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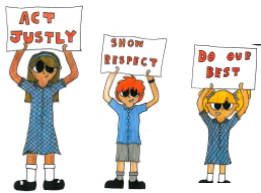
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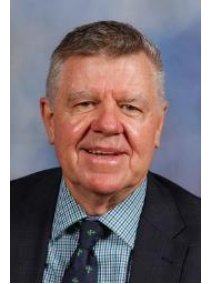
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St. Mary's College Vision Statement

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,

Welcome to 2020

Much has been done behind the scenes to be ready for the new College year. What does St Mary's College stand for? Many things could come to mind and perhaps our College Prayer 2020 articulates this question in its entirety. We welcome new students and families and our new staff who have settled in wonderfully. May we work together to continue the St Mary's story so that our students move forward within a holistic education. An education where body, mind and spirit grow as one.

Gracious God,
give us ears to hear,
eyes to see,
hearts to love,
and hands to act;
so that 'we are
shining lamps,
giving light to all
around us'.



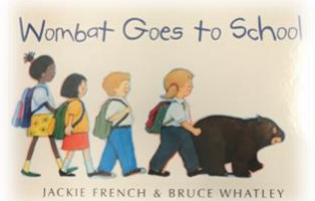
What a lady Catherine McAuley was!

Catherine had everything she wanted and could have lived a very comfortable and easy existence during those difficult Ireland years. Catherine being Catherine decided to make a difference in the lives of others by founding the *Sisters of Mercy*. She had a vision to help young women and this vision she lived in word and through action. Our modern world is full of many women who do the same and are excellent role models for young girls, showing them what the power of

one can achieve. Our staff began 2020 reciting the College prayer. May this prayer live in all our hearts so that we too make a difference in the lives of others whether they be at St Mary's, in our phone conversations with others or being courteous and welcoming wherever each day takes us.....*shining lamps giving light to all around us.*

Rosey the Wombat is back at School

Our Foundation students have begun their educational journey. They will learn much about life as they will with their learning. There will be good days; tired days and days where they may be overwhelmed. All good as life for our young requires them to experience these emotions as much as they smile and feel the joy of being St Mary's students. Rosey the Wombat is looking forward to meeting the students and reading to the children so they experience the joys of a good book. Rosey's first story will be '*Wombat Goes to School.*'





M(mission)2020. ROAM architects have completed two car park design options for the new parish car park. Planning for the Primary Learning Centre is well underway with tender documents aiming to be finalised by May.

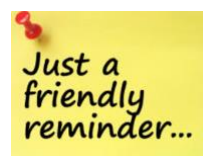
Parent College Relationships Code of Conduct

Please read the Code of Conduct on the College website. At St Mary's College we are committed to nurturing respectful relationships and active partnerships with you as parents. We believe that our students' learning journeys are enriched through positive and reciprocal home and school relationships. As parents, you act as one of the most influential role models in your child's life. We therefore seek your support in promoting and upholding the core values of the College community and its culture of respectful relationships within a Catholic faith tradition. The Code of Conduct is intended to guide you in your dealings with staff, other parents, students and the wider College community. It articulates the College's key expectations of both staff and parents with regard to respectful relationships and behaviours. It also specifies the College's position with regard to unacceptable behaviours that breach our culture of respect. It is important that we are all aware of respectful relationships. Young people learn in many ways but the most powerful example is in good adult modeling. This also applies to the words said around the ears of a child.



Fortnightly Marian

A reminder that in 2020 the Marian will be published fortnightly. A fortnightly Marian is a more practical option for the times we live in.



Parents & Friends

The P&F are well underway to organise the '2020 Colour Festival & Fete' on Sunday 22 March from 11am – 3pm. The P&F have filled all positions, which is tremendous and we thank those parents who are giving their time for the College community.

Executive: *President* - Karen Glenn, *Vice President* - Megan Lomax, *Secretary* - Amanda Chiswell, *Secretary (Minutes Manager)* - Barb Canty, *Treasurer* - Christie Gross

Uniform Pool: Kate Loweke.

P&F/College: *Community Engagement* - Tanya Oakley, *College Liaison* - Kellie Graham

General Committee Members: Anita Lynch, Bree D'Andrea, Bronwyn Martin, Brooke Curic, Carmen Fifield, Cherie Matthews, Dallas Stokes, Evie Parker, Jana Ash, Katy Smith, Renee Clydesdale, Regina Schaefer, Sasha Clarke, Simone Homewood and Stacey Cox.

Best wishes for the year ahead.

PS There is a very lucky dad who will receive a Star sticker from one of his devoted children. There is a catch dad.....prune the hedge!

Wayne Smith
Principal

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from the... Parish



As school students return to their studies in these days, in many places a number of educators and parents are satisfied if those they teach achieve good academic results. But true human growth and learning cannot be measured by contemporary secular measures of success and achievement since the human person is not a robot and cannot be programmed to meet such narrow expectations and hopes. As Jesus explains in a number of his parables, a seed looks nothing like the harvest it is to yield nor does it look like the tree it will become. But it will become a harvest or a tree if it is planted in good soil and receives nourishment of water and sun.

Gardeners know that they are participating in a process that is much greater than the sum of their own efforts. Good educators appreciate that they are a part of something that is not just about forming good future families and careers. All who participate in the education of your children appreciate that they are introducing students to the totality of reality which includes eternal life.

The parish and the school are grateful that you have entrusted your children into our care and formation, and are grateful also for your participation in the formation of the whole person of your child. As committed as our teachers are to the quality of scholarship which St Mary's is offering, we are foremost seeking the quality of the persons whom we are teaching in the light and love of Christ.

I interviewed a parent once who was not a Christian who wanted his child to be enrolled in the parish school. His explanation was that he had parked outside each primary school in the region as school was being let out watching how the children interacted with each other in the normal day to day unsupervised activities of children. He observed that Catholic education went beyond just standards of education into the very formation and motivations of the one he loved. So impressed was this parent that three years later he became a Catholic and had his children baptised too.

Every Wednesday, through this year, we as a parish pray our morning masses for your children that they will be touched by God to become the wonderful loving and fruitful young men and women God is calling them to be. I invite you too this year to pray for your children and the school that the grace of God may flow into their lives, opening their minds in education and their hearts in love and action towards their neighbour. May God bring them, through our united support, to the glory, peace and reward of heaven.

God bless,

Fr Eugene Ashkar

Father Eugene Ashkar

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Student Wellbeing



from the Deputy Principal ...

We are very pleased to see all our students settle back into school routine and we especially welcome all our new staff and students to St Mary's College in 2020.

We had our first Pastoral Care session today in which the homeroom teachers discussed the Uniform Policy, Student Leadership, SunSmart Policy and Snake Protocols.

Uniform Policy We will also be emailing the Uniform Policy once again to all parents, so please take the time to become familiar with it and unpack it with your own child at home. We expect all students to wear the correct uniform and wear it with pride. If you are still waiting on an item, please notify your child's homeroom teacher.

Student Leadership We also will vote for Class Captain and Community Leader in each Yr 6-9 homeroom on Monday, so if your child is interested in applying for these roles, please encourage them over the weekend to write a brief speech on why they believe they would make a good leader at St Mary's. We will acknowledge our leaders at our Opening Mass next Friday.

SunSmart With the extreme HOT WEATHER, we have also activated our Hot Weather Timetable and have the students stay inside during break times. Please ensure you also read through our SunSmart Policy on our website. Students need the navy blue hat and water bottle with them each day this term.

Immunisations The Yr 7s will bring home an immunisation form to be filled out and returned ASAP. Please refer to information in the Marian also.

Student Behaviour Policy. The Level Coordinators and Mr. Smith or myself will also be unpacking the Behaviour Management Policy with all homerooms in the next couple of weeks. This will also become available on our website in the coming days. If you have any questions, please contact us.

ICT User Agreement. All Secondary students have been given a new ICT User Agreement to discuss with parents or carers at home over the weekend. Please discuss this with your child and return, with both signatures to school on Monday 3 February.

Ms Zine Dovara

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Learning & Teaching

from the Deputy Principal ...



Parent Teacher Events

Year 9 and 10 Information Night - 11 February 7pm – 8pm in Multipurpose Hall

If you have a child in Yr 9 or 10, you probably already know most of the teachers! We have an exciting information session for you as an alternative to individual meetings. This Information is important for all parents and students to know and understand the revised Encounter Curriculum being offered this year. Including the elective subjects, the VCE/VET and the Yr 9 B4W program. The College has developed a Student/Parent handbook of expectations and an assessment calendar to assist with developing a learning plan for success for the year. It is an expectation that all parents and students would attend. All teachers will be available after the presentation to meet you and answer your individual questions.

Please note – you are being offered individual meeting times in the booking schedule but we'd prefer that you attend the information session.

Parent Teacher Student Meetings.

Come and meet your child's homeroom teacher! Tell us what you wish for your child for 2020! What would you like to tell us to help us provide the best learning for your child! Meetings will be held in the Primary Homerooms for F-6 parents and in the Secondary wing of the College for any 7-10 meetings.

Tuesday 11 February 2020: Parent / Teacher Meetings

Primary F - 6 3.30pm – 5pm **Break** 5.30pm – 7pm
Secondary 7 - 10 3.30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 12 February 2020: Parent / Teacher Meetings

Primary F - 6 3.30pm – 5pm
Secondary 7 - 10 3.30pm – 5pm

Bookings will be open on Monday 3 February via your PAM account.

Existing families can login via PAM (Parent Access Module) to make a booking time.

New families will receive an email with information regarding PAM accounts in the next few days.

For any assistance with log in issues please email ictsupport@smseymour.catholic.edu.au

Year 9 B4W 2020.

This year the Yr 9 B4W program has undergone some changes due to the new Encounter Curriculum – which offers more choices and more subjects to students. The first day of the program will be Wednesday 5 February.

Mrs Christine Buhler

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Safety



Road Safety - Drop off and Pick up times A reminder that the parish carpark is not to be used for school drop off or pick up.

School Crossings - It is highly recommended that all students use the crossings on Crawford and High streets, unless they are accompanied by an adult.

High Street Parking - When parking on High street in the angle parking and reversing out, please be mindful of oncoming traffic and cars coming in to park and abide by applicable road rules.

SunSmart Policy It is crucial that ALL students F-10 wear their broad brimmed hats that protect them as well as being fully hydrated with water throughout the day. Please ensure your child also has applied sunscreen in the morning before coming to school and have some in their bag to reapply. Students are kept INDOORS on extremely hot days, and we follow similar procedures to wet weather days.

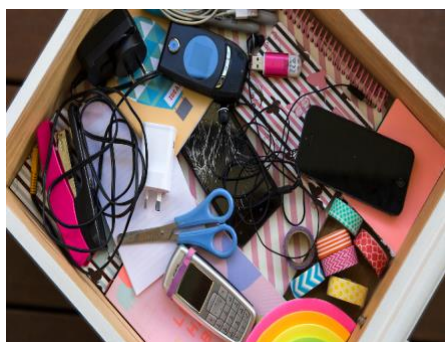


Snake Policy What to do when there is a snake sighting...

- In the event of a snake sighting on or near the College grounds, ALL STUDENTS need to follow these protocols:
- Move away from the snake immediately and find the nearest teacher. If you cannot see a teacher go to the office and tell them.
- Do not approach, scare or throw things at the snake or get in the path of the snake.
- Tell other students who are nearby to move away from the area.



Digital Photography



Start 2020 Clutter Free - St Mary's internal Mobile Muster

Digital Photography is a new elective subject offered to Yr 9 & 10 students at St Mary's College. Perhaps you purchased or received a new mobile phone at Christmas and are not sure what to do with the old one? Ms Richards, the Digital Photography Teacher, is keen to collect as many used mobile phones (and chargers) as possible for use in one of the units of work.

If you have an old mobile phone that is lying in the bottom of your drawer, please contact Andrea Richards (andrea.richards@smseymour.catholic.edu.au) to discuss recycling it for use with students in 9/10 Digital Photography. All data will be removed based on the Australia wide Mobile Muster program.

Ms Andrea Richards

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From the Office



Camps Sports Excursion Fund CSEF The Victorian Government provides this fund to assist eligible families with the costs of camps, sports and excursions.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent of a student attending a Victorian school must be the holder of an eligible *Centrelink* Health Care card, Veterans Affairs Card or Pensioner Concession card as at the first day of Term One or Term Two.

The amounts payable are \$125 for a primary student and \$225 for a secondary student. The funds are received at the College and go directly towards the payment of the excursion/camp levy.

We ask that parents submit their application to the school by 22nd February. However, parents who received CSEF at the school in 2019 do not need to complete an application form in 2020, providing there has been no change in their family circumstances. Application forms are available at the College office and a form is also available with this newsletter. Please contact Stacia Read at the College if you have any questions regarding the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

Conveyance Allowance This allowance is payable to those families who reside more than 4.8 kms from the College or nearest free bus service. Families who wish to claim this allowance for the first time are asked to contact the College office for an application form. Those families who received Conveyance Allowance last year need not re-apply. Please note, however, that a new form must be completed if there has been a change of address or if there has been a change in circumstances which may affect the payment of this allowance. Please return applications to the College by 1st March. Thank you.

Mrs Stacia Read

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The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccinations to Year 7 and 10 students.

These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (pertussis) one dose for year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students
- Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students

Parents/guardians of Year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The Mitchell Shire Council immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 17 February each year if you do not want your contact details given to the Mitchell Shire Council immunisation service.

- To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to - <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/immunisation-in-secondary-schools>

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years of age who missed any scheduled vaccines, including a catch up program for Meningococcal ACWY vaccine for adolescents aged 15-19 years of age who have not already received the vaccine in school. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (i.e. local council or GP).

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Factsheet for school students and children

Last updated 29th January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Hubei province, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China.

Children and staff who are well and have travelled to **other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and child care services unless the following applies:**

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province, China or another part of China?

- If your child has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school and be reviewed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in Hubei province, China, or the location of travel within China.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in China and whether this included Hubei Province. Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- Call 000 and request an ambulance, and
- Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. The most important actions are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow

Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

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Dates to Remember

Term 1		
Wk 2B	Fri 7 Feb	Opening Mass 9am
Wk 3A	Tues 11 Feb	Parent Student Teacher Meetings - 3:30-7:00pm
	Tues 11 Feb	Yr 9 & 10 Information night - 7:00-8:00pm
	Wed 12 Feb	Parent Student Teacher Meetings - 3:30-5:00pm
	Fri 14 Feb	Yr 3-10 College Swimming Carnival
Wk 4B	Fri 21 Feb	Whole College Assembly 2:30pm MPH
Wk 5A	Mon 24 Feb	Safety Squad RACV incursion 9am – Foundation Students
	Tues 25 Feb	Yr 3-10 College Athletics Carnival
	Wed 26 Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass 9am
	Wed 26 -Fri 28 Feb	Yr 10 Camp City CYC
Wk 6B	Tue 3 Mar	Yr 7 Immunisations in MPH 9:00-10:30am
	Wed 4 – Fri 6 Mar	Yr 8 Camp

Term Dates 2020

Term 1: 28/1 – 27/3
 Term 2: 14/4 – 26/6
 Term 3: 13/7 – 18/9
 Term 4: 5/10 – 16/12

CANTEEN ROSTER

3 - 14 Feb

Mon 3 Neisha Reid
 Tue 4 Elise Smart
 Wed 5 Sue Wilson
 Thu 6 Jaime Farrell
 Fri 7 Neisha Reid
 N Rathnayake

Mon 10 Neisha Reid
 Tue 11 Lynne Morgan
 Wed 12 Lynne Morgan
 Thu 13 Neisha Reid
 Fri 14 Lynne Morgan

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



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14-16 February, 2020

Daily 9am - 4pm

King's Park, Recreation Reserve, Seymour



Swap Meet

LABOUR DAY, 9TH MARCH 2020

Kings Park, Seymour

CAR SHOW • KIDS RIDES • FOOD STALLS • MARKET

Gates open at 7am for stall holders.
No alcohol. No camping. No dogs allowed.
Gates open for 9am for general public.

Swap meet sites

6m x 3m \$25 6m x 6m \$45

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