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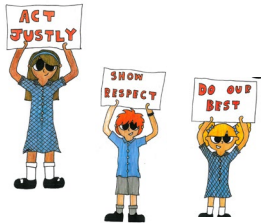


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### St. Mary's College Vision Statement



*A welcoming Catholic community that respects our heritage and looks to a sustainable future.  
We inspire learning excellence, resilience and service to others.*



### From the Principal

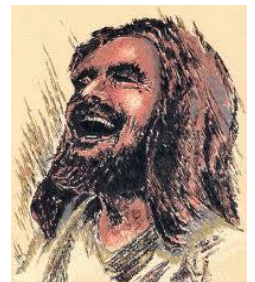
Dear Parents,

*'Will you tell the Sisters to get a good cup of tea ...when I am gone and to comfort one another.'*

**Catherine McAuley**



**Dignity, Respect and a Good Cup of Tea** Our world would be a better place if the words dignity and respect were given the importance they deserve...both words are a constant at St Mary's. My dear nanna (Bowling Green Nanna) who went to heaven many years ago taught me a valuable lesson during my younger years, "Wayne until you can forgive you can't move on." May the students in our care learn to forgive and may we adults remind ourselves that if home and school walk together, the possibilities are endless for every student. The prime responsibility that any Catholic school has for its students is to nurture a personal relationship with Christ. This is not a throwaway line or said in jest but perhaps can be best considered in the words of Saint Mary Mackillop, "*Believe in the whisperings of God to your own heart.*" *Dignity and respect were truly alive on Thursday morning at the Feast of the Assumption Mass. Our students were excellent in the respect they gave to the sacredness of the Church and in being mindful of the parishioners and visitors who were in the congregation. Three cheers to St Mary's!*



Further to Catherine McAuley's words, "Will you tell the Sisters to get a good cup of tea," Our staffroom will soon have a big tea pot (nicknamed Mercy) where at each recess time the first staff member in to the room is to fill the pot for colleagues as a symbol of Catherine McAuley's belief that a host must always greet their guest with a cuppa!

**St Mary's 2019 College Review** Monday and Tuesday we welcome Jan Hayes to St Mary's. Jan will meet with staff, students and parents over the two day visit. The review focuses on the life of St Mary's from 2016 to 2019 and is an excellent opportunity to plan for the future.



**Our Mercy Spirit - Thankyou Catherine!** A wonderful day it was (Monday 12 August) organised by Mrs Evans and Mrs Gough. Did you know... Catherine McAuley could have been a millionaire living a very luxurious life but she decided to put the money into educating young women and helping the poor. She opened The House of Mercy in Baggot Street Dublin much to the annoyance of wealthy local residents. Catherine lived in a time when Irish Catholics were under English penal laws and banned from membership in the Irish Parliament; could not own a horse over 5 pound; Catholic Churches had to be built out of wood and were not to be seen from a main road. Oppression can only last for so long, yet it was the Catherine McAuley's of this world who soldiered on even through absolute despair.



**2020 Enrolments** There will be an enrolment increase in the student population for 2020. At present our College is planning for 175 secondary and 276 primary students with an overall increase of 51 students. There will be two Prep classes next year and planning is underway for the extra classrooms required across P-10. A reminder if you know a family who would not normally catch up on St Mary's College news and who are considering enrolment please advise them to contact the College Office asap.

**St Mary's College Catholic Care Psychologist** As from next week St Mary's will have a Catholic Care psychologist (welcome Peter Folidis) at the school from Friday 16 August, one day a week for the remainder of 2019. Peter works in other Catholic schools and will be at St Mary's as from next Wednesday 21 August. **As from 2020 our College will have a Catholic Care psychologist for 3-4 days a week.** This appointment is a first for St Mary's and we know it is needed and will be valued by students, parents and staff. Catholic Care Melbourne provide psychologists for more than 75 Melbourne Archdiocesan Catholic Schools and we look forward to the support that this arrangement will offer our College families. In time there will be more information for families (particularly in 2020) regarding the process and protocols for consultations. The corner room of the Mercy Centre is currently being refurbished to become *Mercy 1 - The Psychologist Room*.



**School Drop-off Pick-up ZONE**

Since the **parish car park** was closed in Term One due to obvious safety reasons it is worth reflecting on what has happened since that time.

- Car park closed after Risk Assessment completed.
- Shire consulted on surrounding car park availability.
- Survey Monkey. Results to be published in oncoming weeks.
- Bus Stop moved temporarily to Crawford Street.

The College Board meeting (14/8/19) discussed survey results and parking. Catholic Education Melbourne have also been consulted. Fergus Chisholm (Planning and Facilities Manager) recommended a Traffic Management Company that CEM uses for school traffic appraisals. The company has been contacted and will be engaged to give a final determination on whether a Drop-off Pick-up zone is required and or possible at St Mary's.

**MASTER PLAN**

**Master Plan and State Government Grant** The College community will soon be informed of a recent meeting that was held to consider the current Master Plan and the State Government grant. The meeting was valuable and constructive as a lead into setting future directions for St Mary's College.

*Best wishes to our students who are representing St Mary's in AFL and Broadford Netball Grand Finals. May you play to lift the trophy but be humble and dignified win, lose or draw! Go St Mary's!*



*from the... Business Manager*

**Lap Top Installment Due** Families of students in Yrs 7, 8 and 9 are reminded that the next Laptop Program instalment of \$230 is due by **1 September**. Thank you to those families who have already met this deadline. Please include the description LTOP and your Surname if paying by Direct Deposit. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the College.



**Late Arrivals** To ensure our attendance data is correct students arriving late for school are required to attend the office to sign in and obtain a late pass. This will also reduce the number of SMS notifications sent to parents whose children are actually at school but have missed the home room roll.

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## Education in Faith & School Community



from the Deputy Principal ...



Yesterday, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption with a whole College/Parish Mass. Every time we attend Mass as a College, we are very proud of the reverent and respectful way the students participate in the celebration of the Mass. Families are always very welcome to join us on these occasions.

The Assumption is a very significant feast day for the Catholic Church and for our school. As St Mary's College, any Feast day of the mother of God has special significance for us.

**Staff PD Day** Thank you for your support of our Staff Professional Development day last Monday.

There is a focus each term for our school closure days and the focus this term was on reconnecting with our Mercy heritage. Our school was started by the Mercy sisters more than 140 years ago and over the past years, we have been working to re-establish our links with this rich and authentic history. This year, we have become an affiliate Mercy school, which allows us to access more professional development, recourses and links with our heritage.

**Mark Shafton and Pauline Cucitto**, from Catholic Education Melbourne, facilitated the day. Staff learnt more of the history of Catherine McCauley, founder of the Mercy sisters, and worked together to plan how we can live the Mercy story with our students every day. The Mercy values of Compassion, Respect, Justice, Service, Courage and Hospitality are wound through our Vision statement and TAG and we will continue to work to make them more explicit in everything we do.

### Some upcoming community events!

#### Father's Day Breakfast and Stall- Friday 30 August

Only two more weeks until our annual Father's Day Breakfast!!

For our new families, this is one of our most popular days on the school calendar. We invite all dads, grandads and special people to join us for breakfast on Friday 30 August from 7.30am in the quadrangle. There are always some lucky 'door' prizes and it is a great opportunity to share time with your children, catch up with old friends or make some new ones.

We are looking forward to seeing all our dads, grandads and special people at the breakfast next Friday morning. A note will go home via Caremonkey to help us with catering. Please reply by Friday 23 August at the latest so we can place our order.

Thank you to our wonderful staff for coming early to cook and serve the breakfast.

A huge thank you to our P&F members and many other parents for making it possible for us to have a Father's Day stall. The stall will be held on Friday 30 August from 9am in the Parish Hall. Gifts for Dad are available from \$1-\$5.

Yr 8-10 students are invited to visit the Parish Hall before school and Prep - Yr 7 will visit during the morning.

We are very grateful to the P&F and to all those who contribute to the stall and help to run it on Friday morning.

**Daffodil Day** is Cancer Council's most iconic and much-loved annual campaign that raises life-saving funds for world-class cancer research. It's a time of hope; where we come together to show our support for the 145,000 Australians diagnosed with cancer each year.

Our Yr 10 Leaders are organising a fundraising effort to help support the work of Cancer Council and to show support to all those who are or have been affected by cancer in our community. This year, we especially hold Mrs Kerry Hogan and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

All students are invited to wear their sports uniform on Friday 23 August with a splash of yellow – e.g yellow socks, yellow ribbons, yellow scarf – and bring a gold coin donation. The money will be passed on to the Cancer Council.

**Vietnam Veterans Walk** Our Yr 10 leaders are representing St Mary's College at the annual Vietnam Veterans Walk on Sunday 18 August. Along with Seymour College and Puckapunyal Primary School, St Mary's College is invited to participate in the walk which commemorates the incredible efforts of Australian service men and women in the Vietnam War.

We have a very busy rest of the term with our Father's Day Breakfast on Friday 30 August, Feast Day on 6 Friday September, and the Footy Colours Day to end the term!!

Thank you for your continued support of all our faith and community events.

**Mrs Catherine Evans**  
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## *Student Wellbeing*



*from the Deputy Principal ...*

At St Mary's College we encourage all students to be inclusive and to be considerate and respectful of one another with both voice and actions. The Wellbeing team does a large amount of research and reading to ensure we are continually exploring proactive strategies to ensure all our students continue to feel supported and valued within our College. We have been a Positive Behaviour school for many years and we all take pride in knowing our College TAG – Show Respect, Act Justly and Do Your Best. This approach focuses on Restorative Practices and engaging the students to take greater ownership of their behaviours and choices.

Over the coming few weeks, all classes will revisit our TAG and continue to strengthen how we live this out in our everyday interactions with one another.

The staff will revisit our TAG Rubric, with the students, who originally came up with the idea, during our Pastoral Care sessions. The rubric outlines how the College TAG looks and sounds like within a classroom, yard, canteen, corridor, bus stop and other areas within the school context. This is a small snippet of what it looks like. Perhaps you might like to do a similar version for your child at home ☺

<b>TAG</b>	<b>Classroom</b>	<b>Yard</b>
<b>Show Respect</b>	Put hand up to speak Listen to others / teacher/follow instructions Use manners speak appropriately Arrive at class on time Use inside voice Use kind words Ask permission	Don't litter Take care of equipment and buildings Line up for equipment Respect the environment Lead by example Walk into classroom quietly from the yard
<b>Act Justly</b>	Teachers to provide students with activities to be successful Allow others to learn Give others a go and share Treat others equally Consider social justice Move safely in the room	Take it in turns in games Sharing/being inclusive of others Follow the agreed rules – be fair Accepting others shortcomings Play safely
<b>Do Your Best</b>	Stay on task and have a go Be a problem solver Complete work neatly Be responsible for your own choices Go to toilet at plat times Be prepared for class with your books etc.	Stay in boundaries for your play area Wear your hat Use the bins Report wrong doings to teacher Use your manners

We have Mrs Mary Tampion on leave at the moment until the end of term, so if you have any queries, please continue to make contact with your child's homeroom teacher or myself.

Our Wellbeing Leaders in Yr 10 will be planning the next social on Thursday 12 September in our MPH. There will be a CareMonkey invitation for you to acknowledge if your child will be attending. We continue to keep Child Safety as our priority, so please ensure you have read and signed permission, as well as ensuring your child is picked up promptly at 9pm at the conclusion of the night. More details to follow in the Marian.

**TAG Buddy** We have our next TAG BUDDY today with our little buddies across the College. Our Preps we know are traditionally paired up with the Yr 10s.

Yr 9s are with our Senior Primary Students, Yr 8s are with the Middle Primary Students and Yr 7s are with our Junior Primary classes Yrs 1/ 2. This gives our older students across the secondary levels an opportunity to lead by example and use their leadership skills.

**Winter Uniform** Once again, I remind all parents to ensure your child has the correct winter uniform, as we have had some students attend in the incorrect shoes, jumpers and coats. If you need further clarification about uniform, please come and see either a Level Coordinator or myself.

We take pride in wearing our uniform correctly and will be following up on any reason why this is difficult for your child. Thank you for your support in this matter.

**Mobile Phones** Can I also remind all parents and students that all mobile phones must be turned off and left in school bags, which are securely kept in lockers in the secondary corridor. Students are not to use their device for any reason throughout the school day. If they need to contact you, they are required to ask a staff member if they can make contact with you via the office. Likewise, if you need to contact your child, please do not contact them on their mobile phone, please call the office. If your child contacts you, if feeling unwell, please do not respond by coming to pick them up, but instead contact the office and ask for further clarification. Thank you for your support with this matter.

**Level Morning Assemblies** A reminder that all levels have morning assemblies.

P-4	Weekly		Monday 8.45am	Art Garden Area
5-7	Fortnight	Week B	Friday 8.45am	Art garden area
8-10	Fortnight	Week B	Tuesday 8.45am	Art garden area

You will be notified via email/text if your child will be receiving an award and hopefully you will be able to attend to witness this wonderful achievement.

Not only will it be about Positive Behavior Awards, but an opportunity for the level to come together to pray, share information, but also grow as a collective team and celebrate wonderful achievements both in and out of school.

We look forward to seeing as many parents, grandparents as possible supporting these assemblies.

Once again, we look forward to always working in partnership with you to ensure your child's wellbeing, motivation and overall attitude is positive and caring.

***Ms Zine Dovara***

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# DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3		
Wk 6B	Thu 22	Yr 10 PE Excursion
Wk 7A	Mon 26	P-6 Incursion _ Music Viva
	Tue 27	Yr 10 Excursion _ Arts Centre (7.30am-3.00pm)
	Thu 29	SR Round Robin
	Fri 30	Father's Day Breakfast (7.30am-8.30am)
Wk 8B	Tue 3 Sep	SR Athletics _ Shepparton
	Wed 4	Yr 8 Night of Notables (6.30pm-7.30pm)
	Fri 6	College Feast Day
Wk 9A	Wed 11	Primary District Athletics
	Sat 14	Indonesian Trip (Sat 14 – Mon 23 ) Whole College Assembly (2.15pm-3.15pm)
Wk 10B	Fri 20	Last day of Term
Wk 1A	Mon 7 Oct	<b>Pupil Free Day</b>
	Tue 8	First Day of Term 3
	Wed 9	MP Camp_Jungai (Wed to Fri)
	Thu 10	Hume Athletics Albury Primary Division Athletics
Wk 2B	Fri 18	Primary Regional Athletics Whole College Assembly (2.20pm-3.10pm) Opening Night SMC Art Show (7.00pm-8.00pm)
	Sat 19	SMC Art Show (10.00am-4.00pm)
	Sun 20	SMC Art Show (10.00am-4.00pm)
Wk 3A	Tue 22	Prep Parent Information Evening (5.30pm-6.30pm) Yr 7 Parent Information Evening (7.00pm-8.00pm)
	Wed 23	Yr 7 Immunisation (9.00am-10.00am)
	Fri 25	Grandparents Day (9.00am-11.00am)
Wk 4B	Mon 28	Yr 5/6 Camp_Canberra (Mon 28 – Fri 01/11) Yr 9 Camp_Tasmania (Tue 29-Thu 31)
	Wk 5A	Mon 4 Tue 5

## Term Dates 2019

Term 3: 15/7 – 20/9

Term 4: 7/10 – 29/11 (Yr 10s)  
6/12 (Yrs 7-9)  
17/12 (Prep-6)

## Student Free Days 2019

Mon 7 October

## CANTEEN ROSTER

19-23 August  
(10.45am-2.30pm)

Mon 19	Jenna Fairbridge
Tue 20	Catherine Plessey
Wed 21	Catherine Plessey
Thu 22	Jodie Parchomenko
Fri 23	Jane Archibald Jane Archibald Jo Fairweather

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## ST. MARY'S PARISH SEYMOUR - ST. JOSEPH'S TALLAROOK

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MASS TIMES: St. Mary's: SAT 6.00pm, SUN 10.00am; St. Joseph's: SUN 8.30am