



From the Principal – 2019 Commencement Ceremony

Today we celebrate a group of students who have shown the grit and determination to achieve their very best in VCE and VET studies.

The significance of today is the recognition of effort and the importance of academic achievement.

I take great pleasure in announcing the following achievements:

2018 Award for Academic Excellence: General Excellence VCE

Michelle Aquilina	Liam Biding	Juulke Castelijn	Katrina Deidun
Joseph Earnshaw	Jessica Ewert	Victoria Ly	Olivia Peterson
Lachlan Rzanovski	Stephanie Trento	Aarnav Venkatesh	Benjamin West

2018 Award for Academic Excellence - Subject Awards

Caitlin Barraclough	Hospitality	Jessica Ewert	Health and Human Development
Juulke Castelijn	Biology	Rachel Jackson	Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Olivia Coghlan	Visual Communication Design	Dorothy Quinal	Music Performance (VCE VET)
Katrina Deidun	Languages - Maltese	Chloe Woolley	Outdoor and Environmental Studies
Isabelle Dobai	English		

Dux of School 2018

Juulke Castelijn (*pictured below*)



From the Principal continued....

Today we also celebrate those who have agreed to and been offered leadership positions.

Leadership at Bacchus Marsh Grammar is about service. That is it starts from the basic premise that leadership is about asking a simple question, "What can I do for others?". This can be expanded out to, "How can I use my talents in the service of others?"

In selecting leaders and looking at the roles for those selected we are wanting people who ultimately want to help others and have capacity to organise to assist others. Leadership is not something that is necessarily initiated, the skills and process can be taught and the programs at this school are designed to do that.

What is important in those programs is the way in which you as students approach them.

It is my hope that everyone in this room has the desire to be of service. I believe that you all have the capacity. The trick is to ensure that you start by putting others first.

In our world it is the character traits that are driven by service that are becoming more and more significant.

Developing character alongside academic results are the two core activities of any good school and they certainly are the two major pillars on which we develop our education.

I congratulate those who through their efforts have been recognised with formal positions.

Student Leadership Group 2019

Student Leadership Group 2019		2019 Prefects	
Elexis Chapman	School Captain	Stuart Campbell	Nazeeha Moosajee
Ben Campey	School Captain	Charlotte Cao	Olivia Russell
Rachel Jackson	School Vice Captain	Tunisha Chawla	Bryce Stephenson
Chloe Woolley	School Vice Captain	Campbell Child	Victoria Sutton
Stevan Deris	School Vice Captain	Sophie Dunn	Aya Taniguchi
Carla Rubino	School Vice Captain	Jack Eeles	Joel Valletta
Jamiele Cabato	Academic Prefect	Rebecca Farnell	Lauren Walmsley
Abbey Richmond	Academic Prefect	Madelyn Gay	
Natalie Kotoski	SRC Prefect	Hope Healy	
Kayla Clemente	SRC Prefect	Lainey James	
Gemma Dangerfield	Braeside House Captain	Dara King	
Caleb Noonan	Hilton House Captain	Tristan Knight	
Charlie Scotson	Bacchus House Captain	Mirko Latinovic	
Jamie Patterson	Pentland House Captain		

Mr Andrew A Neal – Principal

2019 School Captain and Vice Captains pictured left to right:

Chloe Woolley, Rachel Jackson, Ben Campey, Elexis Chapman, Stevan Deris and Carla Rubino



Mother and Child Statue

Last year we celebrated our 30th anniversary and focused on our history, our evolution and the challenges along the way. This year heralds the beginning of our next 30 years and beyond, and allows us to focus on the future and what this could mean for us all.

As we move forward into the future, it is important to continue making links to our past, and understanding why aspects of our school culture came in to being, and continue to be valued. I wish to share a story about a prominent school feature, the Mother and Child statue.

In 1999, the school successfully applied to have an 'artist in residence', to work with students in Art. Year 11 art students were asked to design and produce a small clay model of a sculpture that could feature in the school grounds. Chelsea Corcoran's design of a 'Mother and Child' was selected, and the group of students, guided by the artist, constructed the sculpture. It is made from chicken wire, filled with newspaper to stop the render falling through the wire, placed over a metal pole, and covered in cement render.

Since its completion in the year 2000, the sculpture has been a significant place for gathering, decorating and ritual for various life events within and beyond the school community.

It was first used as a memorial site in 2004, when one of our students (Alistair Cutler) died suddenly from an existing heart condition. Students paid their respects, wrote messages, placed flowers, and used the space as sacred space to express their grief and loss.

When the bush fires devastated areas in Victoria 10 years ago, it was a place where students shared messages for those affected by the fires: messages of hope, sadness, grief, and love.

July 17, 2014 Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 (MH17) was a scheduled passenger flight from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur that was shot down while flying over eastern Ukraine, killing all 283 passengers and 15 crew on board. The school community lost the van den Hende family (three young people, Mum and Dad). This horrific event affected us all. Again the statue served as a gathering place for messages, remembering, loss and grief.

The statue is also a place where we highlight awareness weeks, such as RUOK Day, campaigns and fund raising (like the forthcoming Royal Children's Hospital Appeal), and celebrations.

Symbolically, the statue is surrounded by 'guardians'; teachers in the staff room, the front office and management team, and the Health Centre, all adults who are continually looking after your welfare at school.

Given that the statue is nearly 20 years old, it is currently in need of refurbishment. This will take place over the coming months.

Recently I informally interviewed a range of staff and students, who have been at school for varying lengths of time. Their responses were revealing and at times very passionate. Some examples are;

Students of all ages, past and present, expressed fond memories of playing around the sculpture when they were in the primary school, hugging and talking to the little figure.

Pictured right: Mr Chris Corcoran

Many senior students remember the rituals and events held at the statue, and because of these, have a deeper connection it.

A staff member recalls her daughters loving the statue because they were here in primary school when it was constructed and saw the space as a safe playing space.



Mother and Child Statue – continued...

Another staff member has very strong connection and feelings for the statue, as she was pregnant when it was constructed. The artist and the staff member shared conversation on a daily basis, about the unborn child, and the progress of the emerging statue. That child spent all of his schooling years at BMG, was part of all the rituals and happenings with the statue, and completed Year 12 last year. For this student and his mother, the statue marks significant points in time.

The statue has also been used as a meeting place for exchange students, new students, school tours, visitors, parents and students.

I recently connected with Chelsea's parents; Chelsea's father Chris was a guest at the Commencement Ceremony.

When Chelsea attended the school, there was only herself, a prep student and another senior student travelling from Werribee on a small school bus, a far cry from the 13 buses that come daily from Werribee to the Maddingley campus and an additional 6 buses from Werribee to our new Woodlea campus at Rockbank.

Chelsea completed Year 12 at BMG in 2001. At the end of the year her work was selected for exhibiting in the annual Year 12 'Next Gen' art exhibition at the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery. Chelsea won the overall award for her sculpture folio of work.

Since leaving BMG, Chelsea went on to further her studies in Sculpture at RMIT. Unfortunately, due to glandular fever, she lost 6 months at uni, and chose to go to Canada to the ski fields. Working in the ski industry, Chelsea was able to travel throughout Europe for an extended period of time. For the past 10 years she has lived and worked in London, and is heading off to work in Barcelona in the near future. Although Chelsea is not working in the arts industry, she is still passionate about art.

We thank Chelsea for the legacy she gave to our emerging school culture. We also thank and acknowledge all past students, parents and teachers who have provided so many positive legacies that we all share today.

In concluding, I would like to emphasise that the future is all of you, and the legacy you choose to leave behind. I encourage each of you to explore and engage in not only your studies, but all of the activities and events beyond the classroom. Take with you great memories and a solid foundation for life, and leave behind amazing legacies for future students to benefit from. We are all part of the rich tapestry of life at BMG.

Ms Lou Callow – Student Services

Lions Youth of the Year Award

Congratulations to Rachel Jackson for winning the Bacchus Marsh Lions Youth of the Year award. Rachel and School Captains Elexis Chapman and Ben Campey have been working really hard to prepare for this event over the holidays and throughout the beginning of this term.

All three students, along with three students from Bacchus Marsh College, went through a tough process including:



- an extensive written application about themselves, their achievements and interests;
- a thirty minute interview in front of a panel of judges which involved discussion on matters related to politics, the environment, our local community and wider news stories; and
- an evening in front of the Lions Club members, where they answered two impromptu questions two minutes in length, followed by a prepared 5 minute speech.

All three students were a credit to our School and did themselves and their families proud. They are extremely fine young adults who were able to interact confidently with members of our community and deal with some curly questions. Rachel will now compete at the Lions Zone final in 2 weeks' time.

Mrs Debra Ogston - Assistant Principal - Head of Senior School

2019 Business Notice and Polices

BMG families were emailed on 4 December 2018 advising of the 2019 School Fee Schedule and release of the 2019 Business Notice.

Unfortunately, not all families have completed the 2019 Acknowledgement of Business Notice & Policies, and we remind parents to log into the [myBMG Parent Portal](#) via the School's website to complete this process at earliest convenience:

A [user guide](#) of the myBMG Parent Portal is available on the School's website and includes information on how to update your password.

If you are still requiring assistance, please contact Administration on (03) 5366 4800.

Senior School Sports

ICCES Swimming / Badminton and Table Tennis

A reminder to all that the ICCES Swimming Carnival will take place on Wednesday 6 March at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. Events starting at 12.30pm and concluding at 4.00pm.

As well as the ICCES Swimming Carnival on the 6 March ICCES will also be holding a Badminton and Table Tennis event.

A reminder to all athletes chosen in teams to bring back their permission notices ASAP once distributed.

Fantastic Individual Sporting Success

Congratulations to the following student who has been performing brilliantly in their chosen sport.

Corey O'Neil – Year 10 BMG Elite Sport athlete recently competed for Victoria and won a Gold Medal at the Australian Indoor Hockey Championships. In the final, after a tough 4 days of competition, Corey was part of the winning Victorian team defeating NSW 5-3 in the final. Congratulations on this great effort.

Woodlea Campus

It was wonderful to see so many parents attend our Prep Parent Reading night last week and then follow up this week at the reading workshops. We understand how difficult it can be to find the time to attend these sessions and appreciate that you have taken the time to find out how you can support your child in becoming better readers at home.

We have a number of important events next week. To keep up to date on all key events please refer to the [Events Calendar](#) on the website.

Tuesday 26 February MPSSA SWIMMING

We have over twenty of our Year 4-6 students representing the school in the Melton Primary Schools Sports Association (MPSSA) at the Melton Waves Leisure Centre. Good luck to these students on the day.

Tuesday 26 February

Music rehearsals – 3.15pm – 4.25pm—Aladdin rehearsals have kicked off and will occur every Tuesday afterschool. If you have any questions regarding the musical we have Miss Natasha Davey and Miss Underwood co-ordinating the Woodlea musical.

Thursday 28 February – Friday 1st March—Grade 2 camp

Year 2 students will be heading off to Camp Sunnystones in Bacchus Marsh. This is a terrific opportunity for our teachers to get to know the students and for the students to get to know each other. It also a night off for mum and dad.

Student Leadership Presentation

Last week we had our school leadership badge presentation. Below are some photos of our school leaders at Woodlea.



Left to right: Ella Ward, Alessia Riepsamen, Vasish Vasireddy, Emily Slimmon, Tyson Lam and Scout Maddy.

OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS PROGRAM (YMCA)

If you have your child involved in YMCA program before school or afterschool and they will not be attending the program you normally have them down for, could you please make sure you have informed Chrissie Ashmore.

Email: chrissie.ashmore@ymca.org.au Phone: 0490 178 638

Mr Scott Phillips - Head of Woodlea Campus

Student Wellbeing:

BRAVE program

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is pleased to again be offering the BRAVE program to help students who are struggling with worry, stress and anxiety which is impacting their ability to work as effectively as possible in the classroom.

BRAVE is an online, psychological program for the management of childhood and adolescent anxiety.

It is based on cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT) designed for children and teenagers. It includes 10 sessions in which young people learn the skills to better manage fearful or worrying situations.

Each session is presented in an interesting and interactive way. The information and skills are learned through animations, quizzes, puzzles and interactive games that are designed to keep children and young people interested and engaged each session.

Young people learn how to identify anxiety and stress, to develop relaxation skills, how to replace negative thinking with more positive, useful thinking and problem solving skills. Students develop their own fear ladder to assist them to gradually face their fears once they have developed their coping skills.

The BRAVE program was developed by a team of researchers at the University of Queensland and is based on research evidence. There are separate sessions for younger children and for teenagers to ensure the content is age-appropriate. The creators of the program have also made sure that the material is also suitable for young people from a wide range of cultural backgrounds.

The 10 sessions which are usually completed over a period of 10 weeks. Each session allows time for the online activities as well as group discussion. A further two sessions are offered 1 month and 3 months after completing the program as a refresher. Parents have an important role to play in helping young people to manage their fears and worries. There are five or six, 60-minute online sessions for parents, followed by two online refresher sessions.

We are offering the opportunity for students at BMG who have some difficulty managing their anxiety to work through the BRAVE program as part of a small group with a facilitator from the Wellbeing team. Participation in this program is not suitable for students who are already engaged in professional support for anxiety. Young people and their parents are also able to register to work through the BRAVE program independently of the school. More information can be found at the [BRAVE website](#).

If you feel your child would benefit from some help in managing their anxiety and you would like to discuss their possible participation in the BRAVE Program at school, please contact your child's Year Level Coordinator.

We will be taking recommendations from Year Level Coordinators for students in Years 7 -12 for the Term 2 BRAVE program until Friday 15 March, 2019. The program for students in year 3 – 5 will commence in semester two, with more information to follow.

Therapist-assisted Online Parenting Strategies (TOPS):

Monash University is currently undertaking a study to evaluate whether their TOPS (Therapist-assisted Online Parenting Strategies) program can assist parents to support their adolescent who is experiencing anxiety and/or depression. This study has been approved by the Monash University Human Research Ethics Committee. If you are interested in finding out more about the study or wish to register, please contact the [TOPS team](#).

Student Wellbeing Team

Student Activities

You're invited to join us for High Tea at BMG.

The Year 11 VET Hospitality students are hosting a series of High Teas on nominated Wednesdays and Fridays in the coming weeks. Students and staff wish to invite the BMG and wider community to experience the service provided by the Year 11s as part of their VET program assessments.

Bookings and payments are to be made online via the [Schools website](#) using Try booking. Bookings will open Friday 1 March and are strictly limited to 30 people per High Tea.

All funds raised will support a nominated charity. Ticket pricing includes a variety of hot beverages and finger food.

*A thirty-cent booking service fee will apply to each ticket.

Tickets: Adult/Concession - \$10.00 Child 2-5 years - \$5.00
Children under 2 years - no charge (Limited highchairs available)

The High Teas will be held on the following days. Wednesdays 10am – 11am, Fridays 2pm – 3pm.

Rainbow theme - Wednesday 20 March
Mad Hatter Tea Party - Wednesday 27 March

Tropical theme - Friday 22 March
French theme - Friday 29 March

Please note:

- *Due to the size of the venue and safety, we would like to advise pram access is not available.*
- *Please specify any dietary requirements when making your booking.*
- *Photos will be taken at this event and utilised for school publications (i.e. Year Book, newsletter) and on select occasions used for website content and social media.*

BMG Easter Raffle 2019

The BMG SRC (Student Representative Council) is holding an Easter Raffle as the main fundraiser for Term 1. Money raised from this activity will be donated to The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

The SRC groups are seeking the support of families with donations of Easter eggs for the Easter raffle. Easter eggs will be used to make Easter baskets for raffle prizes. Eggs may be sent to Maddingley or Woodlea Administration Offices marked SRC RAFFLE by **Monday 25 March 2019**.

A booklet of 10 tickets will be sent home to each family. Tickets are 50 cents each and families are asked to return unsold, sold tickets and money to school by **Thursday 28 March 2019**. Ticket butts need to include the purchasers' name and contact a number written clearly.

The raffle will be drawn at school on Monday 1 April and winners will be notified.

The prizes being raffled are **Baskets of Easter Eggs**

Thank you to the school community for your support of the SRC raffle.



School Information

Maddingley Prep –Year 4 Parent Teacher Interview Information

When booking your interviews on the parent portal, the room number that shows next to the teacher's name is the CORRECT room where your interview will be held. *{Please disregard the rooms on the letter sent home last week, they are incorrect}.*

BMG Music Program

Woodlea Instrumental Music Program

Instrumental Music lessons are in full-swing at our new Woodlea campus. A trial lesson is currently available to students on the following instruments: drum kit, bass guitar, piano, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet or trombone. Please submit your expressions of interest via the following email address if you would like to seize this opportunity throughout Term 1 - music@bmg.vic.edu.au

Hire Instruments - Maddingley and Woodlea

A large amount of new hire instruments should be arriving shortly. We thank you for your patience throughout this process.

Co-curricular Ensembles - Maddingley and Woodlea

A reminder that it is certainly not too late for students to join bands or choirs. Please encourage your child to get involved in the life of the school via the co-curricular program.

Prep - Year 2 Choir - Maddingley and Woodlea

The Prep - Year 2 will commence rehearsals next week. This group provides a wonderful opportunity for students to experience the joy of music making in a large group setting, in addition to developing confidence, language skills, concentration and teamwork.

Mr Steven Bell - Director of Music

Indonesian Trip Information Night

The Information night for parents of students attending the Indonesian trip in June / July is on Tuesday 26 February at 7pm in the Lecture theatre.

Mrs Fiona Erhardt - Learning Area Coordinator: LOTE

2019 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection notice

Bacchus Marsh Grammar is required to provide the Australian Government Department of Education and Training (the department) with the information that is required as part of the Student Residential Address and Other Information Collection (the address collection).

What information is being collected?

Schools provide the following information about each student to the department:

- Student residential address (not student names)
- Student level of education (ie. Primary or secondary student)
- Student boarding school status (ie. Whether the student is boarding or a day student)
- Names and residential addresses of students' parent(s) and/or guardians(s)

Further information can be obtained from the [school website](#).

Bus Information

Private Bus Services

All BMG bus routes have been reviewed after the initial settling in period to ensure the time allocations are working as effectively as possible.

The review has resulted in minor adjustments to scheduled times and some stops. All families who are affected by these changes have been emailed the updated bus route timetables. These changes will be effective as of AM travel on Monday 25 February 2019.

PM Routes and some stops are still under review and minor changes may occur between now and the end of term. Families will be updated should any further changes occur.

Please take particular note to time changes and any stop allocations to the following buses:

- **Maddingley** **Green Bus & White Bus**
- **Woodlea** **All Routes**

***Reminder these changes will commence on Monday 25 February 2019.**

If you have any queries, please contact Leanne Robertson on 5366 4800 or via email at bus@bmg.vic.edu.au or Coach Australia Group 1300 156 536 or via email at info@coachaustraliagroup.com.au.

Mrs Leanne Robertson – Bus Services Administrator

Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Information

Information was emailed to families in January in relation to the CSEF. This is applicable to families who hold a valid Centrelink Pensioner Concession or Health care card number (CRN). The CSEF application form can be downloaded from the [School's website](#).

To encourage people to make an application, the School will provide a rebate equivalent to the Building Levy for those families who submit applications which are approved by The Education Department.

The form which outlines eligibility requirements needs to be returned to the School by 26 April 2019. Parents must meet the eligibility requirements by:

Eligibility Date: Tuesday 29 January 2019

2nd CRN validation date (for failed CRNs only): Tuesday 23 April 2019

Parents that received the CSEF at Bacchus Marsh Grammar in 2018 do not need to complete an application form in 2019, providing there has been no change to their family circumstances.

Enquiries should be directed to Rachel Davidson at accountsrec@bmg.vic.edu.au

2019 Term Dates

The 2019 Term Dates have been posted onto the [school website](#).

BMG Community Contacts

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – YMCA Ballarat

YMCA Ballarat now operate the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. The relevant enrolment forms are available via the [school website](#).

Maddingley:

bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au

0438 154 842

Woodlea:

Woodlea.OSHC@ymca.org.au

0490 490 362

Bacchus Marsh Grammar On Campus Uniform Shop

Open times and days

Monday 12.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday 8.00am – 12.00noon

Friday 12.30pm – 4.30pm

Phone Orders – 5367 4072

Both Maddingley and Woodlea parents are welcome to make phone orders and pay with a credit card. Orders will then be delivered at Maddingley through the pigeon hole system to classes or tutor groups, and to the Woodlea Campus Reception on Wednesday afternoons.

Handy Hints.

- If I don't answer the phone, please leave a message and I will call you back.
- Please know the item and size you want.
- Please know your child's tutor group.
- Please have your credit card ready.
- Please expect next day delivery.
- Please put a note in your child's diary to alert their teacher that you are expecting a delivery from the uniform shop.

All these tips will make the ordering process run smoothly THANK YOU. Trish Shilton.

Community Information

Bacchus Marsh Parent Connection Group

The Bacchus Marsh Parent Connection Group is a friendly, group of parents and carers who come together, once a month during school terms for information and social connection. This is a great opportunity to share your knowledge and experience and to gain new information about local services and events. Meetings may involve guest speakers or social activities. New members warmly welcomed.

2019 Dates

February 25 March 25 April 29 May 27 June 24 July 29
August 26 October 14* October 28 November 25

**No meeting in September due to school holidays. Additional meeting in October for Carers Week.*

Time: 10.30 am – 12.30 pm

Venue: Darley Neighbourhood House in Bacchus Marsh, 33 Jonathan Drive, Darley

Cost: Free

How do I register: Contact Rebecca Paton, Parent Support Program Coordinator **Phone:** 5329 1361

Email: rpaton@pinarc.org.au

Regular Contacts

Student Absentees

Maddingley Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4888 or Absentee Email – maddingley_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au

Woodlea Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4988 or Absentee Email – woodlea_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au

BMG Events Calendar

Visit the [BMG Events Calendar](#) for the latest upcoming events.

Maddingley Campus

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Woodlea Campus

111 Frontier Avenue
Aintree VIC 3336

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F +61 3 5366 4950

Woodlea Early Learning Centre

5-7 Quarry Road
Aintree VIC 3336

P +61 3 5366 4999

General School Email: school@bmg.vic.edu.au

School Website: www.bmg.vic.edu.au



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