



# The Marian

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2022 College Theme

*'Act with Courage, be strong in your faith'*

*St Mary's College Seymour is a Child Safe School. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.*

Newsletter No.1

Term 1

4 February 2022

## Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to the 2022 and to our College theme **'Act with Courage, be strong in your faith'**. Courage can be expressed in many forms and our students this year will show courage in their learning, through their actions and in understanding the charism of Mercy. For a teenager courage can be asking for help or challenging a close friend or peer on the way they speak to or about others.

It has been a wonderful beginning to the College year for our new staff:

*Julia Wood (Director Learning & Teaching/PE); Frank Rowland (Science/Mathematics); Amanda Hard (Technologies); Xavier Goring (English/Humanities); Andrew Lloyd (Humanities/English); Matthew Dudfield (Music/Performance); Louise Reed (Multi Literacy); Elyse Charles (Foundation); Aleisha Rogers (Year 2); Jade Osborne (Year 3); Shona Maskelyne (Tutor); Sophia Dal Lago (Laboratory Technician); Janice Kerris (Defence Mentor) and Chloe Locke (AFL Sportsready Trainee).* They have already added to the positive energy and our students will benefit in their learning and from the pastoral support they will receive. Over this term and beginning with the next Marian, each new staff member will be highlighted so families get to know something of about our new colleagues.

The two staff days leading up to the new College year were excellent in the outcomes that were achieved:

1. F-2, 3-6 and 7-10 staff have developed ROUTINES that will be consistently applied by all staff in and outside of the classroom. These routines link to the Positive Behaviour for Learning program (PBL) the College has engaged with the MACS Wellbeing team. The students will benefit from this consistency of practice.
2. Each classroom F-10 will have on the whiteboard, lesson Learning Intentions (LI) and Success Criteria (SC). Both will provide students with clarity and use a similar language from classroom to classroom giving direction to learning with a common curriculum language and purpose.

## Website 22

The updated website will be launched in Week 2 of Term 2. It is important for the website to be current and provide new prospective families with a good overview of St Mary's College.

## F-12 Pathway Committee

The submission requesting MACS in principle support to return to Year 12 will be submitted later this month and accompanied with a video presentation. Former student Matthew Giannarelli will produce a video to accompany the submission. Parents will be updated on the submissions progress and timelines.

## Primary Learning Centre

How good is that building! We look forward to the day when the PLC is open for parents and parishioners to walk through – this will happen after Week 4. Like all new buildings there are minor defects that are being addressed along with fencing and signage to complete.

## The Oval and Maintenance

Students have commented on the oval – no weeds, the grass is spreading and the sprinkler system once thought to be beyond repair is working. Nick Liddell has certainly hit the ground running and is keen to have the sprinkler system back in automatic timer mode. The College maintenance team will also maintain the parish grounds around the presbytery, hall and Church. With the aging parish population, it is a huge job to keep the grounds trimmed and well presented. Work will be completed this year with a fence bordering the creek side of the College perimeter.

## First 4 Weeks

Covid-19 has a habit of hanging around. Sensibly, the College will not have major events in the first 4 weeks of term. The Opening Mass will be postponed and the Swimming Carnival will only include swimmers vying for Age Champions. From this group will come representative selection for District, Regional and State Championships if they are held.


## College Communications

The Marian to begin with, will be published every Week B – fortnightly. Parents will be surveyed this term on College Communications in the lead up to the website release in Term 2.

Welcome to our new local, regional and Defence Force families. St Mary's is a special College and we look forward to your journey with us.

Towards the end of Term 4, 2021 young Laquisha Solomon (now in Year 3) left a message on my desk. Laquisha's message read, *"I am grateful for how God is beside us in all of our challenges."* Life is never without its challenges. Sometimes we fail, sometimes we have a win and may Laquisha and all students view any challenges in 2022 as an opportunity.

Best wishes and stay well.



**Principal, St Mary's College Seymour**

DipEd (ACU) DipRED (ACU) BEd (ACU) GradCertEdAdmin (Edith Cowan) GradDipRED (ACU) MEdAdmin (Charles Sturt) MTheoSudies (BBITAITE)

## Deputy Principal Operations

### Welcome to the 2022 school year

There is a sense of excitement and optimism amongst College staff and students.

Why wouldn't there be? We have:

- a new Primary Learning Centre (PLC)
- new colleagues
- new students
- and drawing near is the submission date for the F-12 Pathway proposal, 'Spiritu Ducti'.



The following article outlines important communication and operational processes that are in place at the College. To ensure consistency in our understanding and practises it is beneficial to remind the College Community of these operational processes at the beginning of the year. I hope you find this information useful and please do not hesitate to contact the Office or the appropriate staff member if you have any queries.

### Rapid Antigen Tests

Please refer to previous email communication from College Principal, Mr Wayne Smith titled 'Covid 19 and Rapid Testing'. Students are encouraged to do Rapid Antigen Tests twice a week for the first 4 weeks of Term 1. Nurse Brooke provided further instructions with the distribution of tests.

### Marian

The College Newsletter, the Marian, is the official channel of communication to parents/guardians and members of the College community. The Marian is published fortnightly on a Friday. When the newsletter is ready for viewing an email containing a direct link is sent to parents. Parents can also access the Marian via the College Website. A hardcopy of the Marian can be collected from the College office for those who prefer a hard copy.

### Weekly Emails – Primary

Every Sunday throughout the term, families of primary aged students will receive a weekly email from their child's classroom teacher. This weekly email will contain reminders, event information, a weekly learning overview along with dates to remember that are specific to your child's class.

### PAM – Parent Access Module

St Mary's College staff and students use a learning management software called SIMON. PAM (the Parent Access Module) is linked to SIMON and enables parents to access the latest details regarding their child's progress. After logging into the site all parents can:

- View the College calendar.
- Access the Marian newsletter.
- See attendance records for their child and report student absence.
- View your child's timetable.
- View your child's assessment reports.

In addition, parents of secondary aged students can:

- Check if homework tasks have been set and completed.
- See results for assessment tasks and the feedback given.

Parents can access PAM by clicking on the PAM logo in the header of the College website.

The username for PAM is your email address. If you have forgotten your password, please use the reset password option.

### **SIMON Medical**

The College no longer uses Operoo, we are now using SIMON to track student medical details and request parental permission for excursions. Please ensure you update your child/s medical profile using the PAM portal.

### **Medication**

If a student requires prescription medication throughout the day, they will be sent to the College Nurse (Brooke). Brooke will administer medication as advised by a medical professional. It is important that:

- medication is stored at the Health Centre
- parents/carers have completed and signed a Medical Authority Form
- medication is clearly labelled with a pharmacy label, identifying the child's name and dosage information relating to time and amount
- all prescription medication must come in its original packaging from the pharmacists with expiry dates visible

If a student requires over the counter medication throughout the day, please ensure both the class teacher and Nurse Brooke are informed of the dosage information relating to time and amount. For ongoing over the counter medication use, parents/carers will also need to complete and sign a Medical Authority Form.

Paracetamol consent on PAM will be respected, Brooke will contact parents prior to administering when needed.

Please be advised that when selecting 'yes' to **anaphylaxis**, **allergy** or **asthma** on your child's SIMON medical details, you must upload an up-to-date action plan, completed by the student's medical practitioner. Any information from your child's GP or Paediatrician is greatly appreciated regarding any medical diagnosis. You are also required to supply the Health Centre with any necessary medication(s) to treat these medical conditions e.g: EpiPen, Ventolin & spacer, antihistamine, Nurofen etc.

### **House Mentor Teacher & Class Teacher**

In 2021, St Mary's College introduced Secondary House Mentor Groups. The House Mentor Group consists of students from the same House (Padua or McAuley) and from the various year levels meeting in the one space with a House Mentor Teacher. Siblings are in the same House Mentor Group. Where possible students will have the same Mentor Teacher for their entire secondary education at the College. This will enable families to form a strong relationship with the House Mentor Teacher and every individual student is well known and connected to the College. If you wish to discuss your child's progress and/or wellbeing the first point of call is your child's Class Teacher (Primary) and House Mentor Teacher (Secondary).

### **Phone Calls and Voice Messages**

Parents are welcome to phone the College Office to speak to staff. Before school, staff are busy preparing for the day ahead and they may be unavailable to take phone calls. Staff are involved in morning meetings before school on Monday and Wednesday. If staff are unavailable to take your call you will be transferred to their voice mail and invited to leave a message.

### **Staff Emails**

Schools are busy places and it can be difficult to reach teaching staff by phone throughout the day. We encourage communication via email. Staff are then able to follow up and if necessary, engage in a phone conversation with you at time when they aren't in the classroom. Staff email addresses are [firstname.lastname@smseymour.catholic.edu.au](mailto:firstname.lastname@smseymour.catholic.edu.au)

Staff will endeavour to respond to any communication within 48 hours of contact being made.

### **College Entrance**

Students are encouraged to enter the College grounds through the gate on High Street or by using the walkway from the bus stop off McIntyre Street.

### **Bus Travel**

The identity of St Mary's as a regional College is developing and as such, we have students travelling from various surrounding towns to attend our school. Staff on bus duty will carry with them information regarding the bus routes taken by our students. This will help to ensure our younger students board the correct bus if they experience any confusion. If a student misses their bus, staff on duty will direct them to the College Office and Office staff will contact parents. When the teachers finish bus duty they will ensure the child has arrived at the Office and that contact has been made with parents.

It is important that both students and parents/guardians are familiar with the expectations of students travelling on buses. The College Behaviour Management Policy states the following with regard to Bus Behaviour.

*Students who use bus travel to and from St Mary's College are reminded of safe behaviours. Bus drivers have a difficult role ensuring they deliver their passengers safely. If home contact is required, the College is very supportive of the driver's role and responsibility. The driver's concentration on the road is paramount and to be respected at all times by every student. At the beginning of each year parents receive a reminder of College expectations for bus travel.*

*The College is guided by the Victorian Department of Education and Training School Bus Program protocols for any student's behaviour requiring further intervention. Parents inform the Coordinators - Mrs Anne Spencer F-2, Ed Harding 3-6 or Mrs Mary Tampion 7-10 of a bus incident. If the behaviour of a student is not appropriate the 1-4 response may be required:*

1. *First offence – verbal warning to student.*
2. *Second offence – written warning to parent/guardian.*
3. *Third offence – one-week suspension of student from school bus travel.*
4. *Fourth offence – the student may not be allowed to travel on the school bus for the remainder of the year. (Requires MACS consultation).*

## **Contacting Students**

If throughout the day you need to contact your child this should be done through the College Office. Parents are asked to refrain from contacting students on their mobile phone, smart watches or via email during the school day.

## **Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones are the responsibility of the students and students are advised to keep them secured safely in their locker. Parents of primary aged students with smart watch devices are asked to ensure that the device is on a parental lock or an inactive mode, such as aeroplane mode, between the hours of 8:30am and 3:15pm.

## **Late Arrival and Leave Passes**

In the case of an emergency, it is important that all students in attendance on College grounds are accounted for. It is important that students who arrive at school after 8.45am sign in at the Office before going to their classroom. Similarly, if students leave the College prior to 3.15pm parents must collect their child from the College Office and sign them out.

## **Student Absentee**

Parents are asked to notify the College if their child is absent for any reason. Notification can be given by ringing the College Office directly in the morning and following the phone prompts for absentees or by using PAM and clicking on the Parent Notified Absences Tab. Absences can only be added using PAM up until 11am on the day of the absence. Parents receive notification via text message at 9:30am if students are absent and the office has not received notification.

## **Lunch Orders**

Lunch orders are written on a brown paper bag or a piece of paper in a snap lock bag with money enclosed. A price list will be emailed to families, it is also available on the college website and is displayed on the canteen windows.

In primary students place their order in the lunch tub as they enter the classroom of a morning. These are brought to the canteen in the morning by a class monitor as directed by the class teacher. The class monitors collect the lunch tub from the canteen at 1:15pm (Year F-4) and 1:20pm (Year 5& 6) and the class teacher distributes the food.

Secondary students are asked to deliver their order to the canteen before morning House Mentor Group. Students collect their lunch from the canteen once the lunch bell sounds at 1:25pm.

**Please Note: Until further notice the College Canteen will be open for lunch orders only, no counter sales.**

## **Birthday Cakes**

We encourage teachers and students to celebrate special occasions as it develops relationships and morale within the classroom. If you wish for your child to share the celebration of their birthday with a cake, we ask that you provide individual cupcakes and the classroom teacher with a list of ingredients. This allows staff to monitor the risk to students with specific allergies. A conversation with the classroom teacher in advance allows them to contact parents of any students with allergies so that the child's parents can provide an alternative treat in this situation.

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# Director of Faith and Mission



## Welcome back to the 2022 school year

Our College theme this year, 'Act with Courage, be Strong in your Faith', is based upon the Mercy value of courage.

Even though the theme was introduced to students at the very end of last year, they were given the opportunity to explore the theme and the new College Prayer more deeply during their classroom prayer time.

I have shared the prayer below, as I believe it will explain for you the theme's meaning, so that all in our community have the same understanding and can be encouraging each other to be acting courageously and to be strong examples of their faith.

### **What do you think of when you think of courage?**

*Does your mind begin to see visions of super heroes like Spiderman or Superman?*

*A roaring lion? A tightrope-walker crossing between buildings?*

*A climber on top of Mt Everest?*

*All these could certainly be equated with courage.*

### **But what if most of the time, courage looks a lot more ordinary and a lot less fearless?**

*Have you ever had to give a speech in front of a crowd?*

*Told someone something you've never told anyone else?*

*Told a friend to stop their bullying behaviour?*

*Travelled on the train on your own?*

*Taken a big risk with no guarantee of the outcome?*

*Tried something new?*

*Started at a new school?*

### **Courage doesn't always look brave and fearless.**

*Courage often looks like sweaty palms, wobbling knees and a shaky voice.*

*It can look like second guessing yourself, battling anxiety and feeling the overwhelming urge to hide back in the shadows.*

*Courage is not the absence of fear.*

*In fact, the two often go hand in hand.*

**Courage acknowledges fear but does not let it have the last say.**

**Our Theme this year, Act with courage, be strong in your faith.....**

**... encourages us to step out of our comfort zone.**

**... encourages us to have the courage to 'step forward' for the good of others.**

**... challenges us to take risks and to stand up for what you believe.**

**... challenges us to take that first step, to attempt something new and different**

**... inspires us to share our thoughts and to be our true selves, without worrying what others think!**

**... inspires us to persevere and never give up!**

**As students of St Mary's College, we are further challenged to have the courage to follow Jesus' example, 'to love one another as I have loved you'.**

*To be strong in our faith, we are motivated to love all people, regardless of faith, gender, age or race whilst being courageous in our behaviour and actions, in how we treat them.*

*To follow our faith with courage, is to be an example for others of Jesus' message.*

*To know what is right and to follow God's will – which at times can be difficult and unpopular!*

As the year progresses, I look forward to being able to share examples from within the College community of people being courageous and being examples to others of Jesus' message.

**Mrs Rochelle Gough**

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**Loving God**

**Bless St. Mary's College.**

**Challenge us to be faithful to  
the spirit of Catherine McAuley  
and St Anthony of Padua.**

**Inspire us to 'act with courage  
and be strong in our faith'  
to live the Gospel message of  
Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

# Director of Wellbeing



## Wellbeing

Welcome to all St Mary's College families for 2022. It was a joy to welcome our Foundation and Year 7 cohorts on the first day. While parents may have been a little nervous at the start, they made a wonderful beginning for their journey here at St Mary's College. We also welcomed a number of students in other year levels as well.

I wish everyone a fantastic year ahead.

If students require wellbeing support please contact:

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**Pastoral Coordinator 7-10 Mary Tampion:** [mary.tampion@smseymour.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mary.tampion@smseymour.catholic.edu.au)

**Coordinator 3-6 Edward Harding:** [edward.harding@smseymour.catholic.edu.au](mailto:edward.harding@smseymour.catholic.edu.au)


**Coordinator F-2 Anne Spencer:** [anne.spencer@smseymour.catholic.edu.au](mailto:anne.spencer@smseymour.catholic.edu.au)

## PBL FOCUS


All students across the College have been busy practicing our school routines. Below are a few routines that our F-2 students have been practising. Routines allow students to quickly accomplish day-to-day tasks that are required of both the teacher and students. Routines also help to create smoother transitions between activities and therefore allow fewer opportunities for disruptions to occur.




- Lining up
- Alphabetical order
- Sitting down
- Voice Quiet
- Ears listening
- Eyes watching
- Body still




- In the classroom
- Quiet voice
- Belongings away
- Sit on your floor spot
- Ears listening
- Eyes watching
- Body still
- Hand raised to ask a question



- Toilet
- Hand signal
- Teacher nod
- Toilet buddy
- Toilet check out and check in
- Act responsibly



- Food
- Eat at your table
- Rubbish in bins when finished
- Lunch box away
- Sit back at your table
- Teacher will give you the signal to go out to play



- Moving around the school
- One line
- Behind the teacher
- Walking
- Hands to self
- Quiet voice

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# Director of Learning and Teaching



I am very excited to have been able to start my role as Director of Learning and Teaching at St Mary's College. Prior to our students returning, staff completed two days of professional learning looking at the use of Learning and Intentions and Success Criteria in lessons. These allow for students to have their learning and steps to success clearly signposted. These will be a key area of our work throughout 2022 and will be the starting point for the learning conversations between students and staff which will be occurring in our classrooms during the year.

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## *F-4 Pastoral Care Coordinator*



Whilst the end of 2021 didn't quite go to anybody's plan, 2022 has had a great start with our new building being ready for us, the smiling and excited faces of our Foundation students and the eager return of our Year 1 and 2 students. It is an exciting time for Junior Primary.

Each Sunday afternoon, Foundation – 2 will be sending their weekly family emails. It is important that these are read as they may contain pertinent information for the coming week. It is a great way to communicate directly with the families of our class. Always feel free to respond to these emails with any questions or concerns.

We welcome new staff to Junior Primary. Mrs Elyse Charles is Foundation B and Miss Aleisha Rogers in 1B. There will be opportunities in the future to meet your child's teacher.

The new Primary Learning Centre (PLC) is a hive of activity – with students returning and teachers sorting furniture! Teachers were in several days before the commencement of school to have rooms as organised as possible. In the coming weeks, it really should begin to look lived in with lots of displays of students' work. Whilst there is plenty going on behind the tinted windows, the building has a calmness about it. It already feels like an oasis in a busy world, and we can all do well with that!

We are already looking forward to having families walk through the building and enjoy the fabulous environment your child is learning in.

**Please enjoy some happy snaps from the first few days.**



**Mrs Anne Spencer**

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# Secondary Pastoral Care Coordinator



## Welcome to 2022

As Pastoral Coordinator for years 7 – 10 I would like to say welcome back to all students (new and current) and their families for 2022, I will be working closely with the staff and students in this cohort. My role is to assist and support the staff and students in this level making your child's learning and wellbeing our focus and to work in partnership with you as the parents and guardians. I would also like to think that the older students see me as a mentor and a person they can approach if the need arises. My other roles include House Mentor Teacher for Padua 2 and teaching Faith Education across years 7 – 10. I am also a member of the College Wellbeing Team.

I take this opportunity to welcome our new students in this cohort, they all seem to have settled in really well after a couple of days and we hope they have a great year!

So far the students have been very focused and punctual and there is a calm atmosphere all around. It is obvious that everyone just wants to be here and not in lockdown. Well done to all students and their teachers for such a calm and organized start to the year.

Congratulations to all our year 10 students as well who are now the leaders of our College.

Thanks to all parents for ensuring your children have started off the school year in perfect uniform. Sports uniform in our level is only to be worn on Physical Education days.

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform for the appropriate days of the week.



**HATS** are to be worn this term.

## 50 Questions to ask your kids instead of asking "How was your day"

1. What made you smile today?
2. Can you tell me an example of kindness you saw/showed?
3. Was there an example of unkindness? How did you respond?
4. Does everyone have a friend at recess?
5. What was the book about that your teacher read?
6. What's the word of the week?
7. Did anyone do anything silly to make you laugh?
8. Did anyone cry?
9. What did you do that was creative?
10. What is the most popular game at recess?
11. What was the best thing that happened today?
12. Did you help anyone today?
13. Did you tell anyone "thank you?"
14. Who did you sit with at lunch?
15. What made you laugh?
16. Did you learn something you didn't understand?
17. Who inspired you today?
18. What was the peak and the pit?
19. What was your least favourite part of the day?
20. Was anyone in your class gone today?

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## Supporting Your Child's Learning Through PAM

The Parent Access Module (PAM) offers many ways for you to participate in supporting your child, communicating with your child's teacher, updating medical details, authorising excursions and activities, school calendar events, assessment task status, and past school reports.

## Main Menu

### Absences Notification


From the home page, you are able to notify the school of any absences for the day or for a future date.

### School Calendar


You can view upcoming school activities

#### Students

☐ Show Inactive Students



**Tammy Test**  
Student ID: 12345  
Year 10/HSMGP7 Andrea Richards  
**1 Active Task**




**Timmy Test**  
Student ID: 1234  
Foundation/HSMGP7 Andrea Richards  
**No Current Tasks**

#### Knowledge Bank

[Parent Access Module documents](#)  
['The Marian' Newsletter](#)

#### School Links

**Web Links**  
[Careers and Pathways](#)  
[Cyber Safety Links](#)  
[School Website](#)  
[St Mary's College Facebook Page](#)




#### Parent Notified Absences

Click here to enter.

#### Calendar

< > Jan 31 - Feb 6, 2022

| Monday          | January 31, 2022   |
|-----------------|--|
| all-day         | Term 1 Week 18   |
| all-day         | Staff Professional Learning Day                                      |
| 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Year 7 Laptop Information and Rollout (TBC pending Covid Guidelines) |
| Tuesday         | February 1, 2022   |
| all-day         | Term 1 Week 18   |
| all-day         | Foundation, Yr 7 & Yr 10 Students Commence 2022                      |
| Wednesday       | February 2, 2022   |



#### School Wide Positive Behaviour

## Menu once selecting an individual student

### Supporting Student Learning

Once you have selected your child you will be able to view details such as:


Student timetable – provides details of each class your child will attend over the 2-week timetable cycle.

Lesson Plans – used mainly in the Secondary classes. You can view details about the learning tasks set for your child.

Learning Task - used mainly in the Secondary classes. You can view current active tasks and any overdue tasks.

### Contacting your child's teacher

Email Staff is used to contact your child's teachers. This is useful to inform the teacher of any issues such as *Out of Uniform*, pastoral concerns, or other educational matters.



**Tammy Test**

**Personal Details**

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**Ms Andrea Richards**

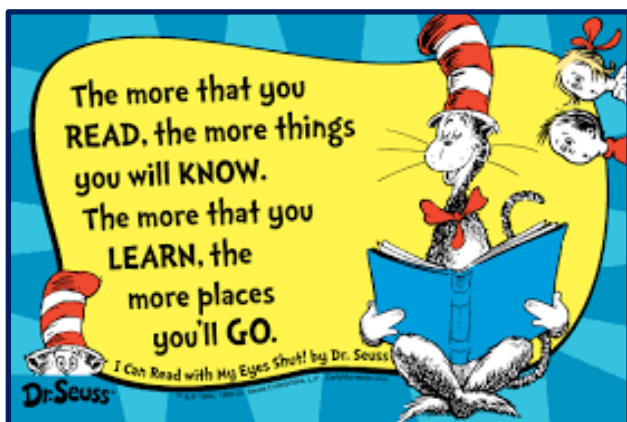
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# Library



I have been at SMC since 2004 and have been in many roles and leadership positions. I now take up the position of Teacher Librarian, where my qualifications and passion lie.

The library learning space will continue to have a focus on reading and a love of books but will also have a stronger focus on technology and digital literacy. I am looking forward to working with students and their teachers to support learning across curriculum areas.



I love this Dr Seuss quote!

It was so meaningful especially during our periods of lockdown. Reading is one way to go places, real or imaginary!

## Library Services

- The library is open from 8:25am Before School for Book Return and Borrowing.
- Lunchtime there will be a choice of scheduled activities and self-directed activities. Scheduled activities will be: *Monday* Book Club. *Wednesday* Technology Challenges. *Thursday* Maths Strategy Games.
- There is a laptop recharging station for students to use during lunchtime if their laptop is at 20% or less.
- To support our strategic intent of improved reading outcomes all classes from F-10 have a booking time with their teacher once a fortnight. F-6 with their class teacher and 7-10 English classes. This will ensure at least one point of contact in order to read and exchange books.
- Scholastic Book Club brochures will be distributed during the next week. This service from Scholastic allows parents to select and purchase books for their children. There is no pressure to use the service, but if you do, please adhere to the due dates. **Issue 1 orders are due by 21<sup>st</sup> February.**
- **Reminder** - Due to the disruption to school attendance last year, many families still have books lurking at home somewhere! We'd love to have these returned and available for others to borrow.

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## Defence School Mentor



### Welcome

I would like to welcome our new Defence families to St Mary's College, we hope your move has been smooth and that you're settling well into our community.



I am new to St Mary's College in the role of Defence School Mentor this year and am looking forward to getting to know and supporting you all wherever I can. I will be at the College Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during school hours and can be contacted via email or through the College office.

**Defence Kids Club** will be held in Room 25 (small room beside Room 25).

**Tuesday Lunchtime Foundation - Year 4.**

**Wednesday Lunchtime Year 5 - 10.**

Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to go ahead with a Defence Families Welcome Morning Tea for parents at the moment, therefore I will be available to families individually either by email, through the school office or I would enjoy a planned meeting over a coffee or tea. If you have any questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Mrs Janice Kerris**

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# Introducing Our Patch



We are pleased to welcome Miss Emma Lloyd. Emma is employed by Our Patch as the Program Leader at St Mary's College.

Emma is a past student of St Mary's College and is currently studying the Diploma of School Age Education and Care.

Emma is looking forward to meeting students and their parents.

Emma can be contacted on her mobile number **0427 928 863**

For more information go to

<https://ourpatch.education/st-marys-college-seymour-program-profile/>

## our patch St Mary's College – Seymour

The Our Patch Before and After School Program is located at St Mary's College. The children are excited to be participating in Basketball, Football, Cooking and Dancing. Breakfast & Afternoon tea is included and we provide enough yummy, healthy, appealing food and drink to ensure the children are satisfied, and are keen to see what is on the menu for the next session.



### Location:

Community Hall – St Mary's College  
90 High St, Seymour VIC 3660

### Contact:

1300 018 310 or [info@ourpatch.education](mailto:info@ourpatch.education)

### Hours of Operations

Before School Care – 7:00am – 8:45am  
After School Care – 3:15pm to 6:00pm  
Curriculum Days – 7:00am to 6:00pm

### Program fees prior to Child Care Subsidy:

|                    | Permanent | Casual  |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|
| Before School Care | \$25.00   | \$28.00 |
| After School Care  | \$30.00   | \$33.00 |
| Curriculum Day     | \$75.00   |         |

Bookings made within 48 hours incur an additional fee.

Cancellations within 24-48 hours incur a 25% charge of the session fee.



To register and book visit:

<https://ourpatch.education/before-and-after-school-care/>

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## Secondary School Immunisation Program

The secondary school immunisation program offers free vaccines provided by the [National Immunisation Program](#) each year to students in Year 7 and Year 10. The local council immunisation service visits the school to provide the vaccination program.

### Look out for the information and consent form

Parents/guardians of students in Year 7 and Year 10 should look out for the vaccine information and consent form coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete, and return the consent form. If you choose not to consent for your child to be vaccinated as part of the school-based immunisation program, you also need to return the consent form.

### Students who missed school vaccines due to COVID-19

Some students now in Year 8 and Year 11 may need to complete their vaccine program this year to catch-up the missed vaccines. The local council immunisation service will advise parents/guardians and work with the school to deliver any catch-up vaccines due to students. The consent that you provided last year for the school-based immunisation program remains valid and you do not need to complete another consent form.

- ☐ Please note if you consent for your child to be immunised for their Year 7 or Year 10 immunisation but then obtain this immunisation elsewhere, you must notify the Mitchell Shire Immunisation Team on 5734.6355 or email to [immunisation@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:immunisation@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au) advising your child's name and school, to ensure your child has completed all required vaccinations. Please make sure your immunisation provider has reported the vaccination to the Australian Immunisation Register if received elsewhere.

For further information visit [Immunisation in secondary schools - Better Health Channel](#)



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# Notices

## Term 1

|        |            |                         |
|--------|------------|-------------------------|
| Week 2 | Thu 10 Feb | College Swimming Trials |
| Week 3 | Mon 14 Feb | College Photo Day       |

## SCHOOL PHOTOS 2022 - Important Registration Information



### School Photographs will be taken at

St Mary's College

Monday 14th February 2022

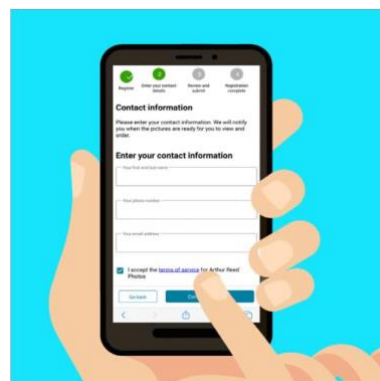
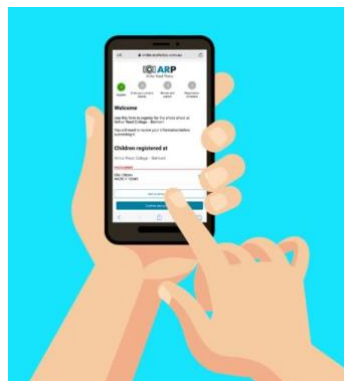
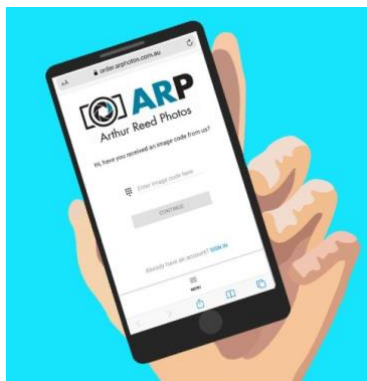
**There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day**

**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day**

**When you receive the flyer with your child's 2022 image code**

**Follow these 3 simple steps -**

- 1** Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your child's **2022 image code**
- 2** Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings
- 3** Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration\*



\*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

**That's it!**

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details**  
**When 2022 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

**\*\* BEFORE ORDERING for 2022, please wait to receive notification that new images are online \*\***

**-Order on any mobile device • Share the images with family & friends for FREE**

**-Create a photo package with any layout + YOUR choice of images + Digital Downloads**



**Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.**

A.B.N 48 528 494 590

(03) 5243 4390

[customerservice@arphotos.com.au](mailto:customerservice@arphotos.com.au)



## School Photos 2022 – St Mary's College

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken at St Mary's College by Arthur Reed Photos on Monday 14th February 2022.

### There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2022 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

**Once registered, please wait for notification that 2022 images are online to view before making your purchase.**

Go online **BEFORE**  
photo day to request  
a sibling photograph

Sibling Photographs will be taken by request at

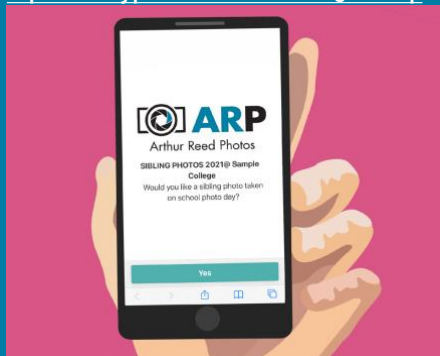
St Mary's College

Monday 14th February 2022

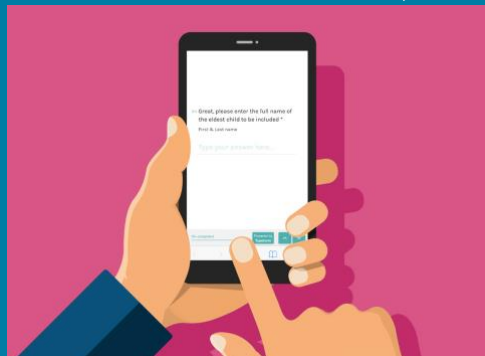
## SIBLING PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHS

*To request a sibling photo follow these 3 easy steps...*

**1.** Grab your phone and go to  
[arphotos.typeform.com/to/P5lTxSKp](http://arphotos.typeform.com/to/P5lTxSKp)



**2.** Enter the name and class of the eldest sibling +  
details of all children to be included in the photo



**3.** Fill in your email address  
and submit.



**Sibling Photograph requests CLOSE AT MIDDAY ON THE DAY BEFORE PHOTO DAY**

Please make sure your children know they should present for a sibling photo on photo day

Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.  
A.B.N 48 528 494 590

Telephone: (03) 5243 4390 Enquiries: [customerservice@arphotos.com.au](mailto:customerservice@arphotos.com.au)

APPLY ONLINE

## The Air Force Cadets are now RECRUITING!

FROM 01 OCTOBER 2021  
TO 31 MARCH 2022.  
START DATE FEBRUARY 2022.

[airforcecadets.gov.au](http://airforcecadets.gov.au)

#AirForceCadets

The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) is a youth oriented organisation that is administered and actively supported by the Royal Australian Air Force. The AAFC will teach you valuable life skills and will help you develop qualities including leadership, self-reliance, confidence, teamwork and communication. Some activities undertaken by the AAFC include flying, fieldcraft, adventure training, firearms safety training, drill and ceremonial, service knowledge, aeromodelling, navigation and gliding.

419SQN Shepparton is recruiting again for 2022 and will hold an information session on Friday 18th February 2022. To register your interest or to receive more information please contact [co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au](mailto:co.419sqn@airforcecadets.gov.au) or 0481 111 305

To be eligible to enrol you must be in high school and 12 (turning 13 in the calendar year) -15.



**Free entry!** - Basic Snacks for sale.



@ Seymour Uniting Church, 11-13 Crawford St.

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February!



Enjoy our comfy chairs  
Or BYO bean bag/cushions

Doors open 6:30pm for 7pm start.

More info:

Facebook: Seymour Avenel/Nagambie Uniting Church

<https://fb.me/e/1f15nELnC>

Community Outreach Worker Michael: 0458 742 362

Seymour Uniting Church Serving our community.



## ST. MARY'S FITNESS SESSIONS 2022

**\* MONDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS \***  
CHITTICK PARK, 5:30PM - 6:30PM  
FOR ALL AGE GROUPS  
FOOTBALL AND NETBALL  
FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup>, 10<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup>, 17<sup>TH</sup>, 21<sup>ST</sup>, 24<sup>TH</sup>, 28<sup>TH</sup>  
RUNNERS ONLY, BYO DRINK BOTTLES,  
FUN AND FITNESS TOGETHER!

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT  
Eric (Football Co-Ordinator) 0423 644 244  
Carrie (Netball Co-Ordinator) 0438 401 082

### St Mary's College

90 High Street, Seymour  
Telephone: (03) 5792 2611  
PO Box 269, Seymour 3661  
Office Hours: 8:15am-4:30pm

### St Mary's Parish Seymour ~ St Joseph's Tallarook

**Parish Priest: Father Eugene Ashkar**

Telephone: (03) 9412 8406 / 0455 123 509

**Mass Times: St Mary's - SAT 6:00pm, SUN 10:00am;**

**St Joseph's - SUN 8:30am**