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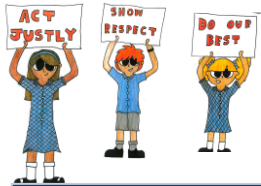
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St. Mary's College Vision Statement

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

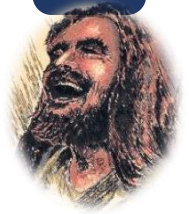


From the Principal

Dear Parents,

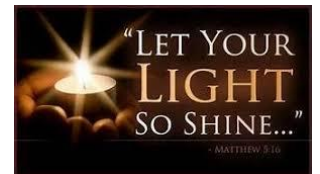


Awards Congratulations to all Award recipients. You have deserved the recognition of your commitment to your school work during 2019. You were acknowledged on the day for their commitment and contribution to various areas of school life. Be proud of the award you received and what you have achieved in 2019. For students who received recognition you deserve to enjoy the moment.



The Yr 10 Graduation was a wonderful evening beginning with the Mass. Father Eugene gave an excellent sermon challenging the students to never lose sight of the St Mary's ethos that has grown within them over their years at St Mary's. The following was my speech to Yr 10.

Year 10 Graduation Speech *"Thank you to Mrs Gough and Mrs Evans for the organisation of the Graduation Mass. I also thank our Office staff in particular Mrs Read for the behind the scenes work leading up to this graduation evening. Thank you to Father Eugene for celebrating the Mass. Your words of wisdom I hope will remain forever in the hearts of Yr 10. The theme 'Let your light so shine' of the Graduation Mass is a fitting for Yr 10. I asked Mrs Gough, Ms Dovara and Mrs Evans yesterday what was special about you the class of 2019. They were quick to reply without hesitation,*



Yr 10 are happy; sparkling; bright; a cohesive group and were like bees to honey with their younger buddies. These are all a true sign and indication of your qualities and you have shown a real spirit of togetherness during 2019. Yr 10 this is the last night you will ever be together. From tonight life will have many twists and turns; many changes, many challenges and life will move all of you to many different directions – life has a plan for you.

But that is OK Yr 10 because life does that to all of us and therefore ensures we build strong characters; develop a resilience that appreciates those golden school years like St Mary's provided and welcomes you into an exciting future where you will make a difference in your future schools as the journey of life unfolds. Yr 10, your teachers have been your foundation at St Mary's and the quality of education you have received at our school has been tremendous. From the time you began your education at St Mary's you have been challenged each day to reach for the stars in and out of the classroom. You have been challenged to be young people of integrity, honesty and tolerance. In 2010 Mrs Moore and Mrs Rowland along with Mrs Gordon and Mrs Duncan challenged you and if ever needed, offered advice, praise or a wake me up call! They have laughed with you; cried with you and were always there for you. Please let us put our hands together for Mrs Moore, Mrs Rowland, Mrs Gordon and Mrs Duncan. In particular thank you to Mrs Tampion for her pastoral care of Yr 10 over the past four years. No group could have had a finer Level Coordinator who knows the students and is able to discern their needs in a very uncomplicated yet wisdom filled way. Thank you Mrs Tampion!

'Let your light so shine' is an appropriate theme for the Class of 2019 because you are a class who put people, friends, and relationships before material importance. This incredibly important value will never be lost to you as you move on throughout your life. Valuing family and friends as your highest priority will ensure that you pass the same value and attitude onto those you meet during your life's journey. Before long you will move into a world that can be beautiful one moment and seemingly unfair the next. Your life will take many twists and turns and the values, resilience and inner belief that has been instilled in you by both home life and school will enable you to deal with the tough times and rejoice in the many exciting times.

Yr 10 last week I heard a person say every day I wake in the morning is a great day because I were lucky enough to be born in Australia. You live in a country like no other on the planet. A land where people are treated equally, a land where the power of the word mate can be used for Kings, Queens or for that matter anyone. Let the word mate be a reminder to you that life is not all about what you wear, what you look like and self-image. The media will have you believe that you can only be happy if you buy the most expensive and the most popular things. You do not have to have the best of everything to be happy, to be popular or to be accepted. Who you are, how you relate to others and what you are prepared to do to help someone else are the things that really matter.

There is a parable in the Gospels that tells of the poor widow who gives what she has to assist a poor man, yet in the same parable the rich man gives no more than the widow. What a giving person that widow was to sacrifice what she had to help someone less fortunate- how caring a soul she was. The message from this parable for you and for us all this evening is to not get caught up in the things that do not really matter but to be generous in thinking about what really does count.

Yr 10 St Mary's has prepared you well for post Yr 10 life. St Mary's students are known for their maturity, determination, willingness to have a go and ability to offer a balanced view. We expect you to move on taking the spirit of Sacred Heart with you. Always be proud to have been a student of St Mary's College Seymour and remember that we have always said our students punch above their weight- in other words our students do not shy away from a bigger challenge.

We expect you to strive for higher honours and too never give up on your dreams.

I take this opportunity to thank your parents for your loyalty and commitment to St Mary's. I admire your acceptance of making the financial sacrifice so your son or daughter could have a Catholic Education. On behalf of the School Board and our staff I offer you our sincere thanks for walking the St Mary's journey with us. I also thank you for the times you backed the decisions we have made for your son or daughter even though you may have thought otherwise. Backing the school sends a very grounded and valuable message to our children. Yr 10 will in years to come understand the same realities if ever they are parents.

Yr 10, too often today people make excuses for when things do not go right for them. They do not want to put in the effort to achieve. Don't make up excuses if you are that way inclined – get in and do the hard yards. Success comes from the doing. So where does God fit into the picture after you leave St Mary's? Always remember that the God of St Mary's is also the Laughing Face of Christ. Your God is a happy God; a God who is love and who will never turn away from you no matter what burdens may come your way.

My wish for you Yr 10 is that as you leave St Mary's you never allow your values to be compromised. Never allow anyone to try and change what you know is right and wrong, you know what your parents and teachers have given you to live by. These are lifelong qualities and inner beliefs. We thank you for your presence in our school and for the many gifts you have brought to St Mary's to make it a better place to be. You have also carried on the tradition of giving your younger peers the message that it is a privilege and honour to represent our College.

You are leaving a grand school and you know that I believe we send students off to be leaders in society. It is now your turn to stand up and run with that baton. Always be The Light of Christ Yr 10 and when or wherever you talk about your old school in the future stand proud and say proudly - that was my school and St Mary's taught me to believe in courage, strength and love.

May God speed be with you always and the laughing face of Christ be forever in your midst. From the words of Pope Francis, "Be the change you want to see in the world."

Welcome Tuesday 10th December we welcome our new Foundation children and secondary students to Orientation Day. A day where students F-7 receive a taste of 2020. We wish the students all the best for their new experience and classmates.

Next week's Marian will cover various areas of College life and updates on 2020.

Best wishes,



Wayne Smith
Principal



Education in Faith & School Community



from the Deputy Principal ...

Last Sunday, we celebrated the beginning of the season of Advent. This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent- we light two purple candles as we wait for the birth of Jesus.



Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, we wait in hope.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, 'Come Lord Jesus!' (Henri Nouwen)

We invite all families to gather with us for our second Advent prayer on **Monday 9th December** at 8.45am outside the Art Room. We will gather there on Thursday 12 and Friday 13 to complete our Advent prayer. We look forward to welcoming you to our Advent celebration.



Hudson (JPW) lit our first advent candle on Tuesday



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving Tree Once again this year, we have been asking for contributions to the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving tree. We know that we have asked a lot of our community over the past months, with our drought fundraiser and major raffle. But Vinnies is a cause very close to our hearts at St Mary's so we are hoping to support them again this year. The baskets will be collected from each classroom today, taken to the church and distributed to local families in need.

Thank you very much for your generosity.



Seymour Carols by Candlelight A huge thank you to all the students who came and sang in the Seymour Lions Club Annual Carols by Candlelight that was held at St Mary's hall on Sunday 1 December. The choir did a marvelous job. Thanks to Ms Sleeman for all her preparation and work to get the students ready for the night.



Students achieving in many different ways!!

Addison Stokes – playing guitar; Jasper Kaarsberg- builder extraordinaire; Georga Hoppner – super horse rider with Grace McLean and Eden-Rose Dundon

Chloe Thompson and Sophie Munro with Chloe's mum Danni, Sophie's Nana and Ms. Fiona McCarthy from Seymour Rotary (the girls presented to the school community about their Rotary awards).

Paxton Thornberry, Fletcher Archibald, Cayleb Trodd and Jasper Berryman with Mr. Kevin Meese from Catholic Mission

So many talented students!!



Graduation

Last Friday we celebrated our Yr 10 class of 2019. What a wonderful celebration it was!! Thanks to our amazing parents, students and staff for a great night.

Special thanks to Fr Ashkar for the Mass and meaningful celebration for the Graduation. Thanks to Jason from JBL catering, Dani Thompson from Dani Kimmel photograph and North central party Hire. Special thanks to our guests: Mayor David Lowe from Mitchell Shire, Mrs. Fiona McCarthy from Seymour Rotary, Mr and Mrs Ken and Noelene Whitfort from Seymour Total Sports, Mrs Carol Smith and Mr Paul Fleming from St Vincent de Paul, Mr Oliver Hogan from Seymour Performers Workshop, and Seymour Arts Society and Seymour Health who were unable to be with us on the night.

The Yr 9 students supported the Yr 10s by assisting with the waiting on the night.

Many thanks to Harrison Wilson, Renee Indich-Navon, Ashlyn Graham, Tristan Murphy and Cadence Verhoef. A great nights work!!



Year 10 awards

~**Dux:** Chloe Copeland ~**All Rounder Award:** Maggie McSpeerin ~**Staff Achievement**

Award: Polly Duff ~**Monsignor Anthony K. Toms Science Award:** Chloe Copeland ~**Mother Maurice Citizenship Award:**

Brandy Thompson ~**Vocational Education and Training Award:** Casey Grant ~**Mitchell Shire Encouragement Award:**

Oryiana Hanna ~**SPW Kerry Hogan Encouragement Award:** Cooper Bell ~**Seymour Health Wellbeing Award:** Jasmine

Jimenez-Laidlaw ~**Outstanding Sportspersons Award:** Maggie McSpeerin & Jonathan Moore ~**Seymour Arts Society**

Award: Akira Sims ~**Seymour Rotary Encouragement Award:** Cooper Bell & Bronte Tipping ~**St Vincent de Paul**

Scholarship Award: Polly Duff ~**Kwong Lee Dow Program - University of Melbourne:** Chloe Copeland



Year 6-9 awards

We celebrated the end of the secondary school year with our awards ceremony and liturgy on Thursday. It was a beautiful ceremony and many students were recognized for their efforts across the year.

Kaitlin O'Neill (8M) and Lainey Doyle (SPO) entertained the crowd and Oliver Bree and Will Speechley created a video reflecting on the year. Thank you to you all.

Year 6-9 Academic Achievement Awards ~**SPC:** Cooper Shearer ~**SPK:** Charlee DiMartino ~**SPO:** Lewis Lorenzo

~**7M:** Ava Loweke ~**7A:** Archie Huxtable ~**8M:** Grace Doherty ~**8W:** Georgia Thomson ~**9A:** Claire Noonan ~**9G:** Tenisha

Raymond

Year 6-9 Arts and Technology Awards ~SPC: Noah Pearce ~SPK: Bowen Zhang and Holly Bender ~SPO: Daniel McLean ~7M: Izaac Joseph-Hauser ~7A: Jorja Roberts ~8M: Chloe Holton ~8W: Claudia Carrick ~9A: Arabella Carlin ~9G: Tenisha Raymond

Years 6-9 TAG Citizenship Awards ~SPC: Remy Hare ~SPK: Holly Bender ~SPO: Sophie Munro ~7M: Emily Homewood ~7A: Jacinta Raymond ~8M: Oliver Bree ~8W: Danielle Corocher ~9A: Lily Thorpe ~9G: Grace Cunningham

College and Community Awards ~Lions Club of Seymour: Grade 6 – Chloe Thompson Yr 9 – Jack Glen ~Rotary Club of Seymour: Grade 6 – Zac Brown & Sophie Munro ~Mitchell Shire Encouragement Award: Oliver Bree ~Monsignor Anthony K. Toms Science Award: Fletcher Archibald ~Seymour Health Wellbeing Award: Jade Collett

~Outstanding Sportsperson Awards: ~Grade 6 girl: Adison Thornberry ~Grade 6 boy: Iziah Wilson ~Year 8 girl: Jordyn Beattie ~Year 8 boy: Cayleb Trodd

Prayer and Christmas Play- On Wednesday 11 December, we will be holding a simple prayer celebration. This will include a Nativity play from JPP and JPW as well as a “Aussie Christmas” presentation from the other classes. Please come and join us at **1.30pm** in the MPH.

Thank you- I would like to acknowledge the wonderful and inspiring work of Mrs Rochelle Gough. Rochelle has been responsible for all the beautiful and meaningful liturgies and prayers we have celebrated throughout the year. Thanks you Rochelle so much for all your great leadership, support and vision. Many thanks to Fr Ashkar for his ongoing support and advice. It has been great to be a part of the Parish Masses every week and we have appreciated Fr Ashkar’s help with our sacramental program.

Within the community sphere- it’s been another very busy year!!!

Thank you so much to all of our families, students and staff for the wonderful support over the year. A special thanks to the Community team- Mrs Jennine Brock, Mrs Tanya Oakley and Mrs Rochelle Gough for all their enthusiasm for building community at St Mary’s.

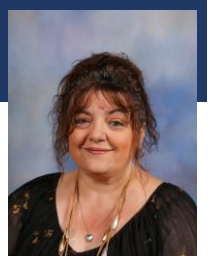
I wish all of our families a safe, happy and holy Christmas. Have a fantastic holiday and we look forward to seeing you again in 2020. Every best wish to those families who are moving on to other schools. Thank you for your support and help during your time at St Mary’s.

Merry Christmas
Cath

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Student Wellbeing



from the Deputy Principal ...

Well, what an amazing year I have had as Deputy Principal Wellbeing. We have celebrated many wonderful events as a College and it all comes to another end of a busy, but rewarding year.

Our Secondary Students finished up today on a positive note all enjoying their end of year celebrations. Our Yr 7s enjoyed their day out at Melbourne Zoo, as part of their Science Curriculum, while our Yr 8s were involved in the Amazing Race around the College and our Yr 9s cooled down at the Tallarook swimming pool. They have all had a successful year academically and socially as young adolescents and we wish them all the very best in their future studies in 2020.

Our Foundation to Yr 7 Orientation day on Tuesday 10 December will be an exciting day where we welcome some of our new staff. This special day enables our students to engage in new activities within a new classroom environment with new peers. These days are filled with much excitement and activity. Our students experience a range of tasks associated with being in the next level of schooling, as well as meeting all new teachers. This program runs smoothly due to such a wonderful group of staff that support and encourage one another. We look forward to welcoming our new students to St. Mary’s College also on this Orientation Day. Our Yr 7s will have a hot dog lunch, but if they prefer to bring their own, that is fine. They will experience a day of what it is like to be a secondary student.

A reminder that our primary classes will be participating in their end of year picnic days throughout next week at school. Please read over the level email that is sent each week to be aware of any details.

Another reminder is that we are preparing for the season of Christmas through Advent. Once again we donate to St. Vincent de Paul and have the Vinnies baskets. This is our opportunity to 'make a difference' to those in our wider community who are less fortunate than us.

On a final note, I would like to thank all our students for being well mannered and respectful. It has been a pleasure teaching them and we look forward to seeing them all progress through to 2020 as more confident, mature and well-mannered young ladies and gentlemen. I would like to thank all the staff for their ongoing care and commitment to the children and looking after their wellbeing and learning. A special thanks to the Wellbeing Team consisting of our three amazing Level Coordinators, Anne Spencer, Andrew Allen and Mary Tampion, alongside Catherine Hurst, our Learning Diversity Leader.

On behalf of the Wellbeing team and Staff, we would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and families for their continued support and participation in the learning and wellbeing of their children. We look forward to working in partnership once again in 2020 and wish you all a safe and happy festive season and holiday.

Ms Zine Dovara

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Learning & Teaching

from the Deputy Principal ...

Thank you to all staff for providing wonderful learning experiences for students this year. Thank you to all students for showing respect, acting justly and doing your best. Thank you to all parents and carers for working in partnership with us!



Best wishes for a Lovely Christmas and relaxing holiday time.

Semester 2 Student Reports Student Reports are being finalised this week and will be released via PAM on Monday 9th December.

The information shows the level of achievement against the Victorian Curriculum Standards and their approaches to learning. Supporting comments are given for Foundation to Yr 6 students. Students in Yrs 7-10 have already received comments in the assessment tasks results under the *Learning Areas* link in PAM.

Please contact your child's teacher for any clarification if needed.

Congratulations to all students on their achievements this year!

Transition to 2020 Note the stationary list (for students in Yrs 7-10 is attached to this Newsletter and is also available on the website. Please make sure that your child is ready to start 2020 by having all the required items on the first day of school.

Curriculum Leaders and Professional Practice All curriculum leaders are preparing to meet with their teams in the coming week to review, plan and prepare for the start of next year. This provides a smooth start for teachers and students and ensures the design of rigorous learning programs across the College.

Home School Partnerships Early in term 1 2020 we will be getting to know each other and become more connected to school. In week 1 Thursday 30th January the Yr 7 students will have their laptop rollout night and information session for parents and students. In week 3 Tuesday 11th February the Yr 8, 9 and 10 students and parents will have an information session and meeting with the teachers.

More details at the start of next year.

Mrs Christine Buhler

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2020 Stationery List for Secondary Students

Dear Parent

Please find below a list of stationery requirements for our Secondary students in 2020.

Due to the fact that the students will be using laptops, there is no official booklist as in previous years. On-line texts are formatted onto students' lap tops and are charged to your account as an e-learning levy.

The items below are required for **all students** and will need to be replenished regularly throughout the year.

Pencil case for all classes, containing:

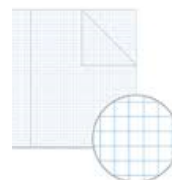
- Pens - Blue and Red
- Grey lead pencil
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Glue Stick
- Scissors
- Sharpener
- Compass
- 180° Protractor
- Black Fine-liner (.5mm)
- Coloured Pencils and Textas
- 3 x A4 Display Books
- (↔) Ear Buds (computer use)
- **8** x A4 Exercise Books (96 pages) **No spiral bound exercise books please.**
- **3** x A4 5mm Grid Book (128 pages) (*Mathematics*)



A4 Display Books



Exercise Book
~ *Sample only* ~

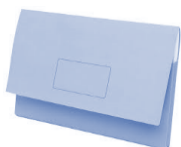


Grid Book



Please Note: Years 8 - 10: Scientific Calculator Casio Scientific Calculator fx-82AU PLUS II (Compulsory). Please replace if your child has misplaced their previous calculator.

Year 7



- (↔) Document Wallets (A4 pk.10)
- Scientific Calculator Casio Scientific Calculator fx-82AU PLUS II (*retain Yr.7-10*) (Compulsory)



Literacy News



SMART Spelling

All Primary teachers and Secondary English staff are looking forward to implementing SMART Spelling in 2020 – a whole school approach to the teaching of

spelling. Staff will undertake professional development during the last week of school to be prepared for the start of the 2020 school year. This will provide a consistent approach to spelling and consistent language for all Foundation- Grade 6 students. It also allows the Secondary English staff an insight into how spelling is approached in the primary years and the language they can use with their students moving forward. SMART Spelling explicitly teaches spelling patterns one at a time but also allows for the needs of all students to be catered for. The students will benefit from using a shared language and being able to build on their previous years knowledge and understanding in future years.

Mrs Kerrie Pearce



Science News



We were lucky enough to have Maurie Brodie from 'The Rockery' in Longwood come and visit our Science Department this week.

Maurie came to assist us in correctly identifying the large number of rocks we have in our collection. He was also able to provide some interesting facts and the original location of many of the rocks.

'The Rockery' in Longwood is a great place to visit in on a weekend or during the holiday. It's very interesting and Maurie is very knowledgeable.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Rockery-Gemstone-Museum-1394021787506340/>

Thanks Maurie!



The enormous collection, spread out.



Maurie, hard at work



The end result!

Ms Andrea Williams

Dates to Remember

Term 4		
Wk 10B	Mon 9	Reports released to parents (3.00pm-3.15pm)
	Tue 10	Orientation Day 2020 (8.45am-3.15pm)
	Wed 11	P-9 Christmas Concert (1.30pm-3.00pm)
	Fri 13	P-6 Last Day
Wk 11A	Thu 19	Staff Last Day
Term 1 2020		
January	Tue 21	Office opens
Wk 1A	Tue 28	Staff PD Day
	Wed 29	Foundation and Yr 7s commence
	Thu 30	Whole of College Commence / Yr 7 Laptop Rollout
February	Fri 31	Whole College Assembly 2:30pm
Wk 2B	Fri 7	Opening Mass 9am
Wk 3A	Tue 11	Yrs 9&10 Information Evening 7pm
	Fri 14	Yrs 3-10 Swimming Carnival

Term 1 2020	
Wednesday during February	No Foundation Students

CANTEEN ROSTER	
9 - 13 Dec	
Mon 9	Lynne Morgan
Tue 10	Lynne Morgan
Wed 11	Lynne Morgan
Thu 12	Lynne Morgan
Fri 13	Lynne Morgan

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



Free entry – donations to help cover costs of license etc. appreciated.



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to enjoy the movie in comfort.

Saturday 14 December 2019

Doors open 6:30pm for 7pm movie start.

Venue: Seymour Uniting Church, 11-13 Crawford St.



Snacks including pop corn and drinks available for purchase.

Come enjoy a movie on a big screen.
Due to our license the movie title can be found on our Facebook page.

For more info contact:

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ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Actor, cancer advocate and recent winner of *Dancing With The Stars*, Samuel Johnson OAM, is embarking on a two year long lap around Australia in his schmiick Avon Motorhome. His mission? To remind every mum in the land to be breast aware. To keep his long-held promise of \$10M for research.

SEYMOUR - FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

WINE X SAM	IGA	ROYAL HOTEL
10am - 11.30am 69 Anzac Ave, Seymour	12pm - 2pm 115 Anzac Avenue, Seymour	5pm - 7pm 26 Emily St, Seymour
Meet Sam at Sam's - and sneak in a photo! Settle in for a coffee or cheeky glass of wine with your friends and family \$1 from every coffee and \$5 from every bottle of wine sold will be donated to Love Your Sister	Purchase a \$2 Love Your Sister Heart in store to go in the running to win a 2 MINUTE SHOPPING SPREE with SAM! Winner announced on the day and must be at the event. (exclusions apply) BBQ, beverages and plenty of action for all ages.	We will have a silent auction to win a four course dinner for 4 (Min Val \$400) fully serviced in Eliza's Room - winner announced on the evening and must be at event. Join us for a Sausage Sizzle, Christmas Hamper to be raffled by our social club and jar on the bar for donations - bring the family along.