



## From the Principal

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One of the most important factors in achieving excellence in learning, is a strong sequential framework that is not broken by absences or disruptions.

Whilst some level of disruption to learn sequences and programs is to be expected, I have a concern at the long-term slow decline we are seeing in some of our school attendance figures. A few years ago it was virtually unknown for students to be missing parts of a term or week. In more recent years there has been a marked increase in students whose attendance has started to reduce. In some cases these are becoming significant.

When the data is looked at more closely the number of students whose overall attendance is being reduced for what can broadly be called discretionary reasons has increased dramatically.

I would ask parents that before they book a holiday during term time or allow a student not to attend school because it is either convenient or a special day, give some consideration to the number of days overall that their child is attending school. We would expect as a minimum that if a child is not experiencing health or other contributing issues that minimum attendance of 95-98% would be expected. If your child's attendance at school is less than that, without a meaningful reason, I would ask you to reconsider the degree to which you are allowing your child not to attend school.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Mr Andrew A. Neal - Principal

## Art work from Woodlea

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This week's newsletter banner (above) celebrates the imagination and creativity of our Woodlea Prep students and staff. The students have been exploring imaginative ways to apply line and colour to enhance their drawing skills, using the theme of 'my dream house'.

Each student's work has been incorporated in a group mural which is now a permanent fixture along the prep classroom walls. **Well done Preppies!**

## 100 Days of Prep Celebration

What an exciting day we had! Last Friday 2 August the Preps of 2019 celebrated 100 days of being at school. It's gone so quick! The students had a fabulous day talking and writing about their experiences so far. We reflected on all of the wonderful things we have learnt and the fun activities we have been a part of so far this year.

We also focused on the number one hundred in maths, students made posters about the number one hundred and talked about what we would like if we had \$100 to spend. Make sure you check out the terrific displays and photos in your child's classroom from our fun filled day.

Mrs Kylie McKerrow – Prep Coordinator Maddingley



## Senior Sport Update

### ICCES X-Country - A strong 4th Place for Team Mustangs at the ICCES X-Country

Congratulations to all athletes that were selected and took part in the recent ICCES X-Country Carnival which took place at the Victorian X-Country Course at Bundoora, Melbourne on 30 July. Distances ranged from 5km for the Senior Boys, Girls and Intermediate Boys to 3km for the other age divisions. The new distances for the ICCES X-Country represented a move to coincide with the Victorian Under Age X-Country distances. Positive attitudes and consistent effort during the day "netted" Team BMG a very respectable 4th. A number of students achieved outstanding results on the day, with Ethan McMinimee narrowly finishing 2nd in the VCE Boys and Caleb Noonan 5th, Koby Harris finishing 5th in the Junior Boys.

#### Overall Results were:

Ballarat Grammar	1st
Gippsland Grammar	2nd
Braemar College	3rd
Bacchus Marsh Grammar	4th
Goulburn Grammar	5th
The Hamilton and Alexandria College	6th
Girton Grammar	7th
Highview College	8th

### BMG Mustangs AFL to host ICCES Football Carnival

The BMG Mustangs Years 7/8 and 9/10 Boys AFL Football Teams as well as the Girls Years 7 to 9 and 10 to 12 Football Teams will play Braemar College, Highview College, Girton Grammar and Goluburn Valley Grammar on 14 August in our annual ICCES Cup competition. This competition is in its third year and it has strengthened to now include five ICCES Schools in the Round Robin Competition. The games will be played at;

- 9.30am at Maddingley Park - Year 10 to 12 Girls
- 9.30am at Darley Park - Years 7 to 9 Girls,
- 9.30am Blackwood Reserve Melton – Year 7/8 and 9/10 Boys

Teams are in the process of being finalised with notices handed to all athletes. Good luck to all coaches and players.

## Graeme Frislie nominated for WestVic Academy of Sport Athlete of the Year

Good luck to Graeme Frislie WestVic/BMG Elite Sport and Victorian Institute of Sport Scholarship holder in the WestVic Academy of Sport "Athlete of the Year" award. The award recognises the very best athletes supported by FedUni WestVic Academy of Sport and their achievements for 2019. The event will be hosted by the Ballarat Sportsmens Club at the Ballarat Golf Club as the feature of their August dinner. Guest speaker for the evening will be Neil Balme from the Richmond Football Club.

Mr Andrew Perks - Director of Sport

## ICCES Debating

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### ICCES Debating

ICCES Debating was held here at Bacchus Marsh Grammar 30 July. Our team placed second overall, 4 points behind Braemar College, which is a fantastic result. Many of our debaters won best speaker including; Alejandra Camacho, Rebecca Wall, Sophie Wall, Sadewni Dissanayake, Jackson Brown and Victoria Sutton.

Miss Aine Murphy and Miss Alyce Coyne

### ICCES Debating Reflection

My personal experience as a Year 12 student participating in school debating behind has been very positive. Debating has helped me grow my self-confidence, public speaking skills and my ability to think on my feet. I have been debating since Year 9, and I can confidently say that it has been one of the best things I have done throughout my time at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

I have continuously improved, and every debate my confidence has grown. The skills I have learnt at debating have helped me through numerous assessments - whether English oral presentations or literature passages; where I have to think on my feet. Debating at Bacchus Marsh Grammar has been an amazing opportunity, and I'm so happy I decided to take up this opportunity to better myself and my skills. I have made life-long memories and friends through this program as the debating team is such a warm and nurturing environment. I will be sad to finish my debating career here at Bacchus Marsh Grammar. However, I am excited to look towards the future and see what the future has in store. I am looking to pursue debating further in university. I know the support from Bacchus Marsh Grammar will make this goal an achievable one.

I strongly suggest that anyone interested in debating to try it out, whether to better their public speaking skills or to improve their self-confidence; it's an amazing experience.

Victoria Sutton - Year 12 Student

## Science Night 2019

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**'Destination Moon: more missions, more science' is the whole school theme for National Science Week in 2019.**

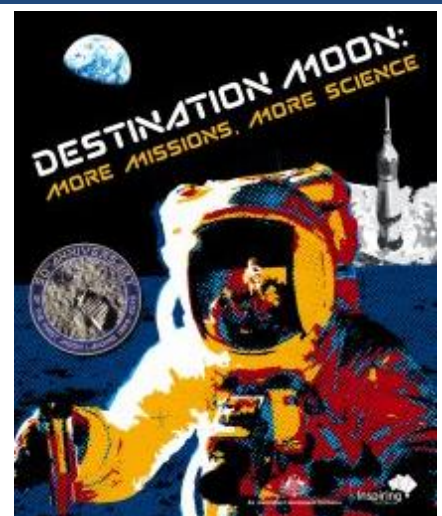
To discover and investigate not only past space programs and missions to the Moon, but also the new and innovative space programs, operations and missions of today, and those planned for the future.

**WHEN:** Science Fair Thursday 22 August 5pm to 7pm

**WHERE:** Maddingley Campus - Terraces Building - W-Block

**WHO:** Open to the whole BMG Community

Mrs Raellie Patterson – Head of Science P-6





## Jump Rope for Heart – Maddingley Campus

### Jump Rope for Heart Years 5 to 12

Bacchus Marsh Grammar has long been connected to the Jump Rope for Heart program. It has been a school tradition for over 15 years and our school has often been recognised as one of the best fundraising schools across the country. Jump Rope for Heart is a charity connected to the Heart Foundation and they promote healthy living, as well as provide support and resources for heart patients. Cardiovascular disease is one of Australia's leading health concerns and funds raised through the Jump Rope for Heart program are used to assist in the fight to end heart disease.

This year, Bacchus Marsh Grammar will include Jump Rope in our House program. For many years, Houses would choose an organisation to fundraise for and would work collectively to develop an understanding of their chosen charity, as well as fundraise and promote their good work. In 2019, the Houses are reintroducing the fundraising component of our campaigns towards the House Shield. This means as a collective, each House will fundraise and participate in a Jump Off morning, all in the name of good health, fun and raising money for a good cause.

The Jump Off morning for students in Years 5 to 12 will be conducted later in the term. All students will convene with their House groups and be given a set of tasks to complete; such as relay team skipping; most double-unders and best trick skipping. All details regarding the Jump Off mornings will be discussed at upcoming House meetings and will be published in the daily bulletin. Please see your House prefects if you have any questions or are keen to get involved in some way.

To donate, click on your House link above the logo:

**Bacchus:**



**Braeside:**



**Hilton:**



**Pentland:**



## Woodlea Art News

### Woodlea Art Happenings

Our first student exhibition in the Woodlea Gallery is showcasing selected entries in the BMG Portrait Prize, which was held last term across the Maddingley and Woodlea campuses. The work currently featured was created by our Woodlea students and is open for viewing during school hours.

*Please ensure you sign in at Administration before visiting the Gallery.*

**Woodlea Art Team**



## BMG Music News



### BMG in Concert – Wednesday 14 August 2019

Bacchus Marsh Grammar music students and staff invite the school and wider community to an evening of musical performances at the Wyndham Cultural Centre in Werribee. Audience members will enjoy a diverse and entertaining program including solo, group and large ensemble acts. The concert will commence at 7pm.

Tickets are now on sale and coordinated by the Wyndham Cultural Centre Box Office located at 177 Watton St Werribee. Tickets may be purchased in person or by phone using VISA or MasterCard during business hours (Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm). Phone: 8734 6000 at a cost of \$10.00 per-ticket for adults and \$5.00 per-ticket for children/concession.

Tickets are also available to purchase online: Visit the Wyndham Cultural Centre website [www.wyncc.com.au](http://www.wyncc.com.au).

*Please note that all online bookings will incur an additional charge of \$1.95 per ticket.*

## Indonesian Study Tour

International study tours provide students with the opportunity to visit and immerse themselves in the culture and heritage of their chosen language course. By visiting international destinations students are able to practice their language skills with local people and see how they live, work and study in their respective countries.

These experiences are extremely important to students who go on to study languages in VCE. Jaz Ward has written about her experience on the 2019 Indonesian Trip.

### Indonesian Language Team

As part of learning Indonesian, 15 students from Years 9 to 11 accompanied by three teachers; Bu Wantania, Miss Smith and Mr Symes visited Indonesia from 20 June to 2 July 2019. Our trip began in Jakarta. I was really surprised with how developed Jakarta is, so big and filled with sky rise buildings that were similar to Melbourne. During our time there, visiting our sister school MTS Yasda was my favourite experience. The staff and students were so lovely and welcoming and we were taught the Indonesian art of 'Batik'. We got to meet our pen pals and took part in a traditional ceremony.



## Indonesian Study Tour continued.....

We flew to Jogjakarta, where we met our new tour guide, Bibi, who was very friendly, funny and full of interesting facts and knowledge about Indonesia. The next morning, we woke at dawn to see the sunrise at Borobudur temple. As we climbed to the temple, all you could hear was the call to prayer and it was so beautiful and serene. Even though the sunrise was blocked by a mist, I loved the view and learning about the history of this Buddhist temple. We spent the next few days learning at Realia Language School. I think this was also really surprising, as I wasn't expecting to enjoy Realia so much and our time spent there went by way too quickly. We spent the evening visiting the Prambanan Hindu temple, where we stayed for a Ramayana ballet performance. We also spent an afternoon in a local village practising the Gamelan orchestra and Batik painting was also really special. Whilst we were in Jogjakarta we were able to do our own thing in the free time we had; shop, eat, swim. The early morning becak ride was a great way to end our time in Jogjakarta, it was so much fun!

Although the train trip to Bromo was long, the scenery was beautiful, especially when we passed a volcano surrounded by rice fields. The next morning was my favourite part of the trip. I completely loved going to Bromo! The jeep ride was lots of fun and the sunrise from the lookout point was amazing to witness. I especially enjoyed the drive down to the base of the volcano and we were able to walk around the little desert, with some of the group continuing the walk to the top of the volcano.

Lastly, we went to Bali, the Ubud Monkey Forest and shopping at the markets. We also went to the Kuta Selatan School the next day where we learned about Balinese culture and school life. My favourite activity was learning to make the Hindu offerings, which I thought was incredibly special. I also loved being interviewed and it was so crazy to see that on TV! Going to Waterbom was a great way to end the trip.

Jaz Ward - Year 10

## Student Wellbeing

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### Routines and Teens: How you can help

The teenage years are a time of significant change for your child. Good routines can help your teen to feel grounded and secure, as well as helping them plan their time more effectively so they can manage the demands of school, friends, work, play and study.

#### Why routines are good for teens

Some teens like and need routine more than others, but in general, having an organised and predictable routine can have the following benefits:

- Routines at home can help teens to feel safe and secure, and can provide stability during a time of change.
- Routines that include time for fun or spending time together can strengthen your relationship with your teen.
- Having a regular bedtime can help set your teenager's body clock so their body 'knows' when it's time to sleep.
- Having an important job to do in their daily routine (such as feeding and walking the dog) can help teenagers to develop a sense of responsibility.
- Routines can help teenagers to develop basic work skills and time management.

So how do you create a good routine for your teenager? The key is to involve them in the planning so they feel ownership. Here are some tips:

- Set a daily schedule with the same wake-up times and bedtimes for each school day—and stick to them.
- Make study time part of your teenager's daily routine, with more time allocated for study when assignments or exams are coming up.
- Factor in time off—knowing there's a reward for all that hard work is a great motivator.
- Make it visual—draw up a chart, keep a day planner on the fridge, record the routine on your teen's phone or computer.
- Include your teenager's deadlines for school assignments and exams on your calendar or planner so they can see what is coming up.
- Practise, practise, practise. It might sound obvious, but the only way to make a routine stick is to be routine about it!

Don't worry if you miss a beat. No one's perfect. If the day does not go to plan, just smile, stay positive and start again the next day.

From <https://www.learningpotential.gov.au/routines-and-teens-how-you-can-help>

Student Wellbeing Team



## Student Activities

### France Exchange Study Tour

Deposit payments for students who have expressed interest and wish to be part of the 2020 France exchange study tour are now required and must be paid by Friday 23 August. The trip is scheduled to take place in March / April 2020.

This is an amazing trip and a wonderful experience for your child. Students spend a week in Paris and 18 days in Lyon. Students learn about French history, culture and a visit to the Australian War Memorial in Villiers-Bretonneux which is a very special experience. The trip is a fantastic opportunity to make friends and learn about school life in France. In Lyon our students are hosted by families at our sister-school, and their host students then visit us at BMG in July next year.

If your child is currently in Years 8-10 and you would like them to be a part of this study tour please contact Mrs Fiona Erhardt on 5366 4800 or via email [erhardtf@bmg.vic.edu.au](mailto:erhardtf@bmg.vic.edu.au).

**Mrs Fiona Erhardt - Head of Languages**



## ICAS – Maddingley & Woodlea

### University of New South Wales Competitions

#### Science, English & Mathematics Competition

#### International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS)

Bacchus Marsh Grammar will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS Assessments this year. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of the University of New South Wales, with over 35 years experience in educational assessments.

ICAS is an academic competition and selected students have been invited to participate. If your child has not been selected and you would like them to participate, you can enter them via [UNSW Global Assessments online portal](#).

Please collect a notice from the Administration office with additional information and instructions on how to enrol your child into the ICAS competition for 2019.



### Year 12 Valedictory Dinner 2019 – Reminder please purchase tickets

Families of students in Year 12 are reminded to purchase your tickets for the Valedictory Dinner.

Ticket sales are processed via the [school website](#) under the [events tab](#).

**Ticket sales close - Thursday 15 August 2019**

**Venue – Marvel Stadium, Victory Room, 740 Bourke Street, Docklands.**

**Time – 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start.**

If you require more information please contact Mrs Perconte on 5366 4800.

## Health Centre

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### New measles case in Victoria - 1 August 2019

#### Key messages

- **Three confirmed measles cases have been identified in Victorian residents who have returned from overseas travel. Two cases were infectious while attending public places.**
- **Be alert** for measles in patients presenting with a fever at rash onset, particularly if they visited the areas indicated in the 7-18 days prior to onset of illness.
- **Isolate suspected cases** to minimise the risk of transmission within your practice or emergency department.
- **Notify** the Communicable Disease Prevention and Control Section at the Department of Health and Human Services on 1300 651 160 of suspected cases immediately.
- **Take blood** for measles serology in all suspected cases.
- **Discuss** whether to take nose and throat swabs for PCR with the department if your suspicion for measles is high. Approval is required prior to PCR testing at the reference laboratory. PCR testing for measles does not attract a Medicare rebate.
- **Free measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine** is now available from GPs and some pharmacies for all eligible people born during or since 1966. Patients unsure of their vaccination status or are aged over 18 months and have only had one vaccine, should be vaccinated.
- **Infants as young as 6 months of age can receive free MMR vaccine** prior to travel overseas to countries where measles is endemic, or where measles outbreaks are occurring.
- **Serology** is not required before vaccinating.
- **There are a large number of ongoing international measles outbreaks in Asia, Europe and America.** People who are planning overseas travel should ensure they have received vaccinations appropriate to travel, including an MMR vaccine if they do not have a history of two previous MMR vaccinations.

Read the full alert: [New measles cases in Victoria](#)

## School Information

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### Conveyance Allowance

Families in rural and Regional Victoria can get help with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest school or campus. This is known as the conveyance allowance.

The conveyance allowance is available to students travelling by:

- public transport
- private car
- private bus
- or to students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

The conveyance allowance is a contribution towards transport costs and is not intended to cover the full cost of transporting children to and from school.

### Eligibility

The conveyance allowance is available to families who meet certain criteria.

Students attending a school must:

- attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible;
- be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary;
- reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended; and
- be of school age at the time of application, and reside in Victoria.

Please note that a Private Bus or Private Car conveyance allowance is not available if the journey could have been made using a free school bus or public transport service.

Following a recent decision by the Student Transport Unit of the Education Department, it appears that there may be some movement the way the Department makes a judgement on what is the nearest appropriate school. This comes after considerable work by the school on your behalf.



## Conveyance Allowance Continued....

If your decision to send your children to Bacchus Marsh Grammar was because you felt that it was the nearest appropriate school that both respected ecumenical values but did not require your child to participate in religious instruction or religious celebration; then you may (subject to other Conveyance Allowance rules) be eligible for the Conveyance Allowance.

If this statement applies to you, whilst I can make no guarantees, I believe it is in your interest to submit a Conveyance Allowance Application for 2019. The application should be accompanied by a simple letter, stating the reasons why you believe Bacchus Marsh Grammar is the nearest appropriate school, because of its values and its lack of a requirement to participate in religious instruction or religious celebration of any particular faith.

Please contact Kerryn Browne for an application form or for further information on 03 5366 4800.

**Ms Kerryn Browne - Risk, Compliance and Policy Manager**

## BMG Community Contacts

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### Bacchus Marsh Grammar - On Campus Uniform Shop – from Ms Trish Shilton

#### Woodlea Parents – Please Note:

The Wednesday delivery service is a volunteer service that I provide. Therefore, I may not be able to deliver every Wednesday due to unforeseen circumstances. If you need anything urgently please refer to the On Campus Uniform Shop hours or contact the Werribee Store on 9741 3211 opening hours.

#### On Campus (Maddingley) Regular Term Open Times and Days

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12.30pm – 4.30pm</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8.00am – 12.00noon</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12.30pm – 4.30pm</b>

#### On Campus 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.

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

YMCA Ballarat operate the Out of School Hours Care at Bacchus Marsh Grammar.

The relevant enrolment forms are available via the [school website](#). Holiday program information for the term break is also available along with relevant booking forms.

**Maddingley Campus:** South Maddingley Road, Maddingley, Victoria 3340

**Woodlea Campus:** Frontier Avenue, Aintree, Victoria. 3336

**Email:** [chrissie.ashmore@ymca.org.au](mailto:chrissie.ashmore@ymca.org.au) Phone: 0490 178 638 W: [www.ballarat.ymca.org.au](http://www.ballarat.ymca.org.au)

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0490 490 362

## Regular Contacts

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### Student Absentees

#### Maddingley Campus

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#### Woodlea Campus

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