.

Beyond these immediate changes, we have ambitious plans for major capital works on the Edmund Rice Campus, particularly in the McCartney and Yumba Buildings. The upcoming enhancements include a comprehensive compliance upgrade to balcony and stair balustrades, the creation of dedicated spaces such as a Textiles learning area and Storage Room, and the refurbishment of existing classrooms and general learning areas. Additionally, we are excited about the creation of a state-of-the-art Food Technology teaching area, a Year 12 Study Centre, and an improved Learning Diversity area, all designed to enrich the educational experience for our students.

The anticipated completion date for these capital works is set for the end of Term 3, 2024. We eagerly look forward to unveiling these transformative spaces that will undoubtedly contribute to the holistic development of our students.

As we continue to invest in the future of St Mary's College, these changes represent our commitment to providing a vibrant and innovative learning environment. I am honoured to be part of this journey, and I look forward to witnessing the positive impact these improvements will have on the entire school community.

Wishing everyone a wonderful end to the academic year and an exciting anticipation of the transformations that lie ahead!



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



SHAUN LANCASHIRE
Deputy Principal

Dear St Mary's College Families,

The 2023 school year at St Mary's College has been joy filled and at times, challenging. We have continued to develop and mature as a co-educational school, with students in all year levels displaying an increased level of unity and belonging to their school. The major school events throughout the year, including Edmund Rice Feast Day, the annual social justice walkathon and the multitude of parent engagement events (such as mother-child evening) all serve to reinforce and enhance our standing as a school of choice for discerning families throughout Melbourne. The broader community now know what they are getting at St Mary's. We are a small school that plan for offering equal opportunities to what might be experienced in larger schools, within a setting where each student is known and valued.

I would like to comment on the experience I have had this year working closely with the Prefect Team. As a collective, I have never been so impressed by the achievements of the senior student leaders of the college. From the beginning of their tenure at the end of 2022 until their final day as students, this team exhibited exemplary leadership. I often speak to the Prefect Team about what it means to be 'whole school leaders' and to not focus on their own year level or friendship group. This group of leaders did exactly that, electing to pursue causes that would provide those in the school who felt they had less of a voice than others with the opportunity to be heard, seen, and supported.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the leadership team of the College for supporting my absence for the last 5 weeks of Term 3 this year. Particular thanks to Kate Johnston for taking up the role of acting Deputy Principal and for all of the good work that she did in that period of time. The time spent away from the college was an opportunity for professional renewal. In

multiple cities in Europe I met with leaders in Catholic education, school Principals, the heritage centres of Nano Nagle and Edmund Rice and Congregation Leader of the Christian Brothers, Br. Peter Clinch. It was an incredibly enriching experience, filled with conversations that will stay with me forever.

There are a number of staff leaving the College this year, as is the case each year. Amongst those departing, I would like to acknowledge and thank Chris Pye, director of students at the College for the past 5 years. Chris and I started at the school on the same day and have partnered closely over this period in the pastoral formation of the students in our care. I also take this opportunity to acknowledge former Principal, Terry Blizzard for his guidance, leadership of the College, and his personal and professional mentorship over the past 4 years. Terry's presence and care is missed and commented on regularly by the students and staff at St Mary's. We also thank and farewell Michael Lee, acting Principal for the last 3 terms of 2023. In this short period, Michael has deeply connected with the St Mary's community, having forged strong relationships with students, staff, and parents. Michael has been the key voice in the decision to return St Mary's to one campus at Westbury Street by the end of 2024. Finally, I welcome Darren Atkinson to St Mary's College from the start of 2024 and look forward to partnering with Darren in the next phase of growth and development of the College.

Finally, to the wider student body of St Mary's College, for whom everything we do is for. I am forever humbled and grateful to hold the position of Deputy Principal at this great school. I look forward to the excitement of a promising future with the commencement of a new Principal, the return to our 'home' and the continued development of our school identity in 2024.

God Bless



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IDENTITY



KATE JOHNSTON
Director of Faith and Mission



The Catholic Identity of our College is lived out on a daily basis, however during the year there are more obvious examples that come to mind.

All students begin the academic year with a whole school liturgy. A wonderful opportunity to reconnect after the Christmas break and hear again from our College Chaplain Fr Jerome Santamaria. As a whole school we also gather for Ash Wednesday to begin our Lenten period and to conclude Term 1 we gather again to recall the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as we move into our Easter break.

All students engage with time away from normal classes, bells and homework to reflect on their place in the world and how they can contribute to building the Kingdom of God. For example a day to spend time exploring interfaith dialogue and a visit to the Islamic Museum and the Jewish Museum. Amazing Catholic women who have shaped the Catholic identity of Melbourne such as Mary Glowery and Saint Mary Mackillop. Services who support those living on the margins such as The Big Issue and the Salvation Army. And our important places of worship in Melbourne, St Patrick's Cathedral and St Francis' Church. These days allow us all to stop, reflect and recall what is important in our own lives and that of our community.

During the year we had students prepare for and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Communion. These were very special occasions for all involved and marked the continuation of the student's faith journey.

Our College values– Respect, Justice, Compassion, Inclusivity and Courage drive all that we do. Students embrace these as they support each other and organisations across our community. They do this through advocacy of important issues and material support by donating money, material goods and their time.

The Mandela Service Awards are awarded each year to students who serve in our community. This service is given freely and without payment. Each student is asked to serve a minimum of 67 minutes each term. Why? Because, just like Blessed Edmund Rice who served those around him in need many others also generously served in their community. St Teresa of Calcutta and Nelson Mandela, both dedicated 67 years of their life to public service.



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Students who make this decision are recognized with a Gold, Silver or Bronze Mandela Service Badge. The House who has the most Service points will be awarded the Mandela Service Cup; Tevlin were the 2023 winners!

The badges were blessed and presented to:

BADGE	STUDENT	YR
GOLD	Ojiro Sato	7
	Charlie Couch	7
	Ben van Aardt	7
	Charlotte Leroi	8
	Charity May Nzenza	8
	Maggie Moore	8
	Alexander Grivic	9
	Georgia le Hunt	9
	Saoirse Gallagher	9
	Raj Johnston	12
	Audrey Smart	12
	Spencer Slaney	12
SILVER	Lila Charewicz	8
	Yesenia Khmelnitsky	9
	Maddy Gournas	10
	Ivor Roberts	10
	Cody Rowan	10
	Dana Gionfriddo	11
	Grace Kingston	11
	Alexander DeJong	12
	Adelaide Taylor	12
	Ruby Fitzgerald	12
Luc Bunde	12	
BRONZE	Olivia Adam	7
	Yesenia Khmelnitsky	9
	Stella Ligudzinski	9
	Hugo Boddington	9
	Caitlin Gilfedder	9
	Amelia Wright	9
	Matthew Dellas	10
	Matilda Phyland	10
	Eva O'Keeffe	10
	Mannie Collins	11
	James Llyod Smith	11
Jaeda Thornhill	11	



LOVE IN ACTION IS SERVICE.
St Teresa of Calcutta 1910–1997



WHAT COUNTS IN LIFE IS NOT THE MERE FACT THAT WE HAVE LIVED. IT IS WHAT DIFFERENCE WE HAVE MADE TO THE LIVES OF OTHERS.
Nelson Mandela 1918–2013



Congratulations to all the students who were called to follow Edmund's example of faith and generosity and served in our community. Service is when we overcome our own needs and reach out to others. This is an opportunity to transform lives! It is a decision to go beyond our own needs for the sake of the other. It is not a feeling. It is a decision, well done and thank you for contributing so richly to our community.

COLLEGE CAPTAINS REPORT

AUDREY SMART
College Co-Captain

I feel that it's important to begin a reflection on this year, as with anything, with gratitude.

I'm so grateful to have been given the chance to lead this amazing, compassionate, giving, rambunctious, caring and beautiful community alongside the rest of the Year 12s this year.

It has been a pleasure and a blessing to be able to see the growth and achievements of students, be it in sporting, academia, social justice, the arts, and so many other areas. As with any time, this year has not been without challenges to both individuals and our community, but I think the tenacity and adaptability of all students as our relatively young college community grows, strengthens and faces change is something to be inspired by. Well done to all students and all community members on a truly incredible year!

I would also like to acknowledge the dedicated and nurturing staff and families that make up the St Mary's College community, I hope this Yearbook can serve as a reflection of all the hardwork you put in that enables your young people to thrive.

I'm so excited for the future of St Mary's College, and I hope that you'll share with me in viewing this Yearbook as an indicator of the places this school community has gone and will go.

As such, I also feel that it is also important to end a reflection of this school year with celebration. I hope that any community member who looks through this Yearbook does so with pride in themselves and our community as a whole for what we have achieved, gratitude for the St Mary's College community, and excitement for the future, after the fantastic year that 2023 has been!

RAJ JOHNSTON
College Co-Captain

What a resounding success 2023 has been for St Mary's College!

There was a positive vibe in the air from day one as everyone returned fresh from the summer break ready to start a new year. After a couple of interrupted years thanks to coronavirus and lockdowns, there was a feeling that 2023 could be a 'business as usual' year, with the school being alive and buzzing in all its glory.

And that it was. The positive collegiality amongst the St Mary's community was apparent. From swimming and athletics carnivals, to the musical, to the Edmund Rice Feast Day, every student found a way to contribute to the College's identity and not only feel included in our school, but know they are a valued member of the community. Despite being a smaller school, we certainly punched above our weight in inter-school sport, finishing the year with a few ACC premierships, however whether we won or lost on the sporting field, or in a music competition, or a debating and public speaking day, all participants will nonetheless leave with great memories of representing their school and having fun away from the classroom.

I will remember St Mary's as a school where everyone is accepted for who they are, where you are encouraged to be unique, and who you want to be. No two people at our school are the same, and the way in which our school goes about enriching our students both in and out of the classroom is something to be appreciated.

I'd like to thank my co-captain Audrey. We both worked alongside each other as Edmund Rice Campus Captains in 2021, and again this year as College Captains. It's been a privilege to be captain with Audrey who is hard-working, cares deeply about her school, and is a good friend. I'd also like to thank Mr Lancashire and Mr Lee. I am so grateful for their unwavering support and their dedication to making St Mary's a great school for all.

It has been a pleasure to lead St Mary's College in its third year, and I wish everyone the very best for the future.



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COLLEGE COUNSELLOR'S REPORT



CATHERINE MCMAHON
College Counsellor

2023 has been an extremely busy year for counselling at St. Mary's College. Many students have come for support on a range of issues including low mood and depression, anxiety, friendships, school refusal, family issues, anger, stress, trauma, grief and loss, sleep, eating disorders, loneliness, social media pressures and substance use, just to name a few. The list is endless and often students are contending with more than one issue at a time.

After the knock on the door to start each session, the students have come willing to talk. Sometimes they have come in pairs and other times, on their own. Sometimes it's at lunchtimes and others, during class-time. They have come of their own volition or on the recommendation of parents or staff.

Together we have focussed on solutions which empower and enable them to take charge of their progress. Sometimes referrals have been made to Headspace, Alfred Child Youth and Mental Health Services, Berry Street or MacKillop Family Services, the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing and local governments agencies. Students have sometimes been encouraged to seek external help themselves through Kids Helpline or through Beyondblue or eheadspace for times when they are not at school or not able to avail themselves of professional support.

My work as College Counsellor has been made eminently easier through the support of the Pastoral Leaders Team and the Child

Safety Team. Through these groups, the context of each student has been explored, including how they work in class or interact with their peers. School counselling is never an isolated endeavour – you are always part of a team.

Along with face-to-face counselling, there has also been the organisation of Student Voice – a team of students charged with bringing to our attention student safety issues within and outside of the school community. This group has met every three weeks along with Chris Pye and me and is always full of energy and ideas. Student Voice has also led Bullying No Way! Day and RUOK? Day this year.

The mental health of our students is paramount at St. Mary's College, especially as students still recover from the on-going effects of lockdowns and COVID 19. Some students are still adjusting to socialising, school routines and face to face learning.

Counselling at St. Mary's College has been an absolute privilege. To meet so many students, listen to their stories and propose interventions, makes one realise that no-matter what the situation, their issues are real and impact hugely on their well-being and learning. In the end most can be addressed, and the students can move forward with their young lives.

Our students must be commended for seeking help and taking care of their mental health and well-being. May this continue well into the future.





STUDENT WELLBEING



CHRIS PYE

Director of Students

After a year spent emerging from the fog of lockdowns, 2023 promised to be a (full) return to normal school existence. I think many of us came into the year looking for the steady drumbeat of predictability, routine and structure to underpin the entire year. There is comfort in this and, somewhat paradoxically, these inexorables allow for creativity and joy. On Welcome Day (January 31), I remember thinking that students seemed ready to embrace school again, the totality of it, the challenge of it, the fun inherent in it. I wondered if my forecast would prove accurate when it came time to reflect on the year. I really hoped it would be.

Well, pleasingly, it was accurate. Our students, once again, embraced the breadth and gamut of school life. It was great to see.

This renewed sense of vigour bears out in data acquired by the College. As you know, the College has formed a partnership with an educational data service called Pulse. This allows us to check-in with students to see how they are going and to support them if they are having some difficulties. The data accrued from this process is positive. Last year, students were, on average, 80/100 for feeling healthy (sleep, exercise, co-curricular events). This year, that number moved to 83/100. Whilst a three point increase may not seem a lot, this data is generated from 3563 survey results, which clearly highlights that many of our students are feeling more energised. Further, the Pulse Team highlight that any move in data up or down two points is significant. Pleasingly, two points were also added to the category of connectedness to College life. The lockdown languor appears to have left our students, animation has replaced alienation, more students are charging at life rather than retreating from it.

These trends, of course, were evident on the ground. It seems more students put in for co-curricular activities, SRC Meetings were better attended, Student Voice Meetings were lively and impactful (okay, the pizza on offer probably helps!), assemblies were more joyful, classrooms more focused. Quite often this year, there was a real buzz around the school. This is generated from an uptick in student engagement and a general willingness for students to bring their best selves to what they are doing.

The Respectful Relationships Program was another successful part of the year. Particularly in Semester 2, lessons were rolled out fortnightly. They covered topics like: study skills, personal strengths, gender and identity, safe partying and time management. I would like to thank all Pastoral Leaders and Pastoral Teachers for their work in constructing and delivering these lessons. We were also fortunate to have a number of guest speakers come in to augment the program. At Year 7, members of the police force's educational unit came in to talk about on-line behaviours, whilst at Years 9 and 11 we had the team from Elephant Ed come in to speak about consent. The lessons constructed by Pastoral Leaders were engaging and thoughtful. The College's inclusive culture is enhanced for the program and we look forward to seeing further positive impact come from its delivery.

Part of the vision of the Pastoral Team is to create a culture where the positive attributes of our students are celebrated. The College's Commendations Structure serves this end. At Community Meetings, students received certificates and badges for good deeds done. I thank teachers for taking the time to lodge these positive actions and thank the Pastoral Leaders and Pastoral Teachers for administering the program. Above all else, it has brought joy to the community – to both students and teachers.

LEADERSHIP

I would like to thank the Pastoral Leaders for their support of students this year. Whether it be a conversation about wellbeing, uniform, effort in studies, punctuality, co-curricular activities or life in general, the care and guidance exhibited by all members of the team is really commendable. I would also like to thank Ms Catherine McMahon for her wonderful work as Student Counsellor and as the leader of the Student Voice Committee. Catherine also animated RU Okay Day and Bullying No Way Day which, again, serve the pursuit of a truly inclusive school culture.

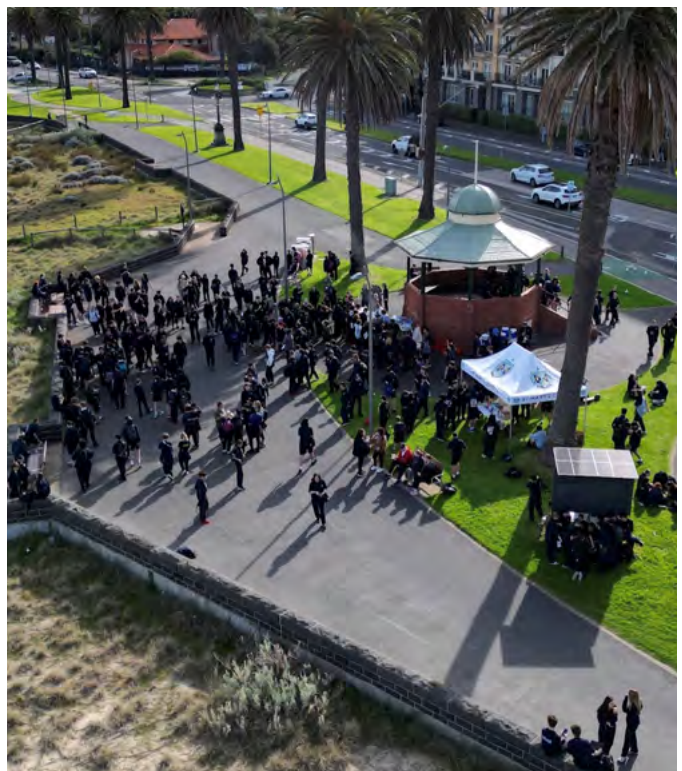
We have also had a great team of SRC Leaders this year. I thank them for their hard work, helpfulness and positivity.

I would also like to thank parents for their support of the College. From a pastoral perspective, having clear, efficacious lines of communications with parents really supports wellbeing and behaviour. Although not every phone call, or meeting, is an easy one, the way in which these conversations go are invariably reasonable and solution focused. Often, they support growth, better decision making and the acquisition of resilience and restraint. The parent and teacher working relationship is a positive part of our school. Our students really benefit from it.

A lot has taken place since the heat and enormous blue skies of Welcome Day. I think that most of our students, when they hit the gates at the end of the day, had many good days, some great, some a bit difficult. There has been knowledge acquired, skills built, friendships discovered, successes, disappointments, challenges surmounted and small (yet great) moments on seemingly humdrum days which, for some reason, become resonant and memorable. School really is a formative experience. When students bring their best selves to its totality, as so many of our students have done this year, they are great places where great things happen.



WALKATHON



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YEAR 12



ROW 7 L-R:

Mylo Piacquadio, Patrick Ly, Hunter Graham, Luke Nicholas, Jake Dalby, Harley Schuurmans, Rook Barry, Jackson Moss, Jack McDonald, Lucas Bonaccorso, Benjamin Krikis, Jay Lennartz-Kelly, Gabriele Beaini, Benjamin Mitchell

ROW 6 L-R:

Amy Fitzpatrick, Thanh Nguyen, Raj Johnston, Wil Baker, Adelaide Taylor, Thomas Seeliger, Destiny Kuek, Alexander De Jong, Matthew Fitzgerald, Ruby Fitzgerald, Jack Kilgour, Zac Ballarin, Finnbar Hobson, Spencer Slaney, Grant Godbold

ROW 5 L-R:

Noah Greasley, Charlie Molinaro, Archie Campbell, Leftheri Drossos, Noah Hopkins-Smith, Max Wigmore, Ayden McCarrroll, Yel Kolong, Giacomo Rogers, Elliot Bodin, Marcus Grosso, Liam Denys, Edward Hasker, Elijah Linden

ROW 4 L-R:

Samuel Haddad, Thomas Christodoulou, Charles Purtell, Connor Dowler, Christian Siles, Boadie Leeds, Zhixiang Wei, Patrick Gantzoz, Arthur Georgakakis, Ethan Oyston, William Freeman, Dale Waive, Paul Vassiliou

ROW 3 L-R:

Nebal Hilal, Vance Dinh, Mitchell Hoskin, John Arhontis, Alexander Cook, Richard Cao, Matthew Monaghan, Angus Denning, Sonny Galvez, John Giglas, Luc Bunde, Alexander Scharper, Alexander Fatouros,

ROW 2 L-R:

Judy Vandrine, Zara Xanthopoulos, Brigitte Jackson, Madeleine Leroi, Jaikyn Hammond, Liam Machado, Audrey Smart, Nicholas Howard, Brayden Borg, Harvey Bigham, Andy Hoang, Andrew Loi, Sabrina Lehpamer, Barbara Pitatzis, Janella Manalo, Rachel Montalto

FRONT ROW L-R:

Samuel Healy, Hannah O'Brien, Adele Yacoub, Nellie-May Roberts, Merrielle Bautista, Angelique Paruit, Shaun Lancashire, Terry Blizzard, Alexander Luscombe, Anneke Sirotic, Jasmine Link, Me'ira Darvell-Newstadt, Amelia Dinnadge, Stella McCormack, Sebastian Brizuela

ABSENT:

Benjamin Baker, Michael Macafee

HOMEROOM TEACHERS:

Amy Fitzpatrick, Grant Godbold, Rachel Montalto, Judy Vandrine, Paul Vassiliou

YEAR 12 PASTORAL LEADER:

Alexander Luscombe

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

Mr Shaun Lancashire

PRINCIPAL:

Mr Terry Blizzard

YEAR 12



ALEX LUSCOMBE
Year 12 Pastoral Leader

It was a year of milestones as we worked through each term navigating each hurdle as it approached.

What a pleasure it was to be a part of the Class of 2023. A group of remarkable young ladies and gentlemen who drove the standards of the school for the rest to follow.

It was a year of milestones as we worked through each term navigating each hurdle as it approached. In one of the toughest years of their lives, the Class of 2023 went about their final schooling year with such passion, enthusiasm and excitement.

Kudos as well goes to the Year 12 Pastoral Team of Mr Vassiliou, Ms Vandrine, Ms Montalto and Ms Fitzpatrick who provided the support, care and guidance to each of the students throughout the year.

I wish every member of the Class of 2023 all the very best for whatever the future holds for you. St Mary's College will always hold a special place for you all.



STUDENTS

YEAR 12

Carroll

RUSSELL WYNNE
Pastoral Care Teacher



Elliot Bodin



Lucas Bonaccorso



Sebastian Brizuela



Alexander Fatouros



Ruby Fitzgerald



Hunter Graham



Samuel Healy



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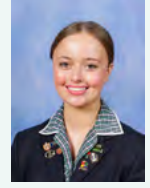
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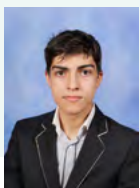
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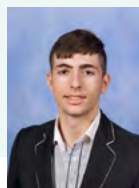
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YEAR 12

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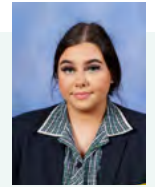
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Patrick Ly



Benjamin Mitchell



Charlie Molinaro



Jackson Moss



Luke Nicholas



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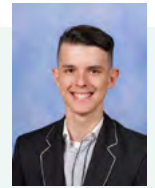
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Ethan Oyston



Mylo Piacquadio



Charles Purtell



Thomas Seeliger



Spencer Slaney



Noah Hopkins-Smith



Dale Waine



Zhixiang Wei



STUDENTS

YEAR 12 FORMAL



Our Year 12 Graduation for 2023 can be summarised by the below points made by Mr Pye in the following edition of the school newsletter:

- Great student leaders. Without wishing to lavish this piece with hyperbole, this team of student leaders are, well, elite. Across the year, their commitment to the school has been manifest in word and, more importantly, action. In regard to the formal, they spoke with aplomb on the night, reached out to all sections of the year-level and modelled mature and thoughtful socialising. They were both instrumental in setting the tone for the night.
- Social Skills. The year-level were great here. Friendly, polite, respectful. They were good small talkers, too. It's an underrated social skill and tends to put others at ease. Questions and engagement are the key to this. Listening, too.
- A cohesive year-level. It was great to see students mingling with each other. Throughout the night, groups became group and people seemed to genuinely enjoy one another's company.
- A great staff turn-out. I really got the sense that there was a respect and bonhomie inherent in the fact a large number of staff turned up. Some even managed to find their way to the dancefloor whilst others (me), avoided such action out of fear for puncturing the night with mid 40s 'moves' that were pretty ordinary in the 1990s!
- Bye and thanks. Probably both top 10 in terms of most important words. It was easily the most I have heard these two words said at the end of the night by students. It is always important to end things well. The group certainly did this.
- Community. There was a palpable sense of elan in the air that comes from high regard for one another. Real warmth. The next term will provide us opportunity build this into a collective push towards achieving the best academic results possible for the group.



YEAR 12 GRADUATION

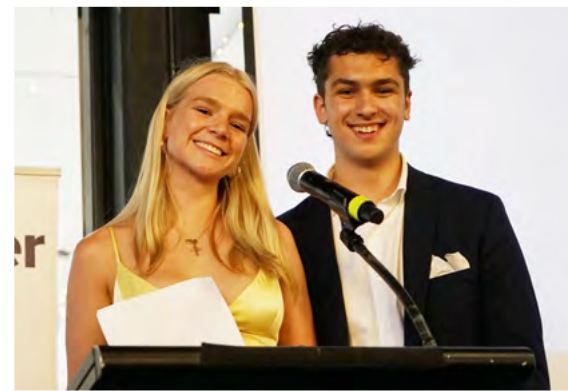
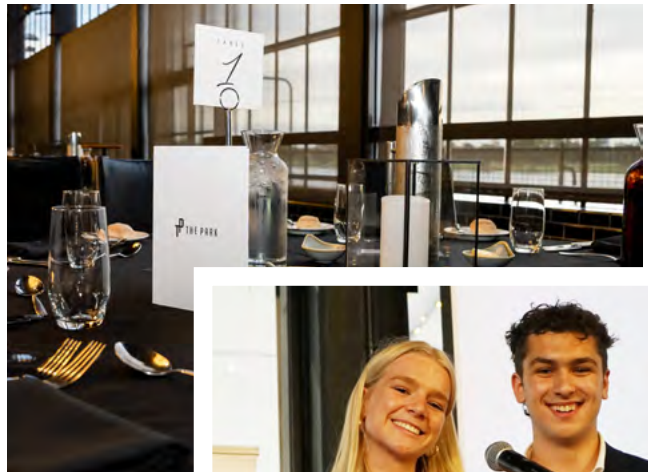
Our Year 12 Graduation evening was held on November 15th.

It was a night of celebration as we congratulated our Class of 2023 on the completion of their high school career.

The night was split into two parts. We began the evening at St Mary's Parish as we held our Graduation Mass under the guidance of Father Jerome. Each student was presented with their graduation candle and they were blessed by Father Jerome as they journeyed off into the next phase of their lives.

The next part of our evening was our Graduation Dinner held at The Park on Albert Park Lake. We heard from many students, parents and staff as we toasted our Class of 2023. It was a great night had by all as we gathered together for the final time as a year level. Many stories were shared; a laugh, a cry and everything in between.

My congratulations go to the departing Class of 2023 on all your efforts throughout the year. You have left a tremendous legacy on our school, setting the blueprint for how a St Mary's College Year 12 student goes about getting the most out of their VCE studies.





YEAR 11



BRENDAN TOLLIT
Year 11 Pastoral Care Leader

2023 was an amazingly productive year for the year 11 cohort at St. Mary's College. As a collective, we decided that our mantra for 2023 would be short and sweet (just like me):

“Be better.”

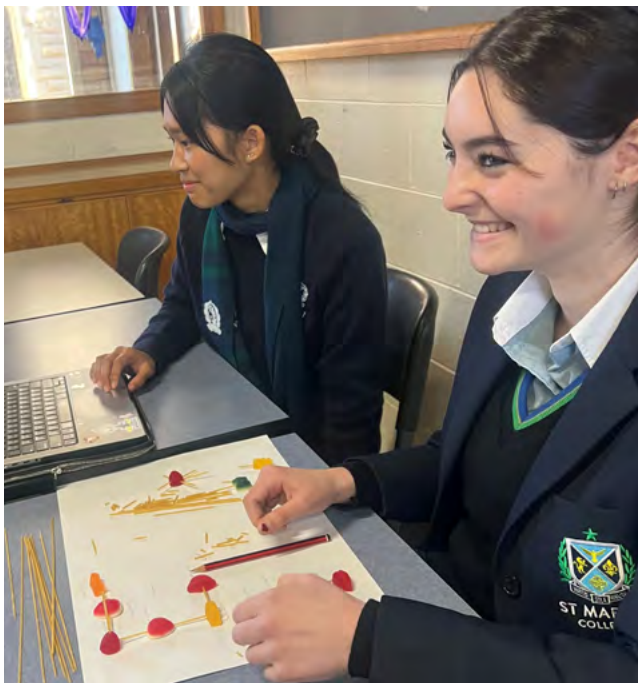
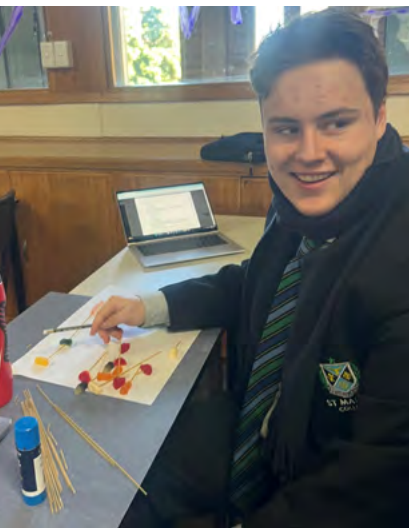
The idea behind this motto is that as people living in a developed and progressive society, we can all afford to put in the proverbial “extra 10%” – whether that be at school, at home, at work, and within family and friendship groups.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that the year 11's have risen to this challenge. From including outsiders into their groups in the yard, or walking with juniors from Windsor station to school, the year 11 students this year have matured tremendously over the past 12 months and have represented themselves and our College with humility and dignity.

This group of young adults have consistently surprised me with their altruism, passion and commitment to our school. From their prowess at CGSAV and ACC sport to their performative talents in school bands and our musical, the Year 11 cohort of 2023 are always engaging in the spirit of our College and supporting the essence of what it is to be a student at St. Mary's.

Having had the privilege of getting to know these students over the last two years as their Pastoral Care Leader, I am humbled by their collegiality and their personal expectations to push themselves to become more than students at a school but as people living in a world that desperately needs their skills and compassion.

Next year sees the final chapter in this group's schooling journey. I look to the horizon with hope and excitement in my heart.



STUDENTS

YEAR 11

Carroll

NAOMI CHEN
Pastoral Care Teacher



Nicholas
Aiton



Charlie
Banks



Dexter
Biddle



Carlos
Charallam



Harry
Charlesworth



Alexander
Chilvers



Daniel
Collingwood



Hugh
Craig



Nyuak
Dor



Luke
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Sitthiphong
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Cooper
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Tom
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Mateo
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Jacob
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Leroy
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Jude
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Sean
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Callum
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Joel
Sheridan



Teerawee
Sitthirangsan



Hugo
Speldewinde



Emmanuel
Tzamouranis



Luka
Verde



Henry
Vu



Adam
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Pastoral Care Teacher



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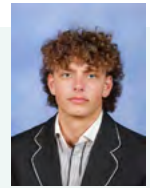
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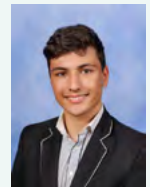
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YEAR 11

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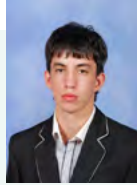
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Jack
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Jacob
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Joshua
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James
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Liam
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Yi
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Max
Martin



Nasir
Nagnda



Oliver
Pipke



Indi
Serafin



Hamish
Sharpe



Daniel
Snell



Thomas
Stedman



Charlie
Tuddenham

Walsh

KEVIN WANTRYCH
Pastoral Care Teacher



Jeremy
Baxas



Maddison
Bird



Mannie
Collins



Joshua
Conlan



Noah
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Marcus
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Ben
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Alyssa
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Xavier
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Yasmin
O'Keefe



Anthony
Power



Mackenzie
Prentice-Evans



Charlotte
Richards



Ciena
Sampson



Thomas
Sayers



Kane
Sexton



Cleopatra
Sparrow-Cooper



Zoe
Taylor



Jaeda
Thornhill



Cardin
Tran



Ruby
Williams

STUDENTS

YEAR 10

Living in a suburb which is home to several St Mary's students has meant that this year there has been no hiding from the Year 10 2023 group. It has been a common experience for my partner and I to be walking in our suburb and be waved and greeted through the windows of Mum and Dad's moving car and ice cream shops, from train station platforms, behind Coles checkouts and importantly chicken shops which apparently have "the best chips in Melbourne sir, why haven't you tried them yet?". There has been no hiding from this friendly, positive, and definitely quirky bunch of kids!

Through the four terms we have had a steady stream of new students join us. These new arrivals have shown bravery and optimism in choosing a new school. Furthermore, they have made a very positive contribution to their new year group! This was assisted by the warm and supportive welcome which the existing Year 10s have given to those students. As always, the focus of Year 10 has been to explore and consider options for future studies and career. Morrisby, Work experience, subject selection interviews, 2 rounds of formal exams, VCE

and VCE-VM Head start programs are all designed to support Years 10s to make informed decisions for their futures. It is my belief that the work done by Year 10s and their families to consider the right pathway for them will enable a successful final two years of schooling.

We were lucky to be led by two very able student leaders in Maddy Gournas and Ged Gibney this year. These two leaders' certainly led by example, particularly where commendations were concerned. Furthermore, my thanks go to the Year 10 Pastoral group teachers, Justin Paul (10R), Rosario Genovese (10T), Terry Sweet (10W). This group of teachers balanced wisdom with care and an approachable style in a very effective way.

In Year 11, students begin to follow their own life paths. Some will be completing the VCE-VM, others the VCE and some students will be leaving us to pursue other forms of training. I believe that the positive and constructive way in which the Year 10s worked with one another this year will lead to enduring friendships and a sense of togetherness that will bind this group together despite the many individual paths taken.



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Year 10 Pastoral Care Leader



YEAR 10

Ryan



MICHAEL PYE
Pastoral Care Teacher



Colby
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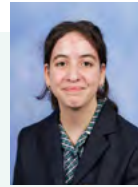
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Madeline
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Emerson
James



Noah
Kirkwood



Veronika
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Isabella
Leroi



Gilbert
Maclatchy



Xavier
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Ivor
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Kabir
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Nicholas
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Patricia
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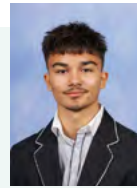
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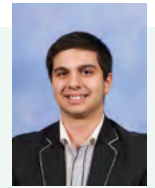
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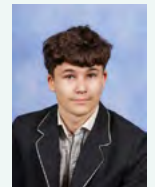
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Jackson
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STUDENTS

Walsh

ELIZA-JANE STEWARD
Pastoral Care Teacher



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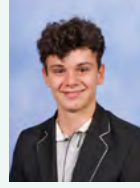
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Will
Stone



Tomasz
Tamowicz



Ari
Wallace



Yonas
Weldemichael



Isaac
Wynd



YEAR 9



PAUL QUINN
Year 9 Program Leader

This year was a time of meeting challenges, exploring deeper relationships with other students and staff and consolidation of knowledge and skills.

I shared with the students the idea of comparing compulsory education to an AFL football match. Prep to Grade 3 is the first quarter, Grade 4 to 6 the second quarter, Year 7 to 9 the third quarter and Year 10 to 12 the final quarter.

It is rare for a team to win a match if they are not leading on the scoreboard at three quarter time. The third quarter is often described as the premiership quarter where the game is either won or lost.

The reasoning for sharing in this way is to counter the stress that many parents, teachers, and community members put on Year 12. Often the conversation about school takes on an urgency and a special level of importance for Year 12.

Schooling thought of in this way allows for a greater focus on Years 7, 8 and 9. Some suggest that these years of schooling, particularly

Year 9, is a time of less importance, characterised by student disengagement and lack of focus.

This year our students rafted the Mitchell River; attended the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne; dived; paddled; bowled, skated; played competitive inter school sport; played in bands; performed on stage at the musical; contributed to the Art Show; participated in Liturgy; provided mentorship to local primary school students; led parents on talk and tours of the school; experienced a retreat; immersed themselves in Indigenous culture at Lake Mungo and so much more.

Daily the class teachers engaged with the students and parents and guardians supported at home. Working together we have achieved much in 2023.

A rich, fertile, and rewarding experience has prepared our students for the challenges of working with their chosen pathway from school to the wider world beyond. As this time as school is about to enter the final quarter, I wish our Year 9 students and families a peaceful, enjoyable, and safe Christmas celebration and summer holiday.



STUDENTS

YEAR 9

Ryan

AVRIL MARTINELLI
Pastoral Care Teacher



Emelia
Ala



Damon
Bennett



Leah
Biddle-Henwood



Plato
Che



Jay
Dullard



Saoirse
Gallagher



Cameron
Hoad



Kleoniki
Kalloniatis



Georgia
Le Hunt



Lachlan
McKinnis



Hugh
McMahon



Ramsey
Montalto-Donlen



Brodie
Pearson



Amelia
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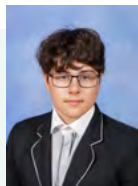
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Pastoral Care Teacher



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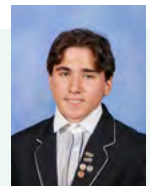
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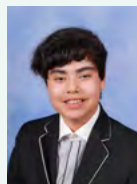
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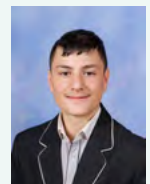
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Serafin



John-Paul
Siles



Maya
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Amelia
Wright

YEAR 9

Walsh



VINCENT ORLANDO
Pastoral Care Teacher



Anthony Abela



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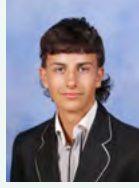
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Samuel Lopez



Justin Manalo



Luca Mathieson



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Jack Prentice-Evans



Andy Quach



Ivan Silva Echeverria



Sebastien Valmorbidia



Lewis Vasilevski





■ YEAR 9 CAMP



YEAR 8

YEAR 8 AT ST MARY'S COLLEGE: A YEAR OF GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT

The Year 8 cohort at St Mary's College in 2023 has had an incredible year marked by academic achievements, personal growth, and memorable experiences.

ACADEMIC ENDEAVORS

This year, our Year 8 students delved deeper into their studies, exploring new subjects and building on their knowledge from Year 7. Highlights included engaging science experiments, challenging math problems, and creative English projects.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our Year 8 students were highly active outside the classroom as well. Many participated in various

sports, showcasing their talents and team spirit in competitions such as the ACC Athletics and CGSAV sporting events. The enthusiasm and dedication of our students were evident, and their persistence and sportsmanship shone through in every event.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Throughout the year, students were encouraged to develop not just academically but also personally. As the year comes to a close, we look back with pride at the accomplishments of our Year 8 students. Their journey at St Mary's College is just beginning, and we are excited to see what the future holds for this talented group.

Congratulations to all Year 8 students on a fantastic year. We look forward to seeing your continued growth and success in the years to come!



SIMON HAWKINS
Year 8 Pastoral Care Leader

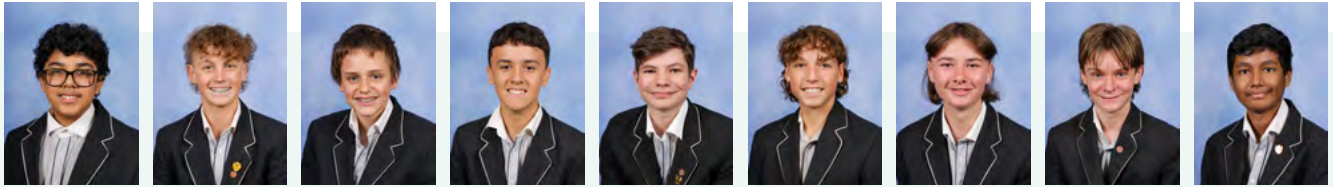


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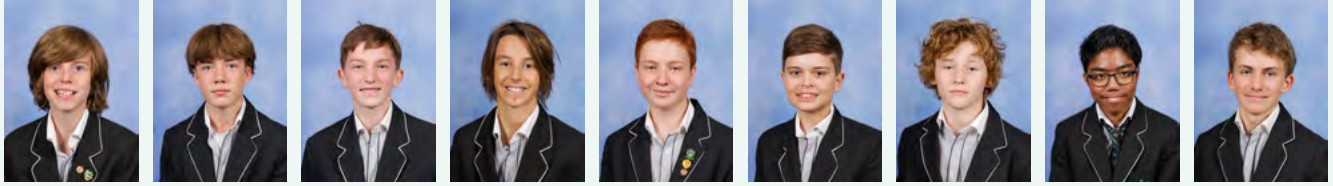
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JEANNETTE CLINCH
Pastoral Care Teacher



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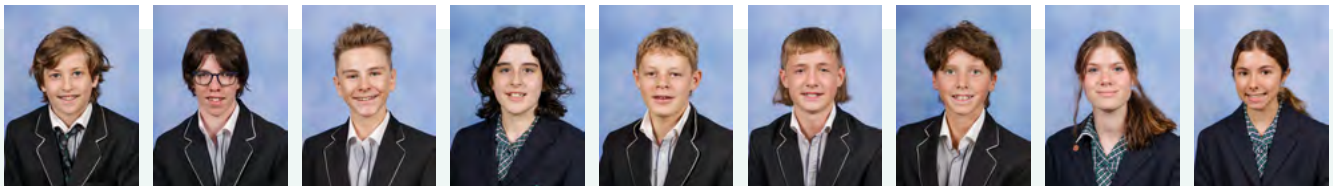
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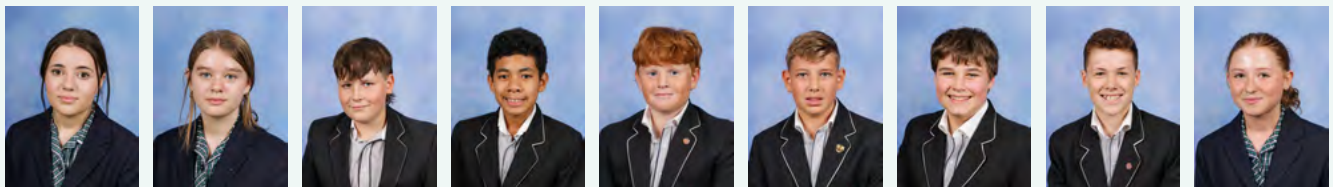
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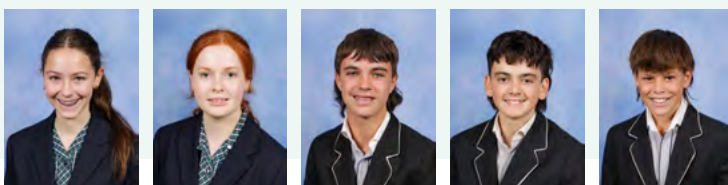
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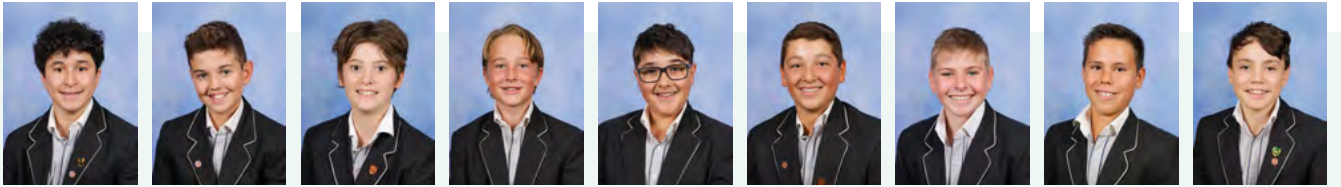


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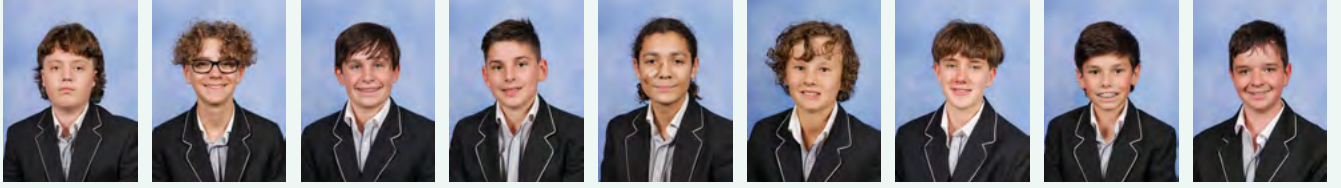
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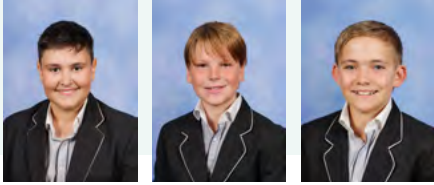
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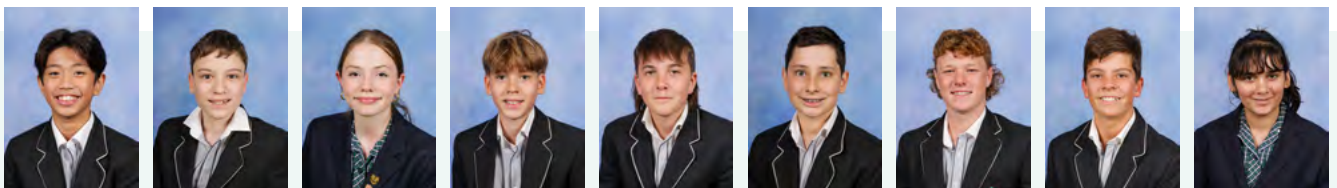
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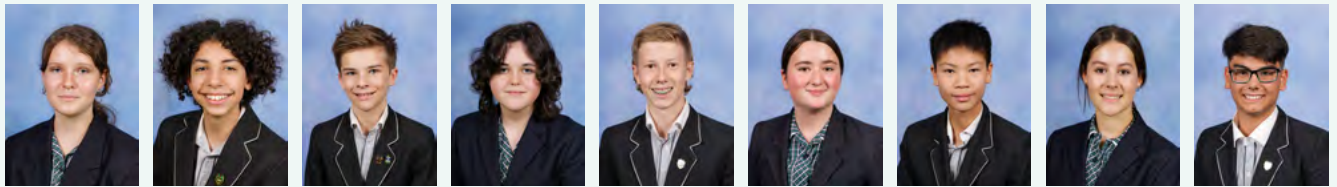
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TERRY SWEET
Pastoral Care Teacher



Matthew Bautista Aiden Catherall Camilla Clelland Harley Corke Hunter Daley Christian Fernandez Laughlan Gumley Ashton Heriot Amelia James



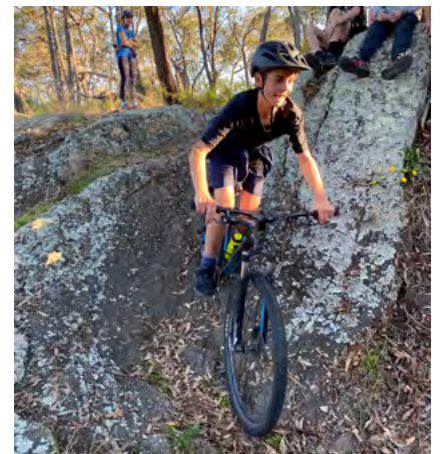
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Owen Sharpe Rupert Sianos



■ YEAR 8 CAMP





CHRIS PYE

Year 7 Pastoral Care Leader

■ YEAR 7

Year 7 Orientation Day 2023. I remember it being cloudy and cold. I remember seeing parents and the students gathering at Edmund Rice Campus. I remember nerves and excitement. However, most pertinently, I remember feeling a distinct sense of optimism and hope directly emanating from the group. There was just this natural ebullience to them, albeit cribbed by the gravitas of the day and the realisation of starting at secondary school. I was really looking forward to seeing them become a positive part of the College.

They started well. Term 1 saw all students attend camp at Anglesea. The reports from Mr Joyce were positive – friendships were emerging, confidence being built. These things were soon apparent back at school. Early in Term 1, when I walked out of my office, I would see pairs of students sitting and chatting. A week later, these pairs were groups. There was often laughter and general élan. It was the same story on the oval and basketball courts. Soon, games of basketball were being played, footies kicked, cricket balls hit. Again, laughter and general merriment laced the air. Friendships – the genuine social key to school – were being formed. It was lovely to see.

Students also adapted well to the academic transition from primary to high school. Instead of having one main teacher, students had around five. Instead of having one main classroom, students would occupy around five. Lockers replaced tubs.

Every morning there was locker induced cacophony – students would wrestle with the code of their locker and rattle their locks. Initially, it wasn't a sound I found particularly agreeable. However, when they moved up to the third level of the McCartney Corridor, I began to miss this metallic discordance. Well, a bit anyway!

The focus of our Year 7 Program is cultivating a sense of belonging. The main instrument for this is the Pastoral Care Group, led by a Pastoral Teacher. This year, our Year 7 students have been fortunate to be guided and supported by a wonderful group of Pastoral Teachers. I thank Lisa O'Callaghan, Niki Halvatis, Sal Lima, Chris Sodaitis, Brid O'Dwyer and Vince Orlando for their fantastic work with the students in their care. Each homeroom was a place of warmth and focus each morning. Our students really benefited from this. Each pastoral group also were ably served by SRC Leaders. I thank them for their efforts in the role.

Year 7s were eager to engage in co-curricular activities throughout the year. Students participated in events ranging from football to public speaking and displayed initiative, teamwork and good sportsmanship throughout. A great memory I have is the boys playing in an ACC cricket semi-final and much of the year-level turning out to support them. I also had the good fortune of coaching the debating team and was impressed

by the intellectual heft of the group and commitment to working as a team to prosecute contention and argument. The GCSA Girls' Basketball Team also played extremely well in their mid-year tournament and conducted themselves with grace and aplomb on the day. Also, many students participated in the College's Student Voice Committee. Throughout, their input was invariably thoughtful and helpful.

The year-level was privileged to have Tori Whitten as their Pastoral Leader in Semester 1. Tori exhibited real care for all students. I know she is still missed by many in the year-level. Since then, it has been my privilege to work with the group. I thank all students for their warmth and vitality. I have seen real growth in so many students. I am very proud of all students for what they have achieved over the course of the year.

Optimism and hope – not exclusively reserved for the dominion of young people but, often, more evident in their actions than those of maturing vintage. This group were – are – optimism. They have energy and warmth. This provides life to our community and has provided a real fillip for me this year. I thank them for all that they are and challenge them to deliver on the great promise – hope – they have brought our school this year. When the year-level does this – as I am sure they will - they will have a positive impact on the College for years to come.



STUDENTS

YEAR 7

Carroll

PEGGY BLASSIS
Pastoral Care Teacher



Olivia
Adam



Grace
Anketell



Archer
Barr



Ryker
Bond



Edward
Burdett



Oscar
Cao



Charles
Couch



Harry
Denning



Mietta
Dooley



Julian
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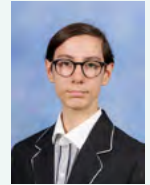
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Kalloniatis



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Harvey
Krutop



Curtis
Leech



Amelia
Mennie-Carter



Nathan
Nguyen



Monique
Panozzo



Atticus
Patterson



Thomas
Siles



Brandon
Sun



Rose
Williams

Ryan

CHRIS SODAITIS
Pastoral Care Teacher



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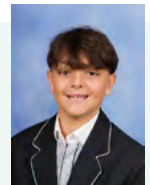
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Douglas



Eamon
Dunne



Callum
Foley



Sonny Duke
Hirschfield



Liam
Hitchcock



Zac
Juegan



William
Lauder



Spencer
Mackay



Thomas
Mackennal



Ryan
McCormack



William
McGirr



Harrison
Mullender



Johnnie
Munro



Diego
Nashar



Ezra
Ellis-Robertson



Matteo
Rogers



Ojiro
Sato



Benjamin
Van Aardt



Dashiell
Wade

YEAR 7

Treacy



SAL LIMA
Pastoral Care Teacher



Kingston
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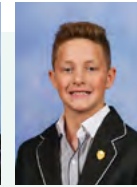
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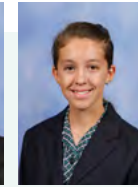
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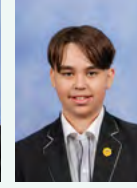
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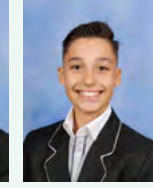
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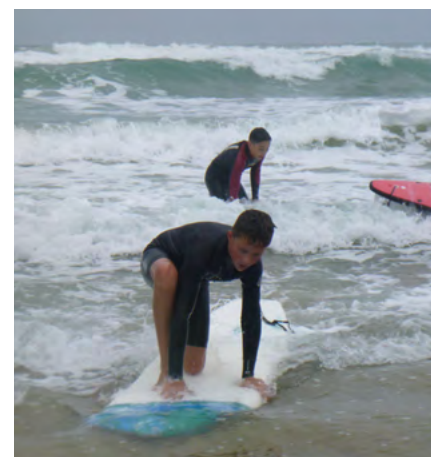


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■ YEAR 7 CAMP



EDMUND RICE DAY



KATE JOHNSTON
Director of Identity

BLESSED EDMUND RICE FEAST DAY

MAY 5 2023

On the 5th of May our community celebrated the feast of Blessed Edmund Rice. The liturgy held in Logue Hall was led by our College chaplain, Fr Jerome Santamaria. Our Gospel reading for the day was John 15 :1-14 where we were reminded of God's call to love and serve one another.

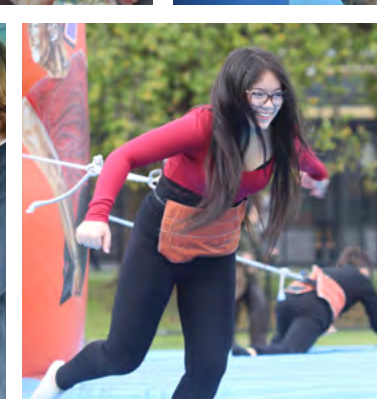
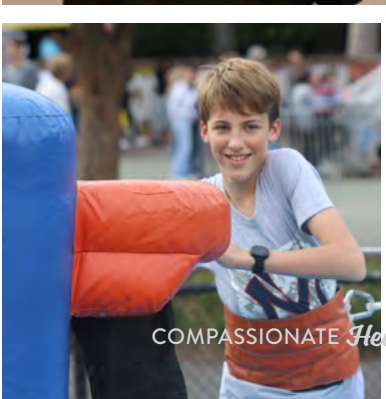
This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends... I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Edmund Rice, a man of great faith with a generous heart who had a vision of how the world could be was transformed by God's call. He wanted a world that could be more inclusive, more just, more respectful, more compassionate, and more courageous. These are the values of our College today. The values call on us to create a world where respect is the basis of all our relationships. A world where we stand in solidarity with those on the margins and act with justice and fairness. A world that enables compassion and empathy to change lives where all are welcomed because we celebrate diversity. A world where we act with courage.

After the liturgy, we all shared companionship during a Talent Show, in rides, ice-creams, challenges, games, BBQs and dunk tanks. The day was an opportunity for us to continue building our community after the hiccup of lockdowns etc. Our students conducted themselves with the values I mentioned above. It was a magical day.



OUR SCHOOL



HOUSE SPORT

Once more, the calendar featured the three yearly house carnivals. Swimming and athletics occurred during the pleasant weather of term 1, while cross country took place in the heart of winter during term 3. Each carnival featured mandatory events with points allocated to every student, encompassing a diverse range of distances and techniques.



DEAN BIRD
Director of Sport



ROW 2:
Samuel Haddad, Hunter Graham, Ayden McCarroll, Danh Nguyen
FIRST ROW:
Destiny Kuek, Janella Manalo, Addy Taylor, Patrick Ly

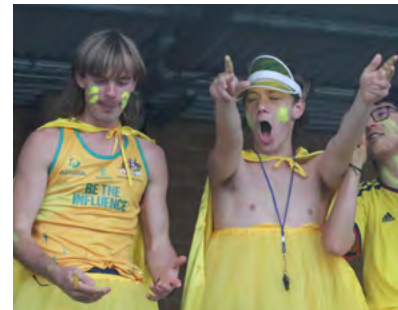
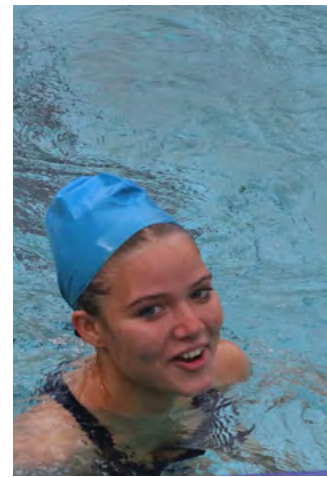
HOUSE SWIMMING

**TEVLIN
CORBETT
O'SHEA
MCMAHON**

Eager to etch their names into the annals of history and secure victory for their respective houses at the Prahran Aquatic Centre, the house captains displayed their determination. Right from the beginning, all house leaders asserted their dominance, with Mc Mahon earning the first point of the day. O'Shea refused to let the competition pull ahead and swiftly joined the ranks of the leaders. Noah Chapple, known for his swimming prowess, upheld his reputation by conquering all of his events and ensuring Corbett remained in contention.



OUR SCHOOL





**TEVLIN
MCMAHON
O'SHEA
CORBETT**

HOUSE ATHLETICS

The bright sun cast a cheerful glow over Lakeside Stadium, where students and teachers eagerly gathered for the school's beloved annual House Athletics Carnival. This cherished event has become a school tradition, fostering unity and excitement among the school community.

Among the day's most anticipated highlights were the house relay races. These races not only showcased the students' athletic prowess but also highlighted their unwavering sense of teamwork and unity. The good-natured competition among the houses served as a testament to the outstanding sportsmanship displayed throughout the event.

The House Athletics Carnival offered a rich tapestry of athletic events, appealing to a wide array of talents and interests. Students participated in an assortment of competitions, including sprints, relays, long jump, high jump, shot put, discus, and even javelin. The air reverberated with cheers from each house's ardent supporters, imbuing the stadium with an electric atmosphere.

The House Athletics Carnival transcends the realm of mere competition; it is a day that unites both students and staff, forging enduring memories and fortifying the school's indomitable spirit. As we bid adieu to this year's event, our hearts swell with excitement and anticipation for the next House Athletics Carnival, where new memories will be etched in the annals of our school's history.



OUR SCHOOL





OUR SCHOOL

HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

The picturesque 1km loop surrounding Alma Park has proven to be an ideal setting for students at St. Mary's Catholic College to tailor their challenges and conquer them within the comfort of a familiar environment. Students had the option to choose between 3km or 2km routes, providing them with the opportunity to push their limits.

A remarkable display of athletic prowess was witnessed during this event, with Ged Gibney emerging as the paragon of excellence in this beloved sport at St. Mary's Catholic College. His outstanding performance served as an inspiring testament to the passion and dedication of our students, leaving a lasting mark on the school's sporting legacy.





■ ANZAC DAY



OUR SCHOOL



■ WINTER SLEEPOUT



KATE JOHNSTON
Director of Identity

A committed group of students, Mr Lancashire, Ms Johnston and Ms Pettit gathered to learn about who in our town is homeless, why they are homeless and what each one of us can do to support the 24,000 Victorians who are homeless every night. Homelessness Week occurs every year and the theme for 2023 was “It’s time to end homelessness”.

A representative from St Vincent de Paul shared evening with us, and our understanding of homeless vastly improved through a workshop and games.

Our College Co Captain, Raj led the group through a discussion after watching a documentary on the homeless of Melbourne. We pondered who are those most in need, what circumstances led to their homelessness and how we can uphold their dignity.

Before bed, we spent some time engaging in prayer. Our prayer called us to focus on ways in which we might engage in the mission of Jesus, particularly through works of mercy. We are all called to be in solidarity – to stand shoulder to shoulder with the voiceless, the powerless, the homeless and the helpless. Our time of reflection asked us to take another step to being in solidarity, to recognise the connection that exists between us all. As human beings, we are all part of a global family. The things that we have in common are far greater than the things that separate us. Jesus reminds us that the greatest commandment of all is two-fold: to love God and to love neighbour. We concluded our prayer with the opportunity to light a candle for our intentions.

The evening was cold, the floor was hard, however we did enjoy the warmth of the fire pit, the solidarity of each other and lovely meals prepared by Ms. Saundry.



OUR SCHOOL



ACADEMIC AWARDS 2022

Academic Awards for 2022 were presented during a whole school assembly at the beginning of 2023. We are proud of our high performing students who work consistently throughout the year to challenge themselves to perform at an excellent academic standard.

SUBJECT AWARDS

SUBJECT	NAME
Unit 1 & 2 Applied Computing	Dale Waine
Unit 1 & 2 Biology	Mitchell Hoskin
Unit 1 & 2 Business Management	Jaeda Thornhill
Unit 1 & 2 Chemistry	Phi Dinh
Unit 1 & 2 Economics	Audrey Smart
Unit 1 & 2 English	Patrick Ly
Unit 1 & 2 English	Patrick Ly and Raj Johnston
Unit 1 & 2 General Mathematics	Ruby Fitzgerald
Unit 1 & 2 Health & Human Development	Thomas Stedman
Unit 1 & 2 Modern History	Arthur Georgakakis
Unit 1 & 2 Legal Studies	Raj Johnston
Unit 1 & 2 Literature	Audrey Smart
Unit 1 & 2 Mathematical Methods	Audrey Smart
Unit 1 & 2 Media	Jack McDonald
Unit 1 & 2 Physical Education	Wil Baker
Unit 1 & 2 Physics	Audrey Smart
Unit 1 & 2 Product Design & Technology – Textiles	Barbara Pitatzis
Unit 1 & 2 Psychology	Barbara Pitatzis
Unit 1 & 2 Specialist Mathematics	Audrey Smart
Unit 2 Unit 2 Religion & Society	Audrey Smart
Unit 1 & 2 Visual Communication Design	Ethan Oyston
Unit 1 Religion & Society	Jaeda Thornhill
Year 10 Design & Technologies – Food	Morgan Di Giusto
Year 10 Design & Technologies – Textiles	Ciena Sampson
Year 10 Design & Technologies – Wood	Hugo Speldewinde
Year 10 Digital Technologies	Audrey Guevarra
Year 10 Drama	Marcus Kruger
Year 10 English	Allanah Hager
Year 10 Health & Physical Education	Charlotte Davis
Year 10 Humanities	Jaeda Thornhill
Year 10 Italian	Athena Anastasopoulos
Year 10 Japanese	Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper
Year 10 Mathematics	Adam Tran
Year 10 Media Arts	Audrey Guevarra
Year 10 Music	Nick Aiken

SUBJECT	NAME
Year 10 Science	Mackenzie Prentice-Evans
Year 10 Science in Action	Tyra Williams
Year 10 Sports Science	Mackenzie Prentice-Evans
Year 10 Visual Art	Charlotte Richards
Year 10 Visual Communication Design	Ciena Sampson
Year 7 Design & Technologies – Food	Aiden Catherall
Year 7 Design & Technologies – Textiles	John Katiforis
Year 7 Design & Technologies – Wood	Gina Tripolitano
Year 7 Digital Technologies	Anton Kovacevic
Year 7 Drama	Lila Charewicz
Year 7 English	Sebastian Maddams
Year 7 Health & Physical Education	Anton Kovacevic
Year 7 Humanities	Matthew Bautista
Year 7 Italian	Alessandro Bautista
Year 7 Japanese	Chloe Guevarra
Year 7 Mathematics	Eddie Lloyd-Smith
Year 7 Music	Thomas Taylor
Year 7 Religious Education	Maksymilian Kaplon
Year 7 Science	Maksymilian Kaplon
Year 7 Visual Art	Chloe Guevarra
Year 7 Visual Design	Charlotte Leroi
Year 8 Design & Technologies – Food	Richard Chen
Year 8 Design & Technologies – Wood	Alexander Grivicic
Year 8 Design & Technologies – Textiles	Stella Ligudzinski
Year 8 Digital Technologies	Alexander Grivicic
Year 8 Drama	James Cappola
Year 8 English	Andy Quach
Year 8 Health & Physical Education	Amelia Pipke
Year 8 Italian	James Cappola
Year 8 Japanese	John-Paul Siles
Year 8 Mathematics	Jack Prentice-Evans
Year 8 Music	Jack Prentice-Evans
Year 8 Religious Education	John-Paul Siles
Year 8 Science	James Cappola
Year 8 Visual Art	Jack Prentice-Evans

SUBJECT AWARDS

SUBJECT	NAME
Year 8 Visual Design	Plato Che
Year 9 Body in Motion	Rafi Sayar
Year 9 Design & Technologies – Food	Liam Harrison
Year 9 Design & Technologies – Textiles	Juliano Garcia
Year 9 Digital Solutions	Jake Lepamer
Year 9 English	Lincoln Dinh
Year 9 Fit for Life	Tomasz Tamowicz
Year 9 Humanities	Helena Giglas
Year 9 Italian	Amelia Giglas
Year 9 Japanese	Lincoln Dinh
Year 9 Mathematics	Lincoln Dinh
Year 9 Music	Nicholas Cook
Year 9 Religious Education	Lincoln Dinh
Year 9 Science	Lincoln Dinh
Year 9 Sustainable Futures	Liam Harrison
Year 9 Design & Technologies – Wood	Liam Harrison
Year 9 Visual Art	Liam Harrison
Year 9 Visual Design	Lincoln Dinh

PAT BROWNE SCHOLAR AWARDS

YEAR	NAME
YEAR 7	Gina Tripolitano
	Chloe Guevarra
	Maksymilian Kaplon
	Matthew Bautista
YEAR 8	Kleoniki Kalloniatis
	James Cappola
	Jack Prentice-Evans
	John-Paul Siles
	Alexandar Grivicic
YEAR 9	Andy Quach
	Lincoln Dinh
	Helena Giglas
	Amelia Giglas
YEAR 10	Zac Wynd
	Liam Harrison
	Jaeda Thornhill
	Xavier Morrell
	Adam Tran
	Geremy Baxas
YEAR 11	Marcus Kruger
	Audrey Smart
	Luc Bunde

DUX AWARDS

YEAR	NAME
YEAR 7	Maksymilian Kaplon
YEAR 8	James Cappola
YEAR 9	Lincoln Dinh
YEAR 10	Jaeda Thornhill
YEAR 11	Audrey Smart
YEAR 12	Levi Dwyer

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE YEAR 12 ATAR

AWARD	NAME
ATAR of 98.65	Levi Dwyer
ATAR of 94.6	Susannah Green
ATAR of 93.6	Thomas Kruger
ATAR of 91.85	Ryan Farrar
ATAR of 91.75	Benjamin Mortellaro
VCAL Student of the Year	Charlie Trainor

EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT PERFORMANCE AWARD

YEAR	NAME
YEAR 7	Dienna Colonico
	Jack Muir
	William Morrow
YEAR 8	Amelia Wright
	Georgia Le Hunt
YEAR 9	Justin Truong
	Charlie Andrews
	Zac Wynd
YEAR 10	Joel Farrar
	Li Baxter
	Geremy Baxas
YEAR 11	Hamish Kerr
	Sebastian Brizuela
	Matthew Monaghan
YEAR 12	Richard Cao

LEARNING & TEACHING



BEV PETTIT

Director of Learning & Teaching

It has been a good year for learning and teaching at the College. The focus on high impact teaching strategies has seen an improvement in student engagement and academic performance. Teachers have focused on using formative assessment to inform their teaching programs.

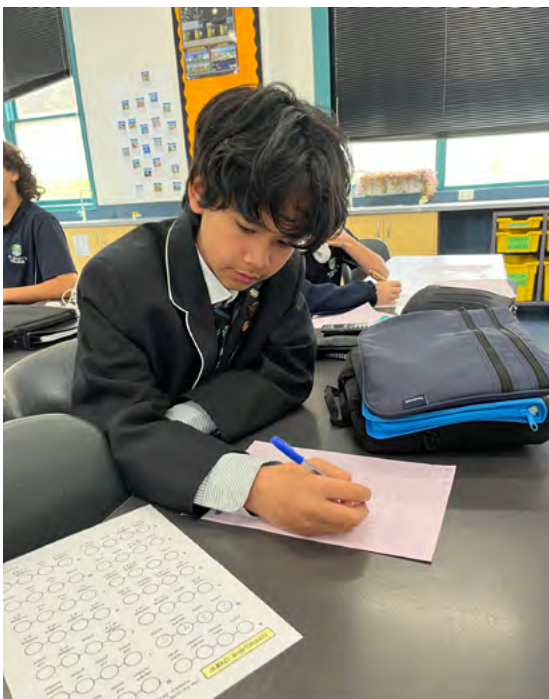
We undertook a major project to plan for students who need learning support to achieve at the same level as their peers. Together with the Learning Diversity department, we designed an Adjustment Planner that allowed teachers to intentionally plan for the diverse needs of our students. Our investigation of Mastery Learning teaching strategies has supported this endeavour.

We have been part of the disciplinary literacy project through MACS over the past two years. The project addresses the literacy demands of

the subjects offered at the College. Our focus was on the vocabulary used in the subjects. Our pilot project headed by Ms Peggy Blassis in Year 7 science showed a remarkable improvement in student understanding. She was supported by the project leader, Mr Sam Walden, and Ms Chris Sodastis. Strategies for explicitly teaching vocabulary skills were developed and other learning areas have planned to implement these next year.

We continued to focus on our strategies to improve our VCE results. Using data to track individual students progress enabled us to support them to achieve their very best.

Our team of dedicated teachers are to be congratulated for another successful academic year.



LEARNING





RUSSELL WYNNE

Learning Leader – English

ENGLISH

SENIOR ENGLISH REPORT

THE WINDS OF CHANGE BLEW THROUGH SENIOR ENGLISH THIS YEAR. THE STUDY DESIGN CHANGED IN UNITS 1 AND 2 AND THE TEXTS WERE REPLACED IN UNITS 3 AND 4.

In unit 1 and 2 (year 11), the new innovation was ‘crafting texts’ and ‘personal response to texts’. A new text was introduced, a film, “The Hate You Give” was studied and a personal response written. This meant that the students had to give a visceral personal response to the text. The plot, characters and themes all had to be written as they affected each individual student. This was handled well by the students although they had not encountered this style of writing previously. Crafting of texts was an innovative study design that allowed students to respond creatively to stimulus on a chosen theme. The theme this year was “Trapped”. Thanks to Miss Vandrine who drove this new study design and in consultation with other staff produced much good stimulus material to which the students responded in their writing. In 2024, the year 12 English study design will change to include many of these innovations, however, our students are ready for this.

In Units 3 and 4 (year 12) English the new texts had arrived as the older texts expired. We studied the American gothic horror novel, by the infamous Shirley Jackson, “We Have Always Lived in the Castle” in which the main protagonist is a teen-age girl rebelling against the dictates of American small-town society in the early 1960s. The other new text was Trevor Noah’s “Born a Crime” which details growing up in apartheid South Africa in the 1980s and nineties. This was a creative response and many of the students excelled at this type of writing. Overall this was a successful year in senior English as the students for the most part were eager and engaged with the new material.

LITERATURE REPORT YEARS 11 & 12

THIS YEAR THE WHOLE LITERATURE STUDY DESIGN CHANGED FOR UNITS 1-4.

In year 11 literature there was more emphasis on indigenous writing with a new unit entitled “Voices of Country”. We studied the poetry of Oodgeroo Noonuccal, the novel “Follow the Rabbit Proof Fence” by Doris Pilkington and some short stories from “Growing Up Aboriginal in Australia”. This led to some highly thoughtful work from the students some of whom may not have previously encountered aboriginal voices in literature. Another new unit in the literature course was ‘literary movements’ and we chose “Gothic Literature”. Our texts were “Frankenstein” by Mary Shelley and some gothic short stories including “The Lottery” by Shirley Jackson.

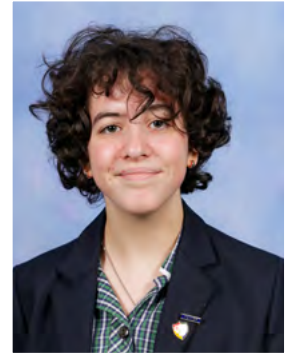
In year 12, there was much more focus on close analysis with each part of the course containing an element of a close reading. The new unit this year was ‘developing interpretations’ which included students analysing literary perspectives and significant passages from Joan Lindsay’s “Picnic at Hanging Rock”.

MORRIS WEST CREATIVE WRITING AWARDS 2022 WINNERS

Morris West was an Australian novelist and playwright, best known for his novels *The Devil's Advocate* and *The Shoes of the Fisherman* (Both were adapted into films). He wrote 27 novels and sold more than 60 million copies worldwide. He was born in St Kilda and attended CBC. He

worked as a teacher in NSW and Victoria and was Prime Minister's Billy Hughes' Secretary.

The winner of the Morris West competition 2023 is Year 10 student Helena Giglas. Please enjoy her original and thought-provoking piece below.



HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION



ELIZA-JANE STEWARD
Learning Leader – Health and Physical Education (HPE)

The resurgence of a second year of regular delivery of health theory, practical physical education, and invigorating swimming lessons prompted our HPE community to contemplate the essence of a truly inclusive HPE program. Gratitude is owed to the exceptional HPE staff at St. Mary’s College, whose dedication allowed us to offer a diverse and engaging range of opportunities throughout the year. Looking forward, we are steadfast in our commitment to building upon these opportunities as we step into the promising terrain of 2024.

Among the standout chapters in our curriculum for the year were the diving lessons at the renowned Melbourne Sport and Aquatics Centre (MSAC) for the Year 7s. Instructed by the proficient Diving Victoria, the students not only imbibed the nuances of diving but also, with growing confidence, took on the exhilarating challenge of leaping from the towering heights.

Equally remarkable were the exploits of our Year 8s, who ventured to Gymnastics Victoria in Prahran. Here, under the guidance of a skilled coach, they explored various apparatus in the gymnasium—a perfect complement to the

Gymnastics Unit they were actively participating in back at school.

A crowning jewel in our HPE programs this year was the immensely popular Fit For Life initiative. This program, with a keen focus on engaging in physical activities available within the local community, aspired to kindle a lifelong passion for physical activity among our students. The breadth of opportunities was astounding, with students experiencing everything from swimming and diving at MSAC to ice skating, tenpin bowling, lawn bowls, gymnastics, beach volleyball and stand-up paddleboarding!

In health lessons spanning Year 7 to Year 10, a comprehensive curriculum unfolded, empowering students to make healthy choices not only in nutrition but also in their approach to respect, sustainability, and community-minded values.

With eager anticipation, the HPE Team sets its sights on the promising horizon of 2024, brimming with enthusiasm to once again immerse St. Mary’s College students in a rich and diverse learning experience in Health and Physical Education.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION



DAVID JOYCE
Outdoor Education Convenor

2023 was another amazing year in the Outdoors for St Mary's Students. Our junior program continues to thrive and Year 7, 8 and 9 students excelled in achieving key aims of promoting teamwork, building relationships, and fostering resilience. It has also been pleasing to continue our emphasis on connecting students with the environment and incorporating learning about Australian Indigenous History & Culture, providing a holistic and enriching experience.

Our year 7 coastal camps in Term 1 are always a great way to start the year and welcome new students to the College. As students join the St Mary's community they are able to build new relationships and life long friendships while also developing teamwork and resilience. Students engaged in surfing and mountain bike riding, fostering a sense of camaraderie and mutual support.

As surf conditions can be fickle we're fortunate to have our own equipment so students can have up to three surfing sessions led by experienced instructors. Other students embrace mountain bike rides through coastal trails, building skills and promoting teamwork. All students visit the Great Otway National Park to learn about Parks Victoria, park management and local Indigenous History.



The Year 8 hiking and biking camp in Term 2 is centred around developing teamwork and resilience while students visit a sub alpine environment. We learn of the history of both the Gunaikurnai people and European settlement and post war subsistence programs in the region. As always, students love whiling away time on the banks of the Avon River, skimming rocks and swimming and always enjoy a relaxed night by the fire at the Blores Hill Camping Park after the thrill of an afternoon ride at the local Mountain Bike Park. This year saw a slight change for the final camp with camp site maintenance forcing us to camp by the Channels on the Avon. Students had to be creative to pitch tents on the rocky beach but were lucky to spend extra time in such a beautiful place.

Students often ask why we move from the fun of surfing in Year 7 to challenging hiking in Year 8. This scaffolded approach is truly geared to fostering lifelong recreation and exploration. It's always great for me to hear from alumni who build on their school experiences. A few recent examples range from one exploring cities of Europe on foot to another hiking into the Grand Canyon on a US road trip and even to one of our past students hiking 2200 miles of the Appalachian Trail in the Eastern United States! Walking is a great way to stay active and healthy and see the world!

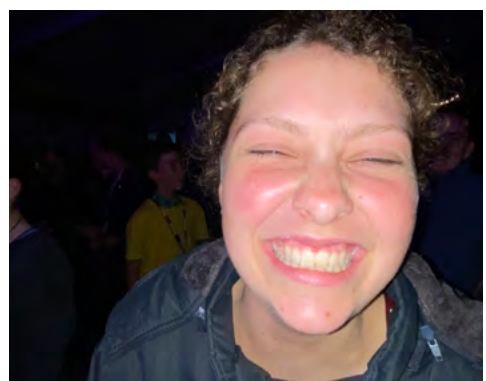
The Year 9 Mitchell River white water rafting camps in Term 3 continued to emphasise personal and social development while deepening the connection to the environment through a journey based experience. The year 9 cohort includes many students who are new to St Mary's and it was great to see them embrace the adventure and adapt to a new and unique experiential learning experience. All of the students extended their learning by planning

and cooking all of their own food, setting and packing camp each day and developing their independence.

As we travel down the Mitchell river we focus on the unique remnant rainforest of the region and spend time learning of the Gunaikurnai history of the area while visiting the Den of Nargun. A tool carving stone, cave markings and campfire smoke residue are remnants of thousands of years of life and history in the area.

Our Year 10 VET Outdoor Recreation Class had a fantastic year. Learning to be outdoor instructors and leaders their learning focussed on Workplace Safety and Camp Planning while developing skills in Surfing, Snorkelling, Navigation, Kayaking and Mountain Bike Riding. Two Camps and day trips provided a great opportunity to break up classroom learning and develop key skills and experience on the course. Tomasz Tamowicz led the class all year and finished all written assessment tasks in record time!

2023 also saw bumper sell out crowds on our St Mary's College Ski Trips and a record number of students take on the challenge of the Great Victorian Bike Ride at the end of the school year. It has been great to continue extending students in the post covid world and continue to re-engage them in both positive recreation and connecting to nature. Integrating lessons on Australian Indigenous history and emphasizing a connection to the environment has enriched overall experiences and positive outcomes demonstrate the success of the program in nurturing personal growth and holistic development among the students. The school looks forward to continuing this enriching tradition in the future.



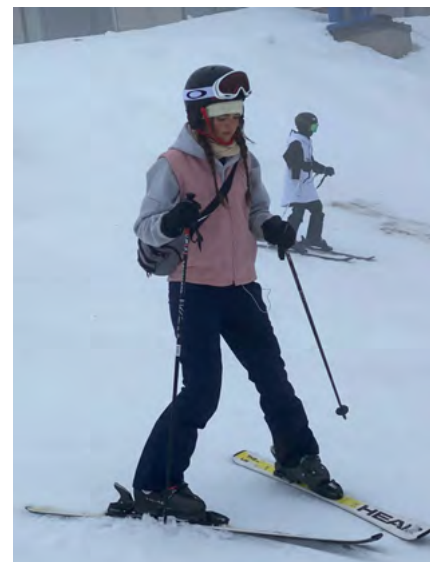


ST MARY'S COLLEGE SKI TRIPS

Just as Taylor Swift thought she had the hottest tickets in town the St Mary's College Ski Trip bookings opened. TryBooking was so inundated that it crashed 15 minutes in! The system reset and tickets were sold out 40 minutes later!

Forty Eight St Mary's College students were able to catch the end of Victoria's Snow Season over two ski weekends this year, including twenty three first timers. Each day kicks off with an early start for 8:30 lessons before an afternoon of free skiing on Mount Buller. The Year 12s on the first trip had thick fog but great snow on southern slopes with 'Wombat', 'Little Buller Spur' and 'Standard' providing great skiing. Advanced senior skiers were able to cap off the weekend with a run off the summit down 'Slalom Gully'. Younger students on the second trip were blessed with spectacular blue skies but the early onset of Spring saw diminishing snow. Great skiing was still to be had though as 'Family Run', 'Summit' and 'Howqua' delivered.

We must mention some highlights of the year as students young and old took to the slopes. It was great to have some experienced young skiers out including Charlie, Christian, Leroy and Charlie S. It was also fantastic to have a new group of Year 9 girls with Yesenia, Georgia and Jaya joining us. With some younger students on board I need to thank Yasmin, Nick and Gus for looking after them and Arthur for his extraordinary support of some first timers. And lastly a special mention to Dana who took to skiing an advanced black run on her second day of skiing- it was great to see her ice skating skills come to the fore and translate on to snow!





2023 GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE

Twenty One brave St Mary's students signed up for the Great Victorian Bike Ride this year. Six were back on after having a great time last year but for most this was a new and exciting experience. Training rides kicked off in term four as we rode along local paths and the beach, gradually building up to over 50km along beach road. But nothing could prepare us for the main event....

It rained the whole drive out to Orbost. Following a trailer malfunction (no key for the lock!!!) our students set up surrounded by hundreds of other school students from 13 schools. The 2023 GVBR would see nearly 900 students take part with over 3000 riders overall. On day 2 (the first ride day), as the convoy rolled out of Orbost and began the slow climb to Buchan, the rain began again. With wet clothing and gear students got creative and using bikes and tent ropes as clothes lines to reset for ride to Lakes Entrance. The second ride day saw glorious sun and spirits rise- an afternoon swim and fish & chips was a great way to cap off the day. Mr Paul headed home and Mr Joyce took the reins to lead the group for the rest of the week.

The third ride day across to Paynesville was clear but the clouds were building. With camp set we settled in. So did the rain. This would continue for the next five days and resilience was the only key to success. The fourth ride day saw strong rain and wind and the Victorian Police unit on the event made the safe decision to keep school students safe and off the road. Bicycle Network Victoria event organisers kicked into overdrive, sourcing busses and trucks to transport 2000 riders and bikes across to Sale while only the hardy mounted up for the 80km ride. We sat high and dry in the Football and Lawn Bowls club rooms before being bussed to Sale to set up camp and relax in the event marquee. A few students headed home to escape the weather but 17 carried on and settled in to take on the second half of the event.



LEARNING

Our rest day in Sale was a chance to catch a movie and hang out at the laundromat drying clothes! Though the rain continued the rest and reset helped to steel our resolve for the final days. We were now experts and keeping dry and warm. It was great to be back on the bike on day 7 as the ride rolled from Sale to Yarram. Our junior students were on the road first each day, followed by older groups departing camp a half hour later. Staff brought up the rear to guide students home. This was the peak of the week as riders took on 102km. The route was flat though and we were all in at camp in the early afternoon and enjoying the local sausage sizzle.

There were some nerves in Yarram as the incoming tide met high river levels and our day 8 route was blocked. Thankfully the tide dropped overnight and we were able to continue with the planned ride. Rain continued as riders climbed the southern slopes of the Strzelecki ranges before flying downhill to the lunch stop at Toora. The chill had set in by this stage and a hot snack provided by the local community was just the ticket to help riders knock off the final kilometres.

As we set up and settled in at the final camp in Fish Creek the rain finally eased and stopped. A sigh of relief spread over the riders and staff and was accompanied by a sense of accomplishment- we had survived days of rain and only had one more night and one day of riding left! As night fell the evening entertainment hit the stage. Tables were cleared as a band played classics for hours and the dancefloor heaved! The camp was full of joy and energy and no one wanted to go to bed as the football ground lights went out.

The final day was special- the sky was a new colour; blue and clear! Students got away early and a relatively flat route wound down to the coast at Inverloch before the final 20km to Wonthaggi. At the finish line we didn't know whether to shelter from the sun or bask in it. Seventeen of our students, 3 parents and a group of staff persisted to complete the 2023 GVBR. 500km of riding, persistent rain, camp ground fun, entertainment, a huge mix of healthy (and some extra unhealthy) food, resilience, persistence and fortitude all came together to cap off a Week in Another World. Our students have an extraordinary sense of achievement and there is already talk of signing on again!





LANGUAGES

The advantages of learning foreign languages are as compelling as ever. As the world becomes increasingly globalised, bilingualism is now perhaps one of the most useful real-world skills, rather than just being something handy when overseas. Becoming a polyglot is a possibility for every individual, all that is required is the right approach and mindset.

Seeing our students develop their language skills from Year 7 to 12 is extremely satisfying and it provides many of our students with the ability to use language effectively in a variety of situations.

Languages Week was, once again, a highlight of the year. Students from Years 7 to 12 participated in a variety of ways, with most students preparing some traditional Italian and Japanese dishes. Our Italian students prepared bruschetta, pizza, spaghetti ragu, rigatoni al pomodoro, nutella donuts and espresso.

Our Japanese students prepared okonomiyaki, a traditional savoury Japanese pancake, and obento, traditional Japanese lunchboxes. We also had a gelati truck visit the school and students got to play bocce and tombola (Italian bowls and bingo). A chopstick competition was also held. A wonderful week was had by everyone. Thanks to all the staff and students involved.

As we look ahead to 2024, we look forward to another great year of cultural experiences for our students.



MR ROSARIO GENOVESE
Learning Leader – Languages



MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is a journey through the world of numbers. This year, our teachers have worked to make this journey engaging and enlightening. We've seen our students conquer fractions, master algebraic concepts, and become proficient in statistical analysis.

The year has been filled with challenging problems and the growth of young minds. In anchor lessons students tackled problems with persistence and critical thinking. These skills are not only essential in mathematics, but are also valuable life lessons that will serve our students well in the future.

Our Learning Area has embraced innovative teaching methods to make mathematics more accessible and enjoyable. From interactive online platforms to hands on activities, we've sought to cater for different learning experiences to engage students in thinking about mathematics. Technology such as graphing calculators has allowed us to bring abstract concepts to life and make mathematics more relatable.

It is important to emphasize the importance of mathematical literacy. Each new unit of work has subject specific vocabulary to learn. In an increasingly data driven world, the ability to understand, interpret and analyse numerical information is an essential skill.

One of the most valuable lessons we aim to instil in our students is a growth mindset. Mathematics can be challenging, but it is through challenges that we grow. We've witnessed our students persevere through difficult problems, learn from their mistakes, and develop the resilience to tackle mathematical puzzles.

At the end of another school year, we express our gratitude to our students for their hard work and perseverance, to our parents for their support, and to our colleagues for their collaboration and dedication.

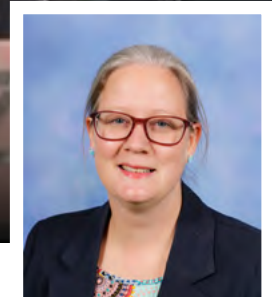


CATHRYN QUIGLEY
Learning Leader – Mathematics





■ MUSIC



LOUISA LAWLESS
Learning Leader – Music

“There is no complete spiritual life without music, for the human soul has regions which can be illuminated only by music”

Zoltan Kodaly

The Music department is bursting at the seams! Every recess and lunch the rooms are a cacophony of sound with ensemble rehearsals and students rehearsing and practicing. The energy and positivity are quite contagious. The lifelong friendships and inter year group peer mentorship’s occurring as a natural result of musical collaboration is a joy to behold.

Due to growing numbers, we welcomed 3 new instrumental teachers and Mrs Kristina Buckingham as Music administration 2 days a week.

MUSIC CURRICULUM

The music classroom has transformed this year. The introduction of keyboards and headphones installed at the peripheral of the classroom and new wall displays synonymous with the new VCE music study design, make for an engaging atmosphere. Teaching in the music room is focused on involving the students in a practical manner.

The year 7 instrumental program has been highly successful with more students than ever continuing their instrument at the end of the semester and joining the instrumental program. The other semester focussing on vocal, aural, analysis and keyboard skills.

Increased numbers of musicians mean increased numbers opting to take elective music. The performance focus in year 8 to 10 shifts to the student’s own instrument with the opportunity to perform solos and collaborative group work.



SCIENCE



PEGGY BLASSIS
Learning Leader – Science

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS 2023

This year has been an exciting and productive year for the Science Department at St Mary's College, marked by engaging excursions, enriching workshops, and innovative experiments that have deepened our students' passion for science.

YEAR 7 ZOO EXCURSION

Our Year 7 students embarked on an educational excursion to the zoo, where they had the opportunity to observe various animals and learn about biodiversity and conservation efforts. This hands-on experience allowed them to connect classroom lessons with real-world examples.

YEAR 12 BIOLOGY GENETICS WORKSHOP AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY

Year 12 Biology students participated in a Genetics Workshop at Melbourne University, delving into complex genetic concepts and gaining practical laboratory skills. This workshop provided them with insights into university-level studies and careers in genetics.

YEAR 12 BIOLOGY STEM WORKSHOP ON BIOTECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURE

In an online STEM workshop, our Year 12 Biology students explored the use of biotechnology in agriculture. They learned about cutting-edge technologies and their applications in improving crop yields and sustainability, broadening their understanding of modern agricultural practices.

YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY & BIOLOGY SCIENCE INVESTIGATIONS

Our Year 12 students undertook extensive science investigations in both Chemistry and Biology. These projects encouraged critical thinking and experimental skills, allowing students to design and conduct their own experiments, analyze data, and present their findings.

COLLABORATION WITH ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Marcia Rogerson, our dedicated lab technician, demonstrated various experiments to St Mary's Primary School students, utilizing our labs for a range of topics. This collaboration fostered an early interest in science among younger students and provided them with hands-on learning experiences.

EXPERIMENTS FOR YEARS 8, 9 & 10

Students in Years 8, 9, and 10 engaged in diverse and challenging experiments throughout the year. These activities not only extended their practical skills but also deepened their understanding of scientific concepts across various disciplines.

FAREWELL AND GRATITUDE

Finally, on behalf of the Science Department, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Whitlock and Mr. & Mrs. Rogerson, who are leaving our school.

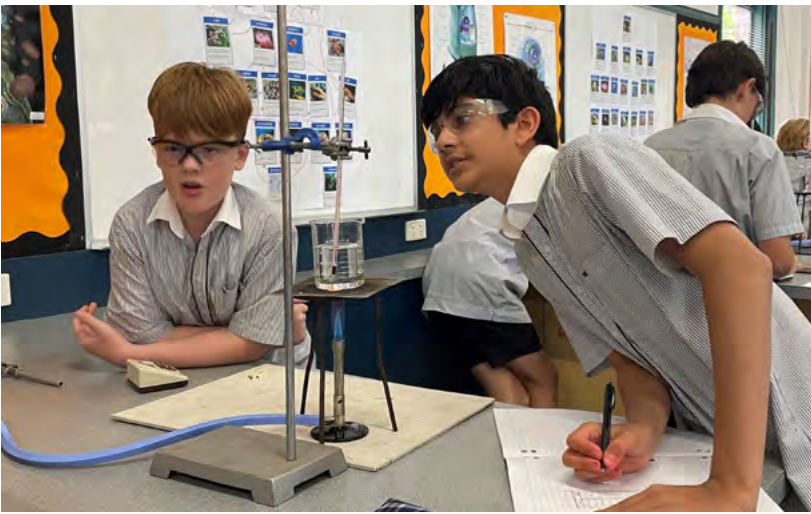
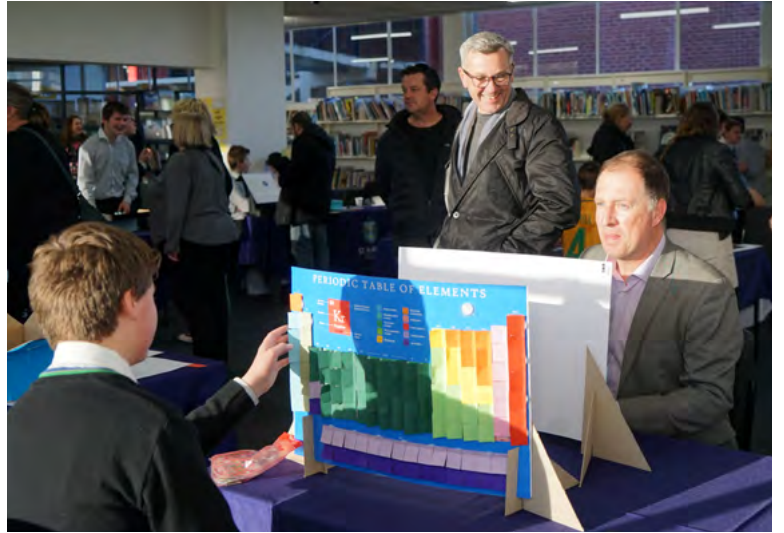
- Mr. Whitlock has taught at the school for over 15 years. His dedication to our department and his students has been unwavering, especially in the field of Chemistry, where he has always encouraged students to excel.
- Mrs. Rogerson, our Lab Manager for over 12 years, has been instrumental in providing innovative ideas and positive experiences in the laboratory. Her efforts have enriched our students' learning and fostered a deeper relationship with St Mary's Primary School.
- Mr. Rogerson has also been a valued member of our department. His enthusiasm for science has inspired many students to develop a love for the subject.

We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and thank them for their significant contributions to our school community.

This year has truly been a remarkable journey for the Science Department, and we look forward to continuing our mission of inspiring young minds in the years to come.



LEARNING



VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

2023 was another highly productive year in VAPA for St Mary's College students. Students across all year levels had the opportunity to explore their creativity and to develop skills in Art, Visual Communication Design and Media.

Guided by Ms Lopez, Year 7 Art students were introduced to the elements and principles of Art and applied these in the creation of a mixed media poster. Students experimented with a range of mediums and developed their skills in observational drawing through sketching the human hand. Contour drawing with an emphasis on; line, tone and capturing form were key aspects of the task as students explored monochromatic and achromatic compositions in their work.

Year 8 students further developed their drawing and mark making techniques through an exploration of the natural landscape. Colour, tonal variation and brushwork allowed students to explore shape, form, space and perspective in their work. At Year 10 level students continued to develop Art analysis skills through a study of the Still Life painting techniques of the artist Wayne Thiebaud. Students then completed a number of studies related to colour and painting technique prior to producing an acrylic painting of a cake on canvas. As students progress into Year 11, it is highly evident that through their junior years they have built up the necessary techniques and knowledge that allow them to have the confidence to be more independent with their Art Making.

2023 saw the introduction of the new Art Making and Exhibiting study design for VCE students. Year 11 students researched art movements and completed studies related to Impressionism, Surrealism and Cubism. One highlight of our year was our excursion to Ripponlea Estate where students completed plein-air painting. Another opportunity to look beyond the classroom for inspiration was our excursion to Federation Square where we viewed the Melbourne Now Exhibition and students engaged with the contemporary practice of Melbourne artists. Throughout the year students explored various themes of personal interest including Architecture and the urban environment, personal observations, nostalgia, travel and street art. A range of art forms were trialled as students experimented with mixed media, painting, drawing with inks and pastels and print making techniques.

In Year 12 Art Making and Exhibiting, there was an emphasis on curating and conservation. Students visited the China – The Past is Present exhibition and Top Arts to gain inspiration and to understand how an exhibition is constructed. Through their own artmaking students explored a broad range of themes including; memory, stages of grief, nostalgia, abstraction, the Australian outback and concepts of beauty. These were interpreted through model making, mixed media montages, acrylic painting on canvas and ink and charcoal drawings. All work was rigorously explored and documented to develop meaning, through the use of a Visual Arts Journal. Pleasingly there was a high level of support for each other amongst the cohort and it was evident that they developed strong bonds through the shared experience of art making.

In 2023 we welcomed Xavier Lawlor to the College who took on both the Media and Visual Design subject areas. Xavier quickly developed a strong rapport with students. His knowledge of film, camera technique and curriculum were an asset to the students. At junior level Xavier guided students through the subject Visual Design which enabled them to develop introductory skills in both Visual Communication Design and in Media. Hand drawing and digital design techniques were emphasised at Year 8 level as students experimented with creating a logo, bumper sticker and flag designs. These design tasks helped them to develop their technical skills and understanding of composition through the application of design elements and principles.

At Year 9 students created a film poster that further enabled them to develop their communication design skills. Students developed their 2D and 3D drawing skills, using both manual techniques and digital programs such as Adobe Illustrator. At Year 10 students continued to refine their 2D and 3D drawing skills as they followed a design brief to present a range of tasks relating to a fast-food client brief.

In VCE Media Xavier introduced students to the study of narrative and developments in the modern media landscape. Students were able to explore their creativity and



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Learning Leader – VAPA

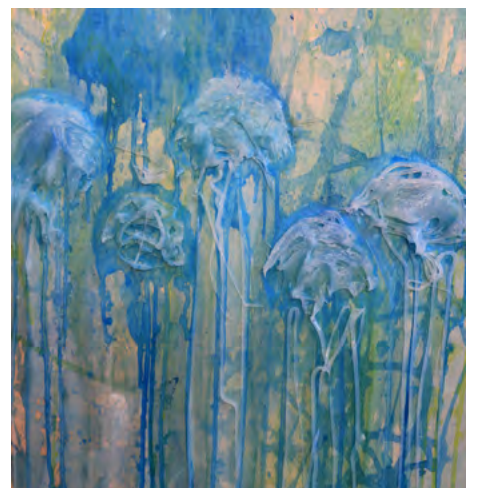
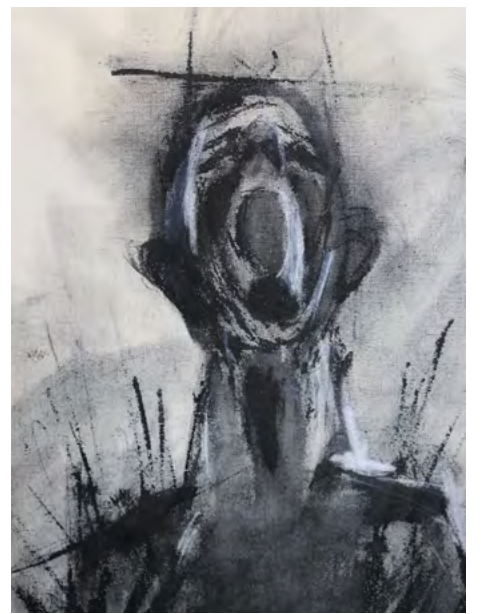
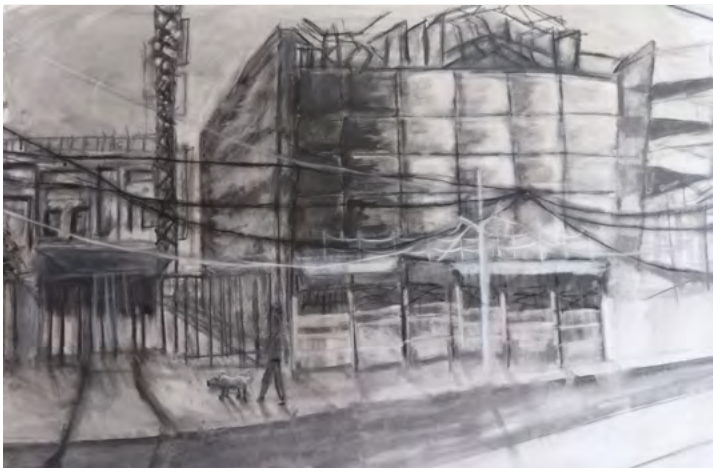
refine their skills at using media technologies and processes through developing and documenting a short film production. Sadly, Xavier will be leaving the College at the end of this year and all the VAPA staff would like to thank him for his contribution.

Highlights throughout the Year included the Art Show in Logue Hall. It was pleasing to see the support of students and parents in our community. Daniela Scaramuzzino from Ecklersley's Art and Craft, commented on both the quality and variety of the work. In her role as an art specialist, Daniela visits many public and private school art shows and has a strong understanding of the work other schools are producing. One thing we can be certain and proud of is that our students are exploring diverse themes and ideas through their art making.

Personally, I'd like to thank all of the Art and Design staff in VAPA for their collegiality and effort throughout the year. I'd like to particularly thank our artist in residence Cameron Hayes for his wonderful contribution the VAPA department. Cameron assists students with both concepts and techniques and brings a positive enthusiasm to Art classes. His contribution goes beyond the classroom and his passion for art and helping others is always evident. Cameron is a highly regarded professional artist and his generosity in sharing his knowledge of process and techniques with the students is warmly welcomed.

As we move in to 2024, we look forward to further building the creative culture in our college, developing Art, Design and Media (Photography /film) clubs where interested students can continue to pursue and develop their art making and other creative interests. We also aim to focus on planning curriculum and resources that engage students, build skills and enables students to find their passion in one or more of the creative streams of Art, Media or Visual Communication Design. We will endeavour to give students experience in the broader community through excursions, engage with our community, and continue to work collaboratively and closely with our colleagues Louis Lawless and Brendan Tollit in the Music and Drama areas of VAPA.









FOOD TECHNOLOGY





DRAMA

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

There's a spark in my dull week, when nothing is new and I have that same deteriorating math question sitting on my page. Drama is that spark. I would use the word "love" when I explain my weekly classes but I don't think that shows just how much coming into a class room can give someone so much joy. I adore all the fun games we play while one person is running around the room and another is sitting down speaking in a ridiculously funny accent. Drama gives us loads of opportunities and made our whole class fall I love with the subject.

ANNIE GRAFFEO, YEAR 7

Out of every subject in this school, drama has been my most favourite one. Drama gives students at this school a variety of exciting work and activities such as games, live acting and writing scripts. Drama can help people choose their career later on in life such as an actor, a director or a screenwriter. The thing I like most about drama is coming up with ideas for a performance whenever we have an assessment relating to such thing. Whatever the scenario, whatever the theme, I can always think of something that goes with the flow. My favourite game in this class is Press conference. Someone gets sent out while the rest of the class decides what they've done. When the person comes back in, they have to try and figure out what they've done through the questions they're asked. I've had an amazing time in drama and 100% recommend it to everyone.

WILL DOUGLAS, YEAR 9

Drama has always been a "go-to" subject for me. I've always found it to be an amazing outlet for everything, as is the same with other subjects where I can use creativity as a voice. Drama, however, has that certain charm – that sense of belonging and comfort that many don't often get when performing. When I first went into drama here, I expected it to be the same old course I'd experienced everywhere else, but this time it was

different. I was encouraged and supported to push my boundaries and try different aspects of the subject that I hadn't tried before, and I left the subject at the end of semester 1 feeling nothing but excitement for when I could do drama next.

THOMAS LAUDER, YEAR 10

This year was huge for the drama community at St Mary's. Since the musical, back in term 3, it's been an upward trajectory into the big leagues. I'd say my favourite thing in drama was the musical. I love the feeling of Adrenaline walking onto the stage when it's a full house. Drama is so vital in expressing a young person's emotions and skills, from doing games in class with your friends to performing on a huge stage to 600 people. The people here are some of the most beautiful people I've ever met, and I'm grateful to even have had a chance at being apart of this.

LILA CHAREWICZ, YEAR 8

As a new student to drama, I initially found the subject quite daunting and scary, however, after a few classes it began to set in and once I let myself enjoy it and get involved I found myself having an incredible time. Drama has helped myself and other students to become more confident in our ability to socialise with people with new interests and enjoy it. I believe drama is important as it encourages students to try something new and gain some confidence while doing so. I very much enjoyed games such as Werewolf and Perfect Match, games that forced you to get immersed and enjoy yourself. Drama acted as the break I often needed from the academics of school and ultimately helped me to really enjoy many days at school.

TOM STEDMAN, YEAR 11

Drama this year was probably my favourite class. Drama allows for a great sense of self expression and exploration that no other subject at our school provides, it's a good mix of actually learning and having fun and

playing games which in the end directs into the skills you need to learn, a win-win for the students and for Mr. Tollit.

Games like werewolf and press conference had a great impact teaching skills such as improvisation and creative thinking. In the end all the work and knowledge throughout the year seamlessly showed up in our final exam which honestly was a lot more fun then any work from any other class, despite its stakes. Overall not a single part of the course was boring or unenjoyable, easily the best thing I've done at St Mary's.

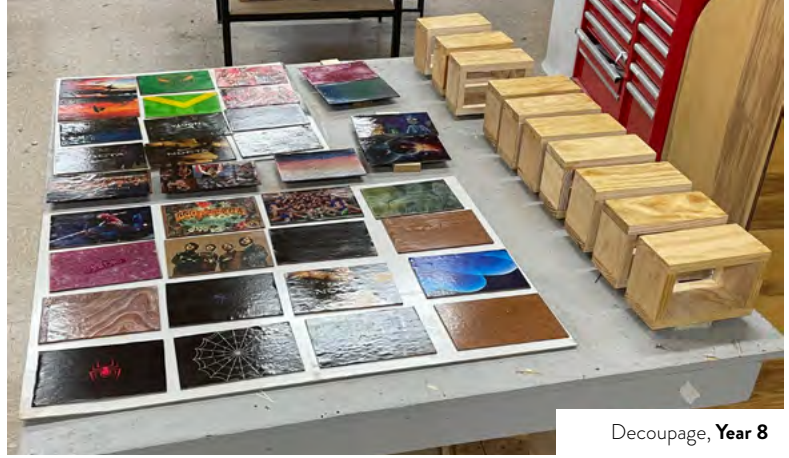
CILLIAN GALLAGHER, YEAR 11



BRENDAN TOLLIT
Learning Leader Drama



PRODUCT DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



Decoupage, Year 8



MICHAEL PYE

Design and Technology teacher

The Design and Technology department has enjoyed a year of growth in 2023. Increased elective selections in junior years meant that experienced St Mary's D&T teachers, Kevin Wantrych and Kate Johnson picked up classes in the department.

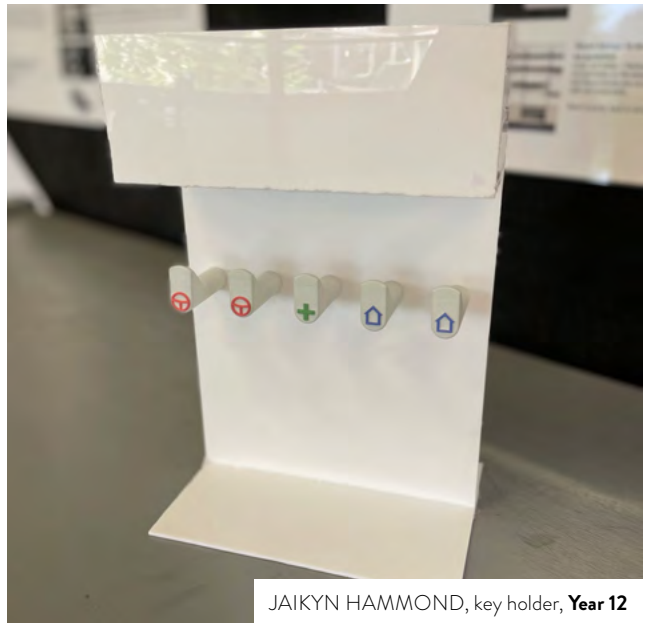
Furthermore, the college has continued to invest in equipment to keep up with the changing nature of manufacturing. A new 3D printer was introduced to classes in Term 4 and an order for a Laser cutter was placed, to be operational in time for the 2024 academic year.

The Year 12 Product design classes were combined in 2023 with Textiles students and Product design students studying together. This was introduced in response to VCAA changes to curriculum encouraging a similar product design approach to be taken by students in both classes. The students worked well together, particularly due to the care and efforts of Ms. Avril Martinelli.

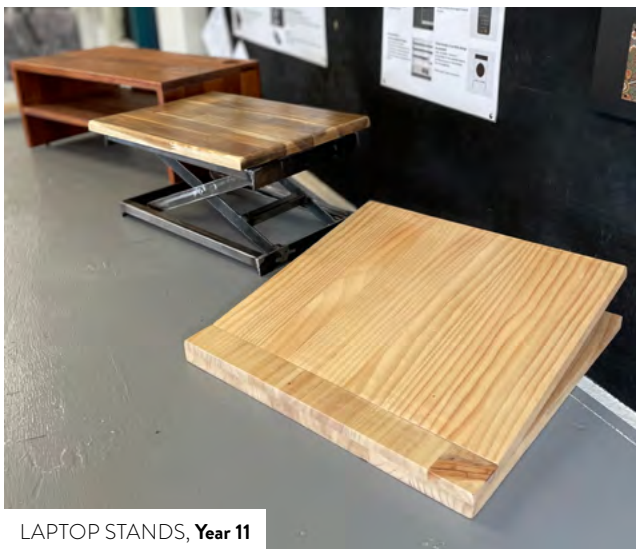
The 2024 year will see students focus more on new technologies and understanding the theory behind product design. The new curriculum emphasises the importance of seeking out genuine design problems and students will be given the skills to do just that.



Bluetooth speakers Year 8



JAIKYN HAMMOND, key holder, Year 12



LAPTOP STANDS, Year 11



NOAH GREASLEY, shoe rack, Year 12

LEARNING

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

With an ever-growing interest in applied learning the first year of the new Vocational Major VCE pathway was an outstanding success. Having developed from the previous VCAL program, our students in the VM VCE course have demonstrated exceptional growth both personally as well as by contributing to the school community more broadly. Our large year 12 cohort group undertook some amazing opportunities both at school as well as through their work placement and VET providers and our year 11 group ended the year strongly. The year 11 Students were able to reflect on their school community and gave back to those that have been a help to them through this journey

completing projects which demonstrated their gratitude. Students had several days out in the community through our Enrichment Days and were able to focus and meet the more rigorous academic requirements of the restructured VM certificate course. There was an increased focus on developing this course for all students to be involved, we have had more girls than we have had previously and have become school leaders in developing work ethic, school culture, pride and inclusivity. Students have taken ownership of their space and classroom environments and understood how to become a functional team in line with what a future work force pathway would require of them.



GRANT GODBOLD
VM Coordinator





LEARNING DIVERSITY

“All children deserve the best possible education; education that provides opportunities for children of all abilities to reach their potential.”
nccd.edu.au

This statement from the NCCD portal sums up the role of Learning Diversity at St Mary’s College. We provide programs for students who require extra assistance to access their learning. We help teachers differentiate their lessons and class tasks, so that all students can achieve success, regardless of their level of ability. We also liaise with families to learn about the individual needs of students who experience difficulties with their learning for a wide range of reasons.

This year, a major focus of our work has been the implementation of adjustment planners. These are created for students who are supported Learning Diversity. Teachers record adjustments they will put in place for students dependent upon their individual learning profile. They are regularly reviewed to reflect changes required, according to each student’s progress in specific subject areas. The planners are informed by, and in turn

inform, the development of Personal Learning Plans (PLPs). PLPs are created in consultation with families and students as part of our ongoing partnership in which we work together in the best interests of the child.

None of this work can be done without the dedicated efforts of the Learning Diversity Team. Our Learning Support Officers and Learning Diversity Teachers work tirelessly to ensure each student in their care feels known, understood, and listened to. Whether it be in general classroom support, Guided and Supervised Study lessons, lunchtime tutoring sessions, or in Special Provisions assessment settings, these staff are committed to providing positive learning experiences for the students in their care. The Learning Diversity Team have a passion for their work and find no greater reward than helping students engage in learning and reach their potential, whatever that may mean for each individual.

Thanks to all who have worked tirelessly throughout the year to make a difference for our students: parents, teachers, and support staff. Congratulations to the students for persevering and striving for success.



CHRIS SODAITIS
 Learning Diversity Leader





LIBRARY

As 2023 draws to a close, it's time to reflect on the incredible journey we've had in our school libraries. From captivating reading programs to vibrant Book Week celebrations, our library has been a hub of excitement, learning, and literary exploration.

The heartbeat of our library lies in the pages of the countless books that line its shelves. Our year 7 and 8's continued with the reading program, that's aimed to foster a deep love for reading by discovering new worlds and expanding their literary horizons. From fantasy to historical sagas, the program has encouraged students to step outside their comfort zones and explore the rich diversity of literature.



RACHEL MONTALTO
Head of Libraries

BCCA's Book Week was a whirlwind of excitement and creativity that swept through our school. The theme for this year's annual celebration was Read, Grow, and Inspire.

We had a 'dress up day' on Monday, with students and staff alike, dressing up in their favourite book character costumes.

We had the inspirational tree decorated throughout the week with students placing their leaves, detailing information about inspirational characters from a book, on the tree. We had daily quizzes, and a seed planting session.

An author visit from Robert Newton added an extra layer of inspiration, as students had the opportunity to interact with Robert, whose words fuelled their imaginations. Discussions allowed students to delve deeper into the creative process, fostering a deeper appreciation for the art of storytelling.

Beyond the structured programs and events, our library was a constant hive of activity throughout the year. From the Manga book club, the chess games, and of course the jigsaw puzzles, the library provided a dynamic space for growth and social interaction.

The continued use of e-platform, the digital library platform ensured that students had access to a wide range of resources, allowing them to explore e-books, audiobooks, and educational materials at their convenience. This innovative approach to library services embraces the evolving landscape of education and empower students with the tools they need for success.

As we bid farewell to another academic year, the echoes of laughter, the rustle of turning pages, and the vibrant energy of our library linger in our memories. It has been a year of exploration, growth, and celebration.

In the pages of books, we find not only knowledge but also the power to imagine, dream, and create. Here's to a year of literary adventures, and to the countless stories yet to be discovered in the chapters that lie ahead.

LEARNING

COLLEGE PRODUCTION

St Mary's first all school production, 'The Wizard of Oz' has been highly acclaimed by both members of staff and audiences. It was regarded as a huge success! However, the journey from acquiring the rights and then rehearsing and implementing all necessary aspects was a journey in its own right. From the start most of the cast, some for whom it was their first musical, had to sacrifice quite a significant amount of their own time to commit to learning their lines and refining choreography. The effort that was poured in by the cast, orchestra and support staff was commendable to say the least and so many individuals went out of their way that we cannot honour them all.

I'd be lying if I said that the entire experience was a walk in the park as all major, live performances have their challenges. At times many of the cast felt overwhelmed. There were moments when the challenges started to get into our heads, however, what surprised me the most was that we were all able to get on with it and adapt well enough to put on a powerful performance.

In a way, similar to how Dorothy went on a journey along the yellow brick road to only discover that she had the power to return to Kansas the whole time, many of the cast discovered that they were capable of much more than when they first auditioned.

Now that the first chapter of St Mary's College's performing arts community has been closed, I look forward to seeing what else the future can bring to our eager groups of actors and performers.

ALEXANDER DE JONG, Drama Co-Captain, **Year 12**





EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC

The year began with a flurry of rehearsals and activity with the symphonic band, choir and newly formed drum line proud to represent St Mary's College at Caulfield RSL once again.

Our new acting Principal, Mr Lee, energised our group with his presence at 6am along with Mr Lancashire.

The groups then performed again as part of the College ANZAC service. The drum line made a spectacular impression on their first outings.

With the announcement of the College musical 'the Wizard of Oz', Music Camp expanded to welcome Mr Tollit, cast and vocalists working to start putting the show together. 3 days of intensive rehearsals for Symphonic band, big band, rock bands, show cast and chorus. The highlight though, must always be karaoke night.

Members of the Symphonic band attended the ACC concert band day. Students sat in an enormous, combined band with 10 other schools and played 5 new pieces of repertoire.

Most of our ensembles performed at the VAPA Showcase. The rock bands in particular, created quite the atmosphere. This event gets bigger and better each year. 2023 saw the return of Battle of the Bands, hosted here at St Marys College. We had 13 College's from across Melbourne compete for the trophy. Our very own Mr Rooke, guitar teacher extraordinaire and Mr Keser, drum superstar, lead workshops and inspire greatness in rock. We didn't take the trophy home this year but watch this space for next year.

AMEB exams (Australian Music Examination Board) For the first time in its history, St Mary's College is now registered with the AMEB to directly submit our students having lessons at school to take instrumental and vocal exams. This semester, all our entrants received a grade B or above. We are very proud of all our students for their efforts and commitment.

We had our inaugural recital evenings in terms 1 and 2 and look to extend these to term 3 and 4 next year. This is an opportunity for all students learning an instrument to perform either a solo or a small ensemble piece for parents and friends in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. We will have to consider moving to Logue hall as the Music room was fit to burst with audience members this year. This is also an opportunity for our VCE music students to perform in front of an audience for their assessments.

The College Big Band continues to delight with performances including the St Mary's Primary School Fete and the year 12 leavers assembly, featuring Mitchell Hoskin singing 'Sway' and joined by Maddy Gournas for Uptown Funk. We said goodbye to our outgoing music captains Nellie-May Roberts and John Arhontis.

The school holds assemblies and Masses throughout the year. Depending on the occasion, the Symphonic band, lead singers and soloists perform and lead the congregation. Students Inouk Majcen (Cello), Imogen Fancourt, Brandon Sun, Nick Aiton, (Piano) and Jude Pitchforth (Acoustic Guitar) have all performed beautifully throughout the year.

Individual lessons are offered on piano, voice, strings, woodwind, brass, percussion/drums by our wonderful instrumental and vocal teachers from Monday to Friday. With nearly 30% of the College population involved in music, there is a continuous buzz of sound and movement around the department.

The rock bands are 'let loose' in the last week of term to rock out and go wild for an outdoor performance. If you don't attend, you get to hear it from wherever you are! These students are super passionate and a great time was had by all.



LOUISA LAWLESS
Learning Leader Music

Our final commitment of the year is the St Mary's College Carols. The band has improved so much over the year and performed alongside lead singers in a festive and joyous atmosphere. The evening also featured the String Ensemble playing Silent Night.

A huge vote of thanks must as always go to the parents, staff and friends who support the students and the Music department. As we travel onwards and upwards, we know this is only made possible by those supporters and the passion and joy the Music staff and students have for the Arts.





YEAR 7 & 8 ROCK BAND

L-R:

Noah Philippe, Liam Retallick, Atticus Patterson, Christian Cowan



YEAR 9 ROCK BAND

L-R:

Angus Norton, Jake Lehpamer, Ted McMahon, Louis Vasilevski



YEAR 10 ROCK BAND

L-R:

Nicholas Cook, Nicholas Spijker, Colby Bryan, Jake Lehpamer



STRINGS

L-R:

Sophie Hoad, Inouk Majcen, Cameron Hoad



ACC SYMPHONIC BAND

ROW 3:

Nathan Nguyen, John Arhontis, Raj Johnston, Asher Barton, Thomas Cusack, Jack Prentice-Evans, Curtis Leech, Nicholas Aiton, Geremy Baxas, Adam Tran

ROW 2:

Louisa Lawless, Charlie Rayson, Alexandar Grivicic, Shane Park, Jerome Linnell, Matthew Dellas, Lachlan Cameron, Atticus Patterson, Oscar Fantini, Zac Holland

FIRST ROW:

Vinh Nguyen, Athena Kalloniatis, Aidan Brennan, Georgia Le Hunt, Inouk Majcen, Sophie Hoad, Cameron Hoad, Marcus Kruger, Harrison Clelland, Thomas Taylor



BIG BAND

ROW 3:

Mitchell Hoskin, Jake Lehpamer, Thomas Cusack, Jude Pitchforth, Asher Barton, Jack Prentice-Evans, John Arhontis

ROW 2:

Louisa Lawless, Jerome Linnell, Nicholas Aiton, Adam Tran, Geremy Baxas, Alexandar Grivicic, Marcus Kruger

FIRST ROW:

Brandon Sun, Madeline Gournas, Shane Park, Lachlan Cameron, Charlie Rayson, Imogen Fancourt



BRASS ENSEMBLE

ROW 2:
Nicholas Aiton, John Arhontis, Thomas Cusack,
Alexandar Grivicic
FIRST ROW:
Geremy Baxas, Nathan Nguyen, Aidan Brennan



DRUM LINE

L-R:
Matthew Dellas, Vinh Nguyen, Jake Lehpamer,
Lila Charewicz, Lachlan Cameron



MUSIC ENSEMBLE

ROW 4:
Adam Tran, Zoe Taylor, Noah Douglas, Alexander De Jong,
Mitchell Hoskin, Thomas Cusack, Asher Barton, Jack
Prentice-Evans, Thomas Lauder, Curtis Leech, Addy Taylor,
Tomasz Tamowicz, Marcus Kruger
ROW 3:
Nellie-May Roberts, Imogen Fancourt, Alexandar
Grivicic, Lachlan Cameron, Bayley Penna, Jerome
Linnell, Nicholas Aiton, Geremy Baxas, Matthew Dellas,
Madeline Gournas, Jack Muir, Liam Craig
ROW 2:
Louisa Lawless, Elliot Brenner, Alison Rae, Zoe Kajim-
McCook, Maxwell Pucci, Liam Retallick, Brandon Sun, Oliver
Douglas, Charity Nzenza, Sophie Hoad, Lila Charewicz,
Brendan Tollit
FIRST ROW:
Jomel Irvin, Ramos Olivia, Adam Louis Norton, Abigail
Scroggie, Inouk Majcen, Georgia Le Hunt, Tristan Fernando,
Maksymilian Kaplon, Tabitha Catalan, Grace Anketell



DEAN BIRD
Director of Sport

SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS

St. Mary's College continues its tradition of wholehearted participation in sports, proudly entering the complete fixture for both ACC and CGSAV.

Throughout the year, St. Mary's College experienced a series of notable successes in various sporting disciplines. In Term 1, our students excelled in ACC Triathlon, Athletics, and Swimming. Term 2 witnessed our ACC junior and senior football teams making it to the semi-finals, while our senior soccer team secured the Division 2 soccer championship against De La Salle.

The early days of Term 3 were marked by our girls' triumph in the AFL competition and their admirable journey to the Netball grand final, although victory eluded them in the final minutes of play. A

special mention goes to Ged Gibney, who secured the 3rd position in his age group during the ACC Cross Country event. This term also saw our Year 7 table tennis team making it to the grand final, despite facing a heart-wrenching loss to Parade.

As Term 4 rolled around, our senior girls clinched the CGSAV Softball tournament. Our Junior Cricket, Volleyball, and Tennis teams all advanced to the semi-finals, with their outcomes yet to be decided as of this report.

The year has been nothing short of eventful for our students, and we couldn't be prouder of their remarkable performances and achievements. As we look ahead to the next year, we eagerly anticipate witnessing our students in action once again.

AEROBICS



CGSAV AEROBICS

ROW 2:
Athena Kalloniatis, Maddy Gournas, Grace Kingston, Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper, Alison Rae, Tyra Williams

FIRST ROW:
Amelia Mennie-Carter, Charlotte Richards, Dana Gionfriddo, Annie Graffeo, Audrey Guevarra

ABSENT:
Yesenia Khmelnsky, Amelia Pipke, Abigail Scroggie, Eliza Smith



SENIOR FOOTY

MR ALEX LUSCOMBE, Coach

2023 was always going to be a season of adventure for the senior footy team. In 2021, when this team was last together, they came within a goal of a premiership. A large turnover of the squad meant that new players were given opportunities.

There were great wins throughout the season against Mazenod and Emmanuel. We saved our best effort for a great team victory against the much-fancied Salesian in blustery conditions at Elwood.

Our biggest challenge presented against the might of De La Salle, our local rival, who have always had a very strong football program. On two occasions, they were just too strong for us, and in the end they put a stop to our season in the first semi-final on their home deck at Chadstone.

The team was led superbly all year by skipper Wil Baker. Wil has always put the school team ahead of his own individual glories. He was the clear choice to lead this team in 2023.

Our Year 12 boys also led from the front, particularly Harley Schuurmans, Jack Kilgour and Ayden McCaroll.

Some players in the squad who developed significantly in the last 12 months included Kane Sexton, Hugo Speldewinde and Lachlan Clegg. These boys played a big part in the improvement of the team as the season progressed.

I'd like to thank all players involved in the team for a really enjoyable season. A number of them will go on to have really strong senior careers and I look forward to hearing about their journey.





JUNIOR FOOTY

MICHAEL PYE, Junior Footy Manager

The Year 7 & 8 combined Junior Footy team were an extremely passionate bunch of players in 2023. Right from the get-go, the 55 students who tried out to play gave their all to make the team and do St Mary's proud. The seven game season was extended by one week due to the group's strong efforts to qualify for finals. The team eventually bowed out to a talented Emmanuel side who went on to win the Division 2 competition.

The boys appreciated the expertise and commitment of their coach Spencer Harper who showed much care for all players. The 2023 Junior Footy efforts bode well for the players moving into Intermediate Footy and for those who will lead the Junior team in 2024.



GIRLS FOOTY

MR JUSTIN PAUL, Girls Football Coach

On a beautiful, but cold winter's day, the St Mary's girls travelled to Royal Park to compete in the CGSAV Football Competition.

We entered a Senior Team, consisting of 28 girls from Year 11 and Year 12 and an Intermediate Team, consisting of 31 girls from Year 7 to Year 10.

It turned out to be a fantastic day for St Marys with both teams winning the Premiership!

I was very impressed with the effort and school spirit that the St Mary's girls displayed throughout the day. The leadership, commitment and enthusiasm that our girls showed was outstanding and it was just rewards for all of our girls to be awarded the Premiership at the end of the day. I look forward to again coaching most of these girls next year.



CO-CURRICULAR



ACC JUNIOR FOOTBALL

ROW 4:
Jett Lowe, Spencer Mackay, Finn McNamara, Samson Daley, Laughlan Gumley, Samuel Stoddart, Josiah Taufale-Slade, Noah Chapple, William De La Mere, Hunter Daley

ROW 3:
Jack Curran, Finn Kirkwood, Harrison Clelland, Jarvis Russell, Harley Roach, Ashton Heriot, Ryder Poupard, Alexander Dalby, Maverick Yin, Atticus Patterson

ROW 2:
Michael Lynch, James Vartuli, Zac Holland, Mick McMahon, James Kemp, David Wilson, Jack Ibrahim, Isaac Reed, Leroy Waghorne

FIRST ROW:
Mitchell Slattery, Rupert Sianos, Harley Corke, Jethro Berridge

ABSENT:
Olivia Adam, Ryker Bond, Kingston Caguioa, Cruz Carter, Eamon Dunne, Jack Ibrahim, Zac Juegan, William McGirr, Jack Muir, Harrison Mullender, Charlie Nolan, Louis Norton, Liam Retallick, Ojiro Sato, Nicholas Skordakis, Brandon Sun



ACC INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL

ROW 3:
William Scothern, Finn Davis, Cohen Bentley, Josh Fraser, Luca Mathieson, Joe Charlesworth

ROW 2:
Jagger Serafin, Ged Gibney, Hugh McMahon, Jude Fitzgerald, Damon Bennett, Sebastien Valmorbidia, Noah Kirkwood

FIRST ROW:
Gilbert Maclatchy, Jagger Serafin, Elijah Jess, Will Stone, Jasper Corke, Jude Kolinac

ABSENT:
Jay Dullard, Christopher Kemp, Maximus Piritidis, Cayden Pyster, Jasper Waghorne, Billy Wigmore



ACC SENIOR FOOTBALL

ROW 2:
Hugo Speldewinde, Rook Barry, Josh Kingston, Ayden McCarroll, Kane Sexton, Charlie Banks, Jack Kilgour

FIRST ROW:
Tom McMahon, Thomas Seeliger, Will Vasilevski, Mannie Collins, Leroy Pach, Wil Baker, Lachlan Clegg

ABSENT:
Harvey Bigham, Taine Bolger, Alexander Clara, Samuel Haddad, Benjamin Mitchell, Harley Schuurmans, Indi Serafin, Daniel Snell, Max Wigmore



CGSAV FOOTBALL

ROW 3:
Matilda Phyland, Charlotte Leroi, Kara Villella, Addy Taylor, Destiny Kuek, Yasmin O'Keeffe, Jaeda Thornhill, Willow Porter, Sabrina Lehpamer

ROW 2:
Alison Rae, Maddy Gournas, Leah Biddle-Henwood, Brigitte Jackson, Steffie Kalyvas, Mackenzie Prentice-Evans, Janella Manalo, Dakira Nguyen, Sarah Scully

FIRST ROW:
Charli Potts, Emmalia George, Kate Zidarich, Clementine Hobbs, Eliza Smith, Dana Gionfriddo, Charlotte Richards, Agatha Mathieson

ABSENT:
Olivia Adam, Ivy Banks, Tabitha Catalan, Tara Cotter, Alexandra Dimiropoulos, Sophia Dinnadge, Mietta Dooley, Ruby Fitzgerald, Lilyana Follosio, Sophie Hoad, Maya Jess, Stella Juegan, Athena Kalloniatis, Yesenia Khmelnitsky, Isabella Korolik, Madeleine Leroi, Jasmine Link, Madison Lord, Eva O'Keeffe, Monique Panozzo, Angelique Paruit, Amelia Pipke, Lisa Schmid, Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper, Maya Taifernopoulos, Jasmine Terceiro, Ava Vlahos, Lydia Voumouris, Rose Williams, Amelia Wright





CO-CURRICULAR

ATHLETICS

FINN DAVIS & GED GIBNEY STAR AT ACC ATHLETICS 2023

COACH KAUFMAN

On Thursday 23rd February at Lakeside Stadium Finn Davis starred in the under 16 high jump with a massive leap of 1.87m. 1.85m had been achieved on three previous occasions, by Roy Hughson in 1996, Chris Sylvio in 2002 and James Shirley in 2004 and Finn cleared this on his second attempt and raised the bar to 1.87 which he cleared on his third and final attempt. For a school with a 145-year history, records are extremely hard to come by and I imagine that this record will last for many years to come.

Ged Gibney is proving to be one of the best middle-distance runners to go through the college for many years. He won both the under 16 800m and 1500m in very fast times, the fastest for the college since Nick Smith in 2013.

Joel Farrar, another member of this extremely talented under 16 team won the discus with a very good throw of 27.53m and Will Stone was third in both the under 16 100m and 200m.

Other highlights were the senior 4x100m relay in which Liam Denys, Harley Shuurman, Lefteri Drossos and Rook Barry ran an outstanding 46.57 and the senior 4x400m relay where Liam and Harley were joined by Broadie Leeds and Tom Seeliger ran a most impressive 3mins and 50 seconds for second place. Hugo Speldewinde leapt an amazing 12.06 to win the under 17 triple jump. This was just 29cm short of the record set in 1991, (Paphakone Manikhot) and equalled in 2002 (Huy Do). Sam Scharper threw the 3kg shot a massive 10.20m for second place in the under 14 shot put. Well done everyone!



ACC ATHLETICS

ROW 4:

Samuel Scharper, Christopher Kemp, Liam Denys, Laughlan Gumley, Cohen Bentley, Lefteri Drossos, Finn Davis, Josh Fraser, Charlie Banks, Hugo Speldewinde, Charles Steward

ROW 3:

Joel Farrar, Ged Gibney, Damon Bennett, Harry Charlesworth, John Skordakis, Spencer Mackay, Thomas Christodoulou, Tom McMahan, Hugh McMahan, Will Vasilevski, Daniel Nguyen, Mitchell Houreau

ROW 2:

Ryder Poupard, Harley Roach, Jett Lowe, Jack Prentice-Evans, Jasper Waghorne, Mannie Collins, Jasper Corke, Hunter Daley, Rafi Sayar

FIRST ROW:

Sebastian Maddams, Lucas Bigmore-Damico, Alexandar Grivicic, Cameron Hoad, Victor Ha, Lachlan McKinnis, Maverick Yin, Zac Holland, James Vartuli

ABSENT:

Nicholas Aiton, Rook Barry, Charlie Bennis, Harvey Bigham, Kingston Caguioa, Angus Denning, William De La Mere, Samuel Haddad, Sonny Duke Hirchfield, Andy Hoang, Jack Ibrahim, Elijah Jess, Zac Juegan, Josh Kingston, Eddie Lloyd-Smith, Ayden McCarroll, Mateo Moradi, Jack Muir, Jack Prentice-Evans, Harley Schuurmans, William Scothern, Thomas Seeliger, John-Paul Siles

ROW 3:

Mackenzie Prentice-Evans, Brigette Jackson, Leah Biddle-Henwood, Destiny Kuek, Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper, Steffie Kalyvas, Grace Kingston

ROW 2:

Amy Fitzpatrick (Coach), Mietta Dooley, Sarah Scully, Sabrina Lehpamer, Zara Xanthopoulos, Janella Manalo, Sophie Hoad, Alison Rae, Dakira Nguyen

FIRST ROW:

Abigail Scroggie, Charli Potts, Kate Zidarich, Olivia Adam, Athena Kalloniat, Tyra Williams, Gina Tripolitano, Agatha Mathieson

ABSENT:

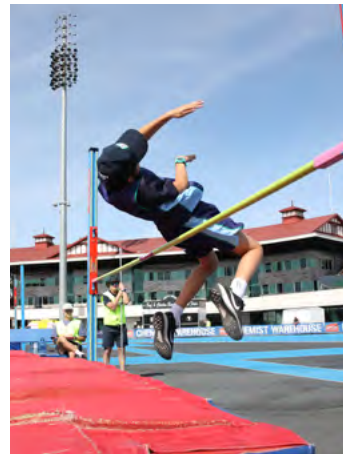
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CGSAV ATHLETICS



CO-CURRICULAR



BADMINTON



CO-CURRICULAR



ACC BADMINTON

ROW 3:

Nathan Nguyen, Yasmin O’Keeffe, Daniel Nguyen, Jasper Corke, Thomas Taylor, Charles Steward, Jett Lowe, Hunter Daley, Cameron Hoad, Xavier Hoare

ROW 2:

Max Dorinko, Bayley Penna, Lachlan McKinnis, John Arhontis, Adam Tran, Nicholas Aiton, Jeremy Baxas, Dylan Collett, Shane Park, Oliver Clothier, Shreyas Bhardwaj

FIRST ROW:

Charles Couch, Julian Erata, Oscar Rayson, Liam Craig, Elly Liew, Lila Charewicz, Noah Philippe, Agatha Mathieson, Sabrina Lehpamer

ABSENT:

Ivy Banks, Sofia Bautista, Matilda Bourke, Tabitha Catalan, Sienna Colonico, Alexandra Dimiropoulos, Caitlin Gilfedder, Dana Gionfriddo, Audrey Guevarra, Chloe Guevarra, Vivien Hoare, Stella Juegan, Grace Kingston, Stella Ligudzinski, Madison Lord, Maggie Moore, Dakira Nguyen, Charity Nzenza, Eva O’Keeffe, Charli Potts, Matilda Phyland, Bronwyn Roberts, Lisa Schmidt, Abigail Scroggie, Sarah Scully, Gina Tripolitano, Ava Vlahos, Tyra Williams, Zara Xanthopoulos, Kate Zidarich



SENIOR BADMINTON

ROW 2:

Adam Tran, John Arhontis, Melvin Gomed, Mitchell Hoskin, Andy Hoang

FIRST ROW:

Jeremy Baxas, Yasmin O’Keeffe, Elly Liew, Sabrina Lehpamer, Dana Gionfriddo, Anthony Power

ABSENT:

Nicholas Aiton, Marcus Kruger, James Lloyd-Smith, Jerry Lyu, Tyra Williams



CGSAV BADMINTON

ROW 2:

Sienna Colonico, Tyra Williams, Sabrina Lehpamer, Grace Kingston, Dakira Nguyen, Dana Gionfriddo, Tabitha Catalan

FIRST ROW:

Charli Potts, Gina Tripolitano, Audrey Guevarra, Chloe Guevarra, Kate Zidarich, Agatha Mathieson

ABSENT:

Ivy Banks, Sofia Bautista, Matilda Bourke, Alexandra Dimiropoulos, Caitlin Gilfedder, Vivien Hoare, Stella Juegan, Stella Ligudzinski, Madison Lord, Maggie Moore, Charity Nzenza, Eva O’Keeffe, Matilda Phyland, Bronwyn Roberts, Lisa Schmid, Abigail Scroggie, Sarah Scully, Ava Vlahos, Zara Xanthopoulos

■ BASKETBALL

YEAR 7 ACC BASKETBALL

As we reflect on the accomplishments of our sports teams this year, I would like to highlight the remarkable journey of our Year 7 ACC Basketball Team. This group of dedicated young athletes demonstrated exceptional teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship throughout the season, leaving an indelible mark on the courts.

The team's positive attitude, unity, and perseverance were evident in every practice session and game, creating an uplifting atmosphere that resonated with teammates and spectators alike. Each player contributed their unique skills and brought forth a spirit of camaraderie that went beyond the scoreboard.

The Year 7 ACC Basketball Team may not have secured a win this season, but their dedication and passion for the sport have left an enduring impact on our school community. As we celebrate their efforts and applaud their growth, we recognize that success extends far beyond the final score. These young athletes have embodied the true essence of sportsmanship, learning, and teamwork.

ACC JUNIOR BASKETBALL

COACH KAUFMAN

2023 proved to be a very successful year for the junior A team with 5 wins and three very close games. We won our first 4 games against St Bernard's Essendon, Parade College, Mazenod College and Salesian. Unfortunately, we lost by 1 point to Whitefriars and then we were easily beaten by Emmanuel College who went on to win the grand-final. Our semi-final was against Whitefriars and for a second time we were beaten by 1 point, on this occasion, in overtime! Best on court for that semi-final was Noah Deng who scored 16 of our 38 points and although usually played in the B team. Best and Fairest for the A team was our captain Laughlan Gumley and runner up William De La Mere. For the B team the award went to Hunter Daley and runner up Noah Deng. The B team were unlucky with only 1 win for the season as the games against Emmanuel, Parade and Essendon were all lost by only 1 point!

ACC SENIOR BASKETBALL

This year our senior team was led by captain Hunter Graham and vice-captain Sebastian Brizuela. Best and Fairest was Morgan DiGusto who was also the top scorer for the team. On three occasions, the games against Simmonds, Emmanuel, and St Bernard's Essendon, he scored over 20 points. Top rebounder and top in assists was Hunter Graham. Our only victory came against SBE 61 to 47, but we were very competitive against Emmanuel, Simmonds and St Pat's. We had a big loss to Parade who went on to easily win the grand-final. The B team had two wins against Simmonds and Parade in the first two games of the season, but were not able to secure any further victories. Everyone played well in the B team but our most consistent players were Lachlan Clegg and Indi Serafin. My vote for most improved goes to William Godfrey who will be a great asset to the team if he continues to play next year.



CO-CURRICULAR



ACC YEAR 7 JUNIOR BASKETBALL

ROW 2:
Thomas Siles, Matteo Rogers, William McGirr,
Spencer Mackay, Ryker Bond, Sonny Duke
Hirchfield, Johnnie Munro, Jethro Berridge

FIRST ROW:
Harrison Mullender, Diego Nashar, Nikolas
Stroskas, Zac Juegan, Jack Ibrahim, Thomas
Mackennal, Oscar Rayson

ABSENT:
Edward Burdett, Kingston Caguioa, Oliver
Douglas, Eamon Dunne, Zac Holland, Boyd
Kenny, Johnnie Munro, Nicholas Skordakis,
Maxwell Pucci



ACC YEAR 8 JUNIOR BASKETBALL

ROW 3:
Noah Chapple, Leo Bugden, Samson Daley,
Laughlan Gumley, Josiah Taufale-Slade, Samuel
Scharper, Charles Steward

ROW 2:
Hunter Daley, Ashton Heriot, Jarvis Russell,
William De La Mere, Jett Lowe, Harley Roach,
Noah Deng, Matthew Bautista

FIRST ROW:
Rupert Sianos, Jack Curran, Jacob Fish, Anton
Kovacevic, Ryder Poupard, Charlie Rayson,
Oliver Denning



ACC INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

ROW3:
Billy Wigmore, Lucas Aboung, Elijah Jess, Finn Davis,
Cohen Bentley

ROW 2:
Hugh McMahon, Christopher Kemp, Josh Fraser,
William Scothern, Joe Charlesworth, Jude Fitzgerald

FIRST ROW:
Gilbert Maclatchy, John-Paul Siles, Marco
Canale, Damon Bennett, Jasper Waghorne,
Jasper Corke, Jagger Serafin

ABSENT:
Riley Borg, Dylan Collett, Joao-Carlos Fernandes,
Harley Gammon, Mitchell Houareau, Noah
Kirkwood, Ollie Llewellyn-Smith, Xavier Magnanini,
Justin Manalo, Luca Mathieson, Rudi Musu, Finley
Panetta, Maximus Piritidis, Cayden Pyster, Louis
Rogers, Kabir Singh, Sebastien Valmorbida



ACC SENIOR BASKETBALL

ROW 2:
Hugo Speldewinde, Kane Sexton, Josh Kingston,
Charlie Banks, Will Vasilevski

FIRST ROW:
Angus Denning, Lachlan Clegg, Ari Angelopoulos,
Mannie Collins, Leroy Pach, Sebastian Brizuela

ABSENT:
Wil Baker, Rook Barry, Taine Bolger, Christian
Calderone, Alexander Clara, Josh Conlan,
Morgan Di Giusto, Luca Ferreri, Sonny Galvez,
Will Godfrey, Hunter Graham, Ayden McCarrroll,
Benjamin Mitchell, Harley Schuurmans, Thomas
Seeliger, Indi Serafin, Daniel Snell, Max Wigmore

CGSAV INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL

COACH DAVID FORMOSA

In the exhilarating realm of intermediate basketball, our CGSAV team displayed extraordinary skill, determination, and teamwork that propelled them to the semifinals. Despite the ultimate loss, their journey was nothing short of inspiring. The team's tenacity and camaraderie illuminated the court, leaving an indelible mark.

Congratulations to our resilient athletes for a captivating performance, showcasing the true spirit of sportsmanship and dedication at St Mary's College.

Here's to the unforgettable moments and the promise of continued success in the competitions of 2024.



CGSAV JUNIOR BASKETBALL

COACH DAVID FORMOSA

In a season marked by grit and determination, the CGSAV Junior Basketball Team showcased their unwavering commitment on the court. Despite narrowly missing the finals, their spirited performances and collective effort demonstrated resilience and sportsmanship. Cheers to these young athletes for a season filled with thrilling moments, and here's to the promising journey ahead where success is not just a destination but a continual pursuit.



CGSAV BASKETBALL

ROW 2:
Mackenzie Prentice-Evans, Brigette Jackson, Leah Biddle-Henwood, Destiny Kuek, Ruby Fitzgerald, Addy Taylor, Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper, Jaeda Thornhill

FIRST ROW:
Charli Potts, Emelia Ala, Sarah Scully, Janella Manalo, Madeline Gournas, Matilda Phyland, Dana Gionfriddo, Agatha Mathieson

ABSENT:
Tabitha Catalan, Madison Lord, Charlotte Richards, Ciena Sampson, Annika Sirotic, Ava Vlahos



CRICKET



CO-CURRICULAR

ACC SENIOR CRICKET

COACH KAUFMAN

The 2023 Senior Cricket season was one of potential opportunity. The group certainly had the talent but question marks remained over their desire, focus and single mindedness. The path to the premiership was not a smooth one. I am proud of the way this group transformed themselves into a united and hungry premiership winning team. Here is a snapshot of the pivotal matches. Thanks to Raj Johnston for his contribution to this season summary.

ROUND 5 V DE LA SALLE AT ALMA PARK

We came into this game knowing De La Salle would be a hard side to beat. We knew we had the skills, but it was a question of how much effort we'd put in. Our innings started well with the first few batsman building their partnerships, but a collapse of 7 wickets for only 20 or so runs hurt us.

St Mary's batted first, 9/110 from our 20 overs:

- 56** JOSH KINGSTON
- 15** ANGUS DENNING
- 8** MAX WIGMORE

We tried our best bowling, and to our credit, 10 overs in, they'd lost more wickets than we had lost at that point in the game. However, against a quality side like De La, 110 was not a big enough total to defend. They chased it down in the 16th over. We would play De La away in the semi.

St Mary's bowling, De La finished 5/111

- 2/7** HUGO SPELDEWINDE, 3 overs
- 2/22** HARLEY SCHUURMANS, 3 overs
- 1/27** MAX WIGMORE, 3 overs

SEMI-FINAL V DE LA SALLE AT BASIL RESERVE

We had unfinished business with De La Salle and came into this game switched on and ready to settle the score. De La won the toss and sent us in to bat. Special mention to Josh Kingston who's knock of 74 included ten 4s and two 6s.

St Mary's batted first, 6/153 from our 20 overs:

- 74** JOSH KINGSTON
- 33** HARLEY SCHUURMANS
- 25** ANGUS DENNING

153 was a much stronger target than the previous week and we were ready to bowl and field our best.

St Mary's bowling, De La Salle finished all out 93

- 4/4** AYDEN MCCARROLL, 3 overs
- 4/26** HARLEY SCHUURMANS, 4 overs
(3 of those off his first over)
- 1/24** HUGO SPELDEWINDE, 4 overs

GRAND-FINAL V ST BEDE'S AT ST BERNARD'S

After a big loss to St Bede's earlier in the season, which we'd all agreed was our lowest point, we faced them in the Grand Final on a turf wicket at St Bernard's. There was a lot of excitement and nerves in the air as we arrived at St Bernard's, set up in the changerooms, and we were once again batting first.

St Mary's, 4/114 from 20 overs:

- 44** MAX WIGMORE not out
- 22** JOSH KINGSTON
- 20** HUGO SPELDEWINDE

St Bede's had a good session with the ball so we accepted our 114. We were hungry for the win after they thrashed us earlier in the season. They started well, and 10 overs in, were at a better score than we were at that same point. The pressure was turned up, and we managed to slow the run rate down, having come together as a united team, always motivating each other and giving it our all. After 20 overs, we had won by 12 runs! Suffice to say the celebrations amongst the group were loud and mighty!

St Mary's bowling, St Bede's finished 9/102 from their 20 overs:

- 3/19** JOSH KINGSTON, 4 overs
- 3/21** AYDEN MCCARROLL, 4 overs
- 2/16** MAX WIGMORE, 4 overs

Congratulations to the entire squad for winning the ultimate prize.

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| Josh Kingston | Hugo Speldewinde |
| Max Wigmore | Tom McMahon |
| Raj Johnston | Tom Seeliger |
| Ayden McCarroll | Rook Barry |
| Charlie Banks | Harvey Bigham |
| Angus Denning | Harley Schuurmans |
| Jack Kilgour | |



ACC JUNIOR CRICKET

ROW 2:

Jack Ibrahim, Jarvis Russell, Laughlan Gumley, Harley Roach, Maverick Yin

FRONT ROW:

Oliver Denning, James Vartuli, Atticus Patterson, Mick McMahon, Harry Denning, Mitchell Slattery

ABSENT:

Archer Barr, Charlie Benns, Jai Dhillon



ACC INTERMEDIATE CRICKET

ROW 2:

Joe Charlesworth, William Scothern, Cohen Bentley, Elijah Jess, Finn Davis, Luca Mathieson, Hugh McMahon, Ged Gibney

FRONT ROW:

Jagger Serafin, Gilbert Maclatchy, Jasper Corke, Campbell Lavender, Damon Bennett, Jasper Waghorne, Marco Canale, Jude Kolinac

ABSENT:

Patrick Cullen, Jude Fitzgerald, Kabir Singh



ACC SENIOR CRICKET

ROW 2:

Jack Kilgour, Rook Barry, Max Wigmore, Ayden McCarroll, Josh Kingston, Charlie Banks, Harley Schuurmans

FIRST ROW:

Tom McMahon, Harvey Bigham, Thomas Seeliger, Angus Denning, Hugo Speldewinde, Raj Johnston



CGSAV INDOOR CRICKET

ROW 2:

Janella Manalo, Mackenzie Prentice-Evans, Brigette Jackson, Zara Xanthopoulos, Tabitha Catalan

FIRST ROW:

Charli Potts, Alison Rae, Maddy Gournas, Dana Gionfriddo, Agatha Mathieson

ABSENT:

Leah Biddle-Henwood, Lila Charewicz, Alexandra Dimiropoulos, Lilyana Foloso, Maya Jess, Stella Juegan, Athena Kalloniatis, Sabrina Lehpamer, Madison Lord, Charity Nzenza, Barbara Pitatzis, Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper, Maya Taifernopoulos, Addy Taylor, Jasmine Terceiro, Ava Vlahos, Amelia Wright



ACC JUNIOR CRICKET

The Year 8 cricket team had a remarkable season, winning all games in the lead up to the grand-final, showcasing skill, teamwork, and resilience on the field. Outstanding performances were abundant: Harry stood out with an impressive 30 not out in the grand-final, Ollie contributed significantly throughout, and Mick demonstrated excellence as a wicketkeeper and batsman, amassing an impressive 130 runs for the season. Laughlan, the captain, led with gusto, showcasing power-hitting skills with several boundary shots. Jarvis took an aggressive approach, smashing his way to a notable 121 runs and best average for the season. Atticus, the vice-captain, provided consistent stability with the bat, while Harley exhibited skill and reliability. Jack showcased exceptional bowling, complemented by Mitchell who consistently played a crucial role in defensive strategies. James displayed great prowess in bowling. In the field, Maverick and Rupert remained ever reliable. Congratulations to the entire team for a season filled with achievements, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

CGSAV INDOOR CRICKET

MR JUSTIN PAUL, Indoor Cricket Coach

2023 was a great year for our girls in Indoor Cricket. We competed in the CGSAV Competition at the Box Hill Indoor Sports Centre during Term One and entered a Junior, Intermediate and Senior team.

Over the course of the competition, all three teams played really well and represented St Mary's College with distinction.

I was really impressed with the way that our Senior girls looked after and helped teach our younger girls who were new to the game.

The day was a lot of fun with St Mary's playing a total of 14 games, resulting in 9 wins.

A special mention to our Senior team who won the Premiership!





ACC CROSS COUNTRY

COACH KAUFMAN

On a cold and windy day at Bundoora Park for the second cross-country event since 2019, a small team of St Mary's students fronted up the annual ACC cross country running. A small, devoted group trained each Monday morning and Friday lunchtime for several weeks and their efforts proved worthwhile on race day.

The first race was the 3km for under 13 and Jethro Berridge ran a magnificent 11 mins 34 sec for 11th place in division 2. He was followed by teammates, Harry Denning, Atticus Patterson, and Nick Stroskas.

Our Under 14's were a big team and Charlie Steward ran 11 mins 37 sec to finish slightly ahead of Sebastian Maddams 11:42. Next were Oliver Denning, James Vartuli, Jacob Fish, Christian Cowan, Ben Kouteris, Noah Deng, Leo Bugden, and Aiden Brennan.

Rafi Sayer ran an incredible 10:45 for the 3km in under 15 giving him 5th place in division two. Next was Alex Grivicic in 11:30 and Noah Chapple in 12:00. Cameron Hoad, Jarvis Russell, Ryder Poupard, Ashton Herriot, Jake Todd, and Mitchell Slattery help make up this very strong under 15 team.

The highlight of the day was the amazing run by our captain, Ged Gibney in the under 16 5km. He ran a very fast 17 mins 58 seconds for first place in div 2 and 3rd overall in a field of 115 runners.



ACC CROSS COUNTRY

- ROW 3:**
Benjamin Kouteris, Noah Deng, Jarvis Russell, Charles Steward, Leo Bugden, Noah Chapple, Ged Gibney, Rafi Sayer, Ashton Herriot
- ROW 2:**
Sebastian Maddams, Aidan Brennan, Atticus Patterson, Ryder Poupard, Cameron Hoad, Jacob Fish, Alexandar Grivicic, Christian Cowan, Jethro Berridge
- FIRST ROW:**
Mitchell Slattery, Oliver Denning, Noah Philippe, James Vartuli, Nikolas Stroskas, Jake Todd, Harry Denning



CGSAV CROSS COUNTRY

- ROW 2:**
Caitlin Gilfedder, Steffie Kalyvas, Yasmin O'Keeffe, Ruby Fitzgerald, Elly Liew, Sabrina Lehpamer, Athena Kalloniatis
- FIRST ROW:**
Chloe Guevarra, Amelia Mennie-Carter, Annie Graffeo, Eliza Smith, Nancy Kapadia, Gina Tripolitano, Sienna Colonico



CO-CURRICULAR

ACC GOLF

BEST INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1st	ANTON KOVACEVIC	81
2nd	WILLIAM SCOTHAM	88
3rd	JASPER CORKE	95
4th	RUPERT SIANOS	96
5th	GED GIDNEY	102
6th	LACHLAN GUMLEY	105
7th	BILLY WIGMORE	119
8th	CURTIS LEECH	157

FINAL RESULTS

1st	JOSHUA KINGSTON	Year 11	82
2nd	AYDEN MCCARROLL	Year 12	84
3rd	JASPER CORKE	Year 10	94
4th	LACHLAN GUMLEY	Year 8	95
5th	RUPERT SIANOS	Year 8	99
6th	WILLIAM SCOTHERN	Year 10	101
7th	GED GIBNEY	Year 10	105



ACC GOLF

ROW 2:

Ged Gibney, Billy Wigmore, Lachlan Gumley, William Scothern, Jasper Corke

FIRST ROW:

Anton Kovacevic, Rupert Sianos

ABSENT:

Jethro Berridge, Joss Capiron, Jack Curran, Jai Dhillon, Oliver Douglas, Ezra Ellis-Robertson, Yianni Genovezos, Zac Holland, Curtis Leech, Charlie Nolan, Kulasak Ronarongsanee, Nikolas Stroskas



ACC OPEN GOLF

L-R:

Ged Gibney, Ayden McCarroll, Josh Kingston

ABSENT:

Jasper Corke, William Scothern, Max Wigmore

HOCKEY

ACC HOCKEY

DEAN BIRD

Although our win-loss record may not reflect it, the progress and development of this group of players have been nothing short of significant and commendable. We competed against teams with extensive prior experience in hockey, while only two of our players had previously participated in the sport. Our journey was marked by three different coaches and occasional weeks with a shortage of players. Despite these challenges, our team displayed remarkable performances in all six games.

Our players consistently gave their best efforts week after week, displaying a commendable commitment to their growth and the team's success. The season concluded with a well-deserved victory in the final game, showcasing the substantial improvement and the sheer enjoyment our players derived from their experience, regardless of the outcomes. Kudos to our boys for their hard work and dedication.



CGSAV JUNIORS HOCKEY

Braving rainy weather, our junior girls' hockey team journeyed to the state hockey centre to compete. The team was comprised mostly of energetic newcomers, with some experienced players providing terrific leadership. They contested fiercely, displaying great sportsmanship and prioritising inclusion, ensuring everyone was supported and had a go. The blend of enthusiasm, guidance and laughs made the tournament memorable for both players and spectators.



CO-CURRICULAR



ACC JUNIOR HOCKEY

ROW 2:

Jack Muir, Zac Holland, Maverick Yin, Thomas Taylor, Finn McNamara, Alexander Dalby, Atticus Patterson, Mick McMahon, Leroy Waghorne

FIRST ROW:

Mitchell Slattery, Michael Lynch, James Vartuli, John Katiforis, Isaac Reed, Sebastian Maddams, Nate Taylor

ABSENT:

Archer Barr, Ryker Bond, Lila Charewicz, Eamon Dunne, Tristan Fernando, Sonny Duke Hirschfield



ACC INTERMEDIATE HOCKEY

ROW 3:

Rafi Sayar, Lachlan McKinnis, William Scothern, Ged Gibney, Will Stone, Victor Ha

ROW 2:

Xavier Magnanini, Cameron Hoad, Jake Lehpamer, Tomasz Tamowicz, Jasper Corke, Campbell Lavender

FIRST ROW:

Charlie Andrews, Hamish Beard, Lachy Cameron, Nicholas Cook, Noah Korfiatis, Christian Simmonds, Kabir Singh



CGSAV HOCKEY

ROW 2:

Charlotte Richards, Athena Kalloniatis, Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper, Charlotte Leroi, Madeline Gournas, Dana Gionfriddo

FIRST ROW:

Charli Potts, Olivia Adam, Eliza Smith, Georgia Le Hunt, Kate Zidarich, Agatha Mathieson



ACC LAWN BOWLS

ROW 2:

Jude Kolinac, William Scothern, Cohen Bentley, Harley Corke

FIRST ROW:

Yasmin O'Keeffe, Elly Liew, Dana Gionfriddo

ABSENT:

Lucas Bigmore-Damico, Aidan Brennan, Marco Canale, Joss Capiron, Aiden Catherall, Athan Christakopoulos, Oliver Clothier, Jasper Corke, Liam Craig, Jack Curran, Hunter Daley, Samson Daley, Finn Davis, Matthew Dellas, Noah Douglas, Jay Dullard, Luke Ellis, Ezra Ellis-Robertson, Oscar Fantini, Joao-Carlos Fernandes, Cruz Ferres, Xavier Fitzgerald, Callum Foley, Cillian Gallagher, Jowan Getulio, Laughlan Gumley, Xavier Hoare, Rafael Jansen, Elijah Jess, Maksymilian Kaplon, Christopher Kemp, James Kemp, Naoh Kirkwood, Noah Korfiatis, Anton Kovacevic, Harvey Krutop, Campbell Lavender, Ollie Llewellyn-Smith, Sam Lopez, Luca Mathieson, Rudi Musu, Monique Panozzo, Bayley Penna, Noah Philippe, Maximus Piritidis, Harley Roach, Jarvis Russell, Abigail Scroggie, Jagger Serafin, Rupert Sianos, Mitchell Slattery, Samuel Stoddart, Thomas Taylor, Paul Theoharidis, Leroy Waghorne, Billy Wigmore

NETBALL

DEAN BIRD

Eagle Stadium in Werribee witnessed the spirited participation of our Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Netball teams. Although a few students had prior netball experience outside the college, the majority brought nothing but enthusiasm and athleticism to the court, resulting in a rapid application of the skills acquired during training sessions.

In a twist of fate, we found ourselves without coaches due to illness just a day before the competition. However, three stand-in coaches, Mr. Bird, Mr. Harper, and Ms. Thaddeus, stepped up to the challenge. The students took charge, putting on display the lessons learned in the preceding weeks.

Both our Junior and Senior teams gave their all throughout the day, even though they faced formidable competition that CGSAV consistently delivers. Our students exhibited remarkable improvement in every game, displaying their eagerness to experiment with different positions.

The Intermediate team, led by the exceptional Matilda Phyland, wrote a different story. They advanced to the grand final, ultimately falling short in the last moments of play. Matilda's remarkable skills and dedication earned her the title of Player of the Tournament, a testament to her outstanding performance.



CGSAV JUNIOR NETBALL

ROW 2:

Amy Fitzpatrick (Coach), Athena Kalloniatis, Abigail Donaldson, Willow Porter, Clementine Hobbs, Mietta Dooley, Dean Bird (Coach)

FIRST ROW:

Charli Potts, Emmalia George, Sienna Colonico, Gina Tripolitano, Agatha Mathieson

ABSENT:

Olivia Adam, Grace Anketell, Ivy Banks, Leah Biddle-Henwood, Milly Clelland, Charlotte Davis, Alexandra Dimiropoulos, Lilyana Foloso, Dana Gionfriddo, Vivien Hoare, Zoe Kajim-McCook, Nancy Kapadia, Grace Kingston, Georgia Le Hunt, Maya Morabito, Dakira Nguyen, Charity Nzenza, Eva O'Keeffe, Yasmin O'Keeffe, Monique Panozzo, Isabella Piai Silva, Matilda Phyland, Amelia Pipke, Charlotte Richards, Michala Sacco, Lisa Schmid, Sarah Scully, Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper, Zoe Taylor, Tyra Williams, Amelia Wright, Kate Zidarich



CGSAV INTERMEDIATE NETBALL

L-R:

Emelia Ala, Sarah Scully, Matilda Phyland, Leah Biddle-Henwood, Dakira Nguyen, Kate Zidarich



CGSAV SENIOR NETBALL

ROW 2:

Maya Morabito, Zoe Taylor, Yasmin O'Keeffe, Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper

FIRST ROW:

Dana Gionfriddo, Grace Kingston, Tyra Williams, Charlotte Richards

SOCCER

SENIOR SOCCER REPORT

MR GENOVESE

The ACC Senior Soccer season proved to be a fulfilling and enjoyable one. The goal was to climb the mountain together. We knew we had a talented team, but we needed to learn to play together, for one another, as a unit. The development of character and the desire to work hard for the betterment of the team over individual performance was something we had to work at, and this paved the way for our on-field success.

7 MATCHES PLAYED **58** GOALS SCORED **9** GOALS CONCEDED

TOP GOAL SCORERS

- 19 GOALS** LIAM DENYS
- 13 GOALS** TOM CHRISTODOULOU

ROUND 1 | ST MARY'S V ST PATRICK'S | 10-0

St Patrick's challenged us and the final score line did not do them justice. Our ability to wear the opposition down with our hard two way running and our ability to be clinical in our attacking third was a highlight of this match.

ROUND 2 | WHITEFRIARS V ST MARY'S | 6-5

Playing away at Whitefriars is always challenging. After a very even first half, we came out firing in the second half and with 20 minutes remaining, led 6-2. We managed to hang on and win. We learned a lot about ourselves during this game.

ROUND 3 | ST MARY'S V DE LA SALLE | 2-1

Never an easy game against our traditional rivals. One versus two on the ladder. This game showcased the strongest teams in our division and the game was played at a fast pace. De La proved too strong for us on the day as we failed to take our chances.

ROUND 4 |

ST JOSEPH'S FERNTREE GULLY V ST MARY'S | 1-22

This match was all about securing the three points and increasing our goal difference which proved to be telling at the end of the season.

ROUND 5 | ST MARY'S V SIMONDS | 12-1

Round 5 was one of experimentation and planning. We took the opportunity to test some strategies that could be used later in the season after thinking about potential scenarios.

SEMI-FINAL | ST MARY'S V ST PATRICK'S | 5-0

This was the match that showed me we were prepared to go all the way. The team showed a hunger and determination of a team that wanted the ultimate success. A selfless team effort. The grand final beckoned.

GRAND FINAL | ST MARY'S V DE LA SALLE | 2-0

The final was played at the Veneto Club in Bulleen. An immaculate pitch on a beautiful sunny day. Our planning during the week focussed on nullifying them in attack but also playing a quick attacking style.

We were outplayed in the first half and were lucky to go in at halftime at 0-0.

Our response during the break was pivotal. We tweaked a couple of things and mentally reset ourselves for the second half.

St Mary's came out and took control of the match. We scored in the 65th minute thanks to a clinical finish by Tom Christodolou. We then had to withstand immense pressure from De La Salle for the next 20 minutes. Our defenders repelled attack after attack and Patrick Gantzios made some crucial saves. A long-range shot in the 80th minute hit the crossbar. We were centimetres away from potentially going to extra time. In the dying seconds of the game, Ben Kulesza a central defender, pushed up the pitch and scored, securing the 2-0 win for St Mary's and the premiership.

This squad was an absolute pleasure to coach. I'd like to acknowledge each player and especially our captain, Leftheri Drossos, for his dedication, passion, and tenacity.

SQUAD

Leftheri Drossos, Thomas Christodoulou, Zaki Angel, Liam Denys, Emmanuel Tzamouranis, Jay Lennartz-Kelly, Ante Balta, Angus Denning, Cardin Tran, Marcus Grosso, Henry Vu, Sonny Galvez, Arthur Georgakakis, Patrick Gantzios, Will Freeman, Ben Kulesza, Noah Greasley, Jacob Mukumba, Andy Hoang, Peter Katiforis.



ACC SENIOR SOCCER

ROW 2:
Angus Denning, Cardin Tran, Liam Denys, Leftheri Drossos, Arthur Georgakakis, Thomas Christodoulou, Jay Lennartz-Kelly

FIRST ROW:
Zaki Angel, Emmanuel Tzamouranis, Patrick Gantzios, Sonny Galvez, Henry Vu

ABSENT:
Ante Balta, William Freeman, Noah Greasley, Marcus Grosso, Isaiah Hagiwara, Nebal Hilal, Andy Hoang, Peter Katiforis, Ben Kulesza, Liam Machado, Jacob Mukumba, Patrick Plarisan, Thomas Sayers

CO-CURRICULAR



ACC INTERMEDIATE SOCCER

ROW 2:

Rafi Sayar, Joel Farrar, Harley Gammon, Finn Davis, Colby Bryan, Daniel Nguyen, Campbell Lavender, Jasper Corke, Alexandar Grivicic

FIRST ROW:

Lucas Bigmore-Damico, Ollie Llewellyn-Smith, Justin Manalo, Lachlan McKinnis, Victor Ha, Marco Canale, Justin Truong

ABSENT:

Dylan Collett, Nicholas Cook, Joao-Carlos Fernandes, Jude Fitzgerald



ACC JUNIOR SOCCER

ROW 2:

Christian Cowan, John Katiforis, Anton Kovacevic, Oliver Douglas, Alessandro Bautista, Benjamin Van Aardt

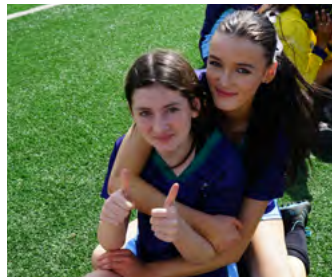
FRONT ROW:

Oliver Denning, Ojiro Sato, Dante Santucci, Sebastian Maddams, Harry Denning

ABSENT:

Archer Barr, Xavier Fitzgerald, Finbar McCormack, Ryan McCormack, Matteo Rogers, Kulasak Ronarongsanee, Nikolas Stroskas, Josiah Taufale-Slade, Paul Theoharidis





CGSAV SENIOR SOCCER

The annual CGSAV soccer tournament once again proved to be an enjoyable day for all involved. Our senior squad played with much determination, school spirit and tenacity. Even though only a few of our girls regularly play soccer for a team, the squad demonstrated a real willingness to play to a structure in a united and determined fashion.

The girls represented the college very well and I was very proud of their efforts on the day. The team finished with one win, two narrow losses and a draw. Best players on the day were: Dana Gionfriddo, Janella Manalo, Ava Vlahos, Sabrina Lehpamer, Maya Morabito, and Stef Kalyvas.



Congratulations to all squad members:

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| Maya Morabito | Dana Gionfriddo (captain) |
| Grace Kingston | Madison Lord |
| Janella Manalo | Ava Vlahos |
| Jaeda Thornhill | Cleo Sparrow-Cooper |
| Stef Kalyvas | Zara Xanthopoulos |
| Tabitha Catalan | Mackenzie Prentice-Evans |
| Destiny Kuek | Charlotte Richards |
| Sabrina Lehpamer | Charlotte Davis |

GIRLS INTERS SOCCER

With a nod to the Matildas, our Intermediates performed with remarkable determination and enthusiasm. Bringing together a team comprised of students from year 7 to 10, our young girls embraced the challenge, while the elder's provided guidance and encouragement to their junior peers. Each game was commenced with inspiring pep talks, erupting with cheers of excitement and anticipation. Despite the losses, our girls held their heads high and maintained their spirit, cheering all the way back to St Mary's!



CGSAV SOCCER

- ROW 3:**
Zara Xanthopoulos, Grace Kingston, Steffie Kalyvas, Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper, Jaeda Thornhill, Abigail Donaldson, Sabrina Lehpamer
- ROW 2:**
Paris Rouvalis (Coach), Maya Morabito, Dakira Nguyen, Olwen Rees, Nancy Kapadia, Caitlin Gilfedder, Tabitha Catalan
- FIRST ROW:**
Charli Potts, Eliza Smith, Charlotte Richards, Mackenzie Prentice-Evans, Dana Gionfriddo, Kate Zidarich, Agatha Mathieson
- ABSENT:**
Tara Cotter, Charlotte Davis, Maddy Gournas, Vivien Hoare, Destiny Kuek, Charlotte Leroi, Madeleine Leroi, Madison Lord, Janella Manalo, Amelia Pipke, Bronwyn Roberts, Lisa Schmid, Sarah Scully, Patricia Susanto, Maya Taiferopoulos, Gina Tripolitano, Ava Vlahos



GIRLS FUTSAL

Our junior/intermediate girls' futsal team demonstrated seamless unity, showcasing the positive interaction between the younger and older players. The exciting day included close matches, war cries and laughs, highlighting their teamwork and determination on the futsal court.



CGSAV FUTSAL

ROW 2:
Paris Rouvalis (Coach), Sabrina Lehpamer, Elly Liew, Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper, Yasmin O'Keeffe, Grace Kingston, Zara Xanthopoulos, Tabitha Catalan

FIRST ROW:
Gina Tripolitano, Charlotte Richards, Eliza Smith, Mackenzie Prentice-Evans, Dana Gionfriddo, Kate Zidarich, Agatha Mathieson

ABSENT:
Leah Biddle-Henwood Lila Charewicz Tara Cotter Charlotte Davis Alexandra Dimiropoulos Caitlin Gilfedder Maddy Gournas Maya Jess Isabella Korolik, Stella Ligudzinski, Madison Lord, Janella Manalo, Amelia Pipke, Lisa Schmid, Patricia Susanto, Maya Taiferopoulos, Jasmine Terceiro, Ava Vlahos, Amelia Wright

SWIMMING

SENIORS DOMINATE ACC SWIMMING

COACH KAUFMAN

St Mary's College senior swimmers dominated at the recent annual ACC swimming carnival.

The senior team was first in division two as was the combined under 17 and senior category.

Noah Chapple began the night well for St Mary's with second place in the open 200m Freestyle despite being a member of the under 14 team. His time of 2:16.19 was a new under 14 record as was his 1:05.94 for the 100m freestyle which he did on the way.

The senior medley relay team was outstanding finishing first was a new school record of 2:05.32. The team consisted of Tom Seeliger, Ayden McCarroll, Mateo Moradi and Harry Charlesworth.

Throughout the rest of the night the seniors continued to establish new school records proving to be the best senior team in the history of the college.

RECORDS

Ayden McCarroll senior 50m Breaststroke 34.86 (old record was set in 1968)

Mateo Moradi senior 50m Butterfly 27.60 (old record set in 1973)

Harry Charlesworth under 17 Backstroke 30.93 (old record set in 2022)

Harry Charlesworth under 17 Butterfly 27.13 (old record set in 2000)

Harry Charlesworth under 17 50m Freestyle 25.38 (old record set in 2022)

Tom Seeliger, Ayden McCarroll, Mateo Moradi, Harry Charlesworth Senior Medley relay, 2:05.32 (old record set in 2012)

Noah Chapple under 14 100m freestyle 1:05.94 (old record 2006)

Noah Chapple under 14 200m freestyle 2:16.19 (inaugural record)



ACC SWIMMING

ROW 3:

Hugh McMahon, Tom McMahon, Noah Chapple, Finn McNamara, Colby Bryan, Charlie Banks, Charles Steward, Joe Charlesworth, Harry Charlesworth

ROW 2:

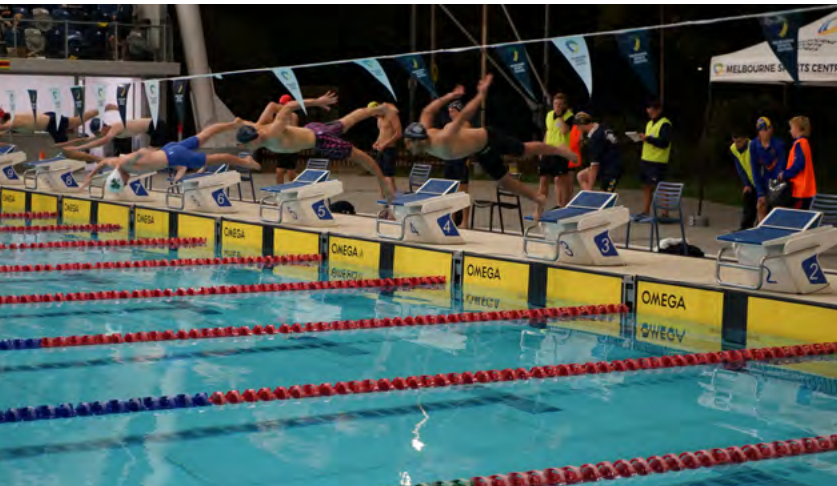
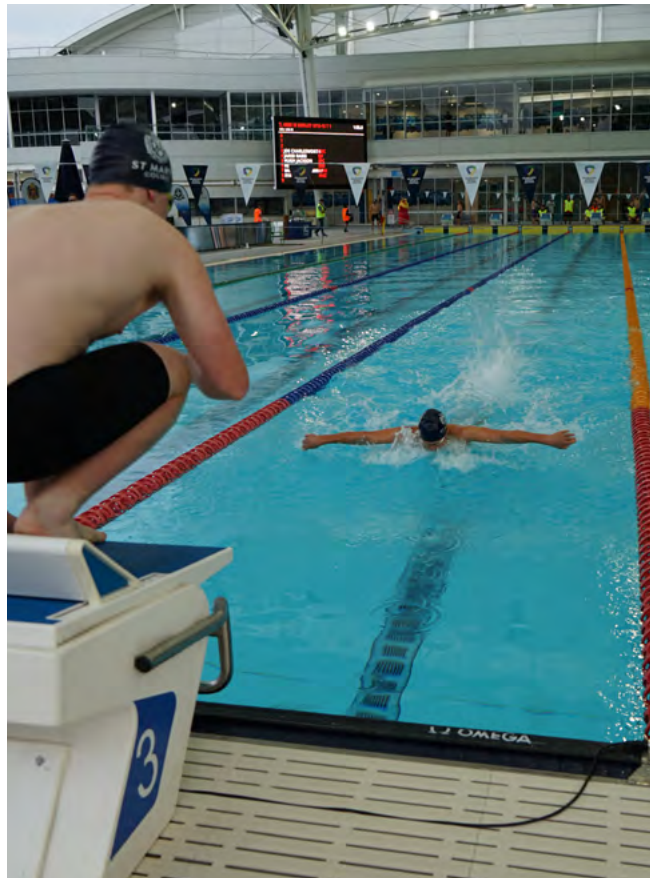
Alexander Dalby, Rafi Sayar, Daniel Nguyen, Jack Prentice-Evans, Mannie Collins, Jasper Waghorne, Zac Wynd, Jacob Fish, Luc Bunde, Nicholas Cook

FIRST ROW:

Harrison Mullender, James Vartuli, Zac Holland, Maverick Yin, Atticus Patterson, Sebastian Maddams, Jethro Berridge, Nikolas Stroskas

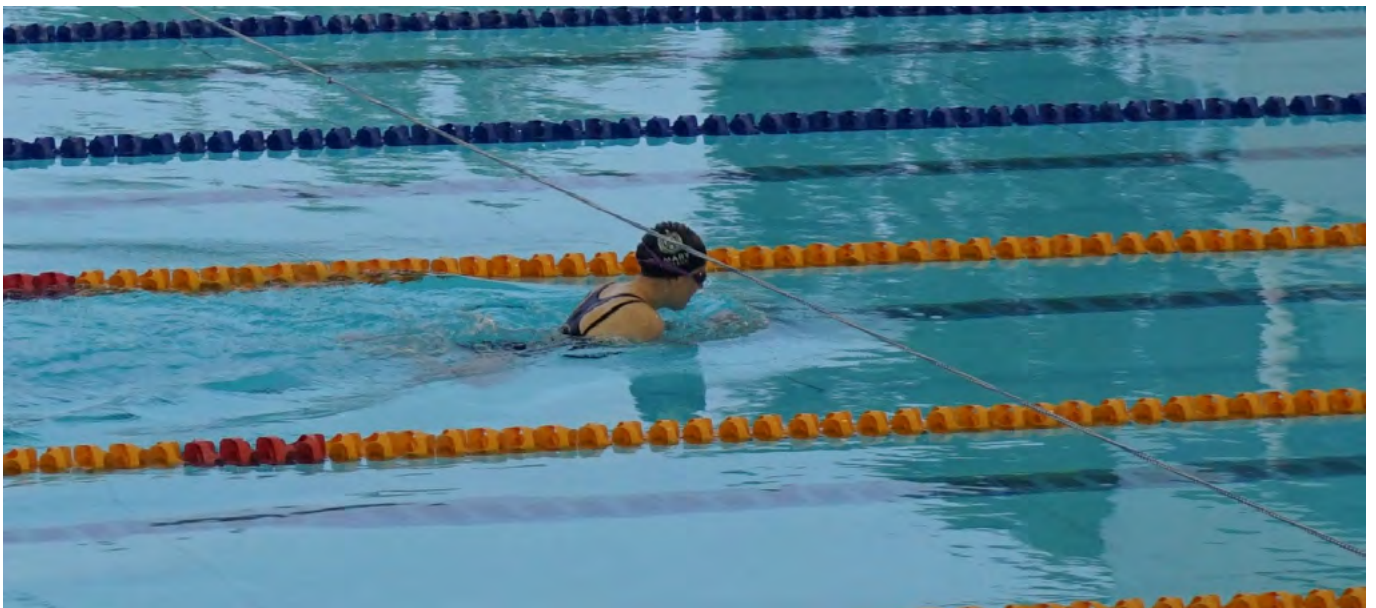
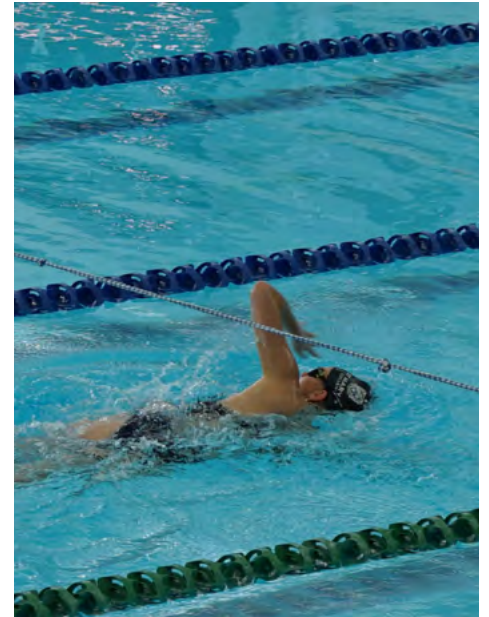
ABSENT:

Jake Dalby, Matthew Fitzgerald, Nicholas Howard, Josh Kingston, Ayden McCarroll, Ted McMahon, Mateo Moradi, Thomas Seeliger, Ivan Silva Echeverria, Christian Simmonds, John Skordakis, Will Stone, Tomasz Tamowicz



CO-CURRICULAR

CGSAV SWIMMING



CGSAV SWIMMING

ROW 2:
Tabitha Catalan, Grace Kingston, Yasmin O'Keeffe,
Ruby Fitzgerald, Addy Taylor, Zara Xanthopoulos

FRONT ROW:
Charli Potts, Georgia Le Hunt, Athena
Anastasopoulos, Dana Gionfriddo, Gina Tripolitano

ABSENT:
Olivia Adam, Ivy Banks, Lila Charewicz, Alexandra
Dimiropoulos, Maya Jess, Charlotte Leroi, Isabella
Leroi, Madeleine Leroi, Stella Ligudzinski, Janella
Manalo, Hannah O'Brien, Maya Taifernopoulos,
Amelia Wright



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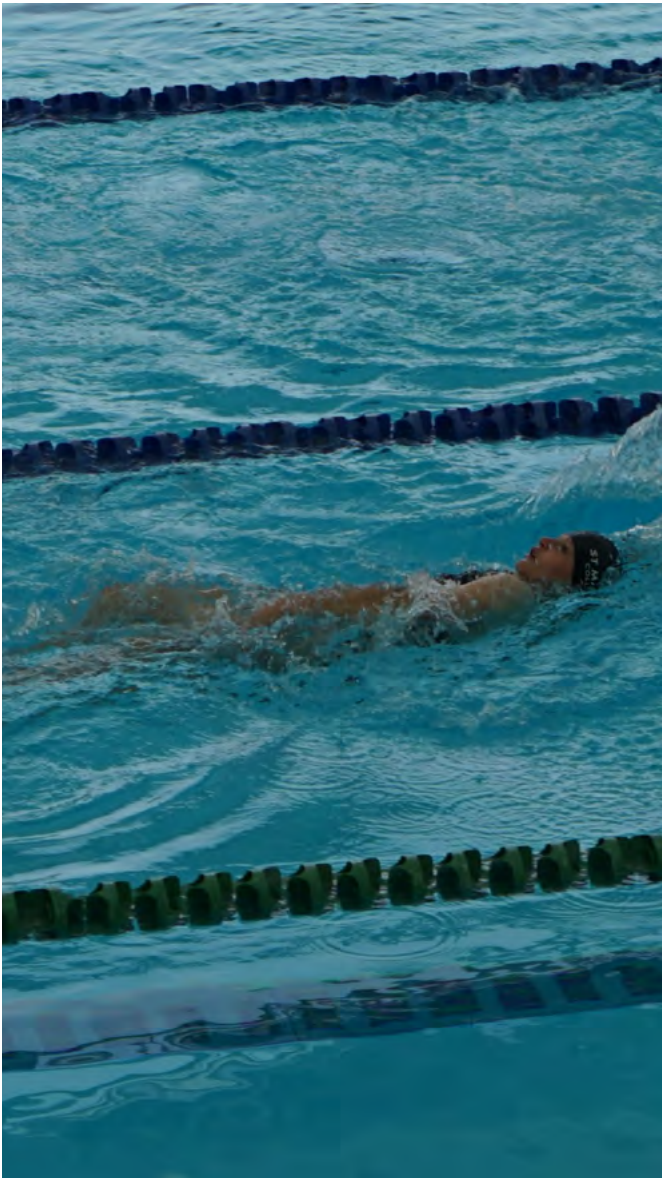


TABLE TENNIS

YEAR 8 ACC TABLE TENNIS

COACH JUDITH VANDRINE

The Year 8 boys fought hard in every game, trying to grab that elusive win. We did get close but had to wait for the very last round to defeat Whitefriars and take our first win for the season.

Most consistent players were Jack Miocic, Christian Cowan, Liam Craig and Bayley Penna. Kulasak Ronarongsanee, had some

very close matches as did Aidan Brennan and Joaquin Majcen. Alessandro Bautista and Jake Todd did very well in their first year of table tennis.

Most improved players were: Maksy Kaplon, Elliot Brenner and Connor McStraw. We had fun and a few laughs and were always competitive, not much more you can ask for. A great group of boys to coach.

Well done team!



ACC YEAR 7 TABLE TENNIS

ROW 2:

Xavier Fitzgerald, Maxwell Pucci, Charlie Benns, Max Dorinko, Harvey Krutop, Brandon Sun, Julian Erata

FRONT ROW:

Benjamin Van Aardt, Agatha Mathieson, Louis Norton, Tristan Fernando, Harry Denning, Ojiro Sato

ABSENT:

Charles Couch, Yianni Genovezos, Charli Potts



ACC YEAR 8 TABLE TENNIS

ROW 2:

Jake Todd, Bayley Penna, William Morrow, Jack Miocic, Christian Cowan

FIRST ROW:

Elliot Brenner, Maksymilian Kaplon, Alessandro Bautista, Connor McStraw, Liam Craig, Aidan Brennan

ABSENT:

Cruz Carter, Anton Kovacevic, Clementine Hobbs, Jerome Linnell, Charlie Mondon, Willow Porter, Kulasak Ronarongsanee, Charles Steward



ACC INTERMEDIATE TABLE TENNIS

ROW 2:

Rohin Basu, Justin Manalo, Nicholas Cook, Daniel Nguyen, Colby Bryan, Sam Lopez, Joel Farrar, Justin Truong, Andy Quach

FIRST ROW:

Shreyas Bhardwaj, Gilbert Maclatchy, James Hay, Shane Park, Alexander Grivicic, Oliver Clothier, Cooper Mangos, Jude Kolinac, Lucas Bigmore-Damico

ABSENT:

Oliver Benns, Matthew Dellas, Jay Dullard, Jowan Getulio, William Scothern

CO-CURRICULAR



TENNIS

ACC SENIOR TENNIS

Our Senior's arrived each week to compete in a strong competition. As the season progressed, we built a great community; excited to play and connect. We played with great spirit, sharing our music and laughs with each other and opposing teams. The thrill of the weekly occasion saw us often fighting the summer heat and yet still managing some exciting and tenacious games! Onwards to next year, as we move our way up the ladder!

ACC JUNIOR TENNIS

This has been a most successful year for the junior tennis team of St Mary's College.

Having lost the first two games narrowly against very good opposition, we set ourselves the task of making the finals. Not only did we win the next four games but we took the championship with a pulsating performance against highly fancied, Emmanuel College. The scores for the final game were: St Mary's 8 sets 51 games to Emmanuel 4 sets 35 games. All team members played excellent tennis on the day but special mention should be made for Sebastian Maddams who came into the team late in the season and provided good support and Bayley Penna who was a stalwart for the whole season and only dropped one set. Other consistent players were: Liam Craig, Thomas Taylor and Jack Miocik. Everyone else made significant contributions to the success of the team throughout the season. Congratulations lads, on winning the first junior tennis championship for St. Mary's at the ACC for many years.



MEMBERS OF THE SQUAD

- | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Bayley Penna (captain) | 9. Alessandro Bautista |
| 2. Nate Taylor | 10. Charlie Rayson |
| 3. Elliott Brenner | 11. Harrison Mullender |
| 4. Liam Craig | 12. Sebastian Maddams |
| 5. Thomas Taylor | 13. Connor McStraw, |
| 6. Jack Miocik | 14. Maksy Kaplon |
| 7. Oruiro Sato | 15. Harvey Krutop |
| 8. Brandon Sun | |

GIRLS INTERS TENNIS

On a hot day, perfect for tennis in Melbourne, our junior/intermediate girls' tennis team took to the courts. The team showcased great collaboration, sharing skills and encouragement seamlessly. The unity among the players was evident as they effectively coordinated game time. Their shared passion and support created a fun experience for all, reinforcing the spirit of teamwork on and off the court.



CO-CURRICULAR



ACC JUNIOR TENNIS

ROW 2:

Ojiro Sato, Jack Miocic, Brandon Sun, Thomas Taylor, Bayley Penna, Charlie Rayson, Harvey Krutop

FRONT ROW:

Benjamin Van Aardt, Nate Taylor, Maksymilian Kaplon, Alessandro Bautista, Liam Craig, Elliot Brenner

ABSENT:

Charles Couch, Harrison Mullender, Sebastian Maddams



ACC INTERMEDIATE TENNIS

ROW 2:

Charlie Andrews, Nicholas Cook, Hugo Boddington, Liam Harrison, Matthew Dellas

FIRST ROW:

Vinh Nguyen, Shane Park



ACC SENIOR TENNIS

ROW 2:

Melvin Gomedi, Alexander Clara, Paris Rouvalis (Coach)

FIRST ROW:

Mannie Collins, Jacob Gibbins, James Lloyd-Smith, Anthony Power

ABSENT:

Li Baxter, Matilda Bourke, Christian Calderone, Marcus Kruger, Madison Lord, Indi Serafin, Kane Sexton



CGSAV TENNIS

ROW 2:

Zara Xanthopoulos, Brigette Jackson, Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper, Zoe Taylor, Steffie Kalyvas, Elly Liew

FIRST ROW:

Charli Potts, Tyra Williams, Janella Manalo, Dakira Nguyen, Dana Gionfriddo, Kate Zidarich

ABSENT:

Ivy Banks Leah Biddle-Henwood Matilda Bourke Lila Charewicz Sienna Colonico Grace Kingston Destiny Kuek Madison Lord Maggie Moore Charity Nzenza, Eva O'Keeffe, Matilda Phyland, Barbara Pitatzis, Bronwyn Roberts, Sarah Scully, Addy Taylor, Amelia Wright

TRIATHLON



CO-CURRICULAR



ACC TRIATHLON

ROW 2:
Jaikyn Hammond, Cameron Hoad, Finn McNamara, Charles Steward, Nicholas Cook

FIRST ROW:
Noah Philippe, Sebastian Maddams, Sabrina Lehpamer, Atticus Patterson, James Vartuli

ABSENT:
Zac Holland, Angus Norton, Charli Potts



CGSAV TRIATHLON

ROW 2:
Elly Liew, Charlotte Leroi, Ruby Fitzgerald, Alison Rae

FIRST ROW:
Charli Potts, Sabrina Lehpamer, Dana Gionfriddo, Gina Tripolitano

ABSENT:
Olivia Adam, Alexandra Dimiropoulos, Mietta Dooley, Maya Jess, Madeleine Leroi, Stella Ligudzinski, Hannah O'Brien, Annika Sirotic

VOLLEYBALL



ACC INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL

COACH KAUFMAN

This year, the Intermediate team had a season marked by commendable efforts and notable achievements. Special recognition is due to our captain, Dylan Collett whose exceptional leadership played a pivotal role in organizing the team and coordinating training sessions. His dedication and efforts were well-supported by the invaluable contribution of Lachlan McKinnis. The team demonstrated their prowess on the court, securing victories in sets against Parade and Emmanuel, and a triumph over Whitefriars. Although the journey didn't lead us to the finals, the team's resilience and sportsmanship were evident throughout the season. Congratulations to all members for their hard work and commitment.

ACC JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

DEAN BIRD

This year witnessed a surge in student interest as many tried out for our A and B junior Volleyball teams. The popularity of the sport was evident, leading us to consider expanding opportunities throughout the season to maximize our success.

The season began with our students occupying various positions and team configurations, serving as a testing ground to iron out any initial hiccups. Following these early matches, our teams rallied strongly, securing victories in all but the last game against Parade. As this article is being composed, our volleyball team is on the cusp of a semi-final showdown against Parade, seeking to avenge their recent encounter.

Special recognition goes to our Year 7 students who valiantly competed against Year 8 opponents week after week, showcasing their determination and sportsmanship. Their contributions have been nothing short of commendable, and they are a testament to the bright future of St. Mary's College Volleyball.

CGSAV JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

The Junior Volleyball team saw our year 7 and 8's joined for a competitive and fun day at MSAC! Throughout the day, the team showcased terrific sportsmanship, collaboration and peer support between inters and juniors. Despite narrowly missing the finals, the team maintained a positive spirit and displayed graciousness in the face of bitter defeats, leaving a lasting impression on and off the court.



ACC JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL

ROW 2:

Matthew Bautista, Noah Deng, William De La Mere, Noah Chapple, Samson Daley, Josiah Taufale-Slade, Samuel Scharper, Jett Lowe, Max Dorinko

FRONT ROW:

Sebastian Maddams, Jack Muir, Anton Kovacevic, Benjamin Kouteris, Jack Curran, Ashton Heriot, Tristan Fernando, Oscar Rayson

ABSENT:

Ivy Banks, Charli Potts, Kulasak Ronarongsanee



ACC INTERMEDIATE VOLLEYBALL

ROW 2:

Alexandar Grivicic, Harley Gammon, Hamish Beard, Josh Fraser, Mitchell Houreau, Jack Prentice-Evans, Sebastian Valmorbidia, Rafi Sayar

FRONT ROW:

Lachlan McKinnis, Dylan Collett, Xavier Magnanini, Jaya Kuver, Will Stone, Justin Truong, James Hay

ABSENT:

Yesenia Khmelnitsky, Amelia Wright



CGSAV VOLLEYBALL

ROW 3:

Mackenzie Prentice-Evans, Elly Liew, Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper, Yasmin O'Keeffe, Grace Kingston, Abigail Donaldson, Sabrina Lehpamer

ROW 2:

Paris Rouvalis (Coach), Tyra Williams, Dana Gionfriddo, Nancy Kapadia, Olwen Rees, Dakira Nguyen, Eliza Smith, Tabitha Catalan

FIRST ROW:

Charli Potts, Sienna Colonico, Charlotte Richards, Gina Tripolitano, Chloe Guevarra, Kate Zidarich, Agatha Mathieson

ABSENT:

Ivy Banks, Leah Biddle-Henwood, Lila Charewicz, Alexandra Dimiropoulos, Sophia Dinnadge, Imogen Fancourt, Lilyana Folloso, Maddy Gournas, Vivien Hoare, Clementine Hobbs, Maya Jess, Stella Juegan, Yesenia Khmelnitsky, Isabella Korolik, Madison Lord, Stella Ligudzinski, Maggie Moore, Maya Morabito, Matilda Phyland, Amelia Pipke, Willow Porter, Alison Rae, Lisa Schmid, Sarah Scully, Maya Taiferopoulos, Addy Taylor, Zoe Taylor, Jasmine Terceiro, Jaeda Thornhill, Ava Vlahos

■ CHESS



ACC CHESS

ROW 2:

Vinh Nguyen, Cameron Hoad, Asher Barton, Curtis Leech, Alexandar Grivicic, Shane Park

FIRST ROW:

Charlie Mondon, Julian Erata, Plato Che, Levi Toby

ABSENT:

Alessandro Bautista, Oliver Bennis, Leo Bugden, Athan Christakopoulos, Imogen Fancourt, Oscar Fantini, Arthur Georgakakis, Jowan Getulio, Rafael Jansen, Stella Ligudzinski, Jerry Lyu, Hunter McNamara, William Morrow, Luke Nicholas, Maximus Piritidis, Massimo Serritiello, Audrey Smart, Nikolas Stroskas, Addy Taylor

CO-CURRICULAR

DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING



ACC DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

L-R:
Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper, Thomas Lauder,
Addy Taylor

ABSENT:
Hamish Beard, Luc Bunde, Dylan Collett, Phi
Dinh, Imogen Fancourt, Lilyana Foloso, Saoirse
Gallagher, Arthur Georgakakis, Cameron Hoad,
Maya Jess, Kleoniki Kalloniatis, Thomas Lauder,
Georgia Le Hunt, Stella Ligudzinski, James Lloyd-
Smith, Madison Lord, Inouk Majcen, Lachlan
McKinnis, Ted McMahon, Vinh Nguyen, Charity
Nzenza, Eva O’Keeffe, Alison Rae, Audrey Smart

DRAMA



BRENDAN TOLLIT
Learning Leader Drama

This year, St Mary's College had the privilege of participating in the 2023 ACC Drama Workshop, a highlight event that brought together students from various ACC schools for a day of creativity, collaboration, and theatrical exploration. Held at Mazenod College the workshop was an incredible opportunity for our budding actors to immerse themselves in the world of drama, hone their craft, and connect with peers who share their passion for the performing arts.

The workshop was designed to challenge students and push the boundaries of their creativity. Participants engaged in a variety of activities, including improvisation, character development, and scene work. Under the guidance of experienced drama educators and industry professionals, students explored new techniques and gained valuable insights into the art of performance.

One of the key highlights of the day was the collaborative atmosphere. Students from different schools worked together in small groups, sharing ideas and building on each other's strengths. This not only helped to foster a sense of community among the participants but also allowed them to learn from different perspectives and approaches to drama.

For our St Mary's students, the ACC Drama Workshop was not just about refining their acting skills; it was also an opportunity to build confidence, enhance their teamwork abilities, and experience the joy of creating something unique with others. The energy and enthusiasm displayed by our students throughout the workshop were truly inspiring.

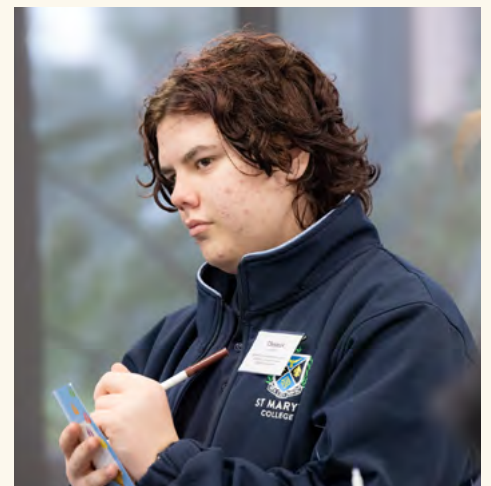


ACC DRAMA

ROW 2:
Angus Norton, Tomasz Tamowicz, Thomas Lauder, Louis Vasilevski,
Madeline Gournas

FIRST ROW:
Georgia Le Hunt, Alison Rae, Maya Taifernopoulos, Lila Charewicz,
James Cappola

CO-CURRICULAR



CULINARY COMPETITION



AVRIL MARTINELLI
Learning Leader Technology



CO-CURRICULAR





FIRST NATIONS IMMERSION

LAKE MUNGO

In August this year, students in Year 9 and 10 students travelled more than 130 km to explore over 40,000 years of history at Lake Mungo. Home to Mungo Man and Mungo Lady – the oldest human remains ever found in Australia. They also had the opportunity to delve into the deep spiritual connections of the Barkindji, Muthi Muthi, and Nyampar people have to the Willandra Lakes region.

This exciting 6-day immersion takes in a few days on Country on the banks of the Murray River and then groups head East to Mungo National Park to explore the park from Indigenous, spiritual, historical, and scientific lenses with Vicki Clarke OAM and the National Park Indigenous Rangers.

Students experienced:

- Learning about the ancient fish traps
- Making traditional woven crafts
- Foraging for and trying unique native bush tucker
- Fishing for dinner (or a bit of fun) in the river
- Exploring Culpra Milli’s ancient trees, fireplaces, and stories
- Opportunities to understand the history of Culpra Milli and the Pearce family journey to claim Native Title.

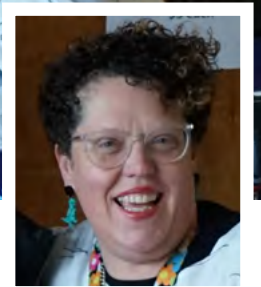
The days at Mungo National Park included:

- Connecting with over 40,000 years of history through the archaeological work at Lake Mungo
- Reflecting on the European settlement of Australia through the eyes and stories of Traditional Owner Vicki Clarke OAM
- Seeing the fossil record come to life, from 20,000 year-old footprints to bones and tools dating back even further
- Complete immersion in a rich, beautiful, and deeply moving landscape to better understand the connection between Indigenous history, culture, spirituality, and Country

Ms Mai Dinh and Mr Paul Quinn journeyed with Lachlan McKinnis, Saoirse Gallagher, Hugo Boddington, Ted McMahon, Georgia Le Hunt, Lewis Vasilevski, Emerson James and our Parade partners for a life changing immersion.



COMMUNITY



JANE LEROI
Chair of Parents and Friends

■ PARENTS & FRIENDS

ANOTHER YEAR GONE BY

How fast time flies! 2023 flew by so quickly.

The P&F for 2023 once again were present for the Year 7 BBQ, we managed to put together our annual raffle which started at the Mother's Day breakfast, we were also present at the Annual Walkathon helping with the bbq.

We also ran our second-hand uniform and book shop during the year. It was great to provide this service again this year.

Our presence maybe small but we are very much part of the community helping with events and raising funds that are used for various needs for our kids.

We would love to see more volunteers be involved in our team. We meet throughout the year face to face during summer and online during winter. It's a great opportunity to get to meet other parents and speak with leadership as well as being updated with news of happenings around the school.

I will be finally resigning from my substantive position as chairperson as I hand the reins over to Leah Lloyd smith. We will be in a conjoint position.

Let's make 2024 a great year see you all next year.





OUR SCHOOL

STAFF



Jane Balme



George Baxas



Peggy Blassis



Terry Blizzard



Xavier Browning-Murphy



Julie Chen



Naomi Chen



Jeanette Clinch



Elsie Daddow



Mai Dinh



Mandy Ellwood



Amy Fitzpatrick



David Formosa



Rosario Genovese



Grant Godbold



Isabella Harper



Simon Hawkins



Anna Huntley



Kate Johnston



David Joyce



Shiran Koren



Shaun Lancashire



Louisa Lawless



Xavier Lawlor



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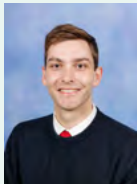
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Alexander Luscombe



Avril Martinelli



Sean Maynard



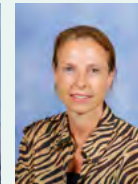
Lucy McKeown



Catherine McMahon



John Mills



Rachel Montalto



Vince Orlando



Sylvia Pastore



Justin Paul



Ananda Perera



Beverley Pettit



Chris Pye



Michael Pye



Paul Quinn



Charlie Roberts



Paris Rouvalis



Isabella Russo



Sandie Saundry



Chris Sodaitis



Eliza-Jane Steward



Terry Sweet



Deanne Telford



Brendan Tollit



Judy Vandrine



Paul Vassiliou



Kevin Wantrych



Nick Whitlock



Tori Whitten



Russell Wynne



OUR SCHOOL



■ ROLL CALL

YEAR 7

Grace Anketell
Ivy Banks
Archer Barr
Charlie Benns
Jethro Berridge
Eric Borg
Edward Burdett
Kingston Caguioa
Amelia Carter
Ethan Clarke
Charles Couch
Harry Denning
Jai Dhillon
Mietta Dooley
Marko Dorinko
Max Dorinko
Eamon Dunne
Julian Erata
Cruz Ferres
Callum Foley
Annie Graffeo
Liam Hitchcock
Jack Ibrahim
Athena Kalloniatis
Boyd Kenny
Harvey Krutop
Curtis Leech
Inouk Majcen
Agatha Mathieson
Finbar McCormack
Harrison Mullender
Johnnie Munro
Diego Nashar
Nathan Nguyen
Louis Norton
Monique Panozzo
Atticus Patterson
Jake Paul
Charli Potts
Maxwell Pucci
Ezrah Robertson
Matteo Rogers
Ojiro Sato
Abigail Scroggie
Nikolas Stroskas
Brandon Sun
Levi Toby
Beren Tumer
Benjamin Van Aardt
Dashiell Wade

YEAR 8

Alessandro Bautista
Matthew Bautista
Aidan Brennan
Elliot Brenner
Leo Bugden
Joss Capiron
Cruz Carter
Aiden Catherall
Noah Chapple
Lila Charewicz
Athan Christakopoulos
Hamish Clarke
Camilla Clelland
Harrison Clelland
Sienna Colonico
Harley Corke
Christian Cowan
Liam Craig
Jack Curran
Alexander Dalby
Hunter Daley
Samson Daley
William De La Mere
Oliver Denning
Imogen Fancourt
Christian Fernandez
Jacob Fish
Emmalia George
Samantha Giannakopoulos
Chloe Guevarra
Laughlan Gumley
Ashton Heriot
Vivien Hoare
Clementine Hobbs
Amelia James
Rafael Jansen
Maksymilian Kaplon
John Katiforis
James Kemp
Finn Kirkwood
Anton Kovacevic
Charlotte Leroi
Jerome Linnell
Edward Lloyd-Smith
Jett Lowe
Michael Lynch
Sebastian Maddams
Joaquin Majcen
Mick McMahon
Finn McNamara
Connor McStraw

Jack Miocic
Charlie Mondon
Magdalen Moore
William Morrow
Jack Muir
Charlie Nolan
Charity Nzenza
Evelina Ouskov
Bayley Penna
Noah Philippe
Myles Plunkett
Willow Porter
Ryder Poupard
Jomel Irvin Ramos
Charlie Rayson
Isaac Reed
Olwen Rees
Liam Retallick
Harley Roach
Bronwyn Roberts
Kulasak Ronarongsanee
Jarvis Russell
Michala Sacco
Dante Santucci
Samuel Scharper
Massimo Serritiello
Owen Sharpe
Rupert Sianos
Nicholas Skordakis
Mitchell Slattery
Charles Steward
Samuel Stoddart
Josiah Taufale-Slade
Nate Taylor
Thomas Taylor
Paul Theoharidis
Jake Todd
Gina Tripolitano
James Vartuli
Leroy Waghorne
Damon Weymouth
Maverick Yin

YEAR 9

Anthony Abela
Emelia Ala
Asher Barton
Rohin Basu
Hamish Beard
Damon Bennett
Cohen Bentley
Shreyas Bhardwaj

Leah Biddle-Henwood
Lucas Bigmore-D'Amico
Hugo Boddington
Riley Borg
James Cappola
Joe Charlesworth
Plato Che
Dylan Collett
Alexandra Dimiropoulos
William Douglas
Jay Dullard
Oscar Fantini
Kamilla Fatseas
Joao-Carlos Fernandes
Lilyana Folloso
Joshua Fraser
Saoirse Gallagher
Harley Gammon
Caitlin Giffedder
Alexandar Grivicic
Cameron Hoad
Mitchell Houareau
Maya Jess
Oliver Jordan
Kleoniki Kalloniatis
Christopher Kemp
Yesenia Khmelnsky
Noah Korfiatis
Georgia Le Hunt
Stella Ligudzinski
Ollie Llewellyn-Smith
Samuel Lopez
Justin Manalo
Luca Mathieson
Lachlan McKinnis
Hugh McMahon
Ted McMahon
Alejandro Mendoza
Ramsey Montalto-Donlen
Dakira Nguyen
Vinh Nguyen
Gus Norton
Finley Panetta
Brodie Pearson
Amelia Pipke
Jack Prentice-Evans
Cayden Pyster
Andy Quach
Alison Rae
Louis Rogers
Cassius Sampson
Lisa Schmid
Sarah Scully

ROLL CALL

Jagger Serafin
John-Paul Siles
Ivan Silva Echeverria
Maya Taifernopoulos
Justin Truong
Sebastien Valmorbida
Lewis Vasilevski
Jasper Waghorne
Amelia Wright
Kate Zidarich

YEAR 10

Lucas Aboung
Harvey Andrew
Charles Andrews
Oliver Benns
Colby Bryan
Lachlan Cameron
Marco Canale
Oliver Clothier
Chloe Connors
Nicholas Cook
Jasper Corke
Patrick Cullen
Thomas Cusack
Finnegan Davis
Matthew Dellas
Mavi Di Pietro
Talia Di Pietro
Lincoln Dinh
Maxwell Dragwidge
Joel Farrar
Jude Fitzgerald
Juliano Garcia
Jowan Getulio
Gerard Gibney
Amelia Giglas
Helena Giglas
Madeline Gournas
Leah Grosso
Victor Ha
Liam Harrison
Edison Ho
Xavier Hoare
Emerson James
Elijah Jess
Stella Juegan
Cooper Kimberley
Noah Kirkwood
Jude Kolinac
Veronika Konotopchik

Thomas Lauder
Campbell Lavender
Jake Lehpamer
Isabella Leroi
Gilbert Maclatchy
Xavier Magnanini
Cooper Mangos
Jasper Martello
Christo Muorkor
Rudi Musu
Daniel Nguyen
Eva O'Keeffe
Shane Park
Matilda Phyland
Maximus Piritidis
Ivor Roberts
Cody Rowan
Rafi Sayar
William Scothern
Christian Simmonds
Kabir Singh
John Skordakis
Nicholas Spijker
Will Stone
Patricia Susanto
Tomasz Tamowicz
Sebastien Uehla
Ari Wallace
Yonas Weldemichael
Billy Wigmore
Jackson Williams
Cale Wood
Callum Woods
Isaac Wynd

YEAR 11

Nicholas Aiton
Athena Anastasopoulos
Zaki Angel
Ari Angelopoulos
Ante Balta
Charlie Banks
Jeremy Baxas
Li Baxter
Dexter Biddle
Maddison Bird
Taine Bolger
Jack Cahill
Christian Calderone
Tabitha Catalan
Carlos Charallam
Harry Charlesworth

Alexander Chilvers
Alexander Clara
Lachlan Clegg
Daniel Collingwood
Mannie Collins
Joshua Conlan
Tara Cotter
Hugh Craig
Charlotte Davis
Dagmawi Desisa
Morgan Di Giusto
Sophia Dinnadge
Nyvak Dor
Noah Douglas
Sheamas Duffield
Luke Ellis
Nathan Ellis
Ava Evans
Sam Evans
Luca Ferreri
Cillian Gallagher
Jack Gallagher
Jacob Gibbins
Dana Gionfriddo
Melvin Gomed
Ronan Greenwood
Audrey Guevarra
Allannah Hager
Isaiah Hagiwara
Timothy Harvey
Steffie Kalyvas
Panagiotis Katiforis
Sitthiphong Keoboulapha
Hamish Kerr
Grace Kingston
Joshua Kingston
Isabella Korolik
Daniel Krizek
Marcus Kruger
Ben Kulesza
Arivonne Kypriotis
Alyssa Lawrie
Elly Liew
James Lloyd-Smith
Liam Lochery
Cooper Logan
Madison Lord
Yi Lyu
Max Martin
Tom McMahon
Hunter McNamara
Maya Morabito
Mateo Moradi

■ ROLL CALL

Xavier Morrell
 Jacob Mukumba
 Nasir Nagnda
 Yasmin O'Keeffe
 Leroy Pach
 Oliver Pipke
 Jude Pitchforth
 Sean Plarisan
 Anthony Power
 Mackenzie Prentice-Evans
 Charlotte Richards
 Callum Roe
 Ciena Sampson
 Thomas Sayers
 Indi Serafin
 Kane Sexton
 Hamish Sharpe
 Joel Sheridan
 Teerawee Sitthirangsan
 Daniel Snell
 Cleopatra Sparrow-Cooper
 Hugo Speldewinde
 Thomas Stedman
 Zoe Taylor
 Jasmine Terceiro
 Jaeda Thornhill
 Adam Tran
 Cardin Tran
 Charlie Tuddenham
 Emmanuel Tzamouranis
 Will Vasilevski
 Luka Verde
 Ava Vlahos
 Henry Vu
 Ruby Williams
 Tyra Williams
 Adam Yusuf

YEAR 12

John Arhontis
 Benjamin Baker
 Wil Baker
 Zac Ballarin
 Rook Barry
 Merrielle Bautista
 Gabriele Beaini
 Harvey Bigham
 Terry Blizzard
 Elliot Bodin
 Lucas Bonaccorso
 Brayden Borg
 Sebastian Brizuela

Luc Bunde
 Archie Campbell
 Richard Cao
 Thomas Christodoulou
 Alexander Cook
 Jake Dalby
 Me'Ira Darvell-Newstadt
 Alexander De Jong
 Angus Denning
 Liam Denys
 Vance Dinh
 Amelia Dinnadge
 Connor Dowler
 Leftheri Drossos
 Alexander Fatouros
 Matthew Fitzgerald
 Ruby Fitzgerald
 Amy Fitzpatrick
 William Freeman
 Sonny Galvez
 Patrick Gantzios
 Arthur Georgakakis
 John Giglas
 Hunter Graham
 Noah Greasley
 Marcus Grosso
 Samuel Haddad
 Jaikyn Hammond
 Edward Hasker
 Samuel Healy
 Nebal Hilal
 Andy Hoang
 Finnbar Hobson
 Noah Hopkins-Smith
 Mitchell Hoskin
 Nicholas Howard
 Brigitte Jackson
 Raj Johnston
 Jack Kilgour
 Yel Kolong
 Benjamin Krikis
 Yar Kuek
 Shaun Lancashire
 Boadie Leeds
 Sabrina Lehpamer
 Jay Lennartz-Kelly
 Madeleine Leroi
 Elijah Linden
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