



## From the Principal

On Monday 4 February classes commenced at the Woodlea campus. Approximately 600 students became the first students at the new school. It was a pleasure to see so many excited students and happy parents as the first school in Woodlea got underway.

Woodlea has been five years in the planning and is a major resource for the whole school. It enables us to cope with the demand for high quality education in the West in a way that spreads the number of students to ease pressures on the Maddingley campus. It gives us a campus which the whole school may use which is far more centrally located for all in our catchment.

Woodlea has been planned for and developed by this community. More importantly it has been funded by this community with no support from Governments of any flavour. It will be a resource that over the years will not only provide the school with a significant asset but will be a net contributor to the financial health of the school.

We have much to be proud of in the development of Woodlea. It has shown our community at its best as innovative thinkers and looking to enable the school to flourish as one of the best schools in the State. I would like to congratulate all those many people who have gone "above and beyond" to bring the project in on time, under budget and full on day one!

**Mr Andrew A Neal – Principal**

### Valentine's Day

Please note that the school will not be accepting any gifts, flowers or cards for students on Valentine's Day. If a delivery arrives for a student, it will be refused

### 2018 Yearbook

The 2018 BMG Yearbook is still in design and production. When completed Yearbooks will be distributed to students who were at BMG in 2018 at school and posted to students who have graduated and left.

## General BMG Student Information for Maddingley and Woodlea Campuses

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As Term 1 is well underway students have all been given a 2019 BMG School Diary. We ask that parents make themselves familiar with general information and guidelines included in the diary. This includes general information for parents and students, structure of the school day, term dates, uniform regulations, guidelines for making contact with the school, absentees and much more.

### Prep to Year 12 School Uniform

**Students in Prep to Year 12 may wear their summer uniform for Term 1.** On days forecast to be **30 degrees** and higher, that blazers for students in Years 5-12 do not need be worn to school. Students may also wish to wear their full school uniform (winter) on some of the forecast colder days. If for some appropriate reason, your child is unable to wear their normal summer or full school uniform, then they need to wear the complete sports uniform. **Do not mix** sports uniform with summer uniform or with full school uniform. Refer to the diary for more information. The school promotes sun safe practices with students in Years Prep to 4 required to wear *wide brim or bucket style* hats in Terms 1 and 4. Year 5-12 students are encouraged to wear the black BMG caps or stay in shade and covered areas out of direct sun.

Sports uniform for students in Prep Reception to Year 4 must wear their sports uniform to and from school on their designated Physical Education (PE) day.

All students in **Years 5-12** must bring their sports uniform to school and change for the appropriate lesson.

### BMG School Ground and Adventure Playground Safety

The Primary School Adventure Playgrounds are **OUT OF BOUNDS** at all times before and after school. I ask parents to please not allow any students or toddlers to use this equipment during the hours of 8.15a.m. - 9.00a.m., and 3.00p.m. - 4.00p.m. These areas are not supervised by staff during these times. Any student using the play equipment during these times will be administered with a lunchtime detention.

### Nuts and Nut Products and Food Safety

At Bacchus Marsh Grammar, we have a growing number of students who have been identified with anaphylaxis, a severe allergic reaction particularly to nuts and nut products. In the interest of the safety of all students in our school, it is necessary that we ban students from bringing peanut butter sandwiches/rolls/biscuits and snack bags of nuts to school for snack or lunch. It would also be appreciated if parents could be careful in selecting food with nuts listed as an ingredient for their child's lunchbox.

### Celebration Food and Gifts

Due to allergies **NO FOOD** and/or gifts are allowed to be brought in to share with the class. Class Teachers will acknowledge and celebrate special occasions with the class. This includes birthdays, Easter and Christmas.

### Working with Children Check

It is a legal requirement that any person who works or voluntarily assists within the school environment has a Working with Children Check. Thank you to the parents who have already presented their Working with Children Check Card at the school office for inclusion on the school database. Unfortunately, we cannot allow helpers to assist with the children until your name is included on the school register. If you haven't already done so, please present your Working with Children Check Card to Michelle Graham in the Principal's office to ensure you are registered. Working with Children Check application forms are available online.

For current parents it is wise to check that your Working with Children Check is still valid.

**In addition to the WWC Check, there are other specific requirements for parent helpers that must be completed prior to assisting with children. A note specific to this will be distributed to the youngest child in each Primary School family.**

### Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) – Provided by YMCA Ballarat

The YMCA Ballarat OSHC team offer engaging programs within both Maddingley and Woodlea campuses.

Information relating to these programs is located on the [school website](#).

## Year Level Coordinators 2019

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The Year Level Coordinators can be contacted at school on 5366 4800 or email [school@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:school@bmg.vic.edu.au) if you wish to discuss any issues regarding your child.

MADDINGLEY	WOODLEA
Prep – Mrs Kylie McKerrow	Prep – Ms Nicole Mill
Year 1 – Ms Helen Saunders	Year 1 & Year 2 – Ms Courtney Williams
Year 2 – Ms Sian Rawlinson	Year 3 & Year 4 – Ms Jessica Dalrymple
Year 3 – Ms Jodie Taniguchi	Year 5 & 6 – Mr Michael Abramovic
Year 4 – Ms Lisa Stephens	
Year 5 - Mr Trevor Hilton	
Year 6 - Mr Wesley McLaughlin	
Year 7 - Mrs Lisa Degnen	
Year 8 - Mrs Cindy Daniel	
Year 9 – Mr Michael Howell	
Year 10 – Mr Tony Castrignano	
Year 11 – Ms Natalie Desira	
Year 12 – Mr Justin Cooper	

## Positive Parenting

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Welcome back to the new school year!

For those of you who haven't seen the newsletter before, each week we provide (hopefully) useful tips for parents to help with difficulties that may arise. This week, we are focusing on making the transition back to school as seamless as possible for your child and your family. Try out some of these ideas:

**1. Sleep for school.** Setting up a regular bedtime and wake-up routine before school starts is a crucial step to prepare your child for class and a practical way to cut down on first-day stress.

**2. Look up to learning.** If your child is feeling a bit anxious about going back to school, keep a positive attitude. Recall the fun and exciting events, field trips, projects, and so on from years past, and show excitement about the opportunities for learning new things in the upcoming year.

**3. Walk through it.** Escorting younger children to the classroom can help with the transition. Familiarize your child with key places such as the bathroom, gym, library, and cafeteria — he'll feel more confident if he knows where everything is.

**4. Suit 'em up.** Shopping for school supplies with your child can be a fun way to give her some responsibility. Provide parameters, but allow her to pick out a backpack, lunch box, nap mat, water bottle, new clothes, and some basic school supplies (pencils, crayons, etc).

**5. Talk it out.** Asking your child about school is important. It shows him that you value his education. Try to avoid general questions, like "How was your day?" These will most likely produce one-word answers. Instead, be specific.

**6. Bring it home.** Helping your child with his homework is an effective way to show concern for what she learns at school. Displaying your child's projects around the house also helps to keep learning excitement high.

**7. Go farther.** Getting involved in school events is a critical aspect of showing support and enthusiasm for your child's learning experience. Participating in school activities is also a valuable way of connecting to the school community. You can learn a lot about the school just by talking to fellow parents.

**8. Keep your eyes (and ears) open.** If your child's eating or sleeping habits have changed drastically, it may be a sign that he's having difficulty adjusting to his new grade. Be sure to let your child's teacher know if this happens so we can support you.

**9. Read, read, read.** Reading with your child is an invaluable way to spend quality time together on a daily basis. In addition to other long-term benefits, reading together can also be a practical way to discern her reading level.

**10. Connect.** Communicating with your child's teacher on a regular basis is an essential part of caring for his/her education. Teachers can alert you to any emotional, social, or academic difficulties they perceive in your child at school. The same works in reverse: notify teachers about changes that might affect your child's behavior in school. Some examples are illness, divorce, the death of a family member, a recent move, or a parent getting a new job.

Reference link - [Scholastic](#) Please feel free to contact us with any questions, feedback or suggestions for future articles [johnstonv@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:johnstonv@bmg.vic.edu.au). Have a great start to the school term.

**Student Wellbeing Team**

## Woodlea Campus

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The Woodlea Campus is off and running. On Monday BMG welcomed 607 students as the first students to step on to our wonderful new campus with 107 of these students being Preps commencing their first school day. I would like to thank parents and staff for their assistance and patience allowing students to settle into their brand new school quickly and calmly. I hope this is a sign of our positive working relationship. We ask that when you collect your child, that you wait in the quadrangle area away from the classrooms so students are not distracted.

Building works have commenced on the school gymnasium and we look forward to this addition in the near future. Our school canteen is in operation. If you wish to order lunch for your child please do so via our school canteen [Qkr App](#). Details about the [Qkr App](#) and canteen menu can be found on the [school website](#).

There are always activities and events occurring. Parents are encouraged to regularly check the school event calendar and the myBMG Parent Portal to keep up to date.

### Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5 students will be heading off to camp in the middle of this term. This will provide a great opportunity for them to form some friendships and get to know their teachers. Notes will be sent out this week providing more details.

### Emergency Management (Evacuation Practice):

Every term we are required to practice by the Department of Education to conduct a lockdown / evacuation drill. We are planning an evacuation drill next week with the students. Later in the year we will practice an offsite evacuation as part of our management practice. The evacuation will be thoroughly discussed with your children in class prior to the day. If you have any concerns please contact us.

### YMCA

The afterschool care and before school care program has commenced at Woodlea. The students will be supervised in the Art Room. Prep students will be collected from their classrooms. If you would like to

enrol your child in this program please complete the YMCA enrolment forms that are available on the school website or make contact through the email or phone number below:

**Email:** Woodlea.OSHC@ymca.org.au **Phone Number:** 0490 490 362

### Home Reading

Home reading is an important component of homework. It is expected that all students will complete nightly reading and document this in their school diary/reading log. Students can practise the concepts taught at school while they are reading.

Students will also bring home a classroom library book each week. In most cases, this will be a text that students can read for enjoyment. It is also a great opportunity to use all the reading skills they have learnt at school with a text that is not levelled. Home reading will commence by the 18 February.

Have a great week.

**Mr Scott Phillips - Head of Woodlea Campus**

### Update from Maddingley Middle School

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Welcome to the new school year. A big welcome to all our new Year 7's and new students across varying levels of the Middle School. I look forward to getting to know the families who have joined us in the Middle School and sharing with you, your involvement in your child's education.

All students in the Middle School appear to have settled quickly into the school routine and embracing the building and grounds changes that have occurred over the holidays. If your child is having any areas of concern I would hope you are working through these with your child's tutor teacher/s. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any queries or concerns.

#### Head of Middle School

Mr Dean Peplinkhouse

#### Deputy Head of Middle School

Mrs Kelly Dilges

### Upcoming Middle School events

Year 6 and 8 Students across the Middle School have already started on their journey out to the Staughton Vale Campus to take part in the innovative Middle Years Program.

Middle School Swimming and Athletics Carnivals will also be a new feature this year and will take place during this term.

Year 5 students will also embark on an adventurous journey camp in the later half of the term.

### Junior School Reading Workshops

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Bacchus Marsh Grammar would like to invite all parents of children in Prep to Year 2 to attend a Reading Workshop. These workshops are designed to assist you with practical information to support you at home when reading with your child. Each workshop will run from **8:45am to 10.00am** on the following dates:

#### Maddingley

**Location:** Junior School Library

**Prep:** Monday 18 February **Year 1:** Tuesday 19 February **Year 2:** Wednesday 20 February

#### Woodlea

**Location:** Research Room

**Prep:** Monday 18 February **Year 1:** Tuesday 19 February **Year 2:** Wednesday 20 February

If you are unable to attend your child's year level session, you will be able to speak with your child's teacher at the upcoming parent/teacher interview regarding practical strategies that you can implement at home.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Alison Cummins - Director of Reading Enhancement P-6**

## School Information

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### Bacchus Marsh Grammar Music – Welcome for 2019

Music has the capacity to engage, inspire and enrich all students, exciting the imagination and encouraging students to reach their creative and expressive potential. Music learning can have a significant impact on the cognitive, affective, motor, social and personal competencies of students.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all students, parents & guardians who are to be involved in the Bacchus Marsh Grammar Music Program in 2019.

### Instrumental Music Program – Woodlea & Maddingley

We are pleased to also welcome the following Instrumental Music teachers to Bacchus Marsh Grammar: Stephen Caruana (drums), Sam Price (drums), Susan Kinsella (voice, bass and guitar), Tony Burcul (guitar) Marta Galtseva (piano), Adrian Montagnese (piano), Daniel Hernandez (piano) and Cassandra Beckett (voice). All new staff members bring with them a wealth of experience, having taught, studied and performed at prominent institutions and venues around the world.

Students interested in undertaking Instrumental Music lessons are to complete an enrolment form, which is available via the school [website](#).

### Co-curricular Ensemble Program – Maddingley

Sign-ups for all Year Prep – 12 ensembles have been taking place throughout Week Two. Students who wish to participate but may have missed the initial sign-up session can speak to relevant Ensemble Director or simply attend the first scheduled rehearsal next week. An overview of the ensembles on offer can be found in the Instrumental Music Handbook, which is also available via the [School website](#).

### Co-curricular Ensemble Program – Woodlea

Sign-ups for Woodlea Music ensembles will take place in coming weeks. Term One groups on offer will include Prep–Year 2 Choir, Years 3-6 Choir, Junior Strings, Percussion Ensemble and Guitar Ensemble.

### Hire Instruments

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

Any queries regarding either the Instrumental Music or Ensemble Programs can be submitted via the following email address: [music@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:music@bmg.vic.edu.au).

I wish you all well for your musical pursuits this year.

**Mr Steven Bell - Director of Music**

## Camps Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Information

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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](mailto:accountsrec@bmg.vic.edu.au)

## 2019 Student Residential Address and Other Information collection notice

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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

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### Private Bus Services

At the start of each year there is a transition period for the bus services to settle and for new students/families to familiarise themselves with the processes and travel routine.

In Weeks 3/4 of Term 1 all bus routes are reviewed to ensure the time allocations are working as effectively as possible. Minor changes may be made as a result and families will be notified via email from the Bus Services Administrator with any updates.

We remind families that all of the current private bus routes are listed on the [website](#), along with useful web videos explaining [Roll Call](#).

On the myBMG Parent Portal under Documents/Whole School/Bus Forms you can access Junior School Bus Procedures, School Bus Travel Code of Conduct, Roll Call Information Sheet, Late Bus tracking log/in and the Bus Services Booklet.

It is very important that parents/guardian with students from Prep Reception to Year 6 are reminded to be waiting at the bus door for their child/ren to disembark the bus (unless Year 5/6 students have a green permission tag on their bag to exit the bus without a parent/guardian). If a parent/guardian is not at the bus door the student will not have permission to disembark and will remain on the bus while the driver continue their route.

Additionally, any families who have not received their Roll Call log in will have received this by Friday 8 February.

**Mrs Leanne Robertson – Bus Services Administrator**

## Current Family Enrolment Procedure for 2020 Entry into PREP RECEPTION, PREP and YEAR 7

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A reminder to current BMG families who wish all their children to attend Bacchus Marsh Grammar that the school requires a *Registration of Interest for Enrolment Form* to be submitted for each child of your family.

**If you have not yet completed *Registration of Interest for Enrolment Form* for any siblings you wish to attend BMG in 2020 this must be completed and submitted to Administration by Friday 15 February 4.00pm.**

Please contact the School Registrar on 5366 4800 if you have not completed this process for any siblings, who are eligible for entry into Prep Reception, Prep and Year 7 in 2020. Registration of Interest for Enrolment forms are also on the school website under [“Enrolments”](#).

**Mrs Shona Hiscock - School Registrar**

## Conveyance Allowance / Travel Grant

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Application forms are due this Friday 15 February. Applications received after this date will not be processed until the Term 2 submission.

## 2019 Term Dates

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

## BMG partnering with Bacchus Marsh Hospital Ladies Auxiliary Op Shop

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The School has collected all unnamed and unclaimed lost property over the last 12 months and decided to donate the items to the Bacchus Marsh Hospital Op Shop. Parents are welcome to attend the Op Shop to purchase items. They are located in Gell Street, Bacchus Marsh.

### Hours of Operation:

Monday 9:30am – 4:30pm

Tuesday - Friday 9:30am - 4:30pm

Saturday 9:30am - 12:00pm

This is a timely reminder that all current and new families should ensure student clothing is marked clearly to ensure that the School can return lost items. It is also important to highlight that accidents can occur, where children put the wrong jumper in their bag. Could we remind families to be courteous and return these back to the class or Reception to be distributed.

## BMG Community Contacts

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### 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](mailto:bacchusmarsh.oshc@ymca.org.au)

0438 154 842

#### Woodlea:

[Woodlea.OSHC@ymca.org.au](mailto:Woodlea.OSHC@ymca.org.au)

0490 490 362

## Regular Contacts

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### Student Absentees

#### Maddingley Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4888 or Absentee Email – [maddingley\\_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:maddingley_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au)

#### Woodlea Campus

Absentee Line 5366 4988 or Absentee Email – [woodlea\\_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:woodlea_absentees@bmg.vic.edu.au)

### BMG Events Calendar

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

#### Maddingley Campus

South Maddingley Road  
Bacchus Marsh VIC 3340  
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F +61 3 5366 4850

#### Woodlea Campus

111 Frontier Avenue  
Aintree VIC 3336  
P+61 3 5366 4900  
F+61 3 5366 4950

#### Woodlea Early Learning Centre

5-7 Quarry Road  
Aintree (Rockbank) VIC 3336  
P +61 3 5366 4999

General School Email: [school@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:school@bmg.vic.edu.au)

School Website: [www.bmg.vic.edu.au](http://www.bmg.vic.edu.au)